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EDITORIAL.

The term has been exceptionally quiet, and we hope this signifies that everyone has been learning with exceptional rapidity. At all events, there being nothing exciting to chronicle which is not dealt with at length in the sporting pages or elsewhere, the Chronicle temporarily lapses.

The Hockey XI. has performed creditably, but never seemed likely to develop into a great team. The Old Boys' Day, as recorded elsewhere, was gloriously fine; but the ground was hopelessly unfit. The House competition, before producing the expected result, gave an unexpected thrill, and afforded proof, which should have been unneeded, of the folly of under-rating the opposition.

"The Lion" appears at a time when thoughts of a roseate future have banished the cares of a detention-ridden past, and the Editor has no more pleasant privilege than that of wishing that his readers' hopes for themselves come true.

HOCKEY RETROSPECT, 1933.

Three-and-a-half weeks with no practice is an unkind handicap at the start of a season, especially when a new team, except for three places, has to be built up.

Though losing twice, 0—3 and 0—2, against King Edward's School, we made quite good games of the matches. Taunton's—a much improved side—were beaten 4—0, all the scoring being done in one inspired period in the second half. With Netley Hospital, we drew the first match 1—1, won the second 3—1 and the third 6—0: in this, our last fixture, the team played really well. Fareham beat us 1—0, scoring with a shot that was fortunate to register a goal. In the return match Fareham had a much weakened side, and we could only just manage to draw—quite the poorest game and one of our worst efforts of the season. St. Vincent, who always

show plenty of dash, beat us twice, 3—1 and 4—1, though the second match should not have been won by so large a margin. To our great regret the game against Havant II. was scratched owing to the weather; and the Old Boys, who had got together quite a good team, unfortunately struck a day when no ground was fit.

Just as the season closes our forwards have begun to get together, though, with the exception of Jones, there is a distinct lack of pace and thrust. The halves and backs can take the ball on their sticks, but too often fail to find an unmarked forward with an accurate pass.

The Second XI., although losing all five of their matches, were usually taking on stronger and heavier opponents, and should form a useful nucleus for next year's team. Of the players, Dodds, though at present too apt to drop his stick, should develop into a capable goal-keeper; Dixon plays hard and is controlling his clearances better; Gilbert, being left-handed, is too prone to reverse his stick play, but is fast and works indefatigably; Goss hits hard and has plenty of dash; Saunders and Swinstead have some aptitude for left wing play and have ideas of dribbling; Saint has played both forward and full back; Parker uses his stick quite well, but is too erratic in his hitting; Targett is energetic, but must hit more accurately.

The Junior XI.'s, which have won all their matches with the Alverstoke, Fareham and Waverley Ladies, and Emsworth House School, show very distinct promise, especially Gough, Pressley, Bowen, Smith i., Cullen ii., Vimpany, and Watson i. and ii.

FIRST XI. MATCHES.

1st XI. v. H.M.S. St. Vincent. Lost 1—3.

This match was played at Forton on Feb. 4. As it had been impossible to have any practice games, the side was entirely experimental, and

considering this fact, the play and result were not bad.

1st XI. v. R.V. Hospital, Netley. Drawn 1—1.

In this match, played at Netley on Feb. 18th, the team played much better, especially with the support of Mr. Shaw and Mr. Brown in the defence. Early in the second half Jones scored, while quite near the end the opposing centre-half equalised after a wonderful run from near the half-way line.

1st XI. v. Fareham H.C. Lost 0—1.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Feb. 18. The School could not manage to score, the forwards' attacks being much too spasmodic and were therefore easily pulled up by a strong pair of backs. Late in the second half Wagstaff scored with a cross-shot which found the net after touching two of our defence. This was a most enjoyable game, and the School were unlucky to lose. Hoskins and Moore both played excellently and easily held Fareham's strong left wing.

1st XI. v. King Edward's School. Lost 0—3.

For this game, played at Southampton, Williams' absence weakened our defence, but once again Moore at centre-half and Hoskins at left-back did a heroic amount of work. During the first half King Edward's scored once. The School attack did not take off enough pressure, though Jones made many runs, which were pulled up owing to lack of support from the rest of the forward line. In the second half King Edward's scored two more goals. Considering that Child was partially "crooked" and unable to run out with safety, we were lucky that the score against us was no heavier.

1st XI. v. Havant H.C. II.

This game had to be scratched owing to the weather, and proved a great disappointment.

1st XI. v. R.V. Hospital, Netley. Won 3—1.

As our ground was unfit, this game was played at Netley. In spite of many attacks, we only scored once, through Jones, during a fast first half. In the second half Jones complete his "bat trick," while Netley scored once. This was another enjoyable game, towards which some excellent umpiring very greatly contributed.

1st XI. v. Old Boys,

This game also had to be scratched owing to the unfit state of all grounds.

1st XI. v. Taunton's School. Won 4—0.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday, March 8th. There was very little to choose between the sides until a period in the second half, when our four goals were scored. The side as a whole played quite well, with Jones easily the outstanding player on the field.

1st XI. v. Fareham H.C. Drawn 2—2.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, March 11th. We had several opportunities, especially as Fareham were playing without a goal-keeper for a time, but only scored once. Fareham then scored twice to take the lead, and we were really lucky to draw a very poor game.

1st XI. v. King Edward's School. Lost 0—2.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday, March 15th. A very good game; though our opponents did more attacking, there was no score at half-time, after which both the goals were scored.

1st XI. v. H.M.S. St. Vincent. Lost 1—4.

Jones scored for the School, but St. Vincent equalised before half-time. However, our opponents put on three more goals—rather too easily—and won on their pace and merits.

1st XI. v. R.V. Hospital, Netley. Won 6—0.

This game, played at Netley, was a really successful end to our season. During the first half Jones scored twice, while only some fine saves by Child prevented Netley from equalising. During the second half our forwards, especially Jones, played excellent hockey, and four more goals were added. It is a long time since we have beaten Netley so decisively, and shows how much the School side have improved in a short season.

Result of Matches.

Played 10. Won 3. Drawn 2. Lost 5.
Goals for, 18; against, 17.

2nd XI. MATCHES.

Feb. 4.—H.M.S. St. Vincent II. Lost 1—3
 „ 22.—King Edward's School II. Lost 0—4
 Mar. 11.—Havant III. Lost 1—4
 „ 15.—King Edward's School II. Lost 0—5
 „ 18.—H.M.S. St. Vincent II. Lost 2—3

HOUSE MATCHES.

1st XI.

Westbury	7	Blackbrook	0
School House	3	Cams	0
Blackbrook	1	Cams	1
Westbury	5	School House	0
Westbury	2	Cams	2
School House	4	Blackbrook	0

2nd XI.

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

Senior Cup won by WESTBURY.

Junior Cup ,, CAMS.

CHARACTERS OF FIRST ELEVEN.

- A. JONES (centre-forward).—Dribbles well, goes straight and shoots hard; in fact he has almost monopolised the scoring this season. A very effective player and keen captain.
- R. G. CHILD (goal).—Very certain both in stopping shots and running out to kick. He might go quite a long way.
- P. S. MOORE (centre-half).—Has developed into a capable player, both at centre-half and inside-right in club matches, where he materially helps Jones, as he makes openings and gets in position to take a pass. Will be very useful next year.
- T. J. WILLIAMS (left-back).—Clears hard and uses his stick well. With a quicker recovery after tackling would be of great use.
- H. W. ETHERIDGE (left-half).—Has quite good stick play and keeps to his man, but is slow in turning when a forward has got past him.
- R. A. G. POWELL (outside-right).—Has improved, but must acquire more pace and dribbling tactics.
- B. BENNETT (right-back).—Is quite fast, but must acquire judgment in his tackling. Hits hard, but is too prone to sticks and undercutting.
- D. P. POWELL (inside-right).—Has some speed of foot, but lacks ball control; when he has acquired the latter should improve considerably.
- H. MANSBRIDGE (inside-left).—He is quite clever with his stick, but must acquire more dash and hit the ball harder.

V. G. BUCKLEY (outside-left).—Has more aptitude for the left wing than the other candidates for this difficult position, but he must learn to run faster.

D. E. G. SANDERS (right-half).—Can hit the ball well and has plenty of dash, but is unsteady, and must learnt not to use his body.

The following have also played:—

O. J. HOSKINS (centre-half).—An indefatigable player, who has pace and uses his stick well. A distinct loss when he left.

H. D. SMART (outside-left).—Has not yet sufficient stick work or speed for outside-left, but should improve.

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.

EXAMINATION RESULT.

CIVIL SERVICE: Clerical Class.

P. A. Silvester (127 on list of 324).

VALETE.

- O. J. HOSKINS. Monitor; Captain of Blackbrook; School 1st X., Football, Hockey and Cricket; Winner of Steeplechase, 1931 and 1932.
- E. RUSSELL. Westbury House; School 2nd XI. Football, Hockey and Cricket.
- K. LAVY. Blackbrook House, Football and Hockey.

SALVETE.

III.A.: A. W. J. QUINN.

III.B.: H. P. DAWKINS.

II.: G. E. V. BROOKS.

HOUSE NOTES.

BLACKBROOK.

Although we were left in a very unfortunate position, owing to Hoskins' unexpected departure before any of the House matches were played, we have acquitted ourselves very well. Our 1st XI. is the smaller of the four Houses, and although we were beaten 7—0 by Westbury, we were by no means overwhelmed. We did very well to draw with Cams, for they drew 2—2 with Westbury, and we were playing with only ten men for nearly all the second half. The matches against School House were good struggles, but we were beaten by more forceful teams.

Now for the Tarbat Cup; once upon a time it seemed to be fixed permanently on Blackbrook's shelf. It would be a very good thing for us if we could win it back again, and I hope that everyone will pull his weight, with that object in view.

Next term we have the Cricket and Sports Cups to fight for, and we hope that our efforts will be crowned with success. So we must all "put our backs into it," and do our best.

The Steeplechase has yet to be run, and we have high hopes of retaining the three Cups we won last year. If general keenness in training has anything to do with the result, then we ought to fare very well. F.C.D.

I am sure the whole House will join with me in congratulating Dixon on the excellent start he has made as Captain under difficult circumstances; and in wishing Hoskins every success in his career. H.R.T.

CAMS.

Congratulations, Cams! For the first time the Tarbat Cup has come—to stay we hope—into our possession, through the united work of the whole House; and we are sure that the whole House will fight its hardest to keep it.

We must also congratulate Saunders i., Croucher and Sanders i. on going their half colours; and Etheridge, Walters and Watson on obtaining 2nd XI. colours last term. Thus we can say with truth and pleasure that Cams have done their part in representing the School at football. In hockey, Etheridge and Sanders have played in the 1st XI., while Saunders and Goss played in the 2nd XI.

In the Hockey House matches this term we have done exceedingly well. The 2nd XI., by defeating Westbury and Blackbrook and drawing with School House, have won for us the Westbury Cup. The 1st XI., after being beaten

by School House and drawing with Blackbrook, improved sufficiently to make Westbury glad to force a draw (which they only did on time) to have the honour of being the only team to score against them (2—2).

Next term we must show our worth in the Sports and at Cricket, and, if the whole House pulls its weight and trains well, there is no reason why we should not add to our supply of cups.

The inauguration of a Spelling Cup gives everyone a new chance of helping his House, and the fact that we are the possessors of the Tarbat Cup proves that we can win trophies for school work as well as for games. We are, therefore, expecting a great improvement next term.

J.V.D.

WESTBURY.

First and foremost, congratulations to Cams on their startling but well-merited draw with us: it is impossible to explain why a team, comprising more than half the School First Eleven, and which scored a confident and decisive victory over School House the evening before, should be forced to a lucky draw with a team which, I honestly believe, had less idea of drawing with us than we had of losing. It would not only be difficult to find excuses, but also unsporting and unjust. We received an excellent lesson on how to stake opportunities, and were fortunate in sharing the points. Apart from this match, we have had a successful season, and every man seems to have done his best.

The result of the Steeplechase is at present unusually difficult to forecast. Both Seniors and Juniors have been enthusiastic in training, and we hope that by the time this is published, their efforts will have borne fruit. At least, we have little to lose and all to gain in this event.

The Tarbat Cup competition last term did not enhance our reputation, for a drop from top to bottom position is decidedly unpleasant. We can only hope that the exams. have helped us, if not to regain the Cup, at least to repair in some measure our damaged reputation. There seem to be very hopeful signs among the Juniors—a very welcome sign for the future.

Next term brings Cricket and Sports. In the latter we have long excelled, and with enthusiastic training and reasonable luck, may hope to do so again. We can also make a sporting attempt at relieving School House of the Cricket Cup.

Congratulations to Silvester on his excellent performance in the Civil Service examination, and best wishes for the future.

E.J.G.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

We can certainly pat ourselves on the back after our creditable performances in the Hockey Cup. Our first team defeated Cams and Blackbrook by three and four clear goals respectively. Westbury, who had a very strong team, including the School 1st XI. forward line, beat us by five clear goals. We fought back well against them and were by no means disgraced. Our second team drew one match and lost the other two by very small margins. Westbury again won the Cup, but we were an excellent second, only three-and-a-half points behind. Williams and Bennett, the School 1st XI. backs, played exceedingly well, and the younger and smaller members of the team all pulled their weight.

At the end of last term it was pleasing to see that we had made a marked improvement in the Tarbat Cup. A cup for spelling has just been given to the School, so this gives an opportunity to those who are physically unfit to help the House.

We congratulate Williams on being appointed a monitor, and he is our only representative. Also congratulations to Ford, who received his half colours for football at the end of last term.

There is much room for improvement in our performances in last year's Steeplechases. Our members, especially the Juniors, have been training very hard, and there is a distinct possibility of improvement.

Next term we hope to retain the Cricket Cup, and to win some of the Sports cups. With plenty of enthusiasm and hard training our hopes ought to be fulfilled.

R.G.C.

THE OLD COUNTRY HOUSE.

The creeper throws a reddish mantle
Round your yellow walls;
Still there is the faithful ivy
When the creeper falls.

There old thrushes nest and sing
As the day grows dark,
Promising that one day soon
We shall hear the lark.

And never are you left alone;
All your friends are true,
Although you wear a mantle brown
All the winter through.

For woven on your yellow walls,
Where the thrushes sing,
There is the rough sketch of the gown
You shall wear in spring.

N.C.D. (V.A.)

"FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD'S IGNOBLE STRIFE."

It was a glorious summer day. A blue haze hung over the horizon, where a few fishing boats rolled gently on the undulating surface of the sea. The main street of the village swept sharply down to the jetty, where a few fishermen mended their nets in the brilliant sunlight. On a bench outside the inn, facing the estuary, which ran for several miles inland, bordered by a wealth of summer foliage, sat a few old men—followers of the sea, as had been their ancestors before them, discussing old commissions in now obsolete craft. Each puffed furiously at his short clay pipe and expectorated vehemently, as stirring episodes were brought to mind by some neighbour's anecdote.

The village had changed but little in their lifetime, the street being bordered by old, weather-beaten cottages, with their picturesque beams showing between faded brickwork, under thatched roofs, which formed the homes of innumerable children of the sky.

A train might have been heard in the distance, gradually growing nearer, and finally pulling up at the small station scarcely three-quarters of a mile from the river, with its peaceful, old-fashioned and beautiful surroundings.

Two travel-worn and over-worked people eventually arrived at the edge of the quay. By the friendly nods of recognition they were not unknown to the inhabitants of this sequestered spot. They pushed off in their dinghy to a small flat-bottomed cutter moored in mid-stream. She was painted white. Her accommodation consisted of a cockpit and a tiny cabin, which served its turn as galley or saloon, according to the wish of its owner.

They shipped their stores, obtained from the local shop, and went ashore to the inn, where they buried their faces in pewter mugs of beer and called lustily for bread and cheese. They then took off two fishing rods and a small suitcase containing two pairs of pyjamas and one razor. Within twenty minutes they were lost to sight amongst the twists and turns of the river.

They spent their days of leisure in fishing for trout and bass in the deep pools, shaded by gnarled oaks. Many a deftly cast fly earned its reward, and as a result their fare was most palatable. What is more pleasant than to eat of one's own catch? Especially in environments such as theirs.

One evening they met a quaint figure—a Genie of the river. A man of about sixty years of age, who was complete in himself. A small

hut, a plot of land which he tilled, his rod and his gun supplied him with his bodily needs. He seemed distrustful of these disturbers of the peace—as a wild animal is of man,—but he became reconciled to them, and within a few days was quite informative about the most favourable fishing grounds. He had spent his whole life in the same surroundings, and had the affairs of Nature at his finger-tips.

So the days passed pleasantly. A fortnight later they returned, rested and ready to continue their fight for life in the hateful city.

The older and ear-ringed members of the village were in the same position as they had been a fortnight earlier. In fact, nothing had changed, except, perhaps, two souls had found solace and peace of mind in the upper reaches of that beautiful, English river.

The greatest asset a man may have is a contented mind. What cared these simple fisher-folk for the false pleasures of civilisation wrought by the hand of petty man? Had they not the earth, the sun, the river who was their mother, and the sea their mistress? What cared they for these two wretched specimens of humanity, so lately trying to become as they were?

The whole outlook is distorted. People are far too ready to toil like slaves to win gold, instead of enjoying the far more precious gifts their Maker has seen fit to bestow upon them.

B.B. (V.A.)

THE HEROINE WHO DISAPPEARED

About one-thirty on a drizzly Sunday morning a slightly-built woman was hurrying home through deserted streets in the East End of London. Suddenly, a noise ahead of her made her heart leap, for she was very nervous. Out of the darkness she saw a man running towards her. She crouched against the wall, frozen with terror, holding her breath. Another figure, plainly a policeman, dashed from a doorway, in pursuit. She realised they had both run into a blind alley, and she had to pass it to get home. Before she had stopped to think, she ran into the alley, and, as if urged on by some impulse, dashed straight to where she could see two figures struggling in the misty rays of a gas lamp. She was nearest the fugitive's side, and saw that he was trying to get out a wicked-looking knife from his pocket. Hardly had she taken in the situation before she flung herself at the man's hand.

This extra opposition made the man utter a curse, and he struggled more violently. The woman's puny hands could not hold the man's

away from the knife; but suddenly she had an inspiration. She caught the man's wrist between her teeth. The man uttered a yelp of pain, and for an instant relaxed. But that instant gave the policeman a chance, for he got the man on the ground, just as a gruff, but pleasant voice said, "All right, Copper; I got 'un!" The policeman handcuffed his prisoner, and then saw a jovial-looking civilian standing by him. "We'll take 'im along now!" said the policeman; "and what's your name and address?" "Tom Jinks, dustman, 6, Paradise Street; and I'll come along with you, Copper, 'case he gives trouble." "Please yourself," replied the policeman. "And now I must trouble the lady ——" But the little woman had gone!

The trial of Bert Cobbler was an unusual one, as the principal witness could not be found. There one clue, which only Tom Jinks the dustman knew of, and that was a peculiar heart-shaped button that had come into his hand during the fray. It was by a strange coincidence that he found the owner of that button. He was on his usual morning round of emptying dustbins, when he saw a heart-shaped button fall on to the pavement from the bin of Number 47. He immediately went in, and addressed the woman who opened the door, "Here, mum; don't throw these away 'cos you lost one o' the set, 'cos I 'appens ter 'ave the missing one." The little woman went pale. "Don't worry," he said, "I won't give you away." "Oh, please don't; I don't want any fuss." "But you'd 'ave got a reward if you'd went and given evidence." "I dont want no reward', thank you; but please, promise you'll not give me away!" "I promise," he said, and went on his way.

At number fifty-four a friend of his was scrubbing the doorstep. Jinks passed the time of day.

"By the way," he said, "Who's that nice little lady at forty-seven?" "Forty-seven!" repeated the woman. "Why, that's poor Mrs. Cobbler. 'Usband's doing time, as usual. Tried to stab a Copper!"

C.A.F. (V.B.)

THE TIMBER WAGGON.

When evening comes on a country road,

Strange is the sight one sees;

The timber waggon rumbles on,

Its load of erstwhile trees

A tale could tell of years they spent

Adorning forests old;

But, now the wood is needed,

The trees resemble gold.

The timber waggon rumbles on;
 Those logs alone remain,
 To remind us of the forest
 We cannot see again.
 And all we see, as we pass along—
 The waggon and its load,
 Yokel in front, lurcher behind,
 And then the dusty road.

G.H. (IV.A).

THE GRANDFATHER CLOCK.

When I was a boy I lived in the country with Grandfather. I was an orphan, and my grandfather brought me up until I went to school. I am an old man myself now, but I still remember the stories my grandfather told me when he was a boy. He told me many stories, and the one I remember best runs as follows:—

When grandfather was twenty he wanted to go to London, and he asked his father for some money; but his father refused. However, he was determined to leave home. He packed a stout coil of cord in the bottom of his bag, and on the top he placed the little money he had saved.

On a bitter December morning, with the snow lying thick on the ground, he started on his journey. He got into a coach on the way, and he wished he had never got into it. The horses were tired, and suddenly a wheel came off. All the passengers got out and started to walk, because it was so cold. Grandfather had made friends with another young man, and they both proceeded to the inn in the distance.

Inns in those days were not very respectable places, because from time to time you would hear of murders which took place in wayside inns. They walked up boldly, and knocked at the door. Presently, footsteps were heard approaching the door, and a harsh voice asked who was there. The two young men replied that they were travellers, stranded far from their destination. After a long pause the door was opened two inches, and the owner of the inn looked at the two men; then she opened the door wider and bade them enter.

In the corner of a dirty room sat a suspicious-looking man, who walked out at their incoming. The owner of the inn then directed them into a small room, with a bed and one old grandfather clock. Somehow, grandfather could not keep his eyes off the grandfather clock. Then he nearly jumped back in surprise, for, pressed to the hole where the hands should be, was an eye of a man, probably the one who had walked out of the other room.

On the door they had entered, was a hook, which grandfather pretended to hang his coat on, but he did not; he softly tried the handle, and, to his surprise, it was locked. The next thing to do was to tell his friend about the person in the clock. He took out his note-book and pretended to add up what his journey would cost him. Actually, he wrote something like this:—

“Be careful. On no account be startled. A man is in the clock, and the door by which we entered is locked. I think I know how to escape, but watch me and do as I do; and say nothing.”

His friend stood beside the grandfather clock, so the man could not see what grandfather was doing. He opened the window, and let down the rope to see how far it was to the ground. Luckily, it was not far; and grandfather pulled up the rope and tied it round the grandfather clock, so the man could not escape. Then they jumped down and landed safely in the snow. They then ran, for fear of being pursued. In the morning they booked places on a fresh coach, and arrived in due course in London, without further adventures.

B.M. (III.A).

A DAY ON PLYMOUTH HOE IN JANUARY.

It was a wonderful day for January—the sun was shining brilliantly, and there was hardly a breath of wind to stir the water in the Sound. Crowds of people lined the Hoe and lower Promenade, watching the fishing fleet put to sea; the large steam-trawlers making for the left-hand entrance, the smaller vessels for the right, where one could just discern Eddystone Lighthouse in the distance.

Several “Iris” twin-engined flying-boats belonging to the R.A.F. station at Mount Batten were hovering over the harbour occasionally, “landing” on the water and taking-off again. As each one completed her trials, she taxied up to her moorings opposite Mount Batten Air Station.

From the top of Smeaton Tower, which used to stand on Eddystone Rocks, I could see the whole panorama before me. The last flying-boat made several attempts to take-off, but she seemed to find difficulty in doing this, and “landed” several times to rectify this fault.

She had just “landed,” and was attempting to take-off, when, having risen a few feet above the water, she seemed to dive straight into the water, leaving only the tip of her port wing pro-

truding above water. Actually, she had struck a launch, injuring two men on board her, damaging her starboard wing, which caused her to topple over and sink. It was a ghastly feeling to see her, knowing she had a complement of a dozen men.

Suddenly, the shrill note of a trawler's siren rang through the air, followed by a chorus of others. Vessels of all descriptions rushed to the rescue.

H.M.S. "Weston," a new sloop, had just returned to harbour from her trials, but was unable to proceed to the scene of the rescue herself, as she was disabled, her steering gear having broken down, and she was thus out of control. The captain immediately lowered her motor-boat, which rushed to the rescue, bringing the injured men off the launch to the sick bay. R.A.F. speed boats sped across the harbour, followed by one of their tugs. An ambulance was rushed to the landing-stage on Mount Batten jetty, should its services be required.

All the members of the crew were rescued, except one, and unceasing efforts were made by divers to locate him in the wreck. As the day drew to an end, a heavy mist enveloped the scene, making salvage operations extremely difficult; finally, they had to be suspended until the following morning.

As I was leaving the Hoe, two buoys with lights marked the spot where she lay.

R.N. (III.A).

THE OLD PRICEAN.

NOTE.

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 the various functions organised by the Association.

The annual subscription 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 5s. each.

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

Old Boys living in 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.

Past v. Present matches are held at the School on the following dates:—

HOCKEY: The first Saturday in March.

CRICKET: The second Saturday in July.

FOOTBALL: The third Saturday in November.

SECRETARIAL NOTES.

For the second term in succession we have had to record the lamented death of a member. VICTOR COX, who died on 24th February, at Gosport, had suffered a very long and painful illness, which rendered him completely unfit for more than five years, and our regret at his passing is tempered by the knowledge that he would always have been an invalid. He was contemporary with the writer, who is only one of a great many members of the O.P.A. who will always bear very pleasant memories of a cheerful and good-hearted companion.

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After our defeat at "Soccer" in November we had anticipated turning the tables on the School on March 4th, but the weather decreed otherwise, and the scratching of the games was responsible for the smallest attendance at any meeting for several years. Those who came, however, were, as usual, warmly welcomed at the School, and, from all appearances, seemed to find plenty of entertainment in the companionship of old friends.

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The next function to engage the attention of the Association is the Bournemouth Hockey Festival at Easter. Fortunately THE LION will be published in time for the details herein to reach members. The O.P. team will be playing games on the Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 14th, 15th and 16th, our opponents being Henleaze, O.F.'s, and the Midland Bank. Our headquarters are at Eastbury Hall, 48, Surrey Road, Bournemouth West, where we shall be delighted to welcome any supporters, and where the times of the games and the position of the grounds can be obtained. The value to the School of our entry in this Tournament is, of course, quite high, and the presence of a good number of supporters will greatly enhance the good impression which we hope to make at this, our first appearance in such a Tournament.

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Plans are well forward for the Summer Reunion on **Saturday and Sunday, July 8th and 9th**, which should be red-letter days in the history of the Association. The arrangements

will be very much on the same lines as last year, Cricket Matches being followed by the Twelfth Annual General Meeting, which in its turn will be followed by the Fourth Reunion Dinner at the "Red Lion." On the Sunday there will be a Church Parade at 11 a.m. at the Parish Church, and in the afternoon some form of motor car rally, so that Reunion will conclude with tea at any hostelry which may form a convenient point for breaking-up.

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Although the attendance at the Summer Reunion has steadily increased for the past few years, we are still aiming at that elusive figure of one hundred, and we ask members to bring it within our reach by booking now and making every effort to turn up.

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The present depression and unsettlement in the commercial and industrial world has had its natural results in the difficulty which is being experienced by our members in obtaining posts. This bears particularly hardly on those who, having just left School, are trying to make a start in life. Although our Careers Bureau does not lay claim to do anything in the line of finding appointments, yet if any members who know of vacancies would inform the Secretary, he would be only too pleased to ascertain from the School, or from other members, if there are any suitable candidates.

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Shortly after the appearance of this number—to be precise, on Tuesday, April 18th—the marriage of Miss Marjory Bradly and Mr. Shaw will take place, and we cannot let this issue go to print without expressing herein heartiest congratulations and every good wish from all our members.

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To revert from the unanimous to the contentious, it is pleasant to be able to record the new Tie which was for so long, figuratively speaking, the blood-red banner of strife, is being received, even welcomed, on all sides, and that our sales are satisfactory. We can only suggest that those who have not yet fallen under the spell of this masterpiece should give themselves the opportunity by sending 5/- either to me, or to Messrs. Dunn, West Street, Fareham, Hants.

L.S.O.P. NOTES.

Christmas 1932 seems a long way behind us now, but I think it should be recorded that the Christmas Dinner at "The Crown and Two Chairmen," Soho, W., was very successful.

Although it was our smallest yet, from the point of view of members, only twelve members and one visitor being present, yet everyone seemed full of the Christmas spirit, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

We have held our usual monthly meetings since, with the usual varying attendances. Only five found their way to the last meeting, which was in the nature of an experiment, being held at the Brasserie Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus. We were pleased to welcome Andrews, who was up from Dover, and two new members in Winsor and Wheeler, and it is to be deplored that more of the "Old Stagers" were not present to give them a hearty reception on their initial appearance.

We would remind O.P.'s of the existence of the Lunch Club, which meets for lunch on the first Tuesday in every month at the Brasserie Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, between 1 and 2 o'clock, and we offer our very sincere and humble apologies to the Fareham O.P. who had a solitary lunch there last month. The Club has not been supported at all well, the same three London members being the only ones who put in an appearance, and it was very hard luck that on the only occasion when none of the three could attend, there should have been an O.P. present for whom the Club was formed, namely, one who was passing through Town on that day. We trust that he and others of his kind will not be discouraged, for in future we shall take care that at least one of the die-hards is always present.

D. R. MASTERMAN, Hon. Sec.

MARCH 14th, 1933.

For the second time in the history of the Association, and for the third time since the beginning of this series of games, the Past v. Present match had to be scratched—both the School and the Recreation Ground pitches being thoroughly unfit. In this case it was the more galling because the weather, having done its worst, had relented and presented us with a perfect spring afternoon of mild and glorious sunshine. However, the damage was done, and what had promised to be a very interesting game had to be cancelled. The School was reputedly a very strong side this year, and the O.P. team included a number of celebrities, so that the vagaries of the weather were particularly unfortunate.

Quite a number of members turned up during the afternoon, and Mr. Bradly kindly placed the Library and the New Room at their disposal for sedentary or other amusements according to preference, and by tea-time the muster

was twenty-eight. Tea was followed by the usual short sing-song, but the gathering broke up comparatively early.

Those present during the day included:—Austin, Barnes, Bricknell, Clark F. B., Chignell, Coles C. A., Connolly, Cummins, Dean-Cooper, Edwards, Eyles W. C. A., Gregory, Harvey, Hayward, Hinxman, Hobbs, Lewry, Marriott, Masterman, Mundy, Nugent, Raby Cox H. D., Raby Cox F. B., Russell, Smith F. P., Winsor G. W., Winsor R. L.

NEW OR REJOINED MEMBERS.

- C. A. E. Coles.—Bridgenorth, Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham, Hants.
 W. A. Rideout.—R.A.F. Training School, Halton, Bucks.
 E. Manuel.—Police Station, Droxford, Hants.
 H. L. Westbrook.—South Hill, Droxford, Hants.
 A. T. Eyles.—74 Studley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.
 E. Russell.—39 Hut, Fort Wallington Hutments, Fareham, Hants.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- H. D. Atkins.—2 Eldon Road, Reading.
 F. R. Clark.—Southdown, Shawford, Winchester.
 E. Connor.—229 Manor Farm Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.
 A. J. B. Cooper.—13 Radnor Bridge Road, Folkestone.
 M. W. Gardner.—97 King Henry's Road, Hampstead, N.W. 3.
 A. D. Hayward.—7 Woodlands Road, Ilford, Essex.
 J. C. Hurden.—34 Hartington Street, Derby.
 W. L. Jones.—Public Assistance Institution, Basing Road, Basingstoke.
 H. T. Mercer.—Pless House, West Liss, Hants.
 A. G. Phillips.—Durstun House, Castle Bar Road, Ealing.
 D. Pink.—37 West Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.
 S. F. C. Polwin.—70 Somerset Road, Cheriton, Folkestone.
 F. W. Taulbut.—H.M.S. "Dauntless," c/o G.P.O.
 F. G. Wagstaffe.—42 Campbell Road, Southsea.
 H. J. Whiteman.—The Section House, Fratton Police Station, Portsmouth.
 G. W. Winsor.—43 Blythe Hill, Catford, S.E. 6.

ADDRESSES REQUIRED.

- E. A. Carr Hill.
 L. G. Chamberlain.
 W. G. Chamberlain.
 E. L. Dover.
 R. Fry.
 C. E. J. Hackett.
 L. H. Stevenson.

"BEHIND THE SCENES."

X.—Mechanical Engineering.

By A. J. HARVEY.

Engineering is often dismissed to-day as a profession that is stagnant and for which there is no future, but a few minutes' thought will disclose that nearly every profession or trade is dependent on the engineer to supply a part or whole of the equipment used in that particular business.

Glancing back at the previous articles of "Behind the Scenes," we find Tailoring—for which the Engineer provides the looms to weave the cloth, machines to make buttons, needles, shears, etc.; Banking, which requires calculating machines, scales, telephones, etc.; while the Chemist devotes considerable time examining and reporting on the efforts of engineers in refining metals and their treatment of milk and other foods for human consumption. The Mercantile Marine and Telegraphy speak for themselves. Innumerable other instances could be given, but the above show that there is always plenty of work for the Engineer.

As a member of a firm specialising in Dairy Engineering, I combine the positions of chief designer and works manager, and while the duties are often exacting, the work is very interesting.

To be successful in design one must always keep the firm's products ahead of its competitors, and one has to keep in touch with the dairy trade, realise the details of their processes that handicap them in some small way, devise an improvement, and sketch this out in practical form so that the draughtsmen can prepare the drawings from which the works manufacture. One must also scrutinise the machinery in production, supervise tests where necessary, and effect any improvement possible.

As Works Manager, one has to control the office and works staff, see that they are efficient, and organise the manufacturing production programme so that all sections of the works are kept continuously employed. A careful watch has to be kept on the purchasing department and the "costing," a series of records from which the cost of every detail of manufacture of each

part can be instantly determined. Correspondence arising out of the foregoing has to be attended to and quotations prepared for special plant.

There is a good future for the boy who is really keen on making things himself and does not abhor mathematics. Later in this article it will be seen these notes are for a boy who intends to be a *Mechanical Engineer*, and not for one wishing to specialise in one of the Engineering trades for which training in one trade is often sufficient, but whose prospects are very limited.

Practical training is essential, and the work is hard and often unpleasant, though this is tempered by the satisfaction of having played a part in the manufacture of some intricate machine or the building of a power house or ocean liner. Indentured apprenticeship of not less than four years is not always served now, but this is a better method, as otherwise employers are apt to keep their pupil in one department much longer than necessary, to their gain and the pupil's loss.

The apprentice is given a thorough training as a fitter and turner, if he is preparing to be a Mechanical Engineer, with some time in the **Pattern Shop, Foundry, and Drawing Office**; while those training for other branches receive specialised instructions in a different trade, although the general outline remains the same. A term in the Drawing Office is not always included but is almost essential, as it greatly simplifies the difficulty of obtaining a post in the Drawing Office later on, which acts as a stepping stone to the highly-paid posts.

The embryo engineer should leave school with an honours school certificate and a good knowledge of maths., mechanics and elementary strength of materials. He can then continue his theoretical and technical training at an Engineering College by evening classes, supplemented by correspondence tuition or private tutor, or by day classes after serving apprenticeship, the latter scheme having both advantages and disadvantages which require careful consideration. Membership of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers gives one prestige in the profession, and every boy is recommended to take the school certificate in the subjects that gain exemption from the Studentship exam. The Associate Membership exam. can be taken later after technical training.

During apprenticeship, knowledge is gained in operating various machine tools, and in fitting and assembling, and this can be followed by obtaining employment at several firms for short periods to broaden one's experience, either at home or abroad. A decision must then be made

to specialise, and by this time a position of small responsibility can be obtained in office or works. A further period in the Drawing Office will bring greater responsibility in design and control of the firm's products, and open up opportunities for obtaining a position as Consulting Engineer, Designer, Works Manager, etc.

Pay while training is nominal, and then about £3/5/- per week until small responsibility brings about 25 per cent. increase. Later, when a position such as Senior Draughtsman or Technical Representative is obtained, salaries range from £250 to £400 per annum, while £750 and over is obtained by people in executive positions.

There is always employment for the capable man, and the training of an Engineer produces a man of keen perception and reasoning powers, who is both a good mechanic and a thorough organiser.

GOLD IN AUSTRALIA.

Australia is blessed with numerous goldfields, the first of which was found in Victoria and New South Wales in 1850 and 1851. This ultimately led to further seeking by prospectors and gold miners. Since that date gold has been found in every other State of the Commonwealth.

There have been big gold mines working for many years, but since the late depression set in, men who found themselves without employment turned to the country to prospect for fresh goldfields.

Mongakata Goldfields are one of the latest to be opened up. This is mainly due to the late owner of the land, but, however, since his demise, the field has been opened to prospectors. The oldest mine on the field is a little over two years old; sufficient gold having been found to encourage the owner to continue his search.

Other claims are finding gold on this field, but, to the surprise of the leading geologists, in a different type of country from where Australia's biggest goldfields are. The present Government have supported this field by erecting a battery for treating the ore. This is a very encouraging sign. Companies are starting to buy the claims, and much interest is being shown by the people of South Australia and Victoria, who, in the near future, will become share-holders of one of Australia's prosperous goldfields.

When a prospector starts his work on a new field, he has a system by which he works. Costeening and loaming are his chief guides. He starts by digging up small patches of earth, and then washing them; this procedure is con-

tinued until the finest gold colour is found. When, at last, it is found, the process is continued at every few feet; gold colours are very often found in these later washings. He then starts this all over again, about twenty yards away, working at right angles to his first line of costeening. Should the prospector be fortunate enough to find these colours again, he is well satisfied to start his digging where his two lines of costeening meet.

After a few days' hard work the fortunate prospector may come across a leader, which he will follow until it cuts out or else makes into a lode. The surface leader is generally quartz, but further in the ground traces of ironstone are to be found. At some distance further in the lode is made up chiefly of ironstone, but there are other minerals to be found there; these include copper, manganese, mica, iron oxide, iron pyrites, and others. It is very seldom that the gold can be seen in the ore, but after it has been crushed and washed, several pennyweights may be recovered from quite a small piece of ore.

This is where a prospector's work finishes, for the ever-ready profit-making company offer him a price for his claim, which he generally accepts, and goes on his way looking for a fresh place to prospect.

P. MUNDY.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

We deeply regret to record the death of VICTOR COX, who passed away on February 24, at Gosport, after a very long illness. Born in 1902, Cox entered the School in 1911 and left in 1918. He was a member of the Cadet Corps, and played for the School 1st XI. Cricket in 1918 with 2nd XI. colours. After leaving, he was for some years with Messrs. Peter Robinson, of Oxford Street, and went thence to a firm of clothiers in Leeds. Compelled by ill-health to relinquish his post, he had been an invalid for the last few years, during which time he had gradually lost strength.

We are asked to correct the statement which appeared in the December *Lion* with regard to F. G. BUTLAND ('08-'15), who states that he is not manager of the Ludgershall branch of Lloyds Bank. We apologise for any inconvenience which the inaccuracy may have caused him.

We are also asked to state that J. B. SINNOTT ('18-'24) has not been transferred to the Ryde branch of his Bank, although he has been playing football for the Ryde team.

J. C. HURDEN ('18-'26) writes from a new address in Derby, wishing the Association's team luck at Bournemouth. He is playing hockey regularly every week, and has had quite a successful season—his team having won 20 out of 21 games played to date.

Many other members have also written to express good wishes to the O.P. Association's team at Bournemouth. This effort of ours seems quite to have captured popular imagination.

R. SWINSTEAD ('17-'22) writes to say that he hopes to be at the School for the Summer Reunion. He tells us that he was married last April, thus giving us the opportunity to offer our belated but none the less sincere congratulations. He also tells us that his brother, E. A. SWINSTEAD ('14-'22) has just been presented with a son and heir. More congratulations.

W. L. JONES ('28-'31) has taken up an appointment as Master's clerk at the Basingstoke Public Assistance Institution. Everything points to an early formation of a Basingstoke Local Section, as quite a number of O.P.'s seem to be gravitating there.

A. G. CROUCH (—'32) is still cruising about on S.S. "Ronda," and spent Christmas at Las Palmas, which port he hoped to leave on the 6th February for the West Indies.

Of the PARSONS SMITH family, we hear that ERIC ('12-'19) is on the way to India, and PETER (—'32) is on the way home from the West Indies. This news came only second hand, and is not as detailed as we should like.

E. J. LOVERIDGE ('25-'29) writes that he will not be able to come to the Summer Reunion, as he will be at sea.

D. C. T. HUMPHRIES ('21-'30) is now studying for an examination this month for Excise and Customs Officers, and has had to give up all hockey and most of his other activities.

F. W. TAULBUT ('16-'20), now on H.M.S. "Dauntless," was in Rio de Janeiro, and joined forces with our South American Section, who welcomed him with open arms. He umpired a hockey match in which both H. M. WELLBORNE and L. F. HEWETSON were playing against his ship.

L. F. HEWETSON ('21-'26) has sent along his usual interesting letter, and to him we owe the foregoing news of the South American Section, also the information that H. M. WELLBORNE ('19-'22) is engaged to be married. Congratulations.

- H. E. MERCER ('11-'14) sent us a most interesting letter, and reports his marriage in September last (congratulations!), and that he has taken over the business of Mills and Sons, bakers and grocers, at West Liss, after ten years in the milling world. He seems very bucked with his new venture, and reports trade so far as being O.K.
- S. S. SMITH ('11-'17) tells us that he is now the most junior third officer on the Union Castle Line. He paid a visit to Town last Christmas, and turned up at the L.S.O.P. Christmas Dinner.
- E. G. WHITE ('20-'25), after a few months in London, has gone North again, having accepted a post in Boroughbridge.
- A. T. EYLES ('20-'26) is now in Town with Messrs. Boots in Cheapside, and has become a keen member of the L.S.O.P. His brother, E. C. EYLES ('08-'11), one of the eighteen who formed the School in 1908, is now an engineer in Bristol.
- Congratulations to A. J. HARVEY ('10-'17) on being appointed a Director of his Firm (Auto Dairy Pioneers Ltd.), who have now added the manufacture of aluminium caps and capping machinery to their milk pasteurising outfit. As a consequence they (and he) are exceedingly busy.
- D. P. DODRIDGE ('15-'20) (complete with wife) has been in England on leave, and visited the School.
- A. W. IVENS ('13-'19), who owns the Hants. Produce Co., and has a shop in Edgware Road, W., reports that his business is prospering.
- Congratulations to H. C. LARDEAUX ('18-'22) on his engagement to be married. His arm having at last yielded to treatment, he is again playing hockey.
- Congratulations also to M. W. GARDNER ('20-'27), who hopes to be married this September. Also to T. G. WAGSTAFFE ('18-'23) on his recent marriage.
- J. M. LEE ('11-'18) returned to India on 18th January, after his leave. He hopes to be in England again soon.
- Amongst our new members we have welcomed H. L. WESTBROOK ('26-'29), who is associated with his father in the building and ironmongery business; and T. MANUEL, who is junior clerk in the Road Surveyor's Office at Droxford.
- Several Old Boys are now to be found at the R.A.F. Training Camp at Halton, including W. A. RIDEOUT ('27-'31), A. A. CHALK ('26-'30), and L. V. WILTON ('-'32),
- University College, Southampton, are to be congratulated on their success at "Soccer" this season, R. A. LEWRY ('27-'31) and V. J. BARNES ('24-'31), who are said to form the finest pair of backs the College have ever had, having helped to carry them into the semi-final of the English Universities' Championship, in which they played Sheffield University at Southampton.
- H. Aps ('28-'31) has entered into partnership with a restaurateur at No. 222 Westminster Bridge Road, S.E. 1, where he is responsible for the baking and confectionery side of the business.
- C. McMULLEN completed a very successful course on the "Conway" as Chief Cadet Captain, gaining an Extra Certificate on passing out, which means that he scored over 65 per cent. of possible marks during the whole of his course. He also got his Rugby Colours and his 2nd Rowing Colours, and has now obtained a Cadetship in the Royal Mail Line, and is on a voyage to the Pacific.
- A. J. BARK is taking his Final B.Sc. in Chemistry this summer, and has passed his Teaching Certificate Exam., so will soon be in search of a post.
- H. G. GIBSON has been appointed Assistant to the Sanitary Inspector of the Droxford R.D.C. — a satisfactory move upwards from the post he held previously under the Ministry of Labour.
- P. A. SILVESTER will be an O.P. by the time these notes are in print, as he was successful in the very keenly competitive exam. for Departmental Clerkships in the Civil Service, and has been appointed to the Ordnance Survey Office at Southampton, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.
- H. McNEIL finishes his course at University College, Southampton, in June, and he is looking out for a post.
- T. W. YATES has joined the Clerical Section of the Army Service Corps, as civilian posts just now are very few and far between.
- W. MURRAY is finishing his course at King Alfred's College, Winchester, and sends a very interesting account of life there. The students number about 150 residents, age about 22. The place is worked in three hostels, and the general working is in the hands of the Prefects, of whom there are 18, chosen annually, who have considerable power and may fine offenders up to 5s. Murray himself is a Prefect and Gymnasium Monitor, and holds the post of Bishop, whose special function is to rule over the Juniors, and on occasion take

the chair at the Common Room assembly before which first-year delinquents are arraigned. He is thinking of specializing in P.T. He has played centre-half in the College hockey teams, and has met many Old Boys in the course of the season, including EDMUNDS and RICHES, who play for Alton; SELFE, for Pirelli's; GREGORY (now a Lieutenant in the Navy), for Gosport; FLETCHER Municipal College, Portsmouth; and MCNEIL. If anyone has the wish to enter the College, he would find Murray a willing source of much useful information.

L. S. GOODALL has met with remarkable success in the Final Examination of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, held in January last. He was first in the whole examination, gaining the "Collins" Gold Medal, the Margaret Johnston Prize of £10/10/-, and the Howard Batton Prize of a

like amount. The examination covers a wide range of subjects, so that his success is no mean achievement.

A. J. B. COOPER, after many years, has sent a most interesting letter, describing the course of training necessary for qualification as a Pharmaceutical Chemist, which we hope to print in our next issue. He is now living at Wingham, near Canterbury, where his father has a practice, and his house, which is of great age, is of remarkable interest to those interested in the architecture of bygone days.

E. NOBBS is still in Burmah, but expects long leave in the autumn.

Many Old Boys will be interested to hear that Miss L. O. Scott was married last month at Adra to Major Vincent Gordon, of the Central India Horse, and is now spending long leave in Ireland.