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THE Easter Term is often unfortunate in the weather it brings, but this year, it is unnecessary to say, all records have been broken and out of school activities have been almost stopped. A few Steeple-chase practices, a little hockey on every possible occasion have been all that was possible. The weather also accounted for much absence and, inevitably, some degree of interference with work. Notwithstanding all this we are gradually returning to and shortly we hope to surpass our pre-war standards; the objective is very well worth while, but it is one that calls for a concerted effort from every boy in the school, whether he is in the class room, the playing-field or right away from the School premises.

Mr. Turner left us last term. It was his wish that his departure should not be mentioned in the last issue, but now we may wish him well in his new job and thank him for all the work he did especially in connection with the Dramatic Society. We have been fortunate in having with us this term Mr. R. L. Edwards, whom many of the Staff have known from an early age; he has had a spell in the R.A.F. and will soon be going on to Oxford; meanwhile we are delighted to welcome him back.

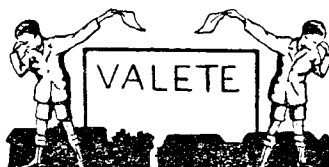


4a.—Brown.

3a.—A. J. Hart.

3b.—E. H. Henderson.

2b.—H. J. Porter.



SCHOOL HOUSE.—D. E. Holt (School 1st XI Cricket and Football), J. Keats.

WESTBURY.—R. A. Hamper (Prefect), E. W. Grogan (Prefect, Captain of Football, School Cricket and Hockey, C.S.M. Cadet Corps), K. R. Joint (Prefect, Captain of Hockey, School Football and Cricket, C.Q.M.S. Cadet Corps), B. W. Wolfe (Band S.M. Cadet Corps), P. Gwilliam (School Football), D. A. Wilcox (School Football), A. R. Billeness, D. M. Abraham, B. W. H. Treloar, C. H. Clegg, D. Hayes.

Cadet Corps.

Our target is high. We would like to see a School Corps of at least 200 strong. Numbers have increased but there is still room for improvement and we would like to take this opportunity of again inviting all who are interested to join the Cadet Corps.

We now have a considerable quantity of "Signals" equipment and soon the Corps training grounds will be buzzing with 38 sets and 18 sets. Wireless aerials will appear in odd corners and, we hope, our cadets will become expert in wireless procedure.

Several promotions have been effected within the past few months and the new C.S.M's, Pook and Tappenden, are discharging their duties efficiently. C.Q.M.S. Joint who served the Corps so admirably has now joined the Regular Army and we wish him, and Bandmaster Wolfe, success in their chosen careers. We are sure that their Cadet experiences will benefit them.

It is pleasing to note the increasing smartness in turnout, especially in the newer recruits. Army greatcoats and boots are fine in themselves, but as we are aware they both need "that something extra." Some Cadets have achieved that. Our target is a sparkling turnout throughout the Company. The drill still leaves much to be desired and visitors and spectators derive much of their impressions from smart drill. We must all put our backs into this.

The Army now offers a wide range of Courses—Map Reading, Tactics, Rifle and Bren, Recreational Training, P.T., Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. The response of the Company is quite good and a number of Cadets have availed themselves of these opportunities at week-end and vacation Courses. Nine Cadets went on a Map Reading Course at Aldershot, five attended a P.T. Course at Winterbourne Dauntsey recently, and four senior cadets have expressed their desire to attend a Cert "T" Course in the Easter vacation. It is significant that many boys upon leaving school, on joining the regular Army as conscripts, wish to take up Engineering Cadetships. If they had the requisite Cadet training their wishes would be much more assured.

Experience of how the Regular Army works is bound to be of great service to boys who will, of necessity, do some Army service. Therefore we welcome the projected visit to Germany. A proposal has been made for a visit to our parent regiment—to a battalion which is engaged in occupational duties in Germany. This should provide our Cadets with an insight into the working of the Regular Army and, in addition, it will provide them with an interesting trip in the Easter vacation. We propose to send a party of 20 Cadets.

We hope to finish off this term with a Day Exercise, including a route march combined with a field exercise. If the weather is kind we look forward to an interesting and instructive day.

AWARD FOR SPECIAL SERVICE.

On January 1st we were pleased to receive the information that C.Q.M.S. Joint had been awarded the Certificate of Outstanding Merit to the A.C.F. This award was approved by H.M. The King and awarded by Maj.-Gen. R. C. Urquhart.

S.H., M.H.J.

The Scout Troop.

Unsatisfactory weather has forced the Scout Troop to meet often in the uncongenial tin room, but advantage has been taken of snow on the ground for tracking training, and fire-lighting out of doors in the cold frosty weather was not nearly so difficult as many people expected. A large fire was built one afternoon on the frozen surface of the water filling the mine crater; very little of the ice melted, the water that was formed extinguished the bottom of the fire so that the upper portion of the fire continued to burn standing on a foundation of wet dead embers.

Parents' Night this term was a successful evening. It is always a problem to know what to do to entertain the parents, but what we want to show them chiefly is the kind of thing their sons do in the Troop, so we had an abbreviated Troop Meeting as the first half of the programme. It took only twelve minutes to construct a model

bridge out of scout staves strong enough for the whole troop to walk across. D. Stone and M. Heath demonstrated how to produce fire without matches, and not only warmed themselves in the attempt, but actually succeeded in getting a real fire going. After a demonstration how scouts would deal with a case of fire, one unconscious patient was found to need hospital treatment for some other complaint. We were privileged to witness the operation by the shadow cast on the window blind. After removal of heart, kidneys and yards of intestines, the trophy for the boxing competition was found somewhere inside the "victim." There was some little difficulty through the patient reviving before the operation was completed, but that was quickly dealt with with a tent mallet. It was unfortunate that the surgeon left his scissors inside when he sewed up his incision, but the error was successfully rectified. The hall we used was much smaller than the one we had in other years, but that was rather an advantage as the 25 or 30 boys in the troop have always found a difficulty in producing enough parents to fill the large hall of Holy Trinity Church House.

All who went to the Staffordshire International Camp last summer (the account of which filled the Scout notes in the last Lion) testify to the value of the experience of camping with troops from other nations. We were able to send a patrol of scouts, representing Hampshire, by virtue of our winning the County competition for the Emlyn Trophy. This summer there is to be a Jamboree at Paris, a camp for Scouts from all over the world. Fareham District hopes to be able to send about a dozen scouts as part of the Hampshire contingent, though this number may have to be reduced. The scouts must all have their first class badge and be between $14\frac{1}{2}$ and $17\frac{1}{2}$ years old. To go to the Jamboree in France will be a wonderfully interesting experience, and of educational value. The Educational Authorities are providing some of the cost for each boy, which will be considerable. The boys themselves will be expected to provide about £5 each, and the rest of the Fareham District, which stretches from Portchester to Park Gate, is trying to raise the money by means of concerts, begging for subscriptions, and the like.

Dramatic Society.

Since the last issue of "The Lion" three performances of Ian Hay's "The Housemaster" have been put before the public. The result was an immense success and, but for a very few slips, everything went smoothly; thanks are certainly due to Mr. Turner and T. R. Webb for their achievements in back-stage management. The choir rendered nobly certain songs in the play. The acting reached a high level throughout, the young ladies in particular, if we may be allowed the expression, performing manfully.

At the beginning of term a meeting was held to form a secondary group for play reading, and a start will soon be made on J. B. Priestley's "I Have Been There Before." It is hoped that many boys will attend as it is only by this method that future actors for large plays can be selected. Finally it is hoped to produce another play at the end of the Christmas Term.

Debating Society.

At a General Meeting, open to all boys from 4b upwards, and attended by about 25, it was decided to revive the Debating Society.

The following officers were elected :—

Chairman—Mr. H. R. Thacker.

Hon. Secretary—E. Thorburn.

Committee—D. Macfarlane, W. C. MacCullum and D. Stone.

The subject of the first debate was "That American films are better than the rest." The motion was supported by Macfarlane and Wilkins and opposed by Thorburn and Stone. The debate reached a high level but unfortunately only one person attended from any other form than the Sixth. Finally the motion was defeated by 10 votes to 2.

It is hoped that the Society will meet once a fortnight and that many more from the Fourths and Fifths will come along.

E.A.T.



We had perhaps the most attractive fixture card ever arranged; we have never had eight School matches before. We have so far scratched two 1st and one 2nd XI with H.M.S. St. Vincent, 1st XI with Fareham II, Winchester II and Havant II, 1st and 2nd XI's with Collegiate School, Bournemouth, and with Taunton's, two 1st and 2nd XI's with Ryde School, 1st XI and Colts with Bishop Wordsworth School, Salisbury, and one Colts with Tauntons. To date we have played one 1st XI match, the Old Boys, who with several of the Fareham 1st XI—one of the strongest sides in Hampshire—inflicted a very heavy defeat, but the School probably learnt quite a little from them. The 2nd XI playing on the gravel drill ground, were defeated 4-0 by St. Vincent II, the latter being more effective in the circle, though perhaps territorially the game was much more equal than the score would suggest. The brightest spot of the season, if three matches constitute a season, was the victory of the Colts over Taunton's Colts by 4-0, though the latter were two players short. We have still to play Taunton's I and II, and perhaps St. Vincent I and Taunton's Colts may be arranged later.

As the season has been so marred by the weather, it was particularly fortunate that the 1st XI went to Southampton to play in the County Boys' Tournament in the Christmas holidays, meeting Ryde School, Taunton's, Collegiate School, Bournemouth, and two composite XI's. These games were obviously much enjoyed by all the XI's, and it was a pity it was played in such bad weather, much mud and the last two games in failing light.

We wish Wilkins, Shelton, McCallum and Watts success in the Boys' County Trial at Southampton on March 21st. From this match a Hampshire Boys' XI will be chosen to try conclusions with teams of Sussex and Kent Boys at Beckenham on April 2nd.

It is not easy or very satisfactory to write characters of teams of whom one has seen so little, but some points stand out.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Joint, the captain, was one of the most promising goal-keepers we have had for a long time, and it is a pity he left just after half-term; he should go quite a long way. Shelton has quite a facility for playing on the left wing, at back or half, but he must look where he clears. Wilkins is quite a constructive centre-half, who must have been very tired and battered after the Old Boys' match. Shacklock clears quite hard. Feast, at left-half, with a natural propensity for that wing, has quite fair stick-work, but must be quicker to recover when a forward has passed him. Hoar, at right-half, with more speed will be useful. McCallum and Watts make quite a fair right wing; the former dribbles quite well, the latter does a lot of work, but is apt to hang on to the ball too long. Stone is quite a speedy centre-forward, who with more practice at dribbling and shooting will be very useful. Webb, at inside-left, improved in each game he played. Biggs finds it difficult to get his centre across from outside-left, but is improving.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Packer, in goal, who has stepped into Joint's pads, kicks well and will improve with experience. Rowe, at right-back, works very hard. Callon clears hard and with a good stick-reach will be a capable left-back. Blake, at centre-half, who has played for the 1st XI, gets through much work, but must move quicker. Hughes, at right-half, has quite fair stick-work. Cozens is a determined right-half who will be very useful next year. Woodnut is quite a speedy outside-right and centres well. Maybee, at inside-right, is quite a fair dribbler. Alderton has the making of quite a good centre-forward, as his dribbling and shooting are quite promising. Figes works hard at inside-left. Hewitt has quite an idea of outside-left play, but must run much faster.

COLTS.

Besides those who also play in the 2nd XI (Cozens, Callon, Hughes and Alderton) Alwood, with more practice, should prove useful on the right wing, but must bestir himself. Jarmain has the makings of an inside-left. Gregory, at outside-left, has stick-work, but must keep out on the wing and acquire pace. Bailey is keen and energetic.

There have been quite a few games, often on frozen grounds, for Juniors and several of them show much keenness and distinct promise.

Titchfield.

Titchfield, like most places, grew around the church. The original settlers of this place belonged to a tribe of Jutes called the "Meonwara." They were poor because the soil was poor. This tribe was sandwiched between a tribe of South Saxons and a tribe of West Saxons. Fareham was founded by a tribe of Saxons and this probably accounts for the feud between Fareham and Titchfield, although the

reason was generally forgotten by both sides long ago. Titchfield was converted to Christianity by St. Wilfred of York about 681 A.D. The Venerable Bede mentioned Titchfield, but not favourably. Of course it was recorded in the Domesday Book.

In 1222 a collection of Premonstratensian Canons built the Abbey. Titchfield grew as a result and soon was one of the most important towns in Hampshire. The sea came up past the Saxon and Norman church and Titchfield Hard was in the same place as the tannery is to-day. Consequently the market which was held in the Square flourished greatly. Titchfield Haven was a fleet anchorage, being nearer the Solent than either Fareham or Beaulieu. Besides being an important port and marketing town it was the largest ecclesiastical parish in Hampshire. It once incorporated Crofton with Stubbington and Lee-on-Solent, Hook with Warsash, Sarisbury with Swanwick, and Locksheath.

The Wriothesbys were members of a family closely connected with Titchfield. Sir Henry Wriothesby, Baron of Titchfield, was a tool of Henry VIII, who made him Lord Chancellor. He later became the first Earl of Southampton. At the dissolution of the monasteries, Sir Henry acquired the spoils of the Abbey, renamed Place House.

In the 17th century Titchfield ceased to be a port. The harbour was becoming silted up and also ships were increasing in size. A gang of Dutchmen came to the aid of Charles II and reclaimed the land around the Meon. The grass which grew on this rich alluvial soil was ideal for fattening cattle. Although Titchfield lost a great deal of trade owing to the loss of the port, the profit made by the sale of cattle kept the village fairly rich in comparison with its past.

The wane of Titchfield started properly at the end of the 18th century. There were two main causes of this. The most important one was the Industrial Revolution. Most of the towns of the South of England lost a lot of people to the industrial towns of the North. Titchfield, however, had hardly any loss in population, therefore it became poorer and poorer. The deciding factor was the result of a quarrel between the squire and the people. He left Titchfield and built Cams Hall with the stone from Place House.

As Titchfield became poorer it broke up. Sarisbury, Stubbington and the outlying parts became separate parishes. There might have been a railway station if the Parish Council had not refused to have anything to do with new-fangled contraptions; but the two hand pumps at the junction of East Street and High Street, from which the daily water ration was delivered to the door by a man with a donkey, have been superseded.

C.J.K.F. (5a).

Teeth Repaired.

Perhaps one of the most topical subjects of to-day is contained in the question "How many did you have out?" And for those unlucky people who have not had the benefit of expert dental treatment, let us describe the process as we lucky ones see it.

On the day of dental inspection you enter the sixth form room, which smells like an operating theatre, you sit down and are examined and the dreaded sentence "One extraction" is passed upon you.

The day of extracting dawns; nothing checks the steps of oncoming fate and eleven o'clock sees you in the dentist's waiting room.

At least six boys are already in the waiting room and between the continuous ominous sounds emanating from the luckless patient, one of them informs you in a shaking voice that the last patient had been taken to the hospital with a broken jaw. You force a smile.

One by one the unfortunate victims come out of the lioness's den, eyes fixed straight ahead with glassy stare, and on opening the outer door rush wildly for school.

Your turn at last. You enter timidly and sit in a padded chair; the kind dentist pokes around in your open mouth with a hooked marline-spike and with a cry of triumph yells, "This is it!" A gardening syringe with a darning needle attached is put into your mouth and the contents ejected into your gum. As you are waiting for it to freeze you are informed, "It's not in very deep; it won't take a moment to take out."

The gentle dentist regards a large pair of wire-cutting pliers. Immediately an attendant seizes your head, the tooth is grabbed, a loud crackling ensues; nothing happens. You think, "She's broken something." The dentist looks round savagely, brandishes the pliers above her head and attacks again, this time bracing herself for the effort with one foot against the chair; there is a loud squelch and then a pop and an ivory tusk at least six inches long is exposed to your view. The dentist starts back and, looking admiringly at her work, says in a self-satisfied way, "The hole is very neat. That wasn't in very deep, was it?" Terrorized you stagger to the comparative safety of the waiting room when a hearty voice cries, "Wait a minute! You've got two to be filled."

P.N. (5a).

The Kitten.

Here lies a kitten good, who kept
 A kitten's proper place.
 He stole nothing from the pantry,
 Nor scratched the children's face.
 He never touched the alley cats
 And ne'er went out at night.
 His mistress loved him dearly
 And he cleared the house of mice.
 Until his death he never caused
 His mistress any tears;
 He wore his ribbons prettily,
 And washed behind his ears.

B.V.H. (4a).

Scouting.

The Brotherhood of Scouters,
Are known in every land.
We march along in unity,
To give a helping hand.

The whole world is our club room,
And nature is our guide.
Creed and colour matter not ;
We all march side by side.

The coloured scout in Africa,
The German by the Rhine,
The scout in sunny Italy,
Are friends of yours and mine.

Let politicians make their laws,
Dictators rule with shouts.
It troubles not our Brotherhood,
The Brotherhood of Scouts.

G.T. (4b).

Seascape.

It changes mood more oft than woman ever,
It's wild, then peaceful, but not constant ever ;
It's sometimes deep, and cool, and glassy green ;
At times strange hues of blue are seen.

All gleaming with a strange and eerie light,
That takes not to account earth's day or night,
Are shapes and shadows, here and there all round,
Shapes such as on the earth are never found.

Men try to conquer but the sea remains ;
She nothing gives, but takes and often gains,
No thing can be more mystical than she
Who stays, and waits, forever, just the sea.

C.S. (3b).

Bird Watching in Winter.

There are large numbers of birds which arrive in this country as winter migrants ; among these are the Redwings, Fieldfares, Mallard and Teal, although the last two mentioned are not always migrants, but residents.

These birds may be seen in the Meon Valley. The Redwings are usually timid, but in hard winters will take no notice of any person who approaches quietly, and they will continue to feed until you are almost on top of them. When food is scarce these birds die in great numbers, and may be found in the snow-bound countryside starved and frozen. This bird is the most delicate of the thrush family.

The Fieldfare is a larger bird with a good flight, and hesitates before settling. This bird is about the size of a Mistle Thrush, with a greyish head and a mottled breast. It is a much hardier bird than the Redwing. The favourite site for this bird is in rough ploughland.

The wild ducks arrive spasmodically, but when they arrive it is a good sight to see them flying and walking amongst the reeds and marshy patches at the riverside. I have recognised Mallard and Teal, and have seen some types in the air, but have not been able to identify them as ducks look alike when in flight. There are many other migrants, among which may be mentioned the Waxwing, a beautiful pink bird. In winter you may see many of the residents also, such as that little, well-known Christmas bird, the Robin. Now the season for winter migrants is drawing to a close, and soon the summer migrants will arrive.

C.B.M. (3b).

Hawking.

Last year I visited my uncle in Cumberland. He is a great naturalist. One day he took me out hunting with his Peregrine Falcons. They have leather thongs on their legs, and hoods over their heads. We wore leather gauntlets so that the falcons did not hurt us with their claws. We walked over the Fells, and Uncle removed the hood and thong when he saw a wild pigeon flying near. The hawk immediately chased the pigeon, descending with great speed upon the bird, and killed it with a blow of its strong beak. "Screamer," the hawk, then caught the dead bird in its talons and returned to my Uncle when he whistled. He is one of the few people in England who can train falcons to kill.

R.B.C. (2a).

Old Priceans' Association.

Saturday, March 1st, 1947, was set aside for the first Post-War Reunion of the O.P.A. Those of us who were somewhat timidly anticipating the success of the event need not have worried. That there are many Old Priceans still interested in the Association has now been proved and we can look forward with confidence to the future.

The Hockey Match between the O.P.A. and the School was played on the Recreation Ground, and ended in an overwhelming win for the O.P.A. The latter fielded a very strong team—much too strong for the School who, it must be remembered, have been unable to play during the war years and are only just getting into their stride. However, the game was interesting if rather one sided.

After the match a general meeting was held at the School. There were between 50 and 60 present, with the President (Mr. Ashton) in the Chair. Unfortunately our Vice-President, Mr. Bradly, was unable to be present through indisposition, and the Secretary was asked to write and convey our sincere regrets. The hope was expressed by all that he would soon be well again.

The following officers were appointed:—

Hon. Treasurer—M. Gardner (re-elected).

Assistant Hon. Treasurer—J. Chapman.

Hon. Secretary—E. G. Dimmer (re-elected).

Assistant Hon. Secretary—D. Newell.

Committee (3 for 2 years and 3 for 1 year)—J. Hoad, T. Wagstaffe and S. Moore (2 years each), J. Dellbridge, N. Hyde and H. F. Sturgess (1 year each).

Hon. Auditor—W. Heath.

It was decided that the A.G.M. should be held on the first Saturday in June, commencing in 1948, that yearly subscriptions should be raised to 7/6 to include copies of "The Lion" for the year, and that such subscriptions should be payable on 1st March. It was felt that the subscriptions of Life Members could not be raised but such members, if approached, might be willing to make a yearly contribution towards "The Lion."

To the rule relating to Membership an addition was made whereby present members of the School Staff should be made honorary members *ipso facto*, and past members of the Staff might be elected at the annual meeting. The following past members of the Staff were elected:—Messrs. Bradly, Gale, Palmer, Hoad, Brown, Lockhart and Hollingworth.

The Dinner at Harrison Road School, following the Meeting, was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. Ashton, who was in the Chair, proposed "The King," and other toasts were "Absent Friends" (proposed by Mr. Shaddock) and "The School" (proposed by E. J. R. Hinxman) responded to by Mr. Ashton who gave some interesting facts regarding the School including the number of School Certificates gained. He also gave a list of the decorations won by Old Priceans during the war.

Mr. Parker gave piano selections and accompanied B. R. Ross who gave us some very fine songs in his usual brilliant style. Humorous items were given by A. Jones and E. G. Dimmer. Old memories were conjured up when all stood up and sang "Forty Years On." May we all meet on many more occasions to sing it with such gusto!

All Old Priceans are reminded that M. Gardner is Treasurer and is anxiously awaiting as many subscriptions as possible. His Assistant Secretary, J. Chapman, lives at Serpentine Road, Fareham, which may perhaps be a little more convenient for local Old Priceans.



Monthly meetings of London Section have now been fixed at the last Thursday in each at à la Broche Restaurant, Jermyn Street, W.1. We assemble inside the restaurant at 6.30 p.m. and thereafter the evening is given over to talk and reminiscences, combined with an austerity meal. So far we have not been very strong in numbers but a few enthusiasts are keeping the continuity of London Section going until we can regain contact with old members and welcome new ones. We shall be particularly pleased to see any fellows who have left school in recent years and who may now be living in the London Area. Although numbers do not allow elaborate activities at the moment, we hope for better things in the future, including the re-establishment of the Sunday Hockey Team.

Will any Old Boy who lives in or near London please get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, B. G. BUCKLEY, 3, Princes Parade, Muswell Hill, N.10, who will be delighted to give him more details of London Section.