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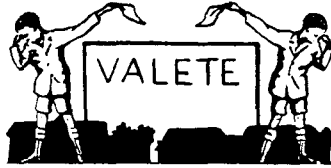
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BY a new arrangement, which it is hoped will lead to improvements in accuracy and completeness, "The Lion" will, in future, be published in the early days of each term. It is hoped that this arrangement will cause no inconvenience to readers who are leaving, but that rather it will encourage them to join the Old Priceans and so make sure of getting copies. It is also hoped that we shall soon have plenty of contributions to print, in verse and prose, from the School: at the moment there seems to be a marked reluctance to venture into print, but "The Lion" will never be what it was until it is not merely a magazine about the School, but a School magazine.

This term all the Cups have been reconditioned and now look very handsome and a new case for their reception is being prepared under the supervision of Mr. Briscoe. Moreover, two parents, Messrs. Reed and Baker, have very generously given handsome trophies. We hope that by the end of this term they will be on view in a fitting setting.

Two further successful meetings between Staff and Parents took place last term and we are glad to hear from a number of Parents that they appreciate these meetings and find them useful. It might here be mentioned that some parents come and watch School games and they are always welcome: we hope that others who are anxious to see their sons and the School perform will follow the example.



BLACKBROOK.—B. G. Marchant, R. J. Harding, B. M. Barry.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—P. Bates, D. J. Avis, M. F. Langworthy.

WESTBURY.—J. W. Nisbett, M. Ballard, A. R. Mitchell, L. T. Parfitt.



SCHOOL HOUSE.—P. J. Cuff.

WESTBURY.—A. M. Bird, J. K. Lawrence.

CBMS.—M. L. Dove.

Annual Prize Giving

The Prize Giving took place at Trinity Church House on Monday, December 18th, and it was an outstanding occasion, very largely owing to the brilliant address of the Bishop of Portsmouth, who gave away the prizes. After the Chairman of the Governors had referred to the present position of the School and the continued uncertainty of its status despite the efforts of the Governors to preserve its individuality, the Headmaster was able to give an encouraging account of progress under difficulties. The large number of School and Higher School Certificates gained showed what the School could do, but there were still too many boys who took every opportunity of avoiding corporate activities. He appealed for the co-operation of parents in providing boys with the proper School dress.

After songs had been sung by the Choir and by R. Winter, Dr. Anderson gave his address. It was an appeal for courage and adventure in a world which seemed over-intent upon achieving security, an appeal perfectly phrased and wittily expressed, and containing an appeal for a half-holiday, which crowned the speaker's popularity.

The proceedings closed with the School Song, a Vote of Thanks to Dr. Anderson, and the National Anthem.

FORM PRIZES

VI Science.	C. Shaddock.
VI Art	D. G. Watts.
V	B. A. Cozens, A. C. Bailey.
IVa	R. Hedgecock, D. Parker.
IVb	R. J. Welch, L. S. Abbs.
Remove	D. J. Hammerton.
IIIa	P. B. A. Ridett, J. R. Jennings.
IIIb	P. R. Lewis, A. B. Byng.
IIa	D. G. Keen, J. F. Cooper.
IIb	A. C. Purkis, D. Percival.

SUBJECT PRIZES

English	C. E. Miskin.
Latin	D. Brown.
History	A. C. Bailey.
Geography	G. R. Stubbington.
French	P. G. Blewden.
Mathematics and Science	L. L. Wassell.
Art	P. J. Checksfield.
Religious Knowledge	J. W. Nisbet.
Good Fellowship Prize	H. T. Shacklock.

“The Winslow Boy”

The Dramatic Society produced in 1948 for its Christmas play, Terence Rattigan's "The Winslow Boy," fortunately just beating the local cinema by a week or two. It is a good play, affording plenty of scope to amateur actors, with an interesting and moving plot; and it is fair to say that the Society rose to the occasion. Its standard has usually been high: this time it was first-rate and the cast really worked together as a team. The ever-present problem of the female characters in a play to be acted by boys was met successfully: Ridett as Catherine Winslow had a somewhat masculine stride, but nevertheless lived the part; Bates as Mrs. Winslow was perhaps a little awkward in the first scenes, but reached to somewhere near greatness later; and Wilcox as Violet was always a pleasure to see. Of the male characters, Mr. Howe was an admirable father and Innocent a great success in the very difficult part of Sir Robert Norton, though, it may be suggested, a shade more of polished insolence and less of rumbustiousness would have become the part better. Nisbett, Chalmers and Figs made fine work of three well-drawn minor characters. Judd and Moulson too did well.

However well all these parts are taken, the play cannot be successful without a good Winslow Boy and that part makes very great demands on one who must be a good deal younger than the rest of the cast. Cossens had had only a very limited experience, but he rose greatly to the occasion. He never faltered, and the other actors will not mind his having a paragraph to himself. He deserved every word of it.

Lastly, we must not omit to mention some of those who worked behind the scenes. Nobody knows how much Mr. Foster did, but we all know that it was a very great deal most quietly and competently done. Thomas, Ditchburn and others who did not appear before the audience were busy playing their parts and once again we have to thank, very sincerely, Miss V. Jewell for her tireless work as Producer.

The Library

This Term we have to acknowledge most generous gifts from Ellis to the Junior Library and from Parfitt of 2B. Such gifts are most welcome and we are truly grateful. Perhaps those who have no suitable books to offer would care to start a fund for the provision of book cases and other necessities for the better Library which we hope will not be long delayed.

Some Forms still seem reluctant to make use of the Library. Mr. Marsh is doing great work with the Juniors, but apart from the Sixth Form, there should be many more using the Senior Section: as there is no public library in Fareham, the School Library should be especially valuable to the higher Forms. If the book which is wanted is not available, give me details and, if possible, we will get it.

H. R. T.

Carol Service

This year we repeated the Carol Service which proved so popular last year. It was again a great success. Those whose voices did not augment the general jubilation, at least appreciated the welcome break from school.

The lessons were read with dignity, nor did the formidable assembly of Parents and Masters overawe the younger boys.

The Carols were executed with vigour, the trebles' clear ringing tones blending beautifully with the deeper voices of the older singers. Indeed, the Choir sounded greatly improved through the addition of stronger tenor and bass sections. The congregation wholeheartedly joined in the well-known favourites and listened with appreciation to the lesser known but lovely "O Leave Your Sheep" and Sleep, Holy Babe."

Mr. Howe and Foster combined well in "We Three Kings" and the solos by Winter and Willis were well sung. We went home peaceful, well contented and imbued with Christmas Spirit.

We were rather disappointed at the number of parents who attended, but we are sure they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope next year many more will come.

P. N.

Cadet Corps

Activities have proceeded smoothly and steadily this term. The Company scored an outstanding success in the Certificate 'A' examination. Thirty-nine cadets passed Pt. 1 and seven cadets passed Pt. 2. This is quite exceptional and great credit for these successes are due to the N.C.O's. for their extremely hard work and good instruction, often under great hindrance from a few cadets who try to make things hard for the N.C.O's. when there is no Officer present.

It is hoped in the summer that all those who have passed Pt. 1 will pass Pt. 2, and that many more will be fit for Pt. 1.

Our London Cup section tied with another section from the battalion in the eliminating contest and lost on the spin of a coin. We were not sorry about this, as these competitions take a lot of time off normal training.

Certificate 'T' and Signals Training is going along smoothly, thanks being due Mr. Briscoe and Mr. Foster for giving us of their valuable time. Several N.C.O's. and cadets have gone on Signals and Cert. 'T' courses and we hope Mr. Foster and Mr. Briscoe will soon have plenty of skilled help.

Courses have been better attended this term, thanks to some very keen cadets in the middle school. We are very pleased to see such keenness, as you cadets in the middle school are our potential N.C.O's.

The Field Day which is usually held at the end of the term had to be cancelled, but the Headmaster has promised a day early this term.

The Football team did very well and would probably have won the Cup, but unfortunately, we played one cadet over age and forfeited the game. It is a pity when this happens, so disappointing to the rest of the team, and we apologise to them for not noticing this before. There is another year next year.

I end with an appeal to all cadets to try and attend summer camp in August. It is to be held at Lulworth and should be marvellous. Good luck to you all,

T. H.

The Scout Troop

It was a big venture to present a play in Fareham this spring. A great deal of work by many people went into the production and a great deal of despair that the actors would never learn their parts or ever learn to act. However, as is often the case, all pulled together to make it a success on the actual night of the performance. Roger Harding, with a leg still bandaged from a previous accident, was suffering from mild concussion from a knock that morning, but even those in the front of the audience were unaware that he was depending on a prompter hidden close by him. Holy Trinity Church Hall was full, with the gallery in use as well. The expenses of such a show always seem high—they came to £16—but we cleared a profit of £22. It is very difficult to find good plays suitable for boys under 15 and we were very fortunate in our choice.

The play naturally pushed aside much of the more ordinary scout training, but that has been resumed, and in the Summer Term we look forward to our camps. The district competition camp to choose the patrol to represent Fareham at the County Competition is on June 11th, and the County Competition for the Emlyn Trophy is on July 9th. Mr. Dove, an experienced Scouter, and father of one of our scouts, is training some of our boys in work for the first class badge, providing a great help in our scheme of training.

Some years ago, during the war, when money was wanted for a special reason, all scouts in England spent a day working to earn at least a shilling each, a "bob a nob." So far, Imperial Headquarters in London, responsible for organising and supervising the scout movement throughout the British Empire, has never asked a penny from the boys in the movement. But half a million shillings must be got from somewhere, so in future the half million scouts in Great Britain are in April of each year setting out to earn money for the movement: hence the "Bob-a-Job" week which we had during the holidays. These notes were written last term, so the financial result cannot be printed in this issue, but we hope for 10/- per scout so as to help not only Imperial Headquarters, but also the County organisation, and Fareham District and our own Troop.

There has recently started a thing for which I have wished—a group of scout parents working steadily to help the finances of our Troop. In the past one or two parents have made individual (and successful) efforts to raise money, but large and sustained results are got by many parents working together. Now, owing to the energy of a few mothers, such a group of a dozen or more parents is working towards a sale of work towards the end of the year. It promises to be a big affair with very good work on sale made by people good at their own particular jobs. Such a backing by the parents is a tremendous encouragement to a scoutmaster running a troop otherwise almost unaided.

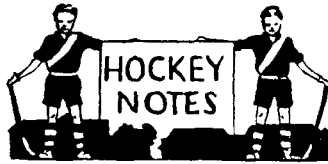
The Chess Club

We are glad this year to welcome six new members to the Club, two from the lower part of the School. Nevertheless, we will still be pleased to accept more new members. If you are a prospective member, do not be deterred because you are a non-player; Webb had scarcely any knowledge of this intriguing game when he first joined, but learnt while in the Club and is now champion of the first division. There is a small library of chess books available to members.

Let us hope that in future, members will be more regular in attending the meetings, since this term the third division has had to be abandoned.

The final positions in the other divisions are as follows :

	DIV. I.	Pts.		DIV. II.	Pts.
Webb	...	4	Cooper	...	2
Barker	...	3	Rudgley	...	2
Watts	...	2	Hammond	...	1
Ellis	...	1	Rowe	...	1
Keemer	...	0	Critchett	...	Unplaced



Matches :	1st XI	Played 9	Won 2	Lost 6	Drawn 1	Scratched 3
	2nd XI	Played 3	Won 2	Lost 1	Drawn 0	Scratched 3
	Colts	Played 2	Won 1	Lost 0	Drawn 1	
	(Under 15)					

FIRST ELEVEN

King's Alfred's College, Winchester ... Lost, 0-6

Played on the Recreation ground. Our opponents were quite a fast and good side, and it was no disgrace to be beaten. Strength of wrist goes quite a long way in Hockey.

Taunton's School, Southampton ... Lost 0-1

Played (after a good tour of the city) at Civil Service ground. In the first half we had the better of the exchanges and should have scored, but Taunton scored on one of the few occasions they were in our circle: there was no score in the second half, the defences on both sides being better than the attack.

Collegiate School, Bournemouth ... Drawn, 2-2

Played at Eastleigh: a very even game, in which Figes and Jarmain each scored once.

Fareham II ... Lost 0-2

The School were on the defensive most of the time, as a result there were few opportunities of forming an opinion of the merits of the School forward line. The inside forwards were never up in attack and most of the few scoring chances were created by the hard work of Figes on the left wing.

In defence. Callon played a very good game at right back, intercepting, stopping and clearing coolly and well. Miskin covered the centre well, but had repeatedly to drop back to retrieve mistakes by the left back and left half, who throughout the game allowed a dangerous inside right to slip round on their left, leaving them desperately trying to tackle across his body. Needless to say, the score would have been much heavier but for the excellent clearances of Foster in goal.

Fareham II (return, in lieu of Old Boys). ... Lost, 0-1

Lost, some say, owing to the brilliant play of substitutes supplied by the School.

Taunton's School (return) ... Won, 3-0

Quite one of our best games, when things seemed to come right for our forwards and the defence kept the opposing forwards at bay. Miskin was a tower of strength in the centre. Goals were scored by Ellis and Jarmain (2).

H.M.S. St. Vincent ... Won 5-1

A fast game, with the ball flying all over the place, and it was owing to luck rather than good management, that no one was seriously injured. Goals were scored by Jarmain (2), Webb (2), Ellis (1).

King Edward VI School, Southampton ... Lost, 0-5

Played on the Recreation Ground. A fast, energetic side, that outplayed our team, particularly in the second half : we were lucky to cross over without score. In the second half our defence faltered in several places, largely owing to slowness of turning and lack of marking certain opposing forwards.

Winchester Nomads ... Lost 1-8

Playing without two of the regular team, we could not hope to hold a fast and keen side, who passed the ball bewilderingly quickly. Our solitary goal was obtained with a saucy flick by Figes, who played indefatigably all through the game.

SECOND ELEVEN

Taunton's School ... Lost, 0-2

This game, played at Swaythling, was not particularly interesting. The pitch was rather bumpy, which may have been adequate excuse for the School players' inability to stop, hit or move the ball cleanly in the first quarter of an hour; but throughout the game, with the possible exception of Ditchburn at left back, the team failed utterly to master the conditions. Taunton's stick work on the day was much superior and but for their weakness in the circle and Ditchburn's steadiness, the School would have lost much more heavily.

Collegiate School, Bournemouth ... Won, 9-2

Played at Eastleigh. Won rather easily; Allwood scored four goals, Parvin two, Dore, Ditchburn and Wilcox one each.

King Edward VI School, Southampton ... Won, 3-1

A good game: goals were scored by Allwood (two) and Wilcox (one).

HOCKEY RETROSPECT

We hoped to have good results this season, as most of the team had played on and off in the first eleven for two or three years. It is true that we played four matches with some players absent: but we must not hug this excuse too closely. We should have won three matches with a little more thrust among the forwards, and more intelligent marking of opposing forwards and quicker and more discriminating passing by the halves. King Alfred's College and Winchester Nomads, though heavy defeats, were men's teams, who played a fast and strong game; but the defeat by King Edward VI School was a different matter. In it we were beaten by dash and speed, and too much rope was given by the wing halves to their outside opponents, and there was too lengthy a gazing after a forward who had got past. In the first Taunton's match we missed Miskin (though Turner played quite well) and the presence of the former was felt in the return when the tables were well turned from a loss 0-1 to a victory 3-0. The victory over St. Vincent was well earned. One could wish we had won the two matches with Fareham II, but stick-work—even if superlative—will not make up for a lack of dash on the part of some players. The match with Collegiate School, Bournemouth, was a very even game.

The Second Eleven lost to Taunton's School, but beat Collegiate School, Bournemouth, and King Edward VI School—promising well for the future, as there will be many places in the First Eleven to fill next Season.

The Colt's Eleven (this year under 15) played two matches with Taunton's School, drawing one and winning the other. We hope next year to have more Colts' fixtures, a very important part of the Hockey. They will improve when they have a chance of playing on a larger ground earlier in the term.

CHARACTERS OF FIRST ELEVEN

- C. MISKIN (Centre Half, Captain)—Gets through a lot of work; a bit inclined to hang on too long before passing to his forwards, and get out on the wing too much. Still too much one-handed play. He will be much missed next year.
- A. J. FIGES (Inside Left, Vice-Captain)—Is happier at outside left, but plays hard all the time in either position. Has good stick-work.
- B. COZENS (Left Back)—A strong tackler, who clears hard and gets through an immense amount of work. Always tries hard all the time.
- A. R. WEBB (Inside Right)—More effective on the right than on the left. A clever dribbler, but must make more ground and pass quicker; should practice shooting.
- C. FOSTER (Goal Keeper)—His kicking is excellent and he comes out fearlessly. A bit uncertain over less violent and cross shots.
- E. TURNER (Left Half)—An untiring tackler, who hits hard and has quite a natural bent for left wing play, where his stick-work is distinctly good.
- P. J. ELLIS (Outside Right)—Puts plenty of dash into his play and centres well, but inclined to over-run the ball and obstruct. A very good trier.
- D. JARMAN (Centre Forward)—Opens up the game well with passes to his right. Quite a fair shot. Good stick-work, but must acquire more thrust generally.
- B. CALLON (Right Back)—Clears hard and has much improved, but he must learn to recover more quickly when he has missed a tackle.
- P. D. E. GREGORY (Right Half)—Too fond of trying to trick a forward; must acquire speed in turning and generally show more energy.
- P. C. D. CHALMERS (Outside Left)—Is more at home at left half, where he shows a quick facility for left wing play, but he must acquire some speed and turning power when his forward has passed him.

CHARACTERS OF SECOND ELEVEN

- L. ROWE (Centre Forward, Captain)—Has played outside left for First XI. He puts much energy and speed into his play. Quite fair stick-work.
- A. QUINLAN (Right Back)—Is fairly speedy, but must learn to turn quicker when passed.
- R. DITCHBURN (Centre Half)—Quite a useful half, who sticks to it all the time.
- C. HILLS (Goal Keeper)—Quite a fair kick and stops most ordinary shots.
- R. H. WILCOX (Inside Left)—Fair stick-work, dribbles quite well. Must acquire speed of foot.
- W. A. K. FRESCOTT (Left Back)—Puts much energy into his play and hits hard.
- N. C. BROWN (Left Half)—Tries hard all the time and should improve.
- A. W. R. ALLWOOD (Inside Right)—A fair dribbler, but must run faster. He has scored quite a few goals.
- C. PARVIN (Inside Right)—Has a good reach and should be useful next year.
- D. S. M. JONES (Outside Left)—A keen player with fair stickwork.
- R. DORE (Outside Right)—Quite a fair dribbler, with some pace. Should be very useful in the future.

Boys' County Hockey

Five of the 1st XI, Miskin, Webb, Cozens, Foster and Jarmain, played in the trial at the Sports Centre, Southampton, on Thursday, March 24th. All five were chosen among the fifteen to go to the Sussex-Sponsored Boys' County Tournament at Lavington Park, Petworth, April 11th-13th. All these will get one game or more for the Hants Boys' XI.

Last year, four counties took part and it is expected that seven or eight will do so this year.

We admire the enterprise of the Sussex County authorities in organising this tournament and all these Boys' County sides owe them a deep debt of gratitude.

The Steeplechase

This year, conditions could hardly have been better for the Steeplechase: it was therefore all the more disappointing that so many boys should have produced obviously trivial excuses to avoid running. The Steeplechase never has appealed to more than a small minority of boys, but in the years before 1939 and up to quite recently, House spirit was strong enough to make nearly everybody put up with inconvenience and discomfort, do his best for his House and, not infrequently, win the race or gain high places. At the moment, there are apparently many boys without either care for their House or the courage to run on when they are tired.

Still the races were good ones, and the winners looked as impressive as any of their predecessors have done. Cams have not always shone in this event, but this year was their year, and consequently No. 13 was successful in each race. In the Juniors, Partitt won decisively, apparently with plenty in hand, and three other Cams runners were in the first six. No other House ever looked like holding Cams here. In the Seniors, Groves won a great race beating Foster, last year's winner who himself ran bravely and well, by a considerable margin. Groves had been running for the Hampshire Cadets and had probably benefited from his experience; anyway it was a most impressive performance. Westbury packed well and won decisively from Cams.

For the first time, wireless units, provided by the Cadet Corps, succeeded in giving those on the School field an account of what was going on, a great improvement, and some compensation for the cyclists of old, who used to rush round enthusiastically from point to point on the route, but there still seemed to be some need for the Blackbrook House Master, who gave his runners advice, encouragement and occasionally abuse, at the top of Funtley Hill, or the end of the cinder track.

Results:

JUNIOR				SENIOR			
1	Cams	...	98	1	Westbury		100
2	School House		124	2	Cams	...	126
3	Westbury		150	3	Blackbrook		131
4	Blackbrook		166	4	School House		190

Individual Placings:

JUNIORS		SENIORS	
1	Parfitt (C)	1	Groves (C)
2	Baker (C)	2	Foster (B)
3	Watts (C)	3	Webb (W)
4	Wallbridge (S)	4	Farthing (C)
5	Porter (B)	5	Prescottt (W)
6	Dimmock (C)	6	Collins (W)

Table Tennis

Table Tennis is a game which has become very popular among all sections of the School, from members of the Sixth Form down to the First. A Club is run by members of the Sixth Form for the Sixth Form alone, but we do not object to others playing, provided they behave themselves.

A, B, C and Junior Teams have been run throughout the season and from the results of these matches, we have found that we reached a very high standard. At the time of writing, the 'A' team are unbeaten, having played several strong mens' teams; notably Portsmouth Civil Service 'D'; this team beat us 6-4 and 9-1 last year, but recently we beat them 8-2. The 'B' team has not been quite so successful, but they have been playing the 'A' teams of many clubs. Their best success, was when they played Northern Grammar School 'B,' who had an unbeaten record of 13 matches. These were vanquished by the imposing margin of 10-0. The 'C' team have won 6 and lost 3 of their 10 matches, although the margin of defeat has been very small on every occasion. The Junior team is, at present, unbeaten.

The School was entered in an English School's Championship, which was limited to players under 17 years of age. Unfortunately we were drawn against Queen's College, Taunton in the 1st Round, and had to travel to Somerset. Worse still, the team were beaten by 4 matches to 1, Jarmain gaining the sole victory. However, we may hope for better luck next year.

Finally, we must not forget our own School Championships. These were as follows: Open singles, run in 2 sections, Open Doubles and Junior Singles. Special mention in these tournaments must be made of Hansford, a First Form boy, who besides winning the Junior Singles, reached the Semi-Finals of the School Championship; also of Jarmain, who has only been playing Table Tennis for a year, but who is now one of the best in the School and shows great promise.

Results:

Junior Singles : Hansford beat Percival 2-0

Section 1 : Gilham beat Foster 3-0

Section 2 : (School Championship) Ellis beat Jarmain 3-2

The Doubles are as yet unfinished, but Figes and Hills playing together, look the favourites.

The Table Tennis season is now nearly finished, but we may hope that our high standard will be raised in future years.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

The main and only event during this term has been the Steeplechase. In this, neither the Seniors nor Juniors was successful, the former being third and the latter fourth of the Houses.

In the Senior race, Foster held first place up to Fontley Hill, where he was overtaken by Groves of Cams. He was unable to regain that position, but he ran steadily and came in second. Keemer also ran consistently to come in seventh. The rest of the team came in at regular intervals and it was obvious that they had done their best.

This was not so apparent in the Juniors, half of whom appeared to think that they were either in a cross-country dance, or that they did not want to lose each other. However, this was not the idea of all the team, and Porter ran well to come in fifth. If those of the team concerned had come in together amongst the first fifteen or twenty, it would have been a sensible idea, but as they were ten places below that and not running "full-out," it was rather misplaced.

On a brighter note, the House has done well in the hockey world, having provided ten players, three of whom have their colours, for the School Hockey XI's, and two players, one a goalie, for the County Boys Team.

In the Inter-House Table Tennis matches, the team's record was—Won 1, Lost 2. Against Westbury the team played surprisingly well, winning 3—1, and had a hard fought match with Cams.

To enable the Sports to be held at the beginning of next term, practices have already started, showing several promising boys among the Minors.

In conclusion, let us hope that next term will be more successful for the House than the last.

B.A.C.

Cams

The only House activity which took place this term, was the Steeplechase. The main feature of the Senior race for us was Groves' winning it, and we heartily congratulate him on his running. So far from simply plodding, he used his brains to help him win, and the fruits of that help, may be seen in the distance he came in before the next runner. For a great proportion of the distance, he lay in third or fourth place, letting the leaders fight between themselves. He judged his time to a nicety and that secured him the lead he finally held. Of the Seniors, we also congratulate Farthing on a very plucky effort.

The Juniors event produced the very gratifying spectacle of members of our House in first, second and third places. Of Parfitt, the winner, we hear a rumour that he put in some practice in his spare time, and if this is so he doubly deserves his victory, which indeed, looked comparatively easy. He looked round at North Hill,

and the sight of two members of his own house may have made him relax a little and dissuaded him from winning by the distance he might otherwise have done. Parker in second place, we congratulate for what was pre-eminently a plucky race, and for a usually fatal necessity of walking North Hill. Watts in third place also ran a good race.

Sports practice started this term, and we hope that the interval of the holidays will have no ill effects. Allowing for a certain bias, we always find that cups look better on our shelves than on any others. Divergence of opinion among the other Houses we can attribute to prejudice.

C.E.M.

School House

In this issue, as usual, there is not much to comment upon. The chief item was the Steeplechase, which was held about a fortnight before the end of term. Here again, we did not manage to distinguish ourselves, being among the "also rans" and losing the two cups which we had won last year. The Seniors, as expected, were not up to scratch, the members of the team coming in at rather rare intervals, nearer the tail than the beginning. Ridett, in his first year as a Senior, ran well to come in eighth, followed by Hughes (I), who came in ninth. The remainder of the team trickled in slowly, the next being in seventeenth place till the last three, who occupied three of the last four places. Turning to the Juniors, we again find that we were rather unsuccessful, Wallbridge, who came in fourth, being the only one to run at all well.

This term, a fair amount of Hockey has been played, most boys in the School having had a game or two. No House Tournaments have been played, but as we have had four regular members of the School 1st XI and three members of the 2nd XI, we would have hoped for success if a tournament had been played.

Soon after the Steeplechase had been completed, an Inter-House Table Tennis Tournament was held, and in this we came into our own, beating every other House by a decisive margin and so winning the tournament. We beat Cams after a hard fight by 3 matches to 1; Blackbrook by 3 matches to 0, although some of the games were very close, and finally we beat Westbury, from whom we had expected our stiffest opposition, rather surprisingly by 3 matches to 0; indeed Westbury did not take a single game off us.

After this preamble on matters in the sporting field we must turn to matters of a scholastic nature. I am afraid that this section of school life is not so popular as the sporting activities, but it is in this field that the efforts or laziness of every member of a House can be instrumental in gaining or losing a cup, namely the Tarbat Cup.

In this cup, which is awarded on the average position of all the boys in a House, every single mark counts for the House, so it is up to every boy to pull his weight in class as well as when playing games. Last term, we were successful in winning the Tarbat Cup, and I hope we will again be successful and our run of successes will continue in the future.

Before I end these notes, there is one thing I would like to say. This term to my great sorrow and disgust, I noticed that certain members of this House were taking every opportunity to get leave-off from Steeplechase practices or Sports' practices, often with the most trivial excuses. I deplore this practice, as it places the burden of House activities on a small group of people, who do their best for the House, but this is not the best the House can do. It shows that there are a great number of boys in the School, who have no interest in the life of the School, let alone their Houses, and who do not intend to try to do their best. How many boys turn up to support any of the School XI's? Very few, I am afraid.

Finally, I hope that we shall do well in the Sports, which will be held at the beginning of the Summer term, and for which we have already started practising, and also win a Cricket cup, which we have not done for several years, and that everyone will excel himself in the class-room. To end, I wish all those who are leaving, good luck in their chosen careers, and many happy years at school to those who remain, and success to all those taking the School or Higher School Certificate Examinations, to be held at the end of term.

P.J.E.

Westbury

Before starting the report on the House activities this term, I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mr. R. Jones as a third House Master.

The House event of the term, was the Steeplechase, and we did very well to win the Senior Cup.

Our eight scoring men managed to get into the first twenty-two places, a result which easily gave us the Cup. Prescott and Collins, who came in 5th and 6th respectively, must be particularly congratulated on their performances. Others who ran well were Wilcox, James, Boyer, Dukes and Hills.

The Juniors were not so successful, but even so, some of them ran quite well. Stockwell, Hart, Edwards and Williams, were all well placed.

Next term we shall have the Sports and the Cricket competitions. We have already started the sports trials, and we are confident of winning as many cups as we did last year.

With regard to cricket, we shall have a stiff task in keeping the Senior Cup, but there is one way in which members who are not playing, can help the team to win, and that is by turning up to watch the matches.

There is one cup which cannot be won for the House by an individual, namely the Tarbat Cup. The winning of this cup requires an all-round good effort by every member of the House. I would like to see Westbury win it again at least once this year.

Finally, I hope you all had a pleasant holiday and have returned to make this term a memorable one for Westbury.

A.R.W.



Since last reporting, the main event has been the Christmas Dinner. This was held on 17th December at "The Essex Head," Essex Street. The management put on a monumental spread, worthy of less austere days and it was unfortunate that some last minute unavoidable circumstances prevented several people from coming. Nevertheless the evening was voted a thorough success.

A start has been made on assembling an O.P. "museum," consisting of a scrap-book, photograph collection, etc. D. C. T. Humphries has generously provided a lot of material and we now have most numbers of the School Magazine and all School photographs between 1922 and 1935. We still need the following magazines:—

Pre March, 1922	January, 1942	December, 1943
July, 1940	July, 1942	January, 1944
January, 1941	December, 1942	December, 1944
July, 1941	January, 1943	January, 1945
December, 1941	July, 1943	January, 1946

R. Gaiger has recently joined us. A picture post-card from St. Helena tells us that Harvey Wellbourne (Cables & Wireless) is stationed there now. V. J. Barnes, at present teaching in Dorset, writes to say that civilian teaching has lost its appeal and that he is about to return to the R.A.F. Educational Branch.

Will all O.P.'s living in or near London, or likely to be passing through, note that L.S.O.P. monthly meetings are now fixed for 6.30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month between October and May inclusive, at à la Broche Restaurant, Jermyn Street, W.1 (at rear of the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus). Any O.P. who cares to roll along, can be assured of a hearty welcome. By coincidence (or is it a sign of the times) most of the present active members are Civil Servants, and Derek Swinstead is apt to make it clear that he regards himself as an island, entirely surrounded by bureaucrats. Nevertheless, our gatherings are far from being shrouded in Whitehall gloom and we hope that increasing numbers will sample them.

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Old Priceans' Association

I am afraid I have a poor report to make this time.

Our March Re-union did not take place, in view of the very poor response. I received 16 replies to my circular letters, and of these, only 2 were from members wishing to play Hockey, 2 were uncertain, 2 were coming along to see the match and the other 10 could not attend. The remaining letters (about 90) brought no response.

I feel the time has come to revise our re-union dates, making perhaps two per annum (June and November). March seems to be an unpopular Re-union date. It may be that we shall be able to think this over before the A.G.M. in June.

Will you all please try and come to the A.G.M.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. DIMMER.

