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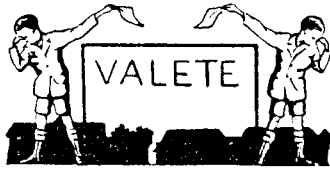
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THE term has not been especially eventful : however, we have welcomed to the Staff Mr. Garrett, the last of the warriors to return, and Mr. K. B. Powell, who has a wide circle of acquaintances among the Old Boys. Indeed there are at the time of going to press more uncertainties than usual. The Junior Cricket Competition and the Sports are both unsettled and of the School Certificate all we can say is that we have a good many entries. The Cricket has had its ups and downs while the Cadet Corps and Scouts flourish. We must congratulate W. S. Bass who is representing Hampshire in the Quarter Mile after breaking the County Record in the S.A.A. sports and achieving the remarkable time, for a boy of 15, of 55 $\frac{3}{5}$ seconds.

The comparatively small Valeté list indicates the increased tendency of boys to stay on into Form VI and this, desirable and admirable in itself, puts an additional strain upon our very inadequate accommodation. We can only hope that a few additional class rooms will appear while we are all enjoying ourselves in the Summer holidays.

Finally, at the end of the magazine will be found two Rolls of Honour of those who died in the war and of those whose gallantry secured recognition. We cannot expect the lists to be complete and the Editor would welcome further information.



BLACKBROOK.—R. A. Farmer, D. T. H. Feast (House Captain, School Football and Hockey), J. Biggs (School 1st XI Cricket and Football), I. Winfield, E. J. Swinburne, R. E. Spencer, B. R. Rowe.

CAMS.—P. C. F. Wilkins (Head of the School, Prefect, Captain of School Cricket, Football and Hockey, House Captain), B. C. Goulding.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—W. C. MacCallum, B. V. Hewitt (School 1st XI Football, represented Hampshire in Long Jump at S.A.A. Sports, 1946), G. J. Malcom, J. S. Devonport, M. P. Barnard, W. S. Bass (Represented Hampshire at S.A.A. Sports, 1947), R. W. Frame, J. E. Harding.

WESTBURY.—J. T. Bunney.



REMOVE.—R. St.C. Wiltshire.

Speech Day.

For the first time since war broke out we were able to have Speech Day, and for the first time in the School's history the function was held elsewhere than on the school premises. Owing to the increase in our numbers the Church House was taken though even there accommodation was inadequate and the proceedings were relayed to the lower school in a separate hall, an unsatisfactory but unavoidable arrangement.

After the Chairman of the Governors' opening remarks, in which he referred to the decision to become an "aided" school, the Headmaster was able to give a satisfactory account of the School's record in the war years and its general progress, and he paid tribute to the Old Boys who had served their country in multifarious ways. The present time brought with it many problems and parents' co-operation was needed if we were to reach again some of the standards we had attained in 1939. The Headmaster of Winchester then presented the prizes and gave his address.

Mr. Oakeshott, in an admirable speech, addressed his remarks primarily to the parents to whom he could speak with a freedom impossible for him when he was addressing the parents of his own scholars. Without their support it was impossible for the School to succeed. Boys were apt to imitate their parents and it was not likely that a boy would really believe that Shakespeare was good reading if he habitually saw his father when he got home subsiding into Edgar Wallace. Nor should parents suggest that an education was merely a means to a good job; the business of education was to develop a whole man by enlarging the boy's interests and thereby increasing his opportunities for leading a happy and satisfying life. Only if parents sent their children to the schools reasonably well educated could the schools do their job and return them to the parents not much worse educated than they had been on arrival.

Mr. V. T. Keen proposed the Vote of Thanks which was carried by acclamation. The School Choir, under Miss V. Jewell and Mr. Howe, well performed their part and Groves during his solo contrived both to sound and to look good.

FORM PRIZES.

Va & b.—C. J. Shaddock, D. G. Watts, A. R. Webb.

IVa.—P. G. Watts, P. J. C. Keemer.

IVb.—R. C. Vear, B. A. Wills.

Remove—J. Barnard, D. S. M. Jones.

IIIa.—R. J. Monk, L. D. Williams.

IIIb.—T. R. Gilham, K. A. McBride.

II.—M. Harvey, R. Ireland.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Lord Portal's Prizes for the best essays on the British Empire :—

Geography—D. G. Watts.

History—J. W. Nesbit.

Captain & Mrs. Miller's Prize for Mathematics and Science—

P. J. C. Keemer, C. Thomas.

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Dodge's Prize for English—D. Brown.

SUBJECT PRIZES.

Form Va. & b. Awarded on the result of the School Certificate Examinations.

Mathematics and Science—C. J. Shaddock.

English—M. P. Barnard, C. E. Miskin, D. A. Wilcox.

History—I. E. Higgens.

Religious Knowledge—H. Innocent.

Geography—R. V. Farmer.

Latin—A. R. Webb.

French—E. C. J. Kelly.

Art—W. S. Bass.

Higher School Certificate Prizes.

History—R. J. Stapley (dist.)

History and Divinity—R. J. Hamper.

Cadet Corps.

Activities have been very numerous this term and it can be said that the Company has done very well.

A section was trained hard for the London Cup and whilst we represented the Battalion we finished last in the competition proper. The reason was not inefficiency but because we had one man short and one reserve. This lost us many points and a rough calculation has shown that if we had had a full section the lowest position we could possibly have occupied was fourth. Next year we intend to see that a complete and exceptionally well trained section brings home the London Cup for the first time.

The band has been extremely hard worked all the term and it is a great pleasure to us to see how keen they are and how efficiently they make their music. In the Band Festival we did poorly, partly because we are small in numbers and partly because we had an "off" day. However, the band were not dismayed and when they came home they got down to their practice again with redoubled vigour. They will do much better next year.

We were fortunate to have almost the exclusive use of a travelling wing for two weeks and the section which attended did very well indeed and have improved greatly by their teaching.

Two sports competitions were held during the term, an Inter-Battalion Competition at Winchester and the 14th Battalion Competition at Fareham. In the first our cadets were the only ones from the Battalion and although they had little training they did quite well, one cadet, Bass, nearly succeeded in winning the Individual Cup. As he improves every day perhaps he will pull it off next year.

In the Battalion sports on the Recreation Ground at Fareham we practically cleared the board, and won the Cooke Cup, but it was one of the most unrepresentative sports meetings ever staged. Only three companies out of six offered any competitors at all and in most events there was competition from one company only. Sufficient to say that we lost only the Tug-of-War, half mile Junior, and Tunnel Ball Junior, and got first in twelve events. This is no great credit on our sporting prowess but does show a great lack of keenness in the rest of the battalion.

The great event of the term has been the General Inspection and this year we were inspected by Lt.-Col. W. Auld, R.A.

He inspected each individual cadet and then took the salute at the march past. The company then dispersed to training areas and were inspected doing normal training. The whole company showed up very well and the inspecting officer in a short address after the inspection expressed his pleasure at the turn-out and efficiency and paid us the highest compliment of being a credit to the Royal Hampshire Regiment, than which, he said, there was none better in the world.

Turning to the future, we must have more members in the Corps. At the moment all cadets are exceptionally keen and obtaining tremendous value from their service. If only boys who are not members would realise exactly how much is to be gained by being cadets they would join quickly. They gain two weeks off their primary training in the Army, and of every ten men sent to O.C.T.U., nine are ex-cadets. That speaks for itself. So if you want to have a good time in the service when you join at 18 then **join the Cadets now.**

The camp is being held this year at the barracks in Aldershot from August 3rd to 10th and at the time of going to press it is anticipated that many cadets will be attending. It is to be hoped that the camp will be a success.

To those who are leaving school and also the company, the best wishes of all the Corps go with you.

The Scout Troop.

By the time the "Lion" is published the results of the Emlyn Trophy will be known, but just now we are looking forward to this competition among Troops from all over Hampshire. Our forecast for the result is that our Troop will do well, but not well enough to win it. However, last year we did not expect to win the Trophy but we did.

The week-end camp at Spurlings farm to determine the team to represent Fareham in the county competition had to be postponed to the following week-end because of drenching rain. Unfortunately this prevented the Portchester Troop from competing, but five teams camped for a week-end of ideal weather. Capt. Everett's Troop from Park Gate beat our Troop by one mark in test for good camping, but we more than made up for that in the other scouting tests, so again we will represent Fareham District.

This year for the first time a separate county competition is being held for scouts over 15 and for those under 15. The competition for the senior scouts was at Whitsun. We again represented the Fareham District, but our first team, which stood a very good chance of winning the County Trophy, had, owing to illness, to give way to our reserve team, a team of boys only just turned 15.

Our Whitsun camp this year was noticeable for two reasons: one for the accidents we had—some because many of the boys were young and inexperienced, some for causes not in our control such as broken glass in the woods in the exact place where a boy tripped up; and secondly for the fine sunny weather. This is only the second fine Whitsun we have had since our Troop started.

Our Summer Camp this year will be back on our old ground at Rogate, which we used throughout the war. It is a lovely spot, as the older members of the Troop remember. Two of our scouts are among the five scouts allowed to go from the Fareham district as part of the Hampshire Troop at the International Scout Jamboree near Paris this Summer, and some seniors are proposing a hike from Exeter across Dartmoor and along hilly country back to Hampshire.

School Dramatic Society.

The news of the Society is at present mainly futuristic. After a lengthy discussion by the Committee on the play to be produced at the end of the Christmas term, the choice was narrowed down to five. Copies of these plays were duly obtained, and after each member had read them through, Patrick Hamilton's thriller "Rope" was decided upon. This work has been hailed by some critics as the best murder play yet written. That, of course, is a matter of opinion, but it is definitely good, and if the cast puts some really hard and convincing acting into it, then the production, scheduled for mid-December, should be a success.

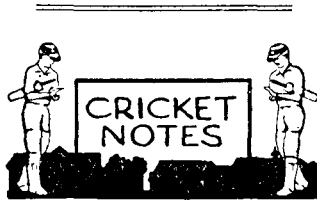
It has been decided to enter the play for the British Drama League Festival, and if, by some good fortune, it should be chosen as the best in the area, then a "finals" week at Harrogate will be forthcoming. Whatever happens, however, an experienced adjudicator will criticise the Society's acting and production, and this should prove invaluable.

The cast will be chosen before the end of term in order that the players should get a working knowledge of their parts during the holidays. The painting of the scenery and proscenium has already been started.

To conclude on a very satisfactory note, the production of "Housemaster" realised a clear profit of £36 5s. 5d.—a grand achievement.

Finally, I am sure that every member of the Society, past and present, will join with me in wishing every possible success for "Rope."

B.W.M.



These notes are being written somewhat earlier than usual, so that a full report of the term's cricket is not possible at the moment, but enough has been seen to form some impression of the state of affairs in school cricket.

First as regards the Senior XI who have had five matches, won three of them and lost two, each of these defeats being in the nature of a debacle. In these five games the highest score of the side has been 100 (for six) and the lowest 15, and this would seem to show that the batting is of a very uncertain quality. This is actually the case, and the side has had no player whose defence can be relied upon to deal with a hostile bowler for any length of time. The bowling, if perhaps lacking in variety, has been adequate and there is plenty of it in the side. There is nobody of real pace to get the best out of the harder wickets we have had this year. No side, however, has scored over 100 against a generally steady attack. The fielding again has been at best steady, at no time distinguished or approaching last year's very high standard and on one occasion almost reaching a high level of immobility. Lest this criticism of batting, bowling and fielding seem to be too harsh, let it be said that we have had many worse school sides than this year's, and the team as a whole has made considerable improvement as the season has advanced. Moreover there is plenty of time yet if this improvement is continued for the side to reach a reasonably high standard before the end of the term.

The first match of the season against a side consisting of ten masters and last year's Vice-Captain, Holt, was a disastrous affair for the School and an almost complete triumph for the senior members. The game will be remembered for a beautiful innings of 63 not out by Mr. Garton who treated all the bowling alike. The School could do little with some steady stuff from Holt and Mr. Hilton, and were put out miserably and quickly.

The next three games were all won, Midhurst, Gosport and St. Mary's all being defeated, the first two quite decisively, and the third in a low scoring game in which we lost three wickets when the scores stood level, and the last man in was left to score the winning run.

Against Southern Grammar School the side started very well and had five of their opponents' wickets down cheaply. Then some brisk hitting came along, and although there was nothing prodigious in the way of scoring the side seemed to lose their grip on the game. The bowling lost its sting, the fielding became lethargic in the extreme and of batting ability there was no sign. Batsmen came in and went out quickly, none showing the least trace of dogged defence, and the whole team were out for a miserable 15 runs.

Finally, as regards 1st XI Cricket, or for that matter all young cricketers, the foundation of all good bowling is length and accuracy, and determination to get the batsman out. Let swing and dip and spin come along later when there is more strength and experience. Similarly, all good batting must depend ultimately on sound defence, that is presenting a straight bat to the good ball, and the determination to hit the loose ball hard.

Concerning general school cricket we have had more games this year than for some time although the large number of boys in the school makes it impossible to give sufficient games for all boys even if the weather is really kind, as on the whole it has been this term. Speaking generally I would say that the ordinary games and the House Matches have shown a great wealth of budding talent, and there are sufficient boys of promise in the Middle School to ensure that the standard of School Cricket will not be lowered in future years.

The Senior House Competition has been won by Cams, with no other side causing them much uneasiness.

FIRST ELEVEN.

- P. C. F. WILKINS (Captain).—Has led the side quite well, and has shown considerable wisdom in his bowling changes. Has again fielded brilliantly at silly point.
- G. M. SHELTON (Vice-Captain).—Bowls with menace and determination, if not always with accuracy. Fields very well indeed in the slips where he has saved many runs by quick covering. Disappointing as a batsman, as he shows little discrimination in his shots.
- A. R. WEBB.—Probably the most likely batsman to score runs. Watches the ball well, and hits hard to leg, but must learn to drive straight but inoffensive balls. A keen and reliable field.
- G. H. WATTS.—Has failed to fulfil his last years promise as an opening batsman. His defence is suspect and his judgement of when to pull is faulty. Has improved enormously in the field where he is quick and very keen.
- C. E. MISKIN.—Potentially a good batsman, but must steady himself in the early part of his innings. Has a powerful hook and can drive well, but his defence gives him little chance of exploiting his attack. Bowls at his best a good out-swinger, but must concentrate on length and accuracy.
- H. W. LANGRIDGE.—Is a steady bat and a bowler who usually keeps an immaculate length. His batting is somewhat lacking in life, and he has frequently lost his wicket in playing lethargically to bad balls. Has very considerable promise with more strength and experience.

- M. A. PACKER.—Has kept wicket mostly steadily and at times very well. Should get down more to the ball and should try to stand right up to most of his bowlers. As a bat he seems to have lost his defensive powers.
- A. J. BROWNING.—Promises well as a bowler with a natural tendency to swing. Must cultivate a steadier length. Rather ponderous in the field and might try to improve his batting.
- D. JARMAIN.—A very promising all-rounder of Colts' age. Bowls a good length slow medium ball, and as a bat watches the ball well and is not afraid to drive. Should have a brilliant cricket career before him.
- N. C. ALDERTON.—Another Colt brought into the side for his batting. Plays straight and freely and has a good eye. Must curb desire to hit too early in his innings and must learn to run between wickets more quickly.
- J. BIGGS.—A good fielder at cover point, picking up the ball quickly and throwing in well. As a bat has no defence but can drive the ball hard.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

B. R. Shaw's XI 85 (R. E. Garton 63 not out, Langridge 4 for 12). School 19 (Holt 5 for 6).

School 52 (Webb, A. R. 17). Gosport G.S. 29 (Miskin 5 for 6).

St. Mary's 46 (Langridge 3 for 6, Jarmain 2 for 4). School 49 for 9 (Miskin 16). School 100 for 6 (dec.) (Webb, A. 41, Alderton 23 not out, Langridge 19).

Midhurst G.S. 46 (Miskin 2 for 5, Jarmain 3 for 3).

Portsmouth Southern Grammar 72 (Langridge 7 for 24). School 15.

THE COLTS.

From the Colts' point of view the translation of Jarmain and Alderton to the First XI has left rather an aching void. The eleven has twice played creditably and twice rather disappointingly. Against St. Mary's College and Portsmouth S.G.S. several, especially Hills, Nobes, Turner and Gregory, batted quite well up to a point, but the batting wants to improve lower down the side. The forward play and cutting to point and cover is quite good, and short balls are quite often punished to leg, but there is too much feeling for a ball of the awkward length just outside the off stump. The quick judgement as to whether a ball is for forward play, back play or betwixt is the crucial test of a batsman, and especially of the Colt age. The bowling has been quite fair, except at Gosport, and the fielding as a whole up to standard.

CHARACTERS.

COZENS, quite a fair bat and change bowler, and painstaking captain.

HILLS is improving and will improve as he has patience and watches the ball all the way: a good field and fair slow bowler.

NOBES is coming on well as a left-hander: he has a good forward stroke, but must refrain from putting up a shorter ball on the off.

TURNER has a nice free forward stroke, but must learn to distinguish the balls on which it should not be used.

GREGORY can bowl a good ball and has done good work: is improving as a bat, but must not hang out his bat to rising balls or those outside the off stump.

MOGER can play quite straight, but too apt to have a dip: a useful change bowler.

CALLON has a very long reach, but seems unable to judge the merits of a ball sufficiently quickly: rather a clumsy wicket-keeper.

ELDRED, an accurate bowler, who is not afraid to pitch them up.

WEYMAN watches the ball, but is too inclined to move into his wicket and to play to leg off the wrong ball.

QUINLAN can bowl a fastish ball with an off-break, but is rather erratic.

WADEY should improve with match practice.

SIDWELL, his play is never dull, but he must not try to put everything round to leg: will be useful.

COLTS' CRICKET (under 15).

Played 4. Won 2. Lost 2. Scratched 2. To be played 2.

Gosport G.S. 53. School 44 (Quinlan 5 for 32).

St. Mary's C. 18. School 62 (Nobes 18, Gregory 6 for 10).

Midhurst G.S. 36. School 18 (Gregory 5 for 10).

Portsmouth S.G.S. 24. School 70 (Gregory 4 for 9, Eldred 3 for 13).

COLTS (under 14).

To be played, Taunton's and Portsmouth G.S.

HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST XI.

Cams 30 for 2. Blackbrook 27.

School House 66. Blackbrook 31.

Westbury 35. School House 23.

Westbury 52. Blackbrook 52.

Cams 72 for 6 (dec.) Westbury 48.

Cams 101 for 9 (dec.) School House 50.

COLTS' XI.

Blackbrook 25. School House 28 for 2.

Cams 39 for 5 (dec.) Westbury 42.

Westbury 22 for 3. Blackbrook 21.

Cams 66. School House 24.

HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

The House has had some very hard luck in the House Matches. The Seniors lost two of the three matches and the third was a tie. Biggs, a promising batsman, fielded well at cover-point. Cozens, who is a Colt, bowled very well. He also was a good opening batsman. Chadd and Turner shaped well in batting and fielding, the latter making fifteen runs in the Westbury match. Pearce kept wicket well, and in all three matches only conceded 4 byes. Cams beat us by 8 wickets, and School House beat us by 34 runs. The Westbury match was an exciting affair; they had 3 wickets down for 40 runs and only needed 13 runs to win. But they did not get them, for we skittled them out for 12 runs and so the match ended in a tie.

The Juniors have not been doing too well. They have lost both their matches, by 7 and 8 wickets respectively. Dyer seems a very promising off spin bowler, and Gilham, the captain, is a useful all-rounder. Moulson showed a stubborn defence in the Westbury match. We wish them all good fortune in their last match.

H.W.L.

Cams.

Since the "Lion" has to go to press somewhat early this term, the inter-House Cricket matches have not yet been all played. The Senior team has played all of its three matches, but the Juniors still have one more to play.

The Senior team has gained the Cricket Cup by winning all three games, all without much difficulty. In the first match, Blackbrook lost the toss and were put in to bat. They were quickly dismissed for a total of 27 runs, Shelton and Miskin each taking four wickets. When play was stopped that day because of rain Cams had scored six runs for the loss of one wicket. The game was resumed the following week and the necessary runs were quickly compiled, Cams eventually winning by 8 wickets. In the Westbury match the Westbury bowlers at first controlled the game, and Cam's first six wickets fell for only 29 runs. Then Butcher joined Jarmain at the wicket, and they were still together when Cams declared, Jarmain scoring 31 and Butcher 20. Westbury made a total of 48, their last wicket falling with a quarter of an hour to spare. Shelton returned a bowling analysis for this match of 7 wickets for 22 runs. In the last match, against School House, in which for the first time Cams were at full strength, their rate of scoring was very rapid—101 runs were scored in about 80 minutes. Watts, the opening batsman, made the highest score, 22 runs, but all the batsmen made good scores against easy bowling. School House were dismissed for 50 runs, giving Cams victory by 51 runs and also the Cricket Cup.

Both the batting and bowling of Cams were very good as a comparison of runs for and against shows. Cams scored 203 runs for the loss of 17 wickets, while their opponents made 125 runs for 30 wickets. In the bowling, Shelton was the mainstay; he took a total of 16 wickets, over half the number taken. In the batting Jarmain and Shelton were the most consistent batsmen, but several of the others made high scores. The weakest point was the fielding which was poor.

Of the two matches which the Juniors have played they have won one and lost one. The match which they lost, against Westbury, could have been won with more initiative from the batsmen. At the end of the time allowed for batting, Cams had scored 39 runs but still had five wickets standing, while their opponents were afterwards all out for 42. In the second match this fault was rectified, and Cams scored 66 in the same time, quickly dismissing their opponents to win easily. Wadey captained the side ably in the second match, and with Jones, Byng and Walker was the mainstay of the batting. Jones and Blackman were the best bowlers, and Herbert kept wicket very well.

At the time that I am writing this the Sports are still distant. The cricketers have shown the way by winning the Cricket Cup, and now it is up to the non-cricketing section of the House to pull its weight and win a few more cups for our somewhat depleted shelf. I am sure that if they do not succeed it will not be through lack of trying or of enthusiasm, although I have noticed a lack of House spirit in the past few years. But it must be remembered that, as it is the team spirit which enables a team to win a game, so it is the House or School spirit which enables House or School to succeed not only in the athletic but also in the studious sphere.

I had better stop my meandering now, so I will wish you all good luck in your examinations and a good time on your holidays, and do your best to keep Cams' shelf full.

School House.

Since the last edition of the House notes the Steeplechase has been abandoned owing to adverse weather conditions, and the Sports have yet to be run.

In the House Cricket Competition we did as well as could be expected, winning one of three games. We lost to Westbury by 12 runs, and beat Blackbrook by 35 runs. Cams, the winners, beat us by 51 runs. We have made a number of team changes in order to give our younger players experience for future years. Nobody has been outstanding, but Nobes, a younger player of considerable promise, has been our best batsman, and Figes is to be commended on his bowling.

At the time of writing the Colts have played two matches, winning the first by seven wickets against Blackbrook, but losing by 25 runs against Cams. Gregory, this season's captain, has been the team's best man.

We have had no regular members of the 1st Eleven, but have three representatives in the Colts.

We must congratulate Bass on winning the 440 yards in record time in the Hampshire Junior County Sports, and he has been selected to represent Hampshire in the Inter-County Sports at Hull.

We hope that we will be able to retain the Sports' Cups, which now rest on our shelf, when the Sports are run at the end of this term.

To those who are taking Higher Certificate and School Certificate we wish the best of luck, and to conclude we wish those who are leaving the very best in their chosen careers.

E.A.T., P.J.E.

Westbury.

During the last two terms so far only one Inter-House competition, for the Cricket Cup, has been completed. The Steeplechase and Football were abandoned and the Sports postponed until the end of this term.

The Senior cricket matches proved to be very exciting if not successful for Westbury.

In our first match we were dismissed by School House for a small total of 35, but we proceeded to get School House out for 23. This match was interrupted by rain and had to be continued on a later day.

Our success was mostly due to Browning who finished with a good bowling analysis including the "hat-trick."

In our second match Cams batted first and scored 75 for 6, a total which proved too formidable for our side. However, we managed to score 48, being dismissed seven minutes before time.

Browning again bowled well but tired considerably after bowling four or five overs and was not successfully replaced by any other bowler.

The last match with Blackbrook proved to be very exciting, both sides scoring 52 runs. In this match Packer excelled himself by stumping three men in succession and then scoring 14. Alderton also batted well, hitting the bowling all over the field.

On the whole the team has had a fairly successful season. Players worthy of mention are Browning and Ditchburn for their bowling, and Packer and Alderton for their batting. Packer also gave a sound display of wicket-keeping.

The Juniors have proved themselves to be a good side, beating both Cams and Blackbrook and with one match to be played have, at least, a share in the Cup.

Players contributing mostly to their success so far have been Sidwell, the captain and a promising all-rounder, Williams, Wilcox and Palmer.

Leaving sport, I would like to congratulate the House on winning the Tarbat Cup during the last two terms, and I hope to see it again on our shelf at the end of this term.

Finally I wish good luck to all members of the House who have entered for the Higher and School Certificates, and also to those who are leaving this summer. To the rest of the House, I hope you all have a good holiday and will come back ready for School work and games.

A.R.W.

A Sea Voyage.

We decided on a week at sea for a summer's holiday, so we made sure our boat, which was a three ton auxiliary sloop, was sea worthy.

We rowed out to the mooring and got aboard the *Snow Goose* and hoisted up the main-sail and the jib and let go the mooring, then we were away.

We made a run out of the river and a broad reach through Spithead to the English Channel. The wind which had been in the North East changed to the South East so we had to tack up the Channel towards Deal.

Off Beachy Head it came up rough so we reefed down two turns and sat it out. We were "shipping them green" off West Goodwin Light Vessel where it was blowing really hard and this is where trouble came. We were making a long tack to keep clear of the light vessel; when we came about on the other tack, we caught it, the backstay on the port side went slack and the backstay on the starboard side went tight suddenly and it snapped, so we made a broad reach into Dover where we found lots of boats sheltering from the gale.

The next day I found a rigger and he put on a new backstay and tightened our battle-stops.

We stayed in Dover for two days and then went on to Great Yarmouth. When we were off Walmer we saw Walmer Life-boat push out to the aid of a trawler and tow it back. We pushed on and reached Harwich at dusk. We stayed there the night and came back as we were only out for a week, and we got down to Shoreham in eighteen hours with a fair wind. Then we stayed for a night in Wootton, Isle of Wight, and then got to Hamble River with two days to spare; but we were all weary, so we packed up.

B.A. IVa.

My Sister's First Football Match.

One Saturday morning a member of 4a waited for the last period to end. At last, the bell! Swiftly he stuck his books into his desk and, snatching his satchel, proceeded out of the school buildings towards Fareham Bus Station.

A terrible sight greeted his eyes, as the queue stretched halfway down Portland Street. Three buses crawled in; the problem was, which was his. Two turned out to be going to Fratton Bridge. He moved over to the outside bus in order to find out which went first. A certain regulator was there, telling a bleary looking man that the other bus went first.

The schoolboy turned away and made for the other bus. Here the very nice regulator informed him that school children went downstairs. Informing said regulator that he was over 14, the boy tore up the stairs. He took an inside seat next to a window, and was just beginning to read the paper of the man in front when a portly man sat next to him. The conductor came upstairs. "An extension from Portchester to Fratton Bridge!" cried the scholar. Glaring at him, the conductor twiddled some knobs on his machine and thrust a ticket into his hand. The bus jerked round Cornaway Lane and the portly man nearly pushed the fourth former out of the window. "You're taking too much room," the man said. The boy was unable to answer as he had the man's elbow in his stomach. At last they reached Fratton Bridge.

The boy got off and waited patiently for his sister to turn up. After a quarter of an hour he was still waiting, although not patiently. At last, like a bad penny, she turned up, complete with the boy's dinner.

At the top of Frogmore Road he instructed his sister to wait while he obtained a programme from one of the men. "Got tuppence?" the man said. The boy told him that he had not. After a time the man gave him a programme, some change, and a fluent stream of swear words.

They arrived at the turnstiles, where the boy's satchel got stuck. After several tugs he freed himself. Meanwhile his sister was being told what the gate man thought of her. The boy obtained a place right near the wall and, sticking his elbows out, obtained a place for his sister. "Ooh! Look at those funny men over there!" she exclaimed. "What are they doing?" "I don't know," he said, looking at some men in white coats in the one-and-sixes.

A few men in plus fours came on to the field. "What are they?" she asked. "Players," the boy said. "They look too posh for players," she said. At last three o'clock came. Twenty-two men cockily came on to the field. "That man's bow-legged," she said, pointing at one. The game finally started. Middlesborough started to attack. "Good old Pompey!" she screamed, as Butler nearly dropped the ball. Several Pompey fans glared at her, and the boy made out he did not know her. Half-time came. "Shall I give Barlow your lemon?" the boy said. "No!" she screamed. After half-time Portsmouth put on the pressure. The boy still remembers it as his arm was nearly broken where his sister was squashing it whenever the home side looked like scoring. At last the game was over. The boy and his sister returned home. "What was the result?" his mother asked. "Oh, 3-1," the boy said. "Did they win?" asked his mother.

Well, for all this discouragement I still go to see football matches with my sister.

Manoeuvres.

The Cadet Corps are about to go on an exercise in which the village of F is to be taken by storm. The Corps parades at 13.45 hours with rifle, haversack and leaky water-bottle. As the whole Corps are regarded as irresponsible children no ammunition is carried, which saves a lot of weight and headaches. At 15.10 hours the platoon marches off to headquarters.

"When we shoot at the enemy without bullets what do they say?" asks some simpleton.

"They say 'Nuts,' and walk on," says sergeant.

"So we'll never know who's dead and who isn't?" asks simpleton.

"That's right," says sergeant.

Advancing towards the village of F the attackers have early successes. Whole hatfuls of enemy are surprised and blown to pieces by chalk grenades. Also columns of enemy present a perfect target and are wiped out with rifle-fire from a nearby hayrick. Our side, including the umpire, scream, "You're dead, you're all dead!" Back comes a derisive shout of "Nuts," and corpses go marching on. How right the Sergeant was!

Later a cadet is detailed to contact an isolated post. On the way he is sniped and machine-gunned, but, thanks to the magic password "Nuts," is able to fight his way back to the main body.

In response to a pathetic appeal by one of the enemy the cadet at last consents to be dead, ties a white bandage round his arm, sits down in the shade and is disgusted to find his water-bottle empty.

Gradually the enemy are driven back but most spectacular of all is the capture of the School, when the attackers thumb a lift from a passing lorry and drive up and surprise the defenders.

At last the umpire decides that the attackers have won. And so end the manoeuvres.

B.R. (3a).

The Seasons' Pageant.

Days lengthen, rays strengthen, sky's azure,
Flowers bloom, winter's doom is now sure.

The world refreshed is returning
To new life, and mates are yearning.

Fledglings fly, lambs do cry. Do you ken
That bright noise, bringing joys to all men?

The countryside is clothed in green,
And migrants in the woods are seen.

Bountiful, plentiful, rip'ning crop,
Glowing fruits, swelling roots. Seed pods "pop."
'Neath burning sun hillsides simmer,
Slow, full streams in moonlight glimmer.

Rustling grain, creaking wain at the farm,
 On green bow'r, splash of show'r, fresh and warm.
 The swifts and swallows swoop and stall;
 The harvest's gathered ere year's fall.

Fluttering, fluttering, down leaves came,
 Red-orange, yellow-brown, midst the rain,
 Forming a pattern on the earth
 Truly over is summer's mirth.

Howling here, howling there, wind of North,
 Shaking leaves, breaking trees, in its wrath.
 The beauty of the year is past,
 And winter in is closing fast.

Fogs begin, frost sets in, days grow short.
 Taking cold, by being bold, fools are caught.
 How could the warm sun be so base
 To leave us in this dark cold place?

"Christmastide," children cried, "here once more,"
 Down snow pelts, soon it melts in the thaw.
 The sleeping world again will wake,
 And water flow in pond and lake.

C.W. (3a).

Old Priceans' Association.

Since our Meeting in March last, I have sent letters to several Old Priceans from whom I am hoping to hear regarding the Summer Re-union on the 26th July.

In these letters invitations have been extended to take part in the Cricket Match (or Matches) and I am hoping that we shall have a very successful time.

After this, we shall have to begin thinking of the Winter Months and no doubt the Committee will be arranging some interesting functions.

Hoping to see a very large assembly on July 26th is the wish of

E. G. DIMMER, Hon. Secretary.



Contrary to pre-war practice we have continued to hold monthly meetings during the summer months and the usual small but faithful band has met at à la Broche, Jermyn Street, on the last Thursday of each month. We are still hoping that more old faces and fellows recently left school will come along to swell our numbers. The decision as to whether the Christmas Dinner will be revived will depend on the numbers available to attend. Any Old Boy living in the London area who wishes to join London Section should write to:—B G. BUCKLEY, 3, Princes Parade, Muswell Hill, N.10.

Among those we have seen recently have been :—

- D. C. T. HUMPHRIES—Returned to Scotland Yard after a long spell in India.
 R. MULLINS—Now in the Richmond branch of Lloyds Bank. We tender him tardy but sincere congratulations on his M.C. won in Italy.
 C. W. WINSOR Congratulations also due on his recent success in the Customs and Excise Surveyor's examination.
 D. PRIDDON—of the Customs and Excise Valuation Branch.
 S. G. H. MILLER—also of Customs and Excise.
 L. V. MARTIN—of the Government Actuaries Dept.
 D. SWINSTEAD—Returned from the Army to his post as accountant to a London firm.
 W. HUDSON—of Cables and Wireless, Ltd.

Killed in the War.

W. Abbott	D. Godden	W. H. Scott
C. W. Barter	M. Hills	R. Seymour
J. Beavis	O. J. Hoskins	L. F. Sheppard
A. Carpenter	D. F. Hunt (member of	A. C. Smith
R. Clark	the School)	A. G. Smith
V. Cook	B. J. Hynes	E. P. Smith
E. A. Crofts	M. J. Hynes	P. P. Smith
A. J. M. David	P. J. Hynes	J. Whiteman
N. C. Daventry	P. Knocker	H. Whitefield
J. F. Dill	I. M. H. May	G. J. Young
A. S. Flemons	A. N. Pearse	
F. L. Griggs	A. H. Reader	

Honours.

- O.B.E.—H. Garrett (Staff)
 M.B.E.—J. W. Moore, B. Collins.
 B.E.M.—C. E. Lillywhite.
 D.S.O.—R. B. Scott, J. M. Lee, L. F. Sheppard.
 M.C.—G. R. H. Mullins.
 D.S.M.—F. Dimmer.
 D.F.M.—A. C. Bennett.
 D.F.C.—D. H. G. Adams, K. Gibbs, R. Iveagh, H. Crossley, A. Pickwood, J. Parsons, P. Gibbs, D. Sievier.
 A.F.C.—A. C. Bennett, B. C. Bennett.
 Yugo-Slav Cross of Liberation—A. C. Bennett.
 Mentioned in Despatches—S. C. Phillips (3 times), W. A. Alderton, D. J. Bunyan, W. M. Jones, G. F. Jackson, A. C. Bennett (twice).