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Headmaster's Notes

I am sure Old Boys always read with interest the various accounts in "The Lion" of the activities of the present school. We seem now, to be at the point where the excellent work of my predecessor, Mr. George Ashton, and his staff, is producing very high and exciting standards, both academically and on the games field. We are all determined that our sights will never be lowered in these respects. In concert with this pleasing scholastic picture our buildings themselves are in the process of change.

To the North, phase one of the building programme has already progressed to roof level and will provide us, in two storeys, by September, 1960, with a full-sized biology lab., a full-sized general science lab., two smaller advanced labs., an art room, a woodwork room, two classrooms, a prefects' room, new cloakrooms and lavatories, and an oil-fired heating system. Also before September, 1960, a drastic face-lift is planned for the old buildings. The four classrooms on the field side are to be converted into rooms for the Head, Deputy Head, Staff and Secretary. The present staff room is to become a medical room, and the old basins in the cloakroom are to be replaced at last! Most of the floors and roof of the older block are to be renewed, and the whole school redecorated! It is hoped to do most of this work during the summer vacation, but I have heard it mentioned that marquees can be used for teaching purposes!

Phase two is scheduled to take place in 1960-61, and is planned to provide us with a wonderful new hall, stage and school kitchen. We hope that a gymnasium will also be built in this phase, with its attendant changing and shower facilities. When the hall is available, which should be in September, 1961, the old hall will become a magnificent library, which we hope will prove to be the hub of our school.

I was telling some Old Boys about these new plans at the Annual Dinner earlier in the term, and mentioned how we hoped to provide the sons of Price's with increasing opportunities to become not only well informed but cultured young men. In this respect we shall try to buy for the school, from time to time, works of art of all sorts. These will be placed in the library and about the school, and will certainly add a certain something to our life.

The generosity of one Old Boy, who wishes to remain anonymous, enables me to begin a collection of original watercolours. He promised me 25 gns. for this purpose, and I hope to be able to show him his contribution early in 1960. I understand that others have often given generously to their old school. This, I feel, is wonderful, because there are many things which one is certain would benefit the school but which just cannot be provided in the normal way. Some feel that additions to the library are appropriate, whilst others like to provide a trophy. Only recently one of our younger Old Boys gave us a cup for individual attainment.

Many things of note are happening at Price's these days. The Staff and I feel how important it is that those who have passed through these doors should maintain a link with their school, and we would exhort Old Boys to become active members of the Association, and contribute not only to their own enjoyment but to the life and health of the school to-day.

Past and Future

The Christmas term was notable for changes of Staff, in the widest sense of the word, and at Football the coincidence of a very good 1st XI and the arrival of the most promising batch of new boys we have had for years. On the Staff, an Old Boy, Mr. Cardy, appeared until Oxford called him and Mr. Openshaw was ready to take over: Mr. Turland helped with the Latin until Half-Term and then Noot was transformed into Mr. Noot with great success. Mr. Jarvis left us at Christmas to take up a post at Nottingham; we welcome this term Mr. K. J. Sterk and Mr. B. S. Vail and we hope their stay at Price's will be long and happy. Mrs. Pemberton has won everyone's admiration and respect as Headmaster's Secretary and Mr. Hardy is now an established and popular figure about the laboratories. We are, however, very sad to record that Mr. May, 'Alf' to so many generations of Priceans, had to face a serious operation and is in hospital. We can only wish him, on behalf of all who knew him, a very speedy and complete recovery.

The athletic promise of our first year entry is high indeed, and here we must congratulate Donohoe on his second and more active year as captain and on the high honour of being appointed captain of the Hampshire Grammer School side.

Finally Priceans will be interested to know that, following on his work on the structure of the Ottoman Dynasty, Mr. Alderson has had his 'Concise Turkish Dictionary' published by the Oxford University Press and is now engaged on articles for the revised edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.



BLACKBROOK—C. M. Tudge, I. S. Warn, D. P. Howard-Jones, B. R. Barnes, P. G. Bassett, R. A. Coffin, M. V. Dawkins, M. Dear, C. R. Eyre, R. Fisher, D. Greenland, I. R. Hcbditch, G. D. Restall, R. W. G. Richardson, P. F. Robinson, R. J. Tudge, B. M. Yaldron, G. Moakes.

CAMS—R. I. Andreason, A. R. E. Bartkuysen, R. J. Hewitt, S. F. Gay, R. H. Dudson, R. F. Fitch, R. H. Barnard, M. E. Barnes, R. W. Clark, T. J. Gould, J. C. Hodgson, T. A. Joslin, G. M. Kelsey, M. G. Lambourne, C. C. A. Norris, F. J. Pitt, G. P. Pratt, M. Swann, A. J. Tiller, R. D. Walker, D. J. Weston.

SCHOOL—T. M. Duffy, C. W. Gay, G. E. Smith, P. Donohoe, J. B. Griffiths, D. R. Astley, D. J. Chase, R. C. Hammond, M. G. Heyd-Smith, P. Keith, R. P. L. Nash, B. A. Payne, M. P. Powell, A. N. Poyner, M. Summersgill, G. M. Swinstead, M. I. G. Warren, M. B. Warris.

WESTBURY—D. A. J. Case, R. Chandler, M. D. Croker, R. S. Fay, J. A. Groth, A. A. Healey, F. B. Holder, B. R. J. Iles, G. R. Ingram, R. E. Jefferey, N. J. King, A. Leach, J. R. Macauley, P. H. Pearce, G. Perry, W. J. Rowe, S. Middleton, R. Ewles, F. J. Philpott.



BLACKBROOK—A. K. Roberts, W. Thomas, A. R. Priestley.

CAMS—M. C. Lawrence (Prefect), P. Ellen (1st XI Cricket), M. O'Connor, C. Ringer, A. J. Smith, D. J. Fraser, J. W. Hurst.

SCHOOL—T. S. O'Leary, D. Tozer, P. J. Hoadley, D. P. Edwards, J. Reid, E. J. Bunday, D. E. Lunn.

WESTBURY—R. G. King, I. Rankin (1st XI Football, 1st XI Cricket), W. L. Hambrook, D. A. Pfisterer, D. R. Jones (1st XI Football).

Combined Cadet Force Notes

The term has not been a particularly exciting one and normal training has been the order of the day. In the last week of term 34 cadets entered for the Proficiency Examination and 31 cadets passed. This is an extremely good result, the best for some time; and it shows that there is little wrong with our training methods. The N.C.O. instructors must take credit for the successes and the cadets themselves were extremely

keen and spent a lot of their spare time in extra training. Those of you who have now passed the Proficiency Test are earmarked for promotion after a cadre course, and this first step on the ladder is the most difficult. You will have to surmount a considerable hostility from the rank and file and the way that you accomplish this will be a measure of your skill as a leader.

The Air Section had a most successful visit to Hamble at half term and got in a good deal of flying. In addition several cadets aimed for the Advanced Proficiency but the results are not yet to hand. The R.A.F. cadets who took the Proficiency Test mentioned above, all passed and this was mainly due to the extreme keenness of F/Sgt. M. Miller who has encouraged them so much. We all hope he will be successful in going on a reciprocal visit to Canada.

T.H.

Price's School Debating Society

Despite an increasing interest in public speaking in the School, the Society has nevertheless suffered from lack of support. To speak for five minutes is surely no Herculean task, still less to listen; yet listeners are comparatively few and speakers fewer. However, those who attended have not, we trust, been disappointed. Mr. Chaffey, as Chairman, has presided over three Debates this term, and, with time, the standard of debating has improved, and the atmosphere become more congenial with the increase in heckling, which is, in moderation, no bad thing. Topics for discussion have been interesting and varied, being, indeed, Disarmament, Space and Modern Transport. The rules of debate were altered to permit greater freedom of speech, and the meetings grew progressively livelier. We are grateful to those who have come to speak or listen, and look forward to seeing more do so in the future.

M.H.M.

Chess Club

This season has welcomed many new members, particularly among the second form, a few of whom show great promise. The new committee, elected at the beginning of the term, consisted of R. Tyack, Chairman and Secretary; B. Keen, Treasurer; H. Curtis, Senior Captain; R. Downes, Junior Captain; and Gisborne, Gay and Eyrie.

In the Portsmouth and District Chess League, this season so far the Senior team has a clean sheet, having beaten both Gosport Grammar School and St. John's College 'D' Senior teams by 3 boards to 2. The Juniors managed to beat St. John's 'F' 3-2, but lost to Gosport $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and to Portsmouth Grammar School 2-3. In the Senior team both Curtis and Tyack won both their games on boards 1 and 2. In the Junior team Downes drew in the Gosport match and won his other two games on board one.

Senior and Junior tournaments are now in progress and there have been some good games. Who will win is still very much in doubt.

The committee would still like to see more new members, non-players and otherwise. The Chess Club meets after school on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The Chess Club thanks the Headmaster for the use of the school, and the Sports Fund for helping with expenses for matches.

R.J.T.

The Railway Club

On Saturday, November 7th, a party of sixteen boys went to Bristol for the day. The trip nearly made a disastrous start, when the secretary with the tickets, all but missed the train from Fareham. The party changed trains at Salisbury and arrived at Bristol (Temple Meads) 10 minutes late, in accordance with British Railways' usual custom. While some members went into the town to get some lunch and have a look round, others remained on the station eating sandwiches and watching the trains. In the afternoon, the party by means of a new two-car diesel-set made their way to Clifton Bridge station. They then climbed up to, and crossed the Suspension Bridge and returned to Bristol. After a further hour or so on the station, they caught the 5.5 train to Southampton where they changed to a train stopping at Fareham, and despite fog in the Southampton area arrived back at 8.15. It was agreed by all that it was a day well spent but the time spent travelling was a little long.

This term the club has started a lending library of "Trains Illustrated" and "Railway Magazines" over 60 of which have been given or lent by members, to whom we are indebted.

R.E.G.



1st XI FOOTBALL

The 1959 season has been a most successful one, three games only being lost, including that against a very strong and able Old Priceans' team. The other two defeats came late in the season when several injuries had contrived to upset the balance of the team. I have heard also that the boys feel that some 'hoodoo' attaches itself to the team when they play in white shirts as they did on these two occasions. If so this bodes ill for the introduction of a new style games shirt which has been contemplated.

The early part of the term was most successful, the highlight being the 3-1 win over Brockenhurst, their first reverse at the hands of another school for rather more than two years. Donohoe has been as good a captain on the field this year as he was from the touch line last season. His ability in this direction has earned him recognition by his selection as Captain and centre-forward of the Hampshire Grammar Schools XI. Payne, Dugan and Emery also attended the trial for this team, Payne and Emery only narrowly missing selection. These four have given some excellent performances this year. Payne has developed as a centre half of exceptional stature. Dugan has combined well with his captain to produce some of the most effective forward play, whilst Emery with his goalkeeping has been a tower of strength, giving much confidence to the players of the defence.

It seems that Tudge is overcoming his weaknesses and shows much greater resolve in the face of setbacks than hitherto. This will enable him to settle to a more consistent standard of play, even in the worst conditions. Pugh has played with characteristic energy and has made a valued wing half, although when he has played as a forward he has shown where he is best suited. Rowling and Jones have both made their marks in the team; both are skilful ball players and have been quick to use opportunities.

Davies at right back has been extremely useful. He has a commendable habit of always trying to find a good opening for a pass to halves or forwards, a habit that has arisen perhaps because he lacks a strong clearance kick. Miller, Herring, Gardner, as well as Hubbard and Smith from the 2nd XI have all played although the appearances of the former have been interrupted by injuries.

If Donohoe, as a result of this successful season, enjoys a feeling of satisfaction at a job well done then he has every right to it. If future captains are as good the school will have little to fear on the games field.

It would not be right to close without a word for that Peer among linesmen, Gisborne, who has attended every match and whose undoubted ability has earned praise from other schools as well as our own thanks. He is an excellent example of the sort of School spirit that may be shown by boys who do not find themselves in representative teams.

G.C.T.

2/9/59

Gosport C.G.S.

Away

Drawn 1-1

This was the first match of the season played on a hard, dry ground with a very lively ball. The pattern of the game was set from the beginning when play swung quickly from one end to another with Gosport securing a one-goal lead at half-time. The second half started at a furious pace and good defensive work by Emery, Payne and Rowling restricted Gosport to the one goal and near the end the equaliser was snatched by Donohoe.

Scorer: Donohoe

3/10/59

Old Priceans

Home

Lost 2-6

This match was our biggest defeat of the season and the superiority of the Old Boys is barely reflected in the score. Although the defence, particularly Payne and Emery, worked extremely hard they could not keep the Old Boys' forwards in check, while their opposite numbers found little trouble in restraining the School forwards.

Scorers: Donohoe, Pugh.

10/10/59

Purbrook C.H.S.

Home

Won 5-0

This match was played on a very wet morning and, owing to the weather, Purbrook had only nine men. After starting off at a furious pace the School scored twice within a few minutes but then the game settled down to a more leisurely speed. However, the School side relaxed so much that all the urgency about the team's work was lost and interest in the game seemed to dwindle.

Scorers: Donohoe 2, Rowling, Jones, Pugh.

17/10/59

Southern G.S.

Home

Won 4-3

This match glowed with good football and excitement. After early setbacks the team began to move with cohesion, speed and spirit. Southern moved quickly into a two-goal lead but Rowling scored to make the score 2-1 at half-time. Soon after the interval, however, Southern scored once again, but from the centre a brilliant run by Dugan was converted by Rowling. A further goal was added by Donohoe and the winning goal was scored by Gardner with the last kick of the game.

Scorers: Rowling 2, Donohoe, Gardner.

24/10/59

Brockenhurst

Away

Won 3-1

This was by far our best game: we retained the form of the previous week but with added vigour. The match started at a furious pace with Brockenhurst opening the scoring in the first minute ; this did not prove a setback, for Rowling equalised from the restart. Play swung from end to end throughout the first half and it was not until after half-time that Gardner put us ahead. Brockenhurst then attacked furiously but, with the defence tackling hard and covering well, the storm was weathered and near the end Dugan increased our lead.

This was the first time Brockenhurst had been beaten by a school side since April, 1957.

Scorers: Rowling, Gardner, Dugan.

28/10/59

Peter Symonds

Away

Won 3-1

This match proved to be a little disappointing for the high standard of football attained in the two previous matches was missing. Nevertheless the School led by three goals to nil at half-time, Rowling scoring two very good goals. The second-half was one of continual Peter Symonds' pressure and only good work by Payne at centre-half and Emery in goal limited the opposition to only one goal.

Scorers: Rowling 2, Donohoe.

30/10/59

Carisbrooke

Home

Drawn 1-1

Extremely bad weather welcomed our visitors from the Island and made good football extremely difficult. The first half proved to be one of missed chances by both sides although the bad conditions can be blamed for some of the failures. Carisbrooke, however, opened the scoring in the second half and it was not until late in this period that Rowling equalised.

Scorer: Rowling.

21/11/59

Bournemouth

Home

Lost 4-5

This match provided plenty of excitement with the School scoring two goals early in the game. However, Bournemouth fought back and began to play the better football, well-deserving the 4-2 lead they gained in the second half. At this stage the home forward-line was reshuffled and this brought more purpose into our play and the score was levelled but Bournemouth once more fought back and snatched the winner a minute from time.

Scorers: Donohoe 3, Forder.

28/11/59

Northern G.S.

Home

Won 4-0

Bad weather once again depleted our opposition's ranks but although the conditions were atrocious the standard of football attained by the school was high. The School attacked from the beginning and it was not until late in the first half that Pugh put us into the lead. The second half began in driving rain and although Northern defended desperately they could not prevent three more goals being scored.

Scorers: Pugh 2, Donohoe, Hubbard.

5/12/59

Tauntons' School

Home

Lost 2-3

Very hard tackling by both defences tended to restrict good football in this match and although both sets of forwards tried hard they were dominated by the defences. This explains Tauntons' win for their defence was stronger as three of our defenders were injured and they gradually subdued the home forward line and then were able to turn all their attentions to attack.

Scorers: Rowling, Jones.

12/12/59

St. Vincent

Away

Won 1-0

In the first half of this match all the attacking came from Prices, but bad finishing was responsible for the blank score-sheet at half-time. The football in the second half became mediocre and it was not until three minutes from the end with Payne off the field injured that Gardner scored the solitary and winning goal.

Scorer: Gardner.

R.G.D.

2nd XI FOOTBALL

The 2nd XI this year has had an even season, playing eight games, winning four and losing four. I feel however, that the standard of football has been raised owing to the keenness of the boys. The increasing number of boys in the school makes a place in the team harder to obtain without sustained effort in training. Injuries to our own side as well as to the 1st XI have not enabled us to keep a constant team.

v Gosport C.G.S.

At Home

Won 3-0

Playing against a weaker side, the school's finishing was generally poor, and more goals should have been forthcoming in both halves.

Scorers: Thomas, P., Brent (pen.), Vibert.

v Old Priceans

At Home

Won 5-3

This game, although keenly contested, had an air of friendship and joviality about it throughout. Unfortunately the Old Boys were understrength and had to borrow three players. But at half time this did not appear to have hindered them as they were leading 3-2. However the second half saw the school fight back strongly to win 5-3.

Scorers: Forder 2, Gardner, Wheble, 1 O.G.

v Purbrook C.H.S.

Away

Won 4-0

Playing at full strength for the first time the whole side combined well leaving Brebner in goal very little to do. The forwards were not as effective as had been hoped owing to poor finishing. However, the result was a credit to the whole team.

Scorers: Forder, Goble, Wheble and Storey.

v Southern Grammar

Away

Lost 1-2

Gusts of wind from the sea made ball control difficult. The opposition, used to the conditions, played superior football, but it is a credit to the defence that more goals were not scored. In particular Hubbard and R. O. Smith played well.

Scorer: Wheble.

v Peter Symond's

At Home

Lost 2-4

This was a disappointing match owing to lapses in defence. The team fought back and were unlucky not to score more than two goals. Jenks in defence and Carter in attack both played well.

Scorer: Hubbard (pen.).

v **St. Mary's** **At Home** **Won 8-0**

The disappointment of the last match was ruled out in this one. The whole team played exceptionally well.

Scorers: Jenks, Wheble, Carter, Forder 2, Hubbard (pen.), Brent 2.

v **Northern Grammar** **Away** **Lost 0-3**

In this game, played in conditions more fitting to Water Polo, we were virtually reduced to nine men when Forder was injured and Wheble lost the studs in his boots. However, a few shots at their goal very nearly succeeded.

v **St. Vincent** **Away** **Lost 1-3**

This was a game in which many mistakes were made by both sides. The defence was quite sound, but the attack, given many chances in front of open goals, found it almost impossible to score.

Scorer: Wheble.

I would like to thank all the boys who have turned out for practices during the term for doing so, and also Mr. Thompson for his help and guidance during training and tactical discussions.

E.W.McL.

COLTS' ELEVENS

The Senior Colts side has had a mixed season. The forwards have not been very strong and there have also been some weaknesses in the defence. After a good win at Purbrook, they slumped badly in the next three games, losing to Portsmouth Southern, then very heavily to Brockenhurst and to Peter Symonds. After this, they recovered to beat Bournemouth and Portsmouth Northern, but then collapsed against Taunton. They ended the season by winning comfortably against Portchester Youth Club.

The team has been captained well by Thomas with good support from Watton and Wilkins. Freeman is a much improved player, and Wright has played well in goal, making some very good saves but must remember not to be afraid to leave his goal when necessary.

The following boys have played for the team:—Thomas, Wilkins, Greentree, Watton, Wright, Warde, Roshier, Dowman, Houghton, Freeman, Hughes, Smith, Gardner, Salmon, Wake, Coffin and Fisher.

Our thanks are due to Hutchings once again, for his invaluable presence as linesman. It is a great help to a referee to have reliable assistance on the touchline.

Results

Played 8	Won 4	Lost 4	Goals	For: 25	Against: 27
v Purbrook Park C.H.S.	..	Won	2-1	(Greentree, Watton)	
v Southern Grammar	..	Lost	2-3	(Greentree, Smith, A.)	
v Brockenhurst C.H.S.	..	Lost	0-8		
v Peter Symonds	..	Lost	1-4	(Greentree)	
v Bournemouth G.S.	..	Won	3-1	(Greentree, Smith, A., Thomas)	
v Northern Grammar	..	Won	6-1	(Watton 2, Gardner 2, Coffin, Salmon)	
v Taunton's School	..	Lost	1-9	(Watton)	
v Portchester Y.C.	..	Won	10-0	(Watton 3, Freeman 2, Gardner 2, Coffin, Thomas, O.G.)	

Under 13 Colts

This team is always experimental and this year some boys showed great promise for the future school football. Their first game against Peter Symonds was lost through lack of experience, but then the team gained confidence and won easily against St. Mary's College and Lysses.

The following boys played:—Payne, Knight, Middleton, Keith, Manley, Hughes, G., Woods, Fisher, Hughes, C., Greenland, Iles, Eyre, Robinson, Ellis, Wake, Barnett, Auckland.

Results

Played 3	Won 2	Lost 1	Goals	For: 11	Against: 7
v Peter Symonds	Lost	..	2-4	(Barnett 2)	
v St. Mary's College	Won	..	4-1	(Iles, Eyre, Greenland, O.G.)	
v Lysses's	Won	..	5-2	(Greenland, Eyre 2, Auckland 2)	

Reed Cup

Blackbrook	32
School	27
Westbury	21½
Cams	9½

Senior Football

Westbury	4	..	School	2
Blackbrook	4	..	Cams	2
School	2	..	Blackbrook	0
Westbury	4	..	Cams	0
Blackbrook	4	..	Westbury	4
School	4	..	Cams	2

Junior Football

School	5	..	Westbury	4
Blackbrook	5	..	Cams	0
Blackbrook	10	..	School	3
Cams	3	..	Westbury	3
Blackbrook	3	..	Westbury	2
Cams	4	..	School	3

Points

Westbury	15
School	12
Blackbrook	9
Cams	0

Points

Blackbrook	15
Cams	7½
School	5
Westbury	2½

Minor Football

School	4	..	Westbury	1
Blackbrook	7	..	Cams	1
Westbury	10	..	Cams	0
School	2	..	Blackbrook	1
Cams	4	..	School	4
Blackbrook	6	..	Westbury	1

Points

School	10
Blackbrook	8
Westbury	4
Cams	2

Badminton Club Notes

This term has seen the entrance to the club of quite a number of promising players, of whom Dugan has already played three times for the team. The beginning of the season was marked by the purchase of a new net, the holes in the old one being somewhat larger than regulation size.

Though all the games played by the team have been most enjoyable, the results have not been outstanding, owing mainly to the fact that on no consecutive match has the team been the same. Other new members of the team are M. J. Ellis and K. Blakeley, and it is hoped that the pairing will be sorted out by next term.

The Club is indebted to the Sports Committee for the purchase of two new racquets, to Mr. Poyner for the use of the Hall, and to the kitchen staff for the loan of some of their equipment. Our thanks are also due to those Old Priceans who have graced the ancient vaults of this emporium of academic endeavour to support the team, and to assist with the construction and demolition of the refreshments.

MATCH REPORTS

St. John's College B.C. Home Lost 1-15

Pugh and Baker were the only successful pair against a very strong side.

Crofton B.C. Home Lost 2-14

In another resounding defeat, Noot and Baker, and Donohoe and Pugh were the only successful pairs.

Hamble B.C. Home Lost 7-9

In a close and exciting match three pairs won two games, and the other pair won one, the result being decided by the last game.

Gosport County B.C. Home Won 14-2

An easy win was scored against a less experienced team, each pair taking at least three games.

Crofton B.C. Away Lost 5-11

On the return match the team improved on the score of the last meeting, Major and Baker, as well as the second pair, winning two games, the other success going to Ellis and Dugan.

The last match of the term against Purbrook was won, very creditably.

I.A.J.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

The House did extremely well last term, and with all the football house matches played, we stood leaders in the Reed Cup competition, holding 32 points to School House's 27 points.

The Juniors especially, deserve praise. They carried off the Junior Cup in grand style by winning all their matches handsomely.

The Minors, after a good start against Cams, suffered a reverse at the hands of School House to whom they lost 2-1. They redeemed themselves, however, in their match against Westbury whom they beat by six goals to one. These efforts gave the Minors second place in the table.

The Senior team did not fare so well as did the Juniors and Minors. They ran the whole gamut of experiences winning 4-2 against Cams, losing 2-0 against School House and drawing 4-4 with Westbury.

The cumulative efforts of the three teams have given the House a lead in the Reed Cup competition. The Steeplechase this term, however, presents an opportunity for more boys to help the house maintain this lead. Although only twelve boys are chosen from each section to represent the House in the Steeplechase, every boy can raise the standard of the teams by doing his utmost to be included in the thirty six Blackbrook runners.

P.J.T.

Cams

The House started the Autumn term rather unsuccessfully but improved considerably towards the end of the football competition; the Juniors ended as runners-up in their section, the Minors drew their last game with the winners of the Minor Football Cup and the Seniors came near to victory in their final match. If the spirit, determination and skill which we showed in the last House matches is continued next term, there is no reason why our recovery should not be complete.

This year's Senior team was the best that we have had for some years and although every member played his part Herring, Brent and Read deserve special mention. Soon after the start in the first match Wheble put us into the lead. After that Blackbrook scored twice and then Thompson scored the equaliser just before the interval. In the second half we failed to score and finally lost 4-2. The game against Westbury, which was played in pouring rain, was a close-fought struggle until the second half was well under way and then Westbury scored three times in quick succession. Another goal added later gave them a 4-0 victory. At half-time in the final match School House were leading 2-0 but Wheble scored twice soon after the interval and brought us right back into the picture. From then on we played as Cams Seniors have not played for a number of years but luck was not with us; we hit the cross-bar and the posts and our opponents kicked the ball off the goal-line, scrambled it out of their penalty area and they managed to score twice more to win 4-2.

Few things went right for the Juniors in their match against Blackbrook who won 5-0. Dowman returned to the side for the Westbury match and as a result the defence was much strengthened. In the first half Fraser scored twice and Dowman once to give us a 3-1 lead but this was annulled in the second half and a draw resulted. A hat-trick from Harvey in the first twenty minutes of the last match put us in a commanding position. However, School House fought back well but with a goal from Crawford we won 4-3.

The Minors lost to Blackbrook 7-1, Joslin scoring our only goal, and were defeated by Westbury 10-0. However, School House, who had already beaten Blackbrook and Westbury, almost lost their final match because our Minors played with spirit and fought hard. At half-time the score was 2-2, Joslin and Lambourne having scored for us, and just after the interval Joslin scored again. School House then scored twice, Lambourne equalised and in the last few minutes we came very near to winning.

D.J.A.T.

School House

The end of this term's activities finds School House second in the Reed Cup competition being 5 points behind Blackbrook. This has been a quite successful term in the sporting field, the Seniors gaining 12 points from two victories, and the Minors, winning two matches and drawing one, have obtained 10 points. However, the Juniors proved to be woefully weak winning only one match and obtaining 5 points.

The Senior game against Westbury was one of missed chances on School's side. The defence played soundly and the approach work of the forward line was good, creating many gaps in the opposition's defence but through bad shooting we failed to accept these opportunities. Thus, the match was lost by 4 goals to 2, Donohoe and Gardner scoring for School. Against Blackbrook chances, once again, went astray but, owing to a strong defence, we ended victors by 2-0. Payne played particularly well in this game as did Goldring making his debut in goal. The match against Cams proved to be a lot tougher than expected; indeed at one stage of the game a victory for Cams looked probable. However, with Payne absent from the defence through injury and our goal under severe pressure from the Cam's forwards we scored two breakaway goals which enabled us to win 4-2.

The Juniors began their fixtures with a fine win over Westbury by 5-4. The teams proved to be equally balanced and had it not been for hard work by Wilkins, Steele and Keith we should not have won. However, this form was not maintained against Blackbrook for we were defeated by 10-3. This leads one to feel that more effort and more seriousness to the approach of the game by a few individuals is needed. Cams also defeated the Junior side winning by 4-3, and although Wilkins, Steele and Oakshott tried extremely hard an equalising goal was not forthcoming.

The Minors, on the other hand, were most successful; considering the fact that six of the side were 'new' boys they must be heartily praised. The standard of football reached in all of their matches was extremely high for boys of their age. The match against Westbury gave them their first win by 4-1. The defence, with Keith and Payne playing well, was strong, whilst the forward line played attractively with Wake an outstanding performer. The defeat of Blackbrook by 2-1 was a most praiseworthy effort for on paper Blackbrook had by far the stronger side. The defence was outstanding in all positions and Wake, once again, proved to be a continual menace to the opposition's defence. However, this outstanding form was not maintained against Cams, who, had it not been for a brilliant save by Payne in the closing minutes, would have won.

This has been an inspiring start to the year's activities and with the Steeplechase, in which we have an outstanding team, and Hockey which is always an unknown quantity to follow, we can look forward to a successful Easter term.

R.D.

Westbury

With slightly more than two thirds of the points gained by the leading House, Westbury ranks third in the positions for the Reed Cup, after a strenuous term of football. But its position in no way reflects upon the enthusiasm displayed by the House, which was first rate. Rather does it indicate an inferior standard of football and, in some cases, bad luck.

An examination of the score card will show that the weakest department is the Junior, which achieved only one draw; the Minors, too, lost twice, but won the third game. This is unfortunate, as both Juniors and Minors, by a recent change in the allocation of points, stand to gain more by winning than previously. The bulk of the points, however, has come from the Seniors.

The latter were fortunate to defeat School House by four goals to two, Rankin in the forward-line scoring a hat-trick, and Brebner saving countless shots in goal. In a mudbath of a match against Cams the issue was undecided till after half-time, when it was the turn of Pugh to score thrice. The last game, a swift-moving battle against Blackbrook, was a draw, a fair result, which left the Seniors first in their department, giving them a well-earned reward for their hard work.

The Juniors, under the captaincy of Salmon, were unfortunate to gain but two and a half points, but both other games were each lost by the odd goal. Woods and Freeman played well in support of a fairly strong forward line, to little material avail. Perhaps the team should console themselves with the reflection that "it's the game that counts!"

The Minors played with determination against talented opposition. "Old-timers" Manley, Shafford and Barnett gave strength to a team which was not without ability, potential if not yet realised.

In conclusion, may we express the hope that, being third, the House as a whole will be all the more determined to do its best, both on the Hockey-field, and in the gruelling round of the Steeplechase.

M.H.M.

Impressions of Austria—I

The first major Priccan invasion of the continent was approached with certain misgivings by one of its humble participants. The idea of suddenly increasing one's family tenfold induces fear and trepidation, that of seeing them safely through ten days and several hundred miles—panic; that of occupying them throughout the time—thoughts of flight.

However, escape was barred and fortunately the composition of the party was such that helpful hands guided the poor wanderer to all the right places at the right times, introduced him carefully to foreign ways, persuaded him by dint of example, to foreign habits of dress and eventually brought him safely home again apparently none the worse, apart from a tendency to wear strange headgear on occasions. It is surmised that the purpose of this is alternatively to conceal grey hairs, bald patches or possibly to keep out the rain. It is calculated to produce stares from passers by, cheers of a doubtful nature from Priccans and shaking heads in the Staff Room.

However, if for a few boys Schwarzen Adler—Maria Theresa—Holgarten—Hanser See—Hafelkar will always bring pleasant memories, perhaps the worried frown on the face of the organizer, the locking and unlocking of that bulging brief case, the counting and re-counting of landing tickets, not to mention heads, will not have been in vain.

Wilhelm

Impressions of Austria—II

Our first surprise was to find that the weather in Innsbruck was cooler than in England; apparently the Austrian autumn had already begun. This fact, however, could not detract in any way from the magnificent scenery which we found there. Innsbruck, a town of some hundred thousand people, is shut in by towering mountains the like of which few of us had ever seen before; indeed, traces of snow and glaciers could be seen glistening on many peaks. One of our outings consisted of a ride by cable car to the summit of one of these mountains, Hafelkar, another new and unforgettable experience. Other mountains we partly climbed on foot, unaccustomed exertion which was richly rewarded by the fine views we obtained as a result. In such unlikely places we even found excellent public swimming pools.

In the town itself we saw many things of historical interest, including the famous Golden Roof. In the evenings, some of us were fortunate enough to see some traditional Austrian music and dancing; one of these performances took place in the Hotel Maria Theresa, which also possesses (or so I am told) the Best of Cellars. In short, a most enjoyable time was had by all. Finally, all who went will, I am sure, want to express their thanks to Herr Helmutt, the student who was our trusty and amusing, if somewhat cynical, guide, and more particularly to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Jarvis, who so generously undertook to conduct Price's first school holiday for some years; let us hope it will not be the last.

A.C.C.

A Channel Crossing

At about five o'clock in the morning, with Gordon, my father and myself as crew, 'Likita' left Cherbourg harbour. The wind was very light, about force one or two inside the harbour but as soon as we reached the harbour mouth it increased to force three or four. We were carrying all sail and making excellent progress; according to the log we had travelled four and a half knots by the end of the first hour, travelling eleven degrees North West. We calculated that the crossing would take us approximately fifteen hours and therefore, allowing for tides, this was the correct bearing.

After a few hours the wind freshened to force four to six so we reefed in the main sail and took down the Genoa. About this time the tide turned and, as it was now wind against tide, a heavy swell started which the ship took extremely well though it was receiving a buffeting and we all got wet. This continued for some time. We sighted land about four fifteen and at almost the same instant the wind decreased to force two or three. We presumed this land was the Isle of Wight: in fact it was St. Alban's Head. This is where we made our gravest mistake for from that moment we ignored the compass and steered by vision alone. When we got near to the land everything corresponded to the Isle of Wight; St. Alban's Head looked like St. Catherine's and so we thought we would travel up the east side of the island, past the defence works into Wooton Creek. Dusk was beginning to fall and about eight o'clock we saw Swanage, which appeared to us to be Ventnor, at nine we saw the lights of Bournemouth and mistook it for Southsea. Then we tried to get through the defence works.

It was now dark and we were navigating purely by navigational buoys. If we had known that this was Poole harbour we should have altered our approach entirely because at that moment we were over Old Harry rocks and, had it been low tide, they would have ripped the bottom out of the ship. Fortunately the tide was sufficiently high for us not to touch. At last, however, we followed a large cargo boat into the inner harbour and then we moved into the yacht harbour at twelve thirteen a.m.

How we missed Old Harry rocks and Poole bar is a mystery and, as I recollect the approach we made, getting the ship into harbour seems to me the greatest stroke of good fortune I ever had.

S.W.



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The opening of a new decade leads us to think what the School and Association have been doing during the past ten years. The School is increasing in size yearly and its achievements grow more considerable as time goes on. Not quite the same may be said of the Old Boys Association; we have increased our membership slowly since the days of the war when contact was lost with many members but it cannot be said that we are a powerful influence on the school. The time has now come when we must consolidate our position and do more to make our presence felt. The new Headmaster, Mr. Poyner, and the Staff are only too willing to help us where they can, so it is up to us to take more interest in the affairs of our Association so that we may be more able to help the School than we have been in the past. Firstly we must increase our numbers and I implore all members to recruit to the fold any of their friends and acquaintances who were at Prices, no matter how long ago, and who are not members. I shall shortly be circularising all boys who have left in the last five years as I have kindly been supplied with a full list by the School. By this means our influence will widen and in a few years we may look forward to being able to do many more things to help the School we all attended.

After the Soccer matches on October 3rd, reports of which follow later, about 50 members gathered in the Melgrade Hall, West Street, Farnham for the Association's Annual Dinner. Regrettably business commitments prevented your Secretary from attending but all reports show that a pleasant evening was had by all. During the evening members had an opportunity of meeting Mr. Poyner, the new Headmaster, who was in the Chair. The honoured guest of the evening was Mr. Ashton, the retiring Headmaster, to whom Chignell presented a portable typewriter, a portable radio and a cheque on behalf of the Association. A presentation was also made to Maurice Gardner your retiring Secretary, by Dimmer for his services over so many years. The Head Boy of the School, Tinling was also a guest and ably responded to the toast of the School.

In the last edition of the Lion I asked all members who pay their subscriptions by Bankers Order to inform their banks to now pay them to the Midland Bank, Goodmayes. This of course should have read 'BARCLAYS BANK,' GOODMAYES, ILFORD, ESSEX. I apologise for the error and hope I have not caused too many people too much trouble. I would ask you all to please inform your banks immediately of the change as it will save a great deal of complications. Whilst on the subject of money I would remind members that a great number of people are in arrears for both this and preceding years. As you all know costs are ever increasing and we can only maintain our subscription at the very low sum of 7/6d. if all who enjoy the benefits pay for them.

Cole has written this report on the Soccer matches for which I thank him. I believe our XI was an excellent side and we must try to continue this trend in all the games we play against the School.

The Old Boys won 6-2, goals were scored by Percival (2), Starkey, Evans, Cole and one own goal. We were a very good side, the defence were very strong, Ditchburn in goal made many good saves, Tubbs and Quinlan at full back gave the school wingers no chance. Purkis played well at centre-half and did not allow Donohoe to elude him on many occasions. Gillard and Farmer kept a tight hold on the School inside forwards. The forward line of Webb, Starkey, Cole, Percival and Evans combined very well and kept the School defence at full stretch, with Percival prompting many good moves, and Webb and Starkey combining well on the right wing. We were well on top throughout the game, and although the School side played well, they were really out-classed by superior opposition.

The second XI played well, although they had to borrow Mr. Thompson and one of the boys from the School to complete their side. Eventually they lost 5-3.

News of several O.P.'s is to hand and to reiterate, I shall be most pleased to hear from any member who has the time to drop me a line to tell me his news or the news of any other member he may have run into. To conclude I wish you all a Happy New Year and hope to see many of you at the Hockey Match, which this year will be played at the School on Saturday, March 19th.

P. J. C. KEEMER, now with the Exchequer and Audit Dept. in Singapore, announces the safe arrival of a daughter.

M. E. SHREEVE in his second year at Nottingham University wishes to contact any O.P. in the area.

C. J. VERDON has been posted abroad for a couple of years to serve in Malta with H.Q. 3rd Commando Brigade, Royal Marines.

B. G. BUCKLEY received the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours list this year.

D. S. H. SWINSTEAD's daughter has been picked to play Badminton for the Junior England team.

E. B. MOULSON who was serving in the Far East has not kept in touch and his whereabouts are not known. If any O.P. knows his address I shall be glad to receive it.

For the second time of asking, does any O.P. know the address of Life Member F. J. Butland. If so I shall be pleased to have it.

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The outstanding fact about the London Society these days, apart from its general look of prosperity, is the number of relatively younger men coming along, and also some very welcome, relatively senior men who have rejoined us. Membership is, in fact, rising; not alarmingly, but in a reasonably well conducted manner.

The meetings at the Grand Grill continue as our most popular recreation and at the meeting on November 10th we were very pleased to see C. E. Locke back again. He is now living in Kent. Everyone will be glad to learn that the Grand Grill is to have some new interior decorations, possibly on the proceeds of our loyal patronage over the years. The manager has assured me that everything will be finished by our meeting in February and that the style is not to be too contemporary.

The Christmas Dinner at Bertorelli's on December 8th was a great success. Twenty-one members and guests were present, the highest attendance since 1956. The President, A. D. Hayward, presided. Among the members who turned up, all very notable, we were very pleased to welcome H. L. Marriott who is now living in Surrey. The very representative gathering was made up of D. C. T. Humphries, G. Chignell, M. W. Gardner, D. H. S. Swinstead, C. E. Locke, L. V. Martin, E. J. Gilbert, A. S. Hobbs, M. C. Privett, R. E. Daysh, V. A. Knight, P. J. Ellis, L. E. Rowe, A. R. Reed, R. B. G. Hedgecock, and A. C. Purkis who is to be congratulated on his recent marriage.

From Fareham we welcomed three courageous men who braved the elements to be with us, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Poyner, and Mr. Shaw. G. Chignell proposed the toast of "The School," a task to which he is accustomed and at which he is rather good and Mr. Poyner replied. The Headmaster told us what was happening at School and was also kind enough to say nice things about the Society. The absence of the Secretary, abroad, was regretted but found excusable as it appeared that he was doing his duty.

Although, of course, the Society does not canvass, as such, I should like to say that we would all be very pleased to see anyone who has left School and come to the London area. There appears to be a four year time lag before new members manage to find the Grand Grill. This is probably circumstantial and in fact at the moment our average age is falling.

Our next three meetings will be at 6.30 on February 2nd, April 5th and June 7th.

P.R.L.,
Officers' Mess,
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