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THERE have been a number of pleasant things to record in this issue of *The Lion*; in particular the increase in the number of classrooms by the adaption of the old Boarders' dormitories. This has done much to relieve congestion in the School and we are hopeful that the national emergency will not become an excuse for depriving us of our much needed Physics laboratory.

Unfortunately there is also one unpleasant one; that the Rev. E. M. Royds-Jones has at last been compelled to give up the Scout Troop. He gives his own reasons elsewhere and they are right and inevitable, but they cannot do much to qualify the regret that will be felt mostly by scouts and old scouts, but by many whom have never been associated with the movement. Everyone who knows anything about his work will have admired his energy, versatility and devotion.

Examinations

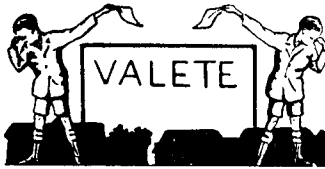
Sandhurst Entrance.—P. D. E. Gregory, B. E. Jackman.

Boy Artificers.—D. J. Stephens, E. V. Bishop.



Blackbrook.—M. G. Heath.

Cams.—M. J. Ambrose.



Blackbrook.—D. J. Stephens, E. V. Bishop, J. Menzies.

School House.—P. D. E. Gregory (Head of the School, Prefect, House Captain, Cap- of Football and Swimming, 1st XI Cricket and Hockey, R.S.M. Cadet Corps, Badminton and Table Tennis), K. M. Devlin (Prefect, 1st XI Hockey, Captain of 2nd XI Football and Cricket, Sgt. in Cadet Corps, Hon. Sec. of Dramatic Society).

The Prizegiving

We were honoured on February 8th at the Church House by the presence of the Bishop of Portsmouth who gave away the Prizes and delivered the address, and we heard, for the last time as Chairman of the Governors, the Rev. B. C. Daniell. We are all very grateful to him for his work for the School and very sincerely wish him well in his new appointment.

The Headmaster was able to give an encouraging report. Aided status had been conceded, two new class rooms were being brought into use and there were good prospects that the new Laboratory block would be started. The School, a Church School with a long association with the town, would need money for develop- ment and in the future a financial appeal would be made.

The Examination results were satisfactory. The School is small but in the course of the year five boys had passed on to a University, four had entered the Civil Service at Executive level, two had passed into Sandhurst and one into the Engineering branch of the Post Office. Moreover C. J. Shaddock had won a State Scholarship. Fifteen Old Boys were reading for degrees, including four at Oxford and three at Cambridge. The first experience of the new General Certificate of Education Examination was encouraging.

Lastly he referred to a very satisfactory games record and the excellent work of the prefects, and expressed our sorrow at the departure of Mr. Marsh.

The Bishop then gave away the prizes and delivered his address. He referred to the difficulty of getting clear information in the world today. The Schools should help people to give answers to the problems that beset them and enable them to discriminate between the best and the not so good. The whole sphere of truth should be open to the inquiry of all and this tradition of free enquiry, he maintained, was derived from Christianity. It was the business of education to provide guidance, to teach the principles of discrimination and to instil a sense of values.

Prize List

VI Science.	C. J. Shaddock.
VI Arts.	P. B. A. Ridett and A. D. J. White.
V G.S.C.	J. S. Coombes, A. J. Terry, A. Abraham,
Vb D. G. Keen.	AII D. J. Stevens,
IVa D. Percival.	AIII E. C. Doughty,
IVb D. C. Rudling.	AIV F. E. Elmes.
III R. S. Chinnery.	BI R. S. Chinnery.
IIa E. J. Lawrence.	BII M. P. Gillard.
IIb W. R. Kilford.	BIII M. I. Kirby
Ia M. G. Jacobs.	
Ib P. R. Lee.	

Cadet Corps

The term that has just passed has seen a major reorganization of the battery. It was decided about mid-term that as the battery was so large, it would create interest and enthusiasm, if two batteries were formed. This was accordingly done. B.S.M. Gregory became R.S.M. B.Q.M.S. Moulson became R.Q.M.S. and Sgts. Coombes and Dimmock became the B.S.M.'s of the new batteries. All, so far, has gone well, but because of congestion, the inter-battery hockey match has not taken place. It is hoped to have a senior and junior competition in each of the games activities now practised at the School and a cup will be presented to the better battery. The cup has been donated by the C.O. of the regiment, Major R. Syme.

This is always a bad term for the cadets as there is so much indoor work and not half the interest that we can get out in the open for training, but the best term is ahead with field days, and afterwards camp. With regards to the latter, I require a firm statement about camp by mid-May. As a reminder, it is at Bourley from August 10th to 17th inclusive. I should like at least 100 to go, but persuade your parents if you can; you will have a very good week.

The Certificate "A" results at the end of term were very disappointing, only about 40% passing. This is very bad indeed, but if we are all convinced that the results are unsatisfactory, I shall not be too depressed.

The Junior and Senior Cadet football teams have again reached the final of the County Competition and we play Farnborough on April 23rd at Aldershot.

Congratulations are due to B.S.M. Dimmock and Sgt. Purkis for getting their County football colours, also to B.S.M. Coombes, Sgt. Porter, L/Bdr. Menzies and Cadet Adams for getting their county cross-country colours.

Finally I cannot close without saying good-bye to our R.S.M., P. D. E. Gregory. Gregory has been in the School about 9 years and has been Sergeant-Major for nearly 3 years, a record which may well never be beaten. He has done very well for the Corps and he himself will admit that the Corps has done well for him. He is going to Sandhurst to become a regular soldier; we all wish him the best of good fortune in his career.

T.H.

The Scout Troop

It is with very real regret that I have decided the time has come to say good-bye to the Scout Troop. Owing to increasing age and increasing family the time has come for me to relinquish something which is essentially a young man's job; moreover, I have been shouldering a job which in any other troop of similar size is always shared by two or more men. I have run the troop because I believe in the value of scout training, and because I enjoyed doing it, but in recent years, and more especially lately, I have realised that I do not give the time and energy needed, and the troop lacks the "life" that a good scout troop should have.

There is one thing in our scout work which I think has maintained a high standard right to the end, and that is our annual summer camp. In fact it has always been this that has given me the necessary "push" to keep going a little longer. As each camp came round during the last few years I have said to myself: "This is going to be my last summer camp," and then it has been such a good show that I have started planning for the next one.

In each generation of scouts I have to thank especially the few older boys who have stayed on to help me run the troop—fifth and sixth form boys for whom I have not been really able to cater owing to the demands of the junior boys, but without whose help I could not well have run the Troop. More especially I have to thank the older boys who have staffed summer camps—boys often who have left the troop to join the Cadet Corps or who have left school. I should think few troops run summer camp with such a young staff (almost all under 20 except the Scoutmaster) and yet have such good and well run camps.

The Troop started by four boys going to camp with the 21st Portsmouth Troop in 1941 and the first meeting of the troop was in the Corn Exchange in Fareham Market in September of the same year. I still hear from boys who were at that first meeting. One of them, Fenwick Gale, is in charge of a Police District in Hong Kong and recently married; Vivie Hoad was married these last holidays. Other old members of the Troop are running, or helping to run, other Scout Troops. One year our Troop won the Emlyn Trophy, which was then given to the best team of six scouts (up to the age of 18) from all troops in Hampshire being best at all-round scouting. The Trophy is now given to the patrol best at camping in all Hampshire, and last summer one of our patrols came a very close second to a patrol from Aldershot.

Although I say good-bye to the 9th Fareham Troop I do not say good-bye to scouting, as I hope to keep in touch with the movement; nor do I say good-bye to the individual boys of the troop to whom I wish "good scouting" in some other troop.

E.M.R.J.

Such an occasion as the closing of the Scout Troop cannot pass without some small mark of appreciation being given to Mr. Royds Jones for the part he has played in its organisation. The amount of work which he has put into the troop has all too

often gone unnoticed by the majority, but those of us who have, at one time or another, had something to do with the more detailed running of the troop have noticed how much of his very valuable spare time has been devoted to scout work.

Despite many setbacks and disappointments, especially in the last few years, he has carried the full responsibility of the troop on his own shoulders with the cheerfulness of a true scout. One thing in particular which one noticed about him was the way in which he put aside the air of a schoolmaster, especially at camp, and treated the members of the troop with the true feeling of the fourth scout law. The reputation gained by troop was a sign of the high standard of scouting which he himself set by his own example.

I am sure then, that all members of the 9th Fareham, both past and present, will join with me in wishing Mr. Royds Jones good luck and good scouting for the future.

J.G.P.

The Dramatic Society

After an interval of two years, at the end of January, the Society again presented a play—the three act comedy “Master of Arts” by W. D. Home. It was produced by Mr. Hilton and Mr. Keevil and will certainly go down in the annals as an outstanding success and set standards which will not easily be maintained in future years.

The play gave a not very realistic representation, it may be guessed, of public school life, revolving round a Housemaster (P. B. A. Ridett) and one of his boys (M. Cossens). Ridett, who was scarcely off the stage during the whole play, acted extraordinarily well, particularly on the last night. Cossens too was very efficient; he gave a touch of villainy to a part in which he might have chosen to be merely mischievous. Mr. Keevil was most effective as the Headmaster; few of the audience will forget his shocked countenance at the end of Act 2, Scene 2 when the boys and the Housemaster were cheering. Dimmock, in a part which was easy to over-act, managed most of the time to steer a middle course. Priestley was an unqualified success as a North-country M.P. who turned out to be a bookmaker. Mr. Howe, looking like a benevolent Scrooge, tottered happily about the stage as an elderly Duke.

There were four feminine parts in the play, all the talent being provided by the fourth form. Chinnery made a charming heroine, Brown a wonderful matron, Adams an amiable mother and Tregear a most formidable one. They were by far the best team we have ever had in female parts, and they were beautifully dressed in a wide variety of creations. We are most grateful to the ladies, and Mrs. Hilton in particular, who made this possible.

We must not forget those of the modest and retiring community backstage. Mr. Briscoe, Mr. Foster, White, Gregory and Hedgecock, with numerous assistants, performed innumerable jobs with great efficiency. Stage erectors, ticket sellers, programme sellers and others first made the play possible and then made it a success.

K.M.D. & P.R.L.

Although he would be the last to admit it, a large measure of the success of this year's production is due to the retiring secretary, Devlin, without whose unceasing efforts there might well have been no play at all. We wish him all success and luck in his chosen career.

M.J.C.



The weather was kind, especially in March; out of 24 matches only 9 were scratched.

The match with Fareham II should not have been lost, and both King Edward VI School and Ryde should have been beaten. The 1st XI had the makings of a very good side, but one or two things went wrong; shooting was not quick and decisive enough and vagrancy in high places spoilt more than one match—one position in the field is enough for a player, however keen and active he may be.

The most notable event has been the resumption of House matches after a lapse of many years, and the lower forms have had quite a number of games during the afternoon games periods.

The Old Boys day was a sad fiasco in view of the fact that it was the first match played on our own ground for about two years and the School XI came in the half-term holiday to find five old boys; White and some subs were lent to provide a game of sorts.

The 2nd XI won against Collegiate School, drew with Peter Symonds and lost to Taunton's.

The Colts played two unsuccessful matches, one with Seaford College and one with Taunton's; of their team Barr and Adams show distinct promise.

White, Byng, Dimmock and Gregory were chosen among those to represent Hants in the Boys' County Tournament at Lavington Park, Sussex, on April 8-10th.

CHARACTERS OF FIRST ELEVEN

***E. B. Moulson** (Goalkeeper)—Developed into quite an efficient player, getting his pads to shots, and not taking undue risks.

D. C. Wassell (Right-back)—Too apt to hit rashly without stopping the ball, which if not missed goes to an opponent.

***P. D. E. Gregory** (Left-back)—Clears hard (not always without giving sticks). Too prone to expensive fits of inertia.

A. C. Purkis (Right-half)—A much improved player with very fair stickwork; feeds his wing well.

***K. M. Devlin** (Centre-half)—Has also played back. A persistent tackler, who gets through a lot of work.

D. Percival (Left-half)—A painstaking tackler in a difficult position who does not ignore his wing opponent.

J. Priestley (Outside-right)—Dribbles quite well and does not delay his centre too long; should be useful another year.

D. C. Rudling (Inside-right)—Has played on the wing and in the centre with success; does not dally and can shoot quite well.

***R. C. Dimmock** (Centre-forward. Captain)—Good stickwork, dribbles well and shoots hard, but must learn to do so more quickly. A very keen captain who works hard.

***A. D. J. White** (Inside-left)—A dribbler with pace and many wiles, who has scored several good goals.

***A. Byng** (Outside-left)—A versatile player, who has improved in dribbling and centreing.

P. B. Ridett—Has played in several matches both outside-right and half-back. Courageous and active in either position.

*Denotes Colours.

FIRST ELEVEN HOCKEY

v. **Fareham II.**

Lost 0-2.

The team we fielded was one of the youngest ever to represent the School. Behind it lay an unbeaten season and in front of it a fixture list of twelve games; thus it was not surprising that we started off very anxiously.

During the first 20 minutes the team was very shaky and it was during this period that Fareham scored their two goals; the first came from a breakaway on the left and the second from the right. For the remainder of the first half we managed to hold our own and occasionally made an isolated thrust into their circle.

In the second half we more than held our own and were unlucky not to score. Most noticeable was the fact that our attacks were executed by individuals and that there was a lack of cohesion throughout the team. The forwards were often slow and the positional play was very bad, but we did show a greater skill in stick-work than our more experienced opponents.

Moulson in goal showed distinct promise and Devlin at left back was always steady; Byng at centre-half was not up to his past form but this was somewhat offset by the strong tackling of the wing-halves. White tried unceasingly to get the forwards going and went near to scoring himself.

v. **H.M.S. Collingwood.**

Won 3-0.

Playing on a "glue-pot" of a pitch, the School beat a heavier team by adapting themselves to the conditions and, above all, "playing as a team." The entire XI played very well and the first goal was the result of good all-round teamwork; a good clearance by the defence quickly picked up by the inside forwards, a through pass to Rudling and the School was one up. We continued to press and Adams on the right wing showed some very good touches.

In the second half the School inside forwards, working like Trojans, pulled the game right round in our favour. After some good interpassing between White and Dimmock, Rudling scored his and the School's second goal. Not long after, White tested the goalkeeper with a good flick and Dimmock was unfortunate in seeing his shot strike the upright. Near the end of the match, Rudling completed his hat-trick with a goal from a beautiful pass from White after a fine piece of dribbling.

The defence was on the whole steady in the face of some very determined attacks; Byng at centre-half played wholeheartedly throughout and Wassell and Gregory cleared their lines well. It was, however, the inside forwards' day, with White especially getting through a lot of work and combining well with his partners.

v. Taunton's School.**Away. Lost 2-3.**

Playing on a small, good surfaced pitch, we had a very tense struggle, and had it not been for an unfortunate "own" goal by the School captain the result would have been a draw.

The game was fast and the School entered into it with great gusto, forcing Taunton's into their own 25 yard area. Taunton's, however, were the first to score and Moulson did well to get his hand to a fast rising ball, although he was unable to prevent it entering the net. Rudling then equalised for the School with a neat flick during a scramble in the opponents' circle. Taunton's went ahead again with a goal that should have never come about, the entire defence missing a cross pass from the right wing which let in the Taunton's left winger to score easily.

Just after the restart Taunton's increased their lead by virtue of the "own" goal and we were thus two goals in arrears. We were not dismayed and started to pile on the pressure and from this continuous pressure Byng I scored a good goal from a pass by Ridett. Individuals who played well were Moulson, who stopped some very hard shots, and Devlin who was steady under pressure. Great improvement was noticed in Wassell, Percival and Rudling, and Ridett, making his debut, fully justified his inclusion in the team and more often than not surpassed more experienced players in his tireless efforts. Priestley on the left wing also played with reasonable zest.

v. Churcher's College.**Drawn 0-0.**

An evenly balanced match in which many attacks were set up on both sides, but the defence always got the better of the attack. Our opponents were distinctly quicker on the ball, and more than once came near to scoring.

v. Peter Symond's.**Away. Won 5-2.**

The entire team experienced a welcome return to form and we fully justified our win by playing better class hockey. In the first half the team demonstrated its superiority in every position by scoring three goals, two by Dimmock and a grand solo effort by White. On the resumption of play with the defence playing well up, Peter Symonds broke away twice and scored two opportunist goals with a rather slothful defence looking on. One must mention that one of these two goals resulted from the remnant of a stick broken by Gregory. However, the School made certain of victory by adding further goals from Dimmock and Byng I. When the final whistle blew, the team had assumed again its complete control of the game with both defence and attack playing in conjunction admirably.

Devlin and Gregory worked out a creditable understanding, but were a trifle slow.

v. Bournemouth Collegiate.**Won 5-0.**

The School maintained its previous form and there was never any doubt as to the ultimate result. Playing for the first time this season with the team at full strength the School outclassed our opponents at stick-work and positional play.

The School quickly took to the attack and scored through Dimmock after some good work by the rest of the forwards. White then scored a brilliant goal; from an inside bully on our own '25' he took the ball down the left side of the pitch, outstripping the defence to enter the circle and score.

In the second half the School kept up a continuous attack and White scored from a pass by Dimmock; the School went further ahead after a defender put the ball into his net after a good shot from Rudling: White completed the scoring, and his own hat-trick, from a short corner.

The defence was steady at all times, with a slight tendency to hold the ball a little too long; the half-backs were outstanding and must be given special mention, especially Percival, who mastered a very tricky outside right.

v. R.A.F., Calshot. Drew 0-0.

The School opened very slowly and was soon hard pressed by a team superior in physical strength. After ten minutes, however, we settled down and from that point onwards were constantly on the attack with the left wing prominently thrustful. Byng should have scored when coming in from the left, but owing to the angle and the rough ground he muffed his shot. In the second half, with Devlin blocking the centre of the field and the wings adequately covered by Purkis and Percival, the School kept up a continuous attack on Calshot's goal and were unfortunate not to score. During ten minutes vigorous play, we appeared to be playing a team of centipedes as we could not enter the circle with the ball, despite frantic efforts and a really original idea of Priestley's. However, the umpire eventually recovered and promptly blew the final whistle. The tea and an admirable trip by launch completed an enjoyable afternoon.

v. King Edward's. Drew 2-2.

From the start it was obvious that the game was going to be a bitter struggle. We started off splendidly with White scoring from a very acute angle after a good solo run. The School then had eighty per cent. of the play; we hit the post twice and had several good efforts blocked. Ten minutes before half-time, Dimmock was forced to retire to the left wing, and later, off the field. This was probably the turning point of the game, as King Edwards took the initiative and School's remaining ten were very tired at the interval. In the second half, the School kept up the pressure on King Edward's goal and had some good tries stopped. Dimmock then scored by following up his own shot and getting the ball in the net after it had rebounded from the goalkeeper's pads. King Edward's then scored two breakaway goals, showing the tiredness of the School defence. In the last fifteen minutes the School really swept into motion and with only the goalkeeper in our own half we piled on the pressure. Priestley got the ball into the net after a good run down the right wing and was unlucky in having a goal disallowed. From a short corner the School had four or five hard shots blocked and we were still on the attack when the final whistle blew.

As a whole the School played very well, with White and Rudling playing cleverly in the forwards and Purkis outstanding in defence; Devlin played steadily at centre-half, but he must learn to hit his clearances hard and not always try to clear his lines by pushing.

v. Ryde School. Draw 2-2.

Winning the toss the School played against the slope and wind; soon taking the attack we pressed into their half by a series of good runs, but, unfortunately by individuals who were easily blocked. After one of these runs the ball ran loose and was eventually pushed to Byng who made ground, entered the circle and having circumnavigated the opposing defence, rather nonchalantly scored the only goal of the first half. In the second half we slowly began to lose our grip, much to our sole

supporter's consternation, and they quickly scored two goals to put us in arrears. We slowly recovered, through constant tackling-back by the forwards, and once again made an appearance in their half ; after a thrusting run by Dimmock, a short corner was awarded from which he scored to put the School on level terms. After this, right up to the final whistle, the School was constantly on the attack with Rudling always a danger and combining well with Priestley, who must hit his crosses hard and not stroke them. One of the features of this game was the way in which Ryde almost completely blotted out our usually rampant left-wing pair, Byng and White. Once again the defence lacked cohesion under pressure ; although several good stops were made by individuals, the system of covering-up was practically non-existent. Devlin played safely in the centre-half position, which he has capably filled throughout the latter part of the season.

SECOND ELEVEN HOCKEY NOTES

This season the 2nd XI have had a moderate run of success. We have won one, drawn one and lost two, our match versus Churcher's College being cancelled.

The standard of play has been quite good, especially that of the defence, but the forwards could not be relied on to score ; many golden opportunities have been missed by them.

Throughout the season the team has never been settled and people have been tried in various positions, and only once did it become really efficient.

Our usual team was :—

		Cossens			
		Adams IV		Terry II	
	Jackman (Capt.)		Porter	Doughty	
Densham	Barr	Ridett or Penny		Maidment	Tutton

Other players were :—Cardy, Kemp and Bradford.

v. Taunton's.

Away. Lost 1-2.

From the bully-off Price's quickly went on the attack and after several efforts Barr put in a good shot which was blocked and in the following scramble Densham netted. Taunton's then pressed hard and, shortly before half-time, equalised.

In the second half both teams played hard and both goals suffered attacks. In one of these Taunton's scored their second goal. From then until the whistle our team played well with the defence strong, in which Adams IV was outstanding ; but the forwards could not net the ball although they hit the posts with shots.

v. Peter Symond's

Away. Drawn 1-1.

In the first half the play was mainly mid-field skirmishes and both forward lines seemed capable of being off-side in any attack on goal.

After the interval the game quickened and in one of the runs on their goal Maidment scored from a Porter pass, putting us in the lead. This revived the opponents who later scored and this equaliser made a fair result for a game which was not a classic.

v. The Collegiate, at Eastleigh.

Won 4-1.

During the whole game our team played remarkably well, with the attack and defence combining together effectively.

It was not long after the start that our first goal came through Ridett. Maidment soon added another from a good run on the wing, and then Ridett scored two more.

In the second half our team maintained the pressure, but the forwards had very hard luck and were unable to put the ball into the net. Our opponents profited by this and they were able to score their only goal in a break-away.

v. King Edward VI School.

Home. Lost 2-4.

With a completely reshuffled side we began the game and before we settled down King Edward's scored. Gradually we improved and after some attacks on their goal we equalised through Barr, but just before half-time they took the lead again.

In the first minute after the interval they scored their third goal and we then had to hold a very strong forward line which went all out for goals. However, our forwards tried hard and Penny shot in our second. In the closing phase of the game our opponents netted their fourth and our teams last efforts at scoring went unrewarded.

B.E.J.

HOUSE MATCHES

1st XI			Colts XI		
School House	7—Westbury	0	Westbury	2—School House	1
Blackbrook	0—Cams	0	Blackbrook	1—Cams	0
School House	2—Cams	0	Westbury	2—Blackbrook	0
Blackbrook	7—Westbury	0	School House	2—Cams	0
School House	1—Blackbrook	0	School House	2—Blackbrook	0
Cams	9—Westbury	0	Cams	2—Westbury	0

The Steeplechase

The weather forced the postponement of the Steeplechase for a week, but could hardly have been better on the day. Once again the House cups were won by good packing and steadiness rather than the brilliance of a few. In the Juniors Sheath won fairly comfortably, but Ambrose put up a great show in his first race. In the Seniors Coombes was a comfortable and untroubled winner, but Adams IV made a remarkable first appearance and showed once again what a sprinter can do in this race. He had to run himself out to beat Ridett.

The best runners in each race were very good but the gap between first and last was too great. It is obvious that if some boys would train sensibly and run hard they would be of much greater assistance to their Houses.

STEEPLECHASE RESULTS

Juniors:	Seniors:
1 Sheath (W)	1 Coombes (S)
2 Ambrose (C)	2 Adams IV (B)
3 Ireland (C)	3 Ridett (S)
4 Field (W)	4 Porter (B)
5 McMinn (S)	5 White (C)
6 Gillard (S)	6 Devlin (S)
7 Bath (C)	7 Bird (W)
8 Calderhead (W)	8 Percival (B)
9 Downer (B)	9 Stockwell (W)
10 Powell (C)	10 Fletcher (B)

HOUSE PLACINGS

Juniors :		Seniors :	
1	School House 994	1	School House 563
2	Westbury 862	2	Blackbrook 522
3	Cams 841	3	{ Cams 284
4	Blackbrook 623		{ Westbury

Table Tennis

As stated in last term's notes it was intended to play off the House matches and to play some outside matches. Unfortunately there have been only one House match and one outside match played.

The one game against an outside club was the Bridgemary T.T.C. match, which the club won by 8 games to 1. The team for this game was Percival, who was captain, Byng I, Gregory and Whitcombe. This combination achieved the victory in an hour and a half as the hall used had to be vacated (as far as table tennis is concerned) in order that a club could operate. The game was remarkable as Byng's last match and also the team's ability to change their tactics when the match was finished. I am sure the team enjoyed this game very much and I hear that an unofficial "friendly" match has been arranged.

The one House match was that between Blackbrook and Cams, who lost 9 games to 1. In the Seniors the Blackbrook pair had difficult games against Dimmock. In the Juniors Rochford was able to win both his games, but Viney lost one of his games against the Cams pair.

There are several reasons for the competitive inactivity of the club. Firstly the prolonged use of the hall for the play; this prevented the House matches being played as there were rehearsals nearly every night. Immediately after the play the School exams were held. After the exams there were only five weeks of term left in which to arrange and play matches.

A.C.P.

Chess Club

The club has continued its activities throughout this term with a very small number of regular players. This has a disheartening effect on those concerned. The success of any club depends upon its members and I would like to invite any member of the School who can spare an hour on Tuesdays to come along and support the club's activities. I am sure that those people who do not know how to play chess would find that it is not a dull and slow game as they probably have imagined.

I would also like to thank Mr. Shaddock for the use of the Physics Laboratory and the kind attention he gives to the club members.

R.B.G.H.

Badminton Club

On 9th March, 1952 we had a General Meeting and Purkis was re-elected Captain of the team for the Spring term.

The club has played 4 matches this term, 2 home and 2 away. On the whole the team has played well and it is pleasing to note that only two are leaving at the end of the season. They are Gregory and Moulson whom we shall miss very much.

This will leave us with six of the present team and a large number of up and coming players from whom to choose. Of the matches played this term we have won 3 and lost 1.

Matches played:—

11th March **v. Knowle H.B.C.** **Away**

P.S.B.C. won by 10 games to 6.

This was to have been our first home match this term, but owing to a misunderstanding we had to play at Knowle. We supplied the refreshments and shuttles and Knowle, I believe, supplied sugar.

The team played very well. The first couple won 2 and lost 2 games: the second couple won 3 and lost 1: the third couple won 3 and lost 1: the fourth couple won 2 and lost 2. It was a very pleasant evening and more fun was had after the match had ended in friendly games by our couples against the various couples who had beaten them.

Team:—Byng & Dimmock, Moulson & Hedgecock, Gregory & Purkis, Coombes & Whitcombe.

21st March **v. Alverstoke B.C.** **Home**

P.S.B.C. won by 10 games to 6.

This was our first home game and the team gave a very good account of themselves. Alverstoke did not send so strong a team as the one which overwhelmed us last term. The first couple did extremely well in winning all four of their games. The second couple won 3 and lost 1: the third couple won 2 and lost 2: the fourth couple won 1 and lost 3.

This match was the first chance we had of testing our new lighting arrangements which proved to be very good.

25th March **v. Knowle H.B.C.** **Away**

P.S.B.C. lost by 7 games to 9.

There was a re-arrangement of couples for this match owing to the absence of Moulson and we therefore had a slightly weaker team. The Knowle team had two players from Hamble to make up their team and the result was a very close match. There were no less than 6 games played to "deuce." The first, second and third couples won 2 games and lost 2 and the fourth couple won 1 and lost 3.

Team:—Byng & Dimmock, Lewis & Gregory, Whitcombe & Hedgecock, Percival & Purkis.

28th March **v. Hamble B.C.** **Home**

P.S.B.C. won by 12 games to 4.

This was the first time we had played Hamble and they presented rather an unknown quantity to us, but as the evening passed it was obvious what the result would be. This was our last match before Gregory left and he was determined to do well and with Lewis as his partner he won 4 games out of 4. This was a great achievement because he and Lewis were in fact playing as third couple. The first and fourth couples won 3 and lost 1, and the second lost 2 and won 2.

Team:—Byng & Dimmock, Hedgecock & Moulson, Lewis & Gregory, Purkis and Whitcombe.

I should like to thank the kitchen staff for the use of crockery, the Dramatic Society for the use of the batten lights, and Mr. Ashton for the use of the hall. Also I should like to thank all the parents who have supplied refreshments, and Lewis and his helpers for the organisation of them.

R.B.G.H.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

The Steeplechase was run last term. In the senior event we did remarkably well and were only 41 points behind the winners, although Menzies had just left and Babb was away. It was noticeable that those runners who represented the cadets in their "cross country" were all amongst the first fifteen to complete the course. We were fortunate in having three of these runners in our House. Their success was due entirely to the fact that they were in training for the running. Adams IV, a member of the second form, did exceptionally well in coming second, beating many older and more experienced runners. Other members of the House who did very well were Porter, who was fourth, Percival, eighth and Fletcher, tenth. Blackbrook runners who also came in the first twenty include Shotter, Doughty I, Scale and Brown, a commendable effort by all of them.

In the Junior event we were not so successful and we came last. Runners worthy of mention are Downer, who came eighth, Watkins, Gudgeon, who is in the first form, and Dugan.

The new system of scoring for the Steeplechase means that nearly every runner scored for his House and in future years it will be necessary for the whole House to be fit on the day of the race, instead of just a handful of keen runners. It is also imperative that every person in the House should try to beat his rivals. Next year let us hope to see the whole House keen and fit on the day of the race and then we shall win the Cup.

The House Hockey Tournament was played this term for the first time for some years. Blackbrook did not do as well as we could have hoped, but all the matches were enjoyed. In the Senior event we shared second place and in the Junior we shared third place with Cams.

In the Senior competition we played Cams first; Cams won the toss and elected to play up the slope. We started off well and were unfortunate not to score in the first half; the forwards attacked continuously, and there were many promising moves started, but at the critical moment the line lacked a centre-forward and on several occasions the ball went into the possession of Cams defence unchallenged. The opposing forwards had a few spasmodic, but often dangerous, attacks, but the defence was able to prevent them from scoring. In the second half it was our opponents' turn to attack and the ball was seldom in their half of the field. Our defence was able to hold them out and the game ended in a goalless draw. The game was fast but often more robust than skilful. In the forward line Priestley, Harvey and Porter played well; the latter had a rather wandering time, but he made up for this by some hard hitting, which was not always followed up. In defence Percival, Jackman and Doughty I played steady games.

The match against Westbury was a complete contrast and we won by 7 goals to 0, 5 scored by Porter, 1 by Cardy and the other anonymous. The conditions were hardly ideal for hockey and the game was very scrappy.

In the last game, against School House, the team missed the services of Jackman and Porter, but this was offset by the fact that School also had two reserves playing. We won the toss and decided to play up the slope during the first half. The game opened at a great pace and our goal was very hard pressed by our opponents; for the first ten minutes our forwards did not see the ball, but suddenly they had two breakaways which unfortunately both petered out quickly. The end of the first half saw both sides breathless but goalless. The second half was also played furiously but we were able to attack a bit more often, although our opponents still did much more attacking than we did. During one of their many attacks School scored a lucky, but well deserved goal, and they left the field worthy winners. It was unfortunate that we had such a weak forward line for it was entirely subdued by the efforts of one player, the opposing captain, who never seemed really troubled. In this game Percival, Doughty I, Adams IV and Harvey all played well in defence, and Priestley, at centre-forward, looked as if he might pull the game out of the bag whenever he had possession of the ball.

In the Junior tournament we played Cams first and won the game by 1 goal to 0. The goal was a rather scrambled effort in the first half. We attacked for most of the game and Dugan played well at centre-forward. The defence was steady under the slight pressure that they suffered; Watkins as captain played his best game of the series and Gudgeon also played well.

The second game, against Westbury, we lost by 2 goals to 0. Our opponents were much better and stronger, and the defeat could have been much heavier. The team was generally unsteady, but Gudgeon did quite well and Watkins did much to keep the score down.

In the final game, against School House, we were defeated by 2 goals to 0. The opposing forwards were much faster than our defence, which often did not get into the tackle quickly enough. The forwards did not have a very happy game and Dugan, although dangerous, often kept the ball too long. In defence Gudgeon was inclined to wander too much, but in goal Brannan saved many good shots and put up a very courageous display; the two full-backs, Downer and Ross, played quite steady games. The team was very small and young and should do well next year.

These hockey matches were very useful in that they unearthed several good players who had not been noticed before. It is to be hoped that they will become a regular feature of the School's activities.

A.C.P.

Cams

This term we have had the Steeplechase and the House Hockey matches. In the former we did not fare at all well and this fact can be attributed to the scarcity of good average runners who could have filled the middle positions, but as was seen by the final placings; there was often a large gap where no member of Cams figured. Perhaps a little more spirited effort on the part of some boys would have narrowed those gaps considerably.

The Seniors were unfortunate not to have the services of Dimmock, who would undoubtedly have made a substantial difference in our total marks. However, Maidment I, Bald and Byng I ran extremely well and in no way can the fault of our lowly position be borne by them.

By far the most praiseworthy effort in the Juniors were the performances put up by Ambrose and Ireland who finished second and third respectively. Ambrose, although a new member of the House, made a grand début and his services were most welcome.

Before discussing the House Hockey matches our congratulations must go to Byng I and Dimmock, who have obtained places in the Hampshire Schools XI.

Our first match, against Blackbrook, proved to be a tense struggle with a goalless draw the fairest result. Our attack helped the sturdy Blackbrook defence considerably, by playing too close and thus lost any effectiveness it appeared to have on paper.

The match against School House was unfortunate for us in that Dimmock was forced to play in goal because of a damaged hand and we lost by 2 goals. The fact remains, however, that the School House forwards were more prominent than ours and they took the chances offered them. Byng I worked indefatigably, but received little support and Byng II, deputising for Dimmock at inside-left, in no way let his side down.

Our last and final game, against Westbury, resulted in a comfortable win by 9 goals to 0. The scorers were Dimmock 3, Farmer 2, Maidment, Byng I and Bradford. This was the only time our forwards showed the real punch they possess and it seems that a little more confidence in the two previous matches might have reaped one or two goals. It was the weak links in our defence that were exploited.

The Junior results bore a strange similarity to last year's Football games, and it was not until the last match that a win was achieved.

The first two matches against Blackbrook and School House were lost 1-0 and 2-0 respectively and in neither of these matches did the team strike the form of which it is capable. Thompson and Hardwick in defence, and Gibson in the forwards seemed the only individuals to uphold their reputations. Perhaps some excuse can be offered in that the first match was played with only 10 players. The last game, against Westbury ended in the unexpected result of 2-0 in our favour.

Westbury had previously beaten the other two Houses and seemed certain to continue on their path to victory, but the inclusion of Wooden in the forward line improved the whole team and, after surviving ten minutes of a Westbury onslaught, took command and it was a pleasure to watch them play so well. Wooden was rewarded with a grand goal after persistent thrusts down the centre and not long after added a second, following up a mistake by the Westbury goalkeeper.

Cams seem to take delight in beating the strongly fancied Westbury side and it is a pity that poor displays are offered to the other Houses.

It is difficult to single out individuals for special mention, but Bellamy in goal, Hardwick, Thompson and Phelan in defence and Wooden and Gibson in the forwards revealed their capabilities to the full.

A.D.J.W.

School House

In the last issue of "The Lion" I complimented the House Seniors on being at last strong enough to give some support to the Juniors. I am glad to say this support has continued.

The first event which took place this term was the Steeplechase. In this the House was completely successful, winning both the Junior and Senior events. In the Seniors we only just managed to beat Blackbrook, but the Juniors won their event by over 100 points. The following boys ran very well for the Seniors: Coombes, who won the event, Ridett, who came third, Devlin sixth and Lucas eleventh.

In the Juniors we had only two boys in the first ten: McMinn fifth and Gillard sixth. However, we managed to win the cup because a large number of boys, who were not exceptionally good runners, gave of their best and finished in a bunch early enough to score good points for the House.

The House would do well to remember this fact, because it shows that a good average side which tries its hardest as a team is as good as or better than a side of good and bad individuals.

We had four regular members of the School 1st XI at Hockey. These were Wassell and Gregory at full-back, Devlin at centre-half and Rudling at inside-right. Two other members of the House also played on occasions for the 1st XI, Ridett as a half and Barr as a forward. We provided only one other member of the 2nd XI, Cossens, who kept goal. Three members played regularly for the Colts: Kilford kept goal, Wright, who captained the side, and Barr.

On March 25th the School sent six players to Southampton for a trial game for the County Schools Hockey team. The House did very well to provide two of the six, one of whom secured a place in the County side.

Finally let me turn to the Hockey House Matches, which were held for the first time for many years. Unfortunately for the House Devlin left school to take up a post in the Civil Service, just before the matches. He thus caused us to reorganise the side.

In the Senior competition we played Westbury first. Here we were playing a side who lacked skill, but made up for that by their enthusiasm. However, we registered a good win by scoring 7 goals without reply. The scorers were: Rudling 2, Collins 2, Gregory 2 and Barr.

The second match was against Cams whom we defeated by 2 goals to nil. The game was extremely good, clean and fast. As always in a game of this kind the goals are usually of a lucky nature. Our first, scored by Barr, came from a goal-mouth scramble following a good cross from the left by Rudling. In the second half Cams had a succession of short corners, but were unable to equalise. Shortly before the end Collins found himself completely unmarked, well in the circle, and managed to divert a cross from the right, into the goal.

The last game was against Blackbrook whom we beat by 1 goal to nil. For this match we had to call upon the services of Dalton and Elmes, who both played very well. We were set to play down the slope for the first half, but despite constant pressure upon the Blackbrook goal no goals were forthcoming. The second half saw

Blackbrook putting on the pressure, but from one of our breakaways Barr managed to cut through and beat Moulson who had come out to intercept him. As this is the first time for which the cup has been competed for many years I consider it would only be justice to the members to record the complete team which was:—

		Cossens			
		Wassell	Gregory		
		Lucas	Ridett	Wright	
Barr	Hansford	Rudling	Collins	Hedgecock	

Reserves—Dalton, Elmes.

In the Junior competition we again played Westbury first. This time, however, Westbury secured their revenge upon us by beating us by 2 goals to 1. This was a very good match between two very good sides. Had some of the forwards played rather more hockey and rather less football we might quite easily have won. Our goal was scored by Gillard who, together with the rest of the side, played very well.

Our next game was against Cams whom we beat by 2 goals to nil. Although there was still quite a lot of football the team played very well. Mason on the wing, and Spence at centre-half played well; the goals were scored by Gillard.

Our third match was against Blackbrook. For this game Terry III came in in place of Leach on the left wing. Playing up the hill in the first half, the House was soon two goals up through Gillard. Although playing down in the second half, and despite heavy pressure on the Blackbrook goal, no further goals were forthcoming.

As usual we were able to rely upon Cams to beat Westbury to let us in to share the Junior cup with Westbury.

The team was:—

		Kilford (Capt.)			
		Mellish	Lee I		
		Bulley	Spence	Targett	
Mason	EcMinn	Gillard	Bevis	Terry III or Leach	

With these very good wins, two in the Steeplechase and two in the Hockey, we are now all set to retain the Reed cup. Nevertheless we have not yet won it and I must stress the importance of a great effort in the swimming and cricket competition.

I have come at last to the end of my very long stay at the School. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Captain of this great House which has always held such high traditions. I sincerely hope you will give as much support to my successor as you have given me.

P.D.E.G.

In the absence of Mr. Shaw it has fallen to me to write a word or two about our House Captain, Gregory, who has left to take up an Army career.

If *Fortiter in Re* has been his motto, both his House and the School have cause to be grateful for the strong lead he has given as Head Boy, House Captain, and R.S.M. of the Cadet Corps.

In the development of School Swimming he has played a large part and he has always been ready with a prompt or a screwdriver in productions of School plays. He has played regularly for some considerable time in all the 1st XI's of the School and I am glad that the House has been able to show its appreciation in some measure by doing so well in Senior and Junior Hockey this term.

The House and the School will miss him and his influence and I am sure you will consent with me in wishing him the best of fortune and success in his new life in the Regular Army.

J.P.S.H.

Westbury

Last term saw the running of the Steeplechase and the playing of the Inter-House Hockey Competition.

The Juniors ran well, coming second in the Steeplechase. Sheath deserves special congratulations for coming first, and a pat on the back goes to Calderhead for running well in his first steeplechase at this school. Other Juniors who ran well were Rutter, Dennis and Brickwood. The boys who let the Juniors down were the many who came in late and scored no points for the House.

The Seniors did not do so well, coming last equal with Cams. Only two deserve mention, Bird and Stockwell.

In the Hockey Competition the Senior XI put up a poor show, conceding 23 goals and scoring none. Terry II saved a number of dangerous situations and Denham played well in all three games. These games provided the opportunity for a number of Westbury Seniors to play their first game of hockey.

The Junior XI did much better, winning two matches and losing one. Kemp scored the two goals in the first match, against Blackbrook, which we won 2-0. In the second match, against School House, the Juniors won 2-1, Lewis II scoring both our goals. In the final match, versus Cams, the team did not play together well and the final whistle went with Westbury having lost. Two boys deserving a special mention are Kemp and Sheath, who put up a good show in all three games.

Please excuse the brevity of these notes owing to my absence at the end of last term.

A.R.R.

Sandhurst Interview

My instructions were to report outside Westbury Station, where I met other candidates. At the appointed time we were met by the Staff Captain and the Staff Sergeant with a bus which took us to our billets. After disembarking and answering our names, we were divided into four teams, each of eight men, under a Military Training Officer, who is referred to as a M.T.O. We were then paired off and allocated our rooms. In each room there were two beds, a large wardrobe, a dressing table, and a washing basin with running hot and cold water. On each bed there is a toggle rope and a large brass plate with a number on. Whilst at the interview one is known by a number.

After this we went to the Exam. room where we spent the next two hours filling in forms. Then we went across to the mess for supper; after which most of us went into the games room for a game of billiards or table tennis. Soon, however, we returned to our rooms where we unpacked our kit and prepared for the next day. So to bed.

The day starts at seven o'clock when you are called by the Staff Sergeant. Breakfast is at seven forty-five and work starts at eight thirty. The first task is two hours of Intelligence papers. These are fairly easy but contain a large number of questions to be done in a short time. Directly after this the President, who is a General, delivers the opening speech and later sets an essay which has to be finished by eleven thirty. The subject we had was "The most exciting day of my life." Having finished this we were sent back to our billets where we were issued with a set of denims which we were to wear for all our outdoor exercises. We had to report back to our M.T.O. by twelve o'clock when we were to do our group task. In this we were supposed to be prisoners escaping and had to get over two large fences which were supposed to be electrified. To do this we were given some poles and allowed to use our toggle ropes. After this we took part in a team race. In this, each member had to cross two pieces of ground, either by going through tyres, which were suspended from a beam, or by going under and over sets of parallel bars. It was now nearly one o'clock and time for dinner.

After dinner we started to do our Individual Tasks. In these each member of the team is told to lead the rest of the team over some obstacle using only such planks and poles as are supplied. One such task is called the Sparrows. These tasks finished we went back to the billets for a bath and then tea. Directly after tea we started our interviews. Each candidate has three interviews, one with one of the Deputy Presidents, one with his Vice-President and one with the Education Officer. Some also have an interview with the President, but this has no bearing upon the final result of the interview. Next, supper and a visit to the cinema before bed.

The following morning was a repetition of the first morning until eight thirty. This time we went to the education room where we were told that we were to take command of some men and carry out a certain operation. We were given until ten thirty to write out our own plan of campaign. Then we went to our team room where we had to work out a group plan. We went back to our group rooms after the morning break to give our Lectures. In these, each candidate has to talk for five minutes upon any topic he fancies. Among the topics chosen were the Oberamagau, Show Jumping, Electioneering Now and in Eighteen-fifty, Service Pistols, The Fens, Amateur Dramatics and Oil Paintings.

After lunch we divided up into our groups again and continued with our individual tasks. These were completed before tea and so we were able to have a bath and change before tea. After tea we went up for the remainder of the interviews. This done we were free for the rest of the evening.

Now for the third and last day. It started off exactly the same as the others. Then, however, we had to go straight to our rooms where we had to perform the M.T.O.'s task. In this we became the members of an "Any Questions" team and the M.T.O. the quiz master. After this we went outside again to take part in the final team race. This race consists of getting a large metal drum full of water across a fifteen yard gap with only an oblique cross in the middle to rest the ropes and poles on. This over, we all trooped off for a bath; after which we packed our kit and moved out so as to make room for the next entry.

Although we did nothing for the rest of the day it was the worst day of all. Just try to imagine thirty two chaps cooped up in two small rooms ; with one pack of cards and one billiard table, from eleven thirty until five thirty, all with the fear of being told that they had failed.

Finally the time came to go across to the President's office to hear the results. We all lined up outside the office and went in one by one. When you got into the office you were greeted by the President, with his Vice-Presidents around him. He handed a piece of paper on which is written the result of the interview. As soon as you have collected your result you take your leave and make your way to the bus which is waiting to take you back to the station.

A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE.

Old Priceans' Association

The less said about the Hockey Match on March 1st the better. Only five O.P.'s answered the notice for players, and five turned up. Gregory bravely donned pads instead of umpiring. The School lent us White, their best player, together with some substitutes, and a game of sorts transpired. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Shaw had the unenviable job of umpiring.

This was the first match played on the School ground for about two years, and since the School team were on half term holiday but came up to play this time-honoured fixture, it was a poor recompense to them that we gave them so uninteresting a game. This also must have been very disheartening to Mr. Shaw, who for some years has very kindly arranged our fixtures for us and has put in a good deal of hard work. I feel that we can only apologise to him and all others concerned, and resolve that we shall make a better showing next year.

In my experience the Hockey fixture has never really gone as well as it should, and I think that there are several root causes for this. March has a poor record for weather, and for those not playing it is not as attractive as either the Cricket Reunion followed by the A.G.M. or the Soccer Reunion with the Annual Dinner afterwards. If some gathering could be arranged after the Hockey Match the date could be made more interesting, and perhaps members will come up with ideas at the A.G.M.

The crux of the matter however seems to rest on the volume of local support for the fixture. Surely with the number of hockey playing O.P.'s. in Fareham we could get up a side. We should be able to manage two. I hope that enough Fareham O.P.'s., given fair notice, will reserve this date and come forward next year to give us a really strong side.

The Cricket Match and Annual General Meeting are fixed for July 5th. It has been proposed that the day would be rounded off more satisfactorily if we were to have an informal meal after the A.G.M. and I hope that sufficient response will make this possible.

Subscriptions for the current year fell due on March 1st and notices have been sent to members who will help by forwarding their subscriptions as soon as possible.

May I remind any members who have not yet sent a donation to the War Memorial Fund that the list is still open, and that in addition to the two seats already presented to the School, we hope to be able to do considerably more if we can raise sufficient funds.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Congratulations and all good wishes for his future happiness to D. C. T. HUMPHRIES upon the occasion of his recent marriage. His honeymoon was spent at Bidy Nugent's hotel in Jersey. It is many years since we last saw the latter, and we hope that he will be able to come along to a reunion in the near future.

M. R. COGLAN is still tea planting in India. He has recently spent a couple of months in hospital with typhoid and "other odds and ends." He looks forward to coming home for good in about two years, and will definitely be at the first available Dinner.

DEREK GIFFORD reports the nucleus of a Bristol Section. There are seven Old Boys in Bristol, unfortunately not all O.P's.yet, but we look to Gifford to rectify this.

D. T. H. FEAST is a Pilot Officer, R.A.F., and is now seeing life in El Hamrah, Egypt:

ALAN HARVEY, who we were very glad to see after many years at the London Section Dinner, is still very busy making dairy machines, when he is not caravanning all over the country.

I shall be very pleased to receive news of any other Old Priceans.

We are glad to welcome the following new members:

D. GIFFORD, "Hayden," 22 Apsley Road, Clifton, Bristol, 8.

E. de C. TURNER, "Osiris," Russell Road, Lee-on-Solent, Hants.

Changes of address.

R. T. CLARK, "Eynhallow," 61 Carmarthen Avenue, East Cosham, Hants.

D. T. H. FEAST, 6 Bath Terrace, Bicester, Oxon.

D. C. T. HUMPHRIES, 37 Hendon Way, London, N.W. 2.

J. J. WAY, Linden, Park Gate, Southampton.

E. G. WHITE, "Palfreys," Fulshaw Park, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

G. W. WINSOR, The Chestnut Tree, Wiswell, Nr. Whalley, Blackburn, Lancs.



Our Annual Dinner was held at the "Red Lion," Fleet Street, on Friday, 31st January. An unfortunate chain of circumstances prevented several people from coming and the attendance was not as large as last year. However, we were very pleased indeed to welcome two new members: E. W. Grogan and M. P. Barnard, and also to see Alan Harvey, a founder member, for the first time since the war. We

took the opportunity to persuade Grogan to accept office as Joint Secretary and, in this capacity it is felt that he will be a valuable link with the younger members or prospective members. His address is:—

61, Springfield Gardens, Kingsbury, N.W. 9.

and he will, I know, be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining L.S.O.P. It was decided that, pending an increase in membership, our activities should be confined to twice-yearly dinners, the next to be held in the Autumn.

We have news of the following members :—

E. J. GILBERT is now teaching at Whitgift Middle School.

R. D. GAIGER is manager of a branch of Messrs. Boots at Sidcup.

W. J. HENRY (Sqd. Ldr.) is now serving in the Manchester area.

R. da CUNHA is with Messrs. Sankey Sheldons in the City.

H. de M. WELLBORNE was recently in the U.K. on furlough from the Ascension Islands.

H. R. KNIGHT was recently married and is living at Bromley, Kent.

51, Beverley Avenue,
Sidcup,
Kent.

BRIAN BUCKLEY.

Amended Address:

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