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WE returned to work this new school year, with the status of the School still undecided, and our problems of accommodation still unsolved. However, we think we have made a good effort towards coping with our difficulties. If we may judge from the spirit of sportsmanship shown by our school teams, even in losing games, we may well feel that the present generation is not lagging behind its predecessors in keeping up the good name of the School.

We print this term, the names of a record number of winners of the Higher School Certificate. This examination demands a very high standard of achievement ; it is by no means a slightly improved form of School Certificate as its name might imply. We congratulate those successful and hope that their record will soon be beaten. A considerable number too, gained School Certificates and it is noticeable that more boys are beginning to turn their attention to the Civil Service as a career.

When these lines are published, our readers will be thinking of Christmas ; may they enjoy it.

Obituary

We were all saddened this term by the tragic death of Peter Wigg: he had done a great deal for the School and above all, for the Cadet Corps. He was one of those who gave to the School as well as took from her, and he gave generously in ability, time and energy. His death was a loss to us, whom he was about to leave, and to his Country which he was soon to begin to serve. We offer our deepest sympathy to his parents on their loss. Only last term we published a contribution from him which marked his abounding zest for life, and it is sad to think of such promise unfulfilled.

We must also notice here the death of an Old Boy, A. C. Bennett. Of all the Old Priceans, he probably had the most adventurous war time career, and the decorations he won were almost as numerous as his narrow escapes. It was therefore all the more of a shock to hear of his sudden and totally unexpected death; a microbe succeeded where Ack-Ack and German fighter planes had so often failed. We sympathise deeply with his family in their distress.

Examinations

OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE:

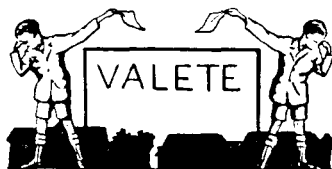
H. C. Barker, P. J. Ellis, C. E. Miskin, H. T. Shacklock, C. J. Shaddock, D. G. Watts, T. R. Webb.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE:

H. J. Andrews, A. C. Bailey, B. A. Cozens, K. Eldred, V. J. Marchant, G. R. Stubbington, N. B. Walling, P. G. Checksfield, D. T. Jarman, L. Weyman, D. J. Avis, R. W. J. Bedford, F. Thomas, L. L. Wassell, N. C. Alderton, M. Ballard, D. J. Blackmore, P. G. Blewden, A. J. Browning, C. S. Hills, W. A. K. Prescott, L. D. Williams, T. R. Gilham, B. R. Pearce, R. N. Tatford, D. Toyne, P. Bowman, D. S. M. Jones, G. D. Wadey, G. H. Watts, B. Smith, J. Barnard, P. J. Bates, P. J. Spinner, D. E. Watts, C. M. Hammond, R. Harrington, A. R. J. Mitchell, A. Passingham.

CIVIL SERVICE CLERICAL: J. W. Nisbet, L. L. Wassell.

AIR FORCE APPRENTICE: R. J. Hawkins.



BLACKBROOK.—L. R. Hall (House Captain, Prefect, School 1st XI Football), J. F. Porteous, T. K. Maybee, N. B. Walling, R. Williams, C. Lovell

CAMS.—P. J. Checksfield, G. H. Watts (School 1st XI Hockey, Vice-Captain Cricket), B. Smith.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—J. Barnard, C. A. Fleming, J. Maidment, R. Welch, J. R. Watkins.

WESTBURY.—P. Wigg, (C.S.M. Cadet Corps), P. G. Blewden, A. J. Browning (School 1st XI Cricket), R. Harrington, A. Passingham, K. McBride, D. Ball, W. Wyeth, J. Henderson.



BLACKBROOK.—J. A. Slaughter, M. J. Cardy, B. M. Barry, J. R. G. Menzies, F. G. Podmore, A. A. C. Read, A. M. Rochford, C. Scale, J. D. Shotter, D. J. Stephens, L. E. Watkins.

CAMS.—A. D. J. White, R. I. Bradford, M. G. Holland, M. J. Robbins, A. J. Tutton, D. C. Wooden.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—T. J. Adams, K. J. Barr, R. G. Bird, G. W. L. Dalton, A. M. Giles, D. A. Hansford, R. D. Lay, D. A. Mason, J. E. Ship, C. J. Spence, R. Winter, A. R. J. Wright.

WESTBURY.—F. E. J. Deans, R. Gray, A. J. Hobbs, A. J. Randall, A. L. Read, E. W. Smith, P. E. Smith, J. C. Terry.

Cadet Corps

Training in all departments has been carried on vigorously throughout the term and many cadets are fit to take their Certificate 'A' examination, which it is hoped will be held early next term.

About 30 N.C.O's. and Cadets came to Camp, which, this year was held at Emshott in a most perfect position.

Unfortunately, after the first day, we had almost continuous rain and a rather dreary time was livened up only by the visit of H. M. The King.

Several Cadets had the pleasure of being spoken to by His Majesty and we were all proud to think that Hampshire Cadets had been honoured by the visit. It can be said in passing, we all hope sincerely that The King's illness will be speedily resolved.

There is no doubt that if weather conditions had been favourable we should have had a wonderful camp, and I do beg of all cadets to make up their minds now to come to the next camp. It will be held the first week in August, just where, I do not know yet.

Soon after term began, our Sergt.-Major, C.S.M. Hall, decided to join the Army, and I have heard just recently that he is doing well and is on his way towards a regular commission, which we all know is his one wish in life. The Cadet Corps wish him well.

The term has been clouded for us all, however, by the tragic accident that befell C.S.M. Wigg. C.S.M. Wigg was one of the very best cadets that this Corps has trained and the finest tribute you can all pay to his memory is to try to be as good a cadet as he was.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

T.H.

The Scout Troop

Our hopes of winning the Fareham and District Scout Sports at the end of last term were fully justified. The afternoon of the Sports started with a drizzle, which got heavier and heavier, until real steady rain put an end to the Meeting. The postponed events, run off at the end of the school holidays only confirmed our position as winners of the scout section of the Sports.

Summer Camp was the wettest in the history of the troop. We took over the camp site from our friends the 21st Portsmouth, in rain, and the rain continued more or less throughout the week, until the last day, which was hot and sunny for striking camp. As so often happens, the spirit of the camp seemed to rise in answer to the challenge of seemingly depressingly weather, and the camp was as happy as ever. Gussy and Titch were lucky to have for their hike the only dry twenty-four hours in the whole week. Peter Phelan and Tony Sherwood, following them, faced rain from a few hours after their start, all through the night, and most of the next day. The Scoutmaster was aroused, long after the camp had turned in, by two voices in the pitch darkness saying: "Please, Sir, we've come back." To have found the camp site in the clearing in a copse in the middle of Basing Park on a pitch dark night was rather a creditable feat.

Some of last year's scouts have left school, and their places have been taken by a few new recruits. We missed Duggy Toyne's help, but Peter Bates, a senior scout of the troop, has now found time to give us his help. It is a very great assistance to have a sixth form boy as acting troop leader. There are still far too many scouts in the troop who have not yet got their second-class badge, but we are at present, and shall be next term, devoting more of our time to training for the first-class badge, which most scouts should get before becoming seniors.

Parents' night this year was shortened by omitting any kind of play or show, which allowed more time for meeting and talking. It is our intention, if we can manage it, to present a play in Fareham in the spring to raise funds for the troop. This will mean hard work. The date is not fixed, but it will be a play about Prince Charlie and the 1745 rebellion, with legends of his ghost and ransom, and a bit of a thriller about diamond smuggling.

It is a sign of a good troop if its past members go out and start other troops of their own. Alec Bowmaker's troop has been running for well over a year and is a good troop. Michael Heath, who left us more recently, has now taken over the rather small remnants of the scout section of the 10th Fareham Group. We wish him success and look forward to seeing him build up another good troop.

E. M. R. J.

Library.

We have to thank R. Ditchburn this term for a series of most useful gifts to the Junior Library. This habit (it is almost becoming a tradition) is all the more useful to the School in days when books are both expensive and difficult to maintain. We could also do with a few good bookcases, and indeed a suitable room to put them in. Any offers?



It is pleasing to record that School Football, in representative, House, and general games has been played vigorously and in good spirit. All have enjoyed their afternoons on the School Field and we have witnessed some keen and interesting football.

1st XI.

Our fixtures are rapidly being completed and we have but one match remaining, Gosport. Results have not been exceptional, but the teams have displayed good sportsmanship and keen football.

RESULTS: Played 10. Won 3. Drawn 1. Lost 6.

It is significant to note that the standard of play in 1st and 2nd XI's has been materially equal. This has led to frequent changes in our early games in the endeavour to produce our best representative side.

In most of our games the defence has been called upon to bear a large share of the game, and two points have emerged. Kicking must be crisper and more accurate and greater speed in tackling is required. There has been too marked a tendency to wait until the opponent is in control of the ball. This has been noticeable in attack as well as in defence.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

A. R. Webb (Captain, Centre Forward). Has played hard, fast football, his speed has worried several opposing defences.

R. Ditchburn (Goalkeeper). Has already been awarded Colours for a very good all-round performance. Has a safe pair of hands and anticipates well. Some high scores do not reflect upon him.

B. A. Cozens (Right Back). Has also been awarded Colours. A hard worker and a 90 minute player.

D. E. Watts (Left Back). Has a very good left foot, but is rather slow. Uncertain in tackling.

V. L. Hughes (Centre Half). Very energetic and plays hard. Has improved since last season.

E. D. Turner (Left Half). Has not maintained the promise he displayed early in the season. Kicks well with both feet.

A. D. J. White (Inside Left). A new boy to the School, who has immediately obtained his place. Good ball control and accurate kicking.

D. T. Jarmain (Outside Left). Has played well and crosses the ball beautifully. Fancies the inside berth as his best position, but will not fill it until he works harder.

C. E. Miskin (Right Half). A powerful and vigorous player. His clearances are lengthy, but the direction is not to be relied upon.

A. Allwood (Inside Right). Is effective in bursts, but tends to allow the ball to run away from him.

G. P. Stone (Outside Right). Has a useful turn of speed, but must learn to put the ball into the centre sooner.

Ballard, Mitchell, Herbert, Stubbington, Abbs, Palmer and **Callon** have also played.

October 2nd. Portsmouth Banks. Lost 5-3. Home.

In our first match of the season, the side had Mr. Howard Jones as centre half. The match started very evenly, but we were gradually forced on to the defensive by a clever side, and it was not a surprise when they opened the scoring. However, Callon managed to equalise soon afterwards, but they again went on the offensive and scored two more before half-time.

After the interval, we immediately started a series of attacks and soon scored, and then pressed for an equaliser, but two clever goals from breakaways, by their inside right settled the issue in their favour, and another goal by Callon just before time had no bearing on the result.

This game indicated that the defence must tackle quickly and clear hard and accurately to the forwards, who in turn should get the ball moving and take their chances in front of goal.

October 6th. Masters' XI. Home.

From the start the Masters asserted their superiority and pinned us in our own half, our attacks being sporadic and disjointed, and they were soon two up. Both these goals, however, were unlucky rebounds off our own players.

The second half proved to be more even, but the masters added two more goals, both from defensive errors. During the last twenty minutes they began to tire and we began to attack more often, which resulted in White scoring a consolation goal.

The rather robust game showed us again the need for quick tackling, hard kicking and more dash in the side as a whole. However, Hughes did play well in stopping Mr. Roland Jones scoring more than two goals.

Oct. 9th. Eastleigh C.G.S. Won 5-1. Away.

This was our first game against a school side. After a slow start, in which time they had scored a goal, we managed to settle down and soon equalised through Jarman. In the second half, with the wind and sun in our favour, we immediately went on to the offensive, and in a matter of ten minutes were four goals in the lead. However, they fought back, but good clearing prevented them from scoring.

The team played quite well in this match against rather weak opposition, with our defence on top and the forwards combining together. However, most of the good fortune was attributed to our mascot of the day, Mr. Howard Jones' Welsh Corgi.

Oct. 16th. Portsmouth G.S. Lost 8-1. Home.

On a heavy pitch, in drizzling rain, we were completely routed by a team which was heavier and played football well above our class. Although we actually held a one goal lead, scored by Jarman, throughout the first half, this was due entirely to Ditchburn's wonderful display of goalkeeping.

Oct. 20th. St. Mary's College. Lost 4-1. Away.

The big score against us in our last match had demoralised our side and against a team whose forwards were combining well, our defence conceded three goals, two of which, however, were largely due to robust play on the part of their centre-forward against Ditchburn. During the second half, we played much better and gradually gained the superiority, but they again scored. A good goal by Ballard was the reward of persistent attacks on their goal during the end of the game.

Oct. 23rd. Purbrook C.G.S. Lost 6-1. Away.

Against a heavier and better side on a sloping pitch we were again routed. Allwood scored the goal during the first half.

Nov. 6th. Portsmouth Northern G.S. Lost 8-1. Away.

Against a set of lively and clever forwards, with a defence completely changed through injuries, we were again routed, although we did get one goal.

Nov. 20th. Old Boys Won 2-1. Home.

In this match we were considerably strengthened by the inclusion of two masters in the defence. Unfortunately, the Old Boys turned out with only ten men. However, with the advantages of the slope, the sun and the wind, they attacked strongly and with luck would have scored. Gradually, however, we gained superiority and towards the end of the half we took the lead.

In the second half, the shortage of a man began to tell and we soon increased our lead, and had it not been for good clearing and tackling by the Old Boy's defence, our lead would have been much more. During the closing minutes of the game, the Old Boys scored, but could not get an equaliser.

Nov. 24th. Knowle Drew 1-1. Away.

The side was again strengthened, this time by four masters. Owing to a light ball and a good breeze, the game was rather scrappy, although very exciting. At the start we took the offensive, but could not score, and the game gradually evened up. The second half proved to be the reverse of the first, as they did most of the attacking. However, Mr. Roland Jones gave us the lead, but they soon equalised and neither side could get another goal.

An amusing sidelight to this game was the unflinching support given to us by an inmate, who certainly kept us alive.

Nov. 27th. Farnham. Won 6-2. Away.

On a heavy pitch the game started evenly, but Farnham scored the first goal. Their lead was short lived as Jarmain equalised with a good shot from an acute angle. From then on we took control of the game, and Allwood gave us the lead, and by half-time we were two up. In the second half we continued to attack without success and on one occasion we had nine consecutive corners. Then suddenly they scored again, and this gave us extra life to prevent them equalising, and we quickly added three more goals, including a solo effort by White.

In this match the team played at the top of their form with the defence controlling the centre and the forwards combining well to keep up their record of having scored in every match.

2nd XI.

The Second XI has played three matches this season. Won 1, Lost 2. There has not been much to choose between 1st and 2nd XI's and all games were thoroughly enjoyed.

COLTS.

The under 15 team has been the most promising for some years. It is also encouraging to note that the Lower School contains several promising players. Next year we shall lose the services of Lowbridge and Gatesman in the half-back line and of Bradley at centre forward. They have been very useful, but it is hoped that their places can be adequately filled. Parker, the Captain, has kept goal well and is well-built for that position.

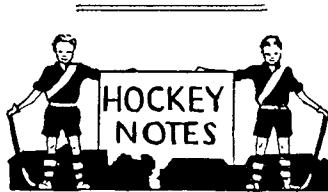
The football has been good and fast-moving. The way in which the ball was kept moving along the ground would provide a lesson to the 1st XI. We now look forward to next season.

	Played 6.	Won 4.	Lost 2.	
Results :	Oct. 9	...	Eastleigh C.G.S.	Won 6 1
	20	...	St. Mary's	Won 4 2
	23	...	Purbrook C.G.S.	Lost 3 5
	Nov. 13	...	Mile End	Won 13 0
	24	...	Fareham Sec. M.	Lost 1 7
	27	...	Farnham G.S.	Won 4 0

HOUSE MATCHES.

1st XI.	
Blackbrook 2	Westbury 2
Cams 5	School House 1
Blackbrook 4	School House 3
Westbury 3	Cams 2
Cams 5	Blackbrook 2
School House 1	Westbury 0

COLTS.	
Blackbrook 2	Westbury 1
School House 2	Cams 0
School House 3	Blackbrook 2
Cams 0	Westbury 0
Blackbrook 2	Cams 2
School House 1	Westbury 0



There is a full fixture list for 1st XI, 2nd XI and Colts for next term.

There is also a School 1st XI's tournament early in January, Boys' County Trials and a tournament at Easter, run by the Sussex County Association, in which it is expected that several Boys' County teams will compete.

R.O.J.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

Since the last issue, the only important event which has taken place has been the Inter-House football competition. In the Seniors, we were unlucky in that we were unable to turn out our proper team for any one match, Turner being unable to play in the first two, and Allwood in the last.

In the first match against Westbury, we drew 2-2, Allwood and Foster scoring the goals. Allwood played exceedingly well and he was ably supported by the other forwards. In defence, Rowe and Stubbington played a good game, while Moulson, in spite of his smallness, never seemed troubled by any shot at goal.

In the match against School House, which we won 4-3, a switch in the team being necessary, owing to the absence of Stubbington. Eldred was brought into the forward line and he scored, in company with Allwood and Foster (two). Again the forward line played extremely well, while Moulson proved his worth in goal.

In the last game against Cams, the team appeared to lose its usual vitality and in spite of some good play by Turner, Stubbington and Foster, we lost 2-5, our goals being scored by Foster.

The Juniors, ably captained by Priestley, played very well and showed promise for the future. Against Westbury, they won 2-1, lost 2-3 to School House and drew 2-2 with Cams. Porter, Purkiss and Padwick played well in defence, while Priestley and Percival were hard-working forwards.

It only remains to wish you a Happy Christmas and hope you will return with a will to work and play hard.

B.A.C.

We should like to pay tribute to our late captain, Hall, for his keen and inspiring leadership. The House wishes him well in his career and hears with pleasure, but no surprise, that he has already made a very good start.

H.R.T., M.H.J.

Cams

The only thing which we have to report this term, is House Football, and naturally we do this with some satisfaction, since the House won the Cup. This is especially a matter for self-congratulation owing to the fine team-work displayed by a team which was not the most brilliant in individual players which we have produced. The performance which it put up was most surprising and gratifying. In view of this, to single out individual players might seem unfair, but to miss out any mention of Jarmain and Parker would be even more so. Jarmain's long shots at goal, amazingly accurate, and Parker's wonderfully steady 'keeping were the high spots of the games as we saw them.

The first half of the game with School, was probably our best effort of the series. Two beautiful shots by Jarmain, a fine dribble by Groves, and opportunist efforts by Bradley and Watts (D.G.) gave us a five goal lead. The second half brought an early goal by School House, but no more goals were scored by either side, Cams being content to defend its lead.

The Westbury match we lost in spite of an initial advantage. The first goal came from a fine shot by White, and the second goal also. This match was by far the most gruelling of the series and towards the end we had all the game, but could not contrive to score.

The Blackbrook match we never, from the beginning, had any doubt about winning. The side played calmly and well. The scorers were Bradley (two), Groves (two) and Jarmain.

The Juniors were not so successful, but Dimmock and Baker were good in attack and Byng in defence. The main weakness was an almost complete inability to find and keep their positions.

In conclusion, I wish the House a happy Christmas and New Year.

C.E.M.

School House

As usual at this time of year, there is only the House Football Competition to report upon.

This year the Seniors did not distinguish themselves on the Football field; although winning one match, we finished bottom of the table. Our first match against Cams was a disastrous start to the season. We began the game full of con-

fidence, but by half-time our faces had become very long; at this stage, we were 5-0 down, the bad marking and kicking of the defence making the forwards ineffective, as they hardly ever received the ball. When they did, the first-time tackling of the Cams defence soon dispossessed them. However, in the second half, after a heart-to-heart talk among the team, the situation improved and we managed to make a recovery and prevent Cams from scoring, unfortunately we managed to score only one goal, Callon netting from long range, making the final score 1-5.

Our second match against Blackbrook showed a marked improvement. Playing downhill on the Colt's pitch, Callon scored an early goal to give us the lead, however Blackbrook retaliated and drew level by half-time. In the second half we almost immediately went ahead again with a goal by Maidment. However, Blackbrook fought back to take a one goal lead. At this stage of the game, play became fast and furious. Within ten minutes of the end, we drew level with a goal by Ellis; but just as we were waiting for the final whistle, Blackbrook again took the lead and managed to hang on for two or three minutes until full time, thus winning by 4 goals to 3.

Our third and final match against Westbury was easily our best; the forwards combined well, but missed many opportunities and should have scored more than one goal. This was due to the lack of a forward who could shoot straight. The defence played well, tackling and kicking first time. We lost the toss for the third time and so kicked off. Straight away we attacked strongly and after 10 minutes Callon, who had scored in both of the previous matches, gave us the lead. However in spite of all further efforts, we could not increase our lead. In the second half, in spite of one or two anxious moments, we prevented Westbury from equalising, although we could not score again. Incidentally, this match brought back memories of last season, as by beating Westbury we prevented them from winning the Cup, which was what they had done to us last season.

The Juniors, who had a very strong side this year, were much more successful than the Seniors, winning all three of their matches, so winning the Junior Cup. The power of the side lay in the defence, where Lowbridge and Gatesman, who both played for the School Colts, dominated the field. They were ably supported by Judd and Newton. The forwards were rather small, which handicapped them slightly, but they managed to score enough goals to win each match, although a third of the goals came from the defence. The pick of the forwards were Rudling who played for the Colts at Outside Right, and Wassell. The first match was against Cams who were beaten 2-0, Hansford and Lowbridge scoring. The next match against Blackbrook nearly ended in disaster, as the team after being 3-0 up at half-time conceded 2 goals which should not have been scored; however they managed to hold out until full time. Barr, Gatesman and Grant were the scorers. The last match against Westbury was won 1-0, Hansford scoring.

Unfortunately after winning the Tarbat Cup at the end of the Easter term, we lost it last term, but we may hope that everyone has worked much harder this term and that we shall be successful once again.

Finally, congratulations to all who gained the School or Higher School Certificate in July. Last but not least a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Westbury

This term, in which so far only the Football competition has been completed, has not proved successful for the House.

Our Senior football team looked quite strong on paper, as nine of the side had played for either the 1st or 2nd elevens.

In our first game against Blackbrook we drew 2-2. They scored early on during the first half, but we equalised just before half-time. The second half proved to be very exciting, the play changing from end to end in quick succession. They again took the lead, but we managed to equalise, by a goal scored by one of their side from a centre by Prescott.

Our second game, which we won 3-2 against Cams, was even more exciting. They scored the first goal, but we soon took the lead with two quick goals from good efforts by Prescott and Ballard. In the second half, Palmer increased our lead with another good goal, but from then on Cams put on the pressure and the game was speeded up to an exceptional rate. By a series of all out attacks, Cams scored again to make it 3-2, but we managed to hold out, although our goal had some almost miraculous escapes.

Our final game against School House was very disappointing, and we lost by a solitary goal, scored at the beginning of the match. At no time during this match did the team play well against a rather heavier and robust side.

The side as a whole has been disappointing, due mainly to the fact that many players had to play in unaccustomed positions, because of the shortage of defenders, and this caused the team to look rather ragged. However, Ditchburn, Mitchell and Hills played consistently well, while Ballard, Stone, Palmer and Prescott shone on occasions.

At this point I must congratulate Ditchburn on being awarded his 1st XI football colours for his excellent goalkeeping.

The Juniors were very unsuccessful, but unlucky, losing to Blackbrook 2-1, and School 1-0 and drawing with Cams 0-0. Boys who played particularly well, were Williams, the captain, and Morris. Others worthy of mention are Biggs and Beautyman.

Here I must note the lack of support given by members of the House not playing in one of the teams, a fact which indicates the lack of House spirit and I hope in future to see more boys watching the games.

Before finishing these notes, I must record with great regret the tragic death of a member of the House, Peter Wigg. As a personal friend, I can appreciate the assistance he has given me in running such small but important events as Junior football and Sports trials and I am sure the whole House will join with me in sending our deepest sympathy to his mother and father.

Finally I must congratulate all those who gained their School Certificates and wish you all a happy Christmas.



Since last reporting, slow but steady progress has been made in tracking down old members. We have had a long letter from E. Carr-Hill, who is now with the National Coal Board and spending much of his time underground. While in Belgium during the War, he ran across M. Vyncke (onetime French master at School) and recognition was mutual. D. F. Abbott has joined us as a new member.

The Winter Session of meetings started on 27th September with a Ladies Night. If our fair visitors were very bored when, at times, nostalgia for past days overcame us, they were kind enough not to show it.

A Christmas Dinner has been provisionally arranged for 17th December. It will coincide with the 150th meeting of L.S.O.P.

We have instituted a News Circular with the object of giving news of L.S.O.P. members and O.P. affairs generally to those old members who are no longer in London. It is particularly designed to keep in touch with people abroad, but if anyone in the provinces is interested and cares to drop me a line, I shall be pleased to put him on the waiting list.

May I appeal once more to any O.P. living in the London Area and who has not, so far, joined us, to get in touch with me and help to build up the Section into a really live force?

B. G. BUCKLEY,
3b Princes Parade,
Muswell Hill,
London, N.10.



Old Priceans

Dear Members,

Old Boys' Day on the 20th November, was a distinct success.

We were able to field two teams against the School and although we lost both games they were thoroughly enjoyable. We were blessed by the Clerk of the weather with a fine afternoon. The results were 2-1 and 6-1.

After tea, we had our usual meeting, which was not over-well attended, but afterwards we really enjoyed ourselves at Dinner, which was served by The Fairway Restaurant at the School House. Our President, Mr. Ashton, was in the chair.

We were particularly pleased to have Mr. Bradly with us, and the School Staff were represented by Messrs. Shaddock, Foster, Shaw and Garton.

The Toasts were "The King" proposed by the President, "The School" proposed by D. Stone (and here I would like to congratulate him on the able manner in which he did the job) and "Absent Old Priceans" proposed by E. R. J. Hinxman.

Mr. Shaddock replied to the Toast on behalf of the School in his usual interesting style.

A letter of regret for non-attendance from C. F. Coghlan was read. He pointed out that it was 40 years ago he joined the School.

Mr. Ashton asked us to stand as our period of School life was read out and the names of all present with their respective School years are given in this issue. We must add many more and I should be glad of all the information possible from all who were unable to be present at the Dinner.

After Dinner we had a sing-song and believe me, each year the grand old School Song sounds better than the last. As we seem to have forgotten the words, I have had them printed below. Please keep this Mag. and bring it along to the next Supper.

Mr. Parker again assisted us at the piano and we sang with gusto.

We were later treated to some extremely interesting reminiscences by Mr. Bradly. Old memories were revived, as he mentioned many of our contemporaries and from whom by the way, we should very much like to hear.

Auld Lang Syne finished off a very enjoyable treat: may we enjoy many more.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. DIMMER,

Hon. Secretary.

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OLD PRICEANS PRESENT AT THE DINNER

Hinxman, E. R. J.	1909-1917	Heath, H. R.	1933-1940
Gregory, D. E.	1912-1920	Claney, J. V. J.	1934-1940
Hoad, J.	1913-1917	Kervill, N.	1936-1940
Hyde, N.	1913-1917	Midgley, J. V.	1938-1944
Pink, G. E.	1914-1918	Daysh, R. E.	1938-1945
Collins, C. V.	1914-1916	Biggs, L. R.	1939-1944
Dore, W.	1915-1919	Knight, V. A.	1939-1945
Dimmer, E. G.	1916-1919	Blake, H. C.	1940-1944
Tatford, W.	1916-1920	Hamper, R. J.	1940-1947
Dean-Cooper, E.	1915-1922	Thorburn, E. A.	1940-1947
Blanche, A. E.	1919-1923	Newell, F. C. D.	1940-1945
Gardner, M. W.	1919-1927	Lewis, M.	1940-1944
Goodall, L. S.	1920-1924	Nicholas, P.	1940-1947
Fletcher, C.	1924-1930	Shelton, G.	1941-1947
Buckley, B.	1927-1935	Stone, D. W.	1941-1947
Dellbridge, J. N.	1929-1936	Wassell, L. L.	1943-1948
Dore, E. E.	1931-1937		

School Song

Forty years on, when afar and asunder
Parted are those who are singing to-day.
When you look back and forgetfully wonder
What you were like in your work and your play—
Then it may be there will often come o'er you
Glimpses of notes, like the catch of a song;
Visions of boyhood shall float them before you,
Echoes of dreamland shall bear them along.

Follow up! Follow up!
Till the field ring again and again
With the tramp of the twenty-two men—
Follow up! Follow up!

Routs and discomfitures, rushes and rallies,
Bases attempted, and rescued, and won,
Strife without anger, and art without malice—
How will it seem to you, forty years on?
Then, you will say, not a feverish minute
Strained the weak heart and the wavering knee,
Never the battle raged hottest, but in it,
Neither the last nor the faintest, were we.

Follow up! etc.

O the great days, in the distance enchanted,
Days of fresh air, in the rain and the sun,
How we rejoiced as we struggled and panted—
Hardly believable, forty years on!
How we discoursed of them, one with another,
Loved the ally with the heart of a brother,
Hated the foe with a playing at hate!

Follow up! etc.

Forty years on, growing older and older,
Shorter in wind, as in memory long,
Feeble of foot, and rheumatic of shoulder,
What will it help you that once you were strong?
God give us bases to guard or beleaguer,
Games to play out, whether earnest or fun;
Fights for the fearless, and goals for the eager
Twenty, and thirty, and forty years on!

Follow up! etc.