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THE last issue of "The Lion" appeared six months ago and since then we have had a very long Easter term and a very short Summer one. The first, as usual, was marked by little news of academic interest, but we all congratulated Hamon very heartily on a brilliant success. Of sport there was a good deal, but it was House and not School competition. A new round of House Matches were played and the Hockey Cup was won for the first time by a football team, or at least by one which kicked the ball legitimately. The Steeplechase was run and the Sports too. How often previously had they been scheduled for an Easter term in vain! At the end of term that very popular member of the Staff, Mrs. Sheppard, left us, with the good wishes of all.

This term we welcomed Miss Peat to our Staff, and a record number of candidates are sitting for School Certificates. At Cricket, the number of boys who have received coaching is unavoidably small, but there have been enough to show that the future may well be bright as soon as petrol enters the mower's tank more freely.

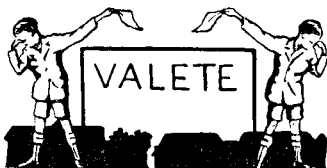
Many boys are leaving this term, including Gifford, who has been an admirable head of the school. We wish them all happy and prosperous careers; and for those who are returning, good holidays.

Examinations.

COUNTY SENIOR EXHIBITIONS.—D. Gifford, A. W. Lamport.
DARTMOUTH ENTRANCE.—A. G. Hamon.



BLACKBROOK.—M. P. Barnard C. A. Kervill.
CAMS.—F. H. Allen, P. Vince, P. Bowman.
SCHOOL HOUSE.—A. J. Figes, R. Ward. A. C. Barker.



BLACKBROOK.—D. J. Hatfield, G. P. B. Treacher, D. Rich, P. F. Jones, C. C. F. Hill, J. A. Manton, E. R. Steel, C. E. Weight (School Football and Cricket), A. W. Lamport (Prefect, House Captain, School Football and Cricket), M. J. Hawkins.

CAMS.—R. A. Lee, B. W. Marshall, J. Agneray, E. Hobbs, G. C. D. Williams, D. Maddison, D. Brunton, R. J. Wetherell.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—J. Hunt, G. A. Nicholson, A. G. Hamon, R. J. Budd, S. E. Spinner, A. Hasdell, P. See, D. Appleton, P. G. Tappenden, D. Elcock (School Football), J. H. Dyer (Prefect), D. Gifford (Prefect, Head of the School), J. Olding.

WESTBURY.—P. Hills, J. D. Keress, J. H. D. Caws, M. K. F. Caws, C. Fletcher, N. L. McLellan, J. Lyne, G. R. Mills (School Football), J. B. Kelland.

Honours List.

We have great pleasure in congratulating the following :—

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

S. C. PHILLIPS (third occasion).

W. M. JONES.

CASUALTIES.

R. S. J. BETTERIDGE—Prisoner of War.

C. J. VERDON—Prisoner of War, formerly reported Missing.

Price's School Cadet Corps.

Another term is nearly over, and its end seems to have come long before I personally realised it was so near.

The work of the Company has gone on with all its ups and downs much as usual. Field work has been less than I ever remember in a summer term, owing largely to the ploughing up of our training ground. Frequently too, we have been short of instructors, but the latter end of term has been much better in that respect.

I am very glad that we have secured the services of an Army Physical Training Corps Instructor. Sergt.-Instructor Sayer has done very valuable work already, and his successor will, I hope, continue that work. The P.T. is a part of the requirements for War Certificate "A," but quite apart from that it is a very fine training in itself. I was very struck with the vast difference between present day methods and the methods I saw in the Army during the last war. I think all cadets who have taken this instruction found it enjoyable.

The company as a whole, or else the band alone, have taken part in a number of public parades in connection with "Wings for Victory" and similar occasions. I have heard many complimentary remarks concerning these parades, which is of course as it should be. I would like the younger cadets to realise that these results are not obtained by intensive training just before the occasion, but are the effect of regular work and the keeping of a good standard all through. As you all know, I don't have special parades to prepare for these public appearances—we just take them in our stride, and that can only be done if everybody keeps up to scratch all the time.

Cert. "A" examination has just been carried out, and I have not had the official statement of results yet, but on "information received," as they say in the police force, I can state that there were twenty candidates for Part I, and all passed, and fourteen for Part 2, of whom twelve passed. I leave this to speak for itself. I personally am very pleased indeed with such a result.

A considerable number of cadets are hoping to go to camp, but at present further details of this are not available.

Once again I offer my thanks to all who have helped in any way, and I should like to say how much I appreciate the great keenness shown by the great majority of cadets. That is most important of all, for as I have often emphasised, the only discipline that is really worth while in the long run is self discipline. You want the company to be good, and only you can really make it so.

J. S.

The Scout Troop.

This term, Price's Scout Troop has been increased to six patrols, making a membership of 40 boys. There is still a waiting list of boys wanting to join, but shortage of staff to run the troop and the small size of the hall in which the troop meets during winter black-out makes it difficult to admit large numbers.

The Inter-Patrol Competition Shield, won last term by the Hawk Patrol, has been a great incentive to keeness, especially in working for proficiency badges. A few of the badges have been easily won, but many of them are well worth working for and earning. Several Scouts now wear the Ambulance Badge, and we are hoping that before the end of the term at least one Signaller Badge will have been earned; this badge demands a degree of perseverance that few boys can give. The "First Class Scout" Badge has been won by J. F. Gale and V. Hoad. These are the first to be obtained by the Troop.

With buzzers and ear-phones, messages have been sent in morse from Park Lane to the far side of Uplands Park, using as telegraph wires the new barbed wire fence that separates the Park from the Recreation Ground. This method of communication can be used over very much greater distances if only there is a continuous fence long enough. An interesting, and somewhat exciting exercise was the erecting of a block and tackle for lifting heavy weights high off the ground. The block was attached to a tripod of long and heavy poles which was too heavy to lift by hand. Shear legs were constructed in order to erect the tripod, and at one time during the erection the tripod appeared to be in danger of falling on to electric supply wires.

An important part of Scout training is that small patrols train themselves under their own leader, which was the method used with success by Baden Powell when training scouts in the army. Some of the patrols have made good use of this method, especially the Hawks on Saturday evenings, with the result that they were allowed to run a patrol camp on their own at Whitsun. Whitsun Camp for scouts with the Second Class Badge, was on the same delightful estate as last year, but with more favourable weather. The sand pits in Rooksbury Park afforded good opportunities for tracking exercises, and the tall bracken was excellent cover for wide games.

Summer Camp this year will be at the same place as last year. It is almost impossible to get the perfect camp site, especially in a civilized and cultivated country such as England. Our site at Rogate suffers from being far from the water supply, and in having no grass in the immediate vicinity of the camp; but it has abundance of woodland, which gives camouflage protection to the tents, plenty of firewood and opportunities for axemanship, and the large wild estate, covered with trees and bracken, is excellent for wide games, and some of the views are as lovely as any in this part of the country. The camp is bigger than last year and the staff smaller, which will add to the difficulties of running it, but at present the weather looks more promising, though there is plenty of time for it to change before this is published. This year, after a week's scout camp for the whole troop, many of the scouts over 14 are staying on for a fortnight's farming camp to help with the harvest.

The Debating Society.

At the beginning of last term a Debating Society was formed, with Miss Mullins as President and A. W. Lamport and J. H. Dyer as Committee Member and Secretary respectively. So far, three meetings have been held, and we are hoping to hold some this term also when the School and Higher School Certificates are finished.

The Motions of the debates held up to the present have been "Industry should be Nationalised," "Classical and Orchestral Music is more desirable than that of a Swing or Jazz type," "It was not a good thing that Columbus discovered America." Only the last Motion was lost.

These meetings have been very interesting, but they could be improved in two ways. Firstly, the attendance could be better; not all boys are able to stay for any length of time after school hours, but we feel that if more boys came to see what takes place, they would come again. Secondly, there could be more willingness to speak. The two reasons usually put forward by those who are asked to speak, and do not wish to do so, are that they have no time and that they know nothing about the subject. The first reason is usually obviously untrue, and surely the fact that they know nothing about a subject provides a strong reason for learning something.

"Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas."

J. H. DYER, (Hon. Secretary).

The Play Reading Group.

In the spring of this year it was decided to start two Societies in the School: one for play reading, the other for debating. It was soon realized that the former was the more difficult project, chiefly owing to the fierce intensity with which the upper forms were working, for in play reading every reader has to have an acquaintance with the part he reads, and generally several sessions are needed to run through a three act play.

However, we have read several during the last two terms, and have been affiliated to the British Drama League, from whose library we may borrow copies of plays. It was particularly pleasing to see the enthusiasm of the Fourth Forms, and certainly the Society should have a great future.

D. G. (Hon. Sec.)

The Steeplechase.

The races were held over the usual courses under very favourable conditions. Times were fast and the runners were unusually closely packed throughout the race. Harvey, a powerful runner, just succeeded in beating Simkin in the Junior. In the Senior, McKenna won as expected, but not so easily as had been anticipated, for Wright had developed remarkably.

The House Competition, as the results show, was keen, but School House very deservedly won most of the cups and even in the Seniors were well in the picture, so their final triumph was decisive.

RESULTS.

Junior		Senior		Combined	
1	School House 78	1	Westbury 63	1	School House 550
2	Cams 110	2	Blackbrook 66	2	Cams 698
3	Blackbrook 179	3	School House 79	3	Blackbrook 801
4	Westbury 208	4	Cams 92	4	Westbury 876

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

Senior		Junior	
1	McKenna (W)	1	Harvey (B)
2	Wright (S)	2	Simkin (S)
3	Gwilliam (W)	3	Casey (S)
4	Allerston (S)	4	Parrett (C)
5	Wellstead (B)	5	Denton (C)
6	Fuller (C)	6	Hoad (S)

The Sports

The Sports this year had at least one title to fame, that for the first time in School History they were run in the Easter term, a fortunate circumstance, for the weather was excellent and the competition good, though an accident to Blake marred the later stages of the proceedings.

Some of the Minors showed considerable promise and Miskin may prove a really good runner. The Juniors were an even lot and Gale is developing into an able hurdler. The Seniors were dominated by Gwilliam; he has developed into a really promising sprinter and long jumper and next year, if he is still with us, may well be threatening records. McKenna continued his development as a miler, but Wright may prove a formidable or even successful rival.

Competition for the cups was keen, that for the Combined Cup being unprecedentedly so, and three of the Houses had some consoling thought at the end of the day; and that, after all, represents a higher percentage of satisfaction than is normally given to mortals.

RESULTS.

MINORS.

80 Yards.	1 Miskin (C); 2 McCallum (S); 3 Hartfall (S)	
220 „	1 Miskin (C); 2 McCallum (S); 3 Passingham (S)	32-2/5 secs.
880 „	1 Packer (W); 2 Bass (S); 3 Watts (C)	2 mins., 46-1/5 secs.
Hurdles	1 Rowe (B); 2 Mead (C); 3 Hughes (S)	
High Jump	1 Ashwell (S); 2 Rowe (B); 3 Blake (C)	3-ft., 7½-ins.
Long Jump	1 McCallum (S); 2 Hartfall (S); 3 Miskin (C)	13-ft., 1-in.
Relay	1 School House (McCallum, Hartfall, Dyer, Hughes)	50-2/5 secs.
	2 Cams 3 Westbury	

JUNIORS.

100 Yards	1 Gale (S); 2 Parrett (C); 3 Stone (W)	12 secs.
440 „	1 Smailes (W); 2 Thorburn (C); 3 Trigg (W)	66-2/5 secs.
880 „	1 Smailes (W); 2 Harvey (B); 3 Gilbody (B)	2 min., 38 secs.
Hurdles	1 Gale (S); 2 Sapsed (B); 3 Bennett (C)	
High Jump	1 Kervill (B); 2 Bennett (C); 3 Neville (S)	4-ft. 3-ins.
Long Jump	1 Young (B); 2 Sapsed (B); 3 Gale (S)	14-ft. 10½-ins.
Cricket Ball	1 Young (B); 2 Sapsed (B); 3 Palmer (C)	66-yds. 1-ft. 3-ins.
Tug-of-War	Cams	
Relay	1 Blackbrook (Sapsed, Davidson, Harvey, Young)	1-min. 26-4/5 secs.
	2 Cams; 3 Westbury	

SENIORS.

100 Yards	1 Gwilliam (W); 2 Knight H. (B); 3 Allerston (S)	11-1/5 sec.
440 „	1 Fuller (C); 2 Hooker (B); 3 Gwilliam (W)	60-3/5 secs.
Mile	1 McKenna (W); 2 Wright (S); 3 Wellstead (B)	5-min. 12-3/5 sec.
Hurdles	1 Lamport (B); 2 Kerss (W)	
High Jump	1 Neill (B) and Bloomfield (W)	
Long Jump	1 Gwilliam (W); 2 Mills (W); 3 Daysh (C)	17-ft. 2½-ins.
Cricket Ball	1 Daysh (C); 2 Gwilliam (W); 3 Wright (S)	81-yds. 2-ft.
Relay	1 Westbury (Gwilliam, McKenna, Kerss, Mills)	1-min. 21-1/5 sec.
	2 Blackbrook; 3 Cams	
Tug-of-War	School House	

	Minors	Juniors	Seniors	Combined
BLACKBROOK ...	5	21	12½	38½
CAMS ...	13	12	8	33
SCHOOL HOUSE ...	19	8	6	33
WESTBURY ...	5	9	21½	35½

Relay Cup : { BLACKBROOK
CAMS
WESTBURY

Victor Ludorum : J. GWILLIAM.



It is pleasant to be able to report that Cricket, in spite of war-time difficulties, is still being played at School, and is still very much a part of our summer activities. The main difficulty has been to cut pitches with a scanty allowance of petrol, and it has only been possible to have three pitches instead of our pre-war four or five with a small area of cut out-field around each. In spite of this, cricket has been played by a fair number of boys with considerable keenness, although it has not been possible to have many games for those who might have learned to like the game if they had been obliged to play more regularly.

As regards the 1st XI, it can be said that they have become a very useful side, having beaten Gosport, Purbrook and Fareham Youth Club. The only game lost was the first match of the season against Purbrook, when things went very badly wrong from the start of our innings, possibly through lack of match practice. Since this poor start, however, they have gone from strength to strength, and have become a competent all-round side. Under the very keen and capable leadership of Allerston they have availed themselves of all the practice they could get, and in cricket more than most games, constant practice can produce very definite results, as it has with this team in all three departments of the game.

In the field they have become one of the best sides we have had for some years. The ground fielding and throwing have reached a high standard, and very few dropped catches have occurred. In the second match against Purbrook there was hardly a mistake and this excellence in the field was largely responsible for the victory. Young, Weight and Lampport have been outstandingly good.

The greater part of the bowling has been done by Allerston, and done very well. He is fast in the air and off the pitch, and possesses sufficient accuracy to make the batsman play every ball. He has taken more than half the wickets at a low cost. He has had good help from Gwilliam, Lampport and Wright, although few bowling changes have been necessary.

The batting was something of an unknown quantity to begin with, but here practice has had its reward, and now, without any great brilliance in particular, the side has six or seven players who can expect to put up a respectable show against most ordinary opposition. They have not had to face a good slow bowler on a sticky wicket in this dry season, but they can deal adequately and reasonably safely with most other forms of attack.

White has turned out to be a reliable wicket-keeper, who takes the ball cleanly and easily, and if not at present a first-class stumper—a rarity in school sides—he holds most of those difficult catches which may come his way.

Thus it is with some pleasure that the writer of these notes is able to report a pleasant season of considerable success, success which would have been greater with a pre-war fixture list. The team is one of keen players, many of whom have exceptional promise, and all of whom have been as cheerful and pleasant to deal with as one might wish.

The House Matches have shown School House to be the strongest side in the Senior Group, having won all their games. Things are more even in the Junior Competition, where there are many very keen and promising young players.

RESULTS—1st XI.

V. PURBROOK, June 5th. Purbrook won by 8 wickets.

Scores—School 12, Purbrook 43.

Allerston 4 for 8, Davies 3 for 15, Wright 2 for 1.

V. GOSPORT SECONDARY SCHOOL, June 12th. School won by 10 wickets.

Scores—Gosport 21, School 35 for no wicket (White 22 not out).

Allerston 5 for 4, Lamport 3 for 0.

V. FAREHAM YOUTH CLUB. School won by 7 wickets.

Scores—Fareham Y.C. 21, School 67 (Gwilliam 21).

Allerston 7 for 5, Gwilliam 2 for 8.

V. PURBROOK. School won by 3 wickets.

Scores—Purbrook 76, School 80 for 9 wickets (Allerston 32, Young 15).

Allerston 6 for 25, Lamport 4 for 19.

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Gwilliam 6 for 15

Young 22

1st XI.

H. G. D. ALLERSTON—Captain. A cricketer of unusual promise. As a batsman can play most of the shots and has a straight bat which he sometimes fails to make use of. Bowls quite fast and accurately and is difficult to play. As a captain he has set an inspiring example in and off the field and has been able to get the very best out of his side.

J. E. GWILLIAM—Vice-Captain. Has made considerable progress this season. Bowls a useful ball whose length is not always immaculate. As a batsman he has learned to take things steadily and is now quite straight in defence and hits powerfully to leg.

E. J. WHITE. Keeps wicket very well and has safe hands, but must learn to stump. A good opening batsman who watches the ball closely and can deal very harshly with any loose bowling. Must learn to keep his right foot at the wicket.

A. W. LAMPOR. Bowls a surprisingly fast ball with a tendency to break from the off and keeps a good length. Can play some good shots, but his footwork is not steady enough. A very quick and clean field.

C. E. WEIGHT. A good field at mid-off, close in to the batsman. Can bat quite well and has good defence, but must acquire more judgement in hitting.

G. SHORT. A steady left-hander to open with. Watches the ball carefully and places it well. His back play is rather cramped and pokey, but he is a useful member of the side.

R. E. DAYSH. Has very safe hands in the field and throws a ball beautifully. Has not sufficient defence to enable him to make much use of his scoring shots.

E. J. YOUNG. A most promising player ; is an excellent field, a useful bowler and as a batsman has good defence. Should have a very successful cricket future.

C. R. WRIGHT. Bowls quite fast and is improving at regards length, but is inclined to be too impetuous. He should try to acquire a more even run. Good in the field, but has had no luck as a bat.

G. G. STEPHENSON. A left-hander of some promise. Can hit to leg very well, and has some good shots in front of the wicket, but his footwork is slow, and he lacks a sense of which ball to hit. On the slow side in the field, but is improving.

The remaining place has been occupied variously by COLE, GROGAN, DAVIES and HARRISON.

Full Colours have been awarded to ALLERSTON, GWILLIAM, WHITE and YOUNG.

COLTS CRICKET.

SCHOOL 11	V.	PURBROOK 17
SCHOOL 35	V.	GOSPORT 12
SCHOOL 22	V.	PURBROOK 38

Gosport (return) to be played.

PURBROOK. Young took four wickets for seven runs, which speaks for itself, Simpkin three for five, and Allen two for three.

GOSPORT—Under 14. Shelton made twelve quite creditably ; Batts took three for five, Holt three for one, Shelton two for two, and Holloway two for four.

PURBROOK—Return. In an opponents innings, Allen took six for twelve, Holloway three for five, and Simpkins, who bowled perhaps best of all, was unlucky to get only one wicket. In our innings Wilkins and Rees both played quite well, but there was little support from the rest, and three run-outs is a luxury one cannot afford.

On the whole the bowling has been quite good and the fielding fair, but as usual the batting has been poor : batting needs much practice and great patience, besides the initial qualities of quickness of foot and eye. It is possible that the fruit of this year may be seen next season.

HOUSE MATCH RESULTS.**SENIOR.**

School House beat Blackbrook by 26 runs.
 Cams beat Westbury by 21 runs.
 School House beat Cams by 10 wickets.
 Blackbrook beat Westbury by 47 runs.
 School House beat Westbury by 1 run.
 Blackbrook beat Cams by 2 runs.

JUNIOR.

School House beat Blackbrook by 15 runs.
 Cams beat Westbury by 15 runs.
 School House beat Cams by 23 runs.
 Westbury beat Blackbrook by 2 wickets.
 School House and Westbury tied.
 Cams beat Blackbrook by 11 runs.

I am sure that all members of the 1st XI have appreciated all the coaching given by Mr. Shaw, and I wish to thank him for his tremendous help; while, if it had not been for Mr. Johnston, playing on the 1st XI pitch would have been impossible. So thank you both for the great help you have given us.

H. G. D. A.

HOUSE NOTES.**Blackbrook**

Owing to the fact that there was no "Lion" last term there is much sporting activity to be reviewed. First, the Steeplechase; in this our performance was most disappointing, as we undoubtedly had a very good senior team, and the junior team also showed promise. In the seniors our first man was Wellstead, who was fifth. In the juniors, Harvey did very well to come in first, but the rest of the team were well behind.

The football during the Easter term was also disappointing. Weight captained the senior team most ably and gave his usual fine performance in goal; the team as a whole played well, but after winning the match against Cams, we lost to School in the final. The juniors were captained by Rees, but they were badly hampered by illness and after drawing in the match against Westbury, they too lost to School.

In the Sports we were more successful, and succeeded in winning the Combined Cup. The Juniors must be congratulated on winning their cup and also the relay teams in gaining a share in theirs.

For the seniors, Knight I was second in the 100 yards, while Wellstead was third in the mile. Young, Sapsed and Kervill both did exceptionally well in the juniors, and the Junior Relay Team also won their event. Of the minors, Rowe II did very well and all showed great keenness.

During the present term the only event has been the cricket ; only two of the three matches have as yet been played off, but neither team can now hope for the cup. Though the seniors lost to School, we undoubtedly put up quite a respectable performance. Against Westbury we did considerably better and won comfortably. Weight and Young both batted very steadily. The Juniors, once again captained by Rees, have met with little success, though several of the team show great promise.

In conclusion, the best of luck to those of the House taking the School Certificate or Higher School Certificate, and also to those who are leaving.

A. W. L.

We very much regret this term losing Lamport, an able and intelligent captain, who has led his teams excellently and who has rendered great service to the House in all sports. He has set everyone a fine standard and we shall be fortunate indeed if we have many like him to continue his work. Of others who are leaving us, Weight must be mentioned. He has been in the School no more than two years, but he had already marked himself out as Lamport's probable successor and had shown himself a fine captain in Lamport's absence, which was a great misfortune for us in the Steeplechase and at football last term. We wish them both very well.

H. R. T.

Cams.

Since the last issue of the "Lion," there have been many events in which the House has taken part. Although we have not won many cups, we have not been entirely unsuccessful, for we have been second in several of the competitions, and many of the younger members have shown that there is no need to be pessimistic about the future of the House.

The first item of importance was last term's Steeplechase. In the junior event we finished second, our best runners being Parrett and Denton, who finished second and fourth respectively. The Seniors did not do so well, Fuller, who finished sixth, being our first man in.

During last term also there was a knock-out competition in football, with the former Hockey Cup as Trophy for the winners. Our Juniors, who had managed to reach the final, by beating Westbury by two goals to one, then lost heavily to School House. The Seniors, who were knocked out in the first round, were rather unlucky, for they were in the Blackbrook half most of the time, but the forwards were unable to convert the many chances given them. The final score was 2-1 in favour of Blackbrook. In the Juniors, Steel and Betts showed considerable promise, while in the Seniors, Cole and Brickwood in the forwards, and Barton and Wilkins in the defence, were the best players. Last term, a Badminton Tournament was held and Cole and Daysh won the Cup for the House.

The Sports were held at the end of last term. Our Minors finished second, mainly owing to the brilliant running of Miskin, who won the 80 yards and 220 yards against bigger opponents, and he also came third in the long jump. In the Juniors, who finished

second, Thorburn, Bennett and Parrett were our best runners. Fuller, in the Seniors, did well to win the 440 yards, and it was owing to his good running in the last 220 yards that we got a point in the Relay, the Cup for which was shared by us with School House and Westbury. Daysh won the Cricket Ball throw and was third in the Senior Long Jump.

Congratulations to Cole, Stephenson and Davis, who have gained places in the School First Eleven this term. We were unfortunate to lose the latter, a very good bowler, before the House matches. Nevertheless, we managed to dismiss Westbury for 7, and passed their score when only two of our wickets had fallen. In the next match however, against School House, we were heavily defeated. Our Juniors, after beating Westbury, lost against School House by 23-43. The remaining match against Blackbrook has yet to be played.* Cole in the Seniors has done good work behind the stumps and has batted well, while Gates surprised the Westbury batsmen by taking five wickets for three runs. Shelton has captained the Junior side well, while Allen shows promise as a wicket-keeper.

Nothing remains now but to wish good luck to those leaving this term and I hope those coming back will be ready to help put a few more cups on our shelf next term.

R. E. D.

School House.

Since there has not been a "Lion" put in the press since the Christmas term, there are rather a large amount of things to say. First of all, congratulations to all members who played or ran for it. They have done so very well that by the end of last term six cups were seated on the shelf.

Football was the first item of interest. The Senior team played extremely well, reaching and winning the final game. Outstanding in the team were Elcock and Wright, while Smith proved himself a future 1st XI goalkeeper. The Junior team too, reached and won the final game, so keeping up the fine tradition that they have had so long in the football. The best playing were Holloway, Hartfall and Banks, while Malcolm played well in the goal, especially in the final game.

The next thing was the Steeplechase. The Seniors ran very well indeed, Wright showing himself a good long-distance runner. The Juniors also ran well and earned most of the early places.

The Sports were then run and one more cup was added to our collection. The Senior team was not as good as some years back, but put up a great fight. I would like to congratulate Wright on his fine performance in the mile. The Juniors, too, tried hard and Gale and Neville earned most points. The Minors ran very well indeed in all their races and brought off the Minor Cup by a considerable margin. Chief of these were McCallum, Hartfall and Dyer.

And last in the sports line—Cricket—comes to the front. For once in a sad history, the Senior team came up again and so far has proved itself invincible, though one more match has still to be played.* White, Short and Wright were the chief members, all playing very well, while Tappenden showed a ready hand for catching. The Juniors, too, have done well to win all their games up to the present, Holloway, Simpkin, Holt and Keats being the mainstays.

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As a closing note, good luck to all who are leaving us, although some people, such as Elcock, I wish were staying on. Good luck to all of you.

H.G.D.A. D.G.

I would like to add to the notes by Allerston and Gifford, to the effect that the House has been most fortunate in having such excellent leaders in School and in the field as Gifford and Allerston themselves. Each has set a fine example in his respective sphere of action, and the House will be hard put to it to find adequate substitutes for them when they leave us. I personally shall miss them greatly and wish them for all, the best of luck.

B. R. S.

Westbury.

Looking back over the last two terms, the view, as far as Westbury is concerned, is not without its cheerful aspects.

Firstly, as regards to Football, which was played for the Hockey Cup, the Seniors did very well. Playing against School with ten men, they only just lost, but they acquitted themselves better by beating Cams with only eight men. The team played well as a whole, but individual praise must be given to Blake, Bloomfield, the goalkeeper, and McLellan, who all played exceptionally well.

The Juniors, with their captain Joint, and Webb R., who both played well, drew with Blackbrook, but lost to Cams.

By hard running the Seniors gained the Steeplechase Cup, McKenna, by a fine display of running, won first place for the second time.

Turning to the Sports, Packer in the Minors, extended himself to win the half-mile, and Smailes won the Junior half-mile, while McKenna gained full points for winning the Senior mile. We had to share points for the high-jump, owing to the unfortunate accident to Blake, who undoubtedly would have gained us a valuable point with Bloomfield. In spite of this, however, we won the Senior Cup.

The Tarbat Cup has strayed to School's shelf, so we must work harder to regain this coveted trophy.

Following Sports, Cricket. The Juniors have shown some very promising players, especially in Joint and Packer.

The less said about the Senior team the better. Although the Juniors lost to Cams, they beat Blackbrook by two wickets.

Finally, we wish all Westburians a happy vacation, and hoping that the "School Cert." results will be just as good as the previous year.

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The Production & Presentation of "The Tupley Story."

As most of our readers will remember, at Christmas, 1940, the Price's Drama Club presented "Where's that Body?" We all obtained so much pleasure from this production that it was unanimously decided that another play should be presented the following year. During the summer holidays of 1941, Act I having been written, the cast were selected and preparations were well in hand. However, for many reasons, we were unable to carry our plans through. This year, however, as soon as the tension of the Higher was passed, our late colleague and captain of the School, Ian May, told us that he had a play in his possession which he had first prepared some two years before. Since then, however, it had been redrafted several times, and was still in a skeleton form. He spent a large portion of his summer holidays polishing these rough drafts; sometimes deleting characters, sometimes introducing them, and welding it the whole while into a form suitable for amateur production.

It was then decided that the best way of forming a new Drama Club would be to do so under the auspices of the Youth Centre, so one Wednesday evening early in October, a meeting was held in the Library at the Youth Centre, attended by about twenty members, who were provisionally cast after we had heard them read various parts. About once a week for the next few weeks rehearsals were held, the number of persons attending these gradually dwindling. By the time the number of members appearing at rehearsals had got down to about four, we were becoming desperate, and as the delinquents appeared adamant, we had to give up our search for would-be actors in the Youth Centre, and for the next fortnight we might have been seen tramping the streets of Fareham, cajoling our friends and making dire threats.

This line of attack was rather more successful, and soon a complete cast was obtained. Then another hard blow fell, when the Author was refused his promised deferment, and for weeks we waited hourly for his "papers": however, he was spared to be with us at the time of the play.

Then as soon as about ten people started coming regularly to rehearsals about three times a week, it became impossible to have them at the Youth Centre, as even when we did obtain a room for ourselves, people kept coming in, so once more the Author was called in, this time to provide a room to rehearse in. Only about two more rehearsals were held at the Club, the remainder being held in Southampton Road, at "Cheriton," either in the attic, if we were acting, or in the front room if we were speaking our parts.

As the date of the production, which was originally billed for December, loomed nearer and nearer, it was hastily decided to postpone the presentation till January, when we should have had the holidays to rehearse in, as we were then still very, very shaky. As it was, for about four weeks before the 16th January, we had to have about five rehearsals a week, and we went about thanking our lucky stars that we did postpone it! It was then that we learned that we should not be able to have the use of the Senior Boys' School Hall for dress rehearsal: neither could we put the stage up till the morning of the show, which meant that we should have had to act on a stage that we had never seen before. We were then very kindly offered the use of the stage at the Services Institute, which offer we speedily availed ourselves of, especially as we were eventually told that we should be unable to use the stage from Portchester which we had set our hopes on.

The next hitch occurred when about a week before the first performance one of the young ladies fell out, being afflicted no doubt, with acute stage fright in anticipation, and another gallantly filled the breach at a few days' notice. We can never, never understand how it was that on the day she was word-perfect.

Thus the first performance went off safely. The next was given one evening at the Youth Centre, to an audience of gaping-mouthed juveniles. Then, two days before fatal 23rd, two members of the cast found that it would be impossible for them to come on that date. We were then in a terrible position. However, A. W. Lamport doubled his part with that originally played by the Author, who took one of the parts vacated, while the Rev. H. R. Phillips bravely filled the other gap.

The 23rd was, we are all sure, the happiest day of our lives ; we were honoured in the afternoon, by the presence of the Organising Secretary of the Hampshire Association of Boys' Clubs, then in the evening *we gave the show to the Troops*, after which we were entertained in the Officers' Mess and rolled home in taxis and army lorries at about midnight. Thus ended the Tupley story . . .

Not however, our acting. We all found it such fun that we have agreed that nothing shall close our Drama Club, whose aim it is not only to present plays for Public Performance now and then, but to *organize play reading groups* and the like, which activities we heartily recommend to our readers as being well worth their while.

D. G.

