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Those who have had much to do with the School of recent years, if they glance at the Valete list, will find the names of many who as good scholars and good athletes have been helped by the School and have done something for it in their turn. In the ordinary way it would have been natural to mention their names here, but in this issue they must give place, and they would wish to do so, to Mr. R. O. Johnston.

It is forty years since he came to Price's and found a score or so of scholars. Every generation of Priceans has known him, and so has everyone who has taught here. The sum total of what Staff and School owe to him is beyond all calculation, but something can be said about the quality of the debt. It consists mainly in the example of an unflagging energy and a ceaseless devotion, both alike dedicated to the welfare of everyone concerned with the School. How many of those whom he taught Hockey, for instance, have found their chief recreation in that game? Two, certainly, have won International Caps. And he taught at least as much by what he was as by what he said.

He will not be forgotten, for he is a character in every sense of the word. From the way he wears his hat to the way he handles a tennis racquet, he is himself, sufficiently unlike others to be picked out instantly and always conveying something of his own rich enjoyment of life. We wish him many years of very happy retirement. No one will ever quite fill his place, and, since he lives so near, we hope that he himself will still be with us on many an occasion when Priceans young and old meet together to perpetuate a tradition he has had so large a share in building and of which he is himself so large a part.

A Message from Mr. Johnston

It is good of you, *tot detentionum tanlorumque impotorum immemores*, to give me such a kind present.

Thank you all very much.

R. O. JOHNSTON.

Examination Results

CIVIL SERVICE ENTRANCE (EXECUTIVE).—P. J. Ellis, A. J. Figes.



BLACKBROOK.—K. Eldred, A. P. Paterson, A. J. Ingle.

CAMS.—C. E. Miskin (Monitor, House Captain, School 1st XI Football, Captain of Cricket and Hockey), I. E. Higgens, D. G. Watts (Monitor, Captain, 2nd XI Cricket), R. Rolf (Bandmaster, Cadet Corps), P. R. Chapman, M. F. J. Herbert, J. Groves (Steeplechase Winner, 1949), D. J. Jones, R. A. Worley.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—P. J. Ellis (Head of the School, House Captain, 1st XI Cricket and Hockey, C.S.M. Cadet Corps), A. J. Figes (Monitor, Vice-Captain, Hockey, 1st XI Cricket, Sgt., Cadet Corps), D. Brown, L. S. Abbs, B. O. Colley, F. V. L. Hughes (1st XI Football), B. E. Callon, B. H. Hughes.

WESTBURY.—A. R. Webb (Monitor, House Captain, Captain of Football, 1st XI Cricket and Hockey, Victor Ludorum 1948), H. Innocent (Monitor), C. F. Hills (1st XI Cricket), P. R. Collins, D. Palmer, R. Wilcox, R. V. Marshall, E. T. Pitman, D. Perryer, N. R. Sammons.

Chess Club

During the Summer Term the Chess Club has, as usual, suspended its activities, but I hope that the Autumn and Spring Terms will see regular play by a good number of members old and new. Membership is open to boys from third form upwards, and the subscription is one shilling per term. The money is needed for the purchase of boards and men, and of books on the game. I hope plenty of new members will join. Will those intending to do so, please watch for notice of first meeting, and come along right away. The day on which meetings will be held will be decided at that first meeting by the vote of members present, so if you don't attend please don't complain afterwards that the day chosen doesn't suit you.

A school Chess Club is intended above all to give boys a chance to learn the game, and to improve their play, so if you know little or nothing about it, that is not a reason for not joining. If necessary I will teach beginners the game, and will of course give any help I can to players at any stage of development. Will all members please be as regular as possible in their attendance. One player absent may mean that another doesn't get a game. If you happen to be "odd man out" however, don't go away in disgust. Much can be learned by watching other people, and the club's books are always available during the meeting, so you can always learn more about the game. It is a game well worth learning. You can play Chess all your life, and you will always have something to learn about it.

The Library

We are very grateful to Misikin and Paterson for gifts of books: nobody has yet taken up my suggestion about bookcases though!

Those who are moving up the School, may like to be reminded that the Senior Library is open to everyone from the Fourth Forms upwards; this term on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Break.

Cadet Corps

The term has been a very busy one for us all. We had several sporting activities in which to compete, the General Inspection, and the end of term Certificate 'A' examination.

First of all, the Junior Football Cup Final was played at Eastleigh, and we won quite comfortably by 4 goals to 1.

Secondly, the company represented the Battalion in the Swimming Gala, and for the second year in succession we won the cup. Next year we must enter for the Diving Cup and win that.

Thirdly, the Company entered a team in the Senior and Junior Athletic Competition. We won the Junior Cup from Aldershot Battalion, but were well beaten in the Senior Competition. We must thank Sgt. Quinlan for his efforts in training the teams. He worked very hard.

We were inspected this year by Lt.-Col. Handley, R.A. He first inspected the assembled Company; took the salute at a march past; watched the Company doing normal training, and finally addressed the assembled Company on the advantages of being in the Cadet Force. He expressed his pleasure to me after the inspection, and was very impressed by our all round efficiency.

The Certificate 'A' examination resulted in the one blot on the Cadet Corps. A large percentage failed to present themselves at the examination. This is extremely bad form and the fact that there were mitigating circumstances, in that school examinations were being held at the same time, is no real excuse. If you contract to do a certain thing at a certain time you must do it, or offer your excuses *beforehand*. This is a straight-forward point of manners and I will not have any cadets in this Company being ill-mannered. If you cannot learn manners you will have to be taught them the hard way. There must never be a repetition.

For the purposes of the records, the Battalion this year won the Lucas-Tooth Shield, for the most efficient Battalion in Hampshire. This Company has done its full share in this success.

Finally, we must congratulate ex-C.S.M. Hall, who has got into Sandhurst and will get a permanent commission next August. Hall has obtained this success by virtue of keenness and enterprise, and if you all show the same enthusiasm you can get on as well as Hall has done.

To all who are leaving, the very best of luck.

9th Fareham, Prices School, Scout Troop

The major interest during much of this term's work has been training for the local Competition Camp and for the County Trophy. Under the new regulations, Fareham is a big enough Association to be allowed to send two teams to the County Competition. At our local competition, the 2nd Fareham (Sea Scouts) and our own Troop were chosen to represent Fareham and District. It speaks well for Scouting in Fareham that of the 25 teams at Basingstoke from all over Hampshire, the 2nd Fareham came first and the 9th Fareham came fifth, with very little to choose between the first five teams. This year little else but camping and patrol leadership entered into the County Competition: it is good that this side of scouting should receive emphasis, but it is expected that the judging next year will cover a wider range.

After winning the Scouts Sports each year since it was re-started at the end of the war, we lost the junior section this year by one point to the 1st Swanmore, but we won the cup for the senior scout section, which was presented for the first time this year.

When this note appears, Summer Camp will be a thing of the past, but as I write it still lies in the future. We go again to Rogate, where we have often been before, though this time to a new site. The whole troop, except two boys, are going and we shall have the valuable help of two old members of the troop, V. Hoad and A. Jeffery. We are planning to go next year to Buckinghamshire, to a big estate with acres of parkland and large lakes. We might be able to arrange a fortnight's camp.

The parents of the Scouts have been working for months preparing for a Sale of Work for Troop Funds, and have made some valuable things. We expect to hold it on Saturday, November 12th, and probably at Price's School. Please make it as widely known as possible.

The 'Reed' Cup

Some time ago Mr. Reed presented the School with a handsome cup and it was decided that it should be awarded annually, to the House with the best all-round record in Athletic competitions. The results this year are printed below: the system of scoring is as follows:—

Football & Cricket, Senior: 1st 18 points, 2nd 12 points, 3rd 6 points.

Junior: 1st 12 points, 2nd 8 points, 3rd 4 points.

Sports, Senior: 1st 18 points, 2nd 12 points, 3rd 6 points.

Junior: 1st 12 points, 2nd 8 points, 3rd 4 points.

Minor: 1st 6 points, 2nd 4 points, 3rd 2 points.

Steeplechase, Senior: 1st 9 points, 2nd 6 points, 3rd 3 points.

Junior: 1st 6 points, 2nd 4 points, 3rd 2 points.

Swimming. As for the Steeplechase in future years if there is a recognised division for Juniors and Seniors. This year:—

1st 15 points, 2nd 10 points, 3rd 5 points.

Hockey. If there is a House Competition, scoring will be as for Football & Cricket.

Other sports may subsequently be added to the Competition.

	BLACKBROOK			CAMB			SCHOOL			WESTBURY		
	S	J	M	S	J	M	S	J	M	S	J	M
Football	9	8	—	18	4	—	0	12	—	9	0	—
Cricket	3	8	—	3	8	—	15	8	—	15	0	—
Sports	12	0	2	0	12	4	6	8	6	18	4	0
Steeplechase	3	0	—	6	6	—	0	4	—	9	2	—
Swimming	5	—	—	10	—	—	15	—	—	0	—	—
	32	16	2	37	30	4	36	32	6	51	6	0
	50			71			74			57		
	4th			2nd			1st			3rd		



It is easier to write these notes this year than it has been sometimes in the past. The 1st XI have won all their games against the Schools we play, and have lost only one game, that against Portsmouth Banks XI. In fact it has been a most successful season. We were fortunate in having most of last season's team still at School, and the extra year has given the side a maturity which has had a good deal to do with its success. In all three departments of the game we have been strong. More runs have been scored than for many seasons, in most games well over the hundred; the bowling has been too good for most of the opposition encountered, and it has been difficult at times to use all the available strength. In fielding, too, there has been sureness and confidence, if perhaps no outstanding brilliance. The whole side has been workmanlike in practically everything it has done.

Particular mention, perhaps, may be made of some performances. Miskin has bowled very well indeed the whole season and with Jarman has collected most of the wickets. Hills, Webb, Cozens and Jarman have all batted very well on occasion, and there has not once been a total collapse. Ditchburn has at times fielded brilliantly in the slips, as has Webb at mid-off.

In such a strong side some of the later batsmen have not had much opportunity to show their ability, but when they were needed they offered proof of the fact that there was no tail to the batting order. The same may be said of the change bowlers, and in a way it has been unfortunate that some of them have had so little work to do. Their chance will come next year when we shall have lost Miskin, Webb, Ellis and Hills. The future of the 1st XI is distinctly bright, and we can confidently look forward to another successful year in 1950.

In school cricket generally there has also been considerable improvement. The 2nd XI, ably captained by D. G. Watts, has scored many runs, and in the House Matches there have been some formidable totals and some really excellent games. The two Senior games which ended the series were particularly good, with the championship completely undecided until the last five minutes of both matches. The Junior House Matches were also contested very keenly with the rare finish of three Houses sharing first place.

Mention is made elsewhere of the sad fact of Mr. Johnston's departure from the School, but I think these notes would be incomplete without some acknowledgement of the debt which School cricket owes to him. In his forty years of devoted service to the School, how many hours has he given to coaching, to the preparation of wickets and to the care of cricket gear? His first love has always been hockey, but cricket has shared his devoted attention, and we shall miss his help very greatly. The task of looking after the 1st XI has been an easy one, a fact largely due to his coaching of boys in the Colts XI. I hope his interest in us and our cricket will continue after his retirement.

FIRST ELEVEN

C. E. Miskin (Captain). Has been an able leader of the side and has used his bowling wisely and successfully. Himself the spearhead of the attack, he bowls quite fast, and has kept an excellent length. Is quite a good forcing bat, but has had few opportunities in this direction.

D. T. Jarman (Vice-Captain). A really good slow left-handed bowler. Has a good command of length and flights the ball well. On occasion has been almost unplayable, despite the fact that wickets have not really been his sort. Bats quite well and has made many runs. Is a keen and safe fielder, particularly in the slips.

A. R. Webb. A safe and reliable opening batsman who has not quite reached the heights of which he is capable. Has played some good innings, and will be difficult to replace in a team he has served very well indeed for many seasons.

C. Hills. Probably the best batsman in the side. Has good style and has powerful shots on both sides of the wicket. Has also kept wicket competently all the season.

R. D. Ditchburn. Is a very hostile bowler down the hill. Moves the ball in and across the bat at a good pace. A really good fielder in the slips and promising as a batsman.

B. G. Cozens. A steady opening bat. Has few pretensions to style, but very difficult to move. His patient batting has been of very great value to the side. A trifle slow in the field.

P. J. Ellis. A most enthusiastic cricketer who has scored runs when badly needed. Is too impatient early in an innings. Has a good shot to cover which he should save for the right ball.

P. Gregory. Bowls a good slow left-handed ball, unfortunately too much like Jarman to have had many opportunities. Is a keen and safe field and is worthy of a higher place in the batting order. Should be very useful next season.

G. R. Stubbington. Has good style and a straight bat, but must develop more power in front of the wicket. A little slow in the field and between the wickets.

R. D. White. A newcomer to the School who should be a useful acquisition next season. Bowls quite fast, both in the air and off the pitch, and with greater control of length should do well down the hill. Can hit to leg very hard and looks promising as a bat.

P. G. Watts. Came into the side after the first two matches, and has had little chance to show his ability.

A. de C. Turner, C. P. Nobes, A. J. Figs have all played for the XI and in a normal year would have kept their places.

AVERAGES

Batting	No. of Innings	Not Out	Total	Highest Score	Average
Jarmain	10	3	163	47 ^b	24.00
Hills	10	0	206	87	20.60
Webb	10	0	164	63	16.40
White	4	2	38	29*	18.00
Cozens	10	0	150	33	15.00
Ellis	8	1	70	34	10.00
Miskin	10	2	65	14*	7.88
Stubbington	7	2	37	17*	7.40
Ditchburn	9	2	49	19	7.00
Gregory	6	1	29	12*	5.80
Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Gregory	7	3	8	3	2.67
Miskin	89.1	36	135	40	3.37
Jarmain	65.4	21	128	31	4.13
Ditchburn	59	24	86	15	5.7
White	21	10	24	1	24.0

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

School 75

B. R. Shaw's XI 71

(Webb 30, Jarmain 13)

(Jarmain 5 for 32, Miskin 3 for 14)

The School started very well with some good batting by Webb and later by Jarmain, so that at one stage the School were 63 for 2. Then some good slow bowling by Mr. Garton caused a collapse.

Mr. Rolland Jones batted well for our opponents. Jarmain bowled very well in his second spell, and was not deterred by a magnificent six hit off him by D. Alderton. There was an exciting finish, the last six wickets being taken cheaply. When Mr. Shaw came in, the game stood at the exciting position of their needing five more runs to win. He was, however, bowled by Miskin—a good finish to a good game.

School 136 for 7 wickets (declared)

Knowle 78

(Jarmain 47 not out, Webb 26)

(Miskin 5 for 19)

The School won the toss and batted first. They started in what eventually became the recognised manner of Webb getting the runs, and Cozens keeping his end up. When Cozens came out, Hills joined Webb and runs came quicker. The real scoring of the day, however, came from Jarmain, who, towards the end of the innings, heavily punished even the bowling which did not deserve it (and a very great deal of it did not).

Knowle started badly, Miskin capturing the first four wickets quickly. Mr. Langridge then came in and showed us some very pretty cricket, with a great variety of strokes. He was dismissed by Jarmain off a very good catch by Mr. Hilton, who was playing for us on that occasion. After his dismissal, we had little opposition.

School 119

Portsmouth Northern Grammar 36

(Ellis 34)

(Jarmain 6 for 9, Miskin 4 for 7)

Our opponents won the toss and put us in. We started well, but lost three quick wickets, with the score at 30. Then Ellis joined Jarmain, and the pair put on 30 for the fourth wicket. Then three more wickets fell quickly, until Miskin and Ellis put on 30 in 15 minutes. The last three batsmen put on 24.

Of the Northern Grammar batsmen, only one reached double figures.

School 86 for 8
(Cozens 38)

Purbrook 51
(Jarman 7 for 15, Miskin 2 for 3)

Purbrook won the toss and batted first. Only two reached double figures, each getting ten.

Cozens amazed us very pleasantly by scoring 38 quite aggressively. The issue being not long in doubt, this was not an interesting game beyond individual performances. The School won by seven wickets. We were more than usually glad to win, however, as we have not beaten Purbrook for some years.

School 121
(Hills 34, White 29 not out)

St. Mary's College 63
(Miskin 5 for 19, Ditchburn 3 for 16)

The game started in a dull fashion until Hills came in and livened it up. Then with Jarman out, a couple of wickets fell cheaply. Ditchburn then batted well, but real excitement came with the last two, White and Gregory. The former made some very big hits to leg and converted a modest into a very respectable score.

St. Mary's made very little effort to collect the runs, and the end very nearly justified them. This naturally made for a lack of sparkle in the cricket in the middle period of the game, though it provided an exciting finish. Some of their batsmen proved themselves very capable stonewallers. Their last wicket fell on the fourth ball of the last over. The quality of their innings is shown by the fact that 19 overs were maidens.

School 163 for 5 (declared)
(Webb 68)

Old Boys 20
(Miskin 9 for 4)

The Old Boys' bowling was occasionally not punished as it deserved, but was so very deserving that our best score to date resulted.

The Old Boys' batting offered no opposition.

School 78
(Hills 12, Gregory 12 not out, Watts 11)

Portsmouth Grammar School 60
(Ditchburn 6 for 10)

On a bad wicket, we were put in to bat. Wickets fell quickly, and we were unfortunate in losing Hills, run out, since he was the only one to look at home with the bowling. Again, a last wicket stand gave us a score and a chance, though apparently a slender one.

When Portsmouth went in however, it quickly became evident that the pitch was going to play equally badly for them. Ditchburn found a patch on a good length, and skittled them with great speed. He deserves a full measure of credit for consistent length. A hard hitter towards the end gave us a fright, but we managed to get him out and win.

School 172 for 5 (declared)
(Hills 87, Jarman 33 not out)

Portsmouth Southern Grammar 23
(Jarman 5 for 1)

After the initial shock of Webb's first duck, Hills and Cozens took the score to 92, then Jarman and Hills took it to 145, with Hills playing the predominant part, and fulfilling a promise we had felt all the season. He was at last bowled by Bagley, attempting a great sweep to leg. This was undoubtedly the best batting we had seen in the whole season.

Jarmain found no resistance to his bowling, and the opposing batsmen were all very much "at home" when he called.

School 68

Portsmouth Banks 78 for 5

(Hills 18, Stubbington 17 not out)

Batting first, we felt the premonition of things to come very early. Webb came out in the first over, but we felt the real tragedy when Hills, batting quite as well as at the end of his innings the match before, was narrowly run out. This was to happen again, when hope of a stand between Stubbington and Watts was cut short by the latter being run out.

With the absence of White and an injury to Ditchburn sadly depleting our bowling strength, we took the field. Even then our luck was out, and tired and inexperienced bowlers were punished by some good batsmen.

School 95

Gosport G.S. 33

(Cozens 33, Hills 23)

(Miskin 5 for 11, Ditchburn 4 for 6)

The School was put in to bat on a wicket that did not appear too firm. This did not appear a good policy as, although Webb was out early, Cozens and Hills batted well and the score reached 73 for 3. Through attempting to score runs quickly, however, the rest of the batting collapsed and the School was all out for 95. This was to prove quite enough runs. Gosport's batting was weak and Miskin and Ditchburn quickly ran through the side, putting them out for 33.

SECOND ELEVEN GAMES

June 11 Portsmouth N.G.S. 57 School 101

(Rudgley 7 for 10)

June 18 School 100

Purbrook C.H.S. 104

(P. G. Watts 25, Callon 23, Williams 16)

(Barker 3 for 24, Figs 3 for 21)

July 9 Portsmouth G.S. 109

School 72

(Turner 4 for 29, Wilcox 3 for 27)

(Wadey 20, Turner 15, Groves 11)

July 16 School 49

Portsmouth S.G.S. 17

(Turner 6 for 5, Wilcox 2 for 5)

During the early trial matches it was difficult to select the last three or four places from about ten possibles. Add to this the fact that four of the Second XI played at one time or another for the 1st XI, the result was that only three played in all four games, while eighteen played during the season. Thus there was an abundance of moderate bowling, and the batting order could have been reversed with no appreciable effect on the score.

Batsmen generally were scratchy until they had a chance to hit, after which the merits of each ball were forgotten in the ensuing merriment. Nobes' 32 was the highest score, although he failed in his other matches; Watts, P.G. played two sound innings before he departed to the politer realms of the 1st XI; Wadey played a very valuable knock against Portsmouth Grammar; Turner and Callon hit the ball hard when they saw it; the best performance was the last wicket stand of Williams and Rudgley, which brought us very close to defeating Purbrook.

Wilcox and Turner both bowled for long spells, but almost all the bowlers mixed good balls with bad balls. This was particularly true of Rudgley, who clean bowled his seven wickets in the first match, but never struck the same form again.

The failure against Portsmouth Grammar was principally due to this defect, which enabled our cautious opponents to get more runs than they should have done.

The fielding was keen but sometimes wild; Nobes at cover and Groves at silly mid-on both did good work. There was a combination of considerable enthusiasm on the field with a regrettable desire in certain quarters to spend afternoons in less (or more) serious pursuits.

With two good wins and a very narrow defeat we had a fairly successful season, but we should have liked more matches.

D.G.W.

COLTS ELEVEN

You may lose a match by bad fielding, bad bowling or bad batting, or by a combination of two or all of these: the fielding has as a whole been quite fair, and the batting has been quite good up to a point, but several players have begun quite well and then faded out. The bowling as a whole has not been up to under 15 Colts standard. Then you may lose a match by bad captaincy, and that has happened twice. The fixed idea that certain bowlers can only bowl from one end, which may perhaps suit their imagined break, does not excuse keeping another bowler on who continues to bowl full pitches to leg—the one ball that the opposing batsmen really love and can play with confidence.

Of the batting—Williams has not fulfilled the promise of last year, as early in an innings he attempts to sweep to leg off a good length ball on the wicket. Sidwell plays one or two balls nicely and then forgets everything except the square leg boundary off the wrong ball. Dimmock has played some good innings, but later fell from grace. Judd plays forward very well, but must acquire some scoring strokes, especially on the off: he has been useful as an opening batsman. Purkiss is very promising and also a useful bowler, but he must not get his legs in front. Rudling watches the ball right on to the bat and has some strokes which he plays with judgment, and he will be useful, but only if he will keep his legs out of the way.

Edwards watches the ball and hits it, but must learn to deal with different length balls on their merits, or otherwise. Percival has the makings of a batsman and bowler, but he has much to learn in each department. Williams keeps wicket quite well as a rule, but he must learn to control his appeals and to hold the one the batsman really does mis-hit.

Both Dimmock and Rudling are good fielders in any position.

RESULTS

Colts (under 15)

Gosport C.S. 52	School 18
Purbrook C.H.S. 39	School 34 (Dimmock 18)
St. John's College 70 for 4 wickets	School 69 (Rudling 20)
Portsmouth S.G.S. 48 for 8 wickets	School 44
Portsmouth S.G.S. (Return) 60 for 9 wickets	School 65 (Purkiss 16)

Colts (under 14)

Taunton's 85 for 1 wicket	School 47 (Dimmock 28)
St. Mary's College 50 (Dimmock 4 for 15)	School 80 (Dimmock 26, Judd 17)
Portsmouth G.S. 39 (Dimmock 6 for 17)	School 46

HOUSE MATCHES

Senior		Junior	
Westbury 111	Blackbrook 104	Blackbrook 96	Westbury 23
School House 176 for 5	Cams 50	School House 45	Cams 36
School House 68	Westbury 59	Cams 46	Blackbrook 42
Blackbrook 40 for 5	School House 39	School House 47	Westbury 43
Cams 126 for 5	Blackbrook 77	Cams 51	Westbury 15
Westbury 78 for 6	Cams 77	Blackbrook 76	School House 72

The Sports

We had ideal weather for the Sports this year and there was the usual desperately close competition and finishes. In the Minors, Barr looked a very good sprinter, although on the small side. Byng I was outstanding in the Juniors, but Lowbridge was good in the 440, and Parker even better in the 880. This year Quinlan just succeeded in reversing last year's verdict and became Victor Ludorum, but the result was in doubt until the last race. Indeed, judged by times, Quinlan was not running quite as well as he was last year. In the Mile, Foster had a good deal in hand although he produced a fast time. The Quarter produced a terrific struggle, but with Quinlan faltering and Stone leaving his main effort late, Rowe timed his effort well and appeared quite remarkably fresh at the finish.

SPORTS RESULTS

MINOR

80 Yards	Barr (S), Fletcher (B), Willis (S).
220 ..	Barr (S), Byng (C), Bird (W). 31-3/5 secs.
880 ..	Byng (C), Gordon (B), Bird (W). 2 min. 44-2/5 secs.
Hurdles	Dowse (W), Hobbs (W), Scale (B). 18-1/5 secs.
High Jump	Byng (C), Mason (S), Hobbs (W). 3 ft. 11 ins.
Long Jump	Elmes (S), Dowse (W), Byng (C). 12 ft. 11 ins.
Relay	1 School House, 2 Blackbrook, 3 Cams. 49-4/5 secs.

JUNIOR

100 Yards	Byng (C), Lowbridge (S), Priestley (B), Dore (C), Callendar (S). 12 secs.
440 ..	Lowbridge (S), Weyman (C), Callendar (S). 63-1/5 secs.
880 ..	Parker (C), Ridett (S), Gatesman (S). 2 mins. 21-2/5 secs.
Hurdles	Byng (C), Ridett (S), Biggs (W). 15-4/5 secs.
High Jump	Byng (C), Gatesman (S), Biggs (W). 4 ft. 5-1/2 ins.
Long Jump	Byng (C), Lowbridge (S), Bradley (C). 16 ft. 4 ins.
Cricket Ball	Weyman (C), Lowbridge (S), Ridett (S). 71 yds. 1 ft. 8 ins.
Relay	1 Cams, 2 School House, 3 Blackbrook. 1 min. 22-4/5 secs.
Tug-of-War	Cams.

SENIOR

100 Yards	Quinlan (B), Webb (W), Stone (W). 11-2/5 secs.
440 ..	Rowe (B), Stone (W), Quinlan (B). 59-2/5 secs.
Mile	Foster (B), Groves (C), Hughes (S). 5 mins. 6-4/5 secs.
Hurdles	Hughes (S), Prescott (W), Collins (W). 19 secs.
High Jump	Callon (S), White (C), Webb (W). 4 ft. 10-3/4 ins.
Long Jump	White (C), Quinlan (B), Collins (W). 16 ft. 11-1/2 ins.

MINOR			JUNIOR			SENIOR		
1	School House	43	1	Cams ...	70	1	Westbury	50½
2	Cams ...	34	2	School House	58	2	Blackbrook	48
3	Blackbrook	32	3	Westbury	20	3	School House	33½
4	Westbury	29	4	Blackbrook	13	4	Cams ...	29

Price's School Swimming Club

Since its formation in 1948, the Club has been assisted through its teething troubles by Mr. Briscoe and Mr. Howard-Jones, who have put in some very admirable work, and the steady increase in membership (for the Club now includes over half of the boys in the School) must be a welcome reward for their work. The Club was formed with the intention of encouraging non-swimmers to learn and others to increase their swimming proficiency.

It is significant perhaps, that all members of the Cadet Corps team, which has been successful for two consecutive years at the Cadet Swimming Sports, are also members of the Club, and it is to be hoped that both Cadets and Swimming Club will benefit by working in harmony.

The Swimming Club is offering elementary, intermediate and advanced certificates for boys who prove themselves of a sufficient standard to receive them, and it is very encouraging to find how well members of the Club can perform, if given an incentive. Although to mention various promising members would be exhausting, we feel that we must at least mention R. Bird, who is still in the First form but has already passed for his advanced certificate. We must emphasize however, that members who receive certificates must not rest on their laurels, but must try to improve their swimming continuously. The only method of ensuring this is constant practice.

The SWIMMING GALA has been very successfully swum off, thanks to some excellent swimming by members of the House teams, and a very promising sign was the proficiency shown by Junior members of the teams. We can look forward to some fine swimming when they are of senior age. We must be thankful for the fine weather conditions fortunately given to us, for they certainly contributed to the success of the Gala and we will be lucky if in future nature is so considerate to us, but, given as much enthusiasm as was shown by the School this year, we are certain of many more successful Galas.

Another satisfactory piece of news has just been made known to us before the printing of these notes, and that is the success of the following candidates for the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society: L. Abbs, N. C. Brown, R. C. Dimmock, I. Dukes, C. F. Fowler, P. Gregory, R. Hedgecock, M. F. J. Herbert, B. Jackman, P. J. McGee, P. Nobes, J. Priestley, R. Rolf, L. E. Rowe, M. A. Stone. These boys put in some hard work before the examination and were thus rewarded in the best way, first by being all successful, and second by being told by the examiner that they were the best class it had been his good fortune to examine. Well done!

For the benefit of those boys who would like to train for a Bronze Medallion for the next examination, classes will be held during the close season, and if they see the authorities concerned, they will be able to attend.

In conclusion, we feel we must again thank Mr. Briscoe and Mr. Howard-Jones for their able guidance, and also the members who have all helped to make this a most successful second season.

SWIMMING GALA

Event	Points: 1st ... 3	2nd ... 2	3rd ... 1	W	Times	
	B	C	S			
Points for Certificates	15	17	15	9	
1. 75 Yards Free Style, Senior	0	2	3	1	50.2
2. 50 " " " Junior	3	1	2	0	36
3. 3 Widths, Free, Back, Breast, Senior	...	0	2	3	1	46
4. 3 " " " " Junior	...	3	2	1	0	52
5. 50 Yards Breast Stroke, Senior	0	1	3	2	39.4
6. 50 " " " Junior	3	2	0	1	50
7. 50 " Back Stroke Senior	0	2	3	1	48
8. 50 " " " Junior	2	1	3	0	23
9. Plunging (Open)	0	0	3	3	
10. Relay 4 Widths, Senior	1	2	3	0	50
11. Relay 4 " Junior	3	2	1	0	52.2
12. Diving	0	3	3	0	
13. Towing 25 Yards (Open)	3	1	2	0	75.8
Total Number of Points		33	38	45	18	
1st School	2nd Cams	3rd Blackbrook				

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

Preparations were made at the beginning of the term for the Sports, but the training was rather poorly attended through various causes beyond our control. This, maybe, explains the reason for the Minors and Juniors doing so badly on the actual Sports Day. Of the Minors, Fletcher and Gordon ran well; Cardy and Scale, although not so successful, tried their hardest. Among the Juniors only Priestley, in his first year, and Sherwood had any success, and this was not very great.

However, the Seniors did much better, coming second by $2\frac{1}{2}$ points. Quinlan, Rowe and Foster ran extremely well, gaining first places in the 100 Yards, 440 Yards and the Mile respectively, while the Relay Team of Quinlan, Allwood, Eldred and Foster kept the standard up and came first! Other results worthy of mention are those of first place gained by Ingle in the T.C.B., and the reaching of the final by the Tug-of-War team. In the jumping events we had less success, although Quinlan came second in the Long Jump. This result helped him to win the Victor Ludorum with a total of 15 points.

The inter-house cricket was closely fought this year, the final matches deciding the Senior Cup.

In the first match, against Cams, two of their batsmen got their eye in against our bowlers and then could not do a thing wrong. However, Stubbington bowled consistently and finally broke the partnership by dismissing Jarman. Soon after this Cams declared for 126 runs. In return our batting was steady and we reached a total of 73. Of these, Stubbington made 21 not out in an excellent innings.

Against School House the team played better, both in the field and whilst batting. School House were dismissed for a rather slow 39 by steady bowling from Turner and Stubbington. This score was soon reached with only four of our wickets down, one of which was through the player going for a stroll in the middle of the wicket, and another from the batsman playing a defensive shot and finding himself out l.b.w.; both rather disconcerting but having no bearing on the result of the game.

In our deciding match with Westbury, they reached the total of 111, mainly owing to some very indifferent fielding, one batsman giving a "dolly" catch which was promptly missed completely, and then continuing via seven more missed chances until finally caught. Undeterred, our batsman went out and with some good batting from Gilham, Turner and Stubbington, we scored 104, ending what had been a very exciting and tense game.

The Juniors were more successful, beating School House and Westbury, losing to Cams, and thus sharing the cup with two other houses. Purkiss captained the side ably, bowling and batting well, supported by some good bowling from Cardy and excellent wicket-keeping by French. Watkins fielded well and Harvey batted steadily in a side that was in the main very dependable.

The Swimming Gala was held at the end of the term, the positions of the houses being decided by the combined points of the Seniors and Juniors. Unfortunately we had only two people able to compete in the senior events, thus lowering our chances. However, the juniors did well and won four of their races and the open towing event. This enabled the house to come third.

This concludes the summer term events. To those leaving and starting work, good luck, and to those returning, how about a little extra work this term? We won the Tarbat Cup last term and should like to do so again.

B.A.C.

Cams

The term started with the Sports, and we soon found that we had not a great number of seniors from whom to choose. White was our best athlete, winning the long jump and coming second in the high jump.

Jones, D.S.M. did well to come second in the "Consolation" heat in the Hurdles, incidentally the fastest School Hurdles event ever. We also congratulate Groves on coming second in the Mile.

The Juniors won the Cup by quite an impressive margin, winning every event but one. This was largely due to Byng I, who won all his events. Parker and Weyman are also to be congratulated on their success, Parker winning the 880 Yards, and Weyman the Cricket Ball. Of the Minors, we congratulate Byng II on two successes, one in the 880 Yards and the other in the High Jump.

The other House activity this term was House Cricket. The first game, against Blackbrook, was most successful and in view of what came later, we may say that it was probably due to our having a full complement of bowlers. (As the whole complement was three, it may be seen that the absence of one could easily be disastrous, and was). A partnership between Jarmain and Miskin was prolific of runs, Jarmain scoring 66 and Miskin 47. Jarmain then bowled Blackbrook out within comfortable distance of time. The final scores were: Cams 137 for 7 declared, Blackbrook 73.

After making a bad beginning to the Westbury match, we rallied, thanks to Groves and Watts and finished with a score of 77, which is quite good for a House match. When our opponents went in we found the loss of White a blow, since, just as last year, we had only three bowlers. Jarman bowled extremely well, but had not much luck. The final scores were: Cams 77, Westbury 78 for 6.

Though White was present for the School House match, after bowling a few overs, he had to come off with a nose bleeding, very unluckily for us. The School House batting was distinguished largely by some remarkable late cuts and leg glances. We tried to play for a draw, but as our batting, like most House batting, is not remarkable for solidarity, we were not successful. That is not surprising, but the fact that we failed only by a few minutes is worthy of mention. Cams, Blackbrook and School House share the Junior Cup.

C.E.M.

School House

Once again training for the School Sports occupied our time at the beginning of term. On paper the seniors appeared to be very weak, the juniors mediocre, whilst nothing was known of the relative standard of the minors as most of them were new boys.

After the last race had been won and lost, we summed up our successes and found that the seniors, to everyone's amazement, had done much better than expected and gained $33\frac{1}{2}$ points. The juniors had done well in their section, but were not strong enough to hold a very good Cams team, who scored 70 points to our 58. The minors had done well to win the Minor Cup by a margin of 9 points.

In the seniors, our most successful competitor was Hughes V., who gained $13\frac{1}{2}$ points, only $1\frac{1}{2}$ point behind Quinlan, who was Victor Ludorum. Hughes won the Hurdles quite easily and was placed third in the Mile and third equal in the Long Jump. Callon also did well, winning the Iain May Cup with some very good High Jumping. Once again we triumphed in the Tug-of-War, beating Blackbrook in two straight pulls after a very strenuous first pull.

Lowbridge did very well in the juniors, winning the 440 Yards and taking second place in the 100 Yards, Long Jump and Cricket Ball. Ridett, Gatesman and Callender all did well, Ridett gaining second place in the 880 Yards and Hurdles and third in the Cricket Ball, Gatesman second in the High Jump and third in the 880 Yards, whilst Callender came third in the 100 and 440 Yards. Amongst the minors, Barr was outstanding, easily winning the 80 and 220 Yards, the only events in which he competed. Others who did well were Elmes and Mason, Elmes winning the Long Jump, and Mason obtaining second place in the High Jump. We did exceptionally well to win two of the five cups competed for, and many of the younger boys show promise for future years.

At cricket, to the surprise of all, we did very well, sharing the Cup with Westbury, each having won two games. We beat Westbury and Cams by 7 and 115 runs respectively, and lost to Blackbrook by 6 wickets. In the first match, against Westbury, winning the toss we went in to bat. After losing two wickets for no runs, the situation was retrieved by some careful batting, Hudson, Barker and Rudgley keeping their ends up very well. The last two wickets fell at 66, quite a respectable score in the circumstances. Although we captured a Westbury wicket early on, their

second wicket pair so dominated our bowling that seven overs realized nearly 50 runs. A double bowling change, replacing Barker and Rudgley by Abbs and Gregory, caused such a collapse by their slower bowling, that the last nine wickets fell for only five runs. Gregory captured 5 wicket for 2 runs and Abbs 4 for 9.

The next match was a tragedy. Assuming Blackbrook to be easy victims after having beaten Westbury, we began the game full of confidence. Losing the toss, we were sent in to bat, a policy which was soon justified as we were tumbled out for the low score of 39, only Nobes and Rudgley reaching double figures. Blackbrook passed this total quite easily with only four wickets down, two of these being run-outs. A rather unsatisfactory game from our point of view.

We began the final game, against Cams, with some misgivings. They had trounced Blackbrook, but lost to Westbury and had almost the 1st XI bowling side at their disposal. The position was also interesting from the fact that every House had won one game. We went in to bat after winning the toss. Our fears were soon allayed as we made a good beginning, 19 and 32 being put on for the first and second wickets respectively. Callon then came in and he and Nobes, in a magnificent partnership, added 93 for the third wicket in very quick time before Callon was out. With the score at 144, three wickets fell, but Abbs and Figs added 32 before the innings was closed at 176 for 5. A high rate of scoring, unusual in schoolboy cricket, was maintained during the whole innings, 105 being scored in an hour, while the whole innings lasted only 100 minutes. Nobes scored 69 and Callon 37, Abbs and Figs both being undefeated with 15 each. Cams began to play for a draw from the start of their innings but could not quite hold out long enough, the last wicket falling just before time. All the bowlers did well, Figs taking 4 for 14, Abbs and Gregory sharing the remainder. Cams were dismissed for 61, leaving us victors by the handsome margin of 115 runs.

Before leaving cricket, we must not forget to mention the juniors, who also gained a share in the Junior Cup. They lost to Blackbrook in the opening match by 4 runs, beat Westbury by 4 runs and Cams by 10 runs. Special mention must be made of Wallbridge who batted and bowled well, Barr who reached double figures on two occasions, Wassell who bowled and fielded well and Lucas who made quite a few runs with rather unorthodox shots. Hansford also batted well on one occasion and Judd was very steady, keeping his end up very well; indeed against Cams he carried his bat right through the innings.

Another event in which we did well was the Swimming Gala, which was held near the end of term. This was the first time that this has been held, so we must congratulate ourselves on winning it. The seniors won every event except one and the juniors kept their end up by winning one event. Brown and Gregory were the outstanding swimmers in the seniors and Nobes did well to win the plunging. Cuff and Bird did well in the juniors, especially Bird, who is only twelve years old.

We must not forget the Tarbat Cup which tends to get snowed under by sporting matters. We seem to win this cup every other term and as we lost it last term after winning it the term before. I hope we will succeed in winning it this term. Also I hope that all those who have taken the recent examinations have passed with flying colours.

By the time this edition of "The Lion" is issued I shall have left. I shall be sorry to leave, but all good things must come to an end. I should like to say how much I have enjoyed being House-captain and a member of School House. I am

pleased to say that we have achieved much in the way of winning trophies and I think we can be proud of our record. Also I must ask you all to support my successor as well as you have supported me. Finally, I must wish everyone else who is leaving, the best of luck in his chosen occupation.

P.J.E.

Westbury

The summer term, which provides us with two of the best House competitions, Cricket and the Sports, has been quite successful for Westbury. Two cups were gained by the House, the Senior Cricket and the Senior Sports.

In the Sports the seniors did very well, although we only won the Cup by a small margin. A most remarkable fact was that we did not get one first, the proof of an all-round victory. Stone, G. P. ran himself to a standstill to come second in the 440 Yards after being hemmed in at the start. He also came third in the 100 Yards. Collins jumped well to come third in both the Hurdles and Long Jump. He will do much better when he loses his nervousness. Both Stone and Collins were juniors last year and I congratulate them heartily on their performances. Prescott second in the Hurdles, and Ditchburn and Watts P. G. second and third in Throwing the Cricket Ball, all did very well.

The Juniors did not do well and we had no one with an outstanding performance. Only Biggs and Williams E. did anything of note. However, one of the most thrilling performances was put up by the Junior Tug-of-War team which, as it seemed to me, outpulled a heavier but, I presume, less brawny team.

The Minors did quite well, but were not good enough to get a cup. Dowse was outstanding and came first in the Hurdles and second in the Long Jump. Both Bird and Hobbs did well to gain places in two events.

The senior cricket team was quite good, although we had a long tail and only one really good bowler.

Our first game, against School House, was very disappointing. We started well enough by getting them all out for a moderate total of 66. Ditchburn, bowling throughout the innings, did extremely well to get 6 for 22. We opened the innings quite well and when the score was 52 for 2 it looked an easy win, but suddenly we had an unexpected collapse and we were all out for 58, thus losing by 8 runs. Watts scored a solitary 14.

In our next match, against Cams, we were much more successful. They batted first and scored 77. Ditchburn again bowled well and was ably supported by Watts and Wilcox. We again started well, and after a few shaky periods the runs were scored for the loss of 6 wickets. Wilcox (11) and Hills (8) batted well in critical periods.

Our last match, against Blackbrook, was even more exciting. We batted first and scored 111, Hills scoring a timely 37. Ditchburn (16) and Wilcox (12) increased the score with great rapidity.

When Blackbrook batted they made a slow but sound start, and with Ditchburn being injured through falling in a foot-hole, Blackbrook got well on top of the bowling. However some steady bowling by Wilcox, coupled with a remarkable piece of fielding by Prescott and a few ferocious overs from Watts caused wickets to fall, and when the score was 75 for 8 victory looked in sight. In a few minutes however, the game took a complete change and the score leaped to 104 for 8, but Watts then took two wickets with consecutive balls, Williams taking a difficult catch, to win the game by 7 runs. As we had only won two matches, we have to share the Cup with School House.

The team on the whole played well, and although the fielding was sometimes patchy, almost all the catches offered were held. Throughout all the matches Ditchburn bowled magnificently and was well supported by Watts and Wilcox.

The Juniors were very disappointing, losing all their matches. Edwards played consistently well and got most of the runs and wickets. Williams D., the captain, did not score many runs and had he been more successful, we might have won some of the games.

As these are my last House Notes, I will take this opportunity of thanking you for the support you have given me during my period as House Captain, and I hope that you will, under my successor, make this easily the best House.

Before I finish I must wish those who are taking their Higher and School Certificates, the best of luck, and I sincerely hope you will all have a pleasant holiday.

A.R.W.

I am sure Mr. Hilton and Mr. Rolland Jones and all members of Westbury House will wish to join me in expressing appreciation of the way in which A. R. Webb has worked for the good of the House during his whole school life, and of course more especially during his time as Captain. His keenness has always been an example to the rest, and I wish it could be shared by greater numbers. His modesty has prevented him from including his own achievements in his House Notes term by term, but those who take a real interest in the affairs of the House know that in every kind of game or sport Webb has done much to swell the the total of points gained. We all wish him every success in the next stage of his career, and thank him for all he has done for us.

J. SHADDOCK.

Old Priceans Association

Dear Member—We had to postpone our Annual General Meeting (owing to the Whitsun holidays) until 2nd July.

As has become usual, the gathering was rather small and we just managed to get sufficient to make up a team to play the School. I am afraid we were hopelessly outclassed, but still, we managed to scrape up 20 runs between us against the School score of 169 for 5.

The weather could not have been better. We congratulate the School on having such a good team and we can only apologise to them for not giving them a better game. However, I think I can say that all of us who were present enjoyed our afternoon. Hinxman kindly arranged tea and, I would add, very successfully.

The Annual General Meeting was held after the match and the following members were elected :—

Honorary Treasurer	-	M. W. Gardner
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The Hon. Treasurer reported that there are many subscriptions owing, amounting to £30/4/6 for 1947 and £16/11/0 for 1948.

I would ask all of you who have not yet paid to kindly do so as soon as possible, as we cannot continue at the rate we are going. On the year's working we show a deficit of £12/1/3.

We are proposing to arrange for the Annual Dinner in November to be held in the town, and we want everyone to be present if possible. I am writing to as many Old Priceans as I can possibly contact and in my letter I shall set out the reason why we want to make this a bumper occasion.

I sincerely hope that all of you will enjoy your holidays and that we shall all meet refreshed in November.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. DIMMER.





As monthly meetings are not held during the summer months, there is nothing to report as regards London Section activities. The first meeting of the new session will be on Wednesday, 26th October, commencing at 6-30 p.m., at the à la Broche Restaurant, Jermyn Street, W.1, and thereafter at the same time and place on the last Wednesday of each month until May. Any O.P., whether or not he is at present a member of London Section, will be very cordially welcomed.

We have to congratulate L.V. Martin on his recent marriage. An interesting letter has been received from L. F. Hewetson, who is with the Bank of London and South America in Brazil. He expects to come to England on leave in 1951.

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