

THE LION

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Christmas Fare.

A change in the Staff of a School may be a mere formality, but with the retirement of Mr. Gale, something more is involved. Following as it does upon the retirement of Mr. Bradly and Mr. Palmer, and the tragic death of M. Larguier, it marks another break with those formative years which followed the reorganisation of 1908. An appreciation of his work appears elsewhere: here we must say that every boy who knew him must have profited from his example of exact and conscientious labour. We record our satisfaction that his connection with the School is not entirely severed, and we wish him every happiness in his retirement. In his place, we welcome Mr. Hilton, who, as the School Football Team will testify, soon made his mark.

For the first time Speech Day has come in an Autumn term; consequently, the Headmaster, in his report of the year's work, was able to tell the audience that, for the second year in succession, all our candidates were successful in securing School Certificates. We congratulate them and hope their record will be well maintained in the future.

The Fund for the new Pavilion increases. Two very successful drives, one Bridge and one Whist, have been held. What is as gratifying as the profit, is the pleasure and satisfaction universally expressed by the players. The Price's School Players make their bow too late for a report in this issue, but there is little doubt, from the enthusiasm shown, as to the success of their venture.

At this time the thoughts of our readers are far more likely to be concerned with the Christmas holidays than any other subject. We therefore wish them a very happy Christmas and a no less prosperous New Year. We hope that those who are leaving us will not forget to come back when they can to see their old School, and that they will have every success in their careers.

Examination Results.

LONDON MATRICULATION (Exemption).

G. D. G. Hawkins, E. F. Warren, W. A. Alderton, A. C. Troke, M. Privett,
R. A. Tilbury, A. J. David, L. Godwin, H. L. Privett.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

G. D. G. Hawkins, E. F. Warren (Distinction in Geography), W. A. Alderton,
G. A. J. Young, A. C. Troke, M. Privett, R. A. Tilbury, A. J. David, J. Gingell,
L. Godwin, W. H. Cook, A. R. Daines, H. L. Privett, H. A. Dumper, J. D. Bent,
A. S. Saunders.

CIVIL SERVICE CLERKSHIP.

B. G. Buckley.

We congratulate E. J. Young on obtaining First Prize for a Poster Design at
Poole Art Exhibition, and P. J. Willis on obtaining Second place in the Soloist Class at
Bournemouth Musical Festival.



H. P. MAC CALLUM, Blackbrook. R. A. TILBURY, W. H. COOK, Westbury,
R. R. SANDERS, Cams (School 1st XI Football & Hockey). L. G. MOSS, Cams
(School 1st XI Cricket & Hockey). W. J. NEWBURY, School House (School
1st XI Cricket). I. D. HALKERSTON, G. E. CHALLIS, School House.
J. F. PARKER, Blackbrook. P. JACKSON, School House.



VA. D. J. Bunyan.

REMOVE. V. P. Mills.

IIIA. J. H. Lewis, G. D. Ringwood, E. C. Simpson, A. M. Bunyan, W. E. Clements,
V. J. Claney, N. C. Aldersley, A. Crockford, N. L. Cousins, A. C. Mortimer,
M. T. Cope, P. Joyce, D. W. Melhuish, R. S. J. Betteridge, D. S. J. Gilhespie,
W. E. Purser, R. E. Jemmett, G. Amor, R. F. Jarman, N. Westbrook, H. J.
Cattrall, G. E. Andrews.

IIIB. J. A. E. MacGregor, J. H. A. Macpherson, C. G. Walmsley, L. S. B. Baker.

II. J. H. Dyer, H. Dyer, A. G. Kiddle, P. G. G. Macpherson, W. G. C. Warwick, W. A.
Richards.

Mr. Gale's Retirement.

All readers of the *Lion* must by now be aware that Mr. Gale retired at the end of last term. He joined the Staff of the School a very short time after its opening, and has thus devoted twenty-six or twenty-seven years of his life to its service. During this long period, the School has grown from less than twenty boys to its present size, and has built up its character and reputation, so that Mr. Gale has helped it through what may well be the most difficult and perhaps the most important years of its existence.

There must have been many difficulties in those early years, the Staff was small, and so each member of it had to be prepared to teach almost any subject required, and of course, equipment was scanty. Progress would have been impossible without ungrudging and unselfish work on the part of everybody, and Mr. Gale most assuredly did give just that, not only in the early years of the School, but all through his years of service.

He never spared himself, either in or out of normal working hours. For many years he took entire charge of the cricket coaching of the first eleven, and his hours of service on the cricket field alone, must have made an imposing total. His personal influence and example always tended to promote a thoroughly good tone in the School without the least suggestion of cant, which he detested. His own standards were high, and he tried to encourage high standards in others.

Though Mr. Gale has left the School, he has not left Fareham, and Old Boys may like to know that he is to be found in Southampton Road at number 81. He still helps with the supervision of games on the School field, and takes a keen interest in all our doings, and I am sure that all who know him wish him every good fortune for many years to come.



Prize Giving.

Speech Day this year was held on November 8th, and we were fortunate in having Sir Arthur Gaskell to present the prizes and give the Address. Owing to the large numbers of parents and friends present, many of the boys had to be accommodated in IVA and IIIB Form rooms, where the speeches were relayed to them.

In his report the Headmaster was able to refer to a number of achievements, the complete success for the second consecutive year in the School Certificate Examination receiving special comment. In Athletics, the Portals' success at Winchester was the most important event. He concluded with an appeal for support for the Pavilion Fund and a very popular tribute to Mr. Gale.

The Chairman of the Governors (Rev. A. Cory) emphasised these remarks and recorded the satisfaction felt by the Governing body in regarding the School's progress.

The prizes were then presented, and, in his ensuing address, Sir Arthur Gaskell laid particular stress upon the pursuit of health and fitness. The two great passwords to health were cleanliness and moderation. He concluded with cordial wishes for the health and prosperity of the scholars.

Solos were given by Andrews III, Abbott and Betteridge, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Sir Arthur, proposed by Alderman Parham and seconded by Captain Spinney.

FORM PRIZES.

VB. ...	C. J. Verdon.	J. Beavis.	IVB ...	K. B. Powell.	D. Card-Buley.
REMOVE	T. G. Leggett.	K. J. Long.	IIIA ...	R. J. Carnell.	H. R. Heath.
IVA ...	W. G. Andrews.	C. W. M. Allen.	IIIB ...	G. P. Sabin.	G. J. Kirby.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

The Rev. A. Cory's Prize for Divinity—L. R. Searle, R. J. Carnell.

Captain and Mrs. Miller's Prizes for Mathematics and Science.—L. V. Martin,
C. J. Verdon, C. W. M. Allen, N. P. Boyes, D. J. Hunt.

The "ATCHISON" Prizes—B. S. Manley, J. Gingell.

The "RAMSAY" Prize—B. G. Buckley.

The "ALEXANDER" Prize—A. L. Old.

SUBJECT PRIZES.

FORM VA.—Subject Prizes awarded on the results of the Oxford School Certificate Examination :—

ENGLISH ...	H. L. Privett	LATIN ...	W. A. Alderton
ART ...	J. D. Bent	SPANISH ...	L. J. Godwin
FRENCH ...	R. A. Tilbury	DIVINITY ...	R. A. Tilbury
MATHEMATICS	G. D. G. Hawkins	HISTORY ...	G. D. G. Hawkins
SCIENCE ...	E. F. Warren	GEOGRAPHY	E. F. Warren
	ENGLISH ...	L. V. Martin, K. B. Powell	
	HISTORY ...	D. C. Priddon, T. G. Leggett	
	LATIN ...	W. G. Andrews	
	FRENCH ...	C. J. Verdon, C. W. M. Allen	
	ART ...	A. E. Pickwood	
	P.T. ...	C. L. Hale, T. F. Knott	

The Pavilion Fund.

We are still a long way from £1,000 but we have made a most promising start. A Bridge Drive, which attracted 52 people, and a Whist Drive, which drew 144, proved extremely successful, and others who purchased tickets were no doubt kept away by the bad weather. In everybody's judgement, both evenings were very pleasantly passed.

Special thanks are due to Mrs. Dawkins, Miss Buckley and Miss V. Jewell, who went to much trouble and spent much time in selling tickets, and various members of the Staff worked indefatigably. The result was a net profit of £20-15-2, on which all concerned are to be congratulated.

Before these lines are published, the Price's School Players will have had their first show. Those members of the Staff and School concerned, have shown great keenness and we have no doubt that their efforts will result appropriately in a substantial addition to the Fund.

Individual donations continue to come in, and are gratefully acknowledged from the following :—W. J. Dore, C. Dunn, F. Frost, E. H. J. Budden, J. Hoad, Captain and Mrs. Law, Mr. and Mrs. Old, Major Tull.

The Fund now stands at £38-4-10.

House Boxing Competition.

The House Boxing Competition was held at the end of last term. Commander Pitcairn Jones kindly acted as Referee, and a number of very close and exciting fights were seen.

Several of the lighter weights produced boxers of distinct promise, Powell especially giving an excellent display. There was little to choose between Phillips, Carpenter and Hills, while Dawkins put up a plucky fight, considering that he might have been in a lower weight. Buckley won the under 9 st. class by means of a very effective if unorthodox straight left, while Dodds proved much too strong for Bent, who had previously shown good technique in his fight with Andrews.

Westbury, who won three of the five finals, became first holders of the House Cup with 23 points, Blackbrook being second with 18, School House third with 11, and Cams fourth with 6.

Results :—

WEIGHT	IST ROUND	FINAL	WINNER
Under 6 Stone ...	Cawte (B) ...	Cawte	Powell
	Hutchins (C) ...		
	Macpherson 2 (SH)	Powell	
	Powell (W.)		
Under 7 Stone ...	Andrews 3 (B) ...	Andrews 3	Andrews
	O'Connor (SH) ...		
	Sabin (C) ...	David 2	
	David 2 (W) ...		
Under 8 Stone ...	Dawkins (C) ...	Phillips	Phillips
	Phillips (B) ...		
	Carpenter (SH) ...	Carpenter	
	Hills (W) ...		
Under 9 Stone ...	Buckley (W) ...	Buckley	Buckley
	Grafham (SH) ...		
	Searle (C) ...	Searle	
	Seymour (B) ...		
Over 9 Stone ...	Bent (SH) ...	Bent	Dodds
	Andrews (B) ...		
	Dodds (W) ...	Dodds	
	...		



It is a much more cheerful task to write these notes, than it was to report on the Cricket Season last term. Then we had very little in the way of success to comment on; this term we have a highly successful record, which at the moment reads:—

Played 8 : Won 5 : Drawn 1 : Lost 2 : Goals For 34 : Goals Against 27.

One of the two defeats was against a Masters' eleven, the very first game of the season, when the team were only beginning to settle down, and the other against Purbrook, who play very good football, especially considering the numbers of the School from which to choose a team.

Among the more notable victories are those against Midhurst and Portsmouth Grammar School.

Matches still remain to be played against Portsmouth Grammar School, Gosport and Bedales, and although it is doubtful if, whether we shall repeat our win against the former, the other two games should end in victories, and thus give the School a favourable balance.

The success of the side is all the more remarkable, as at the beginning of the term, with only one old colour available, prospects were not particularly bright. However, a team was quickly decided upon, and, except for one occasion, has played unchanged throughout. This is probably the reason for their success, as no one member of the side has been outstandingly brilliant. The side has shown a good spirit all the season, and one or two wins early on gave sufficient confidence for the side to settle down.

Naturally, the side is not a perfect one, no school side ever is. One criticism which could be made is that the halves play rather too far back, and do not properly back up with their forwards. This means that an attack becomes a matter of three or four forwards, isolated against a solid defence, and a clearance from the other side immediately relieves the situation, whereas if the halves are backing up, the ball can be promptly returned into the danger zone. It also means that too much work is forced upon the inside forwards, who, on heavy grounds particularly, cannot be expected to cover the whole gap. Without sacrificing their defensive game, wing halves should find it possible to back up behind their forwards, when an attack is being made.

A second criticism, one that has been made before in these notes, concerns the passing. Too often a pass is made in the obvious direction; the inside forwards, especially, frequently work the ball towards the wing to which they intend to pass. This means that the defence has plenty of time to cover, and sometimes one half back can cover the two players. The value of a pass in the unexpected direction cannot be over-estimated. The move demands practice, but it is essential to good forward play.

Many other minor criticisms could be made, but on the whole, the defence has been remarkably steady, and the forwards have at least scored an adequate number of goals. The backs have tackled hard, and behind them, Hawkins has kept goal with intelligence, and at times almost brilliance. Of the halves, Grafham has been the most consistent, and he has fulfilled the laborious task in the centre very creditably. Hale and Dore have been the most dangerous of the forwards, and the former has made considerable improvement since last season.

The Colts team, selected from boys under fifteen at the beginning of the term, has had a remarkably successful season. Following upon their unbeaten record at Cricket, they have remained unbeaten at Football also, and in most of their matches have won by large margins. In this team, we are fortunate in having a large number of boys who are big and strong for their age, apart from possessing considerable aptitude for the game. Indeed, so much is this the case, that we can almost turn out two complete defences, both well above the average, with little to choose between them. There is not the same superabundance of talent among the forwards unfortunately, although there are many younger boys who in another year or two should be up to the required standard. But the Colts' forwards, backed up by an admirable defence, have done quite well, as the results show. It augurs well for the future, when there are so many good players in these junior teams.

The Second XI have not played so many matches as the other two sides. It is difficult to arrange many fixtures for both Colts and 2nd XI with our limited number of grounds, and it does seem wiser to give match practice to the more promising younger boys, from whom future sides will be drawn.

In the Second XI, Godwin has been a good Captain as well as a tricky outside right; the backs, Andrews 2 and Amor 1, have played consistently well, and the whole team has played keenly throughout the season.

The other school games have been very much affected by the phenomenally wet weather experienced during the greater part of the term. One of the wettest late autumns on record turned the field into a happy hunting ground for gulls, and there were times when the pitches were in a deplorable state.

It was particularly unfortunate that the Old Boy's match, coming when the field was at its very worst, had to be scratched. Even the keenest member of the O.P. side had to admit that play was impossible. We did, however, manage to finish the House Competition, which ended in a runaway win for Cams, who were much too strong for the other Houses. In their nine matches they scored something like 86 goals, and Fleming, playing for their 2nd XI, had a personal bag of 19 goals. There have been times when House Cricket games have not produced this number of runs. It looks as if Cams are in for a long run of success, as they are strong in all their teams.

1st XI CHARACTERS.

* E. E. DORE (Captain)—A quiet and unassuming Captain, who yet seems to get the best out of his side. As a player he is very tricky and can shoot hard. Has scored many goals.

G. P. BROMLEY (Vice-Captain)—Right Half. Puts much more dash into his play than last season, and marks his man closely. Still a one-footed player, which must always be a serious handicap.

† C. L. HALE (Outside Left)—One of the most successful of the forwards. Is quite fast and sufficiently clever to beat his man, and possesses an accurate shot when cutting in.

† R. R. SANDERS (Left Back)—Has made great improvement since last season. Tackles hard, and heads and kicks well. Still a trifle slow in recovering when he has been beaten.

† V. M. DODDS (Right Back)—A vigorous tackler, and quick on his feet. At present, is a little wild under pressure, but has been invaluable in the defence. Heads the ball well.

† G. D. G. HAWKINS (Goal)—One of the most promising goal-keepers for several seasons. Shows great intelligence in anticipating shots, gets well down to the ball, and has safe hands. At present on the small and light side, a handicap when dealing with high shots.

† D. GRAFHAM (Centre Half)—Although rather light for the position, he tackles well and is clever with his head. Very quick off the mark and has a strong kick. At present, stronger in defence than attack.

D. J. BUNYAN (Left Half)—A promising newcomer to the School and to the XI. Knows the game well and is good with his head. Is a little hesitant with his tackling, but has made great improvement in all respects.

B. S. MANLEY (Outside Right)—Has a good sense of the game. Centres very accurately and can shoot hard, but is on the slow side. With more speed, would be a really good winger.

L. R. SEARLE (Inside Left)—A hard-working player, who has made great improvement. Tackles back well, and makes good passes to his wing. Not sufficiently dangerous when near to goal.

J. L. B. DELLBRIDGE (Inside Right)—Like Searle, is more effective in the defensive part of his work. Is inclined to get out of position, but has had a very fair first season.

COLTS XI CHARACTERS.

J. TUBBS (Captain). Right Back.—A player of exceptional promise. Kicks and heads the ball beautifully and shows anticipation in positioning.

K. LONG (Left Back)—Tackles hard and kicks well, if at times a little wildly. Safe under pressure and quite fearless.

G. F. JACKSON (Goal)—An agile and safe goalkeeper. Good hands and a strong kick. Should learn never to fly-kick at the ball.

L. G. MOSS (Centre Half)—A strong player, who has had much to do with the success of the side. Works hard and tackles well, and makes good passes to his forwards.

C. BARTER (Right Half)—Like Moss, is big and strong for his age. Tackles well and has improved in kicking.

H. E. HODGES, T. E. CROUCH and N. L. BERRYMAN have shared the remaining position in the half-back line. All three are very promising players.

P. J. RUTHEN (Outside Right)—Is a neat player, who keeps his place. Kicks well and accurately, but could sometimes go a little harder.

D. D. ALDERTON (Inside Right)—Uses his head well, and is very unselfish. Has a hard shot, but is inclined to hang back a little too far.

T. F. KNOTT (Centre Forward)—A strong bustling player, extremely difficult to dispossess. Works untiringly, and shoots hard, if sometimes wildly.

A. S. BROOKS (Inside Left)—Has greatly improved during the season, and is now a fast and clever forward. With a stronger shot, will be very dangerous.

P. L. HILLS (Outside Left)—Is quite fast and has a strong kick with his left foot. Unfortunately, cannot use his right, and this makes him awkward. Centres well.

There have also played for this team ;—

J. BEAVIS (Inside Right)—A clever forward, who at present lacks weight and power. Works very hard, but is apt to tire.

L. O. ROWE (Centre Forward)—Has the knack of always being in the right place and plays a forceful game.

K. FLEMING (Centre Forward)—Very quick to seize an opening, and against boys of his own weight, a prolific scorer. A most promising player.

FIRST XI MATCHES.

Sept. 25th	v. B. R. Shaw's XI	-	-	Home	Lost	2-10
		Scorers : Hale, Bromley.				
Oct. 2nd	v. Gosport County School	-	-	Home	Won	6-3
		Scorers : Hale 3, Searle 2, Dore 1.				
Oct. 5th	v. Farnham Grammar School	-	-	Home	Won	8-1
		Scorers : Hale 4, Dore 2, Searle 1, Dodds 1.				
Oct. 12th	v. Purbrook School	-	-	Home	Lost	0-1
Oct. 16th	v. Portsmouth Grammar School	-	-	Home	Won	7-4
		Scorers : Dore 2, Hale 3, Manley 1.				
Oct. 19th	v. Midhurst Grammar School	-	-	Home	Won	5-4
		Scorers : Dore 2, Dellbridge, Searle, Hale.				
Nov. 2nd	v. Portsmouth Secondary School	-	-	Home	Scratched	
Nov. 16th	v. Old Boys	-	-	Home	Scratched	
Nov. 27th	v. Purbrook School	-	-	Away	Drawn	3-3
		Scorers : Dore 2, Manley.				
Nov. 30th	v. Portsmouth United Banks	-	-	Home	Won	3-1
		Scorers : Dore 2, Hale.				

Scorers for Season : Hale 13, Dore 12, Searle 4, Manley 2, Dellbridge, 1, Bromley 1, Dodds 1. Goals for 34, Goals against 27.

SECOND XI.

Oct. 2nd	v. Gosport County School II	-	-	Home	Won	12-2
	Scorers : Knott 4, Beavis 3, Godwin 2, Alderton 1, Hills 1.					
Oct. 16th	v. Portsmouth Grammar School III	-	-	Home	Drawn	3-3
	Scorers : Knott 2, Brooks 1.					
Oct. 30th	v. St. Helen's College I	-	-	Home	Lost	2-3
	Scorers : Alderton, Knott.					
Nov. 2nd	v. Portsmouth Secondary School	-	-	Home	Scratched	
Nov. 16th	v. Old Boys	-	-	Home	Scratched	
Nov. 30th	v. St. Helen's College I	-	-	Away	Lost	0-4

COLT'S MATCHES.

Sept. 28th	v. Portsmouth Grammar School	-	-	Home	Drawn	2-2
	Scorer : Beavis 2.					
Oct. 2nd	v. Gosport	-	-	Away	Won	9-1
	Scorers : Rowe 3, Ruthen 2, Fleming 3, Andrews 1.					
Oct. 5th	v. Farnham Grammar School	-	-	Home	Won	7-1
	Scorers : Knott 2, Alderton 2, Rowe 3.					
Oct. 12th	v. Purbrook School	-	-	Home	Won	4-2
	Scorers : Alderton 2, Knott 2.					
Oct. 19th	v. Midhurst Grammar School	-	-	Home	Won	4-0
	Scorers : Knott 2, Alderton 1, Ruthen 1.					
Oct. 30th	v. St. Helen's College II	-	-	Home	Won	8-1
	Scorers : Fleming 4, Beavis 1, Rowe 2, Ruthen 1.					
Nov. 13th	v. Portsmouth Grammar School	-	-	Away	Scratched	
Nov. 27th	v. Purbrook School	-	-	Away	Won	5-1
	Scorers : Knott 3, Ruthen 1, Brooks 1.					
Nov. 30th	v. St. Helen's College II	-	-	Away	Won	3-1
	Scorers : Beavis 2, Fleming 1.					

HOUSE MATCHES.

House	Won	Drew	Lost	Points
Cams ...	9	0	0	24
School House	1	2	6	8½
Westbury ...	3	0	6	8
Blackbrook	3	2	4	7½

First XI v. Farnham Grammar School.

HOME—Won 8-1.

The perpetual rain of the previous week had put the ground in an almost unplayable condition, but in spite of this the match was played.

The School won the toss and elected to play down the slope with a strong following wind.

It was obvious in the first few minutes that the advantage was with the School. After four minutes, Hale opened the scoring with a good shot, and then goals came at regular intervals, until in a half an hour 7 had been registered. Hale scored 4 of them, all with good shots, particularly one swerving shot far out on the left wing. Dore got 2, chiefly by good following up on a poor goalkeeper, who seemed unable to hold the slippery ball. Searle also got a good goal, and Dodds scored with a long shot.

In the second half, with wind and slope in their favour, Farnham had much more of the game, and tested the School defence, in which Dodds and Sanders at back, and Hawkins in goal played well, and Farnham could only score once.

The School attacked once more towards the end of the game, but neither side scored again.

First XI v. Portsmouth Grammar School.

HOME—Won 7-4.

The game was an exceedingly fast one, and played very keenly by both sides. At times the game became too keen, which resulted in many free kicks for minor infringements.

The School kicked off, but before long, Portsmouth set up a steady pressure. They lost many good chances, chiefly through their centre-half taking shots when a pass would have been better. Hawkins in goal, was a tower of strength at this period.

Finally however, the School broke away and were the first to score, through Dore, from a penalty.

Play was very even after this, and two goals were scored by both sides, Hale scoring both for the School. In the second half, Portsmouth soon equalised, but Dore scored from another penalty after good work by Hale.

Portsmouth were now playing much better and a good movement on their left brought the equalising goal again. The School left wing, however, came into its own, and Hale scored two more, cutting in quickly and placing his shots well. Manley scored the final goal after a free kick.

Hale made the most of the passes he received, and Hawkins was good in goal. The whole team played admirably against bigger boys, and were less tired than their opponents at the end of the game.

First XI v. Gosport.

HOME—Won 6-3.

Play during the first half of this game was very scrappy, and although the School had the slope and a strong wind in their favour, at half-time they were only leading by the odd goal in five.

After half-time, Grafham went centre-half and the whole side played very much better football, scoring three times to the once by Gosport.

Hawkins played a very useful game in goal, saving several difficult shots, besides clearing well. Both backs tackled strongly, but were inclined to kick wildly under pressure, while Grafham was a distinct success at centre-half. Of the forwards, Hale and Manley were often dangerous and Searle worked hard throughout the game.

First XI v. Purbrook.

HOME—Lost 0-1.

The School had the advantage of the slope and wind in the first half, and at least three very easy chances of scoring were lost through poor finishing by the inside forwards.

Soon after half-time Purbrook scored the only goal of the match as the result of a corner. Although Purbrook had the better of the half territorially, several promising raids by the forwards, especially the left wing, came very near to scoring.

On the whole, this was a disappointing match—the defence played a sturdy if not very scientific game, and did well to keep the scoring down to a single goal in the second half. Hale, when he got the ball, played well, but the other forwards were sadly lacking in thrust and ability to get the ball into the net.

Purbrook, who played really good football, thoroughly deserved to win this game.

First XI v. Midhurst.

HOME—Won 5-4.

This match, played at home on October 19th, was won by 5 goals to 4. The play as a whole was affected by the strong wind, and the score was disappointing. The School team was without Hawkins in goal, and though Moss played a sound game at back, the rearranged defence was not so confident as usual.

In the first half, the School, playing against slope and wind, soon settled down to attack steadily, but their finishing was weak. Midhurst showed a better control of the ball and in spite of continued pressure on their defence, were leading at half time by 3 goals to 2.

In the second half the School soon forced their opponents to play almost entirely on the defensive, but this advantage only served to emphasize the School forwards' weakness in passing and shooting accurately. It was only after a period of scrambling play that they managed to score the deciding goal, and an occasional break-away by the Midhurst forwards kept the result in doubt to the end.

First XI v. Portsmouth Banks.

HOME—Won 3-1.

The School had the advantage of wind and slope in the first half, but play was very even, and no goals were scored, though the Banks had bad luck when a fine shot hit the bar. In the second half Hale scored after the Goalkeeper had fumbled a shot from Bromley, and Dore converted a centre by Mr. Hilton. After the Banks had scored from a corner, Dore scored another goal from a *melée*. The later part of the game was spoiled by bad light.

First XI v. Purbrook.

AWAY—Drawn 3-3.

The match played at Purbrook on November 27th was drawn (3-3). It was the first game played for some weeks—a fact which may possibly account for the more remarkable points of the game. For two-thirds of the match at least the School seemed capable of little that was right.

A light ball and heavy ground resulted in rather wild kicking and passing, while Purbrook, combining well and profiting by the School's mistakes, were threatening continually. Hawkins in goal played his usual confident game, however; Dodds and Sanders kept their heads and cleared well, but eventually Purbrook scored. But that was not until the School had thrown away two perfectly good chances. Manley then made a good run down the right wing, Dore scoring from his centre. There was no further score until the second half.

Then, inevitably, the School forwards having shown no improvement, the defence faltered and Purbrook scored their second goal, closely followed by a third—a long, swerving shot which deceived Hawkins and slipped past him as he was trying to move across a muddy goalmouth.

The game seemed hopelessly lost, but the forwards suddenly began to work as a line, and, gaining confidence, swung the game completely round. Well supported by Bromley in particular at right half, they made several dangerous attacks and eventually were rewarded with two goals. They tried desperately to get the winning goal, but their revival had come a little too late and Purbrook managed to hold them for the few remaining minutes.

The Steeplechase.

The weather on December 7th was fine, but the going was very stiff after heavy rains and by the rickyard a slight modification of the course was made.

The Juniors went off down North Hill and turning off Wickham Road, Fleming, Andrews 3, Powell, and Wainwright, who on paper had the best chances, were all well up. Crossing Kiln Road there was little change in the order. Andrews 3 had about two yards lead from Fleming, who seemed the fresher. The real surprise was that Jackson was running level with Andrews, while Wainwright, Powell, and Warren 3 were leading a strong Westbury contingent and were by no means out of the race, so the race was unusually open. When the runners came in sight of the Park, Fleming had taken the lead and he held on nobly up the hill. Andrews and Jackson never gave up trying but never quite looked like winning. Fleming and his opponents who pushed him hard are to be congratulated on a very fast time. Of the first fourteen runners home seven were Westbury and six Blackbrook. However two more Blackbrook runners were soon in and their reserves too had finished before the next Westbury runner appeared, so they had a narrow victory by thirteen points.

The Seniors' was an easier race to judge, for Grafham always seemed safe barring accidents. Crossing into Roche Court he had a useful lead from Abbott who looked blown. Then came Phillips and Seymour and then a bunch. Roche Court and North Hill, as usual, settled matters. Grafham won very well, fresh and unpressed. Phillips finished strongly and thoroughly deserved second place, while Hale and Dellbridge came up to join the leaders. Blackbrook had their six in the first fourteen runners and won fairly easily from School House and Westbury.

RESULTS.

JUNIOR.		SENIOR.		COMBINED.	
1. Blackbrook	84.	1. Blackbrook	49.	1. Blackbrook	448.
2. Westbury	97.	2. School House	73.	2. Westbury	603.
3. Cams.	158.	3. Westbury	78.	3. Cams	906.
4. School House	224.	4. Cams	108.	4. School House	964.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

JUNIOR.	SENIOR.
1. Fleming (C)	1. Grafham (S)
2. Andrews 3 (B)	2. Phillips (B)
3. Jackson (B)	3. Hale (C)
4. Wainwright (W)	4. Seymour (B)
5. Warren 3 (W)	5. Dellbridge (W)
6. Powell (W)	6. Abbott (B)

HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

This term, there has only been the Football Cup to compete for, so far, in Sports, and our success in this competition has not been wholly startling. With no members of the School 1st XI, and but one of the 2nd XI, the House 1st XI could expect to do but little. Nevertheless, a good display was put up against Westbury in a friendly match, in which we were unfortunate to lose 3-2, after being twice in the lead. In the House matches, too, we gave Westbury quite a good game, although the margin in difference of goals was greater.

Against School House, the defence, especially Barter, Seymour and Andrews 2, played exceedingly well, whilst Jackson successfully dealt with all shots he had to save. In consequence, we were able to hold School House to a goalless draw.

Fielding against Cams a team weakened by the absence of Seymour and Rowe, we were naturally outplayed, but even in this game the defence played well, Barter especially excelling himself.

The 2nd XI played well, but lacked shooting power, and although they outplayed Westbury, could only win 2-1, and against School House could only draw. With someone who could shoot, both of these matches would probably have resulted in heavy victories.

Against Cams, the team was weakened by absentees, and sustained a heavy defeat, although they did better than either School House or Westbury had done.

Andrews 1, Haines and Harding, showed very promising form in these matches, whilst Gingell and Durant also rendered good service. The whole team showed great keenness.

The 3rd XI won their matches against Westbury and School House, but with a weakened team lost to Cams. Akhurst, Phillips, Cope, Newbury and Russell all showed good form.

When the "Lion" went to print last term, the boxing competition had not been held. The House acquitted itself quite well, being a good second to Westbury. Andrews 3 and Phillips both did exceedingly well, winning both their heats and finals.

MacCallum and Still are the only two members of the House who have left, and we wish them the best of luck. I take this opportunity to wish the whole House happy holidays and a Merry Christmas.

Cams.

As far as Football is concerned, this term has been one of outstanding success for Cams. We have won both Cups without the loss of a single point. Our teams, which have played very well, have been exceptionally strong this season, as is borne out by the fact that we scored a total of about 86 goals and had only two scored against us.

Dore has again proved himself a very able Captain, and we offer him our hearty congratulations on his appointment as the School Football Captain, and also to Hale, Hawkins and Sanders I, on gaining their 1st XI Colours this Season. The result of the Boxing Competition last term was not greatly in our favour, but considering the fact that we had only four boxers, we did not fare so badly. It was very unfortunate for Searle, that, after winning his first fight, his leg trouble should prevent him entering the final.

Congratulations to those members of the House who passed the School Certificate Examination, particularly Hawkins and Warren I, who gained Honours; and also to Hale on being appointed a Monitor.

At the time of writing these notes, the Steeplechase has yet to be run. We do not at present hold any Steeplechase Cup, but if each one has trained with determination, we certainly ought to improve on last year's result and win at least one Cup. Next term, we have to compete for the Hockey and Sports Cups, and we entertain high hopes of adding more trophies to our shelf.

At the beginning of the term, Mr. Mundy informed us that he was handing over the duties of House Master to Mr. Foster. I think everyone, both past and present members of Cams, will join me in expressing their sincerest thanks to Mr. Mundy for all the work he has done for Cams, as its House Master, and I do not think he will cease to take an interest in the welfare of the House, but will be still as eager for its success as in the past. We also wish Mr. Foster every success in his new duties as House Master.

Finally, I wish the House the best of luck in the coming year.

D. G. W.

School House.

Second in the Football Cup! Not too bad, but not quite good enough, in fact, there is room for improvement in all departments. A bit more interest and training and we might have even beaten the "big guns" of Cams, to whom congratulations for winning the Cup in such fine style.

Can we hold the Steeplechase Senior Cup and get the other two? We are good enough if everyone will buck up and train. It is surprising how many "invalids" there are when training notices are up! Strained muscles and music lessons are the most popular complaints! In spite of this, training seems to be going forward satisfactorily.

The good work of the Seniors has not been too well backed up in recent years by the Juniors. Next term we must do our best to keep two of our cups on the shelf, as well as win others. Look to it, Juniors: there are plenty of cups you can and will win for the House, if you put your backs into it.

Congratulations to Grafham on getting his First Eleven Colours, and also to Bent for getting his School Certificate. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

G. P. B.

Westbury.

In these notes we must first congratulate Cams on their splendid performance in winning both Football Cups without the loss of a single point. Their success was well deserved, as in every match they outclassed their opponents. Westbury have held the Football Cup since we won it from School House in 1930, and we have great hopes of regaining it next year, as we have many promising young players.

Before the House matches we had a very enjoyable Friendly match with Blackbrook, which we were rather lucky to win by 3 goals to 2. I should like to thank Mr. Thacker for proposing the game. In spite of the closeness of the score in the Friendly, we awaited the actual House match against Blackbrook with confidence, and, gaining the lead inside five minutes, we won fairly easily by five goals to two. While the third team was easily beaten, the second team only lost by the odd goal. But for Bannell's fine goalkeeping the score would have been much higher.

Though our hopes of beating Cams seemed slight, we should not have been defeated by such a wide margin. In the first half, in spite of playing down the slope, they only managed to score three times, but after the interval, the defence failed badly. Owing to several boys being injured or absent, our junior teams were very weak, and the heavy defeats they suffered came as no surprise.

Against School House we lost by 3-2. Ten minutes before the end we were winning, but the score was equalised by a penalty, and this disheartened the whole side. The junior teams both won their matches; the victory in the second team was largely due to Westbrook's fine play.

While on the subject of football, I should like to congratulate Dodds on gaining his 1st XI Colours, and Tubbs on being Captain of the successful Colts' team.

In the House Boxing Competition held in July, we had much more success. Dodds, Buckley and Powell all won their respective classes; David 2 reached the final, and put up a brave fight against a heavier opponent, while Hills 1 only lost his fight after an extra round had been fought. These results gave us a fairly easy victory, and we hope to hold the Cup again next year.

David 1, Privett 2, Alderton 1, Cook, Daines, Dumper and Tilbury all gained School Certificates, and I would like to offer them sincere congratulations. In conclusion, we hope all those Westbury boys who have left will have the best of luck in their future careers.

L. V. M.

Braemar Gathering.

While in Scotland this summer, I was able to go to a Highland Gathering for the first time.

It was being held at Braemar, which turned out to be a small town entirely surrounded by hills, except where the River Dee ran through them. The only entrance from the South is over the Devil's Elbow, which has a gradient of one in four, and is two thousand feet above sea level. As only one car is allowed up at a time, a stream of cars and omnibuses several miles long always forms on this occasion. When we arrived we found every available space was made into a car park.

The Games start at about eleven o'clock, and the first items were confined to putting the weight. The light-weight ball weighs sixteen pounds, middle-weight twenty-two pounds, and the heavy-weight twenty-eight pounds. The winners of these events throw the weights an incredible distance. The twenty-eight pound weight is usually a stone, the other two being iron. The next event was throwing the hammer. The hammer in no way resembles a blacksmith's hammer. There is a long wooden handle with

a large metal ball fastened on the end, the weight of which varies with the class for which it is used. When it is being thrown, the athlete digs two holes for his feet, which never move. He then proceeds to swing the hammer round at the level of his shoulders, bending himself in some miraculous manner to allow his arms to go round without having to raise them above his shoulders. At the right moment he lets go, and the hammer goes sailing through the air weight first. The lengths of the throws are marked with small white tabs stuck in the ground. By this time it is about one o'clock and some member or members of the Royal Family arrive. Unfortunately the King was not present owing to the death of Queen Astrid. However, Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught arrived.

Various Scottish dances follow, both solo and trio, accompanied by a Pipe-Major with his bagpipes. These dances take some time and when they finish a bagpipe contest follows. This is extremely noisy, but it is also extremely clever. These so-called instruments have, I believe, three pipes called drones, and one which plays the melody called the chanter, the last-named having eight holes. On these, the piper manipulates his fingers, producing the well-known wail of these instruments.

A great event then follows: the "march past" of the Clans. All the clans in Scotland are here, and they march round the field and past the Royal Box. Each Clan has its own band, and the town echoes with the noise of bagpipes. After this, sprints and half-mile runs follow, and then pole-jumping, in which a height of over 12-ft. was jumped! At the end of the afternoon, the last event begins. This is tossing the caber. Four men carry in a pole twenty feet in length. The bottom of the pole is about nine inches in diameter, and it tapers to about four inches. The thick end is put down on the ground between the thrower's feet, the other end being pushed up by the four men. They rest the caber against the athlete's shoulder, who then takes complete charge. The men leave and the athlete picks up the caber into his interlaced hands. He does this in an apparently careless sort of way, but if the inexperienced were to try, drastic results would most certainly follow. He then tilts the caber slightly forward and begins to run. After several yards run he stops and the caber begins to fall forward. At the precise second he heaves upward with his hands as hard as he can. The heavy end goes up with a jerk and then the lighter end strikes the ground. The heavy end continues upwards and then when the caber is almost vertical with the ground, it seems to stay. For a second everybody in the field hold their breaths. The caber quivers and the heavier end continues over and falls to the ground. If the athlete can throw a twenty-foot caber, which is unusual, a terrific shout greets his throw, but on this occasion, it was nineteen feet long. The first man to completely turn the caber over wins, and a foot is cut off every time until every competitor can throw it.

After the Games, the best thing to do is to try and get out of the town, and as one drives South again, cars get less, until the normal state of affairs is reached again. It is the first time I have seen these Games, but it is a thing which will stick in my memory for many years to come.

A. H. (VB.)



Birds'-Nesting.

Have you ever been birds'-nesting? If not, you should go, it is a very interesting pastime. You start from your home about eleven in the morning, taking a stout stick and your lunch with you. You choose a suitable copse or covert (private property is best, because there are more rare nests there and you stand a good chance of being chased by an irate game-keeper).

Having chosen your hunting ground you enter stealthily by way of a gap in the hedge or perhaps by the proper way, through the gate which has a notice on it: "Trespassers will be Prosecuted." You then start looking for dark patches in the tops of trees. The dark patches are not always birds' nests, however, but it is great fun climbing prickly holly trees or spiky hawthorn trees, to get at the supposed birds' nest. If it is not a bird's nest you calmly get down off the tree almost into the arms of the game-keeper, who is passing underneath. You then take to your heels and run without tripping over roots or ferns.

When you have out-distanced your friend, the game-keeper, you start looking for nests again. This time you are usually lucky. You see a big nest in the top of a bigger tree, the latter being very straight, with a branch every five feet.

You start your climb by jumping and grasping the lowest branch, which usually breaks and you then have to swarm half-way up the tree, before you reach even a knot in the trunk.

When you have reached the nest you try to study it from all sides, and, finding that the nest has a roof, you put your hand in the hole in the side, and very quickly draw it out again, with a squirrel clinging to your fingers. You shake the squirrel off, and climb very quickly down to the ground with the whole squirrel family, swearing at you from the higher branches.

It is now about time for your lunch. If you have a box of matches you try to light a fire. You turn your pockets out for a piece of paper and find only a cigarette card; therefore you collect dry leaves and dry fern (if any) and light them. When you have them alight you get some small sticks, which you put on the fire, whereupon the small flame which you had there goes out. By using your match box and contents, you may get your fire to start. You then look at your lunch. It is now a pulpy mass of bread and twigs.

Having no lunch, you have a little rest, which is usually helped by sitting in an ants' nest or better still on a thorn.

Having rested, you set out, still feeling bright and cheery, perhaps. Then you give a cry of joy, as you see a bird sitting on its nest in a small tree. Having got perhaps three eggs, you put them into your pocket and on climbing down, you fall, very much without dignity to the ground. You land on the pocket which has the bird's eggs in it, and it is more than likely in a bed of stinging nettles.

Having cleared your pocket of squashed bird's eggs, you feel a spot of rain on your cheek, and, unless you have the patience of a saint, you say a few words which would shock your maiden aunt considerably. Then you run to the nearest place of shelter, which is usually a long way off.

It is usual, when running to this place of shelter, that you have to dodge every game-keeper that the owner of the copse employs. When you have stayed under a big tree for about half-an-hour, the rain showing no sign of leaving off, you take a chance, and run for miles and miles before you reach the road. You climb over the fence into the road, and ask a country yokel where you are. When you find you are five miles from home, and it is still raining, you ask what time there is a bus to your own village. The yokel replies that the bus is due at any moment. Your hopes begin to rise, only to be damped when you find that the bus is full.

You wait for an hour, and just as the bus comes along the sun comes out and, cursing the sun, you sit down in your damp clothes.

When you get home you start to sneeze, have a hot bath and go to bed. The next day you are still in bed, and your friend, another egg collector, comes and asks you to go birds'-nesting. You tell him to go to the bird's nest himself.

How Blankets are made.

At the time of writing the subject of this article seems most appropriate, for the time has come when we are glad if we have really snug blankets to keep us warm.

In January last I had the opportunity of seeing the manufacture of blankets from start to finish at the factory of Messrs. Charles Early & Co., Ltd., of Witney in Oxfordshire, and I think a description may be of some interest.

It is over 250 years since this firm began to make blankets at Witney, and since that time the business has been handed down from father to son, generation after generation.

The first part of the works we were shown was the wool store. Here are bales of wool from many countries, arranged in long rows, each bale weighing eight or nine hundredweight. What a volume of protesting bleats the shearing of all that wool must have called forth!

The guide showed us samples of many kinds, with a few words about the characteristics of each. The different wools are blended to make the best mixture for each particular grade of blanket. A man stands in a large bin, while from moving hoppers above him wool is sprinkled in a continual shower, regulated to give the desired mixture. The man spreads and tosses the wool rather as if he were making hay, and so it is thoroughly mixed. Men at this work are apt to look just a little bit fluffy.

The next process is carding, which is done by very ingenious machines. The wool is spread on a moving band from which it is picked up by hundreds of tiny steel hooks which are on the surface of large revolving steel drums. Passing over a series of these drums has the effect of arranging the wool with its fibres all in the same direction, and it comes off looking like the ghost of a blanket, a broad misty layer which can just cling together. This is drawn together till it is rather like a loose rope, and is then ready for spinning.

Several of the loose ropes mentioned above are put together and the spinning machinery pulls them out to a great length and twists them together to make a thin strong yarn. A large frame carrying numbers of bobbins trundles itself across the floor gathering up threads of yarn as it moves, then it runs away again stretching out more wool, stands still while the bobbins spin at a furious speed twisting up the wool, then back for more and so on. The noise is deafening.

Next comes weaving, an even noisier process in this particular factory. This is difficult to explain without a diagram, but I will try to make clear the principle. The threads which run lengthways, called the warp, are arranged parallel to each other at the proper distances, one end of each being fastened to a large roller which extends right across the front of the loom, and the other end being wound up on a bobbin mounted on a frame at the back, one bobbin for each thread. The action of the loom first raises all the odd numbered threads and depresses the even numbers, then shoots through the space thus formed a shuttle carrying the other thread, the weft; then it raises the even numbers and depresses the odd numbers, shoots the shuttle back again, and so on, each weft thread being pressed firmly into its place by a sort of large comb. The big roller gradually rolls up the woven blanket, pulling more warp thread off the bobbins as it does so. Thus the blanket is woven, the coloured stripes which are so familiar near the ends being put in by using a shuttle containing coloured wool when needed. The piece woven at one operation is enough for about a dozen pairs of blankets.

If you think this is the end of the manufacture you need only look at the blanket to see how far from complete the process is. It looks utterly unlike the fleecy warm thing a new blanket should be. It is coarse, harsh to the touch, a dirty-looking thing, and in some cases spotted all over with burrs from seeds which are impossible to remove from the wool before weaving.

The next process is called fulling, or milling. The blanket is passed through hot water containing lots of soda, and while this is happening it is being pressed or beaten together across the width of it and pulled and stretched along the length. The result is to shrink the weft, and thus tighten up the fabric, and at the same time to felt it so that the separate threads are no longer visible.

The burrs mentioned above are got rid of in a very clever way. The blanket is dipped into dilute acetic acid, then baked in an oven. The temperature of the oven is not very high, and the result of the acid and the baking is that the vegetable matter is carbonised, and the blanket emerges with sooty blotches where the burrs have been. These are removed by washing.

Then the wet blankets are hung up on racks in a shed and sulphur is burned in pots standing on the floor, the sulphur dioxide formed bleaches the blanket very effectively.

In the grounds of the factory are what look like long lines of fencing. They are really drying racks, and when weather is suitable hundreds of yards of blankets are dried in the open air, but of course there is artificial drying provided indoors as well so as to be independent of weather.

The blanket still lacks the soft fleecy appearance one expects it to have, and this is imparted by the process called raising. A steel drum about six feet or so in diameter is slowly revolved so that hundreds of little wire hooks with which it is covered just skim the surface of the blanket, and thus lift the fibres of wool into that fluffy nap which not only looks attractive, but by imprisoning air in its tangles, does contribute very materially to the warmth of the blanket. It is interesting to note that some of the finest wool cannot stand the use of wire hooks for this purpose, and the raising is done by the use of teasles, which are grown for the purpose, washed, and cut to a standard size, and mounted in recesses on the surface of the drum instead of the steel hooks.

All that now remains is to cut the long pieces into the proper lengths for single blankets (the coloured stripes have their use in this), and to bind the ends, which is done on a special sewing machine.

The whole process is full of interest, and there are endless examples of ingenuity and dexterity, both in the machinery used and in the handling of it. If any who read this ever get the opportunity to see for themselves I strongly urge them to do so.

J.S.





The Old Pricean.

NOTE.

The Old Priceans' Association is a body formed to enable Old Boys to keep in touch with each other and with the school. All boys are urged to join immediately on leaving school in order to preserve an unbroken association with the school.

If boys, on leaving school, give their names and addresses to either Mr. Shaw or Mr. Ashton, they will have the privilege of a year's free membership, after which they become eligible for full membership and will be asked to pay the modest annual subscription of three and sixpence (overseas members two and sixpence) or a life subscription of two guineas.

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

The Hon. Secretary is D. C. T. Humphries, 186, Tulse Hill, S.W. 2, and the Hon. Treasurer M. W. Gardner, "Chudleigh," Hedgerley Lane, Gerrards Cross, Bucks (to whom all subscriptions should be sent).

Old Boys, living in and around London, are recommended to join the London Section, a very live body, run by its very energetic Hon. Secretary, D. R. Masterman, 35, Hillside Gardens, Wallington, Surrey, who will be overjoyed to hear from any prospective members.

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

HOCKEY—1st Saturday in March.

CRICKET—2nd Saturday in July.

FOOTBALL—3rd Saturday in November.

Secretarial Notes.

We take very great pleasure in offering our sincere congratulations to our President, Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., M.P., on his recent re-election to Parliament as Member for Fareham, and trust that we may soon have the pleasure of his company once again at one of our functions.

At present the Association is passing through a financial crisis and we are very glad to see the large monetary response to Mr. Bradly's personal letter to those of our number who had overlooked the payment of their subscriptions. We are by no means out of our troubles yet but I am confident that we will pull through and that at the next Summer Re-union we will have a more cheerful report to put before the Annual General Meeting.

I appeal to all those whom I have known at school, and since, to rally to the support of the Association. It may mean a personal sacrifice but the cause is well worth it.

The Re-union on November 16th, although spoilt by the weather which kept away all but the stoutest hearts, was attended by over thirty members. I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ashton for their generous hospitality and all those who came along for their keenness and co-operation.

At the Summer Re-union, Mr. A. S. Gale dropped a bombshell among us when he announced his retirement at the end of that term. It was decided that we should show our great esteem for him, both as master and man, by a small presentation. Donations have poured in and as time is getting on, we shall have to close the fund soon. Will all those who still wish to contribute please send along their donations as soon as possible. Mr. Gale has chosen a very fitting present in the shape of an easy chair in which to spend his well-earned leisure hours. We hope that when he is dozing therein he may call to mind some of us who have so sorely tried his patience and temper and we assure him that we will always remember his kindness, fairness, and keen sense of sportsmanship and look forward to meeting him at Re-unions.

The Old Boys would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Ashton and the Staff on the results of the Oxford Locals.

I would like to call the attention of all Old Boys to the Xmas Dinner to be held on 20th December in London. We are hoping to have several members and ex-members of the Staff amongst us to add distinction to the proceedings. The London Section is by far the most lively portion of the Association and all credit must go to D. R. Masterman, who has worked hard for years to make it what it is. The Section, under his leadership, has weathered many storms, but is now sailing untroubled waters. Long may it be so!

Are there no Old Boys in Southampton, Fareham, Portsmouth, and the Meon Valley who are keen enough to organise local sections of a similar nature? I would gladly provide any such Old Boys with a list of members in his district. I hear a rumour that the Fareham Section are organising entertainments on behalf of the School Pavilion Fund. I hope they will be well supported.

We are entering a team again this year for the Easter Hockey Festival at Bournemouth and hope that it will again be under the able leadership of F. E. Nugent. We must have at least fifteen players to call upon. Will all those who would like to play let me know as soon as possible?

The Association tenders hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. H. Connolly, Mr. and Mr. W. H. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Chamberlain, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Swaffield, who have all been recently married. We wish them lifelong happiness and express the hope that they will not be deserting us now as is often the case.

In closing I would like to thank H. E. Dean-Cooper, Bob Ross, and M. W. Gardner for their advice and co-operation and to wish both the School and the Old Boys a Very Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year.

D. C. T. HUMPHRIES,
Hon. Secretary.

Old Boys' Day—November 16th, 1935.

The dreadful weather which had been experienced for weeks had reduced the school field to a morass, making football impossible. The thirty odd Old Boys who braved the storms to be present made the best of the conditions. Those who had already changed for football were determined not to be done out of a game so they cleared the "Tin Room" and played a hectic game with a tennis ball.

We were very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Bradly, Miss Bouchier and Mr. Gale in addition to Messrs. Johnson, Shaddock, Shaw, and Foster of the present Staff.

The company did very good justice to an excellent buffet tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, and the Old Boys seemed so absorbed in conversation the usual singing was omitted. Bob Ross sang the verse of "Forty Years On," with a lusty chorus from the company and the proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne" and three hearty cheers for our Host and Hostess.

Among the Old Boys present were the following:—R. C. H. Connolly, M. W. Gardner, H. E. Dean-Cooper, E. A. Swinstead, B. H. Swinstead, D. S. H. Swinstead, D. Gough, J. Silvester, P. A. Silvester, R. C. Brookes, N. C. Daventry, J. Bent, A. E. Faulkner, B. R. Ross, W. L. Jones, F. C. Dixon, L. Goodall, B. Buckley, N. Buckley, H. W. Smith, D. Powell, C. P. Aps, H. L. Marriott, J. Hoad, E. Hinxman, L. Nicholson, E. D. J. Clarke, F. H. Parsons-Smith, and D. C. T. Humphries.

New or Rejoined Members.

Aps, C. P.—40, Woodland Way, Petts Wood, Kent.

Bent, J.—81, Cambridge Gardens, W. 10.

Buckley, B. G.—1, South Villas, Camden Square, N.W. 1.

Dover, E. L.—"Silvermere," The Marina, Deal, Kent.

Dixon, F. C. J.—9, School Road, Wickham, Hants.

Jefferies, C. G.—49, Trinity Street, Fareham.

King, D. C.—30, Southampton Hill, Titchfield, Hants.

Moore, P. S.—2, Wickham Road, Fareham.

Smith, H. W.—11, Palmerston Avenue, Fareham.

Watts, F. J. R.—"The Firs," School Lane, Bursledon, Southampton.

NOTE.—Will all Old Boys please inform me if they change their addresses, or if any addresses mentioned are wrong?

NOTE.

Please make a special note of next Old Boys' Day, **March 7th, 1936.** Book up this date NOW.

News of Old Boys.

HURDEN, J. C., showed he was thinking of us on Old Boys' Day when we received the following telegram from him, "Kindest regards to all. Regret absence." Since then we have received even more welcome news from him. He is expecting to be shifted from Derby to London, where he will be very welcome.

SWINSTEAD, D. S. H., is now in Town and turned up to the last meeting full of life and thirsting for information about his pals.

PHILLIPS, A. G., has unfortunately had to undergo an operation for appendicitis and had been forbidden to play games for six months. We miss his services very much and hope he will soon be able to wield a hockey stick again.

WINSOR, R. L., has now obtained a post at Scarborough but hopes to move further southwards and nearer "civilisation."

POLWIN, F. C. S., seems full of his activities both scholastic and dramatic, but hopes to be able to get along to a meeting soon. He is very anxious to hear from any of the "Old Gang."

We have also received letters from **W. G. Cummins**, **W. H. Drover**, **A. G. Crouch**, **C. H. Cussell**, **E. A. Graham**, and **E. L. Dover**, to show that they are still active members of the Association.

Changes of Address.

- Barnes, V. J.**, 113, Castleton Road, Goodmayes, Essex.
Blanch, A. E., 73, Langstone Road, Milton, Portsmouth.
Clark, F. R., 85a, Junction Road, Andover, Hants.
Crouch, A. G., 14-17, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.
Cummins, W. G., 8, Sea View Terrace, Lipson, Plymouth.
Daventry, N. C., "Dunedin," Castle Street, Portchester.
Drover, W. H., 116, Erdington Hall Rd., Erdington, Birmingham.
Graham, E. A., c/o Westminster Bank, Basingstoke, Hants.
Gregory, D. E., 1, Chalcroft Rd., Manor Park, Lewisham, S.E. 13.
Gough, D., 17, Earls Rd., Fareham.
Hall, J. O., 14, Shellbourne Road, Calne, Wilts.
Harvey, A. J., 98, Carlton Avenue East, Wembley Park, N.
Hayward, A. D., 4, Palmeira Gardens, Albert Rd., Ilford, Essex.
Hynes, M. J., 157, Cricklewood Lane, N.W. 2.
Raby-Cox Family, Wanted.
Swinstead, B. H., Drift Road, White Hill, Bordon, Hants.
Swinstead, D. S. H., 36/40, Glasshouse Street, Piccadilly Circus, W. 1.
Swinstead, E. A., Higher Oakshott, Hankly, Liss, Hants.
Wellbourne, H. de M., 2, Oakwood Road, Golders Green, N.W. 11.
White, E. G., "Hill Crest," Trumps Green, Virginia Water, Surrey.
Winsor, R. L., c/o Mrs. Robinson, 35, Esplanade Gardens, Scarborough.
Yates, T. W., 15, Netherton Road, Gosport, Hants.

- J. F. LEESE, Rosa Brook, via Margaret River, Western Australia, is farming, and says that labour is costly so the farmer does all that he can himself, which means working hard from dawn to dark. Stores are expensive and the storekeepers get most of the farmer's earnings. His first year in W. Australia, when working with a cousin, a fire came through the bush at mid-day with shade temperature of 98 degrees, and they had to fight the fire unceasingly till nearly eleven at night. Farming outlook seems very uncertain, many men finding it impossible to carry on. The district is a scattered one, and to go to a dance or tennis party often means a thirty mile trip with the day's work waiting to be done when one gets back, but it gets done somehow, and tho' strenuous at times farming has its good points. He would like to hear from fellows he knew at school, as letters from home are none too plentiful.
- H. SWAFFIELD was married to Miss Hemensley in September and is living at Buriton, Brook Lane, Sarisbury, where he has a new bungalow, with plenty to do to get quite a large garden into order.
- H. J. RABY-COX is now at York Lane, Brinkworble, Wilts.
- J. M. LEE, 3, James House, Colaba, Bombay, has just been appointed to the adjutancy of 1st Battalion G.I.P. Railway Regiment, a good and pleasant job, and as promotion to a Captaincy carries with it 15 years' seniority, things are looking up. The regiment has twelve detachments reaching as far as Jubbulpore and Nagpur, so when he goes on tour he travels in state with a saloon consisting of living room, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and servant's room, and expects to come to England on leave next May.
- E. G. WHITE has been at Hill Crist, Trumps Green, Virginia Water, for the summer and is able to run his Western Electric work from there.
- N. HYNES, at the Imperial College of Science, S. Kensington, S.W. 7, having got the Physics and Chemistry part of his work off his chest is busily engaged, we believe, in investigating the internal economy of earth worms, which have an annoying way of hiding the particular organs which are wanted!
- T. YATES has a new address, 15, Netherton Road, Gosport, but will be away from home until the Spring.
- J. BENT is now at the Polytechnic School of Art in Upper Regent Street. His address is now 81, Cambridge Gardens, London, W. 10.
- D. H. SWINSTEAD, 36, Glasshouse St., Piccadilly Circus, W. 1, is now working for Messrs. Cassleton, Elliott, & Co., in Throgmorton Avenue, a very big firm of Accountants and Auditors with five partners. He was able to get down to Fareham on the November Old Boys' Day, and hopes to keep in touch with the London Section as well.
- J. E. HEATH is at 31, Connaught Road, Hornchurch, Essex, but does not give much news of his activities.
- J. HURDEN, 13, Harkington St., Derby, is still doing a good deal of rowing but this year, though Derby gets into the final at most of the regattas, it finds the Nottingham crew just a shade too good. He has been playing Hockey for Derby County in two of their matches, and his club had twelve county players available at times. He spent his Summer Holidays at Newton Noss on the South Devon Coast and found it a good spot.
- L. G. CHAMBERLAIN was married in Fareham Parish Church to Miss B. V. White by the Vicar, with Mr. Hopkins officiating at the organ. H. DIMMER carried out the duties of Best Man.

- R. H. H. SCOTT was in Quetta at the time of the earthquake and an account of it, extracted from his last letter, appears elsewhere in this issue. He sent two photographs of the principal street taken from the same spot before and after, and if it had been possible to reproduce them nothing could give a more vivid impression of the damage caused by the disaster.
- F. WELLBORNE, after a silence lasting for many years, has sent an excellent photo of himself in the colours of the New Zealand international Hockey team for which he played for the three past seasons. HOULDEN who was in England on leave brought it but could not get down to Fareham to see us all. He sent with it several newspaper pictures showing that Wellborne has kept all his old skill in getting through the opposing defence. A snap of the team jumping together into the air and giving a war cry shows that he is more than ever like his brother, Harry, who is now in London at the Eastern Telegraph Co.'s headquarters.



London Section meets on the first Tuesday in each month, September to May inclusive, at De Hems Restaurant, 16, Gerrard St., W. 1, from 7.30 p.m., onwards.

We must apologise at once to those few members who find Tuesdays a difficult day. No day is convenient for all members and we have changed our meeting day so often, never with any success in finding a day on which all members can conveniently attend, that we have more or less been forced to leave things as they are, to avoid confusion. I sincerely trust the few will be able to overcome their difficulties and support us with their much-needed presence.

This session has been most encouraging for we seem to have taken a new lease of life. Several new young members have joined up with us, and several old "die-hards" have re-appeared. We were particularly pleased to have L. F. Hewetson and H. de M. Wellbourne with us at the first two meetings. Unfortunately Hewetson has now returned to South America, but Wellbourne is here until the Spring and we hope to see his sunny smile at all our meetings this session. He is nobly turning out for us for the Sunday hockey. E. G. White has also made a welcome re-appearance both at the meetings and for hockey, similarly D. E. Gregory, who is up in Town for a special course.

Thanks to D. C. T. Humphries' efforts we have got hockey fixtures for almost every Sunday this season, including one against Cliftonville Hockey Club on Dec. 8th, when we are making a day of it by hiring a char-a-banc and making an early morning start, and if that is not enterprising, I do not know what is! We have had many more O.P's playing for us this year and have therefore only had to call on the willing help of one or two Tulse Hill people, to whom we again offer our best thanks.

We have had seven games to date, scoring 33 goals against 19, 3 wins, 2 draws, and 2 losses, and our team has been chosen from the following O.P's, but as I am relying on my memory, I hope I shall be forgiven if I have overlooked anyone.

D. C. T. Humphries (capt.), A. D. Hayward, H. E. Lardeaux, H. L. Marriott, C. P. Aps, B. C. Buckley, E. J. D. Clarke, E. G. White, D. E. Gregory, L. F. Hewetson, H. de M. Wellbourne, D. R. Masterman.

Below is a brief analysis of the games so far played.

Oct. 6th, v. Fairey Aviation Co. Lost 6-4.

We have never yet beaten these people and, until this match, had not been able to field a full side against them. The past results have always been in the nature of a rout, something like 8 or 9 nil, but this time we had a full team and managed to keep the margin of goals down to 2. With "a little luck and a high wind," we might have won, for they established a 3-goal lead in the first few minutes while our people were trying to find their hockey legs which had been laid aside since last season. As the game progressed we gradually got the upper hand and in the second period, kept them penned in their half of the field. We meet them again in February when we hope at last to get our revenge.

Oct. 13th, v. Caumont British. Won 6-0.

Our opponents in this game rather tended to play our legs and knuckles instead of the ball, which may account for our seeing more of the last-named and potting it into their net 6 times with no reply from them. Possibly our centre-forward exasperated them. Humphries produced him from somewhere up his sleeve and explained that he was a member of the Olympic Games team which carried off the honours for Great Britain. Anyhow we all came out of the fray whole and most of us stayed on to a very excellent dance in the Club House after tea. This analysis of mine rather leads one to think the game was thoroughly dirty, but this was not so, it was enjoyable and very keen, with patches of exasperation here and there on the part of our opponents.

Oct. 20th, v. Hayesco. Drew 3-3.

Like their neighbours, the Fairey Aviation Co., we have yet to beat these people, but we got one stage nearer in this game by holding them to a draw. The play was keen and even throughout, and afterwards, as usual, they entertained us royally until about 10 p.m.

Oct. 27th, v. Hawker Athletic. Won 11-0.

Here the Hawker people underestimated our strength and fielded their second eleven with the result shown above. We take off our hats to them, however, for they were as keen as mustard, played a perfectly clean game, and never ceased trying throughout the game. Their difficulties were aggravated by the fact that we again had our renowned centre-forward playing for us, and he scored 10 of the goals, the other being scored by H. L. Marriott who had the indelicacy to come in from the wing and so poach on the centre-forward's preserves. He was afterwards reprimanded for this lack of good manners.

Nov. 3rd, v. Gresham H.C. Drew 3-3.

This proved to be the best game we have had since we started O.P. hockey games. It was excellent hockey, keen and clean, and played at a tremendous pace, and we have reason to pat ourselves on the back for holding them to a draw.

Nov. 10th, v. A.S.A. Banks. Lost 4-2.

Our game against Gresham H.C. must have so swept us off our feet that we lost this game for no apparent reason. It was a good game even if the other side were a bit inclined to use their weight, and we had a full share of the play but could only find the net twice. One hesitates to criticise but I think if our forwards had swung the ball about a bit more the defence would have been spread-eagled and we should have had a better chance of getting through.

Nov. 24th, v. London Scottish. Won 4-3.

We did well to win this game, with ten men, for the London Scottish have the name for being a tough though excellent crowd. Our forwards played well together, passing well amongst themselves and reaped their reward. The whole team was in form and we had a thoroughly enjoyable game. We were 2 goals down at one time and, as aforesaid, may well be pleased with ourselves for pulling up and overtaking our very worthy opponents. They entertained us afterwards in their bar and seemed to be circulating a lot of free beer.

This completes the list of games to date and we offer our hearty congratulations to Humphries on his captaincy and success in securing as full a fixture list for us, and our best thanks to all who have turned out for us, often having to travel long distances to do so.

Readers may have noticed that this time I have not said anything derogatory about my goal-keeping. This does not necessarily imply that I am now in the top flight or that I am any less awful than I was, but merely shows that I do as I am told, "captain" Humphries having told me that I need not run myself down when writing up the notes. If I have stopped more shots this season it is because I have been more and more padded up, and being now so much wider, would-be goal scorers have less space in which to poke the ball round me.

The L.S.O.P. Christmas Dinner will be held on Dec. 20th at De Hems Restaurant, 16, Gerrard St., W. 1, 7.30 for 8 p.m., and I shall be glad to hear from anyone desirous of attending.

All that now remains is for me, on behalf of London Section, to wish Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, the Staff, the School Past and Present, and Mr. and Mrs. Bradly a very happy Christmas and all the compliments of the season.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,
35, Hillside Gardens,
Wallington, Surrey.

Quetta.

The earthquake was a grim experience. We at the Staff College were lucky to escape. We were all sleeping at the time and if our bungalows had fallen on us, we should have been for it! I was awakened by a terrific din and my bed was darting backwards and forwards across the floor. The wardrobes and chests of drawers fell down, and pictures flew off the walls.

We went down in the morning to the Air Force to fly, thinking that they had only had a severe shaking like ourselves, but found an utter shambles with the survivors hard at work digging out the corpses of their comrades.

I was put on duty in the Military Hospital on the first morning. Earthquake victims were coming in by the hundred in lorries. They were put in rows on the lawns and verandahs, and a handful of harassed doctors were busy separating hopeless cases, amputation cases, internally injured, etc.

Doctors and nurses came by air from Peshawar, Wana, and other places and after two days things were more or less ship-shape. After the first day, I was on the railway part of the show, putting up camps, issuing rations, running soup kitchens, etc. We were at it from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and sometimes all night as well, for 10 days, and a bit of a rest was then very welcome. If it had not been for the troops I don't know what would have happened. They gave out rations to the refugees, installed water supplies, stopped looting, and a hundred and one other jobs fell to their lot and jolly well they did them.

R.H.H.S.



To the Old Boys.

I want to thank you all very much indeed for your most kind present of a splendid chair and a most interesting book. It is most kind of you all to think of sending them, and as I cannot thank everyone separately, I am sending this to the "Lion," and hope you will all see it.

I hope to see many of you again, at the School next term.

A. S. GALE.

