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### TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS.

It is notorious that in the Easter term our erratic climate is most erratic, and this year it has been at its worst. There have been times when it seemed that the field would never dry; somehow or other it eventually did, but seemed to have more bumps about it than usual. In the early and wetter part of the term, runs, carefully organised by masters suitably armed, were not enjoyed by all those who were fit to take part in them, but at least one member of the School went so slowly that he caught influenza, was absent for three weeks, and missed the exams. There should be a moral in this somewhere, if one were intelligent enough to find it.

The exams, this term were held a good deal earlier than has been the custom. The experiment, disliked at the time, grew in popularity as the end of term approached. The results remained unpublished, but most of those who did badly have already, in various ways, been made aware of the fact.

Two contributors to "THE LION" still at School have gained a wider audience by a joint work published in the "Hampshire Post." We congratulate Brookes and Reader, and hope that their future efforts will be productive of fame and cash in just proportion. We hope their success will encourage others to chance their luck.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS.

December, 1930.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE: D. J. Bennett, R. C. Brookes, A. B. Cook.

LONDON MATRICULATION: R. C. Brookes, A. B. Cook.

In the competition held this term by the publishers of the magazine, "La France," for which some 200 Schools and 2,000 candidates were entered, the School was placed 29th and "Honourably mentioned," while in the individ-

ual competition "Honourable mention" was made of the work of W. H. Emmett and H. G. Gibson, to whom we tender congratulations. The prizes in this competition were given by the French Government, so that the success gained is quite noteworthy.

### CHRONICLE OF THE TERM.

The impression left by this term is mainly meteorological. Games have been so hampered by bad weather that I think it was not till March that the 1st XI. were able to receive visitors on the School field. Running practice was the rule on Wednesdays for some weeks. Some few there were who preferred detention—always easy to get,—but when things were arranged so that detention didn't interfere with the run, they gave up the unequal struggle and contented themselves with going round the course at as comfortable a pace as could be managed.

A new experiment was tried, of having exams, at mid-term instead of at the end. This, it was thought, would divide the year's work more evenly, and would also avoid the hectic rush at the end of the term on the part of the staff and the rather wasted time on the part of the boys, who, feeling that when exams, are done, work is done too, are content to slack till the end. Whether the experiment is a success or not it does at any rate give the staff nearly half-a-term during which to vent the wrath engendered by bad exam, papers, instead of their having to get it all done in about four days, and it also gives their victims more time in which to repair their various omissions, though that probably makes very little difference.

Nothing else seems to have happened outside the ordinary routine of things, not even an epidemic, and that is something to be thankful for.

O! I nearly forgot; we have a Band!!

J.S.

## FRANCAIS.

## LA CHRONIQUE DU TRIMESTRE.

Pendant ce trimestre un grand concours a eu lieu entre toutes les écoles de la Grande Bretagne. Le concours, que le journal "La France" inaugura, se composait d'une traduction en français et de la description d'une gravure. Nous avons pris part à ce concours. Quoique l'école n'ait pas gagné un prix, nous sommes sortis vingt-neuvième de l'épreuve, ce que je pense être un assez bon résultat. Les dix élèves qui ont représenté l'école étaient: R. C. Brookes, W. H. Emmett, R. L. Fielder, A. G. Frost, H. G. Gibson, E. J. Gilbert, O. J. Hoskins, R. W. Pickwood, N. E. Wareham et R. L. Winsor, et parmi ceux-ci les noms de W. H. Emmett et de H. G. Gibson ont paru dans les "Mentions Honorables." Je dois dire que 200 écoles ont pris part au "Concours entre écoles," et que 1,500 candidats se sont présentés au "Concours entre élèves."

Un autre événement du trimestre est le commencement d'un échange de lettres entre des écoliers anglais et des écoliers français. Cet échange se fait sous les auspices du Ministère de l'Instruction Publique à Paris et le "Board of Education" à Londres. Plusieurs de nos camarades ont demandé de correspondre avec des élèves français, et au moment de mettre sous presse, quatre d'entre eux ont déjà reçu des lettres et y ont répondu. Un avantage de ces échanges de lettres est que, avec le temps, une certaine amitié pourra naître entre les intéressés et un jeune élève anglais pourra, par exemple, passer ses vacances chez le jeune français, ou vice versa, et cela à un prix des plus modique. . . . le voyage. Cette idée mérite d'être encouragée.

W.H.E (vi.)

## RETROSPECT.

## THE HOCKEY SEASON, 1931.

Fixtures 12. Won 4. Lost 2. Drawn 2.  
Abandoned 1. Scratched 2. To be played 1.

The weather and our waterlogged field combined to cut play down to a minimum, so that some of the smaller boys scarcely learned anything of the game; and again 3rd XI. House matches were out of the question. But the 1st XI. had a very fair season. Havant II. were beaten 5-0, St. Vincent 2-0 and 9-1, and the Border Regiment 3-2. Fareham defeated us twice, 3-0 and 3-1. We drew with Netley Hospital and the Old Boys, both 1-1. The

match with King Edward VI. School was abandoned soon after half-time owing to the weather. The second fixture with Netley was scratched, and the third remains to be played. The stick presented by R. C. H. Connolly, Esq., for the most improved player of the season has been awarded to A. G. Frost.

## CHARACTERS OF FIRST ELEVEN.

†W. MURRAY, right-back (Capt.).—Has shewn great keenness as Captain, and has had quite a successful season. Takes the ball well with his stick and clears hard. He has also played right-half.

†R. LEWRY, goal-keeper.—Has again proved a tower of strength, as he kicks a safe and very long kick; gets his pads to any shot within reach, and is quite fearless in coming out.

†V. J. BARNES, centre-half.—Gets through a lot of work and is clever with his stick, but a little too prone to one-handed play. When he gets a chance puts in a good shot.

†W. WAREHAM, left-back.—Has improved greatly in pace and stick work this season, and controls his hits very well.

†H. McNEIL, centre-forward.—Has played centre in School matches, and inside-left in Club matches. Can shoot quite hard and well, as in the return with St. Vincent. Is an untiring worker.

†R. L. FIELDER, inside-right.—Dribbles cleverly and has quite a turn of speed, and is always in position to take a pass. With more strength in his wrists for shooting should be very useful.

†P. P. SMITH, inside-left.—Is better as an inside than outside forward, as in the latter position he lacks pace. His stick work and positional play are both quite good.

†M. W. RUSH, right-half.—Makes up in stick work for his lack of pace. Always plays hard, and is able to use the flick shot—a distinct asset to a half-back.

†A. G. FROST, left-half.—Has not had many opportunities of playing for the 1st XI., but played well against King Edward VI. School and Old Boys. Hits hard, and uses his stick well. Would be useful another year.

\*A. JONES, outside-left.—Dribbles quite well in a difficult position, but should vary his tactics. With more speed will be very useful.

\*W. EMMETT, outside-right.—Came into the team late in the season. With more pace will be useful in any position forward or half, as his stick work is good, and his dribbling is intelligent.

† 1st XI. Colours. \* Half Colours,

## OF 2nd &amp; 3rd XI. PLAYERS.

Fletcher works hard, but falls about too much; Pickwood takes the ball on his stick quite well; Reader has improved greatly and has played for the 1st XI.; Gilbert must keep his body clear of the ball; Brooks uses his stick and clears well; Wilton, with more strength in his wrists, should be useful as a wing forward, as he has some dribbling powers, but must get "off-side" less regularly; Child developed into quite a promising goal-keeper; Hobbs and Gibson should come on next season; Williams, with more stick control, should be useful as a back or half; Ridcut can play quite well on the wing; Edwards, though much absent, developed into quite a versatile player.

## FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

## H.M.S. St. Vincent. Won 2—0.

Played on Forton Drill Square on Wednesday, Feb. 4th. The unusual surface baffled the School to a certain extent, but after settling down McNeil and Smith each scored, and Lewry made certain that St. Vincent did not reply.

Team.—Lewry (goal); Murray and Wareham (backs); Rush, Barnes and Frost (halves); Jones i., Fielder, McNeil, Smith and Jones ii. (forwards).

## King Edward VI. School, Southampton.

Abandoned.

Play started in pouring rain on the Recreation ground on Wednesday, Feb. 11th. The School, though very short of practice, played well, and the exchanges were fairly equal, till Southampton scored twice in the second half before play was abandoned after two of the School side, recently returned from 'flu, had to retire from the field.

## Havant II. Won 5—0.

Played at Havant Park on Saturday, Feb. 14. Havant played two men short, and with only three forwards left, the pressure of our attack to score five goals, when it should have been several more.

Team.—Lewry (goal); Murray and Wareham (backs); Rush, F. H. Brown and Barnes (halves); B. R. Shaw, Fielder, R. O. Johnston, McNeil and Smith (forwards).

## R.V. Hospital, Netley. Drawn 1—1.

Played at Netley on Wednesday, Feb. 18th. We attacked strongly in the first half, and though several penalty corners were conceded, failed to score. On changing ends, Netley scored once, and McNeil equalised with a good solo run,

Team.—Lewry (goal); B. R. Shaw and Wareham (backs); Murray, F. H. Brown and Barnes (halves); Smith, Fielder, R. O. Johnston, McNeil and Jones ii. (forwards).

## Fareham. Lost 0—3.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Fareham (who played six Old Boys) scored in the first half, without reply from the School, and added two further goals in the second half. There were few weak points in the Fareham defence, and we failed to make any impression; however, it was no disgrace to lose to the Fareham team, whose forward line is the best it has had for several years.

## R.V. Hospital, Netley.

Wed., March 4th. Scratched owing to weather.

## H.M.S. St. Vincent. Won 9—1.

Played at the School on Saturday, March 7. The School quite outplayed their opponents in the second half, and won easily, McNeil scoring seven goals, and Barnes and Fielder one each.

Team.—Lewry (goal); Murray and Wareham (backs); Reader, Barnes and Rush (halves); Emmett, Fielder, McNeil, Smith and Jones ii. (forwards).

## King Edward VI. School, Southampton.

This away fixture for Wednesday, March 11th, was scratched owing to the exigencies of sports training of our opponents.

## Fareham. Lost 1—3.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, March 14th. The School scored early, and set up several attacks, and should have increased their lead. Wagstaff then equalised with a lofty shot. In the second half Fareham added two more goals, and though hitting the cross-bar the School failed to reply. The School defence again did well to keep the score down to three goals, and on the play as a whole we were unlucky to lose 1—3.

Team.—Lewry (goal); B. R. Shaw and Wareham (backs); Murray, F. H. Brown and Barnes (halves); Emmett, Fielder, R. O. Johnston, McNeil and Rush (forwards).

## Past v. Present. Drawn 1—1.

Played on the Recreation Ground, which was in very good condition, on Saturday, March 21st. The Old Boys had got together quite a useful side. The School were the first to score, McNeil netting when apparently quite unmarked. Wagstaff equalised for the Old Boys in the second half.

The defence were sorely tried on several occasions, but any deficiencies were covered by Lewry, who played a magnificent game, and better goal-keeping has not been seen at the School. A word of praise is due to all three halves, who had a lot of work to do; the backs, too, played with great determination. The forwards did well against a defence that was quite fast and had stick craft or hard-hitting powers. The team touched the top of its form, and the match was undoubtedly one of the best Past v. Present matches we have had since hockey started the Old Boys' fixtures in March, 1914. Teams:—  
Past.—Rampton (goal); Connolly and Eyles (backs); Sturgess, Wellborne and Hoather (halves); Hayward, W. Chamberlain, Wagstaff, L. Chamberlain and Chapman (forwards).

Present.—Lewry (goal); Murrav and Wareham (backs); Rush, Barnes and Frost (halves); Emmett, Fielder, McNeil, Smith and Jones (forwards).

## RESULTS OF OTHER MATCHES.

### "A" Team.

Jan. 28.—	Taunton's School, Southampton.	Won 8—0
Feb. 25.—	Taunton's School, Southampton.	Won 6—1

### 2nd Eleven.

Feb. 11.—	King Edward VI. Sch. II.	Scratched
" 14.—	St. Vincent II. ... ..	Won 3—2
Mar. 7.—	St. Vincent II. ... ..	Won 3—2
" 11.—	King Edward VI. Sch. II.	Scratched

### 3rd and 4th Elevens.

Feb. 4.—	Fareham Ladies ... ..	Won 4—1
" 4.—	Alverstoke Ladies ... ..	Won 8—1
" 4.—	Porchester Ladies ... ..	Abandoned
" 14.—	Alverstoke Ladies ... ..	Scratched
" 28.—	Waverley Ladies ... ..	Scratched
" 28.—	Alverstoke Ladies ... ..	Won 2—0
Mar. 4.—	Fareham Ladies ... ..	Scratched
" 4.—	Alverstoke Ladies ... ..	Scratched

## HOUSE MATCHES.

### 1st XI.

Blackbrook ... .. 0	School House ... .. 0
Cams ... .. 4	Blackbrook ... .. 2
Cams ... .. 1	School House ... .. 1
School House ... .. 3	Westbury ... .. 2
Westbury ... .. 1	Blackbrook ... .. 1
Westbury ... .. 1	Cams ... .. 0

### 2nd XI.

Blackbrook ... .. 7	Cams ... .. 5
School House ... .. 3	Blackbrook ... .. 0
School House ... .. 5	Cams ... .. 0
Westbury ... .. 1	Blackbrook ... .. 0
Westbury ... .. 1	Cams ... .. 0
Westbury ... .. 1	School House ... .. 0

### Final Positions.

1. Westbury ... ..	13½ points
2. School House ... ..	11½ "
3. Cams ... ..	7½ "
4. Blackbrook ... ..	4½ "

## HANTS. HOCKEY NURSERY.

An article under the above heading appeared in the "Portsmouth Evening News" a week or two ago, and our readers may be interested in the following extract:—

"More than once I have wondered during my wanderings round the county, watching hockey at the various grounds, whether there was anywhere in this county where the young idea were trained, or, in other words, a hockey nursery.

"More by accident than design I came across the solution last Saturday, when I journeyed to Fareham, and there I found what was in the nature of a local 'Derby' in progress. The Fareham Club were entertaining their neighbours, Price's School. The majority of the School team were boys, stiffened in the more essential positions by masters.

"I was more than surprised by the aptitude for the game displayed by these lads, who, although beaten by 3—0, put up a sturdy resistance to the opposition. There and then I realised that this was in all probability the source from whence many of our very fine county players emanated, and, judging from the style of play, many more would follow in due course; and so I was determined, if possible, to discover something about this potential nursery. They have the good fortune to be coached and captained by R. O. Johnston, a former Hampshire County player, who is a master at this School. Hockey was first introduced in 1909, and has featured among the games ever since.

"They have turned out many fine players, one of the best known being F. E. Nugent, inside-left, who played for Hampshire, South Midlands, and in 1926-27 was capped for England. I do not know his present whereabouts, but he is still actively engaged in first-class hockey. W. C. Eyles, A. G. Coles and H. Sturgess are among the ex-members who have played for Hampshire,

and T. Frost captained the London University and played for Middlesex.

"During the present season the Club have met the Border Regiment, whom they defeated 3-2, Havant II. 5-0, H.M.S. St. Vincent 2-1, and drew with Netley Hospital 1-1. This, for a team mainly consisting of boys, is a record to be proud of. The Fareham Club includes five Old Boys among its players."

## HOUSE NOTES.

### BLACKBROOK.

This term it is our lot to be bottom in the struggle for the Hockey Cup. We can hardly attribute this to inferior teams or to bad play, but mostly to bad luck. In the game with Cams we were greatly handicapped by the absence of Edwards, which necessitated the playing of nearly every member of the team in unaccustomed positions. However, we put up a good fight and lost by only 4-2 to a much stronger team. In the Westbury match we were very unlucky to lose 1-0.

The return of Edwards for the School House match strengthened us, but although we were much the better team, we could only draw.

The 2nd XI., which has greatly improved since last year, played well, beating Cams and losing by only 1-0 to Westbury.

Much credit is due to Frost, who in all three matches played a clean and untiring game; he has also played strongly for the School 1st XI. In the 2nd XI., Garner played a sound game, and Pressley, Rushforth ii. and Ireland shewed great promise for the future.

We hope to retain the Junior Steeplechase Cup, as we still have Cornish, Daventry and Lavy ii., who were 2nd, 3rd and 4th last year, and Hoskins ii., and Rushforth ii. should do well.

In the Senior Steeplechase, Hoskins i., Jeffery i. and Cross should do well, and if the rest of the seniors do their best, we have a good chance of winning the Combined Steeplechase Cup.

We still hold the Junior Sports Cup, which we have great hopes of retaining next term, and the "Tarbat" Cup, which is likely to remain on our shelf for a long time to come.

H. McN.

### CAMS.

Again no success has crowned our efforts, probably because they were not enthusiastic enough; this applies especially to some of the younger members.

Of the Steeplechase, it is probably too late to give advice or exhortation, but the most prominent part of the training for it was the number of applications for leave-off from running. Before we can hope to be really successful there must be a general increase of interest and enthusiasm.

Next term there are the sports and cricket, so see what you can do for the House.

Best of luck to Clarke, to whom we had to bid regretful farewell before the House matches were completed. We hope others will come forward to help fill up the gap he has left.

I am looking forward to an improvement next term; if we cannot win, let us at least make the other Houses run and play hard to beat us.

F.O.D.

### SCHOOL HOUSE.

Congratulations, School House, on putting up such a good show in the House matches. Although we only had two members of the House in the 1st XI., and the same number in the 2nd XI., we did not lose a match in the 1st XI. and only one in the 2nd XI.

Our first game, which was against Westbury, the Cup holders, we won, the score being 3-2. The other two 1st XI. fixtures were drawn, the score against Cams being 1-1, and against Blackbrook 0-0. Smith i. and Rush did a lot for the team, and Child played very well in goal.

Our 2nd XI. lost 0-1 against Westbury, and won the other two, the score against Cams being 5-0 and against Blackbrook 3-0. We were not able to put out our strongest 2nd XI. against Westbury, as certain people were ill, or we might have won; and therefore got the Cup. As it was we were only two points behind Westbury, who had a very good team. Pettifer and Aps i. played some very good games in the 2nd XI.

Rosat is leaving us after a year's stay, and is returning to Switzerland. We wish him the best of luck.

As yet the Steeplechase has not been run, and we should do something in the Senior, and get one of the Cups now held by Westbury.

Next term we must fight hard for the Cricket Cup, which is now in our possession. The Sports will take place early next term, and we advise those who ran last year to keep in training during the holidays.

R.W.P.

### WESTBURY.

This term the Hockey Cup returns to our possession after an absence of many years. Long may it grace our shelf!

The 1st XI. suffered an early reverse at the hands of School House, who beat us in a thrill-

ing game by the odd goal in five. However, we did not lose heart at this narrow and ill-deserved defeat, but rather became all the more determined to win our other matches. Fielder, who we congratulate on obtaining his School Colours, worked untiringly throughout, and it was fitting that he should score the goal that won for us the Cup. Jones was the most prominent of the rest of the forwards, and Emmett of the defence. Gilbert, Brooks ii., Russell and Fletcher also rendered invaluable assistance.

Buckley monopolised the goal-scoring in the 2nd XI., but this does not mean that the others did not do their share. Gregory was the mainstay of the forwards, and Watson of the halves, while Dodds showed remarkable promise as a goal-keeper. These three last-named each played one game for the 1st XI., and acquitted themselves very creditably.

At the time of writing the Steeplechase has not been run, but if general keenness about training is any indication of success, then we have no fears about the result. We expect much of Emmett, who, last year, although he mistook his way and ran a longer course than the rest, came in second.

Gilbert is leaving us this term, and it is feared that he will be sadly missed, not only by us at the School Sports, but by the School at Winchester. We wish good luck to a boy who has been a credit to his House.

WM. M.

## SPRING—OR FEBRUARY 1st.

"Gardeners! Spring is at hand. Buy my turnip and artichoke seeds!" "Scouts! Spring is coming. Buy my kitbags and go hiking!" These, and several other such startling announcements, made me wonder if we really were on the threshold of better weather. "Don't believe everything you see in print as gospel truth," is sound advice, so I determined to see if Spring was really coming. After consulting a reliable authority on Nature, I decided that the downs or the woods would be the best place in which to admire vernal beauties. The owner of the woods employed some very vigilant dogs and keepers, so I decided in favour of the downs. Being persuaded that there was now no mud, I sallied forth in the best of spirits and my best suit.

The first man I met was a plumber. "February!" he groaned, "well, that means my job's nearly over," and he sobbed like a little child. The next man I cast my eyes on was a watercress gatherer. "February!" he wailed, "that's when we get Buchan's first cold period," and he sighed like a slow puncture.

I eventually reached the Downs. It was now mired up with mud to within about three inches of my knees. I espied in the distance something blue; a hyacinth? I surmised. Yes, I thought it was a hyacinth,

"Sweet-scented herald of the surging Spring, You strove to greet me like a living thing." Alackaday! it was not a hyacinth, but a piece of a bottle which had once contained rat-poison. I next cast my unfortunate eyes on a cow, which was sitting in the mud, weeping like a watering-can, chewing the cud, and looking, on the whole, very intelligent, I thought. An ideal example of rural beauty. I turned away, sick at heart, and home my footsteps I did turn, from wandering on this vernal (?) strand.

In one last desperate endeavour to find a manifestation of Spring (with a capital S) I sought the purling stream. Here it was, if possible, even worse. All that I could see was a few brown, dragged rushes, and several kettles, saucepans and frying-pans, and other domestic apparatuses (or apparati, it makes no difference) which had been ejected from the time of Caractacus. Even the one plank, dignified by the name of bridge, had been swept away by the winter storms.

After that, as my boots were beginning to leak, the road looked like a river and my nose was blue with cold, I decided to go home (happy thought).

So I went sadly and sloppily home, scraped some of the mud from my person, so that my people should not mistake me for a tramp, swallowed half-a-pint of tincture of quinine and one linseed poultice (ugh!), and went to bed, having done no prep., and cursing all vendors of artichoke seeds and kitbags.

W.H.E. (vi.)

## THE VALUE OF POETRY IN THE MODERN WORLD.

### TWO VIEWS.

As poetry, as we know it, does not exist in the uncivilised parts of the world, it can only be considered in our own civilised world. The civilised world has been made so by industry and departure from the primitive methods of man; therefore the men that have civilised it are the business men and the ordinary middle or low-class workmen who carry out their designs. The former are too busy and practical to pay much attention to poetry, whilst the latter have insufficient intellect to understand it or see its

beauty. Thus it may be seen that poetry is of little value to the main causes of life, civilisation and prosperity.

The people who value poetry are those who have studied it much and probed into its meanings. If its meaning is not understood, its whole beauty on entertainment departs. The average person who makes up the "Modern World" has either insufficient intellect, or leisure, to obtain value from Poetry. He just reads it mechanically, marvels, perhaps, at the pretty words, but gets no more from it. It is no discredit to own this kind of intellect, for those who compose poetry have usually far above normal knowledge or brains. Besides, it is always much more difficult for a man to divine another's meaning from poetry, than for the other to express it, in poetry, to his own satisfaction. There is no reason, either, why a man should understand the poet's views. His own may differ very widely from them.

Considering the value of poetry to the "Modern World," as the value to its average, civilised inhabitant, it is not very great. There is much value in poetry for those who seek it, but it has had little to do with swaying nations, and has little practical value. "Practical" value, after all, is "real" value.

H.E.B. (V.A.)

## II.

Poetry, like Beatrice, may be said to have been born under a dancing star. There is, in the nature of things, a law of dancing, which at a crisis of great emotions sets the thoughts leaping rhythmically to time. All men are to some extent subject to this law; even those who disclaim, openly and to themselves, all inclination to poetry. Childhood is full of this sense of poetry; performing operations with a rhythm and regularity; the application of double imitative sounds to familiar objects. Probably the first literature enjoyed in childhood was in rhyme, preceding by a considerable time the thrills of prose. The imagination learns its first steps from verse, and indeed, with the nursery rhymes a child experiences the whole round of emotions.

In poetry we are continually entering and exploring the realms of some new fairy-land, and such a traveller on his return to reality must retain some of the fire of that heaven if he is to remain a poet. Poetry begins as a random travel among the ethereal realms of fancy, along star-lit ways, surrounded with an ideal region wherein the traveller would be content to pass his days; but the poet of riper years cannot entirely dissociate his imagination from his every-day experience, and so he comments on some form

or disguise of life, weaving round it all the entrancing products of his wandering fancy.

The word "Poetry" is used in two distinct senses; being applied to inspired writings either in verse or prose, and also to any kind of literature written in verse. In either form, poetry is a part of the general human inheritance, and is natural to mankind as a whole; not a mere cult of abnormal persons.

Milton, in an attack on rhyme, denounced the "jingling sound of like endings" as though they were child's toys which a nature world would lay aside. But apart from its pleasantness, rhyme has a use; it makes a fact doubly a fact by its appeal to the memory, which seems to be part of its appeal to the imagination. Poetry may be said to have a double birth; it has a utilitarian father and an aesthetic mother. Even if we held that nothing has been said in verse which could not be better said in prose, we should still have to admit that many things have been said more permanently in verse.

In the past, a taste for poetry has been, to some extent, natural to mankind as a whole; first, because the emotions automatically seek to express themselves in patterns of rhythm and measure, and secondly, the memory finds such patterns useful as well as pleasant. On the second score, the value of poetry has considerably declined because of the introduction of books on a mass production. Nowadays the bookshelf becomes the reference for many things which, before this event, had no store outside the human brain, and no writer of the present day would attempt to write a treatise in verse, as did Lucretius and many others in the past. So it is true of the modern man who enjoys verse that he is not descended from the jingler of facts and wise saws, but reads for pleasure.

At every great hour of his life, in crises, whether of joy or sorrow, if he can speak at all, he is aware of the futility of common speech. He feels inarticulate, but yet longs passionately for utterance. This utterance is attained either by becoming poets ourselves or by becoming poets by proxy, reading the verse of some other poet written under the stress of like emotions. Poetry reminds us of the fact that we live in a world not consisting merely of twenty-four-hour days, but of great and momentous occasions. This is perhaps the greatest value of poetry in the present epoch which is overwhelmed with machinery working with clock-like precision, dully regular, and with monotonous routines. Poetry nobly performs its function of making man's life more full and real; enables him to escape from the make-believe existence of every-day life, in which things are very apt to lose their correct proportions; back to reality, where

love and beauty, life and death, with the Supreme Being overlooking and controlling all, are seen in their truer proportions; back to the regions of ideals, of noble thoughts and ambitions, where where the greatest desires of the heart are at least, and if only for moment, brought within sight of a goal, whereby the soul again takes courage and presses on anew. It is not enough to say that poetry offers an escape from life, but what is far greater still, it offers us an escape into life; the first escape being without the least importance, unless it leads to the second. The life to which it leads us, although depicted by the imagination, is not another make-believe existence; it is a reality of the beauty and the wonder of things. To scorn the imagination is to be a blind man deliberately refusing the miracle of sight. Where there is no imagination there is cruelty, selfishness, and death. A little imagination would enable us to look on all men as brothers, and not to treat them as if they did not exist for any good. But most people, especially if fairly successful in the world, are prone to regard themselves as eminently practical men who have no use for imagination, which they consider might clog the working of their business machine. In this, however, they are wrong; imagination is more likely to act as oil in a machine than as grit.

Life without imagination is, at the best, a sadly mutilated life, bereft of one of its greatest members. The imagination, when it becomes articulate in speech, at its highest moments naturally seeks to express itself rhythmically and so poetry is produced. This it is that gives poetry its greatest value, not only in modern times but throughout all ages, and this being so, it is extremely improbable that poetry will ever cease to be written or enjoyed.

F.O.D.

## A MURDER IS ARRANGED.

The talk in the "King's Head" had veered to murder in general, and then on to the crimes of the German "Jack the Ripper." The landlord, his florid face shining as he thumped the bar, voiced his opinion. "It's absence of motive wot makes the pleece unable to catch 'im," he said, "'E's got a blood lust; the war started it p'r'aps, and 'e kills anybody. There's no motive, so the pleece are done. That's wot I reckon." His patrons nodded in approbation, "True enough, that is," was the verdict.

In a corner of the bar, two men were talking. Two strangers who had met in the public-house. One, a tall, burly and domineering man; the other, a small, thin fellow, with a bald head.

The big man was speaking. "It's quite true," he said, "if a murder is committed the police can hang it on some chap who has a good motive. If the motive is missing, they're helpless. It's only the thought of capture that stops some murderers. If they felt safe, they'd commit the crime. Everybody's got some person he would like to get rid of. I have; you have; we all have." "That's true," said the little man, "I have." "It's usually a wife," said the tall man, and noted the light in the other's eyes. "You want to get rid of her for a younger woman, perhaps." The little man started. "Or again," continued the speaker, "perhaps it's an old relative who's in your way to prosperity." The little man spoke. "In my case, it's a wife," he said quietly. The other laughed. "It's darned funny that you, who want her gone, are the one who wouldn't kill her. In America one would hire a gangster, but in England —" he broke off. "Take you wife now. Anyone without a motive could do it." A pause, then—"I could." The little man jumped. "I suppose she's occasionally alone?" The other nodded, "She takes a walk by the river every night at dusk," he said, "she thinks it poetic." "Well," said the big man, "it would be easy for anyone, for me. Never seen her before; no motive at all. Just as easy for me as it would be for anyone to walk into that shop at the corner of East Street and the Avenue and shoot that little old tobacconist with a silent pistol. Anyone could do it. You could!"

The little man tried to reply, but his voice failed. The other went on, "You'd be very grateful to the man who got rid of your wife; wouldn't you?" he asked; "almost ready to do the same for him, especially if he told you that he'd get you if you didn't. After all, one more killing wouldn't affect him."

The bald man gaped, unable to believe his ears. This threat, made in the familiar room, took away his faculties. The other started again, "I think you would, wouldn't you? I should, for I don't like people to break promises."

Two days later the body of a strangled woman was found on the river front. It was found that her husband was on intimate terms with another woman, but he had an unshakable alibi, and the crime could not be brought on to him. He was acquitted, and another unsolved murder was described in the papers.

Yet another crime was left unsolved during the following week. An old tobacconist was found shot in his shop. At his death his stepson inherited a small fortune, but as he was proved to be in Wales on business upon that day, the murder could not be attributed to him. Nobody else had any motive to murder the old fellow, and



the case fell through. A description of a customer was given, but it was vague and led nowhere.

The restaurant was crowded when the tall, burly man, dressed in fashionable style, entered. Six months had elapsed since the crimes. A thin, bald man glanced casually at him, and then turned back to his companion, a young, overdressed woman. The two men failed to recognise one another.

H.G. (V.A.)

### PROMISE.

"If people wander southward will take the way together;  
I'll show stretches in between the bracken and the heather;  
I'll show them lovely gorse bushes as lovely as a dream,  
If the people walk on southward," said the little Hampshire stream.

"If people wander southward they will hear the winds at play,  
And I will cool their bodies at twilight of the day;  
The birds will sing a triumph song upon the sunrise gleam  
To the folk who wander southward," said the little Hampshire stream.

R.A.P. (IV.A.)

### LIFE IN THE INDIAN ARMY.

We are now having tour of garrison duty in Amritsar, the Holy City of the Sikhs. Personally speaking, it's smelliness is far more noticeable than its holiness, and it beats the few cities I've been in for odour and filth. It is a walled city, containing well over 100,000 inhabitants, though in size it is no bigger than Fareham. To march round the walls, including the march to and from the barracks, takes about three hours. Its circumference is about five miles at the very outside. It is continually threatened from Fort Goundjash by 18-pounder guns. In the Fort are two Companies from the 1/1st K.G.O. Gurka Rifles and a few Gunners from Ambola. One gun is permanently trained on the Golden Temple, which is the Sikh Holy of Holies.

My C.O. and I visited the Temple shortly after our arrival. It is a really fine place and well worth visiting. We were very cordially welcomed and shown round. There are some very fine decorative pieces in the main Temple, which

is in the "Tank" (Lake) and connected with the shore by a marble pier. In this a service is perpetually going on, Priests taking their turn in this duty. Also, they take turns in perpetually reading from their Holy Book. The Temple has a number of annexes, each of which is very finely fitted up. The Temple is the only clean spot in the whole of the city.

E.J.N.

### THE OLD PRICEAN.

The OLD PRICEANS ASSOCIATION is a body formed to enable all Old Boys to keep in touch with the School and with each other. All boys are urged to join immediately on leaving School, in order to preserve unbroken their association with the School.

Members receive "THE LION" on publication, and are entitled to play in Past v. Present matches, and to take part in various functions organised by the Association.

The annual subscriptions is 3s. 6d., overseas members 2s. 6d., or the present benefits are secured for life by a subscription of two guineas.

Old Pricean Ties are authorised, and are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, or from Messrs. Dunn, West Street Fareham; price 3s. 6d. each.

The Hon. Secretary is G. Chignall, 21, Lochbie, Crouch Hill, N. 4, who will be very pleased to hear from all prospective members.

Old Boys living in the London area are invited to join the London Section. Details from the Hon. Secretary, D. R. Masterman, 87a, Talgarth Road, Barons Court, S.W. 14.

The Southampton Section offers its membership to Old Boys living in that neighbourhood. Details from E. Ross, Penshurst, Netley Abbey, Hants.

### SECRETARIAL NOTES.

A noteworthy event, which is completely recorded elsewhere, took place on Sunday, January 18th last, when the first Old Pricean hockey team to take the field against any other team than the School, played the Exiles II. at Orleans Park, Twickenham. Composed of London members, with two efficient substitutes, the team put up a very good show, and almost succeeded in overcoming the dual handicap of not having played together before, and of having no goal-keeper. A return match was fixed for February 22nd, but was, unfortunately, scratched at the last moment by our opponents, who were unable to have the use of their ground.

The success of this endeavour leads to the hope that next season a regular O.P. team may be in existence, playing all games as away fixtures, of course, and a circumscription of members in and about London has proved that the membership question will not be the greatest of our difficulties, as over twenty should be available for game more or less regularly.

We understand that several clubs are only too glad to welcome visiting teams on Sundays, and we hope to get quite a respectable fixture list together.

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While on the subject of hockey, we learn that the Fareham Hockey Club are in need of new members, and L. Mathews, the Hon. Secretary, of Briarwood, Fareham, will be very glad to hear from any O.P.'s living in the neighbourhood who would like to join.

The subscription is 7s. 6d. annually, and the Club have regular Saturday fixtures against the best of the local opposition, and naturally look to the School as the main source of their playing strength.

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The problem of getting new members for the O.P.A. is an ever present one, and too great emphasis cannot be laid on the importance of boys joining our Association immediately they leave School. The subscription is not enormous, and the point to be remembered is, that once the link is broken (by moving away from home, or for other causes), it is not so easily made again, as circulars and magazines have a knack of getting lost in the post or not forwarded, with the result that the School and all it stands for is apt to be forgotten. We are only too pleased to welcome members straight from School, and financial difficulty at the start of a career need not be a stumbling block, as some mutual arrangement can always be made for the first year.

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We take the opportunity of repeating our appeal to members for articles for "THE LION." The occupations, interests and views of Old Boys are of vital interest to the School, which harbours a host of embryonic Old Boys, and the pages of "THE LION" are the only means of placing the one before the other. The natural diffidence which is felt by some people about seeing their name in print can always be overcome by anonymity, but the O.P. Section of "THE LION" will never become really worthy of a flourishing organisation until a regular supply of articles, verse and yarns, is forthcoming from members.

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The Summer Reunion will be held this year on Saturday, June 20th, and the programme, as

provisionally arranged, will consist, as last year, of:—

- (1) 1st XI. Cricket match, at 12 noon.
- (2) 2nd and 3rd XI. matches.
- (3) Annual General Meeting.
- (4) Reunion Dinner.

It is also hoped to stage a Tennis match v. the Staff during the afternoon, and even Badminton, if weather is not too well behaved and summer-like.

G. CHIGNELL.

### L.S.O.P. NOTES.

According to my prophecy in the last "LION," the London Section held their annual Christmas Dinner on December 10th, 1930, at the "Crown and Two Chairmen," Soho. Some sixteen members attended, and all seemed of the opinion that the catering and "do" generally was an improvement on the previous dinner.

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Mr. Chignell has told me that he has devoted a fair amount of space to the Hockey match played by an Old Pricean XI. against the Exiles 2nd XI. on their ground at Orleans Park, but it must be referred to here because, excepting the substitutes, the members of the team were all members of the London Section, and I consider the show we put up was very encouraging, in view of the fact that our team was so hurriedly scraped together and that they had not played together before this occasion. We hope to raise a super team next season, not confined to London members necessarily, providing we can find others living sufficiently near to come up, and also sufficiently good as players to rank with us!!!?

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Then very special mention must be made of the Dance at Mitchell's Restaurant, Wembley, which Mrs. Harvey so kindly and generously gave in honour of the L.S.O.P. It was most emphatically successful, and the very best thanks of the Section must be extended to Mrs. and Alan Harvey. We can only wish for "many happy returns of the day."

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Our next meeting, at the kind invitation of Mr. H. de M. Wellborne, was held at his flat, where all present enjoyed much good beer and refreshment. He, knowing his fellow members, took the precaution of sending the new Mrs. Wellborne out for the evening, which was, no doubt, a wise procedure, but we were a little disappointed not to make her acquaintance, for we might have been able to "put her wise" about her husband.

The last meeting to date was at the "Crown and Two Chairmen," Soho, where we enjoyed a liberal spread, all for 1s. 6d., which proved so gratifying, or should I say satisfying, that our April meeting will be held at the same place. Anyone wishing to share our repast can ascertain the date thereof by writing to me after Easter, as yet it is unfixed.

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As I have often repeated, I am always pleased to hear from prospective members who have come to live in the London area.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,  
87, TALGARTH ROAD, W. 14.

### HOCKEY.

#### AN OLD PRICEAN XI. v. EXILES II.

Played 18th January, 1931, at Orleans Park, Twickenham. Result: Lost 6-4.

Assisted by two excellent substitutes, the O.P. team on this, its first appearance as an entity, by no means disgraced itself, being beaten 6-4. On a very heavy ground, which militated against accurate passing, the exchanges at first were very equal, but after about ten minutes the Exiles broke away, and passing our three back formation, scored twice in quick succession.

A bout of pressing by our people, however, resulted in the lead being reduced; Henry scoring after a scrimmage in the goal-mouth, and the half-time score was 2-1 against us.

Immediately on the resumption, the Exiles again broke away twice and easily scored, while ten minutes later they added a fifth. From this point, however, the O.P. team more than held their own, Henry scoring twice more, and after a sixth goal by the Exiles, Hoather scored our fourth and last goal.

In addition to the two substitutes we brought, both of whom played very good games, Wellborne played a magnificent game at centre-half, well supported by Lardeaux and Hunt, while Henry led the forwards well, his goals all being well deserved, and was ably backed up by Hurden. Naturally the team had to overcome the grave disadvantage of not having played together before, while the three back formation (played owing to lack of a goal-keeper) was not successful, as once the last man was passed a goal was certain.

Team.—Gardner, Hunt, Hardstone (sub.); Spiers (sub.), Wellborne, Lardeaux; Humphries, Hoather, Henry, Hurden, Hayward.

#### PAST v. PRESENT. March 21st, 1931.

Played on the Recreation Ground in fine weather, though rather a high wind, the ground being in very good condition. After a late start, the Old Boys led the attack, and succeeded in keeping the play largely in the School hall, their accurate passing undoubtedly being a great help to the side, enabling them to keep clear of concerted attacks by the School forwards. When the School did get the ball on the run, their superior speed was a distinct advantage, leading to a goal 20 minutes after the start. Then came a period of intensive pressure by the Old Boys, and a goal scored by Wagstaffe resulted about five minutes before half-time.

In the second half the game was more even, and apparently slower, the backs on each side getting in a number of long clearances, and the game ended without further score. Result: Drawn, 1-1.

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The attendance during the day was well up to the average, thirty-seven being present either at the ground or later at the School to tea. After tea, a move was made to the Big Hall, where the usual informal concert was held, rendered notable by a performance by a School jazz band, who, led most ably by Stephenson at the piano, gave a very fine performance. Songs by Mr. Bradley, Gardner and Polwin, and several community efforts, completed the programme of a very successful gathering. At the smoker there were, in all, over eighty people present.

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The O.P. team was:—Rampton (goal); N. Eyles, Connolly (backs); Sturgess, Wellborne, Hayward (halves); Hoather, W. Chamberlain, Wagstaffe, L. Chamberlain, Chapman (forwards).

Others who turned up during the day included: Sinnott, Mercer, Polwin, Chignell, Edwards, Mundy, Connor, F. S. Smith, J. S. Smith, Mathews, Whiteman, R. Riches, Buckley, Blount, Dean-Cooper, F. R. Clark, Biden, Sims, A. L. Moss, Tunks, Budden, McNeil, H. V. Bone, P. Silvester, Humphries, Gardner.

#### NEW OR REJOINED MEMBERS.

- Hunt, G. M. L.—31 Colville Gardens, London, W. 11.  
Cussell, C. H.—110 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.  
McMullen, C. S.—"Gorge Dell," Brighton Road, Newhaven, Sussex.  
Bennett, D. J.—School House, Fontley Fareham, Hants.

- Ellam, G.—6 Rue Jean Binet, Colombes, Seine, France.  
 Loveridge, E. J.—“Greenlea,” 147 Brockhurst Road, Gosport, Hants.  
 Bone, H. V.—25 Kings Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 Smith, F. S.—15 Westborn Road, Fareham, Hants.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- Gardner, M. W.—11 Japan Crescent, Crouch Hill, N. 4.  
 Hurden, J. C.—15 Hartington Street, Derby.  
 Ivens, A. W.—46 Avonmore Road, N. 14.  
 Hewetson, L. F.—Bank of London and South America, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.  
 Chamberlain, W. E.—103 Ruskin Avenue, Manor Park, E. 12.  
 Ross, B. R.—Windyridge, Netley, Hants.  
 Polwin, S. F. C.—7. Knowsley Road, Cosham, Hants.  
 Cooper, A. J.—10 Thornton Road, East Sheen, S. W. 14.  
 Walsh, C. A.—20 Churchmore Road, Streatham, S. W.  
 Nugent, F. E.—30 Browning Avenue, <sup>BOSCOMBE</sup> ~~BOSCOMBE~~, Hants.  
 Graham, A. A.—126 Charminster Road, Bournemouth, Hants.  
 McNeil, H. C.—Swanmore, Hants.  
 Budden, W. G.—Police Station, Bournemouth, Hants.

### “BEHIND THE SCENES.”

#### IV.—CABLE & WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

By H. DE M. WELLBORNE.

Telegraphy has existed in various forms for many years, news being conveyed from one place to another by means of drums, bonfires, and helio signals, but of latter years it has become chiefly electrical and automatic, and messages can now be sent to any part of the world at accurate high speeds, especially so since the advent of “beam” wireless, which is capable of transmitting at a speed of 250 and more words a minute.

At the present, this profession, except perhaps on the research side, offers little scope to the “budding telegraphist,” the introduction of automatic apparatus having lessened the need for manual operators.

I will endeavour, however, to give an insight into the “complicities” (?) of telegraphy.

There are many different departments, the two chief of which are the electrical and the operating. The former is directly responsible for the adjustment of apparatus, etc.; the latter dealing only with the transmission and reception of messages. An operator's work consists of transforming the words set in front of him into the Morse code, or vice versa. The first part can be done by certain instruments, the latest of which is known as the “Kleinschmidt.” In appearance it is like a typewriter, but instead of printing letters, it punches small holes in a continuous strip of paper. This “slip” is then passed through a “transmitter,” a device which sends electrical impulses through the cable according to the punched holes in the slip, which impulses actuate a suspended coil of wire at the receiving end of the cable. Attached to this coil is a very fine glass tube, through which ink is flowing on to a moving strip of paper. Since these impulses are electrical reproductions of the “punch holes,” the receiving slip will show an ink line record of them, which is translated by the operator, being either automatically or hand typed on to a message form, and the complete message sent out to the addressee. Of course, the actual apparatus is much more complicated than that described above.

Again, another interesting department is that which is responsible for the repair and upkeep of the cables themselves. Special ships are employed for this purpose, and their work takes place in all conditions of weather and sometimes in very trying circumstances.

When a cable breaks or a fault occurs in the gutta-percha covering of the cable, the exact spot where the “break” or “fault” occurs can be located by electrical tests taken from the shore ends of the cable. The ship then has to proceed to the spot and haul up the cable, or ends of the cable, as the case may be, and repair it.

I will leave it to you to imagine what it must be like in stormy weather to have to go backwards and forwards over one particular spot trying to grapple the ends of a cable that are lying in perhaps 300 fathoms of water!

Most telegraphists, be they in the operating or electrical side, usual get a fair share of foreign service. As cable or wireless stations, except in a few isolated cases, never close down, there have to be staff on duty both by night and by day. Most foreign service stations divide the day into four duties; morning, 7 a.m.—1 p.m.; afternoon, 1 p.m.—7 p.m.; evening, 7 p.m.—midnight; and night, midnight—7 a.m.; and each member of the staff has a turn of one week at all these duties.

If one is keen on sport, there is plenty of opportunity for it, as in three out of four duties

the whole afternoon is free. Although this work, as, I suppose, all work, may become wearisome sometimes, it has many interesting aspects, and if one is lucky enough to be appointed to a foreign station, it has many advantages to make up for rotten duties!

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

L. M. BOXWELL.—Still acting as a civil instructor to the R.A.F. at Halton. Spent some time just before Christmas with each of the chief Motor Engine Manufacturers, where he was shown all their latest developments, in order to be in a position to lecture about them. He hopes to take his final City and Guides examination next year, and will then be qualified for a post under a local Education Authority.

J. C. HURDEN, after several months in London, has gone back to the Derby branch of his firm, with great admiration for their dexterity in avoiding the payment of fares to Derby by dismissing the whole of the London staff and then inviting them to re-apply for posts in Derby.

E. J. LOVERIDGE is now attached to the Clan Line, serving on S.S. "Clan McBride." He left London for South Africa on March 6th. He has made two voyages to India.

A. W. IVENS is back in London, and we offer him belated congratulations on his marriage, which we understand took place two years ago.

J. BRIDGER also collects our congratulations on the arrival of a son.

W. E. CHAMBERLAIN is now playing hockey regularly for the Ilford H.C. 1st XI.

F. E. NUGENT has made a return to big hockey, and was selected for the Midlands in the International trials against the Combined Services, and against the South.

L. F. HEWETSON has been transferred from Porto Alegre to Rio de Janeiro, and has sent us further most interesting letters describing the life in Brazil during the revolutions. He is still clamouring for letters from his old friends in the London Section, who, we are sure, will not disappoint him.

Of the Ross family we congratulate R. (i.) on the arrival of a son, David, last August, and B. (ii.) for his marriage in September to the sister of his elder brother's wife.

E. A. GRAHAM was transferred in December last to a Bournemouth branch of the Westminster Bank,

H. W. ANDREWS has completely recovered from his serious accident of last year, and, although resident in Dover, has been seen occasionally in Town at the London Section meetings.

We particularly welcome H. V. BONE as a member of this Association, as he was one of the original people who joined the School when it was re-opened in 1908. He has a practice in Fareham as an Accountant, and is therefore a member of a profession with whom the financial side of our organisation are very anxious to keep friendly.

D. J. BENNETT has become apprenticed to the Borough Engineer at Gosport, where he is working for articles in Civil Engineering.

The tale of trade depression still continues, but from C. H. CUSSELL II., who is in the Civil Service and stationed at High Wycombe, we learn that the chair manufacture of that town is in a very bad state. Fortunately for him this does not affect his particular work.

E. A. CARR-HILL is now in Glasgow, but has not furnished us with his new address.

C. S. McMULLEN is joining the Training Ship "Conway" at Birkenhead, and hopes later to go into the Merchant Service.

The following is an extract from a letter from S. S. SMITH, who is now on the Union Castle Line, S.S. "Rovuma," Beira, P.E.A. :—

"I ask you as a bright young Scientist—can't you invent an insecticide that does actually cide." The moment I started to write, 51 flies assailed my personage. I advanced to the attack with a swatter, and killed one, the remainder settling on my back. The attacker's casualties were—one electric light bulb dented, one bottle Enos damaged. It was then decided to outfit them with a gas attack. Accordingly the 'Flit' machine was brought into action. Forty-eight flies immediately donned gas masks and retired into the depths of my bunk, whence they will emerge on a surprise night attack at about 23.00. The remaining two having left their masks at home were temporarily fuddled, and dropped down the inside of my shirt where they are now buzzing horribly. I am now contemplating whether to despatch them by leaning up against a wall, or undress myself and kill them in the more sanitary method of a good kick. Meanwhile, the operator of the 'Flit' is

(a) Sneezing frantically,

(b) Half-blinded.

Get to it, my son, and invent a new bug-juice guaranteed to kill all flying animals or insects,

I suppose if it did it would kill all your clothes in the process.

Unlike the gentleman in the December magazine, who complains that he received many requests for subscriptions and no magazines, I have to confess to having received many magazines, no requests for subscriptions, and having paid no subscriptions for several years, which is partly the reason why I sent three years' subs. along the other day. Further, as a slight redress, will the L.S.O.P. accept my humble hospitality at No. 9, Fairway, some time in Autumn of this year. I am afraid there won't be more than a week's notice, so perhaps it had better be made an extraordinary meeting."

S. S. SMITH is on S.S. Rovuma at Beira, Portuguese East Africa, a vessel specially built for the coasting trade, with large capacity and a light draught, which makes it possible to go in and out of the many rivers which lie between Beira and Moyambique. Beira is the nearest port to Rhodesia, and has a railway from Nyassaland; between it and Moyambique are Chinde, which exports sisal and sugar; Quelimane, Macuse and Pabaane, which all export copra; while Moyambique, a big shipping port, exports maize and monkey-nuts. The Castle Line intermediate ships make the circuit of Africa, two of them running out by the East Coast and home by the West, and the other two vice versa, the "Rovuma's" job being to supply the East Coast boats returning via Suez with cargo, usually copra. Just at present things are very quiet as the low prices current at home do not encourage growers to sell their produce. The ship's complement consists of eight white officers, thirteen Indians (carpenter, quartermasters, greasers, cooks and clerks), while the bosun, stewards and firemen are natives from anywhere within 500 miles of Beira. As there are only two executive officers besides, the captain's work is heavy when the ship is going hard, with watches 8—12 p.m. and 4—8. working all day in a shade temperature of 90 degrees. This lasts for nine or ten days at a stretch, and then four or five days at Beira, comparatively peaceful, as the shore stevedore gangs are efficient and will carry on steadily. Up the coast, however, the gangs are raw hands and need constant supervision. For amusements, an occasional dance, or day's golf, with bathing and tennis at intervals, prevents things getting too deadly, but there is plenty of work and no room for slackers.

R. SMITH, who is now at Colchester Grammar School, has celebrated his first term there by

blossoming into the part of Sir Roderick, in Gilbert and Sullivan's opera, "Ruddigore." As this entails singing the best song in the opera, "The Ghost's High Moon," he must have impressed the authorities as a budding actor, and we wish him a very successful debut. Rehearsals, of course, take up all spare time, but for such a big undertaking that is unavoidable.

A. J. HARVEY was much in evidence at the London Dairy Show, where the wonderful "Auto Dairy Unit" invented by Mr. A. O. Enock (whose chief assistant and engineer is A.J.H.), was demonstrated daily to large crowds of interested spectators. As the unit comprises some 30 tons of machinery and plant, and took nearly four months to produce and set up, very great credit is due to Harvey for his share (a large one) in its supervision. The "Dairyman" newspaper for December, 1930, gives an illustration of the unit, and another which shows it at work, with A.J.H. busy demonstrating.

L. FLINT, who was living at Bromley and working on the staff of the Law Union Insurance Co., has been transferred to the Chief Office of the Combine, and is now District Inspector for Essex of the London and Lancashire Co., and lives at 46, Vicarage Road, Chelmsford, covering his district in a Morris Coupé, which the firm provides.

E. G. GIDDINS, one of the original 16 boys who started with the School in 1908, is now Headmaster of Steep Elementary School, and lives quite close to A. G. COLES.

F. WELLBORNE is still at Auckland, N.Z., but we understand that owing to the increased postal charges for letters, he cannot manage to write. We hope that in spite of the reductions recently decided upon in the pay of all Government officials out there he will soon be able to raise a stamp!

R. H. SCOTT has had a sharp attack of appendicitis, but the operation was quite successful, and he is up and about again. His battalion, the 5/14th Punjab Regiment, has been acting as Viceroy's Bodyguard for some months, which entails much ceremonial and general social duty. He was acting as Adjutant when taken ill, and has only recently returned to duty.

E. G. NOBBS is at Armitar, and has sent up an article giving some idea of what his duties are, for which many thanks.

J. CHRISTMAS came over in the early part of the term for a flying visit between two voyages. He seems to like life in the Mercantile Marine, and is getting grand opportunities of seeing the world.

M. W. GARDNER, having performed feats of skill in negotiating Boat Race Day traffic, in the course of which various omnibuses were put in their place, turned up on Old Boys' Day, but was hung up for hours on the return journey by eccentricities on the part of his car, finally departing in pouring rain at 10 p.m. on Sunday.

F. HARRISON, who is now at the University at Santa Barbara, California, sends some illus-

trations of the place, which is evidently remarkably beautiful. The architecture is Spanish, the climate all that can be desired. He has been playing American football, and still survives, and "made" the Freshman team at "right end," which is more or less our "right wing." He is now out for track, and has had bids from three fraternities on the Campero, but is not eligible yet, as he has to carry at least 12 units, and at present has only five. (He did not send a glossary, so we are left guessing about some of these details, and will publish a key when he sends one; but possibly some of our readers can translate without; anyway, we are very glad to hear of him, and wish him the best of luck.)