

THE LION

DECEMBER, 1934.



COMMENTS.

THIS Term has naturally been one of the most important in the history of the School. Now that Mr. and Mrs. Ashton (and Miss Ashton) have settled down among us, we realise that there has been no break in the School's progress, and that we are going steadily towards still greater things.

Once again it is the Editor's pleasure to comment on School Certificate results reported elsewhere. All last year's VA. succeeded in passing and they leave a record which is worthy of comparison with earlier years' and which we hope to see equalled once more in the near future.

Our readers must already have observed the changes in "THE LION'S" appearance, and we hope they will commend themselves. We are especially grateful to Mr. Lockhart for his excellent design for the cover and we hope, with our readers' co-operation, to make the contents worthy of his efforts. You cannot send in contributions for our next issue too soon.

We wish our readers a very Happy Christmas and much vigour in the New Year, to face the demands of the Hockey field, and—as a reminder—the Steeplechase Course.

Speech Day.

This year Speech Day attracted more than the usual number of visitors as it was the last public appearance of Mr. Bradly as Head Master. The usual feeling of relief at the end of the year's work was completely overshadowed by sadness at the thought that one who had meant so much to us all was handing over his work to another. All the speakers referred in very appreciative terms to Mr. Bradly's work, except, of course, Mr. Bradly himself, who, as always, was only too ready to give the credit to others.

In his address, Mr. Bradly gave an interesting and frequently amusing resumé of the growth of the school during his term of office, and it was easy to realise what an uphill fight the first few years must have been.

The prizes were presented by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth, whose address was as usual enlivened by one or two good stories. He expressed, on behalf of all connected with the school, their warm appreciation of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Bradly, and dwelt on the difficulties of a Head Master's work, and on its value. He also extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Ashton, the new Head Master, who had come from Monmouth specially to be present.

A vote of thanks to the bishop was moved by another old friend of the school, the Rev. J. E. Tarbat, formerly Chairman of the Governors. He recalled his long association with the school, and referring to Mr. Bradly, he described the difficulties which beset the governors in appointing the first Head Master, and said that he himself was quite convinced that they could not possibly have chosen better.

The usual programme of music was very well rendered, and Mrs. Bradly and Miss V. Jewell have every reason to be satisfied with the result of their work.

Mr. Palmer.

This term has seen the retirement of our wood-work instructor, Mr. Norton Palmer, who has held that post since the school first began as a secondary school. During that time every boy in the school has benefited by his very efficient teaching. Mr. Palmer was a trained certificated teacher, but had specialised in handicraft. He was a wonderful craftsman, far beyond the requirements of his work here, and he had a vast store of knowledge about woods of all kinds, both old and new. He must have been a very popular member of the staff in the very early days of the school, for the school was then so small that all the boys went into the workshop at once, and the rest of the staff took a half-holiday.

Not only did Mr. Palmer instruct, but he often did work needed in the school. Two examples of his work which we shall always possess are the school war memorial and the small tablet to Charles Beauchamp, both in the hall. The war memorial tablet in the Fareham Post Office is also Mr. Palmer's work.

We are glad to think that though Mr. Palmer is retiring from school work he is not giving up his craft. In fact, he hopes to do more work than before, and is fitting up improved equipment in his workshop at his home in Petersfield. We all wish him health and strength, and may his hand never lose its cunning, that he may long continue to experience that very deep and real satisfaction that the craftsman feels over a good job well done, and he of all people should know how real that is.

Examination Results.

LONDON MATRICULATION (EXEMPTION).

D. V. Gough. H. T. W. Headden. D. C. Priddon. D. G. Ward. F. J. R. Watts.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

C. P. Aps. B. C. Bennett. F. G. Bowen. A. N. H. Bromley. P. W. Cullen.
J. L. B. Dellbridge. V. M. Dodds. D. V. Gough. H. T. W. Headden (Honours).
J. F. Hill. B. J. Hynes. P. S. Moore. D. P. Powell. D. C. Priddon (Honours).
R. F. Savage. G. E. Skilton. P. R. N. Stevenson. D. G. Ward (Honours). F. J. R.
Watts (Honours, Distinction in Mathematics).

VALETE.

BLACKBROOK.

F. R. J. Watts. A. G. Mott. D. Mortimer. P. Smith. S. S. Chambers.
H. H. O. Young.

CAMS.

R. F. Savage. T. Bulpitt. R. Pink. P. McDonald. A. Collier.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

H. W. Smith. A. N. H. Bromley. P. R. N. Stevenson. H. B. N. Hynes.
P. Hynes. R. K. Goodlet. A. Holliday. R. Ford.

WESTBURY.

J. Hill. G. E. Skilton. D. P. Powell. T. Prior. A. Turner.

SALVETE.

VB. C. J. Verdon.

IIIA. D. G. Akhurst. R. J. Carnell. O. W. G. Chant. E. C. Haines. D. F. Mason.
G. J. Nutter. L. W. A. Patten. J. D. Purnell. M. A. Reed. J. P. Smith.
C. J. Wheeler. L. O. Rowe. R. T. Hutchings. A. S. Vizard. F. M. Amor.
E. V. Titheridge. L. Harding. D. J. Hunt. W. H. Scott. T. W. Walters.
W. T. Watkins.

IIIB. R. S. Bannell. R. L. Clark. P. F. Gough. M. Hills. G. F. Jackson.
G. P. Sabin. P. R. Wainwright. A. E. Pickwood.

II. D. E. Cummins. R. A. A. H. Griffin. T. W. F. L. Parker. D. Tappenden.

Football Notes.

It is customary to begin these notes with a record of matches played. At present this reads—Played 10 : Won 4 : Lost 5 : Drawn 1 : Goals for, 33 : Against, 26. It will be seen that if this season has not been an extraordinarily successful one, neither has it been disastrous. In fact, it is exactly the kind of season we might have expected from the beginning of the term with the material at our disposal. There was not sufficient strength for us to hope to beat the more powerful sides in the fixture list. For instance, St. John's College were a faster, bigger, and more experienced side, and from the start of the game, it was clear that there could be but one result. In fact, the School did well in keeping the score down to fairly reasonable proportions. Matches we were disappointed in were those against Midhurst and Portsmouth Secondary School, both of which were lost. On the other hand, the School played well to draw with Farnham Grammar School—an attractive new fixture—and to beat Portsmouth Municipal College by a wide margin. So, with ordinary luck in the remaining matches, we ought to end the season with a balanced record.

The outstanding players of the season have been the Old Colours, Moore, Pressley, and Dixon. Each in his respective position has performed very consistently, and with two or three more boys of equal ability we should indeed have had a wonderful side. Nobody quite reached this standard, admittedly a high one for a school team, although Buckley and Skilton at times approached it.

Moore again showed us what a really good footballer he is. His defence was as sound as ever, and he has had plenty of work to do in defence, and whenever he could do so, he played a great part in opening up the game for his forwards with fine passes to either wing. Moore has had a wonderful record in school football, but it is doubtful if he has ever played quite as well as he has done this season.

Pressley once more has proved that pluck and determination can make up for lack of size and weight. No matter how hard the tackle he always seems to come through with the ball, and his exceptional speed makes it easy for him to cut through between the backs whenever an opening presents itself.

Dixon has played some excellent games. He naturally has more confidence than he had last year, and he now uses his judgment well in coming out. Mistakes he has made, as every goalkeeper must, but his play this year on most occasions has reached a high standard.

The weakness of the team, as shown against the better sides played, has been lack of thrust among the forwards, Pressley of course excepted, and an inability to cover properly in the defence. The two backs, Sanders I and Powell I, have individually played good games. Each can tackle well and has improved his kicking, but they have never learned how to cover one another, and so to close the path down the middle of the field. It seems obvious to me that in School football the backs should concentrate on the middle of the field, leaving the half-backs to look after the wings. The other scheme as played in first-class football now-a-days, that is backs taking the wings, with the centre-half well back, demands too much work from the inside forwards for boys ever to play it properly, particularly when they are neither very big nor fast.

Among the forwards, Skilton has played some good games and has improved steadily throughout the season. He has learnt to cut in towards goal when a clear path has been left for him, and this is always a more likely move than a wild centre towards the goal, where the defence have a better chance of clearing than the forwards have of trapping and shooting. Dore also has made great improvement. He has all the tricks of a clever forward, but at present is a trifle too slow in executing them to be effective. An old trick carried out quickly is more likely to succeed than a new one performed slowly. Watson has been rather a disappointment this season. He still has plenty of cleverness and can shoot hard and accurately, but he seems not to have recovered from his misadventures of last season, and now shows a momentary hesitation which has frequently spoilt a good opening. This is perhaps only natural as he is always called upon to give away several inches in height and a few stones in weight. The other forwards, Hale and Searle, both suffer from the same complaint,—lack of thrust when near to goal. Both have many good points and are quite clever with the ball, but the forward line as a whole needed more weight and dash than the school could provide.

In connection with forward play it might be mentioned that a pass in an unexpected direction is of much greater value in attack than one in an obvious direction. Too many boys take the ball towards the player to whom they are going to pass. This warns the defence and the player receiving the ball is promptly marked and can do little with it. The pass which catches the defence moving in the wrong direction is of much more use, and is no more difficult to make. Moreover, a pass should always be made not to the man, but in front of him where he can gather the ball as he runs in. These are all rather obvious points, but in many matches it was not at all clear that their importance was realised.

Among the half-backs, Moore of course was outstanding, but he has been ably supported by Buckley, and to a smaller extent by Bromley. Buckley plays with tremendous vigour and tackles very keenly. His defensive work is sound, but his passes are inclined to be erratic and too much in the air. A small forward cannot hope to gather a high pass. Bromley's play was handicapped by an inability to kick the ball with his left foot. His tackling was sound, but when the ball came to him at all awkwardly and had to be manoeuvred into the right place for kicking with his right foot, a fast forward had a good chance of gaining possession of it. Not only that, but it also limited the direction of his passes. Far too many boys in the school seem to have only one foot when it comes to kicking a football. It is natural to have a preference, but a footballer must be able to use both feet. Very little practice is necessary to achieve this.

This season, a Colts' team has played a few matches against similar teams from other schools. This team is composed of boys under fourteen at the beginning of the term. They have not been very successful in winning their games, but that is really beside the point. What is important is that promising Junior boys should have an opportunity of playing together against boys of their own size and age, and this team has shown us that we have plenty of promising people who will be very useful in the future. Of these, Hawkins is a goal-keeper of more than average ability with a good sense of anticipation; Tubbs, Still, and Long are backs who play good football and should become first eleven players as good as any we have had in recent years; Moss and Berryman both play keenly and know what to do with the ball; and among the forwards, there are one or two who with added experience and a little more weight will be really good players. It is hoped that we shall be able to obtain more fixtures for this Colts' XI in the future, both for football and cricket.

The Second Eleven have had quite a fair season, although it has by no means been a good side. Second teams rarely are very good. Their natural function is to be a reserve for the 1st XI, and school "seconds" are usually a more or less unsatisfactory mixture of sizeable old age and promising youth. Headden has been consistent in goal for this team, Dodds and Bent have worked hard at back; Savage, Troke, Bowen, and Moss are useful halves, whilst of the many forwards tried Searle, Aps, Gough, Godwin, and Hills have been the most consistent.

Ordinary school games have been favoured by good weather for most of the term, and the experiment of having optional games once a week seems to have been at least popular. Several keen inter-form matches have been played, although in some cases, the calls of Detention played havoc with the selected teams.

In the House matches, Cams and Westbury first teams were very well balanced and were much superior to those of the other two houses. Westbury had the better 2nd team, and so won the House Cup again. What a long run Westbury have had! Cams after looking as if they meant to win both Junior and Senior Cups faltered in the last round, eventually winning neither, and Blackbrook won the Junior Cup by a narrow margin.

FIRST ELEVEN.

- P. S. Moore** (Captain and Centre-Half).—A player of much greater ability than most school sides possess. Good in every department of the game. Tackles hard and kicks beautifully, good with his head and passes well to his forwards.
- P. A. Pressley** (Centre-Forward).—A most enterprising and dangerous forward. Very fast and most difficult to dispossess. Keeps the ball close, and cuts through well. Needs a little more shooting power.
- F. C. Dixon** (Goal).—Has had plenty of work to do, and has done it well. Comes out quickly and hard, and is difficult to beat with high shots. Should avoid fly-kicking at the ball, and be careful not to carry it.

- B. C. Buckley** (Right-Half).—Tackles very hard, and plays a most courageous game. Very hard worker, uses his height well in heading. His kicking could be improved upon.
- C. E. Skilton** (Outside-Left).—Although small, is quite fast and tricky, and has greatly improved. Should learn to trap the ball instead of back-heeling it over his head, and could shoot more often.
- E. E. Dore** (Inside-Right).—A clever forward with a good swerve and good ball control. He needs more pace and his passes are too orthodox.
- D. Powell** (Left-Back).—Kicks well with his left foot and is improving with his right. Tackles quite well, but is inclined to turn his back to the ball as he goes in to tackle, which may of course be fatal.
- R. R. Sanders** (Right-Back).—Has a good kick and can tackle quite well, and is very good with his head. At present is inclined to get out of position, and must learn to get back quickly when beaten. A very fair first season.
- C. P. Bromley** (Left-Half).—A keen young player with a good idea of the game. His kicking is weak, and he must learn to use his left foot. Would probably do better on the right, but a left foot is essential for all positions. Tackles well.
- C. Hale** (Outside-Right).—Has good ball control and kicks quite well even with a heavy ball. Needs more dash and speed, and should learn to cut in towards goal more often.
- J. Watson** and **C. Searle** have shared the remaining place in the team at inside-left. Watson is a clever player, but lacking in size, while Searle is not sufficiently thrustful in front of goal. Both should do well next year.

FIRST ELEVEN v. FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

(Drawn 5-5.)

This match played at Farnham was a new and enjoyable fixture. It was the first match played by either side this season, and, considering this fact, much of the football was very promising.

The School, starting off strongly, had the better of the game for some time, and it was not long before Pressley scored. After this, Farnham improved, and goals came at regular intervals until at half-time the score was 3-3.

On changing ends, the School were unfortunate in having to face a strong wind which had suddenly arisen, and for the first twenty minutes, play was almost entirely confined to their half of the field, during this period Farnham scored twice. After this, the School played up well and before the end Pressley scored two goals to make the result a draw.

Except for a brief spell the School played rather the better football. In spite of the fact that five goals were scored against them, the defence played well individually; at least three of the goals being due to misunderstandings which should not occur once they have settled down. All three halves worked hard, Bromley especially making a promising first appearance although he will always be severely handicapped until he learns to use his left foot. Of the forwards, Dore showed good ball control, but Pressley was easily the outstanding member of the line; besides scoring four of the goals he got through a tremendous amount of work and always looked dangerous.

FIRST ELEVEN v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

(Lost 0-5.)

Playing at home, the School kicked off with the slope in their favour under perfect conditions. The first half was fairly even and some good football was played by both sides. St. John's opened the scoring with a very fast shot that gave Dixon little chance. The School however had several opportunities of going ahead—two very easy chances being lost by Dore who was much too slow in getting in a shot. Half-time came with St. John's leading by two goals to none.

During the second half the superior weight of St. John's began to tell, and except for occasional raids by the forwards play was mostly confined to the School half. In spite of some good work by Dixon, St. John's scored three more goals before the end.

Although decisively beaten, the School put up quite a good show, as St. John's, besides being far larger, played very good football. The School forwards, after a promising start, faded out, and with the exception of Pressley, never looked dangerous. All the defence, especially Moore, worked hard, but the backs were again too often caught out of position through faulty covering. Dixon in goal played an excellent game, and, but for him, the score in the second half would have been much heavier.

FIRST ELEVEN v. GOSPORT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

(Home, Won 8-0.)

In this game, the School were throughout the better side, Gosport seeming much below their usual form. The School forwards combined well and made the most of their opportunities, Dore and Pressley playing particularly well. The defence was not overworked, and had no difficulty in keeping out a rather slow line of forwards. Moore played his usual fine game and had several shots at goal, while Powell and Sanders showed great improvement.

FIRST ELEVEN v. PORTSMOUTH SECONDARY SCHOOL.

(Home, Lost 2-4.)

From our point of view, one of the most disappointing games of the season. The School were soon leading 2-0, Moore scoring from a penalty for a foul on Pressley, and Pressley scoring directly afterwards. After this promising start, however, the side fell away badly, and the Secondary School stuck to their task, and eventually won 4-2, at least three of their goals being due to bad covering on the part of the defence. The School had chances throughout the game, but against a vigorous pair of backs lacked thrust to score goals.

FIRST ELEVEN v. MIDHURST.

(Lost 2-5.)

This game was played at Midhurst under difficult conditions, heavy rain making the ground slippery and the ball hard to control.

From the kick-off Midhurst pressed, and before long had scored. The School, however, soon drew level, Skilton scoring after the goal-keeper had been unable to do more than push out a good shot from Dore. Soon afterwards Hale broke away on the right and dribbled half the length of the field before passing to Pressley who had no difficulty in scoring. The game was now fast and even, but before half-time Midhurst scored twice chiefly owing to bad positional play by the backs.

Rain fell during most of the second half, but the standard of play remained quite high. The School had rather the better of the game territorially, but while Midhurst scored twice, good goal-keeping helped by some very weak shooting prevented the School from adding to their score.

Midhurst deserved to win because they took their chances, but the score of 5-2 rather flattered them. Dixon again played a good game in goal; the backs individually did many good things but as a pair were very indifferent—playing level instead of covering deeply gave Midhurst at least three goals.

Moore and Buckley both played well, but Bromley, especially during the first half, was much too slow. Hale and Skilton on the wings usually did something when they had the ball, and Pressley, although not really fit, showed his usual dash and pluck. Watson and Dore both showed clever ball control at times, but they were not strong or fast enough to take pressure off the halves, while their shooting was not only infrequent but very poor.

FIRST ELEVEN v. PORTSMOUTH BANKS.

(Home, Won 6-2.)

The School were much the better side and were much more together than the Banks who were inclined to be slow and clumsy. However, after a few minutes' play, the School were one goal down, a good shot rebounding from the post off Dixon into the net. The School quickly equalised, and had most of the play until the end of the game and should have scored more than six goals. Towards the end of the game, a good movement from the Banks' forwards beat the School defence and Dixon had no chance with a good shot.

Moore played well at back. Dixon, apart from one mistake, did well in goal, and the forwards, except for wild shooting, were in fine form.

FIRST ELEVEN v. OLD BOYS.

(Home, Lost 2-3.)

For this game the Old Boys had a side which was of even strength with that of the School, and a really good game resulted. In the early stages the School defence was hard pressed, and only poor shooting on the part of the Old Boys, and good saves from Dixon prevented early scores. The game gradually became more even, and Pressley and Dore scored for the School. Goodall scored from a penalty for the Old Boys, but Moore missed badly for the School later on from a similar kick. Fielder twice scored for the Old Boys, and from this point to the end of the game, the School attacked vigorously. The Old Boys however packed their goal, and Goodall played a fine game, repeatedly saving when a goal seemed certain. This and good goal-keeping from B. R. Ross kept out the School, although they really deserved an equalising goal. Moore, Dixon, and Buckley were outstanding in the School defence, and Hale and Pressley of the forwards. Of the Old Boys, Ross was sound in goal, Goodall brilliant at left-back, and Chapman and Fielder the best of the forwards. Clark played well at centre-half.

FIRST ELEVEN v. PORTSMOUTH MUNICIPAL COLLEGE.

(Home, Won 6-2.)

The School on this occasion played really well, and the forwards made the most of their opportunities. The defence had plenty of work to do but held up a rather slow forward line very effectively. For the greater part of the game play was fairly even, but towards the end of the game, the Municipal College defence became very wild under pressure, and four goals came in quick succession.

Pressley played a fine game at centre-forward despite many heavy tackles, and his work made goals easy for the other forwards. Skilton was good on the left wing, and Hale frequently beat his man on the right. The backs played a much improved game, and Dixon was safe in goal. A very good win for the School.

FIRST ELEVEN v. PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

(Home, Lost 1-3.)

This game was a good one to watch, and the School had a good half-share of the game. In the early stages, many chances were missed through weak shooting, Watson and Dore being the chief offenders. Pressley also missed with a penalty kick. The Grammar School scored with a free-kick given against Dixon for carrying, the School defence showing no idea of how to deal with the situation. Throughout the game the School continued to have a fair share of the play, but although chances presented themselves, they were not accepted. Portsmouth scored two more goals, one the result of a misunderstanding between Sanders and Dixon, and the other a break through between the backs. A good game, with the School unlucky.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

Sat., Sept. 29.—Farnham Grammar School. Away. Drawn 5-5. (Pressley 4, Dore 1.)

Wed., Oct. 3.—B. R. Shaw's XI. Home. Won 3-1. (Pressley 2, Watson 1.)

Wed., Oct. 10.—St. John's College. Home. Lost 0-5.

Wed., Oct. 17.—Portsmouth Grammar School. Home. Lost 1-3. (Pressley.)

Sat., Oct. 20.—Portsmouth Secondary School. Home. Lost 2-4. (Pressley, Moore.)

Sat., Oct. 27.—Portsmouth United Banks. Home. Won 6-3. (H. R. Thacker, Pressley 2, Dore 2, Watson.)

Wed., Oct. 31.—Gosport Secondary School. Home. Won 8-0. (Pressley 4, Dore 2, Watson, Moore.)

Sat., Nov. 10.—Midhurst Grammar School. Away. Lost 2-5. (Pressley, Skilton.)

Sat., Nov. 17.—Old Boys. Home. Lost 2-3. (Pressley, Dore.)

Sat., Nov. 24.—Portsmouth Municipal College. Home. Won 6-2. (H. R. Thacker 3, Skilton 2, Moore.)

Wed., Dec. 5.—Portsmouth Grammar School. Away. Lost 0-9.

GOAL-SCORERS: Pressley, 16; Dore, 6; H. R. Thacker, 4; Watson, 3; Skilton, 3; Moore, 3.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

Wed., Oct. 10.—St. John's College II. Home. Lost 1-5. (Aps.)

Sat., Oct. 13.—St. Helen's College. Home. Drawn 3-3. (Aps 2, Searle.)

Wed., Oct. 17.—Portsmouth Grammar School III. Home. Drawn 3-3. (Aps 2, Searle.)

Sat., Oct. 20.—Farnham Grammar School II. Home. Won 8-2. (Aps 4, Searle 2, Gough 2.)

Wed., Oct. 31.—Gosport Secondary School II. Home. Drawn 1-1. (Macpherson.)

Sat., Nov. 10.—Portsmouth Secondary School II. Home. Won 3-0. (Aps 2, Searle.)

Sat., Nov. 17.—Old Boys II. Home. Lost 0-5.

Wed., Nov. 21.—St. Helen's College. Away. Lost 0-1.

Wed., Dec. 5.—Portsmouth Grammar School III. Away. Drawn 1-1. (Aps.)

GOAL-SCORERS: Aps, 12; Searle, 5; Gough, 2; Macpherson, 1.

THIRD ELEVEN MATCHES.

- Wed., Oct. 10.—St. John's College III. Away. Lost 0-9.
 Sat., Oct. 13.—St. Helen's College II. Home. Won 9-2.
 Wed., Oct. 31.—Gosport Secondary School III. Away. Won 13-1.
 Wed., Nov. 21.—St. Helen's College II. Away. Won 3-2.

FOURTH ELEVEN MATCHES.

- Wed., Oct. 10.—St. John's College IV. Away. Lost 2-3.
 Wed., Oct. 31.—Gosport Secondary School IV. Away. Won 8-1.

COLTS' ELEVEN MATCHES.

- Sat., Nov. 10.—Midhurst Colts. Away. Lost 2-5.
 Sat., Nov. 24.—Portsmouth Grammar Colts. Away. Lost 0-5.

HOUSE MATCHES.

		FIRST.	SECOND.	THIRD.
Blackbrook v. Westbury	0-6	1-3	2-1
Cams v. School House	8-0	5-1	6-0
School House v. Blackbrook	6-3	1-2	2-4
Westbury v. Cams	2-2	5-1	0-3
Cams v. Blackbrook	7-2	0-2	1-2
School House v. Westbury	2-7	0-7	3-1

SENIOR FOOTBALL CUP.

Westbury	18½ points.
Cams	16½ "
Blackbrook	7 "
School House	6 "

WESTBURY CUP.

Blackbrook	7 points.
Westbury	6 "
Cams	4 "
School House	1 "

House Notes.

BLACKBROOK.

First and foremost I would like to congratulate the 2nd and 3rd XI's on winning the Westbury Cup. It is the first time that Blackbrook has won this cup outright and I am sure it is a meritorious performance. The junior boys must realise that it is on them, that the success of the House depends; they will be the leading lights of Blackbrook in future, and they must always pull their weight as they did this term. The 1st XI. was outweighed in all the matches, although we fought back well, and were very unfortunate not to have Pressley for the match with School House, when we needed him most.

The Tarbat Cup has not rested on Blackbrook's shelf for some time and it is time it did. We have been very near to winning it several times, so with a little more united effort we ought to pull it off. So see to it Blackbrook! I ought also to mention that we still have the Spelling Cup and it is up to us to keep it.

Next term we have the Hockey and Steeplechase Cups to contest for, and there is no reason why we should not win them, at least we can have a good try. Both Hockey and the Steeplechase needs a great deal of practice and every member of the House should take every opportunity of joining in.

I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the members of Blackbrook who were successful in passing the Oxford School Certificate, especially Watts, Headden and Priddon, who gained honours.

In conclusion, I wish everyone a Merry 'Xmas and all the best in the New Year.

F. C. D.

CAMS.

This term we have put up an extremely creditable performance for the Football Cup, and although we have no trophies to show for our efforts, we have certainly proved that we are not entirely useless on the field, Westbury beating us by only two points.

Let us take this opportunity of congratulating the members of our 1st XI, who, under Dore's leadership, defeated both School House and Blackbrook, and forced a draw with Westbury. Our Junior teams did not meet with very great success, but they added four valuable points. In these games, Fleming, Ruthen, Sanders II, Norgett and Tapper played very well.

Congratulations to Savage and Bowen on passing the School Certificate Examination. Savage left in the middle of the term, and I am sure we all wish him the very best of luck in the future.

Next term there are the Hockey and Steeplechase Cups to fight for. As the majority of our last season's Hockey team are still at School, we stand a very good chance of winning the Cup. The Steeplechase affords an opportunity for each one to help his House, and we hope that with enthusiastic and hard training, we shall bring good success to the House.

Do not let us be discouraged because we lost the Football Cup this season, but let us be determined to make up for it next term at Hockey.

D. G. W.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

This term we have not been very successful at Football, but this was to be expected, as we have only one representative in the School First Eleven, and only five in the second. This meant that we had to bring boys out of what would have been our second eleven to make up the first team, thereby weakening our junior elevens. However, we have some very promising Juniors, and next year we ought to get better results.

Our best match was against Blackbrook in the First Eleven, and we managed to beat them, but they were very unfortunate in having one of their best players absent on that day. When we played Westbury we had two people absent from our first team, but the reserves played very well and we were by no means overwhelmed.

The results of the School Certificate Examination being now known, we must congratulate those members of the House who were successful in passing.

Next term the Steeplechase will be run, and there will be three more cups for which to compete. We still have our best runners of the previous year, and so we really have quite a good chance to win the Senior Cup; but it must be remembered that last year we won the Senior Steeplechase Cup by the narrow margin of half a point! This should be borne in mind, both when running the Steeplechase and when training for it, because it shows that every little bit helps.

We take this opportunity to wish those members of the House who are leaving us this term the best of luck, and every success in their future careers.

J. D. B.

WESTBURY.

Well done Westbury!

We have again won the Football Cup, this time, in the face of strong opposition from Cams. The result of the competition remained in doubt until the last round, and the destination of the Cup depended largely on the results of the junior elevens of Cams and Westbury. Happily our second eleven was successful, while Cams were not.

The Westbury second eleven has been particularly strong this season, and won all their matches. The third eleven, however, was very weak, and lost all their matches.

Its members were undoubtedly keen, but they were deficient in skill. This however, can be remedied with practice, and there is no reason to be disheartened by this

season's lack of success. Had the third eleven won but one of their matches, Westbury would have shared the Junior Cup with Blackbrook. This should convince them that every game they play has an important bearing on the success of the House as a whole.

The first eleven played consistently well Moore and Skilton being the chief goal scorers. Unfortunately we have since lost the services of the latter. We wish him good luck and take the opportunity of congratulating him on being awarded his first eleven colours.

The destination of the Tarbat and Spelling Cups is still unknown. We hope to annex one or both of them, and so maintain the healthy complexion of the Westbury shelf. Congratulations to Martin on his being appointed a Monitor, and a Happy Christmas to all members of the House.

B. G. B.

Beacons!

(The Editor is not responsible for the Contributor's sentiments.)

Of England's leading statesmen his was first,
 A name by motorists condemn'd and curst ;
 For crooked posts and wretched amber spheres,
 This man is noted, drawing forth our jeers.
 When on a cold and rainy, foggy night,
 You see a globe, all radiant and bright,
 An orange globe, grim like the rising moon
 (And its creator's everyone's buffoon,
 Mocked at and jeered at by the London throng !)
 You wonder how on earth it lives so long,
 With quite eight hundred smashed within eight weeks ;
 While still the maker tries and strives and seeks,
 To show us all what utmost need there is
 To bother us with all these globes of his.
 Who would not laugh, if such a man there be ?
 Who could it be, if Belisha weren't he ?

E. F. W. (VA.)

The 1st Eleven.

Laughingly, chaffingly, on they came through the splash of the rain and mud ;
 Eleven men of the football team, till the ball with unceasing thud,
 Was whirled 'cross the field to a waiting goal, and the distance re-echoed wide,
 With the frenzied shouts from a hundred throats, that cheered for the winning side.
 And they played for the honour of records past, the pride of the school to uphold,
 Unheeding the rain as it stung the cheek, the lash of the wind, as cold
 It swept o'er the field ; they were out to win ! then met by a cheering throng,
 Eleven men of the winning team in triumph were swept along,
 And they waved on high with a conquering shout in ever unbroken rule,
 The cap of the school.

C. M.C. (IVA.)

My Favourite Pet.

My favourite pet is a dog named Bill, a large black retriever. He will often lick my face when he feels frisky. That is the time when he wants to go for a run. I usually take him over a few fields and give him the evening paper to carry when I come home. Sometimes I take him to my Grandmother's house and there we play football. I run about with the ball at my feet and the dog comes after me.

When you have a dog you can always have someone to play with, and when you are feeling miserable and gloomy, when everybody has gone off and forgotten you, wouldn't you feel pleased if a lovely great dog came bounding towards you, eager to play with you for hours on end? I used to feel like this, but now it is quite different. When I feel lonely, all I have to do is to whistle, and along comes old Billy.

He is not quarrelsome, like some dogs; but will fight if he is provoked too much. At nights he seldom barks, which is lucky for us, as neither we nor our neighbours would be able to sleep. He barked a good deal a night when we first had him, but he has settled down now.

In the summer holidays my brother and I used to take Billy with us down to a small stream. Here we used to throw a stick into the water and tell Bill to go after it. He nearly always did the trick (except when he had a bone to eat). We sailed a few boats on the stream but they nearly always sank, because Bill pushed them over with his nose.

However, for all his faults, Bill is an ideal pal, and wherever we go he is always sure to go too (except to school, of course).

R. D. H. (IV.A.)

Old Boys' Day—November 17th, 1934.

Old Boys' Day was held at the School on Saturday, November 17th, and being fortunately favoured with a dry day, fifty-six of the members were present, and received a very cordial welcome from the new President of the Association, G. A. Ashton, Esq., and Mrs. Ashton.

Two football matches were then played against the School, both games being very enjoyable, and resulting in wins for the Old Boys.

The 1st XI game, which is described elsewhere, was particularly thrilling, as the result (3-2) indicates.

1st XI TEAM (O.P.A.): B. R. Ross; T. Williams, L. Goodall; E. L. G. Ross, E. J.

Clarke, C. Farrow; J. Ross, R. L. Fielder, C. Ross, J. Chapman, R. C. A. Connolly.

2nd XI (O.P.A.): N. C. Daventry; D. E. N. Sanders, E. Hinxman; D. Strugnell, R. D. Raby-Cox, P. Dougan; B. Bennett, J. Smith, F. D. Raby-Cox, L. V. Wilton, D. C. Humphries.

Result: Won 6—0.

Goals scored by Wilton (2), Humphries, Smith, Hinxman, F. D. Raby-Cox.

After the football, tea was partaken in the School House, and we were all delighted to have in our own ranks on this occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Bradly and Miss Bouchier. An impromptu Smoking Concert followed the tea and Mrs. Bradly very kindly played the accompaniments. The proceedings terminated at 6-30 p.m. with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

At 7 p.m. a Badminton match was played in the School Hall. The Staff played a team of Old Boys, and a most enjoyable game resulted in a win for the Old Boys by two games. I understand a return match will be played after the Hockey matches in March.

We are greatly indebted to both Mr. and Mrs. Ashton for the kind way in which they received us.

During the evening a Committee meeting was held in the School Library, and at that meeting Mr. Bradley was presented with a silver coffee pot bearing the School Crest.

This presentation was made to enable Mr. Bradley to have some permanent memento of the "Old Priceans' Association's" appreciation of his work for them and the School, and was made possible by subscriptions which arrived too late for the main presentation at the Summer Re-union.

Secretarial Notes.

These being my first few notes in the "Lion" as your new Honorary Secretary, I feel I must firstly thank those Old Boys who turned up at the School on November 17th to make that day such a successful advent for both Mr. Ashton, our new President, and myself.

I know that Mr. Ashton was as delighted as I was to see such a fine attendance. It was really a great encouragement. May I ask all Old Boys, who receive circulars from me, to be kind enough to put a halfpenny stamp on the enclosed post cards, and return them to me, if possible, by the closing date, stated on the card? I despatched 250 circulars in October, and received 65 replies. Surely, you can do better than this.

A Committee Meeting was held on October 27th to select the teams for football. On that date, I had not a sufficient number of replies to complete one team, so please support me by answering the circulars.

I shall be pleased to receive the names of those Old Boys desirous of playing in the Bournemouth Hockey Festival, which is held at Bournemouth during the Easter week-end. I must receive names before January 31st, 1935. Full details may be had on application to me.

The Old Pricean tie has now a brotner in the Old Pricean cuff links. These cuff-links were created by Charlie Dunn, West Street Fareham, and judging by the way orders were received on Old Boys' Day, they will be very popular. Full details of prices may be had from Dunn.

The Old Pricean Association take this opportunity of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ashton and the Staff, a very happy 'Xmas and a successful New Year.

B. R. ROSS,

Honorary Secretary.

Mr. Bradly's Letter.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those Old Boys who joined in the present which was made to me at the O.P. Dinner in July, and also for the exceedingly handsome Hot Water Jug and its inscription, which reached me later?

I had a vision of days of leisure, when the school bell no longer called me to try to do my job, which would give me an opportunity of writing to them individually, but, so far, there has been so much to be done, that correspondence has fallen sadly behind, so please take the will for the deed and make a note of my new address, "White Canons, Catisfield, Fareham," where both my wife and I shall be most pleased to welcome any of you who feel inclined to look us up.

S. R. N. BRADLY.

Old Boys' News.

1. We congratulate J. M. Lee on his marriage (No further details to hand).
2. T. Williams is enjoying life at University College, Oxford.
3. We congratulate Alan J. Harvey on his engagement to be married.
4. We congratulate R. C. H. Connolly upon his promotion on the Staff of the Electricity Department at Southampton.
5. E. J. Gilbert is now teaching in France, and his address is:—
Cité Universitaire, Besancon.
6. W. E. S. Hoather's address is now:—
"Rosedale," Millbrook Road, Dinas Powis, Glamorgan.
7. **We deeply regret to announce the death of W. C. Baker, who was at the School 1915-1919.**

C. S. EDDOWES.

OFICINA, DEL CONTADOR, FERRO CARRIL CENTRAL DEL PERU, after many days has sent us an account of his doings since the war. He married, but in 1929 lost his little son, and his wife was desperately ill for a long time, but has practically recovered by now. From 1925 to 1929 he was in charge of Messrs. Barnett's Shipping Department, but the firm could not weather the financial depression, and went into liquidation, leaving him with an excellent recommendation, but without a job. He soon found one with the P. S. N. Co., and remained as second in command of their Antofagasta branch till last year, when he resigned in order to find a job in Peru and became purchasing agent for the Peruvian Corporation, which controls British Railways in Peru. Shortly after taking over the job, he swam out to a cable ship in Callao Bay, but found the water so cold from the old Humboldt current, that he went down with rheumatic fever after landing, and had a very bad time, the effects of which are only now wearing off. The Railway people treated him with exceptional kindness and wanted to have him moved into a private ward, but he stuck it out in the public one, and when the painful time was past could enjoy the funny side of his very varied fellow patients. He sends a long list of contemporaries of whom he longs to hear, and if any of them read this note, they will find his address at the head of it.

A. G. MOTT.

Will be found in Block 12, Room 5, B Squadron, No. 1 Wing, Halton R.A. F. Camp, Aylesbury, which he joined as an Air Force Apprentice last term. He found SMART, COLES, CROUCHER and WILTON there, while RALLS is near by at Ruislip. After three weeks' drill on the Square, he has started in the shops and is busily engaged in spoiling blocks of perfectly good iron in the process of learning how to deal with it.

N. FROST.

Has been appointed Music Master at Firble Park, Sheffield, a large Day School of 650 boys, which makes a speciality of music as a class subject, over 60 boys having passed in it last July in the School Certificate Exam. The School Choir numbers over 300 and has broadcasted several times and a part has toured Germany and France.

N. HYNES.

Is now at the Royal College of Science at South Kensington, where he has to do a year's Physics and Chemistry before starting on his own subject, Biology. He takes his Inter in January, and we wish him the best of luck.

A. M. BEAR.

After leaving School, went in for Auctioneering but found it a misfit, so went to an Agricultural College at Plumpton for two years, and then grew fruit at Tendring, Hailsham. He now wants to go in for flying and is aiming at the Air Force Reserve, as a preliminary to taking up commercial flight.

G. ELLAM.

Sent some very interesting photos and newspaper cuttings, illustrating his account of the Paris riots, given in the April "Lion."

L. S. O. P.

London Section started its 1934-34 session with a Supper at Bonward Café, 17, Gillingham Street, Victoria, on September 25th.

The attendance was poor, there being only half a dozen members present; however, as it was the first meeting, we hoped for better luck at the next meeting. Unfortunately, our hopes were not realised, for when we met again at the same Café on October 15th, only five members put in an appearance, consequently the Bonward Café has turned us down for future meetings. It is a pity, because it meant we had a place to ourselves, plus an excellent meal for 1/6 per head, but if members do not support with their presence, they must expect these rebuffs.

May I appeal to Old Priceans in London to come and support us with their presence? Six members out of a possible twenty-five or thirty is a poor show. New people who come along, may find that there are no Old Priceans whom they know, and may in consequence find the occasion a bit flat. We have all had the same experience as we have joined, each in our turn, but I can assure all who have not already thrown in their lot with us, that after the first few meetings it is well worth while to turn up and you have gained many friends.

Thanks again to the untiring efforts of D. C. T. Humphries, we have quite a decent Hockey Fixture List, this, our second season.

We owe our very sincere thanks to our Tulse Hill Hockey Club friends, who have sportingly filled the gaps in our team on each occasion that we have played, so far, and it is not to the credit of hockey playing London Old Priceans that it has been left to outside people to uphold the Old Pricean prestige.

To those Old Priceans who have so nobly come, often at great inconvenience, from all parts of London, to take part in the games, we are deeply indebted, and we trust that the Hockey venture, now that it has been launched, will meet with the success it deserves, from the keenness of the hardy pioneers, who have made it possible, and may we have a complete team of Old Priceans, in the near future, instead of one consisting of half Old Priceans, and half Tulse Hill, and this without any aspersions on the truly sporting Tulse Hillians, without whom, at the moment, we could not exist.

I must apologise for the absence of London Section Notes in the last "Lion," but as our erstwhile Secretary, Guy Chignall, chose to live somewhere near the Arctic Circle, the notes arrived too late for insertion. It was unfortunate, as it was the last magazine prior to Mr. Bradley's retirement, and the London Section in its Notes had tried to express its appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley's splendid influence on the School during their long connection with it; and also to offer its good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ashton for their future with the School.

HOCKEY.—Our first game was on September 30th, against our friends of last season, Hayesco Social and Sports Club. The match was played on their ground at Hayes, Middlesex, and we lost 3-2. We had a full team and the game was very even, but our opponents were still inclined to play beef and slosh before science, as they were last year. They made us exceedingly welcome, and at their invitation we stayed till about 11 p.m. to enjoy a social evening and dance they had got up in our honour.

Our next game was on the following Sunday, October 7th, also at Hayes, but this time against the Fairey Aviation Co., and again, as in the same game last year, we met with heavy defeat, namely 8-0. Here again we were up against beef and wild hitting, and our apology for a goalie, one named Masterman, stopped one full blooded upper cut with his chest. It was meant for his chin really, but by shifting his eyes and jumping (the instinct for self-preservation being particularly strong in this breast) he took it where it was less likely to have fatal results. W. J. Henry had trouble with his car, and so was late in arriving, and we were one short in addition, but our opponents having two reserves, sportingly lent us their services.

Here again we were royally entertained by Hayesco afterwards, their ground adjoining that of the Fairey Aviation Co., so that it would seem that if we cannot play Hockey, we at any rate meet with approval.

Against Harrodians, we lost 4-3, after leading 3-1 at half-time. Harrodians played Hockey more as it should be played and had a good ground, so that the game was thoroughly enjoyable. It was a pity we lost after leading by two goals at half-time, but here again I've a nasty feeling it was largely due to the weakness of our goalie.

Our last game to date was on October 28th v. Croydon Gas Co., and here at long last we scored a win, the result being 3-0 for us. This week-end was half term for the teacher members of our team and so they were all in their respective homes. We played three men short, but this did not prevent us from registering our first win. We have a return fixture with them and they promise to have a stronger team next time.

We have plenty of talent in our team and when they have played regularly together in a few games, there is no reason why we should not develop into a useful side.

It but remains to remind all O.P.'s. that our Lunch Club still meets on the first Tuesday in every month at the Bonward Café, Gillingham Street, Victoria, and to appeal once more to all O.P.'s. in London area to join up with us, for with our Lunch Club, Monthly Suppers and Hockey, surely London Section is becoming increasingly attractive and worthy of support.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,

87, Talgarth Road, Baron's Court, W.14.

Egypt--and all that.

OCTOBER, 1934.

It is a far cry from South America to the Sphinx, and from Peru to the Pyramids; but, distance being no impediment to the "plain vans" of the seafaring world, we—i.e., the ship's company of H.M.S. Dauntless,—found our ship and ourselves transferred from the American station to the Mediterranean Fleet for twelve months, and during that time we have renewed acquaintance with many ports and people already visited in previous commissions, and discovered and looked over many new places which, up to the present cruise, have been mere names on the map to a number of us.

The purpose of this article is to record a few of the impressions of those ancient monuments of Egypt, the Pyramids and the Sphinx, gathered during a fleeting visit to Cairo, while the "Dauntless," anchored at Port Said, kept a beneficent eye upon the shipping which was passing through the "Gateway to the East."

Having "parked" at our hotel, we straightway taxied out the six miles to Mena Road—on the outskirts of the City—where we began our trek to the Pyramids of Siza.

It should be mentioned here that there are two distinct sets of Pyramids, a group of three at Giza, and an older group of four at Sakkara, separated by a distance of about twelve miles.

Embarking upon a camel apiece (if the term may be correctly used in connection with these "ships of the desert"), we approached the Great Pyramid, and could appreciate the gigantic proportions of this, the largest and best-preserved of all.

At first sight, the eye perceives merely a heap of limestone, basalt, and granite blocks, piled one upon the other in orderly formation; but the simplicity of outline, and the majestic grandeur of this monument to immortality, already 4,500 years old, and still preserving its stony immunity from the ravages of Time, gradually compels a feeling of wonder and awe; and this achievement of the blood and sweat of 300,000 slaves, rising silently from the sandy waste, lives on as a perpetual inspiration of tribute, not merely to the King Cheops who ordered its construction, but to the engineering genius of a long-dead people, who lived and loved when our own ancestors were probably climbing trees.

How many countless millions of wondering eyes had beheld it during the years before the infant Moses was found in the bulrushes of the Nile?

How many dynasties and empires has it seen crumble and decay, before modern vandals ravished its innermost secrets and treasures?

And in comparison, who will dare to say what towering skyscraper, what monster bridge, what present-day triumph of engineering skill will be standing 5000 years hence, to equal this age-old Tomb of Tombs?

The height of this symmetrical colossus is 450 feet, and some of the blocks of Aswan granite, which were floated 600 miles down the Nile, weigh as much as 22 tons.

In the geometrical centre of the Pyramid, reached by a narrow passage from a small entrance in the North side, is the King's Tomb Chamber, bare of all save the empty sarcophagus, silent witness to the majesty that once it enshrined.

Below this, is the Queen's Chamber, also despoiled of its sacred relics and treasures, but the two rooms afford a close inspection of the marvellous accuracy with which the massive blocks of granite are fitted together, it being impossible to insert a knife-blade in the joins.

Returning to the light of day, an hour's strenuous climb up the breast-high steps rewards the climber with a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside, the Nile winding its silver course from the middle distance, through the centre of the city of Cairo and away to the sea. This climb is only possible because the beautiful hardstone

outer casing of the Pyramid has been stolen to satisfy the building requirements of later monarchs. The second Pyramid, built by Chephren later, still has traces of this outer casing at the summit.

For a few piastres "baksheesh," one of the guides made the ascent in five and a half minutes, and came down in one and a half. A revelation of expert climbing.

On the East side of the Great Pyramid, carved out of a solid hill of stone, rises the Sphinx, with the face of Man, the head of Woman, and the back of a Lion, signifying wisdom, grace, and strength.

Its inscrutable expression has baffled the wise men of the East and West for centuries, and will continue to do so until its form crumbles into dust in the dim and far-off future.

The dawn bathes it in glory, and the moonlight enshrouds it in mystery, but it endures, century after century, and will be still silently watching, long after our feeble and puny modernities have ceased to be.

Fronting it in the valley, is the Temple of the Sphinx, simple and stately, and composed of more large blocks of granite, whose facets and granules reflect a million points of light from the lantern of the guide, like a gem-encrusted cave.

However, I should like to tell you something of the fascination of the priceless treasures recently excavated at the Valley of the Kings at Luxor from the Tomb of Tutankhamen, and now splendidly housed in the Egyptian Museum.

The Mummy itself and the third coffin are still in the Valley of Kings at Luxor, but on view at Cairo are the remainder of the treasures, chief of which is the magnificent innermost coffin in which the mummy was found.

Of solid gold, 1/8-in. thick—there is sufficient of the precious metal to make 48,000 sovereigns—superbly chased and ornamented, and with a life-like reproduction of the King's head in its upper face, it has the vulture and serpent wrought on the chest, symbolising kingship.

The gold mask and diadem which covered the head of the mummy are also very fine, having the same facial reproduction, which is repeated yet again on the second coffin, of beaten gold and enamel.

In fact, the exact similarity of the features on these, and the two life-size golden statues of the King in hunting dress, pays the highest tribute to the exquisite workmanship of the period—about 1500 B.C. the same expression of serenity and kingly grace being faithfully reproduced, and giving to present-day beholders a vision of peace and dignity, assorting ill with the modern feverish craze for excitement and high speed.

The mummy and coffins of this boyish King—he was only 26 years old when he died—were enclosed in four wooden tombs of differing sizes, which fitted inside each other; and these are entirely covered with engraved and beaten gold, depicting scenes from the life of the King, and the sacred gods and goddesses which he worshipped.

Golden finger and toe coverings, many highly-ornamented rings, bracelets and rich jewels were found on the mummy and in the sarcophagus; while in the rooms next to the sepulchral chamber were discovered the golden royal throne—an example of lovely work—ebony beds, chariots, alabaster perfume vases and lamps, hunting bows and ceremonial sticks, corn and vegetables, sandals, and many more superb jewelled necklaces and amulets.

Small statuettes of gods and goddesses, slaves for service in the next world, and images of the divine serpents, with cartouches containing the King's name, were also enclosed to preserve the King's body from evil fortune.

Nearly 3,500 years they have rested, to be disturbed at the last, but the discovery and study of these priceless relics have given us a wonderful insight into the customs and beliefs of ancient Egyptian civilisation, and leaves us with the impression that, in some respects, the modern world has forgotten much of value, or has yet much to learn.

F. W. J. TAULBUT.