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### EDITORIAL.

To those of our readers who did not hear the Headmaster's announcement concerning ourselves last term, we owe an apology. As Mr. Bradly pointed out in his remarks, our non-appearance in Easter Term was due to lack of news. A magazine of our type depends practically entirely upon the sufficient supply of interesting news items, and this was not forthcoming. In the main, our old enemy, the Clerk of the Weather, was to blame; as a result of his malignancy, sports activities (always a veritable mine of news) were much curtailed. Never before in the history of the School has it been necessary to close the Field from December until the Summer Term, and may it never be so again. It speaks well for the enthusiasm of the hockey players that despite their exclusion from their own grounds they were able to carry through, with a very fair measure of success considering all things, a nearly normal programme of matches, School and House.

After the extension by a week of the Easter Vacation on account of a slight outbreak of measles among the younger members of School House, the School re-assembled at the beginning of May. Following closely upon this came the Sports, both at home and at Winchester. As we must always give praise where praise is due, we readily acknowledge the splendid behaviour of our above-mentioned enemy on those two important occasions. It is a matter for congratulation that the Clerk has continued his good behaviour, and the cricketers have enjoyed much more pleasant conditions than was their experience last year. They have had in addition the great satisfaction of beating Midhurst in "the" match of the season.

This issue marks the end of yet another year in the life of the School. It has been one of quiet and happy progress, marred unfortunately by the sudden death of one of the boys. The grim Reaper, we know, awaits us all, but his

work seems the more terrible when its victim is Youth.

The much-talked-of and urgently-needed extension of the School buildings has reached the stage of the preparation of beautifully drawn and wonderfully coloured plans. It seems probable that there will be a new Hall, a Masters' Room, three new class rooms, and another Lobby. It would be more than rash to attempt a prophecy as to when these additions will be actual matters of brick and mortar.

In conclusion, the *Lion* wishes the best of fortune to those who are leaving the School this term, and to those remaining a continued desire to advance the good of the School and themselves.

### OBITUARY.

C. A. BROWN (V.b.), after occasional absences during last (Easter) term, went home for the holidays apparently quite fit, but in a very few days complained of considerable pain, which rapidly developed into an attack of meningitis, and proved fatal. A quiet and unassuming boy, of considerable promise, his premature death is much regretted by all who knew him. He was buried during the holidays in the Gosport Cemetery, and a considerable number of the School who lived near were present at the funeral.

S.R.N.B.

### STAFF NEWS.

It is with much regret that we announce the resignation of Miss H. G. Alexander, through whose Form a large number of the School have passed in their early days here. Miss Alexander took over what was then Form I. in January, 1915, and to her untiring energy and keenness many of the past and present generations of boys owe much. She has had a house built on the Portchester Road, and is opening a preparatory

class for small boys who are below our admission age, and no doubt a considerable number will, in due course, come on here, so that although we shall miss her presence among us, the connection which has already lasted over more than ten years will not be ended. On behalf of the School, both Past and Present, we offer her our sincere good wishes for her future success.

Mr. R. A. Langford, who has been for the last two years at the East Anglian Sanatorium, near Colchester, is making progress towards recovery, but the process is a slow one, and it is with much regret that we learn that there is no prospect of his being able to resume his work here, as his cure will probably require at least a couple more years, and even then a sedentary life would not be at all suitable to him. The *Lion*, which was resuscitated by him in its present form, owes much of its success to his editorship in its infancy.

Mr. E. J. K. Garrett, who took over his work at very short notice as a temporary measure, is also leaving us, after a stay of two years, to take up an appointment as History Specialist at a large School in Highbury, on the north side of London, so that the *Lion* will again be deprived of an Editor who has done much to make it a real chronicle of School news. Mr. Garrett's work here in both History and English has been of the greatest help to many who have worked under him, and we wish him every success in the very changed surroundings in which he will be next term.

Mr. L. Jones, B.A., 1st Class Honours in History of Leeds University, has been appointed to take Mr. Garrett's place, and Mr. B. R. Shaw, B.A., of Cambridge University, will also join the Staff next term.

S.R.N.B.

## SHIPWRECKED IN THE BAY OF BENGAL.

It was at 9.30 p.m. on Friday, 20th June, 1924, while on a voyage from Calcutta to the South Sea Islands, that we struck Preparis Reef. By 10 p.m. there was about seventeen feet of water in the forward and after holds, and the vessel took such an alarming list to starboard that the Commander ordered us to the boats. I got my boat hoisted, but was unable to swing it outboard, owing to the heavy list the vessel had taken. So my boat's crew split themselves up amongst the three other boats. The Chief Officer and myself lowered his boat, and as it was on the weather side we had no small task in getting the boat clear of the stricken vessel. We then stood by all night lying to leeward of the vessel. Early on Saturday morning we went

alongside. The vessel took off the Commander and procured extra provisions, viz., water, bread, marmalade, and last but not least, a bunch of bananas—so we were not able to sing that worn-out song, "Yes, we have no bananas to-day"; not that anybody was in a singing mood. The vessel finally sank at 10.30 a.m. (Saturday), and I must say I felt lonely and sad to see the last of what had been my floating home for nearly four years and which I did not expect to leave in the manner I did—but such is life.

Preparis Island was in sight, about fifteen miles away. So we set sail for it, hoping to spend that night on dry land. This island is not very large, and uninhabited, but it was a case of "If you know of a better 'ole, go to it." We got up to the island about five o'clock in the evening, and, finding that there was a big surf breaking and numerous rocks, thought it advisable not to attempt a landing. We rowed well clear of the land, and put out our sea anchors, intending to await daylight on the following morning, and then to try to find a safe landing place. "Tea" was partaken of. Needless to say, it was not a great deal, just half a cigarette tin of water, dry bread, and a banana. We tried to get a sleep, but nobody was very successful, as a lifeboat's thwart, with its iron bolts sticking in one's ribs, combined with an occasion small sea down the back of one's neck, can hardly be said to induce sleep.

At daybreak on Sunday, much to our dismay, we found that the wind, sea, and current had drifted us out of sight of the island. We estimated that we must have drifted fully twenty miles, as the island was about 270 feet high. We set sail again for the main land. Unfortunately, during the first night in the boat, we smashed our rudder, but on Saturday, whilst steering for the island, we were able to manage the boat by steering with an oar. When setting off on Sunday for the mainland, the wind was stronger, and we were only able to sail at right angles to it, namely, in a South-Easterly direction. The wind was South-West, the South-West monsoon, with its usual weather—rough sea and swell. Our other two boats were able to steer to the Northward, so we soon lost sight of them. By noon, with the aid of rope, we were able to fix our rudder in such a manner as to enable us to steer at will, so we continued in a North-Easterly direction. The wind and sea being behind us, we made good weather and attained a speed of about four knots (five miles per hour).

Things then progressed very nicely. There was nothing to do but sit back and admire the scenery, save during the night, when all hand would be awakened to put fresh rope on the rudder, as it kept chafing through.

At six o'clock on Monday morning we sighted a steamer, but unfortunately she was too far away to see us. We did not mind so much, as we could tell by the colour of the water that we were getting near to land. About four o'clock in the afternoon, when most of us were more asleep than awake owing to the heat of the day, we sighted an oil tanker, which we saw, could not miss seeing us, so we altered course to intercept her. It was a grand feeling when we saw her alter course to bear down on us, as we knew she had sighted us. I am glad to say we were all safely aboard her by five o'clock. We were glad to hear our other two boats had been picked up during Sunday night, all hands being saved.

Thus ended an unpleasant experience. When we were picked up we were within six miles of a light-vessel, and would have seen her when darkness set in. We had sailed 140 miles in 35 hours. We were landed in Chittagong, to the eastward of Calcutta, four days later, at which place I spent twelve days. Then I proceeded overland to Madras, and joined another one of my Company's vessels, which, to my regret, was not proceeding to England. We completed loading in Ceylon and Cochin, for Boston and New York, via Port Sudan, Suez Canal and Gibraltar. Spending the month of September in New York, we loaded for South Africa, all ports from Cape Town to Delagoa Bay, also the islands of Reunion and Mauritius. From Mauritius we went to Western Australia, also to Melbourne and Adelaide, loading for the United Kingdom and Europe. The voyage terminated at Liverpool towards the end of April, after I had been absent nearly twelve months from the home coasts.

R. F. BUCKLEY.

## A RIDE IN A GOSPORT TRAM.

(With apologies to the GOSPORT AND FAREHAM TRAMWAYS, LTD.).

There is now no need to spend two guineas on an exciting trip in an aeroplane; spend a few pence and enjoy yourself in a car-ride from Gosport to Fareham. The speed will not thrill, it is true, but there are advantages in that. Nervous old women have no fear that the car will meet with a mishap, and old gentlemen with impaired respiration can generally overtake the vehicle provided it has no more than a hundred yards' start. The car literally crawls along at first, but it accelerates after some time when most of the rust has been removed from the bearings by the friction of the revolving wheels. Soon the car attains a maximum speed of about ten miles per hour; then the driver may be seen

anxiously looking out on all sides to see that he does not collide with anything. Then, perhaps, the tram approaches a pair of points. Here, indeed, is the anxiety of the driver at its zenith. He turns off the power and applies the brake with energy, and the tram slows down to a snail's pace. It simply crawls over the points, and the driver leans over the front, eagerly scanning the lines, to see if the wheels may be coaxed to keep on them. Relief is plainly written on the visage of the "Motorman," as we must call him, when the car has successfully negotiated the points and is running on the lines the other side. There are several minor stoppages while the "Motorman" leaves the car to remove debris, such as nails, tops (carelessly left by some small child), pieces of wall-bricks, etc., which might easily derail the car; but one must suffer these with patience. It gets rather tiresome to see so many pedestrians overtake the tram, but the latter is doing its best, so one must wait. Finally, after many stoppages and anxious moments for the driver, the car arrives at its destination. When alighting, passengers must observe the request "Passengers are requested not to alight until the car stops," but the question is—when *has* the car stopped? Its speed is such that it leaves grounds for doubt as to when it is stationary, but conductors do not argue the point, so passengers may choose their own time to alight.

Of course, the service is not meant for those in a hurry; those in a hurry walk. Neither is it meant for comfort. Then it must be intended for a novelty, so a novelty let it remain.

A.G.P.

## HOCKEY RETROSPECT.

With only White and Cummins left from last year's successful side, the team had to be built up. The results of the season—won 4, lost 6 (and some by large margins)—are not to be wondered at, especially considering the fact that in Hockey we have no 2nd XI. to use as a nucleus for another year's 1st XI.

We started with a heavy defeat at the hands of "Toc H," Southampton, who were altogether too fast and clever for us. Netley and Fareham also proved too good. Havant and Southsea were scratched owing to the weather. Gosport, Lock's Heath, and the return match at Netley gave us three victories. The first match with King Edward's School we lost, but the return game we won, rather unexpectedly, but very creditably. H.M.S. "Fisgard" scored heavily at our expense, and the Old Boys (without Nugent, who was playing for England against Wales) also took heavy toll.

The 2nd XI. drew the first match with King

Edward's School 2nd XI., and lost the return match.

### CHARACTERS OF HOCKEY 1ST XI.

- E. G. WHITE (Capt.). (left back).—Proved a tower of strength till he injured his foot and had to retire from the game.
- W. G. CUMMINS (inside left).—Shows rare and very even pace, and can shoot well.
- D. A. HAYWARD (centre half).—Quite a find, as he gets through a lot of work and uses his stick cleverly.
- F. J. TOVEY (goal keeper).—Saved many shots, and also played quite successfully as centre forward in the return match with King Edward's School.
- B. J. DODDS (right back).—Tackles well, clearing hard and cleanly. Should be very useful another year.
- F. W. KING (outside right).—Played quite well and is a good trier.
- A. J. B. COOPER (inside right).—Shoots hard; improved his pace a little as the season advanced.
- A. J. PHILLIPS (right half).—Tackles persistently and works hard. With more reach and strength would be very useful.
- J. C. HURDEN (outside left).—Tries hard in a difficult position, but must quicken up his methods of play and use the pace which he possesses.
- A. T. EYLES (left half).—Rather variable in his stick work. He must learn to turn more quickly when passed by a forward.
- F. L. W. BUTTERS (goal keeper).—Played quite well against King Edward's School, and will be useful another season.
- E. NOBBS (left back).—Quickened up his pace, and played quite well in the last match of the season.

### CRICKET RETROSPECT, 1925.

The season started with a series of wet wickets, making net practice impossible and games generally rather difficult. However, we defeated Banister Court; but succumbed to Gosport, who outplayed us in batting and bowling, and perhaps in fielding also. Portsmouth G.S. II. beat us twice; the first match we should not have lost, but our batting broke down badly—the last six wickets falling for four runs—and we allowed our opponents almost to double their score on the last wicket stand. King Edward's School, with batting all the way down the side, won by 120 to 59. We defeated the Municipal College in an evening match. In the return match with Gosport, who were to some extent weakened by exams., the tables were turned, and, thanks to Tovey developing into a demon bowler and the

last seven Gosport wickets falling for no runs, a victory by 15 runs was won. Midhurst resulted in a victory by 44 runs, and in the second innings both sides got some batting practice.

The batting as a whole has been weak, several exponents seeming unable to realise that there is any other course than gently stopping a ball or hitting it high into the air. There is also too great a tendency to try to put most leg balls behind square leg instead of between square-leg and mid-on. One would like to see the ball driven on the ground between the bowler and mid-on, and between mid-off and the covers; also a quicker capacity to judge the length and merit or otherwise of a ball.

### CRICKET CHARACTERS.

- W. G. CUMMINS (Capt.).—As a batsman has failed to find his form of last season. Bowls accurately with some success. An excellent field, perhaps the best cover-point the School has had for years, as he saves more runs than many batsmen make in a season.
- F. J. TOVEY.—Plays with a good, straight bat, and deals with each ball on its merit. Took some time to settle down, but played two excellent innings against Midhurst, when runs were badly wanted. Can bowl quite a good length ball; and has a safe pair of hands in the field.
- F. W. KING.—Has been the mainstay of the bowling, as he keeps a good length. As a batsman is too inclined to let the ball hit the bat. A safe field.
- A. J. B. COOPER.—Has a good forward stroke, but is too inclined to feel for rising balls on the off; has a fatal tendency to draw away from a fast ball on the leg stump.
- W. E. CHAMBERLAIN.—With more experience might develop into quite a punishing bat. At present does not always pick the right ball to hit.
- J. H. CHAPMAN.—Has a very cramped style, and owing to his short reach cannot cover much with a forward stroke. A keen field, but should use his head more as to position.
- J. C. HURDEN.—At times shapes very well, but does not get close enough to the ball, and he must learn to judge its flight.
- C. A. F. ROSS.—As a bat, must learn to stand still and play with a straight bat. Rather slow in the field.
- D. G. KING.—Has improved as a wicket-keeper, and can gather a throw-in smartly. As a bat has possibilities, as he is not afraid to hit.
- A. J. PHILLIPS.—A rather lifeless bat; would improve with practice. A keen field, though not quick at gathering the ball.

D. A. HAYWARD.—A stiff bat, who is too apt to play across his wicket, but he can hit. Quite a good field.

### CRICKET MATCHES.

BANISTER COURT.—Played on Wednesday, June 3rd, and won by 39 runs. Scores:

School.—Cooper b Brown o, Tovey lbw b Brown 6, King i. run out 6, Cumins b Brown 3, Phillips b Weller 1, Chapman lbw b Masters 28, Hurden b Brown 2, Chamberlain c and b Brown 9, Ross not out 4, Hayward b Brown o, Butters b Brown o, extras 28, total 87.

Banister Court.—Gregory c Cummins b King i, Masters b Tovey o, Weller c Chapman b King 7, Boulton b Tovey 1, Brown c Chapman b King 9, Goiesworthy b Tovey 1, Jenkins b Tovey 4, Ellerby b Cummins 2, Gillman b Cummins 1, White c Chamberlain b Cummins 3, Gregory not out o, extras 2, total 34.

Bowling: Tovey 5 for 13; King 3 for 13; Cummins for 4.

GOSPORT SECONDARY.—Played away on Wednesday, June 10th, and lost by 39 runs, and really six wickets as well. Scores:

School.—Cooper b Norman 1, Tovey st Jarvis b Osborne 7, King b Norman o, Cummins c Jarvis b Cummins 1, Phillips b Norman 1, Chapman c Griggs b Osborne o, Hurden c Griggs b Osborne o, Chamberlain c Ursell b Osborne o, Ross run out 8, Hayward b Norman 10, Butters not out 15, extras 5, total 48.

Gosport.—Wilkins c Chamberlain b King 3, Sinclair c Chamberlain b Cummins o, Osborne not out 47, Jarvis c Cummins b King 9, Griggs b King o, Stedman not out 2, extras 14, total 87 for 4 wickets (declared).

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XI.—Played on Saturday, June 13th, at home, and lost by three runs. Scores:

School.—Cooper c Cocks b Jacobs 13, Tovey c Michell b Lloyd 8, King c Michell b Lloyd o, Cummins c Riches b Emmerson 30, Phillips b Emmerson 6, Chapman not out o, Hurden b Riches o, Chamberlain b Emmerson 3, Ross b Emmerson o, Hayward c and b Emmerson o, Butters c and b Emmerson o, extras 14, total 74.

Portsmouth Grammar School.—Smith b Tovey o, Pugsley c King b Cummins 31, Stevens c Hayward b King o, Allnatt c Phillips b Tovey o, Riches b King o, Jacobs c and b King 4, Lloyd lbw b Cooper 3, Michell not out 10, Cocks c Cummins b Cooper o, Thomson run out o, Emmerson st Butters b King 26, extras 3, total 77.

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL.—Played on Saturday, June 27th, and lost by 61 runs. Scores:

King Edward's School.—Death c Tovey b

King i. 6, Harvey run out 2, Nicolay b Tovey o, Vincent c Tovey b King 17, Cockram c King iii. b King i. 5, Warren c Tovey b Cummins 32, Muir c King iii. b Cooper 8, Buck c King i. b Cummins 7, Billings not out 28, Mann c Cummins b King i. 1, Anderson b Tovey 7, extras 10, total 120.

School.—Cooper c and b Mann 8, Tovey b Mann 1, King i. b Mann o, Cummins c Vincent b Mann 15, Newbury c Harvey b Death 6, Chapman b Mann o, Phillips c Vincent b Death c, Chamberlain c Harvey b Death o, Ross not out 6, Hurden b Death 3, King c Cockram b Anderson o, extras 15, total 59.

MUNICIPAL COLLEGE.—Played at home on Wednesday, July 1st, and won by 33 runs. Scores:

School.—Tovey run out 8, King i. run out o, Phillips b Savage 2, Cummins b Fradd 4, Chapman not out 25, Chamberlain b Savage 11, Newbury b Savage o, Hurden run out 9, Ross b Savage o, King iii. and Hayward did not bat, extras 13, total 75 (for 8 wickets, declared).

Municipal College.—Webb b King o, Bake run out 33, Sutherland c King i. b Tovey 10, Savage c and b King i, Bulmer b Tovey 17, Fradd c Tovey b King 4, Bowley b Tovey 1, Burt run out 1, Golding c Chapman b Tovey 1, Mann not out o, Childs b Tovey o, extras 3, total 42.

Bowling: Tovey 5 for 17; King 3 for 22.

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XI.—Played at Hilsa on Saturday, July 4th, and lost by 30 runs. Scores:

School.—Tovey b Lloyd 2, Cooper b Riches o, King i. c and b Riches 3, Cummins lbw b Lloyd 1, Phillips b Lloyd o, Chapman b Riches o, Chamberlain b Lloyd 7, Ross c Cox b Lloyd 1, Hurden b Riches 1, Hayward not out 4, King iii. b Riches o, extras 4, total 21.

Portsmouth Grammar School.—Riches c Ross b King o, Smith b Tovey o, Stevens c Ross b King 21, Mitchell b Tovey 5, Lloyd lbw b King 3, Allnatt b Cummins 7, Jacobs c Hayward b King o, Cocks c Chamberlain b Cummins 3, Tremlett c King i. b Cooper 2, Emmerson not out 6, Thomson c and b Cummins o, extras 2, total 51.

Bowling: King 4 for 16; Tovey 2 for 21; Cummins 3 for 6; Cooper 1 for 5.5

GOSPORT SECONDARY.—Played at home on Wednesday, July 8th, and won by 15 runs. Scores:

School.—Tovey c Ursell b Wilkins 11, Cooper b Norman 15, King i. c and b Norman 2, Cummins c Jarvis b Norman o, Chapman c Daniels b Wilkins o, Phillips c and b Ursell 6, Chamberlain b Ursell 5, Ross c Cox b Norman 2,

Hurden b Norman 3, Hayward b Ursell 8, King iii. not out 2, extras 4, total 58.

Gosport.—Wilkins c Chapman b King 9, Sinclair c Chapman b King 5, Norman c Tovey b Cummins 4, Cox b Tovey 14, Ursell not out 0, Jarvis c Cummins b Tovey 0, Griggs c Chapman b Cummins 6, Allen b Tovey 0, Wood c King iii. b Tovey 0, Daniells b Tovey 0, Wilkins b Tovey 0, extras 5,5 total 43.

MIDHURST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at home on Saturday, July 11th. A very good match. After scoring 21 for one, wickets fell fast, and we had six down for 33. Tovey, however, batted consistently well, and Hurden stayed for a while, with the result that we reached 115. When Midhurst batted, wickets fell at regular intervals, and their total only reached 71, leaving us victors by 44 runs. King took five for 31 and Tovey two for 37, three being run out. In the second innings the batting was quite light-hearted, Tovey and Cooper each scoring with ease, while after our declaration, Midhurst, with less than half-an-hour to play, put on 73. Scores:

School.—Tovey c Hart, b Morton 67, Cooper b Linfield 0, King i. b Linfield 4, Cummins b Barnes 0, Chapman b Linfield 2, Phillips b Morton 0, Chamberlain b Johnson 1, Ross c Seward b Barnes 7, Hurden not out 12, Hayward st Price b Barnes 6, King iii. b Barnes 0, extras 16, total 115.

Bowling: Linfield 3 for 21; Barnes 4 for 29.

Midhurst.—Barnes b King 0, Moyer run out 18, Linfield b King 7, Hart b Tovey 0, Seward (F.) run out 1, Morton b Tovey 14, Price c Ross b Cummins 13, Pratt b King 16, Seward (T.) run out 0, Sutton b King 0, Johnson not out 1, extras 1, total 71.

Bowling: King i. 5 for 31; Tovey 2 for 27.

School (2nd innings).—Tovey not out 35, Cooper lbw b Hart 41, King i. run out 4, Cummins not out 7, extras 5, total 92 (for 2 wickets).

Midhurst (2nd innings).—Morton not out 38, Barnes b Cummins 17, Linfield not out 16, extras 2, total 73 (for 1 wicket).

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL.—Played at Southampton on Saturday, July 18th. Quite a good match, in which we were rather outplayed. Scores:

King Edward's School.—Nicholay c Tovey b King i. 0, Vincent b Cummins 32, Death b Chamberlain 62, Harvey b King 0, Mann c Hayward b Tovey 18, Muir not out 14, extras 8, total 134 (for 5 wickets).

School.—Tovey c Cockram b Mann 0, Cooper, b Mann 11, King b Mann 2, Cummins b Harvey 13, Chapman c Davies b Harvey 5, Phillips b Mann 0, Chamberlain c Muir b Warren 14, Ross b Mann 9, Hurden b Mann 0, Hayward

c Davies b Warren 7, King iii. not out 6, extras 16, total 83.

Bowling: King 2 for 33; Cummins 1 for 17; Chamberlain 1 for 19; Tovey 1 for 42.

## 2nd XI. MATCHES.

Played 6, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 1.

School 2nd XI., 8; St. Helen's 1st XI., 86 for 6. Lost by 78 runs.

Gosport 2nd XI., 53; School 2nd XI., 70. Won by 17 runs.

Portsmouth Grammar School 3rd XI., 72; School 2nd XI., 39. Lost by 33 runs.

School 2nd XI., 29; Portsmouth Grammar School 3rd XI., 63. Lost by 37 runs.

Gosport 2nd and, 36; School 2nd XI., 29 for 8. Drawn.

St. Helen's 1st XI., 34; School 2nd XI., 63. Won by 29 runs.

## ATHLETICS.

### SCHOOL STEEPLECHASE.

The House Steeplechase was run at the end of the Easter Term, but owing to the continued rain the crossing of the swamp by Kneller Court had to be cut out and the track diverted to the drive. This unfortunately led to the leading half-dozen in the Junior event taking the wrong course, much to the advantage of the next batch. The first man home was Nicholas (S. H.).

The Seniors, however, made no mistakes, and one of the closest races on record ended in a dead-heat between Hayward and Tovey i., followed by Cummins, Graham and Heifnan, the latter's performance being specially noteworthy, as it was his first year as a Senior.

In order not to affect the whole competition by the mistake made in the Junior event, the Cup was awarded on the Senior race alone, and was won by Westbury House, a Junior Cup presented by E. L. Dover being won by School House.

We should like to see a larger field for this event. The distance is a moderate one and not too much for any one who is in decent training, and if practically everyone turns out it becomes in every sense of the phrasing a genuine "House" event.

### SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports were run on a track which was heavy from the continued rains, but the afternoon, though rather windy, was fine and warm, and the racing was good and keen.

The Senior competition resulted in 51 points for School House, against 35 for Cams, 28 Westbury, 4 Blackbrook.

The Junior competition was a walk-over for Cams (51 points), Westbury scoring 19, Blackbrook 13, and School House 1.

The Junior competitions were won by Blackbrook (28 points), against Cams (20), Westbury (13) and School House (12).

The House Championship fell to Cams., with 106 points.

The Old Boys' Cup for the highest individual score in open events was won by Cummins (32), who came in first in the Hundred, Quarter and Hurdles, and also won the High Jump. Tovey was second (20), winning the Mile in excellent style, and being second in the Hundred and Hurdles. Hayward was third (12), Hurden fourth (8), and Atkins fifth.

A Tug-of-war was included for the first time for several years, and was won by School House, who beat Westbury in the final, after a pull lasting over four minutes. The Junior tug was won by Cams., whose representatives were a very heavy team.

### WINCHESTER SPORTS.

The School team for Winchester consisted of Cummins, Tovey, Hayward, Hurden, Waye, and Atkins. The Relay team won its heat, but was third in the final. Cummins won his heat in the Hurdles, and was second in the final, and Tovey carried off the "Peace" Cup for the Mile, running an excellently-judged race and making no mistake about the time for his final sprint. The Cup arrived at the School with musical (?) honours from the station.

In the Junior events, Tremlett had the unusual experience of sharing second place points, after jumping  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. higher than the winner, who cleared 4ft. 7ins., while the other pair failed, but in the jump off for second place both reached 4ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

The Shield was won by Aldershot.

### OLD BOYS' NEWS.

J. H. CROAD, P.O. Box 317, Madras, is sailing for India on July 9th, to take up a post with a large firm of jewellers and goldsmiths in Madras. Since leaving School, he has been training in London and Birmingham, where he found (rather to his surprise) that his struggles with chemical mysteries at School proved extremely useful in the practical part of his work, more especially in plating. His elder brother, who is in a similar business at Calcutta, is due at home on leave in the autumn.

H. WELLBORNE, 227 Strada il Torri, Sliema, Malta, has been playing Rugger, Soccer and hockey each two days a week from October to March, but, having damaged a wrist, is off

tennis for the present and reduced to dancing and boat sailing to keep down his weight.

A. W. WHITFIELD is now in the S.S. "Woodarra"; his first trip was to the Cape.

F. WELLBORNE has been shifting 180lb. bags of wheat at Kurrawyba, Young, N.S.W., and has strained an arm as a result. He has recently been to Port Stephen, where the bathing, otherwise excellent, was spoiled by sharks, which come into quite shallow water, even three feet deep, so that there is little chance of a swim in the deep. When writing, he was left in charge of the station and very busy shooting granals—a queer beast, about 3 ft. long, rather like a crocodile, with a highly developed liking for lambs. They come out of water holes, and if they can grab a lamb it does not often escape.

C. McNEIL is not up to the Irish Police age yet, so is coming home again for another year. He was staying on the border of Strabane, where everything is quiet, but if one crosses the border at night one gets held up. He saw Mr. Hawtin at Lurgan, who seemed very fit.

E. W. FLINT is with the Western Electric Company, and is just now on a special job connected with automatic telephones.

L. FLINT is now with the Law Union and Rock Insurance Company, and has been playing a good deal of lawn tennis, forming one of the first pair of the match team of the Bromley Club.

J. E. GULLIFORD has been transferred from Santos to Florianopolis, Santa Catharina, South Brazil.

B. R. ROSS (II.) has been awarded his Cricket Colours for Reading University.

R. ROSS (I.), who has been batting very consistently this season, has also been awarded his Colours for Reading University.

J. H. SINCLAIR, who is now back again in his coal mine, played regularly, when available, for Cardiff University.

R. B. SCOTT, 4/6 Rajputana Rifles, Jubhulpore, C.P., writes that he met J. M. Lee, whose regiment (1st Hampshires) is quartered at Ridge Barracks. Lee did so well during his musketry course at Hythe that he was offered a job as Musketry Instructor at Hythe, but the Regiment, having just come out, he could not get leave to take it. The 4/6 Rajputanas won the Northern Command Hockey Tournament this year. The Regiment has won the hockey tournament of every command it has been in since 1919. He, and R. H. Scott, both are due for eight months' leave next May, and hope to come home.

- E. G. WHITE has obtained a billet in the Drawing Office of the Thomson Houston Works at Rugby. His "digs" are at 56 Park Road.
- R. W. BUCKLEY has been promoted to the Permanent Staff in Lloyd's Bank on the completion of his six months' probation.
- N. A. LITTLEJOHN has left the Beaufort Motor Garage, and is now with a Bond Street firm, in a post which seems very promising.
- H. E. DEAN COOPER is to be congratulated heartily upon obtaining 2nd Class Honours at Oxford in the Final English School.
- A. V. MERCER, who was married a short time ago, is now with Messrs. Gardner, the Semi-Diesel engine experts, at Manchester.
- W. CROCKER is doing teaching practice at Tonbridge High School in connection with the diploma - he is working for in his education course at Bristol University.
- W. C. BAKER writes from headquarters to say he is still building houses, although the daily press will not admit it.
- L. H. PEARCE is having plenty of sport with his "hard work." He was Secretary of the Olympic Association Soccer, and had a successful season, taking his team through to the final of the City of London War Memorial Trophy, which was only lost after extra time. He is playing cricket regularly for his Company this season.
- R. C. H. CONNOLLY has now been for some time Assistant Mains Engineer to the Southampton Electricity Department. He holds the record of not having missed one Old Boys' function since the inauguration of the Association.
- G. T. WILLCOCKS, who was married last September, has now taken over Manor Farm, which comprises 230 acres grass and 50 acres arable land.
- R. F. BUCKLEY, having defeated his Masters' Examination, is now rumoured to be turning his attention to a home job.
- L. F. SHEPPARD continues to enjoy his life at Oxford, and passed the History Previous Examination at the end of Hilary Term.
- A. HARVEY is with the General Electric Co., Ltd., at North Wembley, and working on large contracts for automatic signalling on the S. and G.W. Railways.
- H. SWAFFIELD is grape-growing at Goring-by-Sea.

## WORK IN AN ESTATE AGENT'S OFFICE.

I start the day by turning out at 7 a.m., and reach the office at 9.30, after a walk which at first took 25 minutes, but with added experience has become a ten minutes' run. Perhaps some timber has to be valued on a client's estate, and in this case six or nine men are required. On reaching the wood, we roughly mark out an acre of average timber. We then split up into parties of three men each; one man in each party carries a 25-foot bamboo rod, jointed like a fishing rod. With this as a guide, the height of a tree can be guessed fairly accurately. A second man carries a leather strap, about 12 feet long, with a heavy brass ring on one end. The strap is divided into spaces of about 4 inches each, called "quarter girths." This strap is swung round the tree about 6 feet from the ground and caught on the other side. This is not so easy as it sounds, owing to branches, brambles, etc. The tree, having been encircled, the circumference is read. A third man, armed with a type of sliding scale and a notebook, enters the length and girth in the book, and by means of the scale finds the capacity of the tree in cubic feet. This he enters, and also the kind of tree, larch, beech, fir, as the case may be. The parties then go through the acres, each taking a strip, until every tree is done, except saplings, which are ignored, unless in great numbers.

One day, while doing this, I found a pheasant's nest, with thirteen eggs in it. I was going to confiscate them, but decided to leave them. Later in the day we met the gamekeeper, and I told him about the nest. In reply, he said "I knows it. I seed ye find 'un. I 'ad me eye on yer!" After this pointed speech I shunned all fowls of the air and their offspring.

An account of the land of every estate which the firm manages is kept, the extent of the fields and their nature, whether pasture or arable. These particulars have to be revised, and it is hard work walking over miles of field, finding out what is growing in them. Frequently an estate has a village on it, and we have to go to every cottage and enquire the name of the occupier. Nearly every tenant offers one a glass of cider, so that it requires a level head to revise a village without doing the same row of houses twice!

I like the work very much so far, having only seen its summer aspect, but I cannot say that I am very jubilant when I think of timber valuation in the middle of winter!

J. WHEATLEY.



## LEGENDS FROM WILTSHIRE.

In last term's issue of the *Lion*, I signed myself "A Wiltshire Moon-raker." Here is the legend from which the inhabitants of that county derive their name:

In the old smuggling days, two men came from Bristol with a cask of smuggled brandy on their donkey. Not far from Devizes, on a clear moonlight night, the donkey took fright, jerked the cask into the river, and fled. The men got rakes and commenced to try to find the cask with them. They were, however, surprised by an Excise man, who, of course, wished to know what they were doing. At a loss to account for their strange behaviour, one of them feigned imbecility, and, pointing to the reflection of the moon in the water, explained that they were raking for the cheese. The Excise man, convulsed with laughter, left them at it. And, as the tale goes on:—

"The Zizeman zoon the tale let out,  
To all the country round about.  
And even now people da teaze,  
All Willsheer voke about the cheese.  
But 'tis thay as can avoord to grin,  
Ta zee how nice he wur took in."

There is another tale concerning Sidbury Hill, the highest hill on Salisbury Plain. Between Marlborough and Devizes there was a deadly feud. The Marlborough folk called the Devil to their aid, and he, with Sidbury Hill on his back, fared forth to Devizes, intending to bury it for ever.

The Devizes folk were in a panic, till Saint John came to the town and thought of a plan to outwit the Devil. He had a long white beard, and set out to collect all the old, worn-out pairs of boots and shoes in Devizes. He then started out to meet the Devil.

The two met where the Hill now stands. The Devil, with the huge burden on his back, was, truth to tell, heartily tired of his job. Seeing Saint John, he said "Can you tell me the way to Devizes, and is it very much farther?"

"Well," replied Saint John, "As you can see, I'm an old man now, and I've spent all my life looking for Devizes, and worn out all these shoes, and still I haven't found it." This was too much for the Devil, who dropped the Hill where it now stands.

Thus, I can thank Saint John for a Sunday afternoon's occupation—climbing up the Hill.

"A WILTSHIRE MOON-RAKER."

## MANAOS.

In the midst of the mighty tropical forests of the Amazon lies Manaos, the shadow of what was once a small but beautiful city. Manaos was at the height of its glory during the rubber boom, but as the latter industry is now mainly confined to the East Indies, this outpost of civilization is on the decline. Yet the marks of prosperous times remain. There is the Opera House, a marvellous piece of architecture, standing in a broad square and surrounded by gardens fragrant with the perfume of tropical flowers, and shaded by waving palms. There are broad *avenidas*, which are great engineering feats, since the land on which they are built was once a fever-ridden swamp.

It is curious that all this work should have been done partly, if not entirely, by Brazilians, who are at all times the laziest of human beings.

Manaos does not stand on the banks of the Amazon, but on the Rio Negro. Although more than a thousand miles from the sea, the river here is over two miles broad, and, unlike the Amazon, its waters are almost black. The fish of the Negro are about the largest fresh water fish in the world; the bones of some resemble those of the horse.

Manaos has a floating dock that would do credit to any town, and there are always river boats and coastal steamers to be seen.

The city is lighted by electricity, and has a good tramway service, which is worked by Englishmen, of whom there are about thirty, except during the tourist season when their numbers are considerably increased.

Besides the Opera, there is a Cinema, but what the Brazilian looks forward to most during the year is the Carnival, which generally lasts three days.

Brazilians are very fond of football, although the climate is not particularly conducive to this form of amusement. There are several football clubs in Manaos; the two main ones are Rio Negro and National.

Perhaps the most peculiar diversion is that of the boys. Their amusement is kite-flying, but not the kite-flying we know in England, for the amusement is taken seriously. The kites are made of bamboo frame, covered with tissue paper, and are attached to strong cotton covered in glue mixed with powdered glass. The object is to cut the cotton of any other kite and by skilful manoeuvring to get your own under it, and then haul it down.

Most Brazilians do not love the water. A certain black boy who had had his hair cut was questioned as to whether he had had a bath that day or not. Upon the answer being in the

negative, a reason was demanded. The boy said that he could not possibly have a bath on the same day that he had had his hair cut because he would go mad if he did.

Another curious custom is to bring the cow round to your door in the morning instead of delivering the milk, as in England.

L.F.H.

## HOUSE NOTES.

### BLACKBROOK.

The baby among Houses is growing into a very lusty young person. Since writing these notes last time, Blackbrook has managed to capture two cups—the Junior Hockey and the Minor Sports. At this rate of progress the House will very soon be winning the other trophies which are up for its competition. It is noteworthy that the first time Blackbrook put a cricket first eleven in the field it won its match—surely an augury of what is to come.

In Hockey, our captain, Graham i., played in the School 2nd XI. While all members of the House XI. which won the Junior Cup deserve praise, the work of the Chamberlains, i. and ii., King iii., Bevis and Purver was specially commendable.

Possessing, as the House does, so few Seniors, the self-sacrificing part played in the Senior section of the Sports by Graham i., King iii. and Bevis was noteworthy. In the other sections, Heifnan, Wheatley, Riley, Chamberlain ii., Richardson and Moody ran well. The first three of these latter had the honour of representing the School in various races at Winchester.

In School cricket, Chamberlain i. and King iii. have proved useful members of the 1st XI., Graham i. and McGibbon of the 2nd XI., and Heifnan of the 3rd XI. Wade, Pearce i. and Chamberlain ii. have shown great keenness in House matches.

I cannot conclude without wishing the very best of luck to Blackbrook in the future.

E.J.K.G.

### CAMS.

"You never know what you can do till you try," is a splendid motto, and useful not only for unpleasant Wednesday afternoons, but also for all the others. We must certainly admit there was a sinking of heart when the clearance took place at the end of last year, for we had rather depended on the "big brothers" for every-

thing, and it seemed to take longer than usual for the depression to lift. Perhaps it was the wet weather! Perhaps we were longer in finding our form than the other Houses; at any rate, we had to bite the dust—not perhaps so deeply as some. Still, there it was! We cannot say we did not try to win: we did, consequently our knowledge began to grow! Still, if it takes the loss of Footer, Hockey, Steeplechase and Cricket to teach us, some of us have a huge deficit to make up! Some of us have been much keener this year, both in and out of School, but we must not be content until we have made every member of the House feel it is as much his job as anybody's to put the House where it was only a few years ago. We warmly thank every one who has worked "for the House" this year, whether he secured points or not, especially Cummins, King and Newberry in the School sports. Congratulations to the new Monitors, King and Hall. Best luck, Cummins, for the new School year, when we hope you will find the team of your heart! We would like to express to Blackbrook our regret at the loss of its Head, and wish him the very best of happiness in his new life.

T.W.M.

### WESTBURY.

I fear we have but a sorry tale to tell this term, for very little success has come our way.

We were successful in winning the Steeplechase last term, and in this connection our special congratulations go to Hayward, who surprised everybody by sharing first place with Tovey.

In the Sports we collected a few points, but not enough to carry off a trophy in either class. I hope another year there will not be the difficulty there was this year in finding people to compete. Some boys seem to think the time for entering is after trials have been held. Much time was wasted at the trials owing to the fact that names had not been given in as required. In future, no trials will be held for Westbury House without a proper list of entries beforehand. It is quite unnecessary for boys to delay entering, as many did this year.

Hockey and Cricket are subjects to avoid; our record has been so poor. There is a great deal of room for improvement in every respect. Too many members of the House are very slow to do anything for its success. Next term I hope everybody will show a much keener spirit and enter into things with real enthusiasm.

J.S.