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TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY?

It was a bleak December day, raw and cold, and a member of the First observed grimly, but with satisfaction, that there was no match. Nevertheless, a list went round for voluntary games, but only sixteen of all shapes, ages and sizes put up their hands, and later appeared to face the wind and the grey, threatening clouds. The referee, deciding that the weather was too cold for that job alone, renounced all pretence and joined in, vigorously and inelegantly, in what proved to be a desperate struggle.

Even before half-time there was some difficulty in ascertaining the score, and the referee, occasionally and in the cause of peace, made some determined pronouncement, although his ideas were no more precise than those of the other players. The time-keeper held that the watch had stopped, but that only showed how the excitement was telling on him.

But what was the first half to the second? Merely the overture to the play. As the sky got darker the scores got closer. It had lasted fifty minutes, and one of the players had retired to the recesses of the Meon Valley, when at last the scores became equal once more. In the gathering gloom the winning goal was scored and the match abruptly ended.

Let it be put on record that although both sides reached double figures, the shooting was abominable. The defences indulged in an orgy of miskicks. And everybody was more or less satisfied. And what more can you ask of any game?

When the moral in all this has been sought and found, you may turn to the rest of *The Lion*. The football news may be found elsewhere, but we particularly direct your attention to a fine collection of Examination Results, containing several rarities. We congratulate those who find their names there, and hope their example

may not be lost upon their successors. And we wish those whose names appear in a long and distinguished Valette list the best of luck.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

INTER B.A. (LONDON):—

R. C. Brookes, E. J. Gilbert.

CIVIL SERVICE ENTRANCE (Departmental Clerkships):—

J. V. Dyer.

LONDON MATRICULATION:—

T. J. Williams, B. G. Buckley, H. W. O. Etheridge, L. W. Godden, J. G. Haley, G. C. Jeffrey, H. P. MacCallum, L. U. Martin, S. G. H. Miller, D. E. J. Saint, H. T. Swinstead.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE:—

Royal Geographical Society's Prize:
L. U. Martin.

Honours:

H. W. O. Etheridge, J. G. Haley, H. P. MacCallum, L. U. Martin (Distinction in Geography and Mathematics), S. G. H. Miller, D. E. J. Saint, H. T. Swinstead.

Certificates:

B. D. P. Bennett, B. G. Buckley, N. C. Daventry, J. P. Dill, R. P. A. Dougan, A. D. Freemantle, L. W. Godden, N. E. Goss, D. V. Gough, H. B. N. Hynes, C. G. Jeffrey, L. E. Parker, R. A. G. Powell, S. H. Pullinger, E. J. Saunders, H. D. Smart.

BOY ARTIFICER:—

L. E. Parker.

ORDNANCE SURVEY:—

R. A. G. Powell.

VALETE.

- E. G. Gilbert. Head of the School, Captain of School Football and Running, Victor Ludorum 1932 and 1933, Captain of Westbury. 1926.
- A. Jones. Monitor, Captain of School Cricket and Hockey, School 1st XI. Football, Winchester Sports. Westbury. 1928.
- R. C. Brookes. Monitor, School 1st XI. Cricket. Westbury. 1926.
- R. G. Child. Monitor, Captain of School House, School 1st XI. Cricket, Football, Hockey, Winchester Sports. 1927.
- E. J. Saunders. Captain of Cams, School 1st XI. Football, Winchester Sports. 1928.
- T. J. Williams. Monitor, School 1st XI. Cricket, Football and Hockey. School House. 1927.
- J. C. Cornish. Head of Blackbrook. Winchester Sports.
- P. Targett. Blackbrook. 1927.
- E. J. Tatford. Westbury. 1927.
- L. F. Ralls. Blackbrook. 1927.
- H. T. Swinstead. School 1st XI. Cricket. School House. 1930.
- J. G. Haley. Blackbrook. 1928.
- H. D. Smart. Westbury. 1929.
- A. S. Freemantle. Cams. 1928.
- L. E. Parker. Cams. 1928.
- R. P. A. Dougan. Westbury. 1929.
- N. C. Daventry. Blackbrook. 1927.
- R. A. G. Powell. School 1st XI. Cricket, Football, Hockey, Winchester Sports. Westbury. 1929.
- J. P. Dill. Cams. 1931.
- S. H. Pullinger. Cams. 1928.
- J. C. Draper. School House. 1929.
- B. Ford. School 1st XI. Football. School House. 1929.
- C. C. Manley. School House, 1930.
- A. J. Quinn. Westbury. 1932.

SALVETE.

- VI. :—G. S. Bucknall.
- Rem. :—S. H. Chambers, C. L. Hale.
- III.A. :—B. H. G. Adams, G. W. Brazier, K. E. L. David, R. D. Hills, R. M. King, C. R. Milam, K. B. Powell, M. O. F. Tapper, W. J. Tubbs, G. W. Andrews, R. L. Edwards, R. R. Tatford, R. Dunn, J. A. Whitwick, T. W. Lamport, K. W. Fleming, R. K. Goodlet, P. G. Ruthen, E. L. R. Derges, L. D. Weager, N. L. Berryman.

III.B. :—E. J. Hamilton, A. H. G. Holliday, J. W. Southey, H. R. Heath, L. H. Churcher, G. J. Kirby.

II. :—J. F. Parker, R. E. Earnshaw, D. A. Godden, R. Horne, A. L. Old, R. J. P. Owen.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

These notes usually begin with a statement of matches won and lost, and it is easier to do so this year, as the record is a more creditable one than that of the last few seasons. Thirteen games, have been played, of which seven have been won, two drawn, and four lost.

Although these figures are good, on closer examination the record is really better. It will be seen that this year we had a close game with St. John's College, Southsea, who have beaten us easily for many years. Although this game was lost, the final score was only 5—4 against us, and we were actually leading for the greater part of the game. An injury to Moore early in the game may have prevented us from winning, although it must be admitted that St. John's were slightly the better side.

In the Bedales game, a new fixture, the School were beaten only in the last few minutes, and the opposing side were much heavier and taller. On the credit side were good wins against Midhurst, Portsmouth Banks, Gosport, and Portsmouth Secondary School; and the draws with a fairly strong Old Boys' XI. and Portsmouth Grammar School.

It is obvious, therefore, that the side has been a good one, perhaps the best for many seasons. Its chief weakness has been the lightness of the forwards, who were always at a disadvantage against taller halves and backs, although in the matter of skill they were as good as most opposing sides.

The outstanding players of the side have undoubtedly been Moore and Child, but they have received good support from the rest of the team. Child, whom we knew in former seasons as a player who rarely missed a scoring chance, this year not only lived up to this reputation, but became more thrustful and constructive, and developed dribbling powers which enabled him to make openings for his own shots. His general good play brought him an extraordinary crop of goals, and he has almost monopolised the scoring. It must be a School record for one player to have scored 28 goals in 12 matches. Credit, of course, is due to the rest of the forward line, but the value of a goal-scoring centre-forward to any side is great, and Child has been extraordinarily successful in this respect.

Moore, who has captained the side ably and keenly, has played some noble games at centre-half, and his accurate passes down the middle of the ground or out to the wings have made easier the task of the forwards. With our small forwards, accurate ground passes were absolutely essential, and Moore has been particularly valuable in this way.

Behind Moore was probably the best pair of backs the School XI. has had for several seasons. Although neither Saint nor Sanders was up to the high standard of a Lewry, as a pair they have been most reliable. Saint, improved out of all recognition since last season, has played consistently well, and Sanders, apart from a little wildness at times, has been equally useful,

The side has not been without its misfortunes. Of the side we thought was out best after the practice games, Jones and Saunders both left after the first match, and Hill broke his arm in a 2nd XI. game when Masters were playing in the first team against Municipal College. These were particularly heavy blows, as Jones appeared to be playing extremely well this year, had developed a good understanding with Child, and possessed the height and power which the forward line badly needed. Added to these misfortunes, both Buckley and Etheridge were away for long periods with jaundice, and Moore, Powell and Sanders have also missed at least one match.

The 2nd XI. have not been a successful side, and prospects for next year's 1st XI. are none too bright. There are some good players in the team, but in several games there has seemed to be little team spirit and little life. It is true that in most of their games their opponents have been taller and heavier, but this does not excuse the feeble displays in the matches against St. John's and the Grammar School. The halves and backs have been slow to tackle and slow in recovery, and the forwards have been over-ready to pass the ball when, with a little more determination, they could have gone on towards goal. The best of the team were Powell i., Goss, Sanders ii., and Chambers, all of whom have played in the 1st XI. The whole team should try to play much harder, and in this respect could well take a lesson from the 1st XI.

There have been Junior games against Gosport, St. John's and Bedales, and it is obvious that we have many good players whose only weakness is lack of size and weight. But this weakness can be remedied by dash and quickness, and players must not rely on cleverness alone. Prominent and promising players in these Junior games were Godwin, Hale, Searle, Alderton i. and ii., Goodlet, and Tubbs.

The House matches produced a somewhat lower standard of football than is usual, particularly in the 1st XI. House games. Westbur, won the House Cup by the small margin of half-a-point from Cams, who in turn won the Junior Cup from School House by a similar margin.

The weather has been phenomenally dry, and the ground has been fit for play throughout the term. Only on one half-holiday have games been scratched, and even then a fine afternoon after a stormy morning made it possible for some games to be played.

1st XV. CHARACTERS

*P. S. MOORE, Captain (centre-half).—A reliable player and a keen captain. Tackles and heads the ball extremely well, and passes beautifully. With a little more height he would be a fine footballer. Helps his forwards and is always back to defend. Can be congratulated on a good season.

*R. G. CHILD (centre-forward).—A keen player and a real goal-scorer. Uses his head well and has a good shot. Dribbles quite well now, and is difficult to tackle. Always well up with the ball, and rarely misses an opportunity. Has had an exceptionally good season.

D. E. J. SAINT (right-back).—An excellent back. Kicks hard and cleanly, and is quick to recover. His pace has improved, and his headwork is sound. Has thoroughly earned his colours.

D. M. SANDERS (left-back).—Another good back, who has combined well with Saint. At times his kicking has been a little wild, but his vigorous tackling and good headwork have been of great use to the side.

F. DIXON (goal).—Has made considerable improvement since the early part of the season, and has played some very good games, especially in the second game with Portsmouth Grammar School. Is inclined to run with the ball and must learn always to pick up ball before kicking. Sense of anticipation quite good.

*R. A. G. POWELL II. (outside-left).—Has also played well at half-back, which might be his best position. Improved considerably after the early games, and became much more dangerous. Comes in well to receive passes from the right wing and has scored some good goals.

P. A. PRESSLEY (outside-right).—Although on the small side he has been a most consistent player. Has real football sense, is fast, and

usually beats his man before making his centre. Has not played a single bad game. Although he might shoot more often, he makes good openings for the other forwards.

R. WATSON I. (inside-right).—A clever and hard-working player, with a good idea of positional play. Is most unselfish, and goes back well to help his half-back. His chief weakness is lack of dash, and he should shoot more often.

J. WATSON II. (inside-left).—Has invariably been playing against far heavier and taller opponents, but has any amount of dash and seldom wastes an opportunity to shoot. Is very clever with the ball, and passes well to his wing. Has thoroughly justified his place in the side, and should be of even greater use in seasons to come.

B. G. BUCKLEY (right-half).—His season was spoilt by illness after the early matches, when he showed great promise. Tackles well, and is generally in the right place, but his kicking is at times weak.

H. W. ETHERIDGE (left-half).—Uses his height and weight well, and tackles very hard, but is a little clumsy. Is an untiring worker, sound in defence, but slow in recovery.

The following have also played:—

Goss (half-back).—Rather slow on his feet, but tries very hard, and tackles and heads well.

SKILTON (outside-left).—Goes hard, and is ready to cut in and shoot, but must learn to kick with either foot.

CHAMBERS (outside-left).—Has a good kick, and a good idea of the game, but must go much harder for the ball.

POWELL I. (left-back).—Can play quite well, but is a slow starter. Must learn to kick with his right foot, and should then do well.

SANDERS II. (goal).—At present on the small side. Must learn to clear the ball at once. Is a player of great promise, and is equally useful as a half or back.

* Denotes old Colour.

Sanders and Saint have been given their colours.

1st XV. MATCHES

v. B. R. Shaw's XI. ...	Home	Won	4—2
			(Child 1, Jones 3).
v. Portsmouth Municipal Col.	Home	Lost	1—6
			(Child).
v. Gosport Secondary School	Home	Won	7—1
			(Child 4, Powell 2, Watson i. 1).
v. Hilsea College ...	Home	Won	7—3
			(Watson i. 1, Child 2, Watson ii. 2, Powell 2).

v. Portsmouth Gr. Sch. ...	Home	Drawn	2—2
			(Skilton 1, Child 1).
v. Portsmouth Sec. Sch. ...	Home	Won	8—5
			(Child 5, Watson ii. 3).
v. Portsmouth Banks ...	Home	Won	4—0
			(Child 3, Watson ii. 1).
v. St. John's College ...	Home	Lost	4—5
			(Child 4).
v. Midhurst Gram. School	Away	Won	6—3
			(Child 5, Shilton 1).
v. Old Boys ...	Home	Drawn	3—3
			(Child 2, Powell i.).
v. Hilsea College ...	Away	Won	4—0
			(More 2, Powell i. 1, Sanders 1).
v. Bedales ...	Away	Lost	1—2
			(Child).
v. Portsmouth Gram. School	Away	Lost	0—2
v. Gosport Sec. School ...	Away		
v. St. John's College ...	Away		

2nd XI. MATCHES.

v. St. Helen's College I.	Home	Won	4—2
v. Gosport ...	Home	Won	10—4
v. Hilsea ...	Home	Won	13—1
v. Portsmouth Gr. Sch. III.	Home	Lost	2—9
v. Portsmouth Sec. Sch.	Home	Drawn	5—5
v. St. John's College ...	Home	Lost	1—11
v. Old Boys ...	Home	Won	8—2
x. St. Helen's College I.	Away	Lost	1—7
v. Bedales ...	Away	Won	7—1
v. Portsmouth Gr. Sch. III.	Away	Lost	0—6

The 2nd XI. has been composed of:—

Goal:—Sanders ii., Bennett i., Dodds.

Backs:—Walters, Powell i., Sanders ii.

Halves:—Bowen, Goss, Savage.

Forwards:—Gough, Bromley ii., Dove, Prince, Chambers, Skilton, Headden.

OTHER MATCHES.

v. Gosport III. ...	Away	Won	6—5
v. Gosport IV. ...	Away	Won	6—0
v. St. John's III. ...	Away	Lost	1—6
v. St. John's IV. ...	Away	Lost	4—8

HOUSE MATCHES.

1st XI.

Westbury ...	4	School House ...	0
Cams ...	6	Blackbrook ...	0
Westbury ...	2	Cams ...	0
School House ...	7	Blackbrook ...	1
Westbury ...	6	Blackbrook ...	0
Cams ...	3	School House ...	2

2nd XI.

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

3rd XI.

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

Football Cup.

Westbury 17 pts.
Cams 16½ „
School House 11 „
Blackbrook 3½ „

Westbury Cup

Cams 6½ pts.
School House 6 „
Blackbrook 3½ „
Westbury 2 „

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

1st XI. v . B. R. Shaw's XI.

Home. Won 4—2.

The School were hard pressed in the opening stages, and were soon two-goals down, Dixon being badly at fault with a slow dropping shot. However, they played up well and made a good recovery. The short passing of Jones and Child tired the opposing defence, and superior stamina and speed enabled the School to win. Jones played particularly well, and scored three good goals.

1st XI. v. Gosport Secondary School.

Home. Won 7—1.

In the first half the School had the advantage of slope, sun and a strong wind, and did most of the attacking, being three goals up at half-time. During the second half the wind dropped considerably and the School continued to have most of the play, and finally won easily.

1st XI. v. Portsmouth Grammar School.

Home. Drawn 2—2.

A really good game between two well-matched sides. Watson ii. played at inside-left for the first time, and thoroughly justified him-

self, although much smaller than anyone else in the game. The School scored first, and shortly afterwards Portsmouth equalised. Then another goal came to the School, and again the lead was lost. The last quarter of an hour was very exciting, as time after time the winning goal looked to be certain from one side or the other, both forward lines going right through, only to fail with the shot. Perhaps the School had more scoring chances, but the Grammar School goal-keeper made some fine saves. The School defence appeared less sound than usual, and the backs seemed to leave the middle open. But it was a creditable performance against a far heavier side, and a very enjoyable game.

1st XI. v. Portsmouth Secondary School.

Home. Won 8—5.

This was not a good exhibition of football, but it was a hard and vigorous game, perhaps rather too vigorous at times. The two sides were really quite evenly matched as individuals, but the School defence was much better at marking than their opponents, and the forwards made the most of their opportunities. Particularly was this the case with Watson ii. and Child. Goals for the School at first came quite frequently, Child scoring two rather against the run of the play, by quick following up and dispossessing either goal-keeper or back when both should have cleared. Early in the second half Watson ii. scored a really good goal after quick passing by Child and Watson i. and a fine centre from Pressley had left an open path between the backs. Towards the end of the game the Secondary School pressed continuously, and the School backs and halves, particularly Sanders, became more dashing than steady. The School played better football throughout, particularly the inside forwards.

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

Home. Lost 4—5.

Powell ii. and Buckley were unfortunately away for this game, their places being taken by Goss and Skilton. The School kicked off with the slope and wind in their favour, and after a period of even play Child opened the scoring with a good goal. Before long St. John's equalised, and Moore, who unfortunately strained his back, changed places with Sanders. The game continued fast and even, and half-time came with the score 1—1.

Soon after half-time Moore went outside-right, Child going back, and Pressley taking his place in the centre. Play continued to be exciting, with St. John's having the better of

the game territorially, but the School held a lead of 4—3 until the last quarter of an hour. Then the extra weight of St. Johns' began to tell, and they scored twice more before the end.

This was quite the best show put up against St. John's for many seasons, and but for the injury to Moore, with the consequent re-arrangement of the side, the School might easily have won, especially as on two occasions the goal-keeper was sadly at fault in allowing St. John's to score. Child was in good form, scoring all four goals—one from a penalty. Saint and Sanders got through a tremendous amount of excellent work, and the side as a whole are to be congratulated on a very plucky display against older and heavier opponents.

1st XI. v. Midhurst.

Away. Won 6—3.

Rain just before the start and fairly long grass produced conditions very different from those under which the earlier games had been played, and may help to explain, though nothing could excuse, a deplorable start. Within a minute the ball was in the School goal, the only School player to touch it being the back, who put it past the goal-keeper. After that, though there were still anxious moments, the side gradually improved, and by the end of the game had reached a moderate standard. Midhurst took the lead three times before half-time, but just on the interval the School managed to get the lead, and in the second half scored two more. Child scored heavily, but should have got more, and the other forwards played fairly well. In the defence, Powell ii. was outstanding after an atrocious start. It was a poor game.

1st XI. v. Hilsea College.

Away. Won 4—0.

This game at Hilsea was played in cold, dull weather. Child and Dixon were away, Powell ii. playing centre-forward, Chambers outside-left, and Sanders ii. in goal.

The School pressed from the start and ought to have scored on several occasions—the shooting of the inside forwards being poor. Except for occasional raids Hilsea were never dangerous, and finally Powell scored with a good shot to put the School in the lead.

After half-time Moore went centre-forward, and scored twice, and just before the end Sanders i. took a free kick just outside the penalty area and made the final score 4—0.

The narrowness of the ground made constructive forward play difficult, and the game throughout was rather scrappy. Sanders, with-

out having much to do, was safe in goal, and Chambers made quite a promising first appearance at outside-left.

1st XI. v. Bedales.

Away. Lost 1—2.

For this new fixture Etheridge was still away, so Powell ii. played at left-half and Chambers at outside-left.

From the start, Bedales, playing against a slight slope and breeze, pressed and opened the scoring with a shot that gave Dixon no chance. After this the School improved, and the game became fast and even, with the defences of both sides on top. Child, in spite of being closely marked, came near to scoring on two occasions, while only good work by Moore and the backs prevented Bedales from adding to their lead.

After half-time Bedales continued to have the better of the game territorially, but from a breakaway Child scored with a very fine shot. The School now had more of the game than previously, but it was Bedales who got the winning goal—their outside-left scoring with a very good shot with only two minutes left for play.

Considering that their opponents were a far heavier side, the School were rather unfortunate in losing the game, especially as the result was a draw until almost the end.

For Bedales, the centre-half and outside-left were outstanding, while Dixon played well for the School, saving one or two goods shots, and he could not be blamed for either of the goals scored. Both backs, after rather a shaky start, played excellently. Of the halves, Moore was outstanding both in attack and defence; Buckley did well against a dangerous wing, while Powell sent some nice passes to his wing, as well as getting in a lot of defensive work. The main weakness in the side was the lack of weight and thrust in the inside-forward positions—this weakness meant that Child received little support and extra pressure was put upon the halves. Child, at centre-forward, in spite of being closely marked, made the most of his limited chances, and was always dangerous. Chambers, like the inside-forwards, suffered from lack of weight, but Pressley, on the other wing, played with his usual dash, and in the second half especially got across some excellent centres.

1st XI. v. Portsmouth Grammar School.

Away. Lost 0—2.

Played on a frozen ground in bitterly cold but windless weather. Play was even at the beginning, both sides missing chances of scoring. Gradually, however, the Grammar School took

the upper hand, and after a quarter of an hour took the lead, the School marking being at fault. There was no further score until the last ten minutes of the game, when the second goal came.

The School defence played well throughout under heavy pressure. Dixon, in goal, was in very good form, some of his saves from close range being excellent. Moore and Saint both played well, but the right wing was left unmarked, and Sanders was often out of position as a consequence. The forwards all tried hard, particularly Pressley, but seemed to find the bouncing ball difficult to get under control. Child was closely marked by an excellent centre-half, and had few opportunities. Portsmouth Grammar School deserved to win. Their defence was sound and had a great advantage in size, and their forwards were able to keep constantly on the attack. But for resolute defence the defeat might have been far heavier.

The end of the game was spoilt by an accident to Watson ii., whose collar-bone was broken in a charge. This was an unfortunate end to Watson's football season, as in game after game he has played with considerable pluck against older and heavier boys.

BADMINTON.

During the term a good number of the upper school have been playing Badminton in the Hall, and although many of the players have still a great deal to learn, the keenness shown has led to a distinct improvement in the general standard of play when compared to that of previous years.

A match was played against members of the Staff, the School side consisting of Powell ii., Dyer and Dixon—Etheridge, who would have made the fourth, was unfortunately away. Although the School were unable to win a set, many of the games were very close, and with a little extra steadiness at critical moments might easily have gone the other way. Powell especially showed distinct promise, his smashing, picking up of smashes and well-placed drop shots from the back of the court being at times excellent. Dyer played many delicate drop shots, while Dixon, besides having an occasional winning service, covered vast distances at the back of the court. Rather too many points were lost through lack of wrist work when killing short shots, with the result that the shuttle was hit into the net. One or two of the pairs were inclined to get badly out of position during the rallies, but with added practice and

experience these three at least should become really useful players.

Of the others, Cornish and Powell i. are probably the best, and it is hoped that the following brief hints may be of help to everyone.

- (1) As in all games, it is essential to keep an eye on the shuttle, especially in playing drop shots and smashing.
- (2) Keep on the toes—no shot can be played correctly unless the feet are in the right position—and the feet will never be in the right position if the player is late in starting for a shot.
- (3) Clear to the back of the court, otherwise good opponents will kill the return easily.
- (4) Whenever possible hit the shuttle downwards, taking it as high as possible above the head do not hit with a bent arm.
- (5) Try to disguise the direction and speed of the shot about to be made.
- (6) For drop shots the racket should be held firmly, especially with the fingers—the shuttle should be hit, not merely allowed to rebound from the racket.
- (7) Remember that a high service, to be effective, must be high and to the back of the court, and a short one that clears the net by more than a very few inches can always be rushed.

NOTE.

OLD PRICEANS 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 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.

HOUSE NOTES.

BLACKBROOK.

Nothing outstanding has been accomplished by the House this term, but we have had by no means a bad season.

Although we finished bottom in the Football Cup Competition, our teams played well throughout, especially in the 1st XI. What we lacked

in size, we made up for in determination. The points that we did gain were won entirely by our 2nd and 3rd XI.'s; these teams contain several promising players, all who have done a great deal of good work.

Nevertheless, we must not be downhearted, and must hope for better luck next year. A great deal depends on the younger members of the House, who must remember that every little helps, both in school and out.

As the results of the School Certificate Examination are now known, I must take this opportunity of congratulating the members of Blackbrook, who were successful in passing.

The Tarbat Cup has again slipped from our grasp, and it is up to every boy in the House to set to work, and win it back again. We have the Hockey Cup to fight for next term, and we must all "pull together" to do better than we did last year. We hold the Junior and Combined Steeplechase Cups, and if we train with as much keenness as we did last year, we shall do well.

When these notes are published, Cornish will have left us, and I am sure we all wish him luck and success in the future.

F. C. D.

CAMS.

The Christmas term, 1933, is over, and how has Cams fared during this term? Very well; but not well enough. We were very unfortunate to miss sharing the Football Cup with Westbury by half-a-point. May this be a lesson to the 2nd and 3rd XI.'s of their importance, and may they realise that but for some of their defeats the Cup might have rest on Cam's shelf for the coming year. But nevertheless, the junior teams deserve some praise for winning the Junior Cup.

The 1st XI. has played well, and Sanders i. has proved himself a very energetic captain. Let us take this opportunity of congratulating him on gaining 1st XI. Football Colours.

There are several players in the 2nd XI. who show considerable ability, and they will be useful next year. In the 3rd XI. Fleming has been outstanding, and he has had plenty of support from Ruthen, Brazier, Tapper and Sanders iii.

Let us also congratulate Etheridge, Saunders and their fellow housemates who are no longer at School on passing the "Oxford" last term.

Dyer also deserves congratulations upon being appointed Head of the School, and upon passing the Civil Service examination. Etheridge and Saunders have also been appointed Monitors.

Next term the Steeplechase will take place, and it is up to all boys to start training as soon as possible, so that Cams may put up a better show than in previous years.

Several members of the House are leaving us this term. We bid them good-bye, and wish them every success in their future careers. But let us also remind those remaining that it is their duty to fill the gap made. N. E. G.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

Although we have not won the Football Cup this year, we can be satisfied that we put up a good fight for it. In spite of the fact that we were beaten by Westbury in the 1st XI. match, we gave them a good game and kept the score down to a draw until after half-time; this was excellent, considering that their team ~~was far~~ better than ours, and had a good many of the School team in it. We also lost to Cams after a hard and equal game, which decided the Football Cup in their favour; and undoubtedly they deserve it.

Very fortunately for the House, Child and Bennett, who have left during this term, were still here when the House matches were played, and so were able to give us some very valuable help, as Child was the mainstay of the forward line, while Bennett kept goal very well and made use of his powerful kick.

Although our Junior XI.'s missed getting the Westbury Cup, they did so by a very small margin, and are to be congratulated on the show they put up against Westbury.

The Steeplechase comes next term, and we hope that we may be successful and win a cup with which to decorate our shelf, which at present is looking rather bare. To do this we must train hard, and if each does his best, as we expect he will, we might carry off one of the three cups.

Lastly, we must take this opportunity to say good-bye to those who are leaving us, thanking them for all they have done for the House, and we hope they will be successful in the future.

J. D. B.

WESTBURY.

Although we have just managed to win the Senior Football Cup, there is a great deal of room for improvement. In the earlier games the Junior elevens not only showed a lack of skill, but also a lack of enthusiasm. There is absolutely no excuse for this.

The 1st XI. won all its matches, and four young and very small boys played very well indeed, especially against Cams. Two points only were collected by the 2nd XI., these in the last game against Blackbrook, when strengthened by Prior. The 3rd XI. did not obtain a single point, and was easily beaten in all games.

Next term there will be the Hockey and Steeplechase Cups to be won. If a reasonably

good effort is made by the 1st and 2nd XI.'s there is no reason why we should not win both Hockey Cups. As to the Steeplechase Cups, a great deal depends on individual effort, and everyone must do his very best. At present we hold the Tarbat Cup, and a little more effort in some quarters would keep it safely on our shelf.

We offer our congratulations to Moore on being made a Monitor and School Football Captain; and to Buckley and Powell ii. on being made Options.

Lastly to Jones and Powell ii., who have already left, and to others who will be leaving at the end of term, the House extends its best wishes for the future. The gaps made by those leaving must be filled by those remaining, who must do their best.

No matter how well we have done, we must remember that we could have done much better.

D. E. J. S.

THE QUARRY.

A middle-aged man of meagre proportions entered the station with the air of a man on the verge of holidays, and his "Single, Roxham, please," was so cheerful that Miss Smith afterwards remarked to Mrs. Boxam that "Old Jacob must 'ave 'ad a rise or somethink." He even nodded to old Fred Dixon, the sleepy porter, and received a cheery, "Bit foggy to-night, sir," for a reply. Passing through the platform gates amid a rush of bowlers and suit-cases, he sauntered down the platform and entered a first-class carriage to ensure solitude. Once inside, he relaxed, and, chuckling to himself, placed a black bag by his side.

How simple it was! The steady, trustworthy secretary of Mr. Fletcher, of Fletcher, Fletcher and Fletcher, conveying the week's takings to the bank, enters the Idsworth express instead of the slow to Roxham, in company with a precious black bag. The bank would suspect nothing for a couple of hours, and even the girl at the pay-box would confirm that he had gone to Roxham. When the train passed Neonville and arrived at the illuminated sign for Worthington, he would pull the communication cord and, amidst the general confusion, escape to the excellent hidey-hole his compatriot in crime had discovered. Simple! There was no danger of losing his way, for had he not surveyed it scores of times. With these soothing reflections he dozed off, and his dreams were very pleasant.

When he awoke he felt for the moment an unreasonable panic, and, hurrying into the corridor, he glanced out. Ah! there was the sign,

blinking through the fog; he was just in time. Returning, he pulled the cord and, seizing his precious burden, hurried down the corridor. Amidst hissing of steam, lowering of windows and turning of handles, he stepped down from the carriage, slid down the embankment, and disappeared in the fog. Unhesitatingly he ran to the right, where he knew the road to be. He ran on for two minutes, and then stopped, puzzled: surely he should have reached the road by now. He retraced his steps, or rather essayed to do so. But it was useless. Guided by the shouts from the train, he turned once again, and began to sense fear, which increased when, amid slamming of doors and screeching of wheels, the train departed. Now he had no guide. Then he remembered the sign; what an idiot he was—the road was near the sign. He glanced around, and suddenly broke into a cold sweat. It had gone, disappeared in the ever-thickening fog. Thoroughly terrified, he began to walk quickly; then he ran, ran blindly, while he felt a sinking feeling in the pit of his stomach, and a sudden desire to yell. Suddenly he tripped; screaming, he picked himself up, and still screaming, he rushed madly from side to side, when suddenly the ground slipped from beneath him, and he was falling, falling like a stone. Something crashed on his head, he felt singing in his ears, and all went black.

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Two white beards were discussing the craziness of the age, amid shaking of heads and the froth of the good old ale of "The Old Bull and Bush." "Aye," said Jarge, "look 'e 'ere at all these new-fangled crazes; first it's cars, then these 'ere 'lectric signs. Soon as Worthington's put up a sign by the railroad, bless me if someone else don't put up another, couple o' mile away near the ole quarry!" "Blessed if oi knows!" and "Jarge," shaking his head, sought consolation in his pewter mug.

J.C. (vi.)

CYCLING AS OUR ANCESTORS KNEW IT.

During the last thirty years or so since the invention of the cycle, improvement has steadily been added to improvement, till the modern almost perfect machine was evolved. However, in the early days of the cycle, the pioneer who rode them obtained many thrills and excitements from their mounts. The machines themselves were regarded as the productions of the Evil One, while their riders were tempting everlasting damnation in mounting on them.

With such crude materials as the early cycle was made of, mishaps were frequent. However, the cycle improved and became a fashionable sport. A contemporary writer describes cycling as a "pastime which of recent years has become immensely popular, and there is no doubt that if taken in moderation it is a most health-giving recreation."

The crudity of these early machines may be gathered from the remark, "The screw connected with the steering rod sometimes works loose, but a hairpin may be placed in a hole provided and twisted round to serve as a temporary measure." Imagine a lady's surprise on being stopped in the street by a cyclist with the request "Madame, could you give me a hair-pin, my front screw has worked loose."

Again, "A broken crank is an awkward dilemma, being generally due to a flaw in the metal. Unless a blacksmith is at hand to forge the broken parts again, the only thing to do is to tie it up with string and take the cycle to the nearest railway station. Loose tyres (solid ones) may be remedied by holding a gas jet under the rim till the cement oozes out. Then tie it up with string and leave it to cool." A ball of string seems to have been an indispensable article for the cyclist, for tying up sundry odd broken parts.

However, these days of the hardy pioneer are past, and one can ride a bicycle nowadays for years without anything worse than a puncture.

H. W. S. (VI.).

WINTER.

As the crash of battle comes in war,
As the beating of the rumbling drums,
As the hungry beasts do loudly roar,
So winter comes.

The icy fingers grip the land,
The icy blast shrieks loud and shrill,
The Frozen North has spread his hand,
O'er hill and dale.

The birds depart; the waters freeze;
White snow replaces autumn red;
And in the forests leafless trees,
Lift their bare heads.

But when the icy terror's worst,
When starving robins come for crumbs,
When water-pipes will freeze and burst,
Then Christmas comes.

But quickly this good time does pass,
While still we feel the cold's sharp bite,
And winter spreads upon the grass
Her wintry white.

At last the wintry cold does go,
The ponds no longer nightly freeze,
And the green buds begin to show
Upon the trees.

L. V. M. (VI.).

A TRIP ON A BATTLESHIP.

I was excited when my father brought home the news that I could return to England with him on H.M.S. "Warspite."

She had previously run aground on a submerged reef at Skiatos, in Greece, and had badly damaged her bottom; this had been temporarily repaired, and on account of this the journey to England would take thirteen instead of the normal seven to eight days. On the evening of September 2nd, 1928, I embarked with my father. I was in high spirits at the prospect of such a trip. I had little sleep that night, and was on deck early the next morning.

At 10 a.m. the ship left her berth, and was given a rousing send-off by the other ships. It was a Festa day; with the clang of bells floating across the water and the cheering of the other ships, we said farewell to Malta. It was a glorious day—brilliant sunshine which reflected on the white buildings of Malta making a very picturesque scene.

Everybody on board was naturally in high spirits, having served two and a half years on the station. As we proceeded through the Mediterranean on our way to Gibraltar we could see on our port side the African coast in the distance. I soon became accustomed to the ways of the ship, and had several favourite haunts, the chief being the bridge. After we had been at sea for four days we dropped anchor for the convenience of those who wished to bathe. This was a relief after the heat of the Mediterranean, of which we took full advantage.

On the sixth day we sighted Gibraltar. Our orders had been to call at Gibraltar, but unfortunately these orders were cancelled, and I did not have the opportunity of seeing the sights of this port, as I had hoped to do when leaving Malta. The Straits of Gibraltar were very narrow, and the land could be seen on either side. Just off Gibraltar I saw the Races, where the Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea meet; here there is a mighty maelstrom of waters.

Turning northwards from Gibraltar the weather became colder. The next place of importance we saw was Cape Finisterre; this denotes the entrance to the Bay of Biscay. Shoals of porpoises had followed in the wake of the ship, jumping clean out of the water and rolling over

and over, and they now left us. As we proceeded we began to feel the great Atlantic rollers, which are always very uncomfortable through the Bay. I now began to realise that life on the ocean wave was not always pleasant, but fortunately I was not bothered with mal-de-mer. Time passed slowly, or seemed to, when we passed Gibraltar, owing to the heavy seas which made life uncomfortable.

Once we passed Ushant we felt that we were nearing home. As we turned into the English Channel we left the rollers behind. We then had a sea which drove up up the Channel. After having taken thirteen days to complete the voyage, we arrived at Spithead at 10 p.m.—too late to go ashore, so we had to remain on board until the following day at 1.30 a.m. We proceeded to the Southern Railway jetty, and thus ended my trip.

R. N. (IV.A).

ROBIN REDBREAST.

In the cold and wintry weather,
When frost is on the ground,
And there's no food for little birds,
The Robin comes around.

He perches on the window-ledge,
And watches for the crumbs,
But when I shake the table-cloth,
The hungry Robin runs.

He struts along the garden path,
So perky and so gay,
But when the warmer weather comes,
Then Robin flies away.

But in the winter he'll come back,
To sit upon the sill,
And watch for me to scatter food,
That he may have his fill.

J. B. (IV.A).

A CHEERY WELCOME.

When home from school, at close of day,
The weary scholar wends his way,
Hungry, wet and cold all through,
His home is then a welcome view.
He's greeted with a playful yap—
His dog is on the front door mat.
Tea's quite ready. The cheery fire,
The kettle singing like a choir,
Crumpets toasted a golden brown—
On such a feast what boy could frown?
Oh! what a pleasant thing to be,
A schoolboy just come home for tea!

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 3/6 (overseas members 2/6), 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 5/- 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 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.

Once again our News Column bears notice of the death of one of our members, C. E. TIZZARD, who joined the Association soon after he left the School in 1926 and made several appearances on Old Boys' days, the last being as recently as this year's Reunion. A commercial traveller, he had a severe attack of septic bronchial pneumonia, and after three weeks' illness died in Leicester Royal Infirmary. An account in the "Hampshire Telegraph and Post" bears tribute to the esteem in which he was held by his friends in the town and among our members.

We are glad to be able to record that the Careers Bureau has begun to function, and we were able during the summer to put two enquirers in contact with members, who gave them information: one with regard to the Civil Service and the other on Chartered Accountancy. Now that the ice has been broken we hope the resources of the Bureau will be fully taxed in the future.

On November 18th, for the first time since 1929, our Soccer team managed to avoid being beaten by the School, but they were only able to draw with a very virile team, after having the best of the game in the second half. On the same day our 2nd XI. was badly beaten. However, the getting of two teams into the field and a muster of almost 50 members was no mean achievement, and it is pleasant to note that our attendances at Past v. Present matches are steadily on the up-grade. Accounts of the games by our special correspondents, B. R. ROSS and E. P. SMITH, appear elsewhere.

Impromptu gatherings are very often the most successful, and this certainly applies to a week-end party which took place during the summer in the Droxford—West Meon area, and which might almost be dignified by the name of a local section meeting. D. R. MASTERMAN and H. L. MARRIOTT, motoring from London to Fareham, stopped for petrol at the garage owned by R. G. REEVES, and there joined up with W. H. DAVIS, P. SILVESTER, E. SILVESTER, R. HIGGENS, and several other local members. The meeting finally became a week-end party at Silvester's house, where his cordial hospitality was much appreciated. A true and lively account of this meeting appears elsewhere.

We are again entering a team next Easter for the Bournemouth Hockey Festival, and are hopeful that this time we shall be considerably stronger than on the occasion of our debut there. If all our first choices are available, our side will consist almost entirely of county and ex-county players, and, on paper at least, should be able to cope with any other team in the tournament.

As Easter falls early this year, this will be the last intimation we can give, so please note that we shall be very glad of supporters to cheer us on, and that our headquarters, where all information can be obtained, will be Eastbury Hall, Surrey Road, Bournemouth. Games will be played on Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Monday, and time of playing and location of ground can be obtained on enquiring at Headquarters.

The 1st XI. for the Past v. Present hockey matches on March 3rd has been selected as follows:—F. Butters; J. Riches, F. B. Raby-Cox; R. D. Raby-Cox, F. E. Nugent, H. F. Sturges; A. G. Coles, A. Jones, H. J. Raby-Cox, J. C. Hurden, R. C. H. Connolly.

It is hoped to put at least one other XI., and possibly two, in the field, and the matches will be followed by tea at the School and the usual informal sing-song

And now all that remains is to wish to all our members a very happy Christmas, and to express the hope that 1934 will be chock full of good fortune for us all.

P.S.—What about an O.P. Tie as a Christmas present? Price 5/-, obtainable on application to me.

GUY CHIGNELL,
Hon. Secretary.

NEW AND REJOINED MEMBERS.

- R. C. Brookes.—The Bungalow, Fareham Road, Portchester, Hants.
A. B. Coles.—12 Lincombe Place, Bath.
N. C. Daventry.—“Normandale,” Station Road, Portchester, Hants.
G. W. Fewtrell.—60 Kirby Road, North End, Portsmouth.
H. G. Gibson.—Honchin Street, Bishop's Waltham, Hants.
E. S. Hall.—83 Stirling Road, Egbaston, Birmingham.
A. Jones.—Police Station, Fareham, Hants.
H. Mansbridge.—West Street, Fareham, Hants.
K. J. Milnes.—22 Southampton Hill, Titchfield, Hants.
S. H. Pullinger.—Waltham Chase, near Southampton.
P. A. Silvester.—4 Shamrock Villas, Adelaide Road, St. Denys, Southampton.
E. J. Tatford.—West Street, Portchester, Hants.
H. Vimpany.—11 West Street, Fareham, Hants.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- E. W. and H. R. Bucknall.—50 Cecil Road, Rochester, Kent.
F. H. Collihole.—31 Hill Street, Peckham, S.E.
W. G. Cummins.—12 Prince Maurice Road, Mulvey, Plymouth.
F. O. Dyer.—Heathfield Road, Sholing, Southampton.
L. S. Goodall.—“Petworth,” Old Turnpike, Fareham, Hants.
J. O. Hall.—Everthorpe, East Hill, Winchester.
A. W. Ivens.—Fascist Headquarters, Press Publicity Dept., King's Road, Chelsea.
W. R. Peel.—14 Queens' Street, North Fields, Stamford.
R. W. Pickwood.—c/o. Peruvian Corporation Ltd., Casilla 1379, Lima, Peru.
E. P. Smith.—9 Grove Road, Fareham, Hants.
W. G. Tovell.—27 Portland Street, Southampton.
W. Murray.—“Cotswold,” 30 York Road, Guildford.

ADDRESSES REQUIRED.

E. Carr-Hill.
L. H. Stevenson.
E. Fry.
C. J. Hacnett.

NOVEMBER 18th, 1933.

Past v. Present.

The ground was in good condition when the Old Boys won the toss and decided to kick down the slope.

The School predominated the play in the first ten minutes, and only ill luck prevented them from scoring on at least two occasions, the ball striking an upright and rebounding into play.

After a quarter of an hour the Old Boys took the lead through a penalty taken by Goodall, but this was only short-lived, for Powell, taking a corner, scored direct with a beautiful curling shot. This success encouraged the School, and they put on a further two goals within the next quarter of an hour, both the result of good work by the forwards, resulting in Child scoring on each occasion.

The Old Boys should have made the score level had it not been for poor finishing in front of goal. The half ended with the School definitely playing better and holding the upper hand over the Old Boys.

The Old Boys started the second half well, and had reduced the lead within a few minutes, the inside-left scoring. Goodall was then injured and had to leave the field; this appeared as though it would be a great handicap to the Old Boys, as he was playing really well. The Old Boys kept up the pressure on the School goal, however, and equalised 25 minutes after the interval—again the inside-left scoring. By this stage of the game the Old Boys had definitely taken command of the game, and kept it to the end.

Sinnott scored direct from a free kick against the goal-keeper for carrying, but, of course, the shot was disallowed. Goodall returned ten minutes from the end, but there was no further scoring, a really good game ending in a draw, 3—3.

The School appear to have a very nice side, especially their defence and their forwards; the halves did not appear to give the forwards quite the support they needed.

O.P.A. Team:—B. R. Ross; E. G. Nobbs, R. C. H. Connolly; L. V. Wilton, J. B. Sinnott, H. J. Fletcher; E. Ross, R. G. McNeil, L. S. Goodall, E. E. Wheeler, J. H. Chapman.

For the first time since 1926 we were able to put a 2nd XI. into the field, and this was defeated rather heavily by 7—2.

The Old Boys opened up the game with plenty of dash and were soon crowding the School goal, but had shooting failed to score. The young blood and wind of the School eleven soon got to work, and after a few minutes the Old Boys had a stiff time defending their own goal; the play became generally round the Old Boys' goal, and the School scored three times in succession. However, the Old Boys retaliated, and at half-time the score was 3—1.

In the second half the Old Boys opened up the game by scoring, but the pace was too hot, and the School scored four more. Rideout, in goal, played an excellent game and saved very well, and Hinxman, playing left-back, deserves a special notice for his good play, apart from the fact that he was the "Old Man" of the eleven and could give the younger members of the team many good points upon speed and good kicking.

O.P.A. Team:—W. Rideout; C. H. Coles, H. J. Hinxman N. C. Daventry, E. P. Smith, D. J. Bennett; D. Strugnell, C. H. Farrow, E. Russell, H. Mansbridge.

Tea was a very crowded affair, as by that time, in addition to the School House and School teams, there were nearly fifty of our members present, and the usual sing-song was, if anything, more lusty from the vocal point of view than usual. We owe a considerable debt to B. R. Ross, who not only sang three or four songs, but also took the solo part of quite a number of songs in which the choruses were well supported by the rest of us, and with cheers for the School and for the Old Boys another pleasant meeting ended.

In addition to the teams, the following were present:—Gregory, Dean-Cooper, A. Jones, Edwards, Whitfield, Sheppard, Chignell, H. W. Mundy, Mogridge, R. H. Scott, F. H. Smith, Milner, F. R. Clark, Hoather, Dyer, Aps, Humphries, Gardner, W. Jones, Austin, Marriott, Masterman, A. G. Frost, Whiteman, G. W. Fewtrell, P. A. Silvester, E. J. Tatford.

L.S.O.P. NOTES.

London Section, like most other things, has its ups and downs, and it is pleasant to be able to report that, at the moment, we are enjoying one of the "ups." We have gained several new members, and older members have regained their enthusiasm, which for a time looked like fading out. We are fortunate, too, in having discovered a new rendezvous through H. Aps. He is exploring the intricacies of pastry at the Maison Bonivard Café, 17 Gillingham Street, Victoria, S.W. 1, and that address is our new meeting place. Due, no doubt, to Aps' link with the powers behind the rolling pin, so to

speak, we are served with a most excellent meal for 1s. 6d. per head.

We have made this Café the rendezvous for the monthly Lunch Club, so if any O.P. is in London on the first Tuesday in any month and cares to wander along there between 12.30 and 2.30 p.m., he is fairly sure to find one or two other O.P.'s with whom he can chat.

We are lucky, also, in having arranged about half-a-dozen hockey fixtures for the season, thanks to good spade work by D. C. T. HUMPHRIES, backed up by the keenness of willing helpers.

The Christmas Dinner is fixed for Tuesday, December 19th, at 8 p.m., at the Maison Bonivard Café, 17 Gillingham Street, Victoria, S.W. 1 (I repeat the address for the second time in these notes purposely), and the tickets for same are 3s. The more who support us with their presence, the merrier we shall be, so please roll up in your hundreds, but do not forget to give me good notice of your coming, otherwise you may find you have to go hungry on THE day.

I hope these Notes breathe the new life which seems to have come into London Section, and will encourage London O.P. readers, who have not as yet honoured us with their presence, to come without delay to give us a trial.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,
87 Talgarth Road,
Barons Court, W. 14.

" BEHIND THE SCENES."

XI.—Accountancy.

By a CORPORATE ACCOUNTANT.

Accountants may be described as persons engaged in the preparation, investigation, and auditing of Accounts. They may be divided into three classes:—Official, Public and Private.

1. OFFICIAL. Under this general title may be mentioned the Accountants of the Crown.

2. PUBLIC. Any person may call himself a Public Accountant; and as such, assume to be a specialist in accountancy and to assist and advise the public. Accountants, as a profession, have at present no legal status as such, but the profession is making an endeavour to obtain legislation that will define the position of an accountant, and at the same time regulate accountancy on the lines of the learned professions.

The principal bodies of professional Accountants in the British Empire are:—

1. The Institute of Chartered Accountants.
2. The Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.
3. The Corporation of Accountants.

4. The London Association of Accountants.

3. PRIVATE. It is usual, and not by any means improper, for any person who is employed in a fixed employment as a clerk, book-keeper or cashier, to call himself an Accountant.

The origin of Accountancy is lost in obscurity, but there are evidences of existence as far back as the history of civilisation takes us; certainly it is far older than paper or books, hence the term "book-keeping" would seem to be a misnomer, more especially as the later developments of the science are all in favour of increasingly dispensing with bound books of account.

From the earliest times it has been usual for these records to be kept by slaves (and later, servants) of the capitalist; accordingly, all systems of accounting are based upon a system that treats the receiver of the benefit of a transaction as a debtor, and the impartor of that benefit as a creditor.

It may very briefly be said that there are only two systems of book-keeping in existence, all other systems being merely variations with regard to the recording of the transactions, not as to the ultimate outcome thereof.

The more important of these two systems is called "double entry book-keeping, i.e., every debit requires a corresponding credit. The other entry is called "single entry book-keeping," and is thus known, because of its peculiar habit of regarding every business transaction merely from its personal side, and ignoring that which is equally important, but which does not happen to be quite so personal.

In former years the work of professional accountants was confined chiefly to the checking of the arithmetical accuracy of the detailed records of transactions in books of account, the agreement of the Trial Balance, and the preparation of Accounts, but nowadays, the all-important part of a professional accountant's work is that of auditing.

The difference between accounting and auditing is not clearly understood by many business men, it being thought that if accounts are prepared by an accountant, he necessarily guarantees their accuracy. This is not so, for if an accountant is instructed merely to prepare accounts from a set of books, the work involved would be that of agreeing the Trial Balance and preparing the Profit and Loss Account, and the Balance Sheet.

An Audit is quite distinct and apart from Accountancy, as it denotes something much wider than the preparation of a Balance Sheet, namely, the examination of a Balance Sheet prepared by others, together with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto in such a

manner that the Auditor may be able to satisfy himself and honestly certify that, in his opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the particular concern, according to the information and explanations given to him.

The qualifications required by a professional accountant are many and varied, the examination papers of the principal bodies embracing the following subjects:—

- Practical Accounting.
- Income Tax Law and Practice.
- Partnership Law and Accounts.
- Auditing.
- Company Law, including Liquidation.
- Executorship Law and Accounts.
- Costing.
- Bankruptcy Law.
- Economics and Statistical Methods.

Therefore it will be seen that a Professional Accountant requires a considerable legal knowledge, and must be complete master of the principles of auditing in all its bearings. In addition to his scientific knowledge, he must be above all things a man of affairs, and possess tact and character; he must not be easily led and influenced by others, but have the courage to carry out his duty faithfully, regardless of the effects it may have upon himself, as occasionally he may find himself in a position when his duty to his client is opposed to his own interests. In the long run his reputation for absolute integrity will prove of greater value to him than any temporary loss in the beginning.

An accountant is, apart from special agreement, entitled to fair and adequate remuneration for services rendered, having regard to any difficulty and importance of the work. For ordinary investigations of Accounts and for opening Books of Account, the following fees are considered reasonable:—

For the Principal—3 to 10 guineas per day of seven hours..

His Managing Clerk—Up to 2 guineas per day.

Other Clerks—1 guinea per day.

Without suggesting that the above charges are excessive, it is permissible to criticise them and venture the observation that in some cases, perhaps, the remuneration might be none too large; whilst in others, where the work involved is simple, such a payment would be more than ample for proper and reasonable remuneration.

F.C.R.A.

O.P. MEETING AT CORHAMPTON.

This took place towards the end of the summer, the exact date, I regret to say, I have forgotten, and it would have been better if some other hand than mine had written the report of the meeting, because with my natural modesty, I shall find it difficult to give all the details. How difficult, you will be able to judge, gentle reader, when I have to tell you that I was unanimously elected chairman, inasmuch as I was "chaired" by the rest of the company at the conclusion of the meeting, as the story will show.

I, D. K. MASTERMAN, together with H. L. MARRIOTT, was making the journey from London to our respective homes at Fareham and Gosport one fine, hot and sunny Saturday afternoon, and being good O.P.'s, we stopped at REEVES' petrol pump to "fill up with Shell." Reeves, wearing his usual sunny smile and distinctive headgear, complained of a leathery tongue, and told us the beer in the neighbourhood was a sure cure for that state of affairs. We fell.

He led us to a pleasant-looking inn called the Buck's Head—and that is how it all began. While administering the lotion to Reeves' tongue, paying pennies to guess the weight of a dish of potatoes for charity, etc., we were suddenly overwhelmed by a sudden influx of local O.P.'s, the SILVESTERS, DAVIS, HIGGINS and CLARKE to name a few. Again we fell! Strange music came from another room, and like the song of the Sirens, it drew us to it. We sang the School song, of course, and others, and I seem to remember Marriott working wonders with a tambourine. Dancing inevitably followed, and again I seem to remember the tambourine expert and the "chairman" as dancing partners, but the less said about that the better. The chairman was also partnered by a coy old man of 83 summers (he did not say how many winters), not an O.P., but worthy of such an appellation for all that.

Time passed quickly, and suddenly the "chairman" was missed, and after a search he was found in the innkeeper's garden, seated, a veritable figure of Fortune on the Wheel, not blindfolded it is true, but unable to see, none the less; seated on the wheel of an upturned barrow. His soliloquies were disturbed by the raucous laughter of the less enlightened O.P.'s present, but wearying of their jibes at so flabby a target, they returned to their tankards. Later they sought for their "chairman" again, but, alas! though the wheelbarrow was in place, the "chairman" was not, and the leader, kicking something soft, found the lost man couched on the innkeeper's cabbages. Then it was that the "chairman's" popularity reached its zenith, for

with one accord they chaired him and carried him triumphant to his car, and not allowing him to do anything so menial as to drive, laid him gently on the back seat, among the rugs and suit-cases, with his ever-faithful bull terrier nuzzling his face and hands for very joy at the extent of his master's popularity, while they cast lots among themselves as to which should have the honour of providing him with a bed for the night. The lot fell to Ernest Silvester, and the procession accordingly headed for his farm. Arrived there, the body of the chairman was lifted out, but they had only moved a few steps when the cry was raised that the car was moving, the brakes not being properly on. The "chairman" was, therefore, propped reverently against a near-by friendly wall, while the car was attended to; then he was taken gently to bed and sweet oblivion, and so ended the first unofficial meeting of the Corhampton O.P.'s.

The following evening two somewhat tired and wan O.P.'s sought sanctuary in the quiet and peace of their native village—London.

D. R. M.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

We deeply regret to record the death of C. E. TIZZARD ('20-'26), on October 17th. The funeral took place at Fareham on October 21st.

We have pleasure in recording the following marriages, and offer our congratulations:—
E. J. K. GARRETT was married on September 5th to Miss Clarke, at Streatham.

M. R. NICHOLSON ('11-'19) was married on September 2nd to Miss Dorothy Riches, at Fareham.

H. G. HEASEMAN ('16-'24) was married in September to Miss Mortimer, of West Lavant Farm, Chichester, at Lavant.

A. D. HAYWARD ('19-'25) was prevented from attending our Summer Meeting because he was coaching an Ilford relay team which had a meeting on that day.

W. T. TOVELL ('21-'24), who became an Incorporated Accountant in 1932, has been made a partner in the firm of D. L. Sellers, of Southampton.

D. C. T. HUMPHRIES ('21-'30) was 45th out of many hundreds for his Civil Service examination, but only 13 places were available. He is now working for the Indian Police examination. This winter he is running the London O.P. Hockey Team, and will be very grateful for offers of assistance, which should be sent to him at 132 Tulse Hill, S.W. 2.

W. H. DROVER ('20-'25) has contributed a most interesting article on "A Day in a Policeman's Life," which we hope to publish shortly. He is now in the Superintendent's Office, and finds it a considerable improvement on street duty. He is engaged, and hopes to get married next year (congratulations), and as he wrote in "Single Mens'" quarters surrounded by dishes waiting to be washed up, his announcement was not surprising. He paid a surprise visit to London recently, and nobly called on the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, but unluckily they were not in. Apologies from both of them.

J. M. LEE ('11-'18), Hampshire Regiment, is in Nowshera, where he is conducting a small frontier war; as Staff Captain of the Nowshera Brigade, he naturally finds very little spare time, but hopes for English leave next year, as his war has cost him this year's leave.

R. H. SCOTT ('10-'18), Punjab Regt., is now on leave in England, and reports that he and Lee took a course together at Simla during the summer.

An interesting paragraph in the "Hampshire Telegraph and Post" on Friday, 15th September, described a cricket match between Fareham and T.S. "Mercury," and commented on the fact that no less than nine of the players were or had been associated with the School—B. R. SHAW, STURGESS, WAGSTAFFE, ROSS, TROKE, JONES and POWELL for Fareham, and CONNOLLY and BARNES for Mercury.

W. B. MITCHELL ('24-'29) was in January last appointed a Constable in the Plymouth City Police Force, where he has just finished his training period, and is now "on the beat." There are now several areas in England where any Old Boy motorist may reasonably feel that he is comfortably "known to the Police."

F. H. COLLIHOLE ('20-'24) is now employed in a Drapery Store in Peckham, and as he is part of the Selfridge combine, he finds it very interesting. His firm recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and spent over £3,000 in stunt advertising alone. He attended his first London Section meeting recently.

P. A. SILVESTER ('-'33) is in the Ordnance Survey Office at Southampton, which is the headquarters of the Government Department responsible for the mapping of Great Britain. The original survey of the country was made in the 18th century, and he is occupied on the fourth revision of that survey. The actual surveying is done by Royal Engineers, while civilians are mainly responsible for the Office and Administrative work. It is interesting to note that air photographs are used to verify the accuracy of the O.S. Maps.

- E. G. NOBBS ('20-'28), Burma Regt., is on leave in England, and turned up at School on November 18th. He shows no signs of becoming any slimmer, and is due back in the Federated Malay States before Christmas.
- J. C. HURDEN ('18-'26) has returned to Derby for his firm, Mining and Industrial Corporation Ltd., and has just played his first County hockey match for Derbyshire—which they lost 5—2 to Nottingham. Before he left Aberdeen he was in the winning eight at the Aberdeen Boat Club races, and in Derby has won the President's Cup for pairs.
- R. C. BROOKES ('24-'33) is now at Winchester Training College.
- H. VIMPANY ('29-'33) has just joined a Training College for the Navy.
- A. G. FROST ('26-'32) has given up his clerical work, and has now joined his father in their baking and confectionery business at Fareham.
- E. J. LOVERIDGE ('25-'29) is now on S/S, Clan MacNaughton, and sailed on October 28th for Durban and Beira. When he joined this ship last May he found E. P. SMITH ('12-'19) there as Third Officer, who was later promoted to Second Officer.
- R. W. PICKWOOD ('26-'31) went in September to Peru to take up an appointment in the Central Railway of the Peru Corporation.
- E. G. WHITE ('20-'25) is back in London after his temporary post at Boroughbridge.
- A. JONES ('28-'33) is now assistant to the Relieving Officer of the Droxford District.
- A. W. IVENS ('13-'19) has become an enthusiastic member of the British Fascisti, being attached to their publicity branch, and living in at their Chelsea stronghold. He is ardently engaged in trying to convert the London Section—probably uphill work in many cases.
- A. J. HARVEY ('10-'17) was prevented from attending Old Boys' Day by a business trip on behalf of Auto-Dairy Pioneers Ltd., which took him all over Lancashire and the North, his headquarters being at Bolton.
- A. WHITFIELD ('20-'28), British India Line, after a short trip lasting a month, has sailed again for India for a three years' stretch away from home.
- W. MURRAY has completed his course at King Alfred's College, Winchester, and having passed for his Certificate and also in Handicrafts, has obtained a post at Guildford, which he seems to like but would be grateful for more games.
- H. McNEIL also passed his Certificate examination from University College, Southampton, but at the time of writing had not secured a permanent post.
- K. MATHER (Copper), after varied excursions in India, Persia, Iraq, Palestine, Syria, Egypt, and much of Europe, is now running (with two partners) the Houseland Bureau at 76 New Oxford Street, with several branches in other parts of London.
- P. P. SMITH is at Hong-Kong in H.M.S. Suffolk, having had a good trip out via Malta, Aden, Colombo and Singapore. He found the last-named the most interesting, and Hong-Kong the most beautiful, particularly at night, when lights on the way to the Peak produce a fine effect. His captain is great on P.T., and the ship's teams are good at all forms of sport. He has been elected captain of the ship's Soccer X. Cricket is just starting and nets are being well patronised.
- S. G. PETHER (Dad) has at last written. He is now a Public Accountant at 10 Dowling St., Dunedin, N.Z. Owing to war wounds his right arm was not too good, and the high price of land made farming a very difficult business, so he went in for the Book-keeping Diploma of the University of New Zealand, and also the Accountancy Prize, and passing top of the list, worked up for the Professional Accountants' Exam., and after some years' study became a fully-qualified Public Accountant. He is keen to get in touch with Old Boys of his time, and the O.P. Club will find in him a keen member prevented only by distance from attending the London lunches!
- O. HOSKINS is working with Messrs. Sainsbury at their Crovdon branch, and evidently making good at his job, though he finds the hours (some 70 a week) considerably more strenuous than they were at School.
- A. C. HYNES is now a Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, and is stationed at Ouetta.
- R. H. H. SCOTT is at home on leave, but has much to do in working for the Staff College exam., due next spring.
- M. HYNES is reading Law at Clare College, Cambridge.
- T. I. WILLIAMS is similarly occupied at University College, Oxford.

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**LES "ACTEURS FRANCAIS" AU
"COLLEGE UNIVERSITAIRE" DE
SOUTHAMPTON.**

Nous apprimes, au début de ce trimestre que des acteurs français, allaient jouer, au "Collège Universitaire" de Southampton, une pièce appelée "Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrichon," comédie en cinq actes, par M.M. Labiche et

Martin, que nous avions lue à l'école. Les acteurs appartiennent aux meilleurs, théâtres de France et naturellement la pièce était très bien jouée.

Environ trente garçons allerent à Southampton ; quelques uns en autocar et les autres dans les automobiles de M. Larginer et Mr. Bradly. Mr. Shaw conduisait cette dernière. L'autocar arriva à Southampton vers sept heures et demie, quelques minutes avant le lever du rideau.

La scène se passe vers la fin du dixneuvième siècle, une partie en France et l'autre en Suisse. Nous pensons tous que le rôle le mieux joué était celui de M. Perrichon, un nouveau riche sans éducation. Au commencement nous avions de la difficulté à comprendre le commandant Mathieu, un brave militaire, qui provoqua M. Perrichon en duel. Armand et Daniel deux bons amis, courtoisèrent Fleurette, la jolie fille de M. Perrichon, mais Armand sort de la lutte vain-

queur. Marjorin, l'employé petit et maigre de l'ancien carrossier, était très drôle, et nous fit rire beaucoup. Nous fûmes très étonné de voir que les acteurs étaient habillés à la mode moderne, pas à la mode du dixneuvième siècle.

Heureusement les entr'actes ne furent pas très longs, et la pièce se termina vers dix heures. Nous fûmes très enchantés de voir Gilbert qui est au "Collège Universitaire," et aussi Silvester qui travaille à Southampton.

Tout le monde s'amusa beaucoup et nous espérons que la prochaine représentation sera aussi bonne. Je me demande si cette soireé charmante va rappeler quelques bons souvenirs d'école à certains anciens élèves qui, comme nous ont déjà assisté à une de ces représentations au collège de Southampton? D'autres, qui ont lu la pièce dans la classe de cinquième A, se rappelleront sans doute le rôle de l'amusant Monsieur Perrichon.

F.C.D.