

THE LION

MARCH, 1937.

Signs of Life.

“Ordinary School games have been played with little interference by the weather. Not for many years has the School field been so dry in December.” If the god of the weather reads Football notes, he must have smiled sardonically, for never has the School field been so wet in January, February and March. The teams have occasionally played, but ordinary School games have been ruined. Even the House Competition has had to be abandoned, and probably all four Houses are convinced that they have lost a couple of cups in consequence. It is not even likely to be a consolation to reflect that all of them are probably wrong.

The Term has been a short one, but it has been memorable for the formation of a Scientific Society and an Orchestra, both of which are described in detail elsewhere. We wish both a long, prosperous and useful existence.

Our last issue could not contain a report of the Plays, with whose performance the Christmas Term concluded. It is enough to say here that they were received with as much applause as last year's, and that the Actors, without exception, are to be congratulated.

In examining the file of the old yellow “Lions,” the Editor discovered that some were missing, and, if anyone has a spare copy, he would be glad to receive one of each of the following numbers—3, 4, 5, 23, 25, 27, 33.

We wish all who are leaving us the best of luck. In particular, we cannot forget the departure of Hawkins. It seems a long while ago that “The Lion” said of another Captain: “Many a forward will face Cams and the School next season more cheerfully for his absence,” and the words now bear repetition. We wish the others who are coming back a happy holiday and a dry summer.

The Staff.

We are desired by Mr. Mundy to express his gratitude and thanks to all members of the School, Past and Present, who joined in the expression of regard to him last term, but whom he was unable to thank personally.

Belatedly, but sincerely, we welcome Mr. Garrett, who has taken his place and has already been accepted by the School as an essential part of the establishment.



Pavilion Fund.

The Fund now stands at £224/13/7, the progress being due largely to the profit from the Concert (£32/10/6), from the Bridge and Whist Drives held this term (£6/13/1), and to a donation from C. V. Warren, Esq., to whom our thanks are due.

Next term we have the Garden Fête on June 16th. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Shaddock, has received various donations and numerous people have offered to help, but we are anxious to have still more offers of help and still more donations.



D. C. PRIDDON	...	4a, Glenluce Road, Blackheath, S.E.
G. D. G. HAWKINS	...	5, Palmyra Avenue, Fareham.
D. G. EARNSHAW	...	105, Melville Road, Gosport.
W. H. BILTON	...	"Avoca," Stubbington.
H. J. RUSSELL	...	The Mill, Titchfield.
A. HAMILTON	...	"Eslington," Bridge Road, Bursledon.
M. COPE	...	Andover Grammar School.
J. MACGREGOR	...	22, Marion Road, Southsea.



VB	...	G. G. Tenen.
IIIB	...	H. Bannister, N. A. Kervill, W. Kent, P. K. Gibbs.
II	...	J. Cook.

The School Concert, 1936.

Of the Actors who played so competently in the play given at the end of 1935, all had left by the end of this term, and for the 1936 Concert an entirely new cast was necessary. However, this turned out to be by no means a handicap, for the performances this year again reached a very high standard.

Three Plays were acted; one mainly by members of the Upper School, one mainly by the Middle School, and one by the Staff. This last was, I think, chiefly looked forward to by us schoolboys.

The first Play—"Shivering Shocks"—was of a somewhat criminal nature, which was doubtless the cause of its appealing so much to the members of the School. Boyes, rather appropriately perhaps, played the rôle of an eccentric scientist, and managed it very well. The part called for a suggestion of a state of nervous agitation, and Boyes certainly managed that, though probably a good deal was unavoidable. Warren II, as an invalid Army officer, gave quite a sound performance, and had the unenviable job of having to remain on the stage throughout the Play. Bilton played the part of one inebriated, with a most uncanny naturalness, and in a rather noisy, boisterous role seemed very much in his element. It may be unfair to differentiate in such a good all-round performance, but I must say I thought Haley the most accomplished of the Actors. He just strolled on and off the stage and played his part generally, in a most nonchalant manner, and I should think it needed a deal of equanimity to play before an audience for the first time without betraying some signs of nervousness. Verdon and Durant had less to do than the others, but maintained the same high standard of the other Actors.

Taken on the whole, I thought "Shivering Shocks" a good interest holding play—sound, rather than brilliant, but very well acted.

The second effort was three scenes from "Henry IV, Part I." The cast of this was much larger than for the other Plays, and in consequence more minor characters appear, all very necessary for keeping a play together and for breaking the monotony of two people alone incessantly exchanging conversation. Well as all these rôles were played, they were completely eclipsed by Leggett's most excellent portrayal of Falstaff. And it really was the right and proper Falstaff, a witty, clever, Falstaff, with a code of honour all his own, yet honourable in spite of that; not the fat great lump of imbecility, with the style of humour of a clown in a children's pantomime, that Falstaff is sometimes turned into nowadays. I think, myself, that Leggett's was far and away the best piece of acting of the evening (and Leggett seemed to thoroughly enjoy himself throughout the Play) and I think that this view was shared by practically all the audience. If I may adversely criticise the production, it is that I think it would have been better had Bannell and Andrews had their parts interchanged. Both played their respective parts very capably, but I think Bannell would have been seen to better advantage in the rôle of the rather carefree, happy-go-lucky Prince of Wales.

However, let not that detract in any way from a very sound and capable performance from a group of quite young, and till then, inexperienced actors.

Last came the Staff's Play, "A Collection will be made." It is always difficult to criticise anything done by one's Schoolmasters, but, prejudice apart, I thought their Play a very good performance, with Mr. Shaw in particular reaching great heights. I must say that the part of a goody-goody cleric was about the last rôle I expected to see him play, but the laughter which greeted almost every remark he made was evidence of the capability of his acting. Mr. Brown, as an adventurer, with a French accent and a terrible little moustache, was very good, as was his confederate, Mr. Foster, with a colossal gray moustache, and his usually immaculate hair well and

truly whitened. Mr. Shaddock and Espley played small parts very soundly ; but Mr. Hilton as an Army Colonel made one feel that the Army should certainly have been his vocation. His " wife," played by Miss Eileen Grout, was an excellent portrayal of a very shy young lady, and she certainly had cause to be shy.

This very clever performance brought to a close an extremely enjoyable evening of three very entertaining plays.

Great credit is due to the more mechanically-minded members of the Staff, Messrs. Shaddock, Garton, Brown, Foster and Hilton, for a very much improved stage ; to Mr. Lockhart for providing some excellent scenery, and to the producers, Mr. Thacker and Mr. Hilton, for adapting such very inexperienced " raw material " to such good purpose. Thanks are also due to Miss Jewell for the incidental music in the intervals between the performances.



The Science Society.

During the last two or three terms, the School has been very " go-ahead " with regard to the formation of Clubs. The lead was set by the formation of the Stamp Club, and this term, beside the Orchestra, the Science Society has been formed, largely through the keenness and persuasive efforts of Messrs. Shaddock, Garton, and Hilton.

The Membership is restricted to the Sixth and Fifth Forms (plus as many of the Staff as we can get, of course), and the fact that we have nearly thirty members out of an available seventy, is evidence of its popularity.

The Society, after its first meeting on January 22nd, decided to hold its subsequent meetings fortnightly ; and on February 4th, we were given an excellent start by a particularly fine paper read by Haley on " The Development of the Modern Locomotive." He illustrated his lecture with scale models of modern engines, and had such a wide knowledge of his subject that it was time, not lack of material, that brought a really excellent lecture to a close. Haley also proposed a visit to Eastleigh Railway Works, which was accomplished on March 3rd ; but his own Essay on this subject is being printed with the Science Societies' Notes, so I will not detract from the quality of an Essay from such an able hand, by encroaching on Haley's domain and recording my own impressions of the visit, here.

On February 18th, Verdon gave us a lecture on " Criminology," showing a remarkably minute knowledge of the ways of criminals, and of the methods of detecting their activities. A most lively and heated discussion followed this lecture, several questions calculated to confound the knowledge of the Lecturer, drawing forth particularly ingenious replies.

Young I gave a fine lecture on " The Uses of Sound Waves," on March 4th, and I think surprised many members in revealing several unexpected ways in which noise can serve a useful purpose to the scientist, who promptly plays his true role in diverting these results to channels useful to mankind as a whole. The discussion following this lecture was highly technical and involved, and the Secretary had considerable difficulty in compiling the minutes of this discussion, without unduly exposing his rather obvious ignorance of physics.

A visit has been proposed to a Gas Works, and one member made so bold as to propose that the President (the Headmaster) be approached with regard to our making this visit during School hours : this proposal is presumably under consideration ; meanwhile we hope for the best !

In view of the fact that the Society has only been in existence a few weeks, little more can as yet be written regarding its activities. The future alone will prove or disprove the justification for the formation of such a Society, but I am convinced that if the present standard of lecturing is maintained, interest will increase, and with it too, we hope, attendances.

E. F. W.

The Science Society's Visit to Eastleigh,

On Wednesday, March 3rd, the Chairman, Treasurer, and twenty-six boys arrived at Eastleigh at about 2-5 p.m. After a somewhat circuitous course we arrived at the gates of the Southern Railway's Locomotive Works, where we were awaited by three guides. Our party was then split up into three sections and each taken over by a guide.

We were first taken into the shop where castings of various locomotive parts are made. The moulds are made in black sand by a wooden pattern, and are enclosed in a metal case, which is placed on a belt conveyer. The molten iron is then poured into these moulds from a ladle, and they are then taken on the conveyer to a man who knocks the mould to pieces, and leaves the red hot casting, which is picked up in tongs and taken away to cool.

From this building we went into the Carpenters' Shop, where the wooden patterns are made. Here we saw a wooden replica of the casing for the inside cylinders of a locomotive. This replica is pressed into the black sand and a casting is made in the mould thus formed.

From here we passed through a small building where the fireclay for locomotive fireboxes is made, and when in its plastic state it has the consistency of clay. Two oil-fired furnaces were then passed in which brass scraps were being melted down, and we came into the main buildings, where a steam hammer was being used to shape an axle. By the side of this hammer was an arch steam hammer, a thing rarely seen in works of this kind.

We then passed into the Boiler Factory, where every workman's wish seemed to be to make more noise than his neighbour. There, boilers in various stages of building were to be seen. Some of them belonged to engines only recently built, whilst others belonged to engines fifty or sixty years old. In this section, no hand rivetting was seen, all the rivets being fastened by pneumatic or electric riveters. Here the smoke and superheater tubes are welded together, and are then fitted into their appropriate front and back boiler plates.

Leaving this section, we came into the Machine Shop, where the castings are made into the finished articles, and it is here that most of the costly machines are installed.

Large numbers of lathes were passed, each in charge of a skilled turner, and each turning some locomotive part. Two of the machines attracted special attention. They were Butler planing machines, and had extraordinary long beds. One of them was fluting connecting and coupling rods, the other was planing the inside of brass bearings. The machines are electrically operated and they are in the care of only two men.

From here we went to the wheel turning shop, where the rough wheel castings are finished in a lathe. This shop contains the wheel balancing machine, in which pairs of wheels are spun and correctly balanced. The tyres are also put on the wheels in this shop, in a special pit fitted with gas burners, which heat the tyre and it is then shrunk on to the finished wheel. Wheels found in the shop vary in size from tender wheels to the large driving wheels of express locomotives.

In the shop where bearings are finished, we saw a man working on a coupling rod, and his lathe had micrometer adjustment.

All the parts are collected in the assembling shop, where locomotives of various sizes are being rebuilt. Some of the largest included "Sir Guy," of the King Arthur class, and "Lord Anson," of the Lord Nelson class. We were told they were not being rebuilt, but were being "done up," but they were absolutely unrecognisable.

In the painting shop we closely inspected "Harrow," a "Schools" class locomotive, and saw various other locomotives.

The members of the party reunited and made their way to the gates, from where we went to the station, rejoined our coach and arrived at Fareham at about 5-50 p.m., after the Science Society's first, and very enjoyable outing.

E. A. H. (VA).



The School Orchestra.

An Orchestra was formed among the pupils of the School shortly after the beginning of this term, and meetings have since been held weekly. The players number sixteen at the moment—violins, wood-wind, and piano. Gratifying progress has been made, for boys who a month ago had not previously played an instrument, are already playing simple orchestra pieces.

The attention of parents and pupils is drawn to the advantages to be obtained from the Orchestra—an increased knowledge and appreciation of good music; the valuable technical accomplishment of playing an instrument, and the enjoyment to be obtained from the meetings and rehearsals.

Vacancies still exist for players or would-be players of every type of orchestral instrument, and further "recruits" will be welcomed.

H. E.



The Library.

I feel I must refer to a very laudable custom which has sprung up recently among the senior boys of giving books to the Library, and thus supplementing the Library Grant. These gifts are greatly appreciated and have all been of most useful and readable books. If any others would care to follow the excellent example set by, to name boys still at the School, F. A. Espley, G. B. Durant, A. J. M. David and P. J. Willis, the Librarian will always be most pleased to see them. Meanwhile, to those named above our thanks are due.

As the Valet List and the Cams House Notes record, G. D. G. Hawkins is leaving this term and it would not be fair to leave without recording the assistance he has frequently given to the Librarian, who takes this opportunity of thanking him for his energy and ability in this cause and of wishing him every success in the future.

The Stamp Club.

The Stamp Club has now been in existence for more than a year, and many interesting lectures have been given by members. The Club was very sorry to lose D. F. Abbott, the Honorary Secretary, last term, and also L. V. Martin, the Vice-President. At the first meeting of this term, E. J. Young was elected Vice-President, F. A. Espley Honorary Secretary, and R. D. Gaiger took Espley's place as Treasurer. With the money raised by subscriptions, stamp magazines are bought, and these are exchanged among the members. There are also about eight or nine books for the use of members, and Mr. Thacker, the President, is hoping to obtain more in the near future. Last term a competition was held for the best design for the new King Edward stamps. By the vote of the members present, Walmsley's design was considered the best, and he received a Stamp Album, presented by D. F. Abbott. At the end of last term, meetings were suspended during Steeplechase practice, but they are now held every week.

Mr. Garrett has given a very interesting lecture on "Newfoundland Issues," illustrated by his own stamps, and he very kindly gave each member present a souvenir stamp, and left some extra ones with Mr. Thacker for members who were not present at his lecture.

It is hoped that permission may be obtained for members to visit a Post Office and see what goes on "behind the scenes."

F. A. E.



After flinging hardly cordial epithets at the weather and ground for most of a term, the cupboard is fortunately bare. The fact, however grim to record, remains, that for seven weeks we could not play on our own ground. Then too, mumps has put its swollen headed spoke into the already somewhat damaged wheel. During the last few days of term however, we have made a beginning with some games for boys who have not yet played Hockey, and there are several who should improve much next season.

After scratching six matches—King Edward VI School II, Havant II, R.V.H. Netley, Taunton's School, H.M.S. St. Vincent, and H.M.S. Erebus—there is left only a record of Ist XI matches, a victory of 3-1 over Taunton's School, another of 3-0 over Civil Service III, defeats at the hands of Fareham 1-9, Old Boys 0-5, and St. Vincent 2-7. In the last of these—our first match of the season, we were unlucky in being without Warren (our Goalkeeper) who was away at an examination, and would have kept the score at a more reasonable figure. The team, considering the limited opportunities of practice, did not play badly as a whole. Fareham, as often recently, were much too fast and clever for us; their forward line, as many teams in Hampshire find, takes a lot of holding. The Old Boys, with a nucleus from Fareham, were held to quite an extent. In the match with Civil Service III, the School team won on its merits, and it is always creditable for a boys' side, and that largely quite young, to beat a men's team. Taunton's began quite strongly, but their attacks rather faded away when our side got together

and scored twice in the first half and again in the second, when our opponents also scored once. Four 2nd XI fixtures were scratched for numerous reasons, but that with St. Vincent II was won 6-3. Out of six fixtures, the Colts played the two matches with Taunton's, both of which were won by large margins—7-1 and 6-0.

This, in a picture of Rembrandt-like gloom, is a bright ray of light, for it is from the Colts' XI that future 1st teams are built. We hope that fortune, infection, and the weather, have shot their worst bolts, and that in the future we may have a chance of developing the Hockey of the School as a whole.

Our thanks are due to the Fareham Urban District Council for the use of the Recreation Ground on several occasions; in fact, our chances of play would have been rare without its aid.

For the first time since they were started, the House Matches have not been played. This is to be regretted for many reasons, and among others, that they often give the chance to boys who have not played in School teams.

1st XI CHARACTERS.

- *G. D. G. HAWKINS (Inside Left). A very keen Captain, who gets through a lot of work, and is always ready to tackle back, a very useful, and only too rare, virtue.
- *E. F. WARREN (Goalkeeper). Has saved many shots, uses his judgment in coming out, and can kick well.
- *T. F. KNOTT. (Centre Forward). Has good stick work, and shoots hard. Has a very good idea of dribbling and distributing passes. In another season he will be a very valuable forward.
- *D. D. ALDERTON (Left Half). Stops the ball well, has reverse stick play, and hits the ball hard. He must keep to his wing, and not be content when a forward has passed him.
- *H. E. HODGES (Centre Half). Works very hard, and uses his stick effectively. Will be very useful next season.
- *A. S. BROOKS (Outside Left). Has much aptitude for left wing play, is clever with his stick, moves quite fast and has some idea of centreing. Should improve even more.
- C. W. BARTON (Right Back). Gets through a lot of work, and can hit hard, but is slow in turning when a forward has passed him.
- P. G. RUTHEN (Right Half). Has quite a good idea of play as a forward or half on either wing. With more strength and experience, should improve materially.
- E. S. YOUNG (Left Back). Has quite an idea of left wing play, but he must hit harder, and learn to turn more quickly.
- G. B. DURANT (Inside Right). [Has improved in dribbling, is quite fast and has scored some goals.
- J. BEAVIS (Outside Right). Is quite clever with his stick, and works persistently. Must acquire pace and hit the ball harder.

*Signifies Colours.

1st XI MATCHES.

H.M.S. St. Vincent. Lost 2-7.

Played at Forton on Wednesday, February 10th. The play was territorially equal in much of the first half, but St. Vincent scored four goals to our one, and after changing ends, added another three goals, while we only scored one. Barton, Hodges, and Alderton all played well in the defence, but some of the goals should have been saved, and the score unduly flattered our opponents. The forwards played quite well up to a point, but were quite unable to finish, and their attacks faded out before the circle was reached.

Fareham. Lost 1-9.

For this game, the Recreation ground was rather heavy, and tended to cut up badly during the second half. Although easily defeated, the School were by no means disgraced. Fareham, who included ten Old Boys in their side, were faster and heavier in almost all positions. Fareham, who played with the slope in the first half, pressed almost at once, and although the School made several sustained attacks, during one of which Mr. Shaw scored, at half time the score was 1-5. The second half was almost a repetition of the first. Fareham did not by any means have all of the game, but their defence found little difficulty in holding the School attack, although Brooks on the left wing made several good runs. Both wing halves played well, but Alderton and Barter must learn to get back and cover much more quickly when they have missed their tackle. The inside forwards must hit their passes harder, and come further back to get the ball, especially when the defence is being pressed.

Taunton's School. Won 3-1.

Played at Fleming Park, Eastleigh, on Wednesday, February 17th. The School took some time getting together, but before half time Durant scored twice. In the second half, the School continued to press and Beavis added a third goal, to which our opponents replied. Barter was prominent in the defence, where Alderton and Hodges did particularly good work. The forwards all played well, Knott and Hawkins especially doing a lot of sound work.

Civil Service. Won 3-0.

Played at North End on Saturday, February 20th. A good game in which the School team as a whole played well. The forwards, amongst whom Brooks was particularly prominent, maintained a series of attacks, some of which were spoilt by players getting offside, others were blocked by the massed defence of the Civil Service. In spite of this, there was no score at half time. In the second half, the forwards continued to attack, and avoiding being penalised for offside, scored three goals, all of which were shot by Knott. The School defence played well and gave their opponents little chance of reaching the circle; on some occasions, however, Warren was called upon, and dealt with shots most effectively.

Old Boys. Lost 5-0.

This game was played on the Recreation ground on March 6th. During the first half, the Old Boys scored two goals quite early on, but after this the School settled down, the defence playing well together, and the forwards carrying out several good movements, which often broke down, however, in the circle.

The Old Boys scored three more goals in the second half, two being due to the slowness of the left back, while the School forwards failed to break through their opponents, defence.

In spite of being a decisive defeat this was an excellent game. For the Old Boys, Riches, Jones, Wagstaffe and all three halves were very good. Warren in goal for the School was in fine form, saving many hard shots, kicking well and showing excellent anticipation in coming out. The halves got through any amount of hard work and were the mainstay of the team. The forwards on the whole were disappointing, failing to get to many well placed passes, and on other occasions spoiling promising movements through failing to hit the ball sufficiently hard.



HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

The term has been an exceedingly unfortunate one as regards House Matches, the games in the School being chiefly 1st XI and 2nd XI matches, but with the greater part of these scratched. It was agreed at the beginning of the term to have a Senior and Junior team as was done so successfully in last term's football. Well, man proposes and God disposes; we proposed two teams—we have played no matches at the time of writing and will consider ourselves fortunate if we play any House Matches this term. It will mean extra work next year when we have to pick a Junior team from players we know nothing about.

Turning to more cheerful matters, where rain and mud do not matter, namely the Steeplechase, whose result we could not publish in our notes last term, we must congratulate the House on its excellent performance in retaining all three of the Steeplechase Cups. Our Juniors, especially Courtnege (first), Embley (second), Harding and Espley II (who were in the first six), ran extremely well and gave us a comfortable win in that section. Espley I and Gingell were our best runners in the Seniors, and their fine running, combined with the fine packing lower down, gave us the Senior Cup very narrowly from Westbury. It is to be hoped that the fine run of successes which the House has achieved in the past will continue in future years.

At one time it appeared that the Tarbat Cup was on our shelf for good, but since it left it has remained on one of the other shelves, and if it is to return, all members of the House must work as hard in school as they do at games.

Next term we have a host of cups to compete for and we shall have to work all the harder, as we now hold half of these Cups. The House must do its fair share of training for the Sports if our shelf is to look as well as it does at present, and if the Boxing Cup is to remain with us, we must put up as promising a show as we did last year. It is also evident that the Cricket Cups have been absent from our shelf for too long a period. A combined effort will go a long way in bringing them nearer to us.

Priddon and Bilton have left us this term and we wish them every success in the future.

C. W. B.

Cams.

The House Notes this term must need be of a somewhat negative character owing to the complete lack of sporting activities. As usual, it is the weather we have to blame, but as this lament has been pretty frequently chanted in the past, we will not refer to our deplorable climate more than necessary.

Nevertheless, it is only because of the rain that there has been such a complete lack of games. At the time of writing, about three more weeks of term are left, so it is a matter of doubt as to whether it will be possible to play any House Matches. If games are possible, Cams should, in the 1st XI at all events, have a reasonable chance of retaining the coveted Hockey Cup. So far as Junior XI's are concerned, it is practically impossible to form any idea of the strengths of the respective Houses; for many people in the Second and Third Forms have had no opportunity of playing any Hockey at all, a fact which will doubtless tell on the strength of teams in two or three years' time.

The Steeplechase occurred too late to be mentioned in last term's "Lion," and in view of our very mediocre efforts, the less said in this issue, the better, I think. We failed to obtain any of the Cups open to competition, but whatever the cause of this, our failure could not be attributed to lack of practice, for most members of the House trained far more keenly than had been the case for some years past. In the Senior race, Hawkins, Young II and Fleming ran quite well, as did Jeffery in the Juniors.

Next term there will be (weather permitting!) many sporting events in which to compete; most important, the Cricket Competitions and the School Sports, besides the Boxing Tournament. As with the Steeplechase, so with the Sports—concentrated practice is very necessary. Practising after school is very useful, but any who are keen enough to practise in the holidays (when they may use the School field) will probably derive great benefit from this, and would very likely bring home a Sports Cup to our shelf. After all, Hale won the Victor Ludorum Cup for us last year, and it would be a very fine thing if the House could produce some promising all-round athlete as a worthy successor to him.

With Cricket, too, practice is extremely necessary, and nets and fielding practice, if we can arrange them, would doubtless be of great value.

Any new boys interested in Boxing will find a very good and willing instructor in Sergeant Barnes, and it is to be hoped that many members will avail themselves of learning this very useful, if somewhat boisterous art.

Last term in the House Notes, I mentioned that for those not athletically brilliant, there is the Tarbat Cup to be competed for as a result of Scholastic work. As School exams. are now over, warning as to trying hard to get this Cup is overdue; but next term we really must try our utmost to get this Cup back on our shelf, after what is now a considerable absence.

Many boys do not usually leave School this term, but unfortunately, we are losing a stalwart member of the House, in Hawkins. Ever since he has been at School he has worked extremely hard for the House, especially of late, when much of the responsibility of arranging matters of Football and Hockey have fallen on his shoulders. At Cricket too, he pulled his weight as a wicket-keeper, and he has done good service in the Sports and Steeplechases; besides earning many valuable points in Tarbat Cup competitions. In short, he has been an excellent member and leader of the House in all departments, and the whole House owes him an enormous debt of gratitude. I am sure we all wish him every success in the future.

The House news now, I think, is completely exhausted, and nothing remains but to wish every member of the House a most enjoyable holiday, with the hope that we may all return "with renewed strength and energy" to a term of hard work, both athletically and academically.

E. F. W.

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I see that Hawkins' many virtues have attracted the attention of others beside myself, and there is little left for me to say. We shall all be sorry to lose a companion who was always so cheerful and good-natured. There can have been few members of the House before him better liked, and his loss is great enough in that respect. But those who saw how he inspired the House Soccer team in last term's matches, by putting all he had into his game, will realise that his loss is more than that of a pleasant companion. We wish him every success in the future—and I hope that some of you will decide Hawkins was a House Captain worth imitating.

T. W. F.



School House.

Although this term has been the Hockey term, Hockey may be dismissed in very few words. Owing to the wretched weather, which has never before been so bad during previous Easter terms, the ground has remained so sodden that no House Matches have been possible. It is possible however, that before the end of the term, a single round of House Matches might be played by teams from the various Houses, picked without regard of age.

As a result of the Steeplechase last term, all three cups found their way to Blackbrook's shelf (congratulations Blackbrook!). Although our Senior results were a trifle disappointing, our Juniors did quite well, and what our Juniors are now, our Seniors will be in the future, so well done, Juniors!

I'm sure we all join in wishing the best of luck to last term's Captain (Manley), who now holds a post with a Southampton Insurance Company, and also to H. Bennett, who is now with Messrs. Richard Austin & Wyatt.

Next term, School House will have full opportunity to show its mettle, both in track events and cricket, and may it be hoped that the Winchester teams and the 1st, 2nd and Colts Elevens will have their fair share of School House men.

School House stands a fair chance, also, of winning the Boxing Cup at the end of next term, for we are bound to win the over nine stone contest if Crouch is still with us; also Macpherson I is bound to hold his own against opponents, as he did so admirably last year.

At the moment, the Tarbat Cup graces our shelf; let it be hoped, therefore, that this will be the case at the end of next term.

And so, play up the House, keep your wits about you and your eyes on your goal, and you'll win through in the end.

R. S. W.

Westbury.

As usual, the the results of the Steeplechase have to be commented on this term, the results being known too late to publish in last term's issue. I am afraid Westbury did not acquit itself as well as was expected, the Juniors in particular being very disappointing. Only three runners held good positions, and the gap between these and the next bunch was far too great, with a result that other Houses had no difficulty in beating us. The Seniors, however, put up a much better show, but the old trouble was again present. They did not bunch enough, and when they held consecutive positions they were not near enough to the leaders. Brooks was by far the best runner. He came second ; a very praiseworthy performance.

I think that this term has been one of the worst possible for games, with a result that only the School XI's have played, all the others having had no practice whatsoever. When these notes went to press, the condition of the field was ameliorating, and prospects of the House Matches were not so hopeless as at the beginning of the term. If they do take place, I hope that the players will do their best, remembering that they are not alone in lack of practice, other Houses having had the same ill-luck. The School players must do their best to hold the others together, and urge the necessity of team work.

Next term brings thoughts of House and League cricket matches, also the Sports and the House Boxing Competition. I must point out that it is high time that the Cricket Cup should again repose on our shelf. With regard to the Sports and the Boxing, it is clear that the only way we can do much is by practice, and I hope that every member of the House will do his best and practice willingly and as often as necessary.

The ever present evil of losing useful members of the House has not been so crushing this term as it has been in past years. Tatford, who in his younger days performed yeoman service for Westbury in the realms of spelling, is the only serious loss. To him and others who are leaving we wish the best of luck in the future.

A. J. M. D.



The Sports.

It was about half-past three in the afternoon that Dennis was changing in the lobby ready to run in his race. He did not want to run, but there was no one else suitable in his house to run for him. He was not in a very good mood. He was tired of being asked if he would like some more brown sugar, or another piece of barley sugar, and he was not quite sure that it would give him extra energy. Then he had to have his house colour pinned on him, just because the other competitors were wearing them.

At last he was changed, and one or two of his house mates gathered round to wish him the best of luck, or to tell him that his house only needed one point to win the senior cup ; but Dennis took no notice, he was too busily engrossed in wondering what chances he had in the race.

As Dennis wandered slowly out of the lobby he saw the notice board on the field showing that event number eleven was in progress—only two races before his own. He saw many brilliantly coloured sports jackets and rosettes, and little children licking large ice-creams (how he longed for one of them!) but he must wait till after his race.

The numerous little flags which surrounded the track then caught his eye, and the lines marked out carefully for the sprints, but the thing which caught his attention most was the hill up which he would soon be running. It did not look very steep. His eyes wandered back to the spectators, straw hats, ties, but it was time to line up.

As Dennis took off his sweater, last minute instructions were whispered in his ear, but Dennis wondered how he could be expected to remember them during the excitement of the race. The competitors lined up, Dennis in the centre of them. He could now see many curious faces glaring at him over the ropes, white flannels, school hats, all mixed up together. The starter began, "On your marks! Get set!" Dennis wondered why he had to go through so many knee bends before he finally kicked off. The gun clicked but did not go off. They lined up again. The starter began again. This time they got away.

He soon got into a bunch and found great difficulty in getting out of it. He was placed sixth, but he overtook two more in the first lap. It was then that he began to slow down a bit. He thought he had the stitch, but was going up that dreaded incline. The leaders were gaining when he saw someone running frantically across the field with a megaphone, shouting at him to go faster. Dennis presumed it was his house-master as no one else did it.

He then got his second breath—what a relief! He managed to gain another place, and kept it for two laps. Out of the corner of his eye Dennis saw caps in mid-air, the spectators on tiptoe, and house supporters yelling at the top of their voices. How he wished he had not entered the race. He was tired out in the last lap, and was passed by another competitor near the finish; one more effort and the race was finished.

Dennis lay flat on the ground surrounded by boys with towels, but he only required one, and he had regained enough breath to walk back to the lobby, past the tuck shop displaying every poster except "Everything Free," and through the cars, nearly all brand new, to change once more.

R. D. G. (VA).





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.

Boys, on leaving school will receive 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 3/6 (overseas members 2/6) or a life subscription of £2 2s.

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 addressed).

Old Boys living in and around London are urged to join the L.S.O.P., a very lively body, run by its very energetic Hon. Secretary, D. M. Masterman, 35, Hillside Gardens, Wallington, Surrey, who will be overjoyed to hear from prospective members.

Past v. Present Matches will be held on the following dates:—

HOCKEY—1st Saturday in March.

CRICKET—2nd Saturday in July.

FOOTBALL—3rd Saturday in November.



Secretarial Notes.

I find that the time has come round again when I must put pen to paper and write on the activities of the Old Priceans' Association during the last three months.

Another Reunion has come and gone. The attendance was very disappointing as a number of those who promised to attend did not appear. Those who watched the match did not go up to School to tea and so will not find their names among those present. It struck me that it is very necessary to have an Assistant Secretary from the newly-lefts in order that those boys who have just left should not feel out in the cold. I am afraid it is very difficult to tell who are Old Boys and who are still at School. I am going to submit some such a proposition at the A.G.M. in July.

We have been unsuccessful in raising a side to play hockey at Bournemouth at Easter and so must give it a miss this year. We have gained quite a reputation at the Easter Festival, and so it is a great shame that we have been unable to enter this year.

The London Section continues to flourish, and full details of its activities appear elsewhere. I would, however, like to point out the projected Lawn Tennis Section and ask the Old Boys at Fareham or the Staff at School whether they could arrange a tennis match during the Reunion week-end.

I have heard nothing more about my plea for Local Sections.

Next Reunion on July 10th will be our leading event of the year. This year will be a memorable one in all our lives; let us make the Coronation Year Reunion a record one. It is up to each and every one of *you* to support *your* Association by *your* presence at School. I am proposing to run three cricket and one lawn tennis teams. We can beat our record attendance of one hundred if each one of you books the date now—July 10th—and makes the effort to be present. The A.G.M., which follows the matches, gives you the chance to have your say and, if you are dis-satisfied, to elect new officers and to instruct them in the way you would like things done.

We hope to have Sir Thomas Inskip present at our Reunion Dinner and have at least sixty Old Boys to meet him. You must be among that number.

Please remember to send along that subscription which is outstanding. I know it's only 3/6, but it is important to us. If you consult your conscience you will pay up. Why not make it a life subscription? It will save your being worried again and is only two guineas.

I hope you enjoy the festivities of Coronation time to the full, and do not forget your engagement on July 10th. Remember, your presence means *one more at* the Reunion although you might pass near the School on the daily round.

So, until July 10th.

D. C. T. HUMPHRIES,
186, Tulse Hill.



Pavilion Fund.

An account of the present state of the Fund is to be found elsewhere in this issue. May we here make a special appeal to Old Boys to subscribe according to their means so that the School may speedily have a Pavilion that is worthy of it?



Old Boys' Reunion.

March 6th, 1937.

This year we were blessed with quite an ideal afternoon for hockey, and it was a real pity that weeks of wet weather prevented the school field from being fit for games. Indeed, we had so many offers to play that we were in a position to run nearly three teams against the School.

The 1st XI game took place on the Recreation Ground and was a very enjoyable match. The turf was playing very well and quite a fast game resulted.

The Old Boys pressed strongly from the start and were soon two goals up through Wagstaffe and Jones, and despite the fact that the School defence played very well, they were unable to cope with the fast Old Boys' forwards, and the final result

was a win of 5 - 0. Had the School forwards been as good as their defence the game would have been a lot closer, but as it was the Old Boys goal was never really tested. Riches, Jones and Wagstaffe were outstanding for the Old Boys and Mr. Shaw played a grand game for the School. The School goalkeeper is also to be congratulated on his display. Many thanks to Mr. Brown and Mr. Foster for looking after the game in such an efficient fashion.

A large number of Old Boys watched the match but very few came up to school for tea. I sincerely hope this will not occur next year. As a result I am not in a position to say whether certain Old Boys who promised to attend were present or not.

We were very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Bradly and Mr. Gale in addition to the staff, and were very sorry that Mrs. Ashton was again prevented by illness from taking any part in the proceedings. The gathering broke up soon after six o'clock and we went our various ways.

Before concluding we would like to thank the Headmaster for his kind hospitality, and trust he will see more of us at school in July.

TEAM.—E. P. Smith (goal), J. Riches and L. G. Moss (backs), D. C. T. Humphries, A. D. Hayward and G. W. Winsor (halves), C. P. Aps, A. Jones, T. Wagstaffe and J. C. Hurden (forwards).

GOALS.—Jones 2, Wagstaffe 2, Hayward 1.

The following were among those present in addition to the team:—D. F. Abbott, C. S. Blanch, B. G. Buckley, W. H. Cook, H. E. Dean-Cooper, E. E. Dore, H. B. Edwards, J. Hoad, V. M. Dodds, R. G. Lance, R. A. Leury, T. L. Mathews, S. G. H. Miller, M. C. Privett, F. J. R. Watts, K. G. Akers, A. C. Bennett, A. E. Hodger, D. Mortimer, L. R. Searle. (If some Old Boys present at the match are not mentioned it will be because I was unaware of their presence).

Changes of Address.

- BOXWELL, L. M. "Brookside," Westbrook Grove, Purbrook, Hants.
 GREGORY, D. E. 6, Casa D'Aragona, 26, Victoria Terrace, Sliena, MALTA.
 HOAD, J. "Malvern," Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham, Hants.
 HURDEN, J. C. "The Haven Hotel," Thames Haven, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.
 HYNES, B. J. 1st Bn. The Welch Regiment, Victoria Barracks, Belfast Ulster.
 MATHEWS, F. L. "Restormel," Southampton Road, Fareham, Hants.
 McMULLEN, C. S. c/o Dr. MacLachlan, Usme-Ste-Madelaide, San Fernando, TRINIDAD, B.W.I.
 MUNDY, T. P. A. "Rose Hill," Adelaide Terrace, Perth, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
 TURNER, R. 48, Mereworth Road, Tunbridge Wells.
 WATTS, F. J. R. 3, University Crescent, Highfield, Southampton, Hants.
 WELLBORNE, H. de M. c/o D.W.I. Cable Co., Kingston, JAMAICA, B.W.I.
 WHITE, E. G. c/o The Dishergarh Power Supply Co., Ltd., Central Power Station, Sitarampur P.O., District Burdwan, Bengal, INDIA.
 WINSOR, G. W. 6, Palace Road, S.W.2.
 WINSOR, R. L. 15a, Waterloo Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

New or Rejoined Members.

DODDS, V. M. Boro' Engineer's Office, Town Hall, Eastleigh.

LANCE, R. G. London Hill, Stockbridge, Hants.

NOTE.—The Date of the Summer Reunion is July 10th. Please book this date now!



News of Old Boys.

BOUCHIER, Miss E., is back again in St. Thomas's Hospital, London, having taken a turn for the worse. She will be very glad to receive visits from any Old Boys in Town. She is to be found in "Christian" Ward and the visiting hours are 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays.

GREGORY, D. E., wrote a long letter at Xmas. He is now at Malta with his wife and small son, Peter. He says that they had a very pleasant trip out and are now settled in a very pleasant light and airy flat, with a wonderful view across St. Julian's Bay and the Mediterranean. He will be abroad for two and a half years and is lecturing on Wireless and Radio Communication. He wishes to be remembered to all O.P.'s, particularly the London Section.

HAYWARD, A. D., is to be congratulated upon his engagement to be married. We hope it will not mean that we are to be robbed of his cheery face at our meetings and on the hockey field.

HURDEM, J. C., is now serving on six month's probation with "Shell Mex" at Shellhaven. He finds the work very interesting and is anticipating being sent abroad in a few months. We will miss him very much when he goes, but wish him the very best of luck.

MATHEWS, F. L., receives our heartiest congratulations upon his recent marriage.

WHITE, E. G., appears to be settling down in India and is very optimistic about his chances of promotion. He is Engineer in charge of Power Stations.

SMITH, S. S. (Paddy), has married Miss Cadbury and retired from the Union Castle Line Co., to become Managing Director of "Bonds," a firm controlling a fleet of boats, motor launches, punts, etc., on the upper Thames. May he have more seasonable weather in 1937 than that of 1936.

SMITH, E. P., after a considerable spell on shore has just sailed in one of the veteran ships of the Clan Line.

WELLBORNE, H. de M., c/o Direct West India Cable Co., Kingston, Jamaica, has been transferred to Jamaica since the end of May; is living about 5 miles out of Kingston. Unlike England, they had the hottest July and August for many years. Bathing is poor. Sharks are plentiful, and it costs 1/6 to 2/- to bathe off any of the beaches within 10 miles of Kingston. The station does not work at night but 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. makes a weary day.

BUCKNALL (I), is, we hear, engaged to be married, and we wish him every happiness. His youngest brother, who was with us for a short time before passing into the Navy, has been promoted to Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant.

FROST, T., who was appointed Director of Education at Hendon a year or two ago has been appointed Director of Education at Barking.

TEEK, R. H. S., who has been promoted to Major in the Royal Marines is now on his way to join H.M.S. Norfolk on the East Indies Station, where he has been appointed F.R.M.O. with three ships to compete with. Before promotion he had an instructional job on the staff of Netheravon M.G. School, on the Plain, being temporarily seconded to the Army. The work was instructing batches of officers, who changed every six or seven weeks. Before this he was for 3 years Instructor of small arms at Plymouth, captaining the Royal Marine VIII and XX at Bisley in 1935, getting top score for Devon and shooting for England in the National XX match.

SCOTT, Capt. R. H. H. and Capt. B. R., are on their way home in S.S. City of Benares for 8 months' leave and are due in England on March 28th.

SMITH, RAYMOND (Lee-on-Solent), is on his way to India to take up an appointment in the R.A.F.

WHITE, E. G., is at Dishergarh Central Power Station, Sitarampur, P.O. Dist. Durdwan, Bengal.



London Section is a snake! Unless my zoology is at fault snakes have a way of falling into a torpor, giving themselves a hefty shake literally casting off their outer skin and emerging as bright and beautiful rejuvenated snakes.

Some years ago, O.P's in London received a letter from the one and only Chiggy calling on them to meet on a certain day at a Soho restaurant with a view to forming themselves into a local section of O.P's., and so give themselves the opportunity meeting regularly and renewing auld acquaintance and making new friendships, with the School as the background. A fair number of us answered the call and, appreciating Chignell's noble efforts in bringing us together, we clung to the idea, and thus was born London Section, a healthy young snake. We grew apace, meeting for supper at the Soho Restaurant, after which the bolder spirits would adjourn to the "Intrepid Fox" while the more reserved and timorous of us used to fade discreetly away. Time passed and Chiggy got other ideas into his head, to wit. marriage, and he began to cast around for a super mug on whom he could "unload" the Section, and he found such a mug in myself. Of course he put it so nicely that it almost seemed as if I was being honoured, and I very nearly thanked him! The deed was done and I was left with the baby in my arms—good old Chiggy! Old Barnum said there was a mug born every day, but that that does not apply to London Section is evident by the fact that here am I, after several years, still holding that same child, or perhaps I should say "snake." At first my zeal infused the said reptile with new and vigorous life, but the law of nature asserted itself and the torpor began to become evident until on one or two memorable occasions to me, I, and I alone, was London Section, and on the appointed days ate my solitary meal, and everything I suggested was "carried unanimously." The body shrunk and the skin

was a misfit till the sleep took on the appearance of death, when lo, true to nature the hefty heave took place, the old skin was shed and from it emerged a bright, highly energetic new snake. Gone almost completely was the old body with little left by which it could be recognised, and in its place was a young, active, rejuvenated body, which now, Allah be praised, is more alive than ever before, and thus ends my little bed-time story.

Our activity continues with our well attended monthly meetings at De Hems, our Sunday hockey which the untiring Humphries still successfully runs, backed by the sporting spirit of all members of the team, and now yet another form of energy has shown itself in a very noble and sporting effort on the part of Brian Buckley. The Section has never paid its way and the deficit has always had to be made up by the luckless secretary who, being married and "stony," has always cussed that side of his job, and that is where Buckley's "nobility" comes in, for he is running a "sweep" on the Grand National in the hopes of wiping off the deficit in our funds. If his object succeeds then, in our present state of activity, we shall not fall into arrears again. Owing to the printing of the tickets being illegal he has had to resort to his own ingenuity and make books out of cloakroom tickets, and we take this opportunity of thanking him for the great trouble he has taken and wishing him complete success.

I referred to my "stony" state; it has become so acute that it has entered my system so that at this moment I am on the sick list with a stone in the kidney. At first it was diagnosed as gall stones and I was no end pleased because it seemed so appropriate that a goal keeper should have "goal" stones, but, alas, it was not to be, and I have got to be content with the aforementioned stone. I sincerely hope I have not been indelicate, but I badly wanted to "put that one over," also my enforced inactivity accounts for the perambulation of these notes. I consider that last sentence to be pretty good for an Old Pricean!

Now I fear I have shot my bolt. I ought to write a commentary on the games of hockey played to date but I am a sick man and must not over-tax my strength (!?) so will rest content with adding our fixture list and results at the end of these notes in the hope that our overworked skipper Humphries may have a few remarks to make about them. It will be seen that the bad weather was the cause of four being scratched, and I regret to confess that I slacked off for the last three or four Sundays, having a heavy job on hand in the garden laying a crazy paving path, hence the chip in my back!

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,

35, Hillside Gardens,
Wallington, Surrey.

Wallington 4570.

Date	Opponents	Result	Goals	
			For.	Agst.
1936				
Oct. 11	Petts Wood H.C.	Loss	0	2
" 18	Fairey Aviation Co.	Loss	1	3
" 25	Harrodians	Loss	3	4
Nov. 1	London Scottish	Draw	4	4
" 8	A.S.A. Banks	Scratched		
" 15	L.P.T.B.	Win	3	1
" 29	G.W.Rly.	Draw	2	2
Dec. 13	Gresham H.C.	Loss	2	3
" 20	Exiles	Win	3	2
1937.				
Jan. 3	Arcadians	Draw	1	1
" 10	Indian Gymkhana	Loss	2	4
" 17	Arcadians	Loss	2	6
" 24	Exiles	Scratched		
" 31	Gresham H.C.	"		
Feb. 7	G.W.Rly.	"		
" 14	L.P.T.B.	Win	8	1
" 21	Fairey Aviation	Loss	2	6
" 28	Harrodians	Scratched		
Mar. 14	Eagles	"		
" 21	London Scottish			
			33	39



Hockey Section.

I regret to say that this season has not been as successful as that of 1935-6.

We have been very short of *regular* playing members and in consequence have not been able to run a full Old Boys team. I have been compelled to call upon my club mates to help us out and we are very much indebted to our co-opted members, and in particular to Earl, Thompson, Slater and our old friend Arthur French who is to all intents and purposes one of us. However good these men have been individually they have not found it easy to work into the side at a moment's notice. The result is that we have had an unbalanced side and the lack of combination has been very noticeable. The weather this year has also been heartbreaking to hockey players, and I hope we do not have another such a season for a long while.

I am hoping to have a strong fixture list for next season, so I do hope we can build up a strong and *regular* side to carry out our programme.

Our best display this year was to lose 2-4 to a strong Indian Gymkhana side. Our 2-6 losses to the Arcadians and Fairey Aviation are things sooner forgotten. Our matches with the G.W.Rly., Exiles, Gresham H.C., Harrodians and Eagles have all been scratched. What a season!

I would like to thank all those who by their presence have contributed to some very enjoyable Sundays. Here's to next season!

Amongst those who played this season were D. R. Masterman and T. W. Mundy (goal), D. E. J. Saint and A. S. French (backs), M. J. Hynes, V. J. Barnes, A. D. Hayward and D. C. T. Humphries (half backs), and H. E. Lardeaux, C. P. Aps, W. J. Henry, J. C. Hurden and B. G. Buckley (forwards).

D.C.T.H.

Lawn Tennis Section.

I am putting forward the suggestion that during the coming Summer, when we do not meet monthly at De Hems, we should meet occasionally on the tennis court.

I should like to know how many London members are keen on lawn tennis and would be prepared to meet once or twice a month at one of our Clubs or at public courts. By way of setting the ball rolling I am willing to arrange a match with my own Club.

I think our aim should be to raise a strong enough side to play against the School Staff or Fareham O.P's. during the Summer Reunion week-end.

Come, all you prospective Perrys, and show me your prowess.

D.C.T.H.



Xmas Dinner.

Held at De Hems Restaurant, Gerrard Street, W.1, on
Tuesday, December 8th, 1936.

A gathering of some twenty Old Boys met at the festive board and welcomed Mr. S. R. N. Bradly, Mr. A. S. Gale and Mr. B. R. Shaw, our guests of honour. We regret that the Headmaster was prevented from coming at the last minute but hope he will be with us next year.

Everyone was in the best of spirits and a very merry evening was spent. I have an idea that the Varsity Rugger Match had a lot to do with the high spirits of our guests!

By mutual arrangement speeches went by the board, but our worthy Secretary welcomed our guests in his most amusing way, and Mr. Bradly responded.

The party concluded with a very hearty sing-song, and was agreed by all to have been a very good show.

In addition to our guests the following were present:—D. R. Masterman, D. C. T. Humphries, C. P. Aps, J. C. Hurden, V. J. Bames, A. D. Hayward, A. J. Harvey, Eric Carr Hill, P. J. and R. J. Swales, A. G. Crouch, G. R. Rogers, D. S. H. Swinstead, B. G. Buckley, W. J. Henry, D. E. J. Saint, A. S. French and S. G. H. Miller.

