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THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

In the course of the term a film called "It's Tough to be Famous" arrived at the local cinema. Those who were courageous enough to go despite the title were well rewarded, and doubtless departed convinced that it is tough to be famous, particularly in America. The ordinary individual may well miss fame and yet find plenty of things which are tough, from a steak at lunch to the defection of magazine contributors; and here we have to admit that this term has no Chronicles, but there is, we hasten joyfully to assure our readers, an electrifying article from the Chronicler's pen.

The vagaries of the weather have been unendingly discussed during term, so there is no need to pursue the subject here as long as we can avoid the frigid atmosphere associated with certain form-rooms. For the rest there is little worthy of remark, save the much appreciated appearance of a lecturer from the Selborne Society.

In conclusion we can only wish to all readers of "THE LION" a very happy Christmas, enjoyable holidays, and a prosperous New Year.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

LONDON MATRICULATION:—R. G. Child, J. B. Cornish, E. A. Crofts, F. C. J. Dixon, J. U. Dyer, A. S. Hobbs, O. J. Hoskins, L. F. Ralls, P. A. Silvester, H. W. Smith.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE:—A. E. Bricknell, R. G. Child, J. B. Cornish, E. A. Crofts, A. G. Crouch, F. C. J. Dixon, J. U. Dyer, H. W. O. Etheridge, A. S. Hobbs, O. J. Hoskins, C. G. Jeffrey, K. J. Milnes, L. F. Ralls, E. Russell, D. E. J. Saint, P. A. Silvester, H. W. Smith, G. W. Weavil, T. W. Yates.

E. Russell gained Distinction in Mathematics.

PAYMASTER CADETSHIPS, Royal Navy:—P. P. Smith, 2nd place.

BOY ARTIFICER, R.N.:—K. Milnes.

SALVETE.

III.A:—R. Seymour, D. L. Banks, B. S. Manley, J. Beavis, D. D. Alderton, W. E. G. Bungey, C. Deadman, R. D. Gaiger, J. J. Lockhart, A. C. Smith, H. W. R. Stevens, P. J. Willis, E. J. Young, R. C. Nutter, A. S. Brooks, W. V. Blakey, D. H. Clark, S. C. F. Middleton, J. H. Taylor.

III.B:—A. G. Prince, E. W. Draper, P. L. Hills, K. J. Long.

II.:—E. I. Humphries, T. S. Palmer.

VALETE.

P. P. Smith*, VI., Head of the School. Monitor. Captain, Cricket and Hockey. Colours, Football.

J. H. Glover*, VI. Option.

A. E. Bricknell*. V.A.

H. E. Brooks*. VI. Monitor. Colours, Hockey.

A. W. Reader*. VI. Monitor.

D. E. Roberts*. V.A.

G. W. Weavil*. V.A. Option.

V. W. Bailey. V.A.

E. A. Crofts*. V.A.

L. V. Wilton. V.B. Colours, Hockey, Cricket, Football.

T. W. Yates*. V.A.

R. C. Atkins. V.A.

A. G. Crouch*. V.A.

H. W. Watson. V.B. Colours, Football.

B. D. Coles. V.B.

B. S. Tapron. Rem.

R. Tew. V.B.

R. W. Warner. IV.A.
 I. H. Pitcairn. IV.A.
 J. F. Leese. IV.B. Option.
 D. B. Riley. Rem.
 R. G. McNeil. Rem.
 A. S. Hobbs*. VI. Monitor. Colours, Hockey.
 L. J. Lusby, T. J. Mason, M. Skinner, D. J. Norster, A. Skinner.
 * Signifies passed Oxford School Certificate Exam.

LA VISITE AU COLLEGE UNIVERSITAIRE DE SOUTHAMPTON.

Ayant appris que les "Acteurs Français," sous les auspices du Gouvernement français, allaient jouer "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," de Molière, le vingt six octobre, nous nous rappelâmes aussitôt le succès de notre dernière visite au Collège Universitaire de Southampton. Ainsi, nous décidâmes bientôt que, malgré le court délai, il fallait absolument y aller. Nous ne fûmes pas désappointés. Vingt élèves firent le voyage en automobiles particulières, pour éviter les frais et l'inconvénient d'un autobus: nos aventures de l'année dernière nous ont démontré qu'il ne faut pas toujours y mettre sa confiance!

La pièce fut bien appréciée par tout le monde, et chaque rôle fut admirablement joué. Nous étions très contents de trouver que Mlle. Clarence, qui nous plut beaucoup l'année dernière, allait représenter Lucile, pendant que les drôleries de M. Jourdain et les rires de Nicole amusèrent beaucoup tout le monde. Les acteurs parterent si distinctement et d'un si bon ton, que personne n'eut aucune difficulté à les comprendre, quoiqu'ils parlassent quelquefois très vite.

Nous sommes bien redevables à Mrs. Dill, qui a bien voulu éminence plusieurs garçons dans son automobile et aux maîtres qui ont facilité cette visite. Nous sommes d'accord que cela valait bien la peine, et tout le monde désire y retourner l'année prochainé.

E. J. GILBERT, R. C. BROOKES.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

This season has been rather disappointing. The record up to date is:—Won 5, lost 5, drawn 2. The side has hardly made the improvement which was expected. Several changes had

to be made in various positions, and it was difficult to find a team as sound in all positions as we hoped would be possible. On certain occasions, as in the first game with Portsmouth Grammar School, and against Midhurst, the team has played really well, but in many other games they have been just as poor.

The forwards have at times been very good, and have made the most of their chances. This was the case against Portsmouth Secondary School, when they played well together and scored eight good goals against a good defence. The chief difficulty throughout the season has been to find an outside-right and an inside-left, and experiments in these positions failed to solve the problem satisfactorily. Jones has been a capable centre-forward and has led his line well, and can shoot very hard and accurately. Powell at outside-left has been one of the most consistent players, and has improved considerably.

The introduction of Sanders and Croucher in the wing half positions has done much to strengthen the line. Moore has been at times the most brilliant member of the team, but on one or two occasions has failed to hold a faster and bigger centre-forward. He should, however, be a great asset in the future.

The chief trouble with the backs has been lack of strong kicking. Both Gilbert and Hoskins tackle very well and have worked with astonishing energy. Williams has kept a good goal, and has improved steadily throughout the season, and cannot be blamed for any of the heavy defeats.

In many games the side has been badly outweighed, notably in the matches against St. John's College and Taunton's School, and for the greater part of the season the heavy state of the ground has been against a light side. But they overcame this difficulty very nobly in the Midhurst game, and therefore might have done rather better in some of the other matches.

The Second Eleven has also suffered from lack of weight and height, especially among the forwards. There are many promising players in this side, however, who should do well in the future. Etheridge has worked exceedingly well at centre-half, and he has received good support in defence from Hill, Saint, Powell and Russell. Of the forwards, Pressley and Watson i. have shown consistently good form.

The House matches resulted in an easy victory for Westbury, who are to be congratulated on winning all their games. Cams lost only to Westbury, and should have a strong side next season.

1st XI. CHARACTERS.

T. WILLIAMS (goal).—Has improved considerably during the season. Kicks an extremely good length and uses his height well, but is apt to be beaten by low shots. He should learn to hold the ball instead of pushing it out to the feet of opposing forwards. Has played some very good games.

E. J. GILBERT (right-back).—Has proved a very keen captain. He is very fast and tackles well, but his kicking is erratic. Is too much inclined to keep the man off instead of playing the ball, but has done a tremendous amount of work.

O. J. HOSKINS (left-back).—Has played consistently well. Tackles very effectively, and is useful with his head. His kicking lacks force, but this is more than made up for by his pace and energy.

E. F. CROUCHER (right-half).—Came into the side late in the season. Tackles and uses his head well. Is rather lacking in pace, but should do well with more experience.

P. S. MOORE (centre-half).—A really good player. Very useful with his head and has excellent ball control. Kicks powerfully and passes accurately, but has been inclined to sacrifice defence for attack in some games.

D. E. M. SANDERS (left-back).—A very robust player, with a hard tackle. Is quite fast and has a strong kick, but his passing is erratic. Should develop into a good full-back.

H. C. HENLEY (outside-right).—Rather disappointing after the form shown in the 2nd XI. last year. Can centre accurately if given sufficient time, but is very slow and seems to hesitate in going for the ball.

R. G. CHILD (inside-right).—Passes well to his wing, and usually makes the most of chances near the goal. Is rather slow for the position, and this prevents him from getting back to help his halves.

A. JONES (centre-forward).—Is quite fast and has good ball control. He shoots very well from certain positions, but has lately been inclined to dribble too much in front of goal.

E. J. SAUNDERS (inside-left).—Works very hard, tackles well, and is quite fast. Most of his work is spoiled by his inability to kick the ball with strength or accuracy, and is therefore weak in front of goal.

R. G. POWELL (outside-left).—Has played very consistently all the season. Is quite fast and can kick well with both feet. Is inclined to

centre too quickly, and should learn to cut in more often.

B. FORD.—Has played several games at inside-left and outside-right. Is quite clever, and has plenty of energy, but is rather slow and is inclined to hold the ball too long.

Old Colours: Gilbert, Jones.

New Colours: Hoskins, Moore, Williams, Child, Powell.

Half-Colours: Sanders, Croucher, Saunders, Henley, Ford.

1st XV. MATCHES.

v. B. R. Shaw's XI.	home drawn	2—2
v. Hilsa College	home won	14—2
v. Gosport Secondary Sc. .	home lost	3—6
v. Portsmouth Grammar Sc.	home won	5—4
v. Portsmouth Banks	home	Scratched
v. St. John's College	away lost	1—9
v. Midhurst Grammar Sc.	home drawn	3—3
v. Taunton's School	away lost	1—11
v. Old Boys	home won	3—0
v. Hilsa College	away won	5—0
v. Portsmouth Sec. Sch. ...	home won	8—2
v. St. John's College	home lost	1—5
v. Portsmouth Gr. Sch. ...	away lost	0—10
v. Gosport Secondary School.		

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Hilsa College II.	home won	4—1
v. Gosport Sec. School II. ...	home won	4—2
v. Portsmouth Gr. Sch. III. ...	home lost	3—5
v. St. John's College II.	away lost	3—4
v. St. Helen's College I.	home won	3—2
v. Taunton's School II.	home lost	0—5
v. Hilsa College II.	away won	5—1
v. Portsmouth Sec. Sch. II. ...	home lost	1—5
v. St. John's College II.	home lost	0—4
v. Portsmouth Gr. Sch. III. ...	away lost	0—12

THIRD ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Gosport Sec. Sch. III.	away lost	2—3
v. St. Helen's College II.	home won	6—2
v. St. John's College III.	away lost	0—13

FOURTH ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Gosport Sec. Sch. IV.	away lost	3—8
v. St. John's College IV.	away lost	1—3

HOUSE MATCHES.

Blackbrook i.	1	School House i. ...	2
„ ii.	1	„ ii. ...	2
„ iii.	1	„ iii. ...	3

Westbury i.	8	Cams i.	6
„ ii.	3	„ ii.	2
„ iii.	5	„ iii.	3
Blackbrook i.	0	Cams i.	6
„ ii.	1	„ ii.	9
„ iii.	1	„ iii.	7
Westbury i.	3	School House i. ...	0
„ ii.	2	„ ii.	1
„ iii.	4	„ iii.	3
Blackbrook i.	1	Westbury i.	17
„ ii.	0	„ ii.	9
„ iii.	0	„ iii.	5
School House i. ...	2	Cams i.	3
„ ii.	1	„ ii.	4
„ iii.	0	„ iii.	1

HOUSE COMPETITION.

		1st	2nd	3rd	Pts.
		XI.	XI.	XI.	
Westbury	Won	3	3	3	24
Cams	Won	2	2	2	16
School House	Won	1	1	1	8
Blackbrook	Won	0	0	0	0

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

1st XI. v. Gosport Secondary School.

Home Lost 3—6.

This was a good game, with Gosport rather quicker on the ball. Two goals were given away by foolish handling in the penalty area. Apart from this the School did quite well both in attack and defence, as the Gosport side played really well.

1st XI. v. Portsmouth Grammar School.

Home. Won 5—4.

This was the first time that Portsmouth have been beaten on our ground. The whole team played well, with Jones, Moore and Child outstanding. But for defensive errors towards the end of the game the score might well have been 5—2 in our favour. This was one of the best performances of the season, but it must be remembered that Portsmouth were not quite at full strength, as the return match showed.

1st XI. v. St. John's College.

Away. Lost 1—9.

The School played the first half with a strong wind behind them, but in spite of pressing during the early part of the game, when they had many chances, were unable to score, while

defensive errors allowed St. John's to score three goals. After half-time the School were definitely out-weighted and out-classed, Hoskins alone playing well.

1st XI. v. Midhurst Grammar School.

Home. Drawn 3—3.

This match was played on the New Recreation Ground as the School field was unfit for play. The School scored first after a good movement on the right wing, but Midhurst quickly equalised, and at half-time the scores were level. Afterwards the School had rather the better of the game, but each side scored two more goals. Midhurst played very well in defence, their goalkeeper making some very fine saves, while Williams also played well. On the whole the School were unfortunate not to win, as in spite of the appalling weather conditions and the state of the ground, the team, especially Moore and Hoskins, played exceedingly well.

1st XI. v. Taunton's School.

Away. Lost 1—11.

There is the usual tale to tell about this game. Taunton's were a better side in every phase of the game, as well as being considerably the heavier team. The School started well and were the first to score after a good movement on the left wing, Child scoring with a good shot. Taunton's then pressed, but owing to some fine saves by Williams, could only score twice. After half-time Taunton's pressed continually and scored goals at regular intervals, the centre-forward getting ten goals.

1st XI. v. Portsmouth Secondary School.

Home. Won 8—3.

The field was in a very muddy state, but the School forwards quickly found their best form, Child making the most of his scoring chances. The defence was sound, and the wing forwards profited by some loose marking. Moore was particularly good at centre-half, passing and dribbling well, and Gilbert broke up many strong attacks.

1st XI. v. St. John's College.

Home. Lost 1—5.

This was a much more even game than the score would indicate. Playing downhill with a strong wind in the first half, the forwards should have scored at least twice, while during the second half defensive errors allowed St. John's to score at least two undeserved goals. Moore again played well, kicking a heavy ball accurately against a strong wind.

HOUSE NOTES.

BLACKBROOK.

This term has not seen a succession of Blackbrook victories, and although we lost heavily to Cams and Westbury, we are not downhearted. Our teams were considerably lighter than those of the other Houses, but in spite of this, the juniors whom we were forced to put in the 1st XI. played extremely well.

Next term we play hockey, and here weight is not needed so much, and we must try our best to keep the Hockey Cup, which we now share with Westbury.

We were also unfortunate in losing our House Captain, Hobbs, and we all wish him the best of luck in his new post.

Several of the new boys show considerable promise, and they should improve greatly before the next football season.

We must also take this opportunity of congratulating Hobbs, Ralls, Cornish, Bricknell, Crofts, Dixon and Yates on passing very creditably the School Certificate examination last term.

Next term there will be the Steeplechase, and we should do well in both Junior and Senior events. We have all the Steeplechase Cups, and to retain these every boy will have to do his uttermost.

We must not feel depressed this term because we did not get the Football Cup, but with reasonable luck we shall be more successful next term.

O. J. H.

CAMS.

Let me hasten to congratulate Cams on their extremely laudable attempt for the "Soccer" Cup. Although we have no cup to show for our work, we have proved to the disadvantage of two of our opponents that we are not altogether useless on the field, by obtaining sixteen points and being second only to Westbury. We must congratulate all those members of the 1st XI. who, under the leadership of Saunders, acquitted themselves so well. Especially must we express our admiration for the younger members, who have aided the House so materially in this struggle, by playing in a manner really worthy of a House 1st XI. against much older and bigger players than themselves. In this category we include Watson ii. and Walters. Silvester ii. proved his worth again and again in goal. Now we have definitely started on the roads to success we must continue by doing even better at Hockey and in the Steeplechase next term.

We must also congratulate Saunders, Freemantle and Parker on being made Options, and express our sincerest sympathy for Etheridge, who, although obtaining seven credits in the Oxford Local Examination, failed to obtain exemption from Matriculation.

We must also welcome to the House our portion of the new boys, in whom our future, if not our present, hopes are fixed.

Next term, in the Steeplechase, which gives an opportunity for every individual to do something for his House, we shall see if our hopes are justified. Do not let us be disappointed!

J. V. D.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

Last term the House won the Cricket Cup, and we congratulate them on their success, and we thank the members of the teams for their support.

The Football Competition, however, did not help us to decorate our shelf, but our performances were very creditable. Westbury, whom we must congratulate on winning the Cup without dropping a point, received the sternest opposition from us. Cams beat us by the odd goal in five after an excellent game, and our team spirit helped us to defeat Blackbrook after another hard-fought game.

Williams, who was recently awarded his 1st XI. Colours, kept goal exceedingly well. Ford and Swinstead both played very well, and the latter scored some five goals.

Our junior teams did not meet with much success, but they are to be complimented on their victories over Blackbrook.

Of our new-comers this term, Manley ii. and Taylor show distinct promise. Taylor played for our 1st XI. against Cams, and he fully justified his inclusion. We hope our other new members will do their best at sport and at school work.

Congratulations to those who passed the Oxford Locals, and to those who have been appointed Options. We all heartily congratulate Smith, who was successful in the Paymaster Cadetship examination. Both the School and the House greatly feel his departure, and we wish him the best of luck in his new position.

New term gives us ample opportunity for winning trophies for our shelf. Besides the Hockey Competition, there are the Steeplechases, which give everyone a chance to help their Houses. Only hard training and determination will bring us success, and we want everyone to do his bit.

R. G. C.

WESTBURY.

Once again we have won the Football Cup, and it is pleasant to have done so in a decisive manner: for, besides not losing a point, we have the satisfaction of having a clear 46 goals to our credit. We were, of course, fortunate in having six men who have played for the School XI., and sufficient in the 2nd XI. to make a powerful first team. This, however, had the disadvantage of leaving the Junior teams comparatively weak, but they played courageously, although on one occasion we had hardly a reserve left. Several games were won by narrow margins after early reverses, and this says much for the spirit of our younger members, some of whom show considerable promise.

We are pleased to see Cams finding their feet again, and to see that they have not lost courage in their rather prolonged series of setbacks.

The results of the Tarbut Cup competition have not yet been published, so we must just hope for the best, and remember that the examinations next term give considerable scope for helping the House.

Next term, too, comes the Steeplechase, a source of fears for many, but giving an opportunity for every boy who is fit to pull his weight. Practice will commence early, and it is hoped that everyone will turn out whenever possible. Meanwhile, a merry Christmas to all.

E. J. G.

A MILLION VOLTS.

Some time ago I had the good fortune to be shown over the works of the General Electric Company at Witton, and among the many interesting things to be seen there, I think the special display the firm provided in their High Voltage Testing Laboratory is most to be remembered.

The Laboratory was a very large room, with no windows, and walls which appeared to be of metal, and it was occupied by strange-looking apparatus, all on a large scale. A gallery along one wall carried the switch-board from which everything was controlled, and also provided a safe place for visitors, with a good view of the laboratory. On the floor below, men were at work connecting wires to an enormous pair of metal balls, whose size made them seem a grotesque exaggeration of the apparatus used for simple experiments in an ordinary physical laboratory. When the connections were complete, the men withdrew, and we heard the clang of bolts as the doors leading to the enclosure were fastened. A whistle blew, all lights were extin-

guished, except that on the switch-board, and a rushing sound began, getting louder and louder. In the darkness the connecting wires began to glow with little purple flames known as "brush discharge," and they hissed and crackled continuously. This discharge is not due to the wires becoming heated, but is one of the ways in which electricity escapes from conductors whose voltage is very high. It gave a weird fantastic light, which showed dimly the great metal balls, and flickered on the smooth surfaces of other apparatus in the laboratory. Then, suddenly, the first spark came with a crash from one of the balls to the other—a jagged, zig-zag spark, which looked an inch or two thick, and eight or ten feet long. Others followed continuously, with a deafening crackling roar, which made conversation impossible, and the appearance of the place in that weird light was stranger than ever. Familiar though such things were to us in theory, we couldn't help being awed by the spectacle.

At last the operator switched off, and the silence and darkness came almost as a shock. Then the lights were switched on, doors were unbolted, and the men again entered the enclosure, mounted their ladders, and disconnected the wires. To see them handling the bare metal which had been spitting out those terrifying sparks, made one shudder at the possibility of a switch left on, and it was comforting to learn that the very act of opening the doors disconnected everything inside the enclosure from the power supply. We were told that the sparks we had just seen involved the use of no less than a million volts between the two balls.

For the benefit of those who can follow the explanation, let me say that this voltage was obtained by the use of transformers. The primary circuit of the first transformer was supplied with current from outside, and gave out current at a very much higher voltage from its secondary circuit. This was fed into the primary circuit of the next transformer, and soon, the voltage increasing at each stage until the required voltage was reached. The transformers were on pedestals, each higher above the ground and further from the walls than those which preceded it in the chain. This was to avoid the risk of sparking from the transformers to the earth or to the walls.

After the display of sparks, large porcelain insulators were subjected to high voltage tests. They varied from three feet in length to about eight feet. In each case the lights were put out, and again there came the rushing sound and the purple brush discharge all along the connecting wires. At last, when the insulator could stand no more, a cascade of flaming sparks flashed from end to end of it, keeping close to the corru-

gated surface of the porcelain, like water tumbling over rocks.

These large insulators are used in connection with the system of electric supply known as the "grid," which is gradually spreading over the whole country, and the tests are essential to make sure that they will stand the high voltages to which they will be exposed in use. Tests are carried out under a variety of conditions. Power can be applied at a gradually increasing voltage, or a high voltage can be applied suddenly, so as to imitate the effect of a sudden fault, or of a lightning flash. Since the insulators have to bear loads, they are also tested while subjected to mechanical pressure or tension.

All these tests we saw, and the whole display made the efforts of sensational film producers look feeble. The spectacle would have thrilled any artist, and I think even the least imaginative of those present must have been impressed by the enormous power manifested.

J. S.

THE TRAVELLER.

I've seen the Himalayas, with their peaks so pure and white,
 I've seen Vesuvius' awful fire, raging in the night.
 The Mandarin and Coolie, in the mystic land of China;
 The mighty herds of cattle in the sunny Argentina.
 I've heard the lion's mighty roar in African Savannah,
 And oft' admired the dusky belles who dwell in far Havana.
 The Great Pyramids of Egypt are no strange sight to me, —
 My thanks for all these journeys are due,
 Cinema, to thee.

R. A. P. (V.A.)

THE HISTORY OF THE MAN IN THE STREET.

In the beginning, the Man-in-the-Street was all wrong. He should, according to his parents, have been a girl, but as he wasn't, they appeased their wrath by finding as much wrong with his body as they could. He had a big head, they said: and I verily believe that if it were not for the persuasions of the doctor (who had been called in and given the victim an emetic, as he hadn't many patients on hand then, thus making him bilious for the rest of his life), they would have

laid about them with a chopper and had it off. Despite all this, the child managed to survive, and when he was six he was sent to school.

Now a school, as everybody knows, is a place where the puerile mind is taught to function: accordingly, the man-in-the-street was taught how to read (which his mother had already taught him) and how to sing. This course of brain building continued until he was ten years of age, having been occasionally supplemented by such makers of sagacity as plasticine and sewing lessons.

When he was ten he was sent to another school: this was to make him forget he had ever learnt. Whenever he multiplied or added with the aid of his fingers, he was assailed with the cry, "You are not a baby now." Besides being taught that he wasn't a baby, he learnt that if he left the books with which he should have done his prep. at school, and said that he had done so, no master would believe him. . . .

Despite the process of making him as much like thirty other boys as possible, he managed to get on a little, and when he was sixteen years old he was asked what profession he was going to take up; to this he replied that to be a doctor or a judge, or anything colourful like that, would suit him, knowing very well that he would either join the services or follow in his father's footsteps. Probably the latter, as some hidden feeling, and also his father, told him that this trade was the easiest and most profitable on earth.

So when he was twenty he was tilling the earth or tending a machine or standing in a bread line, like his father, but convinced that his job was the most atrocious and the most sterile possible. . . . But soon a subtle change came over him: first he fell in love, if not with a woman, with a machine or the countryside; his mind had broadened somewhat, and he began to get interested in his country, which was undoubtedly going to the dogs. Ever so slowly he began to get convinced that his trade was the best, that *he* was the goods, that *he* could save the country. He conducted heated discussions in the local papers, and, it seemed to him, invariably emerged with colours flying.

This went on for a long time, but then something happened. It does not matter what happened, for I don't know, but anyway, he took to drink. Now, whether he imagined that if he drank enough spirit he would be preserved after the manner of a fungus and the public would have his services for ever, I do not know, but he drank enough to support the theory.

There is little to add to this history. The Man-in-the-Street began to get profoundly religious, and one day he was found dead at the bottom of the stairs, a fate which probably symbolises

something. He left a son behind him who from the first had been all wrong. He should, according to his parents, have been a girl, but as he wasn't, they appeased their wrath by finding as much wrong with his body as they could. . . .

J. G. H. (V.A.)

A DAY IN A BIG LONDON STORE.

I arrived at the magnificent entrance to one of London's most popular stores, in which one can go and look round without buying a thing. As most of the ground floor was occupied with clothes and women's hat stalls, I did not hesitate to go straight to the lift that was about to ascend. We stopped at the first floor. "China, groceries, and underwear," exclaimed the lift girl, in a monotonous voice. The next floor happened to be the one I wanted. "Photography, toys, musical instruments, wireless, television, and gramophones," we were told in the same dull voice. Directly in front of me were arranged all the things in the world which a boy could wish for, and wishing was about as far as I could get with most of these things.

Hearing some music to the right, I walked in that direction to investigate. Here you could have a record made of your own voice for a shilling. Somewhat timidly I entered the apartment which was curtained off, and there I spoke into a microphone standing on a table, and in case I was at a loss for something to say, I was handed a sheet of paper with words suitable to the occasion. A bell rang beside me and I had to stop speaking. In a few moments I was handed an aluminium disc, which was a recording of my voice. It was played over on a gramophone, and I was delighted with the result.

I went on and looked at a radio demonstrator, who tried to sell me his latest "four valve," but as we already had a "three" and a couple of crystal sets, I was not tempted; but I did get a free ticket for a television demonstration for the afternoon. I wandered through the huge toy department enviously, and, as trade was slack, one of the assistants showed me how several of the mechanical toys worked. He even tried my record on a child's gramophone.

By this time I was feeling a little hungry, so I went right down to the basement and had something to eat. Then, after going up and down the escalator twice (just for fun), I took the lift up to the roof, where there were some most beautiful gardens. I walked round these and looked over the parapet on to the road far below.

It was now time for the television. We went into a darkened room, and suddenly the

figure of a man flickered on the screen. The man's voice came clearly through a loud-speaker and his image gradually became clearer on the screen. Then, anyone of the audience could go and be televised from the studio in the basement. Many people went. I was one of them. I had to stand in front of a very bright light (I was glad it was not for long!) and my picture came out on the screen several floors above.

I had something more to eat, and then wandered through the musical instrument department. Here I was shown how to play a pianola, and I thought my piano-playing rather flat in comparison. I was told I could bang a few notes on a xylophone if I wanted to, so I did. It was then time for me to leave. I had a last ride down the escalator, heard the same lift girl call out "China, groceries, and underwear" for the last time, and pushed my way through the swing doors just in time to catch a bus.

C. F. (V.B.)

NATURE IN THE RAW.

It was a still, frosty, moonlight night, when one could see on the edge of the moor, where the forest began, a group of rabbits chasing each other round and round and quite near, playing the same game, was a badger and its cubs. The badger is usually an enemy of the rabbit, but on this occasion they were quite friendly. Suddenly, a frightened rabbit dashed out of the wood and ran through the peaceful badger and rabbit families. No far behind it came a stoat, a little russet animal, following, with its nose the exact route the rabbit had taken.

On seeing the pursued rabbit, the others immediately took to their burrows, but the badgers did not move, even when the stoat appeared. Another animal appeared out of the wood and followed the track of the stoat. A shrill scream across the silent moor told its tale; the rabbit had died from the teeth of the stoat. At this scream the mother badger hustled its cubs into the burrow and went in the direction of the sound, but a mob of long-eared owls reached the scene before the badger, and on her arrival were fiercely attacking the stoat.

There is nothing a badger likes more than a fight, and, joining the fray, caught the wing of an owl, but could get no firmer grip, while the other owls flapped around. The stoat, slinking into a "blind" rabbit hole, left the battle to the badger, and a score of lapwings, not far away, aroused by the scream, wheeled down to join the fight. The badger was enjoying herself, when something swooped down from the air and hit her on the nose. A curlew. The badger's nose is

tender, and at this assault her blood was up. She grabbed two owls in succession and killed them, and ten minutes later five lapwings and three owls lay dead. The birds retreated, the badger returned home, the stoat came out and pulled the dead into a rut. A little while after a fox appeared, ready for the feast, but on the battle-scene were only a few feathers. By the scent the fox soon found out where they were, and took them away to hide them.

Next morning the keeper found in the water tank five dead lapwings, three dead owls, and one drowned stoat.

B. F. (Remove).

A SPRING MORNING.

Far beyond the tall, stately poplar trees the first rays of the sun were creeping across the pale grey sky, turning it to glowing red and yellow. The soft, warm sunbeams gleamed on birds mating together, gathering scraps of hay and feathery moss, ready for the building of their tiny homes in the hedgerows or beneath the eaves.

Fresh green buds were bursting anew on the once bare branches, and flowers were peeping forth to catch a glimpse of the world. The golden and green dresses of the swaying daffodils were bright and gay, while delicate snowdrops looked admiringly at their glistening dewdrop gems. Sweetly-scented violets lay hidden beneath their dark green leaves. Shadows cast by the overhanging boughs were dancing gaily in the gentle morning breezes. Now and then a brown field mouse or squirrel would appear and then scamper away home in the branches of a nearby tree.

Gradually the sunlight faded beneath a black cloud. Soon came the storm, with blinding flashes of lightning and rolling claps of thunder. Great splashes of silvery rain fell on the trail flowers, bruising their tiny petals and breaking their slender stems.

J. B. (III.A.)

DREAM-SHIP.

In all my evening dreams, when twilight shades
Flow swift and dusky, and the sunlight fades,
—There comes before my eyes a vision fair—
My dream-ship rides upon the golden air.
Stately and slow, the argent galleon glides,
Rising and riding on the flowing tides
Of thoughts and memories and dreams of bliss,
While, round her bosom, lapping wavelets kiss,
Silver as moonbeams, fragile as the wing

Of butterflies that dance through days of Spring,
Lovely as blossoms on the dew-spun spray,
Where thrushes shake the boughs with happy lay,
Graceful as swans that breast the streamlet's
waves.

I see my galleon glide o'er seas, where caves,
Deep down, hold treasures ne'er by mortals
seen,

Coral and pearls, and shells of pearly sheen,
Treasures of sea-kings, hidden long ago,
Down where the tides swing strong and deep and
slow.

Treasures as these some day I shall behold,
When comes my galleon o'er the seas of gold,
And brings me from the sea-caves such a store
Of wonders as men's eyes ne'er saw before.
Some day my silver ship with full sails set,
—Gossamer sails with gleaming, spray gems
wet—

Will come across the evening seas of fire
And bring such wealth as never saw old Tyre.
And so I dream, whene'er the twilight shades
Flow swift and dusky, and the sunlight fades,
While still before my eyes and vision fair,
And still my dream-ship rides the golden air:
Care and perplexities may me annoy,
But evening shades bring never-ending joy;
While thoughts and memories and dreams of bliss
E'er flow in golden tides, the gentle kiss
Of happy fancy still my heart shall free
Of care, until my ship comes home to me.

N.G. (V.B.).

THE OLD PRICEAN.

NOTE.

OLD PRICEAN CAREERS BUREAU.

This service from the Past to the Present is now available, and any boys who are desirous of entering a specific profession or occupation, and would like any information about it, are invited to write to the Secretary of the Old Priceans' Association, G. Chignell, 21, Lochbie, Crouch Hill, N. 4, who will endeavour to put them into direct touch with a member engaged in that profession or occupation, who will be pleased to give any help and information he can.

It must be clearly understood, however, that at present no obligation is entered into on the part of the member to find a post for the enquirer.

SECRETARIAL NOTES.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., M.P., His Majesty's Attorney-General and Member for Fareham,

and the Rev. A. Cory, Vicar of Fareham, who is Chairman of the Governors, have accepted Vice-Presidencies of the Association. Ever since the very eulogistic references which the Headmaster made concerning us at the last Speech Day we have felt ourselves an officially recognised entity, so the support which these names will give us will be of the greatest help. May we express the hope that our new Vice-Presidents will never have cause to regret their association with us; for our part, backed now by the Church and the State, we can look forward with every confidence to the future.

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From time to time references have been made to one of the primordial functions of an Old Boys' Association which we have so far been too young and unfledged to carry out,—that of offering to the School some tangible token of our corporate affection and gratitude. It perhaps ill befits a child of eleven to offer presents to a sturdy man of 211 years, but it is symptomatic of the vigour of the child that an urge in that direction is felt, and we shall soon, we hope, be in a position to ask our members what form such a gift, even though it be small, should take.

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The difficulty of putting a football team into the field still prevails. Nine of the members who were selected last term to turn out on November 19th were unable to play, and in the end the team was only completed at the very last moment. Nothing but defeat could be expected, and though individually our team put up a sturdy resistance, lack of cohesion, coupled with a certain lack of practice on the part of some, enabled the well-knit School team to record their second successive football triumph in these matches. We can only hope that now the date of this fixture is permanently settled, some of our more proficient exponents will be able to keep the day free for us.

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The meeting on November 19th was very well attended for the time of year; it is never a very enticing prospect to stand about on wet ground in the cold wind watching the game. Those who did turn out received a warm welcome and by their presence made a very successful meeting. A particularly gratifying feature was the number of very new O.P.'s who turned up for the first time (by no means the last, we hope) as members of the Association.

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We make no apology for explaining again that for a year after they leave, all boys are afforded the full privileges of membership without

any payment of subscription. We receive as many names and addresses as possible from Mr. Shaw, but occasionally, and particularly when people leave in the middle of the term, names are missed. We appeal to boys just to drop us a line when leaving, so that we can keep in touch with them, and furthermore, we ask them during the first year just to let us know that they wish to continue as paying members thereafter.

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We are steadily collecting names of members who are willing to help with the new Careers Bureau, but many professions and occupations remain unrepresented; and we ask our members to offer us their services in this connection, so that the assistance which we offer to the Present may be as complete as possible.

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After an unfortunate series of delays, the authorised new O.P. Tie is available, and owing to the large order we were compelled to take and the consequent depletion of our funds, we again appeal to members to send in their orders for Ties as soon as possible.

A similar appeal made at the November meeting produced very gratifying results, and we are confident that the co-operation of all members will assist us soon to sell out this first consignment. The Tie itself is, of course, obtainable either from me, or from Messrs. Dunn, of West Street, Fareham, Hants.

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We offer congratulations to the School on the second International Cap which has appeared among the Old Boys, F. E. Nugent having been followed by F. M. Wellborne, who was a not distinguished member of the New Zealand Hockey Team who toured Australia undefeated last year.

The School has always prided itself on the distinguished Hockey players it has produced, and Wellborne's name fitly crowns a remarkably fine list.

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We have entered a team to compete in the Hockey Festival at Bournemouth next Easter. This is quite the most important public appearance the Association has made, and, if successful, will be of great value to the School. We have every reason to hope that we shall be able to field a side which will do credit to the School and to the Association, but we make no apology for asking all our members to support this effort in any way possible.

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Finally, please make a note of March 4th, 1933, and a special effort to turn up at the School

on that date (whether playing or not) to give your support to the O.P.A. Team.

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And last word of all, a merry Christmas to everybody, and may all our luck improve in 1933.

G. CHIGNELL.

PAST v. PRESENT. November 19th, 1932.

Pressing claims of members' own teams unfortunately prevented the majority of the selected O.P. Team from turning out. R. A. Lewry and V. G. Barnes were playing for University College, Exeter; H. E. Sturgess, F. G. Wagstaffe and L. Goodall had a cup match for the Fareham Brotherhood; and J. B. Sinnott was playing for the first time for his Bank at Ryde. Nevertheless, the team was at the last moment completed, and for the first half more than held its own against the School, though failing to score, whilst J. M. Lee in goal was beaten by an excellent shot which left him quite unsuspected. The heavy ground and lack of practice proved too big a handicap in the second half, and the School added two further goals, thus winning 3-0.

O.P. Team:—J. M. Lee; A. S. Hobbs, B. R. Ross; A. E. Fletcher, A. G. Frost, H. G. Gibson; D. J. Bennett, C. Ross, J. H. Chapman, C. H. Farrow, R. C. H. Connolly.

What had promised to be rather a small meeting suddenly grew tremendously in size about tea-time, and in all 38 members turned up. Tea was followed by the usual informal sing-song, which began with "Forty Years On," followed by community numbers and solos by the Headmaster, B. R. Ross and C. Ross, the meeting closing with enthusiastic cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Bradly and for the Old Boys.

Those present, in addition to the team, included: H. Aps, O. J. Austin, G. Chignell, T. H. Chignell, B. Coles, H. C. Cross, W. G. Budden, A. E. Blanch, A. C. Brooks, F. R. Clarke, E. H. Dean-Cooper, W. G. Dore, F. O. Dyer, Glover, W. E. S. Hoather, Hobbs, D. C. T. Humphries, Kilford, H. W. Mundy, R. W. Pickwood, R. G. Reeves, J. E. Ross, F. P. Smith, J. Swales, N. E. Wareham, R. G. Swales.

L.S.O.P. NOTES.

The 1932-33 sessions of the London Section is now in full swing, and we are busy making preparations for the Christmas Dinner, which is to be held at "The Crown and Two Chairmen," Dean Street, Soho, at 7.30 for 8.0 p.m. on December 20th. Should the "LION" be out before that date and anyone reading these Notes care to join us, it is unnecessary to say that we shall be

very glad to welcome them. We want a record attendance this year.

We would remind members again of the existence of our Lunch Club, which meets on the first Tuesday in every month at the Brassiere Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus. The object of the Club is to enable any Old Priccan who may be in or passing through London on those days, to go and find other O.P.'s with whom he can have an inexpensive lunch and chat.

There seems to be little that the Secretary can comment upon this time: possibly it is because he has so recently changed from the single to the matrimonial state that his head is empty of such mundane matters as L.S.O.P. Notes. He will strive to do better next time.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,
87a, Talgarth Road, W. 14.

It would be most ungracious to let D. R. Masterman's notes go to print without some further reference to his wedding, which almost became an extra meeting of the Section, and which was unanimously voted a wonderful occasion. The Section will, I know, like me to take this opportunity of wishing every happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Masterman, and all prosperity in the future.

G. C.

NEW OR REJOINED MEMBERS.

- A. E. Bricknell.—53 Gordon Road, Fareham, Hants.
- T. H. Chignell.—71 High Street, Fareham, Hants.
- Robert Clark.—Droxford, Hants.
- Reginald Clark.—Droxford, Hants.
- H. C. Cross.—Northview, Grange Road, Netley Abbey, Hants.
- A. G. Crouch.—Alberta, Porchester Road, Fareham, Hants.
- J. H. Glover.—Broadlands, Wickham Road, Fareham, Hants.
- V. C. Higgens.—Glen Innes Road, St. Helier, Auckland, N.Z.
- A. S. Hobbs.—Kilverton, Hound Road, Netley Abbey, Hants.
- J. R. Miller.—Bridge Street, Wickham, Hants.
- P. P. Smith.—H.M.S. "Erebus," Devonport.
- R. G. Swales.—50 Sackville Road, Hove, Sussex.
- L. V. Wilton.—R.A.F. Camp, Halton, Bucks.
- T. W. Yates.—Raglan, Elson Road, Gosport, Hants.
- E. G. White.—202 Leigham Court Road, Streatham Hill, S.W. 16.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- H. W. Andrews.—36 Priory Hill, Dover.
 L. Archell.—Plumtree School, Southern Rhodesia, S. Africa.
 L. F. Biden.—“La Cima,” Hillcross Avenue, Merton, Surrey.
 W. G. Budden.—“Barrington,” Pettit Road, Bournemouth.
 F. T. Butland.—Castle Street, Ludgershall, Wilts.
 L. G. Chamberlain.—c/o High Street Post Office, Fareham. (Forward.)
 W. E. Chamberlain.—c/o High Street Post Office, Fareham. (Forward.)
 R. T. Clark.—Barclays Bank, Cosham, Hants.
 E. H. Dean-Cooper.—73 Southern Road, Basingstoke, Hants.
 E. J. K. Garrett.—60 Beresford Road, Canonbury, N. 5.
 S. F. Polwin.—The Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone.
 B. R. Ross.—“Fairholme,” Station Road, Netley, Hants.
 A. W. Ivens.—458 Edgware Road, London, W. 2
 J. Swales.—50 Sackville Road, Hove, Sussex.
 E. E. Wheeler.—122 Norwood Road, S.W. 2.
 D. E. Gregory.—Signal School, R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth.

“BEHIND THE SCENES.”

IX.—A Deck Officer in the Merchant Service.

By S. S. SMITH.

Sir John Strachey once said that there was no such country as India and that the Indians as a people did not exist. The same reasoning might very well be applied to the British Merchant Service, a collection of private companies each running their ships in their own way, but with a background of discipline, necessary factors for Safety of Life at Sea, and qualifications of officers supplied by the Marine Department of the Board of Trade.

There are three grades of necessary certificates, second mate, mate, and master; also a further voluntary one, extra-master. Before sitting for the first exam., the candidate must be able to show four years' satisfactory service at sea, in some suitable rating on deck, usually, but not necessarily, that of apprentice or cadet. For mate's and master's exams. he must show further periods of service at sea as an officer in charge of a watch. The minimum age at which a candidate is allowed to present himself for the first exam. is twenty, and for that of master, twenty-three, but under modern conditions the average age of obtaining the last certificate is about twenty-five. The exams. are now tolerably

difficult, the theory being mainly mathematics, especially trigonometry, and the practical side requiring a considerable amount of memory work combined with a good reasoning mind for solving the ever-lasting problems which beset the mariner.

Many fellows start their career at sea by serving two or three years in one of the training schools—Worcester, Conway, Pangbourne,—where the education is mainly nautical, with a thorough grounding in the allied subjects. After a satisfactory course of not less than two years at one of these schools, the candidate for second mate is required to show only three years' sea-service instead of four. The fees are approximately £100 to £150 per annum.

A few companies require a premium for the period of apprenticeship, but that is not customary at present. Apart from board, keep, and medical attendance whilst on a voyage, an apprentice's pay is usually nominal. All seamen are paid by the calendar month at a rate decided by the National Maritime Board and in accordance with the size of the ship. For a foreign-going cargo steamer of from 5,000 to 7,000 tons they are:—

Third Mate	£10 : 7 : 0
Second „	£13 : 1 : 0
First „	£16 : 0 : 0 to £20 : 14 : 0

There are no fixed rates for officers of passenger ships, nor for Captains in any ships. These rates do not give any idea of what to expect at any particular age, as the promotion rate is so variable, also in many companies there is no pay whilst waiting between voyages. Annual leave on full pay at the rate of one fortnight per completed year of service was granted from the 1st July, 1929. Owing to the present slump this order is in abeyance, and is only granted by the bigger companies.

The sea is not to-day the hard life Danac wrote about some hundred years ago, but it still requires unremitting watchfulness and attention to duties in often unpleasant surroundings, with extremes of heat and cold. A few seconds' indecision may mean the loss of hundreds of lives and millions of property. For the duration of the voyage the ship is the sailor's home, work, and pleasure. A mate is required to be a sailor, lawyer, policeman, doctor, and mathematician, and when in addition he can see mistakes in the work of skilled carpenters, shipwrights, plumbers, painters and blacksmiths, not to mention soothing irritated passengers with the aplomb of a maitre d'hotel, he will make a very suitable chief officer for a passenger ship. Then, in the course of time, he will attain the exalted rank of commander of a liner and be answerable for the deficiencies of all the other departments of a ship, in addition to the one in which he was brought up.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

We deeply regret to record the death of one of our members, R. FORSYTH, who died in July last, after a very long and painful illness, which had prevented him from coming to School for several years.

Heartiest congratulations to:—

L. ARCHBELL, who was married on August 18th, and sailed next day on his honeymoon trip to Rhodesia, where he is taking up a post at Plumtree School.

D. R. MASTERMAN, who was married at Kensington on November 26th, to Mrs. M. Hodson.

W. G. BUDDEN, who has recently become a father. We are glad to report all well.

J. C. HURDEN, on his engagement to Miss R. E. Silsbury, in August last. He is still in Derby with the Mining and Industrial Corporation.

T. G. CHIGNELL, who was married in October. He has just started a dental practice in Fareham, and is also assisting his father in Havant and Emsworth.

H. W. ANDREWS, who was married in October.

F. DE M. WELLBORNE, on his New Zealand Hockey Cap.

L. F. SHEPPARD came home from Egypt this summer, and turned up at Reunion, but left again shortly afterwards to take up a Government teaching post in Cairo.

W. C. McNEIL spent some months during the summer in the office of the Superintendent of the Line, Paddington Station, but has now returned to Swanmore.

F. T. BUTLAND has been appointed Manager of the Ludgershall branch of Lloyds Bank. He finds his new home very dull, as he has to go twelve months even for a game of tennis. The Tidworth Tattoo kept him busy for a week counting cash. Incidentally we learn (not from him) that he is one of the youngest men ever to be appointed to a managership. Congratulations.

R. T. CLARK has been transferred from Osborn Road, Southsea, to the Cosham branch of Barclays Bank; while J. B. SINNOTT has been transferred to Ryde; and G. PULLEN, from the London office of the National Provincial Bank to Sheffield.

The brothers CHAMBERLAIN have joined forces and taken a flat in Town, but seem very reluctant to part with their address.

S. S. SMITH continues to appear spasmodically in London, and to write interesting letters from

the various stopping places of the Union Castle Line. In one letter he says:—"Did you have a good day at School last month? I had the pleasure of being Officer of the Day on that particular date, and, to add insult to injury, they fumigated the ship with cyanide, so that I was harried from one 'Safety Zone' to another, by officious gentlemen in gas-masks. I got fed up with it and retired to bed in my own cabin. I am still alive, and so are the rats, so perhaps the gas-masks are mainly bluff. But we have a beautiful new form called a Deratisation Certificate, to show to Sanitary Authorities the world over. So who cares? I am sure the rats don't.

"We took 200 excursionist passengers with us on our ten days' Continental voyage. One of the cheeriest little trips I have ever been on."

He also has a long tale of woe that although freights, owing to the new tariffs, on his Line have never been more prolific, heavy reductions in staff are taking place, and many officers are being degraded in rank.

S. F. POLWIN has been appointed Handicrafts Master at the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, and started his new work last September.

B. TAPSON, who left last term, is now at the Farm Institute, Spasholt.

L. V. WILTON has joined the R.A.F., and is undergoing training at Halton Camp.

The usual long and interesting letter from L. F. HEWETSON contains news of his meeting with H. M. WELLBORNE in Rio, where they form "the only local section which always has a 100 per cent. attendance." They are trying to get into touch with J. E. GULLIFORD, who is also in the Western Telegraph Co., along that coast. On the evening of the Reunion Dinner they held their own celebration, although, owing to the differences in time, they had to drink our healths at 5 p.m. in order to coincide with the toast of "Absent Friends" at the "Red Lion." However, they fulfilled their duty, and felt that they were joining up with us in England. He is still suffering from revolutions in Brazil, and for fear of censorship he avoids any risk of indiscretion in his letter, but he gave the impression that the whole of the South American continent was very agitated.

G. SWAFFIELD has moved his hat shop from Dover Street to a still more aristocratic address in Berkeley Square.

H. Aps has spent some time in Belgium learning the Continental side of the baking business, and has now found a post in a bakery in Sutton.

- L. G. EASTON is still in the motor business, which he reports as being very quiet, despite the fact that his firm has the sole agency for exporting cars to Bermuda.
- E. W. FLINT, having left the International Standard Electric Corporation, is now a Director of the Sifam Electric Works, London, S.E.
- B. R. SCOTT returned to India in September, after his six months' leave in England.
- L. REED collects a few congratulations on being lucky enough to draw a £100 prize in the Irish Hospitals Casarewitch draw
- L. H. STEVENSON is in Town playing in Roy Fox's Band at the R.K.O. Theatre, Leicester Square.
- A. J. COOPER is completing a course of Pharmacy in a London College, and hopes to take his final examination this month.
- P. P. SMITH is in Devonport, in training on H.M.S. "Erebus."
- H. E. DEAN-COOPER, having left the Shell Mex Co., has started on his own as Kerosene distributor and oil expert in Basingstoke, where apparently his activities are making him many friends.
- W. J. DORE is still at Portsmouth Dockyard with J. HOAD, and reports that there is considerable activity there despite the rumours of disarmament.
- V. C. HIGGINS sent a most interesting letter from Auckland, feeling very proud of his School connection with F. WELLBORNE, who is a New Zealand Hockey celebrity, and who is also playing for one of the leading Cricket teams in Auckland. He says:—"Being on the land, I have not much spare time, as we put in long hours out here, but nevertheless, it is a great country for farming, with the right climate and conditions; and if one can only stick the hard work, there are great chances." He hopes to come home in the near future and to be present at O.P.A. functions.
- A. G. CROUCH, who left recently, is gaining experience by making a cruise on the Yacht "Ronda," a 60-ton ketch. He has been along the North African coast, round the Mediterran-
- ean, and hopes to cruise in the tropics until the end of the winter, returning to Gibraltar in March. He finds French and Spanish most useful, as he is the only one on board with any knowledge of these languages. The yacht is owned by a retired Naval officer, and in addition to himself, the crew consists of a cook and a deck hand, who is the only paid member.
- L. F. BIDEN is still making a success of the Branch Solicitor's Office which he has opened for his firm. He met A. C. SWAFFIELD one day on business; the latter is now a Superintendent for A. C. Cossor, Ltd., the wireless valve manufacturers, and is bossing a gang of salesmen.
- I. PITCAIRN, 22 London Street, Edinburgh, now writes that he has a post with an Edinburgh firm, Messrs. Honeyman and Wilson, and after six weeks' trial has been taken on for a four years' course.
- J. LEESE, c/o P. Poingdestre, Esq., Rose Brook, via Margret River, Western Australia, has reached his new abode, but no details of his experiences en route have yet come to hand.
- D. P. DODRIDGE is at home on leave from Vigo, and is touring the country with his wife in a Wolseley Hornet.
- R. F. BUCKLEY has been transferred to the Southampton branch of his Bank.
- J. W. MOORE, after five years' work as an Uncertificated Teacher, has now entered the Training Department of Southampton University College.
- S. J. WHITEMAN, having passed the necessary exams., joined the Portsmouth City Police on October 1st.
- W. RIDEOUT is in the R.A.F. Training School, Halton.
- G. A. DIMMER has been appointed to Harting School, near Petersfield.
- E. G. NOBBS is now at Mandalay. He was laid up for several days about July, but is fit again now. He has passed his Retention Exam., and also Lower and Higher Order. His Regiment is likely to be disbanded, in which case he will probably be transferred to the Burma Rifles, but hopes to be at home on leave by July.