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### EDITORIAL.

The term has passed without striking event, but the deluges of May were changed for the sunshine of June and July, which lured wayward scholars from their books and increased the number of detentions thereby. In athletics, it must be confessed, we have set up no new records, nor, when we saw the well remembered form of Lewry strangely adorning an Old Boys Third Eleven were we at a loss for a reason of the decline. The opportunity of the younger boys is very great, and we hope soon to have School teams worthy of comparison with any of the past.

The public examinations are now over, and we can only hope that the VI. Form and V.A. have maintained the record of their predecessors. Meanwhile, there have been some encouraging preliminary successes, duly chronicled.

The end of a School year is inevitably a time of leave-taking, and we hope that all those who go to join the ever-increasing ranks of the Old Boys will have good fortune in their ventures, and trust they will be not unmindful of the friends they leave behind. To those returning it only remains to wish such holidays as they would desire.

### CHRONICLE OF THE TERM.

In the last issue of *The Lion*, the Editor bewailed the fact that the "efficiency of the writer of this Chronicle left him little to write about in his Editorial. It seems to me, when trying hard to find subject matter, that the Editor has a glorious freedom of choice. He can treat us to a little chat on the gold standard, the cinema, modern art, the literature of Czecho-Slovakia, or any of the hundred and one other subjects on which less modest editors feel their duty to instruct their readers. An editor surely may write about, and what is more, write with authority about, any subject whatever. It is

people like myself, who have been misguided enough to undertake to write on a definite topic, who find it difficult to unearth material. However, I am in danger of becoming editorial, so let me get to the point.

Sports, after being postponed once on account of the difficulty in practising on a wet field, were duly carried out according to the usual programme. There was rain during the latter part of the afternoon, but we struggled through in spite of it. Detailed results appear elsewhere. I'm sorry to say we brought no trophies home from Winchester, though our team put up a good light.

Cricket has been unusually favoured by the weather this term, and there have been two innovations in connection with it. The first is the organisation of sections for practice, consisting of boys who are not likely to get much coaching otherwise, the idea being to begin early to acquire the more important principles. Eight such sections, each consisting of six or seven boys under a master, have been practising for about an hour after school, two or three evenings a week, and the field at such times has presented an appearance of great activity. We hope that gradually the results will justify the scheme.

The other innovation is the formation of a Junior House League. This has no bearing on the usual competition for the House Cricket Cup, but is intended to give a definite object to boys not playing in School matches. Each House puts in the field two teams, boys playing for School first or second elevens being ineligible. Each House plays every other House twice, and points are awarded for a win, tie, or draw. Play is subject to a time-limit, the duration of the whole match being fixed, and the side batting last being entitled to a certain minimum of batting time. Thus captains are given an opportunity of using their judgment in declaring, or, if batting last, in playing for a draw when a win is impossible. These opportunities have not been used to the full, but that was hardly to be ex-

pected, and at any rate the scheme has apparently been very popular, and has resulted in some very keen games.

Of the various Examination results I shall have to tell next term, for at present they are, of course, unknown. Let us hope the tale will be good.

J. S.

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## EXAMINATION RESULTS.

### BOY ARTIFICERS' EXAMINATION:

V. W. C. Bailey, E. A. Crofts.

### AIR FORCE EXAMINATION:

B. C. Coles, L. U. Wilton, W. E. Rideout.

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## VALETE.

H. E. BROOKS. Monitor; School 1st XI. Cricket and Hockey; School 2nd XI. Football. Westbury House.

O. J. AUSTIN. School House.

R. G. ATKINS. School 1st XI. Hockey. Westbury House.

J. T. RUSHFORTH. School 2nd XI. Football. Blackbrook House.

J. L. ROSS. School 2nd XI. Football and Hockey. School House.

R. WARNER. Cams 1st XI. Hockey.

A. H. RUSHFORTH. Blackbrook 1st XI. Hockey.

J. NEVE. School House.

R. TEW. School 1st XI. Football. School House.

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## SALVETE.

D. H. ALLEN. C. ALLEN.

J. SHENTON.

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## THE STEEPLECHASE.

The Steeplechase was run on April 6th — the usual type of race: windy and occasionally rainy day, unpleasant for the spectators and worse for the runners. At any rate, none of the Old Priceans present seemed to wish he were running.

The races were both well contested so far as individual performers were concerned, the Junior

in particular being closer than usual; but, besides taking individual honours, Blackbrook packed well and in the right place, and never looked like being beaten.

Of the Juniors little was seen until the final stage, when a bunch of runners appeared, much closer together than usual. Pressley, who with Watson iii. had passed Powell ii. soon after leaving the cinder track, was ahead at the last stile, and by sheer determination kept his lead up the hill from Watson iii., who thus made a distinguished first appearance. Both these runners are to be congratulated on beating such useful long-distance runners as Powell ii., Cornish and Rushforth ii., who had all made a previous appearance in the first five. Blackbrook had secured a useful lead.

The first news of the Seniors showed that it was likely to be consolidated, and this was the case, although Smith i. forced himself into second place and Smart did excellently to finish fifth. Hoskins i. repeated, a good deal more easily, his success of last year, and with Blackbrook taking four of the first six places, the contest for the cups was nearly settled.

An account of the Steeplechase which failed to note the spirit of the runners would be lacking in appreciation of what is, after all, the most striking feature of the race. Boys who gained many points, and boys who gained few or none, nearly all gave of their very best and did their respective Houses honour by their efforts.

The results were:—

### SENIOR.

1	Blackbrook	...	...	...	600
2	Westbury	...	...	...	499
3	Cams	...	...	...	391
4	School House	...	...	...	330

### JUNIOR.

1	Blackbrook	...	...	...	620
2	School House	...	...	...	501
3	Cams	...	...	...	498
4	Westbury	...	...	...	455

### COMBINED.

1	Blackbrook	...	...	...	1,220
2	Westbury	...	...	...	954
3	Cams	...	...	...	889
4	School House	...	...	...	831

### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

#### SENIOR.

1	Hoskins i. (B.)
2	Smith i. (S.H.)
3	Cross (B.)
4	Wilton (B.)
5	Smart (W.)
6	Gough (B.)

#### JUNIOR.

1	Pressley (B.)
2	Watson iii. (C.)
3	Powell ii. (W.)
4	Cornish (B.)
5	Rushforth ii. (B.)
6	Clapham (S.H.)

**THE SPORTS.**

We laboured this year under a series of handicaps and misfortunes: we had less time than usual for practice, the weather was abominable, and the field never had a chance to dry. The Sports had to be postponed once on account of the state of the ground, and on the day heavy rain set in when we were half-way through. In the circumstances, the performances were creditable, but the best boys grow far too slowly.

Congratulations must first go to Gilbert, who led his House to a convincing victory and most worthily won the Victor Ludorum Cup. In past years he has had bad luck in desperate finishes: this year there was no doubt. The 100 Yards was run down the slope, but on the very heavy ground Gilbert's time, attested by two watches, was excellent, and Watson i. and Wilton can hardly have been worse than 11 secs. The "Quarter" Gilbert took easily, and Watson i. again won a stirring struggle for second place. Wilton and Smith i. repeated their successes in the Hurdles and the Mile without much difficulty, but Wilton would have done much better if the ground had allowed him to get the practice this event needs.

In the Juniors the outstanding performers were Pressley and Smart. Pressley, who will still be a Junior next year, won the 100 Yards and the Hurdles, and for a boy of his size moves very fast indeed. Smart has improved out of all recognition, and his victories should do him a lot of good; while it was pleasing to see Watson ii. recover much of his old form and chase him home. Westbury got the Cup.

The well-deserved victory of Cams in the Portals gave universal satisfaction. Watson iii. was chiefly responsible for it, and he won his races decisively. Barter, who will have another year in this division, while unable to hold Watson, was too good for the other short-distance men, a remarkable fact, for as yet his action is as unlike a sprinter's as it well could be. Clapham's "Half," much slowed by weather conditions, looked good. Akers went after him with an easy stride, but could make no impression.

The difficulties of the jumpers on such a ground needs no emphasis, and it was very creditable for Jones, under the circumstances, to clear 4 ft. 11 ins.

The prospects at Winchester seemed better than they had done for some time, and disappointment at our failure is therefore all the more pronounced. We hope next year the tide which has been so long against us will turn at last.

**RESULTS.**

**SENIORS.**

- 100 Yards: 1, Gilbert (W.); 2, Watson (W.); 3, Wilton (B.). 10 2-5 secs.
- 440 Yards: 1, Gilbert (W.); 2, Watson (W.); 3, Hoskins i. (B.). 60 1-5 secs.
- Mile: 1, Smith i. (S.H.); 2, Hoskins i. (B.); 3, Saint (W.). 5 mins. 36 secs.
- Hurdles: 1, Wilton (B.); 2, Bennett i. (S.H.); 3, Atkins (W.) and Jones (W.). 19 secs.
- High Jump: 1, Jones (W.); 2, Atkins (W.) and Smith i. (S.H.). 4 ft. 11 ins.
- Relay: 1, Westbury (Gilbert, Jones, Watson, Atkins); 2, Blackbrook. 1 min. 19 3-5 secs.

**JUNIORS.**

- 100 Yards: 1, Pressley (B.); 2, Powell i. (W.); 3, Sanders i. (C.). 12 secs.
- 440 Yards: 1, Smart (W.); 2, Goss (C.); 3, Aps (S.H.). 68 secs.
- Half-Mile: 1, Smart (W.); 2, Watson ii. (C.); 3, Gough (B.). 2 mins. 48 4-5 secs.
- Hurdles: 1, Pressley (B.); 2, Powell ii. (W.); 3, Hill (W.). 19 3-5 secs.
- High Jump: 1, Manley (S.H.) and Bennett ii. (S.H.); 3, Fleming (W.).
- Relay: 1, Westbury (Smart, Dodds, Powell ii., Powell i.); 2, Cams. 1 min. 31 secs.

**PORTALS.**

- 100 Yards: 1, Watson iii. (C.); 2, Barter (B.); 3, Cook (W.). 12 2-5 secs.
- 220 Yards: 1, Watson iii. (C.); 2, Barter (B.); 3, Clapham (S.H.).
- Half-Mile: 1, Clapham (S.H.); 2, Akers (C.); 3, Dumper (W.). 3 mins. 3 secs.
- Hurdles: 1, Pressley (B.); 2, Powell ii. (W.); 3, Hill (W.). 19 3-5 secs.
- High Jump: 1, Hubber (C.); 2, Hawkins (C.) and Bennett iii. (S.H.). 3 ft. 8 ins.
- Relay: 1, Cams (Watson iii., Moss, Dore, Sanders ii.); 2, Blackbrook. 53 4-5 secs.

VICTOR LUDORUM: E. J. Gilbert.

**HOUSE POINTS.**

	Senior.	Junior.	Portal.	T'l.
1 Westbury ... ..	54	33	4	90
2 Blackbrook ... ..	32	19	10	61
3 School House ... ..	26	13½	10	49½
4 Cams ... ..	6	17½	16	39½

## CRICKET NOTES.

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The season has been an unsuccessful one from the point of view of victories gained by the 1st XI. Only two matches have been won, against Gosport and H.M.S. "St. Vincent," and the rest have all been lost.

Some of these games, however, were by no means easy victories for our opponents, Portsmouth Banks only winning with three minutes to go; and Gosport, in the second match, getting our last wicket with the third ball of the last over. Against Churcher's, too, the side played very well, scoring 180; and were only beaten by an extraordinarily good innings—100 in half-an-hour—by the Petersfield captain.

From the very beginning of the season it was obvious that we were not going to have a very strong side. Of the 1931 XI. only three were left, Smith, Jones and Williams, and although these were a useful nucleus, there were too many gaps to be filled. We lacked a steady bowler to bowl up the hill, and this problem has never been satisfactorily solved. In fact, the bowling has never reached a very high standard, apart from Williams, who occasionally, as in the match with Portsmouth Grammar School, bowled really well. There were a number of bowlers, but none of these were particularly good, and there was a great lack of variety.

As regards the batting, there is no doubt that the side improved tremendously. At the beginning of the season hardly a bat was at all straight, and in this respect there has been a great change. Most of the side still lack scoring shots, but we should not expect too much in one season. A straight bat is the one essential thing, and scoring shots will come later.

In the field, the side left much room for improvement. The fielding was never really bad, but on the other hand it was never really good, and good fielding is a thing to be expected of a school side. It has not been so much a matter of dropped catches, although there have been many of these, as a lack of movement, anticipation, and backing-up. On one occasion a temporary cover-point spent a whole over with his arms folded, firmly rooted to the same spot! In order to field well, boys must realise the importance of keeping on their toes, and moving in to the ball. It is purely a matter of continual alertness, which comes with keenness and practice. Certainly some improvement has been made in this respect, but with certain exceptions, notably that of Wilton, who fields really well, the side has not been at all good in the field.

Another weak point has been the running between the wickets. Many runs have been

wasted, and—what is worse—many good wickets have been thrown away by faulty running and calling. This, again, may be explained by lack of experience, and the side was an inexperienced one; but they do not seem to have realised the importance of calling clearly and quickly, of running the first run at full speed, and of backing-up with every ball that is bowled. Many of the side seemed to be afraid of saying either "Yes" or "No" audibly and definitely.

The previous paragraphs may seem to contain a great deal of adverse criticism, but it is intended as helpful criticism. The obvious weaknesses are due mainly to lack of experience; and most of the side seem to possess sufficient keenness and enthusiasm to improve in the future.

School cricket generally showed many hopeful signs. There seemed to be more general enthusiasm this season than for some time. Two innovations have been tried, with some success, as far as can be judged at present. Instead of the ordinary pick-up games, a series of House League matches has been played, each House having two Junior teams to play two matches with each of the other Houses. This competition has provided six keen games for each team, and some very interesting games have been played. A feature of the system is that the side batting first must leave their opponents at least three-quarters of an hour's batting; and a definite time-limit has helped in the general interest of these games.

The second innovation has been a system of coaching for over fifty boys from the lower part of the School. Nothing elaborate in the way of coaching is either possible or advisable, but the scheme should ensure a steady supply of boys who have learnt at least the rudimentary principles for School XI.'s of the future. Whether the scheme is successful or not, the future will show; but judging by the keenness of the junior boys, and the general attitude to the game, there should be little doubt of success.

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### 1st XI. MATCHES.

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v. Gosport Secondary School. Won 35—27.

As Gosport, on June 1st. The outfield was very slow, and scores were low accordingly. Apart from Smith, who batted very well, little resistance was offered to the Gosport bowlers, of whom Murch was the best. Gosport, when their turn came to bat, did even worse than the School, for whom Jones bowled well. Scores:—

School.

Smith b Murch	20
Wilton b Maunder	1
Child b Maunder	1
Moore b Murch	0
Swinstead lbw b Murch	0
Jones c Murch b Parham	6
Brookes b Murch	1
Saints c Tarsnane b Parham	1
Williams b Murch	1
Hoskins not out	3
Watson b Murch	0
Extras	1
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Total	35

Bowling: Murch took 6 for 15.

Gosport Secondary School.

Tarsnane b Jones	2
Hurding c and b Smith	7
Murch b Williams	7
Baker c Smith b Wilton	3
Barker b Jones	5
Scard c and b Jones	0
Maunder b Jones	0
Parham not out	0
Edmiston b Williams	0
Stewart b Smith	0
Emery c Wilton b Smith	0
Extras	2
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Total	27

Bowling: Jones took 4 for 4.

v. The Staff. Lost 72—104.

Played at home on June 8th. Scores:—

School.

Smith c Moggeridge b B. R. Shaw	5
Wilton b Troke	6
Child b B. R. Shaw	1
Saint b Riches	4
Williams c F. H. Brown b B. R. Shaw	0
Jones b F. H. Brown	18
Moore b B. R. Shaw	10
Hoskins c A. S. Gale b F. H. Brown	0
Brookes b West	7
Gilbert c H. R. Thacker b B. R. Shaw	3
Watson not out	4
Extras	14
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Total	72

Bowling: B. R. Shaw took 5 for 10.

The Staff.

Moggeridge b Williams	7
Riches b Williams	7
Troke lbw b Jones	31
R. O. Johnston c and b Jones	27
F. H. Brown b Jones	7
West b Smith	1
B. R. Shaw c Hoskins b Jones	15
A. S. Gale b Jones	0
H. R. Thacker not out	0
Walters c Hoskins b Smith	1
Glover c Williams b Smith	0
Extras	8
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Total	104

v. Churcher's College. Lost 180—237 (for 5).

Played at Petersfield on June 15th. This was a good game, in ideal weather. The School won the toss, and scored 180. The batting showed great improvement on a fast wicket. Churcher's started quite poorly, until their captain showed them how to hit unsteady bowling. He made his century in thirty-five minutes, with refreshing vigour, and Churcher's won by seven wickets. After the game the School team much appreciated a wallow in the Petersfield swimming bath. Scores:—

School.

Smith c Pegram b Dodd	43
Wilton c Montgomery b Pegram	26
Saint b Dodd	5
Moore b Plumb	24
Jones lbw b Dodd	7
Brookes st Taylor b Dodd	0
Crouch c Plumb b Dodd	5
Williams c and b Dodd	21
Child b Plumb	13
Crofts not out	15
Henley b Plumb	0
Extras	21
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Total	180

Bowling: Dodd took 6 for 70.

Churcher's College.

Gregory c Moore b Wilton	6
Colwill b Crofts	18
New b Williams	4
Bishop not out	50
Plumb b Smith	144
Montgomery c Wilton b Smith	2
Extras	13
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Total	193

Total (for 5 wickets) 237

**v. Portsmouth Grammar School.** Lost 47—106.

At Portsmouth on June 22nd. The School batted first, and very poorly. Only Jones and Williams put up any resistance to the Grammar School bowlers. Portsmouth passed the School total with five wickets in hand. The School fielding was bad, but Williams, who after the game was awarded his colours, bowled extremely well. Scores:—

## School.

Smith c Stevens b Ireland	4
Wilton b Martin	0
Saint lbw b Ireland	5
Moore b Martin	0
Jones lbw b Ireland	12
Brooks b Martin	7
Crouch b Martin	0
Williams st Stevens b Martin	11
Child b Ireland	1
Crofts b Ireland	0
Henley not out	0
Extras	7
Total	47

Bowling: Ireland, 5 for 19 and Martin 5 for 21.

## Portsmouth Grammar School.

Woodmore b Williams	18
Crocker c Moore b Williams	18
Abinett lbw b Williams	0
Waldron b Williams	2
Ireland c Smith b Williams	3
Stevens b Williams	8
Spurgeon c Child b Smith	3
Martin b Jones	16
Ellans c Jones b Smith	10
Dines c and b Jones	15
Pitchers not out	4
Extras	9
Total	106

Bowling: Williams took 6 for 31.

**v. Portsmouth Banks.** Lost 138—144 (for 6).

Played at home on June 25th. The School batting showed improvement. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Shaw hit to good purpose, and Jones also played with confidence. The Banks' team showed up the weakness of the School attack, for only Mr. Shaw and Williams kept any length. After fast scoring the Banks won just on time. Scores:—

## School.

Smith run out	12
Wilton c Pritchard b Dent	0
Saint run out	5
R. O. Johnston c Gammans b Poke	28
Jones b Dent	20
B. R. Shaw c Poke b Gammans	22
Moore st Dauncey b Gammans	4

Williams c Irving b Gammans	9
Crouch b Barley	10
H. R. Thacker b Dent	5
Henley not out	6
Extras	17
Total	138

## Portsmouth Banks.

Dauncey b B. R. Shaw	21
Irvine c Wilton b B. R. Shaw	9
Wigginton c H. R. Thacker b Williams	46
Gammans c B. R. Shaw b Wilton	16
Pritchard b Smith	13
Smith c Moore b Williams	28
Hammond not out	7
Extras	4
Total (for 6 wickets)	144

**v. H. F. Sturgess, Esq.'s XI.** Lost 55—90.

Played at home on June 29th. In this game the School were baffled by Lampport, a slow right-hander. Saint batted stolidly, and carried his bat. The School did well to dismiss a strong batting side for 90 runs. Wilton fielded well. Scores:—

## School.

R. E. Garton b Troke	0
Wilton c Troke b Lampport	6
Saint not out	18
R. O. Johnston b Lampport	1
Jones b Lampport	0
B. R. Shaw c and b Troke	10
Moore b Troke	0
Williams c Collihole b Lampport	7
Child b Lampport	0
Crouch run out	1
Henley b Troke	0
Extras	12
Total	55

Bowling: Lampport 5 for 24; Troke 4 for 12.

## H. F. Sturgess' XI.

Troke c Wilton b B. R. Shaw	8
Sturgess c and b B. R. Shaw	11
Lampport c Jones b B. R. Shaw	7
Bennett c Moore b Williams	10
Bussey lbw b Williams	4
Swaffield c Henley b Wilton	10
Collihole c Wilton b B. R. Shaw	8
Tull b Wilton	2
Murray c Henley b Wilton	10
Rampton c Henley b Williams	1
Mogridge not out	4
Extras	15
Total	90

**v. Midhurst Grammar School.** Lost 53—100.

Played at Midhurst on July 2nd. The School batting was again poor, only Moore and Jones playing with any confidence. Jones also bowled successfully, while Wilton and Saint fielded very well. Scores:—

School.	
Smith c Coles b Crawley ... ..	1
Wilton b Bevis ... ..	1
Saint b Crawley ... ..	4
Moore b Turrell ... ..	16
Jones lbw b Turrell ... ..	15
Crouch b Turrell ... ..	0
Williams c Ford b Turrell ... ..	1
Child lbw b Crawley ... ..	0
Crofts not out ... ..	5
Hoskins c Tribe b Turrell ... ..	2
Henley st Budd b Turrell ... ..	2
Extras ... ..	6
Total ... ..	

Bowling: Turrell took 6 for 10.

**Midhurst Grammar School.**

Dewey b Williams ... ..	26
Coles b Henley ... ..	7
Bevis c Crouch b Jones ... ..	11
Sinfield c and b Jones ... ..	0
Smith c and b Jones ... ..	1
Budd c Hoskins b Smith ... ..	21
Tribe c Hoskins b Williams ... ..	5
Turrell not out ... ..	15
Crawley lbw b Williams ... ..	0
Marriner run out ... ..	0
Ford b Williams ... ..	7
Extras ... ..	7
Total ... ..	

**v. H.M.S. "St. Vincent."**

Won 117 (for 8 wks., dec.)—52.

Played at Gosport on July 6th. After a bad start the School recovered. Moore batted stylishly until caught from a good hit. Child also batted well. "St. Vincent" were out cheaply. Hoskins fielded well and held a good catch. Henley showed his true form with the ball. Scores:—

School.	
Smith b Meredith ... ..	33
Saint b Skinner ... ..	1
Wilton b Skinner ... ..	2
Moore c Skinner b Meredith ... ..	19
Jones lbw b Meredith ... ..	5
Williams b Meredith ... ..	9
Crofts b Skinner ... ..	8
Child not out ... ..	22

Crouch b Skinner ... ..	0
Hoskins not out ... ..	7
Henley did not bat.	
Extras ... ..	12
Total (for 8 wks., dec.) ... ..	

**H.M.S. "St. Vincent."**

Francis lbw b Henley ... ..	3
Hixson c Smith b Henley ... ..	0
Wells lbw b Williams ... ..	0
Chicksfield b Henley ... ..	0
Fudge c Crofts b Henley ... ..	10
Skinner c Crouch b Williams ... ..	0
Bandy c Hoskins b Smith ... ..	16
Tuffnell c Smith b Henley ... ..	0
Meredith run out ... ..	11
Breton b Jones ... ..	6
Cudd not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	6
Total ... ..	

Bowling: Henley took 5 for 16.

**v. Gosport Secondary School.** Lost 93—110.

Played at home on July 9th. This was a keen game, only decided after extra time. Gosport batted first, and obtained a moderate total. Crofts finished off the innings with five good overs. The School started very badly with the bat. Then Wilton, who as usual had fielded very well, and Jones formed a fruitful partnership. The School "tail" failed, and the last wicket fell in the last over. Wilton was awarded his colours. Scores:—

**Gosport Secondary School.**

Hurding lbw b Williams ... ..	1
Gutteridge run out ... ..	24
Tarsnane c Child b Smith ... ..	15
Murch c Moore b Williams ... ..	14
Barker b Smith ... ..	8
Baker run out ... ..	21
Parham lbw b Williams ... ..	0
Scard not out ... ..	6
Maunder c Smith b Crofts ... ..	9
Edmiston b Crofts ... ..	0
Barber c Saint b Crofts ... ..	1
Extras ... ..	6

Total ... .. 110

Bowling: Crofts took 3 for 5.

**School.**

Smith b Parham ... ..	0
Wilton c Edmiston b Parham ... ..	35
Saint run out ... ..	1
Moore run out ... ..	0
Jones b Murch ... ..	28

Crofts c Barker b Parham ... ..	11
Williams run out ... ..	1
Child b Parham ... ..	2
Crouch c Tarsnane b Parham ... ..	1
Hoskins c Murch b Parham ... ..	0
Henley not out ... ..	4
Extras ... ..	15
Total ... ..	93

Bowling: Parham took 6 for 12.

**Past v. Present.** Lost 69—117 (for 6).

Played on July 16th. The Old Boys brought down one of the strongest "Past" teams ever seen on the School field. Winning the toss, the "Present" side took first knock on a wicket made soft by heavy rain. Wilton maintained his improved form until Ross tied him down with steady bowling. Saint and Moore stayed for some time without scoring fast, while Jones was out carelessly. After some more wickets had fallen very cheaply, Child and Hoskins made a good stand. Child kept his end up while Hoskins hit courageously. The Old Boys' bowling and fielding, particularly the latter, were of a high standard.

The School side had little hope of dismissing the Old Boys cheaply, and even that was dispelled when Connolly started hitting in the form of a few years ago. He put on 61 for the first wicket with Ross, until he pulled one into his wicket. The "Past" side won by 9 wickets, and the in-coming batsmen hit with more confidence than discretion. The School fielding was greatly improved; Crouch, Jones and Hoskins held good catches, and Child allowed no byes. Scores:

Present.

Smith b Fielder ... ..	10
Wilton c Swinstead b Ross ... ..	17
Saint b Wagstaffe ... ..	8
Moore b Sinnott ... ..	6
Jones run out ... ..	0
Crofts c Lee b Nugent ... ..	1
Williams b Sinnott ... ..	0
Child c Connolly b Ross ... ..	6
Crouch b Sinnott ... ..	2
Hoskins c Ross b Wagstaffe ... ..	17
Henley not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	2
Total ... ..	69

Past.

Connolly b Williams ... ..	45
B. Ross b Jones ... ..	24
Sturgess c Crouch b Jones ... ..	4
Sinnott b Smith ... ..	3
Nugent c Jones b Smith ... ..	18

Wagstaffe not out ... ..	13
Swinstead c Hoskins b Wilton ... ..	9

Total (for 6 wickets) ... 117

Troke, Fielder, Barnes and Lee did not bat.

## 2nd XI. MATCHES.

- v. Gosport Secondary School 2nd XI.,  
on June 1st. Away. Won 63—28.
- v. St. Helen's College 1st XI., on June 8th.  
Home. Won 32—30.
- v. Portsmouth Grammar School 3rd XI.,  
on June 22nd. Away. Lost 57—98.
- v. St. Helen's College 1st XI.,  
on June 25th. Away. Lost 43—60.
- v. H.M.S. "St. Vincent" 2nd XI.,  
on July 6th. Home. Won 22 and 49  
—33 and 32.
- v. Gosport Secondary School 2nd XI.,  
on July 9th. Home. Lost 57—58.
- v. Old Boys' 2nd XI., on July 16th.  
Lost 42—76.

## 3rd XI. MATCHES.

- v. Gosport Secondary School 3rd XI.,  
on June 1st. Home. Won 42—20.
- v. St. Helen's College 2nd XI., on June 8th.  
Won 46—33.
- v. St. Helen's College 2nd XI., on June 25th.  
Away. Lost 47—50.
- v. Gosport Secondary School 3rd XI.,  
on July 9th. Away. Won 48—30.
- v. Old Boys' 3rd XI., on July 16th.  
Lost 30—89.

## 4th XI. MATCHES.

- v. Gosport Secondary School 4th XI.,  
on June 1st. Home. Lost 15—87.
- v. Gosport Secondary School 4th XI.,  
on July 9th. Away. Won 48—30.

## 1st XI. CHARACTERS.

- P. P. SMITH (Captain).—Has played some very valuable innings, but has hardly reached last season's standard. Is a good field, but is inclined to bowl too much. Has captained the side very well.
- A. JONES.—Watches the ball well, and has some good forcing shots. Is too much inclined to get in front of his wicket when playing back. Fields very well at mid-off, and is a useful change bowler.



- T. J. WILLIAMS.—Has done the lion's share of the bowling, and has done it very well. He keeps a good length, and has a natural off-break. As a bat he can hit straight and very hard, but has been out often through choosing the wrong ball.
- L. V. WILTON.—Has a nice style, particularly in forward play, and he can drive very hard. His back-play is uncertain. Bowls fairly well, but his length is erratic. Is a really excellent field, and a keen player generally.
- D. E. J. SAINT.—A painstaking bat. Watches the ball carefully, and has a sound defence, but is rather lacking in scoring strokes. He should be useful next year.
- P. S. MOORE.—Has improved considerably as a bat, and now plays quite straight. Is at his best in forward play. Rather slow in the field.
- R. G. CHILD.—As a wicket-keeper he stops the ball very well, but should learn to depend less on his pads. As a bat he watches the ball well and can hit to leg, but otherwise lacks scoring strokes.
- E. A. CROFTS.—Found his place in the side as a left-hand bowler. He bowls quite well, but his length is at times erratic and he tries to bowl too fast. Slow in the field.
- H. HENLEY.—Bowls very steadily, and is not afraid of pitching the ball well up to the batsman. With more experience he should be very useful, and has possibilities as a forcing bat.
- A. G. CROUCH.—Has improved considerably as a bat, but should put more power into his shots. Rather slow in the field, but has safe hands.
- O. J. HOSKINS.—Hits refreshingly hard, and with some discretion. At present lacking in defence. A good outfield.
- R. BROOKES.—Can hit quite hard, but not with a straight bat. Has improved considerably, but is still slow in the field.

**HOUSE LEAGUE COMPETITION.**

	Played.	Won.	Dn.	Lost.	Pts.
Cams ... ..	12	9	0	3	27
Westbury ... ..	12	5	1	6	16
Blackbrook ... ..	12	4	2	6	14
School House ... ..	12	4	1	7	13

3 points for a win. 1 point for a draw.

The result of the Cricket House Competition will be published in next term's issue of *The Lion*, a complete round still remaining to be played.

**HOUSE NOTES.**

**BLACKBROOK.**

Blackbrook's shelf has now changed in appearance. It now holds many cups, which have been won by sheer hard work and team spirit.

We won the Senior, Junior and Combined Steeplechase Cups by convincing margins. The first boys home in the Senior and Junior Steeplechases were Blackbrook boys.

In the School Sports, Blackbrook was second in the Senior, Junior and Portal events, which shows the House to be consistent.

It would be very pleasant for the House to win back the Tarbat Cup, which was, at one time, almost fixed on Blackbrook's shelf. To do this, the older boys will have to set a good example to the younger members of the House. There are no boys in Blackbrook who have not helped the House either in school or in sports, and there is a large number who have done both.

We have lost the Cricket Cup, and are now placed third in the table, but the matches against Westbury have yet to be played, so let us work hard to move up to second place.

The House is in a prosperous state, and we must work hard to keep it so.

A.S.H.

**CAMS.**

This term, thanks to this year's arrivals in Cams, we have succeeded in winning the Sports Minor Cup. Let us all, therefore, congratulate our younger members, especially those such as Watson iii. and Hubber, who have done so much for the House.

Although we have not succeeded very well in the House matches, we have made up for our failure by winning the House League Competition by a large margin. In these matches, Walters has acquitted himself extremely well, as have also all the junior team.

Let us also congratulate Weavil and Etheridge on being appointed Options, and Bailey on passing his examination. To the last-named, and to all the others who are leaving us, I wish the best of luck, and hope that they may do as much for themselves in the world as they have already done for Cams.

J. V. DYER.

**SCHOOL HOUSE.**

School House are almost certain to win the Cricket Cup this term. Our 1st XI. and 3rd XI. are undefeated owing to their consistent playing. Smith, the School Captain, has done invaluable work both with the bat and ball. Williams, re-

cently awarded his 1st XI. Colours, bowled excellently for the School and the House. Crouch played in almost all the School 1st XI. matches. Leese, Swinstead and Bennett i., all members of the School 2nd XI., played well in all the matches. In the junior matches, Aps, Troke, Bronley ii., Bent, Hynes ii. and Newbury played well.

We were not very successful in the Steeplechase last term. Our Juniors, however, gained second place. Clapham, Smith i. and Nicholas i. ran well. In the School Sports we were a good third in the Combined Cup, and in the Portal Cup we were second. Clapham, Grafham, Bennett iii., Aps, Manley and Bennett ii. gained points in the Portals and the Juniors. Smith i., Bennett i. and Leese were our successful competitors in the Seniors.

In the new House Cricket League we did fairly well. The successful players of our Junior House teams were again useful in the League matches. Our best performance was the defeat of Blackbrook in the last match.

We wish those members of the House who are taking the School Certificate the best of luck, as well as Smith i., who has taken the Examination for Paymaster Cadetship. At the end of the term, Smith i., Crouch, Leese and Pitcairn are probably leaving, and after their good work for the School and the House alike, may they be successful in the future. R.G.C.

### WESTBURY.

At the time of writing our chances of winning the Cricket Cup are rather remote, and we are almost ready to congratulate School House upon their victory.

We entered upon the season with considerable hopes, but these received a decided check from School House, who, despite our formidable score, succeeded in tiring our bowling, and then indulged in a lengthy display of hard-hitting. The match with Blackbrook has not yet been played, but we hope that it will be characterised by the enthusiasm which is usual in this fixture, even though the result is not as critical as usual. We have been fortunate in having four men in the 1st XI. and a considerable number of the 2nd XI. Special tribute must be paid to Jones, who has been our leading batsman and bowler.

The new House League system for Junior games promises to be a great success, but, owing to the fact that our League teams practically coincided with our 2nd and 3rd XI.'s, we were unable to win any great honours. Nevertheless, these matches have provided an added interest, and have been useful in bringing junior talent to light.

In order to end on an optimistic note, athletics have been left to the last. We lost our Junior Steeplechase Cup at the end of last term, but were by no means disgraced in either event.

The Sports provided our one really strong point this term, and whilst Cams deservedly won the Portal Championship, our seniors and juniors had little difficulty in winning the remaining trophies. There was some splendid team work, and our Portals contain several promising runners. The whole House, especially the Portals, show great enthusiasm in training, and there has been a noticeable absence of slacking.

This term we have lost two valuable members, Brookes and Atkins having availed themselves of offers of situations at short notice. Both have been enthusiastic and capable in all branches of sport, and are a considerable loss to the House.

I do not know which boys are leaving this term, but we wish them the best of luck, and thank them for what they have done for their House.

E.J.G.

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## THE OLD PRICEAN.

### NOTE.

THE OLD PRICEANS' ASSOCIATION is a body formed to enable all Old Boys to keep in touch with the School and with each other. All boys are urged to join immediately on leaving School, in order to preserve unbroken their association with the School.

Members receive *The Lion* on publication, and are entitled to play in Past v. Present matches, and to take part in the various functions organised by the Association.

The annual subscription is 3s. 6d., overseas members 2s. 6d., or the present benefits are secured for life by a subscription of two guineas.

Old Pricean Ties are authorised, and are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, or from Messrs. Dunn, West Street, Farcham; price 3s. 6d. each.

The Hon. Secretary is G. Chigrell, 21, Lochbie, Crouch Hill, N. 4, who will be very pleased to hear from all prospective members.

Old Boys living in London area are invited to join the London Section. Details from the Hon. Secretary, D. R. Masterman, 87a, Talgarth Road, Barons Court, S.W. 14.

Past v. Present matches are held at the School on the following dates:—

- Football: The third Saturday in November.
- Hockey: The first Saturday in March.
- Cricket: The second Saturday in July.

## SECRETARIAL NOTES.

After eleven years, we have at last a real constitution and real rules. Originally put forward and drafted by R. C. H. Connolly, the rules published in another column took final shape at the Annual General Meeting, and are now in force. Although most of the provisos are really a matter of form, there are a few definite rulings on points which have been controversial in the past. In particular, the rule governing the formation of the Committee will provide that august body with regular supplies of new blood, and we may anticipate many and startling reforms!

Reunion has again come and gone, and those who were, from various reasons, prevented from getting up to School last month, undoubtedly missed the most successful week-end the Association has ever organised. Record crowds at every function were balm indeed to those who had made the arrangements, and very remarkable keenness was shown by all who turned up. The meetings are reported in another place, but the writer wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped to make this show a success, and also those who, many at some inconvenience to themselves, came long distances to be present at the School again.

The decision of the General Meeting to form a Committee to act in an advisory capacity on Careers for Boys leaving School, should inaugurate a really useful phase of activity of the Association. The working of the scheme, at the start, will be that a list will be kept of Members willing to give advice on the potentialities and difficulties of their own occupations (without in any way being committed to *finding* posts for any applicant), and boys leaving School will notify the Secretary (through Mr. Shaw) of the profession or business they are desirous of entering. They will then be put in touch with a representative of that career, and by personal interview or interchange of letters, many of the difficulties inherent to the outset of a career, may be removed. A list has been opened, and any Members willing to assist in this scheme, are requested to communicate with me, giving details of their own occupation and any special branch with which they may be conversant.

O.U. Hockey in London is still struggling to find its feet, and under the guidance of H. C. Lardeaux, we are anticipating making a proper start next season. He tells us that he hopes to get about a dozen fixtures, but he is entirely dependent on the support of our London members, and wishes us to emphasise that any people who

wish to play *must* provide their own gear and sticks. It is to be hoped that his arm will recover sufficiently to allow him to play himself, if only as a reward for his labours for the common good.

We are exploring the possibilities of entering a team at one of the Hockey Festivals next Easter—probably Bournemouth; and there appears to be a distinct probability that we shall be able to raise a team which will do credit to us and to the School. We hope to report further in a later issue of *The Lion*.

We are still clamouring for "food" for our section of *The Lion*; with O.P.'s in all walks of life and scattered all over the face of the globe, we ought to be sure of a regular supply of articles and news for publication. There are still many occupations not yet treated of in our "Behind the Scenes" series, and we appeal to those who have not yet been represented, to come to our help.

We still occasionally hear of heart-burnings because some people have not received some of the many circulars we send out. We can assure all members that no one is ever forgotten, but if members *will* change their place of abode and *will* not notify us, we cannot be responsible for non-delivery of postal matter.

G. CHIGNELL.

## REUNION, 1932.

Altogether, seventy-eight members contributed by their presence to the success of a record meeting. Three full cricket teams were put into the field, the 1st XI. being a particularly strong affair and including no less than five ex-School captains. All three elevens won their games fairly easily, but in the 1st XI. game the School, batting first, were by no means disgraced by the stubborn resistance they put up to a very strong and varied attack. The O.P.A. teams were:—

1st XI.: J. M. Lee (capt.), R. C. H. Connolly, H. F. Sturgess, J. B. Sinnott, B. R. Ross, V. J. Barnes, F. T. Troke, R. L. Fielder, D. S. Swinstead, F. E. Nugent, F. G. Wagstaffe.

2nd XI.: E. H. Dean Cooper, J. H. Chapman, W. Murray, W. L. Jones, H. R. Bucknall, A. W. Wills, J. Wheatley, N. E. Wareham, E. M. Kenway, F. R. Clark, P. Silvester.

3rd XI.: E. Smith, F. C. Polwin, Fielder, A. W. Reader, J. E. Franklin, W. V. Mitchell, H. McNeil, D. Pink, A. G. Frost, R. A. Lewry, H. W. Mundy.

So great was the crowd that tea had to be taken in two sections, though some who shall be

nameless seemed to find it quite easy to be both sheep and goats.

Immediately after the games, the eleventh Annual General Meeting was held, which is reported elsewhere, and then followed the third Reunion Dinner, held as usual at the "Red Lion," and attended by the Headmaster, four of the Staff, and forty-five members. It appeared that at all events the majority of those present enjoyed themselves!

The toast list was, as usual, short, and after that of "The King," J. M. Lee proposed that of "The School and the Staff," in reply to which the Headmaster again charmed us with a most interesting speech of reminiscences. B. R. Scott, in proposing the toast of "Absent Friends," said that a particular arrangement had been made with H. Wellborne and L. Hewetson that this toast should be honoured at 9.30 p.m., when they would then be able to think of us. He suggested that a tradition might thus grow, so that all O.P.'s, wherever they were, would remember that at 9.30 on the second Saturday in July, that toast would be celebrated. Community songs and solo efforts by Ross, Nugent, Mr. Shaddock, Polwin, Gardner and Clark brought the evening to a very successful conclusion.

On Sunday morning, about twenty-seven members joined the School House at morning service at the Parish Church, which led to the Headmaster afterwards being complimented on his large family!

In the afternoon, nine car-loads, totalling some thirty people, took part in a scavenging party, which led those competing in a round-about way to Alton, where the "Swan" Hotel provided a very jolly tea, and then members were left with nothing to do but to go home and start looking forward to the next Reunion.

Those who put in an appearance during the week-end, in addition to the teams, included:— Adams, N. L. and R. L.; Andrews, Archell, Aps, Austin, Bark, Biden, Blanch, Blount, Bone H. V., Brooks H. E., Bucknall E. W., Chignell, Coles A. G., Crocker, Davis H. F., Dove, Dyer, Eyles W. C. A., Gardner, Harvey A. J., Heath J. C., Higgens, Hoad, Hoather, Humphries, Ivens, Marriott, Masterman, Mathews, McNeil W. C., Morris R. W., Reeves R. G., Riches J., Ross C., Ross J. L., Scott B. R., Sheppard L. F., Smith F. P., Whitman, Wills A. W., Winsor G. W. and R. L.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Association, held at the School on July 16th, 1932, was attended by sixty members, the Headmaster being in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting, regrettably mislaid, having been taken as read, the Secretary read his report, in which he referred to the continued progress of the Association, and to the various new developments which had been or were about to be set on foot.

The Treasurer then read his report, which was adopted; and also said that he much regretted that he must now resign his post, nominating the Assistant Treasurer as his successor. The meeting accepted his resignation with regret, and with a cordial expression of thanks for his very great services in the past eight years.

The constitutions of the Association were then read, and voted upon, and the form finally arrived at was approved.

Officials for the year were then elected, as under:—

Hon. Secretary: G. Chignell.

Hon. Treasurer: M. W. Gardner.

Committee: H. L. Marriott, D. R. Masterman, J. B. Sinnott, R. A. Lewry, F. G. Wagstaffe, D. C. T. Humphries.

A proposal was then made to form a committee of members who would be willing to give advice on their own professions or occupations to those leaving School. This was agreed to, and a list was circulated to obtain the names of such members.

A proposed new tie was then discussed, J. B. Sinnott proposing, and H. E. Dean-Cooper seconding, that a tie consisting of a blue ground crossed by diagonal white lines, and bearing on it a number of small white lions, should be adopted. The proposal was carried by 25 votes to 20, and the matter was referred to the Committee to ascertain if arrangements could be made to purchase such ties.

The annual subscription was then fixed at 3s. 6d. for the ensuing year, and J. C. Heath was again appointed Honorary Auditor.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

## OLD PRICEANS' ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION.

### I.—Name.

The Association shall be called the OLD PRICEANS' ASSOCIATION.

### II.—Administrative Centre.

The Administrative Centre of the Association shall be Fareham.

### III.—Aims.

To keep in touch with all Old Boys and to further the interests of the School.

**IV.—Membership.**

Membership of the Association shall be open to all Old Boys of Price's School, Fareham, and past or present members of the School Staff.

**V.—Functions of the Association.**

(a) The Association shall organise Reunions of Old Priceans. These shall be held on the first Saturday in March, the second Saturday in July, and the third Saturday in November each year.

(b) There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the members of the Association, which shall be held during the Summer Reunion, at which the Honorary Treasurer's accounts and balance sheet shall be presented, the Honorary Secretary's report be read, the annual subscription for the ensuing year be fixed, and the Officers and Committee (except as provided for in Rule IX.) for the ensuing year be elected.

(c) There shall be an Annual Dinner of the Association.

(d) There shall be circulated to all members of the Association a news sheet, circular, or magazine containing all available information of Old Priceans.

(e) There shall be such other functions and activities as the Committee may from time to time organise and arrange.

**VI.—Subscription.**

(a) A person eligible for membership of the Association shall only become a member upon payment of an annual or a life subscription.

(b) All annual subscriptions shall be due on the first day of July in each year, and any member being more than three years in arrears shall cease to be entitled to the benefits of membership until his arrears are fully paid up. Exceptional cases may be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee. Boys leaving School may be honorary members until the next Annual General Meeting after they leave.

(c) A subscription of two guineas shall entitle a member to the present benefits of the Association for life.

(d) Members residing abroad shall pay an annual subscription of one shilling less than that determined from time to time as the annual subscription payable by members residing in the British Isles.

(e) The year shall commence the day following the Annual General Meeting.

**VII.—President.**

The Headmaster of the School shall be *ipso facto* President of the Association.

**VIII.—Officers.**

The Officers of the Association shall be an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meet-

ing; an Assistant Honorary Treasurer and an Assistant Honorary Secretary may be elected.

**IX.—Committee.**

(a) A Committee of six shall be elected from the members of the Association. Three members shall be elected annually, and shall hold office for a period of two years, at the end of which they shall retire and shall NOT be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year.

(b) The Committee may fill incidental vacancies by co-option. The co-opted member shall, however, retire at the same time as his predecessor would have done.

(c) The Committee may co-opt not more than two members per annum for special purposes, and any member is eligible for such co-option, even though he has retired compulsorily from the previous Committee at the end of two years' service. Such co-opted member shall retire at the ensuing Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) An Honorary Auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office for one year; but he shall not *ipso facto* be deemed a member of the Committee.

(e) In addition to the above, the President, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary shall be *ex-officio* on the Committee.

(f) At a Committee meeting, five shall form a quorum.

**X.—Local Sections.**

Members resident away from the Administrative Centre of the Association who form Local Branches of the Association in their locality, may, at their desire, send one member to meetings of the Committee. The formation of a Local Section must be confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting of the Association.

**XI.—Alteration to Constitution.**

Proposals for adding to, rescinding, or altering this Constitution shall only be considered at a General Meeting. Not less than three months' notice of any such proposal to be given to the Honorary Secretary, who shall communicate the same to all members.

**XII.—Temporary Rule.**

Rule XI. shall not come into force until the day following the Annual General Meeting in 1934, and on the same day Rule XII. shall be deleted from the Constitution.

**NEW OR REJOINED MEMBERS.**

\*D. B. Riley.—Byron House, King's Road, Fareham, Hants.

O. J. Austin.—270 West Street, Fareham, Hants.

- D. Roberts.—46 Dean's Park Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 A. G. Frost.—3 Manor Villas, Wickham, Hants.  
 A. J. Fletcher.—"Rothervale," Osborn Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 J. L. Ross.—Rimpton House, Netley Abbey, Hants.  
 A. W. Wills.—"Garden View, Oakley, Hants.  
 R. L. Adams.—Red Barns Farm, Fareham,  
 H. E. Brooks.—Mansell Cottage, Hoe Road, Swanmore, Hants.  
 H. F. Davis.—Valetta House, Esplanade, Fareham, Hants.  
 R. Troke.—Osborn Road, Fareham, Hants.

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### CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- W. G. Tovell.—"Costelles," Bridge Road, Bursledon, near Southampton.  
 E. A. Swinstead.—King's Farm, Binstead, near Alton, Hants.  
 B. H. Swinstead.—Ivinghoe House, Ivinghoe, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.  
 G. R. Swaffield.—46 Dover Street, Piccadilly, W. 1.  
 G. A. Booker.—105 Battenberg Avenue, Portsmouth.  
 J. E. Franklin.—113 Roll Gardens, Ilford, Essex.  
 D. K. Blount.—De Lodington, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants.  
 E. J. K. Garrett.—102 Guildford Street, W.C. 1.  
 L. G. Easton.—489 Black Fen Road, Sidcup, Kent.  
 R. Ross.—"Fernbank," Waverley Avenue, Netley, Hants.  
 D. E. Gregory.—H.M.S. "St. Vincent," Gosport, Hants.

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### L.S.O.P. NOTES.

London Section are enjoying their summer vacation; that is to say, the Secretary is pleased to be free of the necessity of sending out monthly notices of meetings to lots of people he feels sure must exist, because he has their perfectly good-looking addresses, and letters never get returned marked "not known" or "unheard of." He did think of scratching a number of names from the list, but he received such an earnest plea from the postal authorities not to cut off such a fruitful source of revenue to their funds, that he weakened and decided to continue the good work until too old and feeble to pen a line, which incidentally will not be long now.

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The faithful dozen or so active members still support us loyally, and we trust will all pop up again in the autumn.

H. C. Lardeaux is trying to pave the way for some hockey fixtures in the coming season, and has spent his energy circularising likely players. Will anyone who would like to play at the week-ends, and are able to provide their own kit, kindly advise either Lardeaux or myself, without delay, and so greatly lighten his work in preparing a fixture list. Lardeaux's address is 56 Alexandra Road, London, N.W. 8.

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We would remind you of the existence of the "Lunch Club," which meets at lunch time on the first Tuesday in every month at the Brasserie Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus. So far the attendance has been so great that the proprietors are considering the necessity of providing a fourth chair, for fear of another O.P. arriving and finding himself "seatless."

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Notices of the first meeting of the 1932-33 session will be sent out in due course, when the Secretary has decided when and where he would like to have it! He sincerely hopes that all London Old Boys will support him with their presence in the future as in the past.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMN,  
 87a Talgarth Road, Baron's Court, S.W.

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### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

D. ROBERTS, who left last term, has become apprenticed at the Fareham branch of Timothy White's Drug Department, and is studying at the Municipal College, Portsmouth, for his preliminary examination for qualification as a pharmacist.

L. F. SHEPPARD has been in Egypt for several months.

We very heartily congratulate E. LLEWELLYN on the arrival of a son, David, born on 3rd June.

G. A. BOOKER has completed six months' work at the South-Western Tar Distilleries at Totton, and has returned to their Portsmouth works.

H. J. FLETCHER is taking a three years' course of electrical engineering at Portsmouth Municipal College, where he has now completed his first year. From him we hear that E. ROWE, O. J. AUSTIN, G. W. WINSOR and A. B. COOK are all taking courses in the same College.

GEOFF. SWAFFIELD has established himself in Dover Street, Piccadilly, and divides his time between his Paris and London hat establishments. He finds London a very cheery and optimistic place after Paris, which is distinctly depressing.

## "BEHIND THE SCENES."

## VIII.—Patent Agency.

B. H. SWINSTEAD is now farming at Ivinghoe, near Leighton Buzzard, while his brother, E. A., has moved to Binsted. B. H. is anxious to know if there are any other O.P.'s in his part of the country; it is quite near Halton R.A.F. Camp, which sometimes attracts our people.

A. G. FROST, having just formed a cricket club in Wickham, found it very heavy work starting with no capital in hand. He is working for his local "big man," and finds himself in charge of an office and two sets of books, after very quick promotion.

J. M. LEE and B. R. SCOTT are both home on leave from India, and were participants in a remarkable coincidence, in that, although neither knew the other was due for leave, they not only came on the same boat, but were actually put to share the same cabin. Each man's surprise and delight at his travelling companion may well be imagined. We offer heartiest congratulations to Lee on his engagement to be married, which was recently announced.

J. C. HEATH is now a partner in the firm of Hill, Wooldridge and Co., Chartered Accountants, in Walbrook, E.C.

D. K. BLOUNT writes to say that although he has changed his address, he has not fallen a victim to the married state.

W. E. CROCKER was unfortunately on the sick list for some months, but he is now happily recovered, although still under treatment, and under the necessity of taking things easily.

H. E. LARDEAUX asks us to correct the statement which appeared in *The Lion* that his arm was slowly yielding to treatment, as it is still useless from the games point of view, but he continues to hope for the best from another operation which is due next month. He is still waiting for support for the London Hockey Team next winter.

L. F. BIDEN, now quite a staid old married man, has established himself in Morden, and has succeeded in persuading his firm of Solicitors to open a branch office there in connection with an estate which they run, with himself in sole command.

H. F. DAVIS, having completed his foreign service with the R.A.F., is now stationed at Gosport, and is able to get home frequently. His brother, E. A., in the Navy, has been on the China station for two years.

Among those whom the cares and exigencies of harvesting prevented from coming to Reunion were W. GREENHAM and two of the brothers SWINSTEAD.

A Patent Agent is an individual with whose activities the average layman is not at all familiar, and, in any event, the word "agent" is rather misleading in that it implies to most people a hawking of some article for sale; in fact, on more than one occasion, after having been asked how I while away my time, and replying that I practice as a Patent Agent, an enquiry has followed as to the nature of my particular "line."

Now the activities of a Patent Agent are very varied. It might be said, however, that he essentially acts in matters relating quite generally to the protection of industrial property. He is, for instance, consulted in such matters as obtaining the grants of Letters Patent for inventions and the registration of Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright, both in this country and all over the world. He is further consulted when questions of infringement or piracy occur, and in the general exploitation of inventions, such for instance as assigning the rights to a patent or granting a licence under it.

With the above introductory comments, I would like to have dealt with the origin and development of the Patent system, at any rate in this country, and given a general outline of the procedure adopted in obtaining Patents and Registering Designs and Trade Marks, but I am afraid to include this as it would make this paper of somewhat inordinate length, and I propose only to touch very lightly upon one or two essentials connected with Patents.

A "Patent," in its popular significance, may be regarded as being in the nature of a reward to an inventor; there is, in substance, a contract between the Crown and the inventor, wherein the Crown grants a monopoly for a limited period (at present sixteen years) for a new industry, providing that the inventor at the end of the term of the monopoly gives his invention to the public for its benefit. An inventor is called to file a specification fully disclosing his invention and clearly defining the scope of the monopoly which he seeks. There is room for very great skill in drafting such a specification, as it is not what the inventor says he has invented that matters in any litigation which may arise, but what he has described and claimed in his specification. Every specification ought, in fact, to be so drafted that it can withstand the most skilled and intensive attack in a Law Court, as it is impossible to tell when such a state of affairs may arise and what fortune turn upon the results of such action.

Various considerations arise in determining whether or not an alleged invention may properly form the subject of a Patent, and these, amongst other things, include considerations of subject matter, novelty, and, to a minor degree, utility and ingenuity. So far as subject matter is concerned, the invention must be "a manner of manufacture" within the meaning of the term employed in the Statute of Monopolies, as to novelty, the invention must be new at the date of applying for a Patent, and the remaining considerations of utility and ingenuity, in addition to being of a somewhat technical nature, are generally of very much less importance, although in certain cases they may, of course, become turning factors in a legal action.

Each country, and indeed each British Colony, has its own individual Patent Law, and there are very big differences between the various laws and the practices under these laws. A Patent Agent must, of course, be perfectly familiar with the laws and practices of, at any rate, the Colonies, and the more important foreign countries.

I will now endeavour to give a few details relating to the profession of Patent Agency which may be of some general interest. The profession is a very small one, there being only between three and four hundred qualified men in this country. I think that it would be very easy to justify a contention that the work carried out by a Patent Agent is very interesting. An extremely wide field has to be covered, and it is necessary, in fact, to make an endeavour to keep in touch with the general developments of the various trades and industries, in order to be of service to the diverse forms of inventors encountered, varying, for instance, from a dear old lady with a novel method of securing a pink bow on "kittums," to a sage with an intricate television system, or even a long-haired gentleman with a solution (*sic*) of the perpetual motion problem, of which latter there is a vast number.

To anyone taking up the profession I would strongly recommend taking a degree course in some Science or Engineering, as a standard, more or less, of that category is required, and by taking such a course immediately after leaving school a lot of what may be rather arduous reading may be avoided. A degree is not essential, however, for entering the profession; a preliminary qualification of having matriculated or passed an examination of equivalent standard is all that is necessary. A period of two years has then to be spent with a Patent Agent in order to qualify for an intermediate examination. This examina-

tion is a very mixed one, and includes papers on British, Colonial and Foreign Patent Laws and Practices, Trade Mark and Design Laws and Practices, preparation and reading of mechanical drawings, and papers on manufactures generally, and science papers on electricity and magnetism, chemistry and general physics, including heat, light and sound. A further period of three years has to be served after passing the intermediate examination, in order to qualify for the final examination, and this is limited to the drafting and interpretation of patent specifications.

The profession is under the control of the Board of Trade, although immediate control is vested in the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, and no one is allowed to practice as a Patent Agent unless he is in fact qualified and has his name entered on the Register of Patent Agents.

I think that the prospects are good for a keen person entering the profession of Patent Agency, although it would not suit a good time-keeper; that is to say, anyone who expects to be free at the end of the normal working day, since it is essential to approach the daily problems in an attitude of genuine interest and to be more or less completely at the beck and call of one's clients. An inventor naturally appreciates an exhibition of some interest in his invention, and a mere affectation of interest is, of course, more dangerous than no interest at all. I am confident that to anyone wanting interesting work, the profession offers great attractions, the work varies many times in the course of a normal day, and one finds that many of the things are learnt at school, or rather, many of the things one was induced to learn under very skilled and sympathetic direction, are indeed of value infinitely greater than one felt at the time. Particularly does this apply to physics, chemistry, mathematics, and languages. Moreover, one blesses the recollection of a particularly hard drilling in some geographical data, when one is enabled to recite in what foreign countries there are oil-bearing wells, particular ore-bearing reaches, available water power, etc., dependent upon the nature of the invention involved. I think this profession keeps very much alive a special debt of gratitude towards one's school; present-day life precludes the possibility of finding any substitution for the thorough grounding one gets at school, and moreover, one does not find in the outside world anyone who will display the extraordinary patience and thoroughness displayed by the Staff under whom I am proud to think I was once a pupil.

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