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THOSE fortunate enough to visit the recent remarkable exhibition of *Fareham, Past and Present*, at the Girls' Grammar School were able to see something of Price's as it used to be. However, the 'wind of change' has been blowing steadily during the last year; evidence of this may be found on many pages of *The Lion* and even more in the field and buildings of the School. Our gradual but inevitable expansion has demanded more staff, new buildings, the returfing of part of the field and a revised curriculum, while in support there has been created a Parent-Teacher Association. A further innovation was the holding of a very successful meeting at which parents of new boys (September, 1960) discussed with some of the Staff the situations and problems which they and their sons might expect to meet.

Not least of the changes has been the retirement of Mr. H. R. Thacker from this Editorial Chair after twenty-two years of unwearying service; he has also relinquished to Mr. K. J. Sterk the position of Librarian. Yet these are not the actions of a man contemplating an easy retirement; no sooner does Mr. Thacker give up one post than he is looking for some other way to be of service to the School. In this connection it would be strange if the 'wind of change' did not blow through the pages of *The Lion* but, at a time when all is ferment, it is well to keep some familiar landmarks. So, apart from a more cheerful cover, we have endeavoured to change as little as possible; in any case an editor can only make effective a new policy when he has sufficient material to edit—it is up to the School to supply that material.

An article records the visit of a dozen boys to stay with French families in Grenoble during the Easter holidays; this was followed by a return visit of the French boys in the middle of July. They took part in many of our School activities but seemed glad that work was made impossible by the builders. In fact, during the last fortnight of term School was a place to escape from: pneumatic drills and flying slates make dangerous hazards. So, as the builders advanced, an unprecedented number of expeditions were organised to different parts of the country. The few who were left behind arranged the final evacuation of the old building—seeking all the time to picture what they would find in the autumn.

A.D.A.

Calendar—Summer Term, 1960

- May 5 School represented at the enthronement of the new Bishop of Portsmouth.
- „ 6 Holiday in honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's wedding.
- „ 23 C.C.F. party to School of Artillery *Exercise Ambassador*.
- „ 26 First General Meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.
- „ 27 VI Sc.U. visit to National Physical Laboratory.
VI A.L. (Geog.) visit to Hurst Castle Spit.
- „ 30 Heats for Sports.
- June 3 Prize-giving at School.
Founder's Day Service at St. Peter and St. Paul's.
Sports Day.
- „ 6-8 Half-term.
- „ 17 Swimming Gala.
- „ 20 G.C.E. examinations start.
- July 4 School examinations start.
Meeting with Parents of 'new entry' (Sept., 1960).
- „ 8 School examinations end.
- „ 13 Arrival of party of French boys from Grenoble, for a three-weeks' visit.
- „ 14 VI A.L. (Geog.) visit to Dorset.
- „ 15 G.C.E. examinations end.
- „ 16 Start of Dinghy-sailing course at Hamble.
- „ 18 VI A. visit to Oxford.
IV and V Forms visit to Cheddar and the Mendips.
Careers-masters visit Naval *Exercise Shopwindow*.
- „ 19 C.C.F. Field Day.
II Form visit to the New Forest.
- „ 20 VI A. Commonwealth Lecture.
Some of III and IV Forms visit Royal Academy.
- „ 21 III Form visit to the Isle of Wight.
II Form visit to Salisbury, Stonehenge and Romsey.
IV and V Forms, lecture on the Police-force as a career.
- „ 22 C.C.F. Centenary Parade.
- „ 25 V and VI Forms, lecture on the Army as a career.
- „ 26 C.C.F. to annual camp at Blandford Forum.
End of term.

Headmaster's Notes

By the time this edition of *The Lion* is published we shall have welcomed three additional members of Staff. Mr. R. W. Boote, A.R.C.M., G.R.S.M., comes to teach music, Mr. R. C. Heal, B.Sc., to teach Chemistry, and Mr. A. J. E. Hiles, A.T.D., to teach Art. We look forward to getting to know them, and hope they will be happy here.

Between sixty and seventy boys will have joined us in the first forms, and others will have come into forms higher up the school. We welcome them and hope their stay will be both fruitful and enjoyable.

We say goodbye to no Masters at the end of this Summer term, but a number of young men in the upper school start on their lives beyond the safety of Price's, and we wish them God Speed and every success.

During the past year we have been watching the growth of the new wing. As I write this in July it is nearing completion, and we should be using both the new and the remodelled old buildings in September. The added rooms and facilities are bound to affect our way of life to some extent, and we shall all take time to get used to them. I look to every member of the school to do his utmost at all times to care for the structure, furniture and equipment, remembering that all are provided for use and not abuse.

In September I am introducing a modified curriculum, of which I have already spoken at length to individual forms. I hope to call a meeting of parents later on in the Autumn term, to answer their questions on the revised arrangements, but I would like to say now that the scheme has been so devised as to provide opportunities for all boys, with their various abilities, to benefit to the full. Some will follow a clear-cut four-year course to 'O' Level G.C.E. and proceed directly into the Sixth Form, while the majority will follow a five-year course before they, too, enter the Sixth Form. Every boy who comes to Price's has shown at the selection examination that, academically, he is in approximately the top 15% of the boys in the country, and if he realises this at an early age and keeps it ever before him, then there should be no reason at all why he should not do extremely well here, both at 'O' and 'A' level. A wide variety of careers become available to those obtaining 'A' Level qualifications, and the School's aim is to educate its sons to the point where they can take their culture and attainment out into those careers with every confidence.



- IIB.** C. J. Bartlett (W), A. A. Jones, (W).
IIIA. I. J. Mitchell (W).
IIIB. I. D. Ralph (W).
IVB. G. Haynes (S).



- IIA.** M. B. Warris (S).
IIB. C. J. Bartlett (W).
IIIB. M. J. Burke (C), G. Mays (S).
IVA. R. Downes (C).
IVC. J. B. Griffiths (S).
VA. A. M. Cherrington (C), P. R. Clift (C), C. Davey (S), I. C. Emery (B), K. L. Goble (W), R. Ivill (C), I. G. Williams (S).
VSc.L. N. M. Barron (B), P. W. Bryan (B), D. A. W. Jeffries (W), A. Vickers (S), M. J. Wilkins (S).
VSc.U. H. G. Hubbard (B), A. W. J. Newbold (C), D. J. Pedder (B), I. G. Windbank (S).
VIA.L. T. K. Palmer (C).
VIA.U. R. G. Donohoe (S), C. R. Lassam (B), A. R. Long (S), C. Rowling (W), W. K. Storey (W).
VISc.L. M. Dugan (B), P. J. Jordan (C), A. D. Lipscombe (W).
VISc.U. J. D. Brammer (C), M. D. Butler (C), M. J. Ellis (W), M. E. Hall (W), J. Hedges (W), A. J. Hooke (B), A. E. Major (W), D. S. Pepper (B), D. J. A. Tinling (C).

Examination Results

State Scholarship—B. C. Shurlock.

County Major Scholarships—The County now give these to all pupils who gain two 'A' Level passes and are accepted by a university.

Oxford Local Examinations—*A & S Levels*—D. Baker (2A), J. D. Brammer (1A), R. A. Brent (3A), G. P. Butler (2A), M. D. Butler (4A), A. C. Clark (1A, 1S), T. Cousens (1A), G. Dimmick (3A), R. G. Donohoe (2A), M. J. Ellis (2A), R. E. Gisborne (1A), R. F. Grimble (2A), M. E. Hall (1A), M. B. Heritage (5A, 4S), C. J. Herring (3A),

P. B. Johnson (1A), I. A. Johnstone (2A), C. R. Lassam (1A), M. F. Lisle (2A), A. R. Long (2A), E. W. McLarty (3A), A. E. Major (1A), C. R. Marsh (3A), M. H. Miller (1A), C. J. Payne (2A), D. S. Pepper (3A, 1S), T. H. J. Pugh (3A), C. Rowling (1A), B. C. Shurlock (4A, 4S), W. K. Storey (2A, 1S), J. H. Sumner (1A), P. J. Tudge (3A), R. G. Tyack (2A), P. J. Vibert (4A), A. Wells (3A), R. M. J. Wilkins (4A).

O Level—N. M. Barron (1), R. J. Barton (7), D. J. Brammer (10), R. Brebner (6), C. R. Brown (4), P. W. Bryan (3), C. M. Carey (2), G. R. Carter (8), A. M. Cherrington (1), R. G. Clark (8), M. Cleeve (5), A. Curtis (3), C. Davey (6), E. H. Dunn (6), I. C. Emery (2), R. W. E. Farr (7), B. P. Fletcher (7), R. C. Flux (5), L. Y. Garvey (8), K. L. Goble (3), D. Goldring (5), J. Greentree (2), A. Hallett (3), N. A. Halls (6), F. B. Holben (6), P. R. G. Holloway (3), A. R. Houghton (8), H. G. Hubbard (1), D. J. Hutchings (2), R. Ivill (5), D. A. W. Jeffries (5), R. M. Jenks (5), J. B. Lott (4), J. M. McGarry (5), R. L. Mills (5), A. W. J. Newbold (6), R. F. Oatley (7), B. H. Oliphant (5), J. A. Packman (6), A. C. Palmer (5), J. Peck (2), D. J. Pedder (5), D. R. Phelps (8), A. J. Powell (3), J. Powell (1), D. N. Prebble (3), J. A. Richardson (6), R. Scott-Herridge (8), P. M. Short (1), G. E. Smith (7), P. D. Stubbings (4), B. L. Taylor (7), M. D. Thomas (4), D. J. Thompson (7), A. Vickers (3), D. Walker (7), K. Walker (6), G. C. Warde (3), S. A. Welch (7), W. D. Wellman (7), M. J. Wilkins (6), P. A. Wilkins (5), I. G. Williams (2), I. G. Windebank (2).

O Level (Supplementary)—R. I. Andreason (2), N. R. Bennett (1), D. N. Bevis (1), M. R. Bevis (1), R. J. Bridgland (1), G. P. Butler (1), A. C. Clark (1), B. C. Davies (1), E. J. Dray (1), M. N. Edinberry (1), D. P. Edwards (2), C. W. Gay (2), I. B. Green (1), R. F. Grimble (2), A. E. Harris (1), A. J. Hooke (1), B. A. Keen (1), M. Keith (1), D. L. Lambourne (1), M. J. Lea (1), C. J. Leslie (2), A. R. Long (1), T. K. Palmer (1), M. D. Paskins (1), C. J. Payne (1), M. E. Pope (1), H. C. Rankin (1), C. R. Read (1), H. A. J. Roddis (1), B. C. Shurlock (1), R. O. Smith (2).



For various reasons Prize-Giving this year was a private ceremony, held in School on the morning of 3 June, and remarkable chiefly for the lack of speeches. The Headmaster made a short report and then the Chairman of the Governors, the Rev. A. H. Watkins, M.A., presented the prizes for the academic year 1958-1959. It was announced that in future a full-scale Speech Day would be held early in the Autumn Term, when it would be much more relevant to the academic year under review.

The Headmaster and Mrs. Poyner then entertained the Governors and Staff to coffee and later all proceeded to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul for the Founder's Day service, at which the preacher was the Rev. R. H. Eckersley of Portsmouth.

PRIZE LIST

2B C. Knowlton, J. R. Windaett
 2A M. A. Bayliss, R. J. Barnett
 3C G. A. Hilton
 3B R. J. Harvey
 3A R. A. Lewis

C3 J. Harris
 C2 D. A. Wybrow
 C1 R. A. Lewis, P. A. Wake

4C	A. E. Webb	B3	R. C. Nichols
4B	R. Scott-Herridge	B2	R. Scott-Herridge
4A	R. F. Oatley	B1	R. F. Oatley
5 Sc. L.	R. G. Shepherd, E. J. Bunday		
5 Sc. U.	P. W. Carpenter, J. F. Tanner		
5 A.	P. Kiddle, A. R. Datlen		
6 Sc. L.	P. J. Vibert		
6 A. L.	R. A. Brent		
6 Sc. U.	B. C. Shurlock, J. M. Smith		
6 A. U.	M. H. Miller, A. C. Clark		
	<i>Mandeville Cup</i> D. J. Brammer		
	<i>Governors' Prize for Science</i> D. J. A. Tinling		
	<i>Staff Prize</i> D. J. A. Tinling		

C.C.F. Notes

These are the first Cadet notes that I have written since taking over command of the Corps from Lieut. Col. Hilton. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to him the appreciation of all of us for his leadership of the Corps for so long a period. I feel honoured at being invited to succeed him and to know that he has left the Corps in such good heart. I take over an efficient and well-run organisation and I hope that succeeding years will see maintained the standard which was achieved under Col. Hilton's direction.

One event of note that has occurred this term is the opening of our Rifle Range. This is a much-needed development and has already proved to be very popular. A great deal of firing has taken place—the target area already needs renewing! I hope to form a Rifle Club next term—limited, of course, to members of the Cadet Corps.

On 23 May we were privileged to see a pre-view of *Exercise Ambassador* which the School of Artillery at Larkhill presents to visiting Chiefs of Staff, potentates, etc. A party of 30 Cadets attended and the exercise was most impressive. On the day before these notes were written, we held our Field-Day. It took the form of a Map-Reading exercise and it will, no doubt, be fresh in the minds of many of you, particularly of Carpenter and his section! Unfortunately the rains descended but I am sure that you all enjoyed the day!

This year is the Centenary Year of the Cadet Forces of this country. At the Centenary Parade at Buckingham Palace Gardens, the School was represented by Sgt. Tinling and Flt.-Sgt. Pugh. Oliphant was also present in his alternative rank as a member of the Hants. A.C.F. Our own celebration took the form of an Inspection and March Past; the salute was taken by Major-General S. Butler, with whom we were delighted to renew acquaintance.

On 23 July we were very pleased to accept an invitation from the officer commanding 17 Port Regt., R.E., to visit his unit at Marchwood. The display of machinery for moving, digging, loading, etc., etc., was most impressive. To see some of our smallest cadets in the cabin of a 7-ton mobile crane was almost frightening!

The annual Summer Camp was held at Blandford, in Dorset. We are indebted to Lieut. Col. Carson and his officers of No. 1 Training Bt., R.E.M.E., for their hospitality and for the facilities they provided. The Camp was a success and the Cadets who attended had an enjoyable and instructive period of training. Our "sleeping-out" exercise was very realistic, as the weather was not too propitious, but the cadets coped very well. Some excellent bivouacs were built and the cuisine of some sections was really high-class! 303 firing on the open ranges at Sydling St. Nicholas was very pleasant. The result was—1

Marksman, 3 1st Class Shots and 15 2nd Class. We managed to incorporate one visit to Bournemouth, a swimming party to Studland Bay and a conducted tour of Longleat House. We attempted to mingle hard training with recreation. I am truly amazed that more parents have not realised the value of this nine-day camp—and all for 12/6d!!

The R.A.F. section of the Corps has been strengthened this year by an intake of 30 cadets, bringing their total strength to 70. Flt./Sgt. M. Miller, who had been awarded a Flying Scholarship last September, has successfully taken the Training Course and has gained his Wings. We wish him all success in his future career. Cpl. M. Dugan has been awarded a Fleet Air Arm commission after completing a Selection Board course. Cpl. M. Keith has obtained a place on the R.A.F. Star Camp, this being the first time we have had such an award. Camp last Easter was held at R.A.F. Station Walton in Norfolk and 19 Cadets attended, Sgt. Blakeley being awarded the prize for the Best N.C.O. 5 Cadets obtained a flight to Scotland in a 'Varsity.'

Flying during term-time has been carried out at Air Experience Flight, Hamble, in Chipmunks and the time spent at Hamble has been very enjoyable. Gliding courses have been organised at No. 622 Squadron, Christchurch, and 3 cadets, Duffy, Keith and Bennett were successful in obtaining places. They passed their Solo Flights and obtained their "A" and "B" Gliding Certificates. At the end of term R.A.F. Advanced Level examinations were held and 10 cadets were successful

We extend a very cordial welcome to Mr. Vail who has now joined our Corps. His re-commissioning, into the R.A.F. section, has gone through and he will be very welcome to Capt. Briscoe who has tackled single-handed the job of looking after the R.A.F. section since Mr. Chapman left us.

M.H.-J.

Sailing Club

From 16 to 23 July 20 boys attended a sailing course at Fairthorne Manor, Y.M.C.A. Camp, Botley, whilst at the same time four others attended the canoeing course there. By that time all school examinations had finished and we took advantage of these courses to sail and canoe every day, morning and afternoon, weather permitting. On Fareham Creek the time for sailing is restricted to a few hours at each high water, but on the Hamble River—below Bursledon Bridge—a barge, *Wessex*, is maintained by Fairthorne Manor and it is possible to find sufficient water at any state of the tide. Whilst it could not be claimed that on every day we enjoyed ideal sailing conditions—heavy rain storms and high winds were our lot—yet, notwithstanding, every day we sailed at some time. Indeed, one afternoon the wind fell so light that the heaviest craft had to be rowed. Then some of us found handling an oar more strenuous than controlling a sheet.

On three occasions some of us found ourselves in unusual situations: in a dinghy sitting in water up to the gunwale, the hull appearing like a submarine about to enter a dive. Later, during a goosewing demonstration, the jib wrapped itself around the forestay; out of control the dinghy was swept onto a moored yacht which had appeared to be deserted, but soon a worried owner emerged from the cabin with a boat hook. On the last day a main sheet block became jammed, the main sail was out of control and with the first gust of wind the dinghy was lying on its side. On two different occasions an individual fully clothed found himself in the water alone without companions. No, his dinghy had not capsized; he, of his own free will had stepped or slid into the water.

Lest any parent should think his son was in great danger, he should remember that a look-out was posted all the time on *Wessex* who could at any time summon either one or both of two motor vessels standing by. During our whole week these rescue motor vessels were called out only three times.

Thursday and Friday afternoons a line of about twenty canoes was seen paddling near the river bank : our four canoeists, Harris, Pratt, Harknett and Jenks, had been practising their art and now were joining in a trip from Botley down river to Hamble Common where they spent the night in bivouac, returning the next day by river to Botley. Their enthusiasm was so alive that some of the dinghy sailors are considering sampling this activity next year.

By the end of the week every sailor had helmed a boat on at least two occasions but high winds on the last two days prevented a trip into Southampton Water. That adventure must wait until next year.

One evening we were pleased to welcome some parents who had come, perhaps, to be re-assured no accidents had occurred. This particular evening turned out to be the wettest, rainiest and most dismal evening of the whole week. We would like to assure them that Fairthorne Manor is not a bog where a foot always has to dodge a puddle. Indeed on other evenings we played tennis, cricket and a campers' football match against *T.S. Warfleet*. On all these evenings the sun was known to shine.

By the end of the week we all appreciated there was still much to learn about sailing and we said au revoir to our new friends from Hamble, Ringwood, Norway and Israel.

The inter-counties school sailing match arranged for 16/18 July was cancelled owing to unfavourable weather forecasts but we hope better conditions will obtain on 24/25 September when some R.A.F. members of the C.C.F. hope to compete at a regatta organised by the R.A.F. at Hamble.

Finally we should like to thank Mr. Thompson (especially for his knot instruction), Mr. Hardy for the loan of two life-jackets and Mr. Briscoe for making a canoe available for use.

Bridge Club

About the middle of last term, after a chance remark by the Headmaster, several boys decided that it might be a good idea to start a club. Mr. Alderson very kindly agreed to be our patron, and Mr. Cole and Mr. Shaw came along to help in the instruction.

After a great amount of discussion a subscription of one shilling per term was decided upon, and two evenings a week were chosen for meetings to enable all members to attend at least once a week.

At the moment the club is only open to the Lower Sixth Science but it is, however, hoped to extend it to other sections of the Sixth Forms and, perhaps, even to have a tournament.

H.A.J.R.

The Library

This term we have to thank Mrs. Barney very sincerely, not only for enabling us to acquire many very useful volumes but also for giving the School a fine bookcase capable of holding eight hundred to one thousand volumes. This is not only very useful to us now but it will be an ornament to the new library which we expect shortly.

It is only right, too, that some appreciation should be shown of the hard work which Cousens has put in over the last few years in connection with the Library. He has worked quietly, efficiently and continuously; it is not easy to say whether he has put the Librarian or the readers most in his debt, but they are all grateful to him.

H.R.T.



1st XI CRICKET

With one match yet to be played the 1st XI has won four of its games, drawn one and lost four. The results on paper are not outstanding when measured against the hopes held out for this experienced side, but the figures do not convey what the team has gained in cricketing experience and enjoyment. It has always looked a workmanlike side, determined and properly keen to win. The credit for this goes in large measure to Pugh for his decisive leadership and to Donohoe whose excellent wicket-keeping has set a high standard in the field.

At the beginning of the term the chief problem confronting the team seemed to be to find bowlers able to bowl out the opposition. The batting was sound and went a long way down the order. In the event almost the reverse has come about. We have an opening pace attack in Wilkins, P. and Vibert which should profit well from the season's experience. Already both command a better control over length and direction, the necessary foundation for the hostility they aim at. Yet with softer wickets the slow bowlers have come into their own and here the team has been well served by Rowling and Storey. Between them they have taken 35 wickets at a cost of 274 runs. At least one umpire can testify to the vigour of Rowling's appeals though possibly not always to their strict relevance.

Pugh has done well to hold the batting together and Tudge has had some good innings, as did Dugan in the early part of the season; the latter's departure at the beginning of June was a loss to the team for he was evidently in form. Yet the batting has not prospered and others of the established batsmen have laid the foundations of an innings only to allow a lapse of concentration to bring it to an untimely end. Nearer the end of the order Rowling and Wilkins P. have often made strokes and scored runs when they were badly needed.

K.J.S.

Cricket Colours E. F. Storey

MATCH REPORTS

Bishop's XI	Home	Wed., 11 May
Price's	177 for 4, declared (Tudge 37, Pugh 81, Dugan 34).	
Bishop's XI	68. Won by 109 runs.	
Churcher's College	Away	Sat., 14 May
Price's	90 (Dugan 22, Donohoe 19).	
Churcher's	79 (Rowling 4 for 31, Storey 3 for 17). Won by 11 runs.	
King Edward VI School	Away	Sat., 21 May
Price's	31.	
K.E.S.	34 for 5 (Rowling 3 for 9). Lost by 5 wickets.	
Fareham	Home	Sat., 28 May
Fareham	101 for 6 declared (Rowling 3 for 29).	
Price's	102 for 9. Won by 1 wicket.	

Northern Grammar School	Home	Sat., 11 June
N.G.S.	42.	
Price's	39. Lost by 3 runs.	
Wickham	Home	Sat., 18 June
Price's	54.	
Wickham	55 for 6. Lost by 4 wickets.	
Purbrook	Home	Sat., 25 June
Purbrook	51 (Vibert 4 for 13, Wilkins 3 for 23).	
Price's	52 for 9. Won by 1 wicket.	
Old Priceans	Home	Sat., 2 July
O.P.	142 for 4, declared (Perceval 67).	
Price's	125 for 7 (Pugh 36, Tudge 47). Match drawn.	
Portsmouth Banks	Home	Sat., 16 July
Price's	72 (Rowling 19).	
P.B.	73 for 4. Lost by 6 wickets.	

CAPTAIN'S NOTE

This season, though not highly successful, has been very enjoyable. I would like to thank Mr. Sterck for coaching us patiently throughout the term and Messrs Sterck, Shaw, Cole, and Hilton for umpiring the matches. I would also like to thank the cooks for providing teas, Mr. Phillips for preparing some very good wickets and, last but not least, the various boys, especially Gisborne, who have volunteered to score for the School sides.

T.H.J.P.

2nd XI CRICKET

The 2nd XI have had a disappointing but interesting season. The team, often weakened by calls from the 1st XI and the Colts, have played well and deserved better luck.

King Edward VI School		Lost by 143 runs
K.E.S.	174 for 9 declared (Jenks 4 for 27).	
Price's	31.	
Lysses 1st XI		Won by 2 wickets
Lysses	82 (Brent 4 for 10, Blakeley 3 for 18, Jenks 3 for 20).	
Price's	84 for 8 (Emery 42, Brent 21 n.o.).	
Purbrook		Lost by 6 runs
Purbrook	55 (Blakeley 5 for 23, Butler 3 for 10).	
Price's	49 (Goble 14).	
Old Priceans		Lost by 6 wickets
Price's	28 (Thompson 9).	
O.P.	30 for 4 (Brent 3 for 2).	

P.B.J.

COLTS CRICKET

The Colts laboured this year under certain difficulties. In the first place there were few fixtures. Moreover, P. Wilkins was usually needed by the 1st XI. However, most members of the team were very keen and enjoyed their cricket. Not all weaknesses were eliminated: much of the bowling was apt to be short, there was all too little defence against

a straight ball of reasonable length, there was a rooted belief that if a ball was to be hit hard it must be pulled round to leg and there was far too much nibbling at balls outside the leg stump, which would have been even more fatal if it had been less incompetent.

The team was quite admirably captained by M. D. Thomas who placed his field well and set an excellent example. The batting was dominated by Thomas himself and his 61 against Purbrook was, without qualification, a fine innings. Adams, Harvey, Hughes and Salmon all showed considerable promise. Fisher was perhaps the best of the bowlers. Gardner and Roshier were erratic, although Gardner had a fine spell against Purbrook. Salmon's arm is low but he is steadier than most and was very effective at Churcher's. O'Keefe has a good deal of promise and Wills improved greatly as the season went on. Hughes is a good wicket keeper but next year must stand up to medium-pace bowling; and the fielding, after the Churcher's match, was good.

RESULTS

Churcher's College 105	Price's School 30
Price's School	.. 112 for 9 (dec.)	Purbrook C.H.S. 59
Price's School 55	Fareham Boys' School	.. 56 for 3

HOUSE MATCHES

SENIORS—

Cams	44	School	47—0
Westbury	109—4 dec.	Blackbrook	79
Blackbrook	77—8 dec.	Cams	35—9
Westbury	117—5 dec.	School	69
School	58	Blackbrook	3—1
	abandoned as a draw.		
Westbury	75—5	Cams did not bat.	
	abandoned as a draw.		

JUNIORS—

Blackbrook	82	Westbury	74—6
Cams	110—5 dec.	School	29
School	39	Westbury	42—9
Blackbrook	28	Cams	34—4
Cams	21	Westbury	23—5
School	48	Blackbrook	44

MINORS—

Blackbrook	50	Westbury	20
School	46	Cams	47—5
Blackbrook	51—7 dec.	Cams	46—7
School	44	Westbury	13
Westbury	40	Cams	31
School	65—6	Blackbrook	39

The Sports

The Sports were notable for several changes. Builders' lorries had so rutted part of the field that it was found necessary to alter the general layout of the track, involving particularly the start of the 220 yards races. Then Mr. Cole inherited from Mr. Shaw the fearsome task of firing the starter's gun. Finally, an ice-cream cart was allowed to come onto the field to serve those who were overcome by the good weather and—or—their exertions. The cups, including the one now identified as the 'A.R. Webb Cup' and a new one presented by J. M. Evans, were presented by Mrs. A. H. Watkins.

RESULTS

Minors

100 yds.—1. Ellis (B). 2. Fisher (B). 3. Poole (C). 12 secs. (Equals record)
 220 yds.—1. Ellis (B). 2. Fisher (B). 3. Barnett (W). 27⁴/₅ secs.
 440 yds.—1. Hughes (B). 2. Ward (S). 3. Poole (C). 67³/₅ secs.
 880 yds.—1. Hughes (B). 2. Ward (S). 3. Walker (C). 2 mins. 43³/₅ secs.
 Hurdles—1. Joslin (C). 2. Hebditch (S). 3. Gould (C). 16²/₅ secs.
 High Jump—1. McGrath (C). 2. Ellis (B). 3. Poole (C). 4 ft. 2 ins.
 Long Jump—1. Mason (C). 2. Wake (S). 3. Mitchell (W). 13 ft. 4¹/₂ ins.
 Cricket Ball—1. Ellis (B). 2. Booth (C). 3. Wake (S). 193 ft. 4 ins.
 Relay—1. Blackbrook. 2. Westbury. 3. Cams. 4. School 57¹/₅ secs.

Juniors

100 yds.—1. Coffin (B). 2. Dowman (C). 3. Oatley (C). 11²/₅ secs.
 220 yds.—1. Taylor (S). 2. Dowman (C). 3. Coffin (B) 26²/₅ secs.
 440 yds.—1. Watton (C). 2. Warde (C). 3. Uden (B). 58³/₅ secs.
 880 yds.—1. Watton (C). 2. Buchanan (B) 3. Nichols (C). 2 mins. 22³/₅ secs.
 Hurdles—1. Warde (C). 2. Dowse (W). 3. Hawkins (W). 16¹/₅ secs.
 High Jump—1. Warde (C). 2. Wilkins (S). 3. Roshier (B). 4 ft. 10 ins.
 Long Jump—1. Watton (C). 2. Beck (S). 3. Smith, A. (W). 16 ft. 10 ins.
 Javelin—1. Taylor (S). 2. Short (W). 3. Gardner (B). 122 ft. 10 ins.
 Discus—1. Taylor (S). 2. Wake (S). 3. Gardner (B). 114 ft. 3 ins.
 Relay—1. Cams. 2. School. 3. Blackbrook. 4. Westbury. 51²/₅ secs. (Record)

Seniors

100 yds.—1. Dugan (B). 2. Brammer (C). 3. Wilkins, M. (S). 10³/₅ secs.
 220 yds.—1. Dugan (B). 2. Donohoe (S). 3. Pugh (W). 23³/₅ secs. (Record)
 440 yds.—1. Donohoe (S). 2. Goldring (S). 3. Read (C). 55⁴/₅ secs.
 880 yds.—1. Carter (W). 2. Goble (W). 3. Edwards (B). 2 mins. 21²/₅ secs.
 1 Mile—1. Pugh (W). 2. Bevis (B). 3. Jenks (W). 5 mins. 1³/₅ secs.
 Hurdles—1. Brammer (C). 2. Tudge (B). 3. Shurlock (W). 16³/₅ secs.
 High Jump—1. Brammer (C). 2. Donohoe (S). 3. Rankin (W). 5 ft. 3³/₈ ins. (Record)
 Long Jump—1. Read (C). 2. Goldring (S). 3. Brammer (C). 18 ft. 2¹/₂ ins.
 Javelin—1. Payne (S). 2. Butler, G. (W). 3. Laishley (C). 124 ft. 2¹/₂ ins.
 Discus—1. McLarty (W). 2. Butler, G. (W). 3. Payne (S). 105 ft.
 Relay—1. School. 2. Westbury. 3. Cams. 4. Blackbrook. 49¹/₅ secs.
 Old Boys' Race—I. Noot.
 880 yds. (Handicap)—1. Crawford (C). 2. Welch (B). 3. Layley (S). 2 mins. 26¹/₅ secs.

MINORS

1 Blackbrook
 2 Cams
 3 School
 4 Westbury

JUNIORS

1 Cams
 2 Blackbrook
 3 School
 4 Westbury

SENIORS

1 Westbury
 2 School
 3 Cams
 4 Blackbrook

VICTOR LUDORUM

Minor .. Ellis
 Junior .. Taylor, R. and Watton
 Senior .. J. D. Brammer

IAIN MAY CUP

Senior (Long Jump) .. J. D. Brammer

PRIOR CUP

Senior (Relay) School

A. R. WEBB CUP

Senior (House) Westbury

J. M. EVANS CUP

Senior (220 yds.) .. M. Dugan

Swimming Notes

Swimming this term was organised for Monday afternoons for the 5th Form and continued as an out-of School activity for Non-Swimmers and Swimmers alternately. The weather for open-air swimming was reasonably good and our time at the Gosport Baths was very enjoyable. We extend our thanks to Mr. Whyman, the Baths Superintendent, and his staff for making us welcome at all times. The Royal Life Saving Class although proficient in theory and land drill did not have sufficient water practice and it has been decided to hold the examination for the Bronze Medallion next year. We are still looking forward to having our own swimming pool in the near future and so perhaps to be able to train our swimmers up to County standards, and to give every non-swimmer the opportunity of learning to swim.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Award of Merit.—I. Johnstone; N. Bennett; G. Hedges.

Bronze Cross.—R. Short.

GALA RESULTS

75 yds. Freestyle

Senior—1. Hedges (W). 2. Williams (S). 3. Tudge, C. M. (B). $56\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

50 yds. Freestyle

Junior—1. Booth (C). 2. Jackson, D. (W). 3. Harvey, P. (S). $33\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

50 yds. Breast Stroke

Senior—1. Laishley (C). 2. Johnstone (B). 3. Curtis (S). $44\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

Junior—1. Harris, J. (S). 2. Joslin (C). 3. Lunney (W). 51 secs.

50 yds. Back Stroke

Senior—1. McLarty (W). 2. Bennett (C). 3. Welch (B). 43 secs.

Junior—1. Woods (W). 2. Brown, C. (C). 3. Warde, M. (S). 47 secs.

3 Widths

Senior—1. Laishley (C). 2. Curtis (S). 3. Johnstone (B). 44 secs.

Junior—1. Booth (C). 2. Woods (W). 3. Uden (B). $50\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

Diving

Senior—1. Flavell (S). 2. Hedges (W). 3. Short (W). 61 points

Junior—1. Jackson, D. (W). 2. Hawkins (W). 3. Harris, J. (S). 63 points

Plunging

Senior—1. Holben (W). 2. Bennett (C). 3. Steele (S). 49 ft. 9 ins.

Junior—1. Lunney (W). 2. Uden (B). 3. Booth (C). 43 ft. $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Towing

Open—1. Westbury. 2. Cams. 3. Blackbrook. $34\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Relay

Senior—1. Westbury. 2. Cams. 3. School. 1 min. $36\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

Junior—1. Westbury. 2. Cams. 3. School. $45\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Senior Swimming Cup.—Westbury.

Junior Swimming Cup.—Westbury.

Diving Cup.—Jackson, D. (W).

Reed Cup

	Blackbrook			Cams			School			Westbury		
	S	J	M	S	J	M	S	J	M	S	J	M
Football	9	15	8	0	7½	2	12	5	10	15	2½	4
Steeplechase	12	10	0	0	15	12	6	5	8	18	0	4
Hockey	12	15	0	0	7½	0	18	7½	0	6	0	0
Sports	0	10	12	6	15	8	12	5	4	18	0	0
Swimming	0	0	0	12	10	0	6	5	0	18	15	0
Cricket	6	2½	6	6	10	6	9	5	8	15	12½	4
Total	117½			117			125½			132		
	3rd			4th			2nd			1st		

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

We started the term 10 points ahead of School House in the Reed Cup. As the term progressed, however, our lead was reduced by mediocre performances in swimming and cricket. Our placings in the Sports which constituted the term's first house competition, were first in the Minors, second in the Juniors, and last in the Seniors. All credit therefore to the Minors, and to Ellis who won the Minor Victor Ludorum. Of the Seniors Dugan and Bevis deserve mention; Bevis for his plucky run in the mile and Dugan not only for his success in these Sports but for the many efforts he has made for the House during his school career.

In the Swimming Gala Blackbrook seemed to have few really good swimmers, and it must be admitted that we failed miserably, coming last in both divisions. So we lost our lead in the Reed Cup to School House, who led by ½ point. The competition for the Reed Cup was now very fierce, as Westbury were in third place, 2½ points behind.

The final blow which crushed our hopes was the House Cricket Competition. The Minors beat Westbury by 30 runs (Greenland 4 for 4, a most commendable effort), drew with Cams (Richardson 23; Ellis 5 for 10), and lost to School by 26 runs. These efforts gave our Minors second place.

The Juniors drew against Westbury (Roshier 33); Cams beat us by 6 wickets, as did School by the narrow margin of 4 runs (Gardner 4 for 19, Roshier 5 for 23). In spite of these efforts the Juniors came last in the competition.

The Senior team fared little better. Westbury beat us by 30 runs, though Emery scored a brilliant 47, hitting three sixes. In the second round we met Cams and declared at 77 for 8. We soon had Cams in trouble and in the closing minutes of the match they were 35 for 9, but we were unable to get them out and the match finished in a draw. The final positions in the Reed Cup were now known, but it was decided that the last round of the Senior House Matches should be played. We met School House, but this match was abandoned after we had got them out for 58. The Seniors gained third place.

In the final placings for the Reed Cup, Blackbrook only gained third place, in spite of the substantial lead at the beginning of the term. In my eight years at this school, Blackbrook have never won the Reed Cup. We have often gained second place, and have

been a few points short of winning the Cup many a time. I sincerely hope that this situation will be changed in the years to come. I wish all members of the House the greatest success in the years ahead.

P.J.T.

Cams

This term, like its predecessor, has seen the House greatly improve its position in the quest for the Reed Cup, so that, although we came fourth, we were only fifteen points behind the winning House.

Not only did Brammer, J. D. give the outstanding performance of the Sports, in breaking the Senior high jump record, but he was also the Senior Victor Ludorum. Thanks to the efforts of Brammer, Read, Warde, Watton, Mason, McGrath and Joslin we were the first House ever to win all the long jumps, high jumps and hurdles. The Juniors overwhelmed their opposition and had a half-share in the Junior Victor Ludorum Cup through Watton's excellent wins in the 440, 880 and the long jump. The Seniors and Minors were third and second respectively.

The House finished second in both sections of the Swimming Gala. In the Senior events Laishley and Bennett gave some very good performances; Booth was the best Junior, and he was well supported by Brown, C. M. and Joslin.

Harvey, R. gave us a great start to the cricket season with 42 attractive runs, which, together with useful additions from Warde and Dowman, enabled the Juniors to declare with 110 runs on the board. Fisher and Wills followed this up with some really good bowling to dismiss School for 29. The same bowlers had Blackbrook all out for 28, a score which was passed with ease. Surprisingly, the side was sent back by Westbury for 21, but the match was only lost after five Westbury wickets had fallen to Wills and Fisher, an outstanding pair of bowlers.

The Minors started the Cricket well enough by beating School and drawing with Blackbrook, but they failed to beat Westbury by 9 runs. Of the Minor team, Domone and Weston show great promise.

The Senior cricket team was easily beaten by School, but managed to play out time against Blackbrook: the match against Westbury was abandoned as a draw. Blakeley, Herring and Laishley (who performed the hat-trick against Blackbrook) have had opposing batsmen in difficulties, but there has been no strength in the batting to back them up.

I should like to end this, my last set of House Notes, by wishing every boy, whatever his House, every enjoyment, both on and off the sports field, in the years to come.

D.J.A.T.

Once more the House has to say goodbye with regret to a distinguished House-Captain. Tinling assumed office when the House's prospects, after a long run of success, looked very black. A natural games-player of considerable ability might excusably have been daunted, and Tinling would be the last to place himself in that class. But quietly, in spite of defeat and disappointment, he has done all that could be expected with efficiency and sufficient enthusiasm to inspire even the least talented with the bright hope of impossible victory—and it has sometimes “come off.” He has had the loyal support of other senior members, not least Brammer, but I think there can be no doubt that the inspiration came from Tinling's devotion, untiring efforts, and an efficiency so pronounced that nothing was ever forgotten. He has seen the House through a very awkward period, and signs of a revival in Minors and Juniors are to a great extent due to his success in keeping the House spirit alive. We have had good House-Captains before—but I cannot remember a better. He has our thanks and best wishes for the future.

T.W.F.

School House

This has been a term of great activity, both in the examination room and upon the sports field. At the opening of this term the House occupied second place in the Reed Cup, a few points behind Blackbrook. However, we soon displaced Blackbrook, only to be pipped on the post by Westbury, who beat us into second place by $6\frac{1}{2}$ points.

The Sports, in which in past years School House has always been so strong, were disappointing this year. The Seniors secured second place, 16 points behind Westbury; however, in the Juniors we fared much worse gaining only $52\frac{1}{2}$ points for third place. This was a little disappointing, as the field events had gone favourably for us, Taylor and Beck doing extremely well. Taylor also did well in the track events but all support was missing. The Minors, too, finished in third position, $37\frac{1}{2}$ points behind the winners of their division. They tried extremely hard, especially Ward, but the size and strength of some of their opponents proved too much for them.

The Swimming Gala was especially disastrous for our hopes. We could only secure third position in both Senior and Junior divisions. Curtis, appointed Swimming Captain, did a tremendous amount of work in organisation and set an excellent example by his efforts in the water.

The whole competition now depended upon the Cricket. The Minors put up an excellent show to win their division. Their first match against Cams ended in defeat by 5 wickets but this initial setback was overcome for both Westbury, by 31 runs, and Blackbrook, by 26 runs, suffered defeat at their hands. The Juniors, however, found themselves a little outclassed and could only secure third position in their section. The match against Cams ended in defeat by 81 runs, and against Westbury by 1 wicket; whereas victory by 4 runs was secured against Blackbrook. The performance of the Senior cricket team was a little disappointing. The match against Cams ended in victory for us by 10 wickets, after some fine bowling by Payne and Wilkins, P. The destination of the Reed Cup now hinged upon the match with Westbury. Westbury batted first, scoring 117 for 5 declared, and left us 90 minutes to score the runs in, but we were all out for 69. The match versus Blackbrook was abandoned owing to bad weather.

R.G.D.

Westbury

For the second year in succession we have won the Reed Cup. After a very poor start in the first two terms, at Easter we were a bad third; everyone did their utmost this term and we have managed to retain the Cup.

The first event of the term was the Sports, in which the Seniors did best by winning their cup. We had no outstanding competitors but we were always near the front. McLarty did well to win the discus from Butler, G. P., who was also second in the javelin. We excelled in the longer races and obtained two of the first three places in both the 880 yards and the mile. In the Juniors and Minors, however, it was a different story and though everyone tried their best there was not much success; Smith, Short, Dowse and Hawkins were the only Juniors to gain places. In the Minors only Barnett and Mitchell managed to obtain a place.

The Swimming Gala, held earlier in the term than usual, was an absolute success for the House. We won both the Senior and Junior Cups and Jackson won the Diving Cup. The best of a very good Senior team were Hedges, McLarty and Holben, while Jackson, Woods and Lunney won their events in the Junior Competition.

The Minors cricket team was not very strong and finished last in their Competition winning one match and losing two. Manley, Andrews and King all bowled very well but

the side lacked a really good batsman and found runs hard to come by. The Juniors did well to win their competition by beating School and Cams and drawing with Blackbrook. Houghton, an excellent captain, Smith and Adams formed the hard core of the batting whilst Salmon and Freeman took the wickets. The Seniors also won their competition by beating Blackbrook and School, the last match against Cams was rained off when we were on top. Most of the runs came from Goble and Pugh, who each scored a half century, Rowling and Jenks. Storey and Rowling bowled excellently and were too good for the other Houses.

In view of our success in the last two years let us all buckle down in order to retain the Cup comfortably next year.

TH.J.P.

EVENING

The long awaited evening comes once more,
And Hesperus shines more bright than any jewel,
Soft breezes fan a melancholy cool,
And all is silent that made sound before.
Vague whisps of white entangle with the trees
Which overhang the phosphorescent river,
And drops of dew, caught in a cobweb, shiver
To see an owl swoop past in silent ease.
Shining through the branches, pale moonbeams
Form intricate lace patterns on the ground,
And shapeless forms converse in that mute sound
Which only is experienced in dreams.
But all too soon the restful night is ended,
And Dawn's pale flush surmounts a distant hill ;
Terrestrial sounds will dominate, until
The shades of evening once again are blended.

G. A. EDWARDS (6 A.L.)

MY SWALLOW

Come back to me my swallow,
And leave me not forlorn.
Into the woods I follow
The footsteps of the morn.
I tread the rustling hollow
Before the day is born.
Come back to me my swallow,
And leave me not forlorn ;
The light was dark without thee
My bird of April days.

R. CHANDLER (2B)

PETS

The pets I am now keeping in a very large cage are Magpies. They are fairly large birds with black beaks, black heads and white chests; their wing feathers are black and white dappled with blue and green.

I have three Magpies; they live mostly on bread and milk and various fruits such as strawberries and raspberries, and occasionally bananas and apples.

I let them go in the early morning and they fly off together down into the woods where they play around in the trees. In the evening I come home and they fly down from the trees to be fed. Some nights I leave the birds out all night but early in the morning they are back on the window ledge tapping at the window for food.

This year in the nesting season two of them went off and I thought I had lost them. However, a few weeks ago one arrived back home, and three days ago the other turned up with one of its young, so now I have four Magpies.

A. GARDNER (3B)

LOWER VIth GEOGRAPHY FIELD EXPEDITIONS

Two of these expeditions have been carried out this term. Late in May we investigated the shingle formation of Hurst Castle Spit. This involved, for some, an arduous walk of three miles from Lyminster, followed by a difficult scramble along the cobbles of the beach. The stages in growth of the spit were examined, and after an eventful lunch in a ruined pillbox, we visited the old Victorian castle which stands at the distant end of the spit. Return to Keyhaven was on a "ferry" boat, whose eccentric pilot was a constant source of humour to his passengers.

Much more ambitious was the trip to the Dorset coast. After days of unsettled weather it was not surprising to find thunder and heavy rain on the morning of our departure, a poor omen for three days' camping on a cliff edge. Six of us set off, 'hitch-hiking' our way to Winfrith and, with varying fortunes, travelling in a strange assortment of vehicles; the party reassembled at 4 o'clock on a Dorset countryside smiling under a fitful July sun. We marched up a valley to Daggus Gate and selected a camp site in a valley—known as Scratchy Bottom—leading down to one of the most beautiful stretches of the Dorset coast. Pitching tents was a unique experience for some of us, but within half an hour we had established our camp. As the primus-stove refused to start we set about the job of collecting driftwood, an exercise of paramount importance. Camp cooking was also a novel experience to some, but its disadvantages were soon mastered and, to crown the success of our first meal, another was demanded at midnight.

The next day passed in the study of coastal features and geology, interspersed with the inevitable camp chores. It is difficult to imagine a more beautiful coast than this, where the colour contrasts of the cliffs, the shore and the sea give it a most attractive nature. The climax of the day (or the night) came in another meal eaten at midnight, after which two of us had the somewhat hazardous job of throwing the camp fire over the cliff at 1.0 a.m.—remembered by the writer since he had to scramble down a gully and kick the flaming embers which had lodged half way down the cliff!

Saturday was spent in examining the geology of Man O' War Cove and St. Oswald's Bay, and with the approach of a warm frontal system (little did the sixth-form geographers realise how this camp was to improve their meteorology) preparations were made for a rainy night. This was to bring a much wider range of camping experience to the 'new boys,' including the abandonment of personal comforts in the common cause of keeping reasonably dry. Despite all precautions, however, the tent pole in our large tent was broken at 5.40 a.m. on Sunday morning and at dawn we were forced to make a hurried departure, eating a last watery meal of cornflakes and milk in the teeth of a howling gale.

Most of us returned dishevelled, unshaven and distinctly damp, but we had proved, beyond doubt, that camping is the only real way to carry out Geography Field Work.

J.B.C. & P.K.

THE EXCHANGE VISIT TO GRENOBLE

It was Friday, 8 April, and I was due to meet Mr. Alderson and eleven boys at Southampton Central Station at 7.45 p.m. A last minute check of my luggage—a duffle bag and a valise. It was rather with trepidation that I was looking forward to my visit to Grenoble. I had heard at the last minute that I was not staying with Jean Claude, my pen friend, but with Christian Roy with whom I had only exchanged a couple of lines. I and my family had grown quite fond of Jean Claude from his letters, although I had always felt rather at a disadvantage at his several pages immediate reply to my halting letters written in French, which always put me at “owing a letter.” The train drew in, “Hello’s” were said to Mr. Alderson and the boys—I noticed the rope to one duffle bag had already broken; taxis were taken to the Docks, we passed through the Customs and boarded the B.R.M. “Normania” and settled ourselves on board ready for the ship to depart at 10.30 p.m.

We had a smooth journey across the Channel and arrived at Le Havre about 6 a.m. There we had a pleasant meal at a little cafe in the station as we had a two-hour wait for the train to Paris. There was no bus to meet us, so we had to cross the city in taxis—a breath-taking experience in the rush-hour. At the second station we had to board another train which took us through Lyon and on to Grenoble, where we arrived at 8 p.m. (Saturday evening). Just before we got to Grenoble we brightened up and tried to make ourselves as spruce as possible. We were dying to see the Reception Committee and felt quite deflated when there was only a Master on the platform to greet us. However, outside, our pen-friends and their parents were waiting—we were paired off and our holiday had really begun.

Christian and his mother took me to his aunt’s house for a meal because they lived at La Tronche, which was outside Grenoble. My first French meal consisted of green lentils, typical French bread and weak tea, served in a big bowl without milk. Remembering what my mother had told me of eating thankfully everything that was put before me, I praised the lentils—whereupon as Madame Roy said she had none at home, the aunt proceeded to give her a bottle full of them, which were subsequently given to me until used up. At this stage I could not understand anything spoken in French. We went to Christian’s home and I went to bed at 10.20 p.m. As Monsieur Roy was away playing in an orchestra, I did not meet him until the Sunday morning when I gave him a present of cigarettes, and chocolates to Madame Roy and Christian.

My first outing was by bicycle from La Tronche to the other side of the R. Isère where there was a fast flowing stream on one side and on the other a view of the Alps. Here we had lunch, consisting of olives, radishes smothered in butter and salt, lumps of pork pie and a mushroom omelette cooked on a barbecue fire. We paddled in the river and I left my shoes, etc. on the river side, thinking that there was no tide—but later had to rescue them quickly as the river was controlled by a barrage and the water rose considerably. When cycling I found I wanted to cycle on the left, whereas the correct side was the right. On returning home we had a meal of the long French roll and large bowls of milkless tea.

My next outing was with the family in their Dauphine, which was driven at such a high speed that we had to stop at Chambéry in the province of Savoie for a quarter-of-an-hour as the engine got rather overheated. We explored the town which had the usual monument to the Resistance Movement. We had meant to visit the home of the Presidents of France, but it was not open to the public on this day. We carried on for another hour or so until we were travelling right in amongst the mountains and watching the huge cataracts and peculiar shapes of the rock. We stopped at a restaurant by the side of a mountain lake and had strawberries and cream and lemonade. There was a wedding party in an adjoining room and things got very hectic with songs and dancing.

Another day I was taken to the "téléférique." This is a cable-car, spanning the River Isère, very much like that used for the skiers in Switzerland. It takes twenty people at a time up the large mountain, the Bastille, about half-a-mile from the centre of Grenoble. I could see it from my bedroom window. Half-way up on the "téléférique" there is a pylon which helps to support the cable car, and when one passes it, there is a terrible jerk and it feels as if one is going to fall into the Isère river. From this vantage point can be seen all the mountains in the French Alps, as far as Mont Blanc and beyond. At the top we played football and also explored the ruins of a fort.

On another occasion I was taken to a continental fair, which was very different from an English fair. There were many lotteries and Monsieur Roy won two bottles of white wine. Also on the fair ground there was a large tank teeming with fat salmon. People paid to fish and any caught were gaffed and taken home. A funny thing about this fair was that there were no coconut shies and the Roys had never heard of such a stall.

On Easter Sunday Christian and I went to church—a Protestant one—where I met the rest of our contingent. It was quite a relief to speak in English once more. The Roys—I suppose fortunately for me—spoke very little English indeed, so gradually my French was becoming slightly more fluent. I was delighted to be given Easter eggs, etc., with the rest of the family. And we had a lovely time visiting other members of the family and giving out Easter eggs. We talked, ate, played cards, read comics and generally enjoyed ourselves until 10 p.m. when we returned home via a French trolley bus. These trolleys, which are very old, uncomfortable and cold, hold 27 people seated and 36 standing. The unusual number of people standing is accounted for as only three-quarters of the trolley has seats, the rest being spaces which look like luggage compartments. The trolleys are single-decker, have the usual length and width and have three doors.

I went to Christian's school for a half day only, where I met the other Price's boys. We were very much the centre of attraction. We were allocated to different forms in twos and threes and we were asked to help with the pronunciation of English words.

Mr. Alderson took us all by motor coach to visit Chartreuse, where the famous liqueur is made. The whole place was very small and had a beautiful smell coming from the herbs used. The small factory is run by four monks from a Monastery which is up in the mountains, and the recipe of Chartreuse liqueur is known by one man only. He has a special room in a loft where he mixes the one hundred and twenty-seven different herbs, many of which are exotic, and tests the finished wine. This is left for two to three years to mature, according to whether it is green or yellow and the alcoholic content is 63% or 48%. There are five stills, four small ones and one large one, in use and the casks are made of a special Russian Oak so that some of the alcohol can evaporate. As soon as a barrel is empty it is washed out with brandy so that the oak is always filled with evaporating alcohol. All the walls and ceilings of the vast storage chamber are black, owing to the alcohol which has evaporated.

In the cellar are two casks containing green and yellow liqueur, which will be sent to the Queen in 1963—they were laid down at the time of the Coronation. Some bottles of Chartreuse had that week been sent to Princess Margaret for her wedding. Some Chartreuse, which was a hundred years old and which was opened recently was found to be exquisite. The herbs themselves are nearly all picked off the sides of the mountains near the Monastery. We had a sample of chocolate liqueurs (two only) given to us.

We were also taken to Frosges, which is the home of the French Aluminium industry. Here we were shown the actual rolling out of the aluminium from about one-eighth to about one-five-thousandth of an inch by a series of massive rollers. We were also shown how advertising-matter was printed on the sheets for the wrappers of well-known chocolates and cheese, even for some companies in England.

Another day I went with my friends up the mountain of Chamrousse and although it was April there was still a lot of snow on the ground. However, there were only a few skiers because the condition of the snow was dangerous. On the crest of the mountain there were many ski-lifts and a small Alpine village has been built out of wood and looks very attractive with its many colours. Christian, my friend, is a very good skier, but we were not allowed to ski at all, although I went on a toboggan.

My three weeks in France passed like a flash and almost before we could realize it, goodbyes were being said to our newly-made friends, but there was still the excitement of a few hours in Paris on our journey home. In Paris we went partway up the Eiffel Tower, saw Notre Dame, and Sacré Coeur, the tomb of Napoleon Bonaparte, the Arc de Triomphe, even the Folies Bergères (from the outside) and then returned to the station to continue our journey back to England.

We arrived in Southampton at six o'clock on Wednesday, 27 April. Mr. Alderson, being well versed in these things, had us off the ship and through the customs in quick time and there was a welcome coach waiting for us to take the majority to Fareham.

J. J. THOMAS

OLD PRICEANS' ASSOCIATION

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I am pleased to report that energetic recruiting drives in conjunction with the good offices of the School staff, have resulted in a record total of 49 new members already this year. John Cole, an Old Pricean who is now a master at the School, has kindly accepted the post of Assistant Secretary, and is a great help to me in recruiting boys to the Association before they leave school. We hope that further steps on the path we have been taking will soon enable us to double or even treble our membership. By this means our power of helping the School will increase greatly and soon we may reach the state of affairs when no boy dare leave the School without filling in his application form.

The Annual Dinner will be held after the Soccer Match on 1 October and we hope many members will find time to be present at both. These functions are only a success if they are well supported by the members as a whole.

As you will notice from the minutes of the A.G.M., rising costs and the fact that we made a loss on the last financial year, have forced us to increase the subscription for the year commencing 1 March, 1961, to 10/- per annum. The subscription has remained at 7/6d. since the Association was restarted after the war, so I hope no one will raise any objections. I shall be circulating new bankers' order forms for members to instruct their bankers, for those who pay by this method, and I would ask more to adopt this method of payment as it saves a considerable amount of time and money.

On winning the toss, the Old Boys elected to bat on what looked a perfect batting wicket. This was soon proved to be so for none of the School bowlers were able to get any help from the wicket. Williams opened briskly but was bowled by Wilkins, P. when he had scored 13 and the score was 18; Percival and Evans scored steadily till Evans

was run out at 57, having scored 19. Durant then joined Percival and the batsmen were soon right on top of the School bowling and added 60 for the 3rd wicket before Durant was bowled by Vibert for 36. Meanwhile Percival had batted steadily and never looked like being out, but on the last ball before tea he was l.b.w. to Vibert for 67, Jarmain being left not out 6. The Old Boys then declared at 142 for 4 and left the School 2 hours batting after tea.

As usual, the School started badly, Purkis claiming an early wicket when Ellis held a fine catch. However, Pugh and Tudge added 82 for the 2nd wicket before Pugh was out, caught by Evans off Jarmain for 36. Thanks to some fine bowling by Jarmain and poor batting in the middle of the order the School collapsed but held out for a draw, the score at the end being 125 for 7, Tudge scoring 47. Old Boys' bowling figures were:—Purkis 1—16, Jarmain 4—18, Evans, J. 2—21, Holden 0—18, Ditchburn 0—23, Godwin 0—19.

The O.P. 2nd XI won very easily, the School callapsing against steady bowling. School 28 (Gleed 4—9, Lawrence 4—7) O.P.s 29—4 (Emery 14).

W. V. BLAKEY reports that in the Parish Church of Redruth, Cornwall, where he has recently moved, there is a memorial tablet to a Dr. William Pryce whose coat of arms contains the School crest.

A. C. PURKIS has been sent to Malaya by his firm. He expects to be there several years. We are not certain whether it is to get rid of him or to frighten the natives.

D. G. KEEN is now helping Manchester University to design and build the biggest and fastest British computer yet built.

V. A. KNIGHT has at last entered the state of conubial bliss.

M. L. BROWN has now turned teacher after causing upheavals in the shipping world.

N. DENSHAM, a new member, is with Barclays Bank D.C.O. in Nigeria.

B. G. BUCKLEY, well known in Customs and Excise, has now taken up a full-time appointment as Assistant Secretary to the Civil Service Sports Council.

Change of Address

W. V. BLAKEY, "Restormel," Trelawney Road, Camborne, Cornwall.

C. P. NOBES, 2, Willcox Avenue, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

L. J. GODWIN, "Meon Ridge," Meonstoke, Southampton.

D. C. WILLIAMS, 6, Spur Road, Cosham, Hants.

P. J. CHECKSFIELD, 4, Swasedale Road, Limbury, Luton, Beds.

A. C. PURKIS, P.O. Box 508, Kluang, Johore, Malaya.

K. DEVLIN, 1, Kings Court Road, Streatham, S.W.16.

E. B. MOULSON, Laverstock, Wellington Road, Crowthorne, Berks.

A. V. MERCER, "Tree Tops," Carr Bank, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.

V. KNIGHT, 14a, St. Catharine's Road, Broxbourne, Herts.

New Members

R. J. BUXTON, 36, Serpentine Road, Fareham, Hants.

C. J. HOUGHTON, Cherry Trees, Kanes Hill, Bitterne, Southampton.

A. D. COOPER, 685736 A/A Cooper, Block 5, Room 4, 3 Squadron, 3 Wing, 93 Entry, R.A.F. Halton, Bucks.

7, Wellers Lane, Upham.

A. A. HOLDEN, 7, Tudor Close, Rowner, Gosport, Hants.

C. J. EMERY, 9, Netley Firs Road, Hedge End, Southampton.

P. R. SPENCER, 71, Lower Northam Road, Hedge End, Southampton.

J. M. ROUSELL, 55, Carnavon Road, Gosport Hants.

T. P. STARR, "Questa," Botley Road, Sholing, Southampton.

R. E. CHASE, "Robarn," 1 Elms Road, Fareham.

W. M. ALDER, Silchester Rectory, Reading, Berks.
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 M. J. ELLIS, 141, Oak Road, Fareham, Hants.
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 G. P. BUTLER, Heather Cottage, Heath Road, Locks Heath, Southampton.
 C. LASSAM, "Newlands," High Street, West End, Southampton.
 T. COUSERS, 2, Havendale, Granada Road, Hedge End, Southampton.
 T. K. PALMER, 61, Windmill Grove, Wilcor, Portchester, Hants.
 R. IVILL, 7, Derlyn Road, Fareham.
 A. R. LONG, 123, Castle Street, Portchester, Hants.
 J. H. SUMNER, 16, Johns Road, Fareham, Hants.
 D. J. PEDDER, "Penshurst," Hamble Lane, Hamble, Nr. Southampton.
 I. G. WINDEBANK, 32, Earls Road, Fareham, Hants.
 J. D. BRAMMER, 24, Berkeley Close, Hill Head, Fareham, Hants.
 D. J. A. TINLING, 23, Romsey Avenue, Fareham, Hants.
 C. M. CAREY, 45, Hamble Lane, Pilands Wood Estate, Bursledon, Southampton.
 R. M. J. WILKINS, 28, Birdwood Grove, Fareham, Hants.
 N. M. BARROW, 14, Robinson Road, Seafield Parit, Hillhead, Hants.
 I. EMERY, 9, Alberta, Netley Firs Road, Hedge End, Nr. Southampton.
 M. E. HALL, Ower Farm, Upham, Southampton.
 C. B. MARSH, 13, Romsey Avenue, Fareham, Hants.
 W. K. STOREY, 78, Denzil Avenue, Netley Abbey, Hants.
 C. DAVEY, 27, Wych Lane, Bridgemary, Gosport.
 H. G. HUBBARD, White House Cafe & Stores, West Street, Portchester.
 P. R. CLIFT, "Mendip," Sandringham Road, Catisfield, Fareham.
 D. S. PEPPER, 73, Wych Lane, Gosport, Hants.
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 C. ROWLING, 2, Montgomery Road, Bridgemary, Gosport.
 A. NEWBOLD, St. Albans, High Street, Hamble, Hants.
 R. DONOHOE, 17, Queens View, Netley Abbey, Southampton.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the School
 on Saturday, 4 July, 1960.**

The President, Mr. E. A. B. Poyner, in the chair and 12 members present.

The Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 4 July, 1959 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was reported as a matter arising that a present of records had been made to M. W. Gardner, the retiring Secretary.

The President then spoke shortly about the activities of the School over the past year. He reported that the year opened with 393 boys in the School including a Sixth Form of 90, 17 staff plus 2 vacancies which were filled temporarily. New innovations included a lady secretary and a laboratory steward. Various people had made visits to the School and he thought it a good idea if Old Boys could make arrangements to talk to the School.

Out-of-School activities had been wide and varied, illustrating the enthusiasm and interest of the boys. A Parent-Teacher Association had been formed and was well received by the parents. Academically Mr. Ashton's final year had produced excellent results; G.C.E. results were very good and one State Scholarship and nine County Major awards had been gained. A major change in the life of the School was the discontinuance of Saturday morning School. A five day week, 8 periods a day, was now worked and the groundsman had his work cut out to keep the pitches going with games appearing on the timetable every day.

It was hoped that the future would soon bring forth the new hall, gymnasium, swimming pool and tennis courts and they would stimulate the interest of Old Priceans in their School. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer then presented his report. Total membership was 254, an increase of 9, but already this year, owing to special efforts, another 16 boys had joined. The Balance Sheet (a copy of which appears later) showed a loss on the year's working of approximately £25. Many subscriptions were overdue and a certain number were write-offs. It was proposed to prune the membership in accordance with Rule VI (b), but an increase in subscriptions was inevitable, especially as the Association should do more to increase its activities and help the School. It was then proposed by Ditchburn, seconded by Purkis:

“That the subscription for the year commencing 1 March, 1961, should be 10s. 0d. A boy joining in his first year after leaving School would pay 5s. 0d. in that year.”

This was carried unanimously.

The Sports Secretary then gave a short account of the matches against the School during the past year. Good teams had been fielded and excellent games enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

The Election of Officers then followed.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer	—	P. J. Ellis (reappointed).
Hon. Sports Secretary	—	P. J. Ellis (reappointed).
Hon. Social Secretary and Assistant Secretary	—	J. D. Cole.
Committee	—	Ditchburn, Miller and Kerby for two years. Williams for one year to replace Cole. Nobes and C. F. Coghlan continue for a further year.
Hon. Auditor	—	L. R. Biggs.

Rule IX has been broken on many occasions with regard to the election of the Committee. The meeting unanimously decided that this should be amended at the next A.G.M. It was then proposed, seconded and carried that the Johnston Stick be awarded for 1961 and the Old Priceans Bat for 1960.

The following amendments to the constitution were then proposed, seconded and carried unanimously:

1. That rule VIII “Officers” be amended so as to read: “The Officers of the Association shall be an Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Sports Secretary and an Honorary Social Secretary, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting; an Assistant Honorary Treasurer and an Assistant Honorary Secretary may be elected.”
2. That rule V “Functions of the Association” Paragraph (a) be amended to read as follows: “The Association shall organise Reunions of Old Priceans. These shall be held on the third Saturday in March, the first Saturday in June and the first Saturday in October, or on other such suitable dates as the Honorary Sports Secretary may arrange with the School's Sports Master.”

3. That rule IX "Committee" Paragraph (c) be amended to read as follows:
"In addition to the above, the President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Sports Secretary and Hon Social Secretary shall be ex-officio on the Committee."

It was then proposed by Williams and seconded by Kirby:

"That a sum of £25 be set aside to be used as and when desired for the purchase of works of art for the School. This to be added to by any contributions or donations from Old Boys."

This was carried unanimously.

It was decided unanimously that the Old Priceans Blazer badge should be amended to bring it into line with the new School badge.

It was decided that the benefit fund for "Mr. Alf May" should remain open until October to enable members who had not done so to contribute.

OLD PRICEANS ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY, 1960

1958-59 RECEIPTS				1958-59 PAYMENTS			
£	s	d		£	s	d	
264	6	3	Balance in Hand as at 1st March, 1959	273	10	7	
49	2	6	Subscriptions Paid	45	10	0	
	7	6	Subscriptions in advance		15	0	
8	15	0	Arrears Paid	7	15	0	
—			Donation	10	10	0	
6	1	3	Bank Interest		15	0	
5	2	2	Defence Bond Interest	10	0	0	
—			Ashton Presentation Fund	88	1	0	
				163	6	0	
				60	4	1	
				24	17	6	"The Lion" (4 Issues)
				2	3	0	Printing and Stationery
				31	13	7	Secretary's Expenses
				—			Old Priceans' Bat and Johnston Stick
				1	10	0	Loss on Dinner
				—			Ashton Presentation
				—			Gardner Presentation
				60	4	1	189 9 5
							<i>Balance in Hand as at 29/2/60:</i>
				26	1	6	Cash at Bank—Current a/c
				37	11	3	Deposit
				9	17	10	Cash in Hand
				200	0	0	5% Defence Bonds
							247 7 2
				£333	14	8	
				£436	16	7	
				£333	14	8	
				£436	16	7	

I have examined the above Statement together with the books and vouchers relating thereto and find them to be in accordance therewith. I have verified the balances at the Bank and the holding of Defence Bonds.

(Sgd.) L. R. BIGGS, Hon. Auditor.

(Sgd.) P. J. ELLIS, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.



Since I last sent news of the London Society, we have had our Summer Outing. This, as far as I can find out, is a post war innovation which has had varying degrees of success. This year we assembled at the Grand Grill at the usual time and drove down to Thames Ditton to spend the cool summer evening by the river. It was really very pleasant—balmy one might say.

We dropped in to rather a nice Inn and sat outside, watching the river go by and a girl in a punt, who pretended not to see us, and some cygnets playing in the water. We were very pleased to welcome yet another new member at this meeting; Donald Percival who has just finished reading History at Oxford. This represents, if not a veritable flood, then certainly a considerable flow of new members this year.

I regret to report that A. C. Purkis is leaving us and will shortly be living in Malaya. We are all very sorry to say goodbye, both to him and his charming wife and wish him every success.

C. P. Nobes has written to me and sends his best wishes to all. He is still teaching in Suffolk but hopes to come down to Town for a meeting soon.

The next meeting will be at 6.30 p.m. at the Grand Grill, Strand, on Tuesday, 6 September and after that on Tuesday, 8 November. The Christmas Dinner will be in December, time and place to be decided.

P.R.L.

Officers' Mess, R.A.F. Wyton, Hants.

Parent-Teacher Association

On 18 March, 1960, a meeting of Parents and Staff unanimously agreed to form a Parent-Teacher Association, the aim of which should be to promote co-operation between the Parents of boys at Price's and the Staff of the School. Membership is open to the Parents of boys who are attending, or have attended, the School, and the Staff; the annual subscription is 2/6d. per family.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on 26 May, at which the Constitution of the Association was approved and the various officers were elected.

It is hoped to hold various functions during the second half of the Autumn term; meanwhile, everyone eligible is invited to join.

W. G. J. THOMAS, *Honorary Secretary*,
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