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EDITORIAL.

This is the first issue which has appeared for some time without help generously given by Swinstead. His return to School, even if only for a morning, gave his friends, on the Staff and off it, an opportunity to welcome him which they eagerly took. Meanwhile, the Editor has been incurring further obligations, this time to P. P. Smith, and he takes the first possible occasion for acknowledgment.

The Oxford result pleased everybody. Into great mysteries it is perhaps unwise to inquire too deeply: we record the fact that for the second year in succession everyone passed. The rumours that the Staff was guilty of bribing the examiners has no foundation.

The football team is dealt with, at length, in other columns. Here we can only sympathise with Lewry and his men that the weather deprived them of a second chance against Portsmouth Grammar, and congratulate them on the results of other matches, particularly that at Midhurst.

On another page we publish (as it was received, except for a thorough overhauling of the punctuation) a remarkable article, over the signature "A.J.B." With much in the writer's attitude we thoroughly agree: the more of the Magazine written by members of the School the better, and we may fairly claim that their porportion of the work is steadily increasing. Nevertheless, the article is not a powerful statement of its author's case; it is rather an expression of personal prejudice. It is sufficient to note, as an indication of the absence of argument, that three of the author's five paragraphs begin with "I think."

In the latter part of the article, "A.J.B." kindly gives the Editor credit for wishing to see "THE LION" truly the work of the School: previously he is not so magnanimous. "The Editor has asked for criticism, but he is not to

be taken seriously; anyway, all criticism is suppressed," runs the argument. But why is the Editor not to be taken seriously? Must he write as if he had indigestion or a sick headache if he is to be taken seriously? The only proof advanced is a demonstration of the author's feeling. Why does he think criticism is suppressed? In the present Editor's term of office "A.J.B." has only on one previous occasion produced a contribution, and it was immediately accepted.

We pass over a statement inaccurate and misleading so far as it has any reference to the circulation of "THE LION," and come to the odd inference that because a Public School has a School Magazine (to which, in point of fact, the Staff frequently contribute), a Secondary School which has one must be ineffectually copying a Public School. Are we, then, "slavishly imitating" a Public School if we have class rooms and a dining hall? Surely these are common-sense expedients to fill an obvious need. And that is the case with a School Magazine.

EXAMINATIONS.

OXFORD SENIOR LOCAL.

1st Class Honours: G. A. Booker (Distinctions in Mathematics and French), C. H. Cussell, J. E. Franklin.

2nd Class Honours: P. P. Smith, E. E. Wheeler.

3rd Class Honours: V. J. Barnes, S. G. Davenport, N. E. Wareham.

Pass: R. H. Bull, T. A. Cook, R. T. da Cunha, R. L. Fielder, F. B. Harrison, W. Murray, W. F. Perry, H. W. Robinson, R. L. Rowe, F. T. Troke.

Civil Service Departmental Entrance Examination: C. H. Cussell.

Royal Air Force Entrance Examination: W. F. Perry, J. P. Smith.

SALVETE.

V.A.: D. J. Bennett.

IV.B.: J. L. M. Ross.

III.A.: P. W. Cullen, J. F. Hill, H. P. MacCullum, L. V. Martin, D. P. Powell, R. A. G. Powell, H. D. Smart, J. L. B. Delbridge, D. V. Gough, V. M. Dodds, A. G. Mott, B. C. Bennett, R. F. Savage, J. A. Skipper, J. C. Draper, R. G. McNeil, T. Silvester, R. W. Warner, R. P. A. Dugan.

III.B.: B. Ford, J. H. Weatherburn, T. E. Haley, A. C. Jeffery, R. A. Watson, E. A. Silvester.

II.: A. S. Saunders, A. E. Hodges, A. Carpenter, L. J. Lusby, R. R. Sanders, W. N. Abbott, L. T. Prior.

SOCCER RETROSPECT.

Up to half term the weather was so good that games were played on every Wednesday and Saturday, but with November and its record rainfall the field quickly became a morass, and games had to be cancelled. We were fortunately able to play all House matches, but 1st and 2nd XI. fixtures against Portsmouth Grammar School and Portsmouth Secondary School—the latter a new fixture—were scratched.

With only four old Colours of last year's XI. left, it was not easy to build up a team; despite numerous practice games. The task proved a more difficult one than usual, and a good deal of re-arrangement had to be done. Consequently the team had no chance to settle down until half-way through the term, and then came the wet weather. We could not find an effective arrangement of the forwards and halves, and although necessary, the numerous experiments did nobody any good.

However, the season has not been a bad one from the point of view of matches won and lost. Twelve matches have been played up to the present, two have been lost, two drawn, and eight won; the margin of goals is overwhelmingly in our favour. We were beaten by St. John's and the Grammar School, perhaps rather unluckily in the second case, and it was extremely unfortunate that the return game had to be scratched.

Two matches remain to be played, against St. John's and Purbrook.

On the whole, the defence has been steady. Lewry has set a noble example to his team, has

never played a bad game, and has had a most successful season. Midhurst were almost disgusted to hear that he will be playing next season.

The half-back line was considerably strengthened when Barnes moved to the centre position and Troke went back to his best position on the wing. If this formation, with Raby on the other wing, had been discovered earlier, the side would have been more effective.

As has been already mentioned, the forward line proved a difficult problem, and here again the best combination was not found till late in the season. The shooting of the inside-forwards was too often weak, especially against a steady defence, and the line as a whole lacked dash, although it must be admitted that they were good enough to score sufficient goals against most of the opposition.

1st XI.

FROST (goal).—Is safe with his hands, but is too fond of kicking the ball, instead of picking it up. Has brought off many good saves, but lacks judgement in running out to clear.

R. A. LEWRY, Captain (left-back).—As usual has been the mainstay of the defence. Kicks well, tackles strongly, and is sound with his head. His dashes down the field, on several occasions ending in a goal, have been a most popular feature, but he has not indulged in them too often. A good and popular captain.

WEST (right-back).—Has improved considerably. Uses his head quite well and has played steadily throughout the season. Could do with a little more pace.

GILBERT (right-half).—Is quite fast and kicks hard. He lacks ball-control, especially in passing to his wing.

BARNES (centre-half).—Originally played at inside-right, but owing to his tendency to play with the halves was given the centre-half position, where he has played with great success. Works hard, and has an exceedingly strong tackle. Does not over-kick his forwards.

F. T. TROKE.—Has played in so many positions that he has had little chance of settling down. A good footballer, kicks well, and is especially good with his head. His best position is undoubtedly wing half.

RABY (left-half).—A player who has made very considerable improvement. Kicks and tackles well, and passes neatly. His chief defect is lack of pace.

COOK II. (outside-left).—Came into the side late in the season, but has been a decided success. Passes and centres well, and is not afraid to cut in and shoot.

- E. E. WHEELER (inside-left).—A very fair inside-forward, but lacks dash and finish. His work is quite neat, but he has hardly made the improvement that was expected of him.
- H. McNEIL (centre-forward).—Dribbles really well, and is a very difficult man to tackle. Is inclined to keep the ball too long, and would score even more goals if he learnt to shoot.
- CHAMBERLAIN (inside-right).—Has played well and most unselfishly. Passes well, particularly to the wing. Has a powerful shot, but is apt to be erratic.
- CLARKE (outside-right).—Is too slow for a wing forward, but he centres well if given a clear run. Needs more dash.

MATCHES.

1st XI. v. Hilsea College.

Won 5—0. This match was played on Saturday, Oct. 5th, in rather a high wind, which excused much wild shooting and passing on both sides. The School defence was quite sound without being brilliant. Troke played an excellent game at centre-half, some of his passes to the left wing being almost perfect. At least two goals came from centres by Clarke originating from these passes, McNeil being the scorer in each case. Wheeler was not effective at inside-left, being too slow to shoot. Lewry, playing at inside-right, scored the fourth goal with a mighty shot, and Clarke scored direct from a corner kick, which curled in with the wind.

The School were always the better side, being much steadier in defence. There was very little good forward play on either side.

1st XI. v. Portsmouth Banks.

Drawn 4—4. Played Saturday, Oct. 12. This was a fast and good game throughout. The School played well against a heavier side. Chamberlain scored first with a good shot, but the Banks soon took the lead, largely through faulty marking by the wing halves. Mr. Thacker equalised with a high shot from an awkward angle.

In the second half the Banks quickly scored two more goals, and after this the School really did play well. Chamberlain headed a beautiful goal from a free kick well placed by Barnes, and shortly afterwards McNeil scored from a good pass by Barnes, after the latter had made a good run down the field. The School had the better of the game until the end, but could not score again.

Frost played very well in goal, some of his saves being excellent. Lewry was unfit and not

at his best. The wing halves, especially Gilbert, improved considerably in the second half. Troke again played well, but was inclined to leave his centre-forward unmarked. The forwards were much improved, Barnes putting in a tremendous amount of work. The game was an enjoyable one, and it was gratifying to see the team recover from an unfavourable position.

1st XI. v. St. John's College.

Lost 0—3. Played at home on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. The School kicked off up-hill and against a stiff breeze. For the greater part of the first half St. John's had the better of the game, but were only able to score once, from a shot that Frost might have saved.

With the wind and slope in their favour, the School pressed for most of the second half. Terribly weak shooting, however, spoilt many fair movements, while bad marking by the School defence enabled St. John's to add two further goals.

The display of the School side was, on the whole, very disappointing. Lewry alone played really well, while Frost and West were sound if not brilliant. St. John's thoroughly deserved their win, being a faster and more forceful side.

1st XI. v. Purbrook C. School.

Won 13—1. Played at home on Saturday, Oct. 19th. This was an uneven game. Purbrook were much the smaller side, and their forwards could do nothing against the defence of Lewry and West. The game from the start was merely a matter of how many goals the School would get, and the total would have been larger but for attempts to score from the halves, especially Troke.

1st XI. v. Portsmouth Grammar School.

Lost 1—2. This game was played at home on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, and on the whole the School were unlucky to lose. The Grammar School had the best at play at the start and scored mid-way through the first half, a simple long shot finding Frost unsighted. They continued to press, and shortly before half-time scored again, Frost being out of position. Better anticipation and closer marking by the backs would have prevented this goal.

The second half was in the School's favour, but time after time the forwards spoiled good chances by wild shooting and general inability to do anything in front of goal. McNeil could not shoot with any power, Chamberlain was very inaccurate, and Barnes was usually among the halves. In the last quarter of an hour the School should have scored at least three goals, Barnes

finally scoring with a good shot just before the end.

The School should not have lost this game, but the forwards were much below form and the defence in the first half was unsteady.

1st XI. v. South Hants. Nomads.

Won 6—1. Played on Saturday, Oct. 26th. The Nomads' team, although much the heavier, was no match for the School side, who were the better throughout the game. It was not a good game, as the Nomads never played good football, and with more accurate shooting and a little care to keeping on-side, the School should have scored many more goals.

1st XI. v. Gosport.

Won 17—0. Played on Wednesday, Oct. 30th. This match was played at home, and except for a short period in the first half, the School forwards did almost as they wished. As the score shows, Gosport were out-weighted, and the School were better in every department of the game.

1st XI. v. Midhurst.

Won 7—5. Played at Midhurst on Saturday, Nov. 9th. For the first time for several years the match against Midhurst was played on a fine day, although the ground was decidedly heavy. The School were without Troke, Cook playing on the left wing, Wheeler at inside-left, and McNeil centre-forward.

Midhurst attacked strongly and were much the better side during the first half-hour. The School were rather fortunate in not being more than two goals down at the end of this period. Any forward work was spoilt by off-side. McNeil scored, however, and at half-time the score was 2—1 against us.

A complete change was noticeable in the second half. Good passing and good centres from the wings brought two goals, to put us ahead, but only for a short while. Midhurst quickly equalised, but once more the School took the lead, McNeil scoring his fourth goal. Midhurst again equalised, but then seemed to tire, and the School went to 6—4 through goals by Clarke and Wheeler, the first of these being a beautiful shot. Both the School and Midhurst scored again before the end, leaving the score 7—5 in our favour.

It was a good, fast and exciting game. The School forwards combined well, and all the goals were the result of good passing rather than individual effort. Barnes played well throughout the game, and Raby improved considerably in

the second half. Clarke put in many good centres, accurate passes from Chamberlain giving him a clear run. Cook, on the other wing, also played a very good game.

Midhurst's five goals were the result of quick dashes down the centre, rather than of any particular defensive weakness. It was a creditable recovery made by the whole School team after being out-played and two goals down in the first half-hour.

McNeil was given his Colours after this match.

1st XI. v. Gosport.

Won 5—2. Played on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. This game was played at Gosport and resulted in a win for the School. The XI. was weakened by the absence of several regular members, including Barnes and Chamberlain, which entailed a re-arrangement of the side.

Gosport scored first, but Cook soon equalised after a good run down the wing. Play was inclined to be scrappy, but before half-time Wheeler scored.

The School had the better of the second half, scoring three times, through Wheeler, Troke and Cook, against Gosport's one.

On the whole the game was rather lacking in dash or finish, but a wet ground and heavy ball probably accounted for this. Lewry again played a good game at back, while West was the best of the halves. Both wings did many good things, but the inside players were too often out of place and lacked finish.

Past v. Present.

Match played 14th December, at the School, on a day when the worst of the weather held off, and when the ground, though distinctly on the soft side, as witness the rather indistinguishable appearance of the players as they came off, was in surprisingly good condition after the shocking weather we had experienced.

The O.P. team was: A. V. Mercer; Budden, H. Wellborne; Reed, Sinnott, Bailey; E. Ross, Drover, Connolly, Hewetson, C. Ross.

After being two goals down in the first quarter of an hour, playing against the wind and slope, Connolly scored, and early in the second half Sinnott equalised for the Old Boys, the match resulting in a draw.

The attendance at tea afterwards was thirty-two, and, in newspaper parlance, the usual informal sing-song was indulged in, excellent assistance to the vocal efforts being given by the latest and smallest edition of the Chi family.

The Past v. Present hockey match will be played on March 22nd.

1st XI RECORD.

Played 12, won 8, drawn 2, lost 2.

Goals for, 66; against, 21.

v. Staff XI.	Won	2-0	Home
v. Hilsea College ...	Won	5-0	Home
v. Portsmouth Banks ...	Drew	4-4	Home
v. St. John's College ...	Lost	0-3	Home
v. Purbrook C.S. ...	Won	13-1	Home
v. Portsmouth G.S. ...	Lost	1-2	Home
v. S. Hants. Nomads ...	Won	6-0	Home
v. Gosport ...	Won	17-0	Home
v. Midhurst ...	Won	7-5	Away
v. Hilsea College ...	Won	4-2	Away
v. Gosport ...	Won	5-2	Away
Past v. Present ...	Drew	2-2	Home

Goal scorers: McNeil 19, Chamberlain 13,

Troke 9, Wheeler 8, Cook ii. 4, Lewry 3,

Barnes 2, Clarke 2.

2nd XI. RESULTS.

v. St. John's College II.	Lost	0-4
v. Purbrook C. School II.	Won	14-0
v. Portsmouth Grammar III.	Won	9-2
v. St. Helen's College I.	Lost	2-5
v. Gosport II.	Won	11-0
v. St. Helen's College I.	Won	10-3
"B" Team v. Gosport II.	Won	7-6

Return matches with St. John's and
Portsmouth Grammar scratched.

Goals for, 53; against, 20.

3rd XI. RESULTS.

v. St. Helen's College II.	Won	6-1
v. Gosport III.	Won	6-4
v. St. Helen's College II.	Won	17-1

Return match with Gosport scratched.

JUNIOR TEAMS.

School IV. v. Hilsea III.	Drew	2-2
School V. v. Hilsea IV.	Won	5-2
School IV. v. Hilsea II.	Lost	1-2
School V. v. Hilsea III.	Lost	2-3

THE SECOND XI.

The 2nd XI. has had a distinctly successful season. Two matches have been lost—in each case there were extenuating circumstances,—and the rest, to the time of writing, won, usually by substantial margins.

The first match, against St. John's College, found the team in the experimental stage, and, although it was never routed, it was decisively defeated. A few changes were made, and a light forward line, playing open football with a good

deal of spirit and backed by a fairly heavy defence, soon made itself felt. A weakened side lost to St. Helen's, but the return match gave a truer reflection of the form of the team. The win against Portsmouth Grammar III. was particularly creditable, a heavier and stronger team being out-lasted and over-run in the closing stages.

Knight played consistently well in goal. The backs worked hard, but, in addition, Cook ii. played cool and resourceful football whenever he was spared from the 1st XI. The half-backs were without any striking weakness, and Murray in the centre played most unselfishly, and captained the team very well. The forwards were on the light side, but seldom gave other cause for complaint. Their combined play was very good and, as the results show, their efforts were usually effective. Most teams found Fielder a difficult proposition, and some of his shots were good enough to score in almost any game. The inside-forwards all played well, were not afraid of using as much weight as they had, and (especially Emmett) scored goals. Edwards could profitably have shown more dash, but his centres were of great value, especially to Fielder, while his shooting was powerful and sometimes well-directed.

The following played:—Goal, Knight, Mullins backs, Cook ii., Price, Wareham; half-backs, Farrow, Murray, Raby, Gilbert; forwards, Fielder i., Smith ii., Emmett, Chalk, Edwards ii.

HOUSE MATCHES.**1st XI.**

Blackbrook	10	Westbury	3
Blackbrook	3	School House	3
Blackbrook	11	Cams	3
School House	5	Cams	1
School House	2	Westbury	1
Cams	1	Westbury	1

2nd XI.

Blackbrook	1	Cams	0
School House	1	Cams	0
School House	5	Blackbrook	0
Westbury	8	Blackbrook	1
Westbury	3	School House	2
Cams	2	Westbury	2

3rd XI.

School House	3	Cams	2
School House	5	Blackbrook	0
Westbury	4	Blackbrook	0
Westbury	0	School House	0
Westbury	5	Cams	1
Cams	3	Blackbrook	3

Final Order.

School House	19 points.
Blackbrook	15 "
Westbury	9 "
Cams	4 "

HOUSE NOTES.**BLACKBROOK.**

This term nothing startling has been accomplished by the House, although we have by no means had a bad season.

We finished second in the Football Cup competition, and our 1st XI. played well through out; the play of Hobbs, at outside-right, was particularly praiseworthy. The younger members of the House must realise that a lot depends upon their efforts, for every point is useful and helps the House.

Five of our members are regular players for the School 1st team, and McNeil is congratulated on gaining his 1st XI. Colours.

The results of the recent School Certificate examination are now known, and are as follows:—1st Class Honours: Booker, Cussell. 2nd Class Honours: Wheeler. Pass: Rowe. Booker's effort was extremely good, as he obtained distinctions in French and Mathematics.

Next term we have the Steeplechase and Hockey Cup to compete for, and I hope that every member will do some definite training for the former event. We hold the Hockey Cup at present, and there is no reason why we should not retain it throughout the forthcoming year.

L.G.C.

CAMS.

We were very glad to be represented in the Schools Examination test by Barnes, Wareham and Perry, the first two of whom gained 3rd Class Honours, while Barnes obtained exemption from Matriculation. As our House has the smallest number of senior boys, this is quite good.

For the same reason we had the least "weight" to put into the House Cup teams. But this did not prevent a good fight being put up in all the games. In the 1st XI. matches we lost to School House and Blackbrook by rather big scores, while we drew with Westbury (1—1). In all these games Lewry (who is also School captain), Barnes and Wareham practically bore all the struggle, with good work occasionally from Gibson, Reader and White.

In the 2nd XI. matches we lost to School House and Blackbrook by the only goal scored,

and drew with Westbury (1—1). Every game was a hard tussle, Dyer, Winsor and Etheridge working specially well, and Fawcett in goal was quite good. There is a lot of promising material here for next year.

In the 3rd XI. matches we drew with Blackbrook, losing the others. These games, too, were hard fought, but we were too weak, in spite of Mitchell's heroic efforts and Sanders' splendid work in goal.

On the whole, we have reason for thankfulness for the really good progress over last year. After all, we must not worry if we don't win cups, so long as we are doing the best each of us can; and we want the new-comers into Cams to know they are expected to do this. Now this applies specially to the Steeplechase next term, where the result will depend, for us, on what each individual does.

Finally, we congratulate Dyer and Barnes on becoming Monitors.

T.W.M.

WESTBURY.

Last term saw Westbury very much improved, and we had hopes of better days ahead. These hopes, however, were moderated considerably by the reflection that we were losing some of our prominent members, Riches, Franklin and Davenport for example. It is very gratifying therefore to be able to say that the House as a whole has made one of the best efforts in its history.

That we come third in the House list does not adequately represent the performance of the teams. On the last day of the matches the points were such as to make it possible for any one of three Houses to be winner of the Cup. In that day's play the 1st XI., though defeated, played a thoroughly good game, and are worthy of heartiest congratulations.

If next term is as noteworthy for achievement as this has been for effort, we shall do well.

J.S.

CADET CORPS NOTES.

The beginning of the Christmas term is always a critical time for the Corps; so much depends on the number of recruits who join. This term is very pleasing to record that thirty-three recruits joined. In consequence of this, re-organisation has become possible. We have always officially been a Company, but our small numbers have forced us to organise as one Platoon of four sections. Now we have two Platoons each of four sections. The sections are smaller than before, but the modern official

handbooks seem to imply small sections, even going so far as to say "only if less than three are available for duty may a section be attached temporarily to another section, and it will resume its independent existence as soon as it regains a strength of three." We must therefore get used to the smaller sections.

Since re-organisation, section commanders have had very little to do, but they will get their share eventually. It has been necessary, first of all, to give platoon commanders practice in company drill.

The turn-out at the last inspection was much better than the previous one. With reasonable effort the next will be better still.

J.S.

CONCERNING TWO LECTURES.

Having been requested by the Editor to write an account of the two lectures given in the Hall, the young reporter set out one Tuesday evening in quest of sensational "copy." He arrived five minutes late, and stumbled as silently as an intoxicated elephant to a seat near a radiator. After parking his chewing-gum (all the best reporters chew gum), he listened to a very instructive lecture.

An appreciative audience watched pictures following one another on the screen, and listened to the lecturer, who had been sent by the Empire Marketing Board, as if enthralled. They were shown fields of waving corn and orchards of rosy apples in Canada; beautiful views of the West Indies; orange groves in Natal; sheep-farms in New Zealand and Australia; and tea plantations in India; while the lecturer accompanied the lantern slides with an easy flow of reminiscences and information. There was a hearty response to the Headmaster's call for applause.

The next lecture, also on a Tuesday, was about Nyassaland. A large attendance (as they say in parochial magazines) was first shown scenes on the journey to East Africa. Then the lecturer showed his audience pictures of his pets, and animals he had killed. He concluded with pictures of the country itself, and with descriptions of native products. This lecture was also very interesting, and the lecturer was accorded spontaneous applause.

P.P.S.

OLD PRICEANS' ASSOCIATION.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association on July 20th, the financial position was discussed at length, and it was resolved to make a great effort during this year to bring it to a sounder basis, as it was regarded as very un-

satisfactory that an organisation of this size should continue to live from hand to mouth. At the time of the meeting, we were actually faced with a negative balance, taking into account all outstanding accounts, and this, coupled with a certain apathy on the part of members with regard to turning up on Past v. Present days, gave a rather gloomy tone to the proceedings. However, appeals were sent out with the Magazine to all members whose subscriptions were more than two years in arrears, pointing out the seriousness of the position, and warning defaulters that it would be impossible to continue to send out Magazines and notices in such cases.

This appeal, reinforced by a timely reminder, has had a fairly satisfactory response, and already that voracious gourmand for money, the Hon. Treasurer, informs us that the corner is turned, and we can begin to look the world in the face again.

In this connection, we have to thank Mr. Brady for a very generous gift of the entire issue of the Magazine summer number, which was of invaluable assistance in putting us on our feet.

So far, then, so good, but it must be remembered that further efforts have to be made, as we badly need a reserve fund to meet any emergency. It should be the function of such an Association as ours to stand as fairy godfather to any scheme for the well-being of the School, as well as to launch any projects which may add to the entertainment of members, and to do this there must always be some capital to foot the bills. We therefore continue to appeal for reinforcements, both in members and in cash—there are still a number of O.P.'s whom we know to be keen, but who have so far missed the opportunity to send along the few shillings they owe us, and it is they whom we would remind that on them depends our future, for the example they could set would serve as a fine standard for the coming generation of O.P.'s.

But for real progress, and for renewed contact with the School, we rely on new members, particularly those who have just left, and it is to them that our appeal is particularly addressed, that by joining us as early as possible they will preserve unbroken their association with their alma mater, and enable us as a corporate body to maintain our close contact with those who remain behind.

In a further endeavour to build up our finances, the meeting passed a resolution to increase the subscription from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per annum, that of overseas members remaining at the former figure, while a life subscription of two guineas was also authorised, and in several cases advantage has been taken of this "lifer."

Although rather late in the day, we should like to offer our congratulations to the School on their victory in the cricket match — their first for several years. At the moment of writing, our Match Secretary is scouting round to build up a really useful "Soccer" side, which we hope will restore our fallen fortunes in the field.

Notes on the activities of members appear below — we earnestly appeal to all members to let us have a line at least once a year to tell us how they are getting on. It is a little difficult to realise just how interested others are in one's activities, but, judging others by ourselves, we say that any small detail about our contemporaries is always fascinating, bringing up memories of "old so-and-so," and how he stood with us on some long forgotten occasion.

In connection with the activities of members, the following letter, which was evoked by an incorrect forwarding of a notice to one of our members, may be of interest:—

Dear Sir,

The enclosed is not intended for me. As senior member of the clan — bearing the initial H., all correspondence under this letter is forwarded to me. If the Old Pricean concerned had two godfathers, and was born near some festive occasion (as I was), it might be possible to supplement his tally, and so avoid confusion in the future.

Several of your pamphlets (sic) have been forwarded to me during the last three years, and I have been entirely mystified as to their origin and object.

Wishing your interesting journal all success.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH E. NOEL —.

Luckily, we do not *all* have to sacrifice either our birthday or our Christmas presents!

ADDRESSES OF ACTIVE O.P.'s. ENGLAND.

- Adams, N. J.—Ellesmere, Canley Lane, Coventry
Buckley, R. W.—4 Queen's Road, Aldershot, Hants.
Bulland, F. J.—30 Nightingale Rd., Portsmouth.
Bridger, J.—Soberton Mill Farm, Soberton, Hants.
Biden, L. F.—139 Temple Chambers, Temple Avenue, E.C. 4.
Baker, W. C.—27 Keston Road, S.E. 15.
Biddle, H. G.—20 The Broadway, Bexley Heath, Kent.
Blanch, A. E.—7 Redcombe Terrace, Tipnor Road, Portsmouth.
Bucknall, H. R.—Lodge Hill House, Rochester, Kent.

- Bucknall, E.—Lodge Hill House, Rochester, Kent.
Bull, R. H.—4 New Road, Fareham, Hants.
Carr-Hill, R.—48 Longton Grove, Sydenham, S.E. 26.
Carr-Hill, E.—48 Longton Grove, Sydenham, S.E. 26.
Chignell, G.—21 Lochbie, Crouch Hill, N. 4.
Coles, A. G.—Aldersnapp Farm, Steep, Petersfield, Hants.
Connor, E.—Valhalla, Priory Road, St. Denys, Southampton.
Connolly, R. C. H.—39 Stoneham Lane, Southampton.
Cov, V. G.—Alwardstock, Gosport, Hants.
Clark, F. R.—St. Mary's Bourne, Andover, Hants.
Crocker, W. G.—Cliveden, Knowsley Road, Cosham, Hants.
Cooper, A. J. B.—9 Palmers Road, East Sheen, S.W. 14.
Christmas, E. W.—Foster House, Oakmount Avenue, Southampton.
Christmas, J. F.—Foster House, Oakmount Avenue, Southampton.
Dover, E. J.—108 Lansdowne Place, Hove, Sussex.
Dore, W. F.—Wickham Road, Fareham, Hants.
Dunn, C.—West Street, Fareham, Hants.
Dean-Cooper, E. H.
Davenport, S. G.—Tresco, Sarisbury, Southampton.
Drover, W. H., Junr.—50 Castle St., Southsea.
Eyles, N.—35 Paxton Road, Fareham, Hants.
Eyles, W. C. A.—Brookside, Castle Street, Carisbrooke, I.O.W.
Easton, L. G.—5 Westmount Road, Eltham, S.E. 9.
Edwards, H. B.—Elmsleigh, Church Road, Warsash, Hants.
Frost, T.—7 Southampton Road, Fareham, Hants. (Forward).
Frost, N.—Barnard's Castle School, Co. Durham
Forsyth, R.—Lock's Road, Park Gate, Southampton.
Grove, E. A.—11 Belsize Avenue, Hampstead, N.W. 3.
Garrett, E. J. K.—Aynho Villa, Headington, Oxford.
Gardner, M. W.—325 High Holborn, W.C.
Graham, E. A.—3 Roberts Road, Southampton.
Gregory, S.—18 Nightingale Terrace, Brockhurst, Gosport, Hants.
Gribble, C. H.—22 Church Street, Basingstoke, Hants.
Higgins, R.—The Laurels, Droxford, Hants.
Hinxman, E.—50 West Street, Fareham, Hants.
Horner, S. G.—North Dene, Swanmore, Hants.

Hayward, A. D.—58 Richmond Road, Ilford, Essex.
 Harvey, A. J.—29 Park Road, Wembley, Middlesex.
 Heath, J. C.—142 High Street, South, East Ham, E. 6.
 Henry, W. J.—48 Warrington Crescent, W. 9.
 Halsey, C. J.—5 Bushey Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex.
 Hewetson, L. F.—129 Footscray Road, Eltham, S.E. 9.
 Hurden, J. C.—56 Porter Street, Derby.
 Llewellyn, E.—Plymouth Tar Distilleries, Cattedown, Plymouth.
 Mercer, A. V.—661 Liverpool Road, Peel, Manchester.
 Mercer, H. E.—Summerleigh, Penrhyn Avenue, Cosham, Hants.
 Masterman, D. R.—87 Talgarth Road, Barons Court, W.
 Marriott, H. L.—87 Talgarth Road, Barons Court, W.
 Moss, W.—West Street, Fareham, Hants.
 Maffey, H.—High Street, Botley, Hants.
 Mitchell, W. V.—Cemetery Lodge, St. Ann's Hill, Gosport.
 Manning, A. C.—30 High Rd., Willesden, N.W.
 Nobbs, E. G.—Oakleigh, Stubbington Lane, Fareham, Hants.
 Nugent, F. E.
 Polwin, S. F. C.—20 Sussex Road, Portsmouth.
 Pearce, L. H.—Hitchcock Williams and Co., St. Paul's Churchyard.
 Phillips, A. G.—Willowcroft, Elson Rd., Gosport.
 Pink, P. D.—Kibberday, Saffron Walden, Essex.
 Perry, W. F.—46 Victoria Road, Netley Abbey, Hants.
 Ross, B. R.—Penshurst, Netley Abbey, Hants.
 Ross, R.—" " "
 Ross, C.—" " "
 Ross, E.—" " "
 Rabey, R. D.—Yatesbury Manor, Calne, Wilts.
 Raby, H. J.—" " "
 Riches, J.—Warbreccan, Titchfield Road, Fareham, Hants.
 Scrivens, S. G.—The Homstead, Park Prewett, Basingstoke.
 Swaffield, A. C.—Edensor, Southampton Road, Fareham, Hants.
 Swaffield, F.—41 Gloucester Street, W. 1.
 Silvester, P.—Exton Farm, Exton, Hants.
 Silvester, E.—North End, Droxford, Hants.
 Swinstead, E. A.—Hoggat's, Kingsley, Bordon, Hants.
 Swinstead, R.—Boston House, Evesham, Worcs.
 Swinstead, B.—Lynwood, Sunhill Road, Topham, Dorset.
 Swinstead, D. S. H.—12 Mountain Ash Road, Dorchester, Dorset.

Sanger, F. J.—Mulroy, Manor Road, Tring, Herts.
 Sheppard, L. F.—Beech Close, Bishops Waltham
 Sinnott, J. B.—35 West St., Fareham, Hants.
 Swales, J. B.—Speedwell Farm, Woburn, Beds.
 Taulbut, F. W. J.—2 Victoria Villas, Stubbington, Hants.
 Tunks, W. F.—49 Woodstock Road, Gosport.
 Truckle, P. K.—St. Swithin's, Grove Road, Fareham, Hants.
 Wilcocks, G. T.—Manor Farm, Charlton Mackrell, Somerset.
 Wheatley, J.—Hillside, Station Road, Netley, Hants.
 Whitfield, A.—Fernlea, Cardridge, Botley, Hants.
 Watson, W.—Jervis Court Farm, Swanmore, Hants.
 White, F. G.—90 Park Road, Rugby.
 Winsor, G. W.—Clovelly, Kings Road, Fareham, Hants.
 Wellborne, H.—22 High Road, East Finchley, N. 2.

ABROAD.

Archell, L.—Cairo, Egypt. (Home—Chase Road, Swanmore).
 Andrews, H. W.—Switzerland. (Letters to 117 Whitehorse Road, Croydon).
 Buckley, R. F.—On Clan Line. (Home—35 Southampton Road, Fareham).
 Collihole, W. E.—Thuringen, Germany. (Home—Titchfield, Hants).
 Coghlan, M. R.—Manamati Estate, Kangorapatti, Travancore, S. India.
 Dodridge, D. P.—c/o. Imperial & International Communications, Electra House, Moor-gate, E.C.
 Dubois-Harrison, F.—Corn Exchange Bank, both & Lavington Avenues, New York.
 Fry, R.—Mingaledon Radio, Rangoon, Burma.
 Gregory, D. E.—R.N., H.M.S. 'Sussex,' G.P.O.
 Hackett, C. E. J.—L.A.C., Air Headquarters, Hinaidi, Baghdad, Iraq.
 Lee, J. M.—1st Hants. Regiment, Multan, Punjab, India.
 Laurie, F. J. K.—BM/FBFT., W.C. 1.
 McNeil, W. C.—R.A.F. Base, Calgrana, Malta.
 Mundy, H. W.—Australia. (Home—Southampton Road, Fareham).
 Mundy, T. P. A.—Australia. (Home—Southampton Road, Fareham).
 Poelchau, V.—Mehemberger Strasse 5, Berlin, W. 61.
 Scott, R. H.—India (c/o. Lloyds Bank, 6 Pall Mall, W.).
 Scott, B. R.—India (c/o. Lloyds Bank, 6 Pall Mall, W.).

Swaffield, G.—47 Rue Washington, Paris, 8me.
Smith, S. S.—Union Castle Line. (Home—9
Fairway, Raynes Park, S.W. 20).

O.P.'s NEWS.

- B. SWINSTEAD is now at a nurseryman's near Exeter, where he is learning the tricks of a market gardener's trade, and incidentally enjoying the Devon air.
- R. SWINSTEAD is also market gardening, with Capt. Sykes, near Evesham.
- E. A. SWINSTEAD is farming at home near Borden; while
- D. S. H. SWINSTEAD has joined the Staff of an Accountant's Office in Dorchester, and we hear of wild dashes on a motor bike to garner in his copy of "The Lion." Would that all O.P.'s follow the family example, and give us their news with equal fervour.
- D. P. DODRIDGE has been in England this summer on leave, and for a two months' course of training in London, and left in November for further foreign service. We offer him hearty congratulations on his engagement to be married.
- R. F. BUCKLEY is now Chief Officer of SS. "Banffshire," of the Clan Line, and when last heard of was loading for home on the Australian coast.
- R. W. BUCKLEY is in Lloyds Bank at Aldershot, where he occasionally sees G. Edmunds.
- F. J. SANGER, who has collected a string of handles to his name, is busy educating the R.A.F., and occasionally comes across O.P.'s of later years than his own.
- A. SWAFFIELD is in Town again (or was five minutes ago), with Messrs. Braid Bros., of Great Portland Street.
- D. PINK, who came to Fareham last July, writes most cheerily from his farm in Saffron Walden, which town, he says, dates back to B.C. 1600 to judge from some of his cronies, but which refused to be mechanised when "them new fangled railways" arrived, with the result that until he can undo the trains on his own machine-to-be, he cannot get up to Town as often as he would like.
- C. H. HALSEY, who describes himself as a Benedict with three additions, has graced several L.S.O.P. meetings, and proved a most welcome member.
- A. J. B. COOPER finds that his work and studies in the art and profession of pharmacy prevent him attending L.S.O.P. meetings, as he has various working engagements every evening.
- D. E. GREGORY writes a most interesting letter from the Mediterranean, which we quote below. These lads of ours who join the Senior Service do see life, without a doubt.

R. ROSS (1.) was married at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, to Miss Violet Budd, on Thursday, August 8th, and was met by the Detachment of the Corps who were in camp at Marlborough as he passed through the town by motor on the way to Devonshire for the honeymoon. We wish him every happiness and success.

J. H. ANDREWS (1.) has passed his final B.Sc. at London University, and is now milling.

H. W. ROBINSON, in an open competition for twelve vacancies in the Stores Department of Clarence Yard, passed fourth, and is now working in the Yard.

C. H. CUSSELL passed the Civil Service exam. for a Departmental Clerkship, and has been appointed to the Income Tax Office at Wycombe.

A. C. VIBERT, who has been working at Bursledon, in the Southern Railway Office, was stood down in accordance with the usual routine for a period of three months from October 9th, and has to find a temporary post to occupy himself meanwhile. The system seems an unreasonable one, as it is not easy to find suitable work at short notice.

W. H. DROVER, while waiting for a promised vacancy, is managing a business in Castle Road, Southsea.

P. ELCOCK has obtained a post as Woodwork Instructor in the Midlands, and has been married recently.

W. C. HENLEY, who passed into the Air Force in 1921, has been promoted to Sergeant-Pilot, and is now with his Squadron in India. His younger brother joins us next term, from Helien School, where his family has been residing.

D. K. B. LOUNT, who is in the Southern Railway Works at Eastleigh, was successful in gaining one of the six studentships offered at Southampton University College, which give all fees and expenses and full pay while on the course.

The appended letter from D. E. Gregory may be of interest:—

H.M.S. "Sussex,"

At Taranto,

October, 1929.

Dear Chignell,

Heaven, we are told, is paved with good intentions. That being so, I must have supplied the paving for a good many streets. Knowing that I am considerably in debt to the O.P.A., I had intended to write and enquire the amount of my liability, and to enclose a blank cheque; but since receiving your letter I find that a postal

order will meet the case, which is not so bad as I had anticipated.

I received your letter when we returned to Malta after our last cruise, round Greece. Owing to the trouble in Palestine, we only stayed in harbour long enough to re-fuel and re-store ship, and then did a record trip to Jaffa, averaging 28 knots on the trip; leaving Malta at 13.30 on a Saturday, we arrived at Jaffa at 06.00 the following Monday. This ship was told off for that job as we are the fastest ship on the station. Naturally, once on that spasm, all thoughts of anything else had to be dropped.

I was a member of Headquarters Staff as Transport Officer, and had a wonderful time commandeering cars and buses and supervising the arrangements for transporting the troops and all their baggage, etc. Naturally, we were all armed, but unfortunately had no, or only a few, occasions to use them. The total "bag" of the landing party was two dogs, one cat, and one donkey, shot during some of the night raids on outlying villages.

We spent 16 days ashore, 16 of the hottest days I have endured, temperature between 97 and 105 degrees. Life for the first few days was rather hectic. Landing in a rush as we did, we had no time to take even a shift of uniform. Meals and sleep had to be taken where and when one could. After a few days the district became quiet, and more or less settled, and we were able to land a few stewards, commandeer a hotel, and get an officers' mess going in quite good style. Life then became more or less bearable.

I visited several Arab villages while on patrol, and found the natives fairly peaceful. We partook of black coffee with them, and made attempts at conversation, through interpreters. I saw no signs of any arms, but their flowing cloak and baggy trousers could have hidden a complete armoury. Most of the Arabs we captured during night raids carried murderous curved knives.

We left Jaffa to join up with the Fleet, visiting Italian ports in the Adriatic, Zara, Brioni, and Pola; then coming South to Taranto. We leave here next Tuesday for Corfu. Ten days there, and then back to Malta for Christmas.

You may be surprised to hear that I have been married for over two years. Unfortunately, I am in Italy and my wife in England, but she is coming out to Malta shortly, as the ships of the Mediterranean Fleet spend quite a long time at Malta during the winter months.

I have not the faintest idea when I shall be able to put in an appearance at an Old Boys' match. I have not been home or to Portsmouth since the beginning of 1927, and I have still two more years to do on the Mediterranean station.

I hope I am only one of a goodly number of O.P.'s to whom your letter brought the realisation of the need of funds for the O.P.A. Good luck to it; may it long flourish.

Yours sincerely,

D. E. GREGORY.

PROSPECTS IN AUSTRALIA.

Those contemplating settling in Australia would do wisely to cease their contemplations as soon as they leave school, and depart for the "Land of Opportunity" with as little delay as possible. A knowledge of Australian farming and stock raising methods can only be derived in Australia. Experience of English farming is useless, as conditions in the two countries are quite the antithesis of one another. The would-be settler would, however, be wise to obtain a knowledge of machinery before he parts, for Australian farming has become more mechanised than farming in any other country in the world. This has resulted from the high cost of labour in Australia compared to other countries. The dairy-men use machinery for milking their cows, and for all other farm work for which machinery has been adapted; similarly, the wheat growers use machinery wherever labour-saving devices can be installed.

There are really only two branches of rural primary production that can be recommended to the settler with small capital: dairying, and wheat growing combined with sheep raising. For the former, North Queensland offers the greatest chances of success, and for the latter, West Australia. Dairying is undoubtedly a hard life, with little leisure attached to it, but the conscientious dairyman who knows his job is assured of a good income, and knows that after a few years "slogging" he can sell out to receive enough capital to commence a more leisurely life on a small sheep or cattle station of his own. With wheat growing combined with sheep raising, the stakes are greater, and so are the risks. This branch of farming is engaged in on country where the rainfall is light and droughts sometimes occur, though in West Australia droughts are not of such common occurrence as in the Eastern States. During the pioneering stage the work is hard, but not as constant as dairying. The real risk is during the first year; and if a good harvest is garnered, the farmer is put upon his feet; if the harvest is a failure through lack of rainfall, he is ruined. A succession of good years will bring success to the wheat grower and sheep raiser quicker than to any

other branch of farming open to the settler with small capital.

Australia is a continent with every variety of soil, and in which any known crop can be raised. Fruit growing is a big industry. Cotton, tobacco, peanuts, sugar, and many other crops can be grown successfully, but owing to the large amount of labour that has to be employed, the profits in these industries are not excessive.

Except in the professions of Law and Medicine, greater opportunities are to be met with in Australia in any walk of life than in the old countries of Europe. There is a distinct shortage of engineers of all kinds, surveyors and skilled artisans, but an abundance of unskilled labour. Unless a person intends to engage in rural production, or is qualified in some trade or profession, it is a mistake for him to go to Australia at the present time.

A. W. IVENS.

LONDON SOCIETY OF OLD PRICEANS.

The first meeting of the L.S.O.P. this session, at the kind invitation of our President, Mr. Guy Chignell, was held at 21, Lochbie, N. 4. The six or eight members who turned up spent a very enjoyable evening, tinged with a certain amount of quaking lest they should drop a little cigarette ash on perfectly spotless carpets and furniture. However, with the advent of beer (horrible word) and light refreshments provided by mine host and hostess, we all gained a little courage.

The London Section offers its hearty congratulations and good wishes for the future to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Chignell.

Our second meeting took place at 87, Talgarth Road, W. 14, when nine members put in an appearance, and the usual coffee was handed round, and conversation followed the usual course!

Our third meeting was held on Tuesday, November 5th. A. J. Harvey had one of those unaccountable brain-waves which will happen in the most unlikely places, and suggested that we should all bring fireworks with us, and, what is more, had the generous temerity to suggest that they should be brought to his home at 29, Park Road, Wembley. We did! The meeting developed into the most successful the L.S. has known. Harvey and his mother provided most excellent refreshments, and Halsey arrived and celebrated the fact that this was the first meeting he had attended by bringing with him a

bottle containing a clear golden liquid. Our analytical chemist being absent (possibly because the date coincided with the anniversary of a dark deed performed by a namesake of his many years ago), we had to "taste and see" whether it was drinkable or poisonous; however, apart from a peculiar sparkle emanating from the eyes of the company, no ill effects were felt. We behaved very childishly, and completely over-ran the garden when letting off the fireworks, and we must offer our sincere apologies to Mrs. Harvey for any mess we made. The company departed en bloc in one poor little 6 h.p. car (not an Austin, dear reader), and sang all the way to Tottenham Court Road.

The Section is going strong, but we can never have too many members. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d., and the Secretary will always be glad to get the names and addresses of Old Priceans residing in the London area who are desirous of coming along to our meetings.

The Secretary at the moment is your humble servant,

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,
87, Talgarth Road, W. 14.

THE BANANA.

For the past six months I have been working on a banana plantation at Spanish Town, Jamaica, and I think that it has been by far the hardest six months I have known so far. One little realises, on seeing a banana at home, what an adventurous life it has had. First of all, suckers taken from a mother plant in an "old" field are planted out. These suckers weigh anything up to 50 lbs., and are headed off by women, put in holes which have been dug in readiness, and covered over with soil. After three weeks "peepers" begin to show, and when these are about 3 ft. high the field is thinned out, leaving only the best plants. After about twelve months the fruit begins to show, the plant in the meantime having grown to about 15—20 feet. The fruit comes right up through the plant from the sucker. When the fruit shows, the fingers are pointing downwards, but they immediately begin to curl upwards till they are as we see them in the shops at home.

The thing to watch now is irrigation, as in this district it only rains twice a year. Each section of about five acres should be watered thoroughly every fortnight, but just now it is hard to get enough water. I am in charge of 200 acres, 150 of which are now bearing fruit.

When the reaping time comes, the cutter goes into the section with the "runner" and

about twenty headers, and cuts all the fruit of the grade required — English, Canadian, or American. This depends on the length of the sea voyage—15, 7 and 5 days respectively. So you have to keep a very sharp eye on your cutter. He makes an "x" cut with his machete, about half-way up the plant, and draws the fruit down by its stem and cuts it off. The runner's job is to blow a shell to warn the headers where the fruit it and to help them put it on their heads. Mostly they carry two bunches at a time, but a few take a third on their shoulders. One day my runner went sick and I "ran" the field. It's real hard work. Can you see it being done at home for 6d. a hundred? On an average, with a good gang, you can get 200 stems cut in an hour. Yesterday I had eight hours of it, 5 a.m. to 1 p.m., and cut 1,400 stems. The work, taken all round, is quite interesting, but you never know when you are going to finish, so can make no arrangements to do anything else, which is a distinct disadvantage.

H.S.

A CRITICISM.

Most, if not all, Secondary Schools have School Magazines. The Secondary School slavishly copies the Public School as far as it can. As in all things, however, it merely copies the outward form; it does not borrow the spirit. Secondary Schools have their magazines edited by the staff, or at least by one member of it. The staff does this and that, carefully censoring anything which seems to hint at criticism.

I admit that in a recent number the Editor, in his editorial, asked for criticism. The criticism asked for, however, was of "The Lion," not of school life as a whole, and it did not seem a sincere request. It seemed to say, "I am running this paper very well; find anything wrong if you can, and be hanged to you!" Of course, I may be wrong, and perhaps I interpreted it badly. Anyhow, that was the impression it gave me. Still, sincere request or not, I am taking the Editor at his word, and I am offering this criticism:

I think that a School Magazine should have a great influence on the School. It should represent the feeling of the School. It should criticise where criticism is needed. It should give the pupils a chance to voice their opinions, and should serve as a link between past and present. How far does our Magazine achieve this ideal? In the past, at least, the School has not been allowed a single grumble. Articles on silk-worms or the burlings of some half-wit who

imagines that he is a poet, are printed instead. In one way only does the School Magazine achieve anything. It is, to a certain extent, a link between Past and Present. There are news from "Old Boys," but even these are generally about people whose sudden demise would leave one quite cold, fat subalterns, and the like. If the interesting people do not offer contributions, they should be asked for them.

The Secondary School copied the prefect system from the Public School, deprived prefects of all powers, privileges and duties, and then wondered why they were not much good. It has done the same sort of thing with the School Magazine, and then it wonders why there is sometimes enough copies to pay expenses.

I think that the outstanding feature of a School Magazine should be that it is the work of the pupils. I do not think that the staff should have anything to do with it, except to buy a few copies. Of course there are difficulties. When a house captain "funks" writing his house notes, presumably fearing ridicule of some sort, the editor must despair of ever seeing a magazine which is exclusively the work of the School.

I think that when the Magazine is run and edited by the pupils, it will begin to wield a certain amount of influence. At present as far as I can see, its only use is to encourage the parents of prospective pupils to say, "Such a 'nace refaned' school, my dear! Run on the lines of a Public School; such a sweet school magazine. . . ."

Bah!

A.J.B.

PATENT MEDICINES.

Wherever one goes in these days of sickness and disease, there is one thing from which there is absolutely no means of escape—namely, the glaring, many-coloured posters which meet the eye when one leaves one of the hundred-and-one means of transport of A.D. 1929, advertising the enormous sales of Peechem's Pills, the certain cure for insomnia, headaches, and nerves (only 1s. 3d. per large box, or 2s. per double-sized presentation casket, with ornamented stopper and huge free gift); or the unprecedented success of the new "Livagane" tablets, guaranteed to cure any and every disease ever discovered.

In mentioning these cures, one must not forget, however much one would like to, the result obtained from Swindlem's "Two-minute corn cure." You have only to smear this marvellous paste, which is being sold, during this week only, at the cost price of 5s. 6½d. per tube as

special advertisement, on the afflicted foot, and the corn will immediately leave its abode, complete with root, and you will be able to lower the hundred yards' flat race record by at least two-fifths of a second. If the results—if any—do not satisfy you, you have but to return the empty container, with the cork, to the anonymous sender, whose address is thoughtfully omitted, and your money, together with the postage fees, will be refunded in full.

However, the most amazing patent medicine ever made by any chemist or physician, whatever his nationality, has been made by Britain's leading pharmaceutical manufacturer, "Hiram Q. Swank," in conjunction with his equally Scotch colleague, Gaston Stephan, and his Welsh friend and collaborator, Otto von Schmvikstein. This wonderful remedy, named Screutchum's Salts, after the late husband's aunt's cousin of the inventor's second sister, renews one's worn-out limbs, and makes one ready to live once more. Enough to cover a pin's head is all that need be taken thirty-seven times daily, preferably whilst sleeping. Equally beneficial results can, however, be obtained by taking the salts, thoroughly dissolved, in water heated to a temperature of 313°F ., after meals. A limited quantity only of this certain cure for those "Ready-to-die blues" is available, so fill in the coupon on page 21 of the "Daily Liar," enclosing eightpence-halfpenny for a huge, absolutely free sample. You will never live to regret your immediate action.

In passing, we must on no account omit to mention Coffin's famous cure for asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, colds, and all other afflictions of the respiratory organs. The prescription, which will be made up by any photographic chemist for about threepence halfpenny, is as follows: mix two ounces of Epsom's Salts with two finely powdered aspirin tablets. Make a solution of the mixture in one pint of pure, dilute nitric acid, and add two or three grains of white arsenic, according to taste, stirring well.

To dispense with all patent cures, however, we have still a cure which was invented hundreds of years ago in the dim past, and will probably continue to exist for many centuries in the misty future. In the olden days, legend tells us, this all-powerful liquid was distilled by a secret process, known only to the Druids, from potatoes. Their brewery, the ruins of which are still known as Stonehenge, which is, being translated, "Good stuff," employed, as we are told by the Ministry of Labour, over two thousand Ancient Britons. The industry was then taken over by the Scots, who foresaw its immense popularity, and they now have a monopoly for the production of this

joy-bringer. It can be obtained in square bottles, labelled J—W—, and must be taken with soda water. To obtain quick relief, do not add much of the later.

E.J.G. (V.A.).

THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE.

The School Magazine naturally commences with the events which cause for pride, examination and sporting successes, the reports of the School Prize-giving and Sports. These are placed on the outside cover to give a good impression if the Magazine is looked at hurriedly and put down again. But, of course, first of all is a masterpiece of English prose by the English master, seasoned here and there with touches of humour which give parents a good impression of that individual and the Staff in general. We turn the first page.

Here we find about two pieces of poetry, contributed by budding poets who have just joined the School. Seized with the idea that he is a poet, each author has quickly written three lines . . . but the fourth line has to rhyme with the second. To save the three perfect lines above he uses most ancient English words and turns the line inside out, ending with the word which in prose would begin it.

The humorous article is deplorable: we turn over with tears in our eyes.

The next thing that hits us is a thriller. The murderer is spotted in the first three lines: he is always the detective. We turn over.

The characters of the XI. confront us. Their deeds and misdeeds are pointed out. There is tremendous exertion to save words: "He" is never used. Thus we have:—"Kicks and tackles fearlessly. Should use weight more. Heads and clears well. Should develop into capable player." This literary masterpiece is read only by the people referred to, and one or two others who see the humour of the thing. We chuckle for the first time.

Then there are vivid pieces of prose by the House masters or captains, tremendous efforts to instil ambition, punch, and the "putting of backs into things." This, of course, gives a good impression to the parents.

One lays down the Mag. and continues the Edgar Wallace left off ten minutes before, poorer by sixpence.

R.B. (V.A.).

"TERROR."

Ever since childhood I have had a dread of dark, gloomy lanes, of death and the supernatural, while the mere mention of the word "ghost" is liable to send me into abject fits of terror.

Occasion once took me to an interesting lecture on "The Supernatural," given by an eminent professor from Liverpool. I had lingered to hear the last few words, so interested was I, and had found to my dismay that I had only seven minutes to catch the train. Upon leaving the lecture hall I broke into a steady trot, and decided to take a short cut through a narrow, tree-bordered lane.

I turned into its dark recess and hurried along, for the last words of the professor, "They shall return to life," still dwelt upon my brain, causing me to glance nervously around. The trees rustled in the soft breeze, the long-drawn cry of an owl was borne to my ears and made beads of sweat form on my brow. Then something clammy brushed against my face; "Good God! They shall return" — the words rang through my head.

The sweat ran down my face, my eyes bulged, a dry choking sob burst from my lips. I shivered and drew my coat tightly round me, the leaves still rustled sinisterly, and the moon's mellow rays were momentarily dimmed by black, offensive clouds.

Something seemed to snap in my brain; uttering a wild cry, I ran like the wind, my footsteps echoing mockingly behind me; and so I ran until I reached the main street, where, giving one last fearful glance behind me, I collapsed.

The doctor said it was a case of nerves, and advised me never to go to spiritual meetings again; however, it may interest the reader to know that the famous professor was killed in a fearful train accident just after the séance, and I know "They will return."

R.F.E. (V.B.)

GHOST.

Mr. Blondworth shivered. He was a superstitious man, and rather nervous. A few days before it had been advertised at a very low price, and Mr. Blondworth, being a business man, had bought it. Now, on entering the village, he learnt that a ghost was supposed to haunt the mansion, and that it was on this account that the previous owner had sold it.

At last, he was in bed: he pulled the clothes over him and shut his eyes. He had,

however, an uneasy feeling that something was in the room, and, looking round, saw something white on the sill of the open window. He gave one cry, and, jumping out of bed, made for the door. Where was it? The white thing was moving slowly into the room. He reached the door, and raced down one corridor, and the next, until he was behind the locked door of the drawing room, regaining breath.

He knew he couldn't remain there all night: it was cold and he was longing for his bed, so he took a poker and crept into the corridor. Cautiously he opened the bedroom door, and there, in the middle of the floor, was a cat, sitting unconcernedly on the white curtain it had pulled down.

J.C. (III.A.).

LA HOUGUE BIE.

As its name indicates, the above is a burial mound, which according to the local historians, belongs to the period between the Neolithic and Bronze Ages, which would be roughly 3,000 B.C., and is situated about four miles from St. Helier, Jersey. The land upon which the mound stands was in private ownership until 1919, when it was acquired by the Société Jersiaise with the object of exploring what was then only suspected.

Excavations were held up until 1924 by lack of funds, but when embarked upon, revealed a Dolmen in a remarkable state of preservation, while the constructive details were amazing; in fact, it is now recognised as the finest example of its kind in Western Europe.

Accepting the Société's figures, it is 40 feet in height, with a diameter of 180 feet, while the interior of the Dolmen itself is 67 feet in length. Some 30 feet of this is taken up by a gallery, about 6 feet in width and 4 feet in height, by which the tombs themselves are approached, and is composed of massive granite uprights, filled in with dry walling of the same material, the roof being composed of granite capstones of enormous size.

The main chamber itself is also about 30 feet in length, and roughly 11 feet wide and 7 feet high, being of oval shape, and of similar construction to the gallery, except that the capstones are more massive still, and cannot weigh less than 30 tons each. The far end of the chamber is occupied by a rough Sanctuary, undoubtedly used by the High Priest for the burial rites. In the walls of the chamber on each flank are the tombs themselves, which are less than 5 feet in length, and probably contained the

bodies of the chief, and his wife, or some close relative.

The headstone of the left-hand tomb bears three "cup marks," one circular, and two long ovals, but are otherwise bare of incisions or carvings.

When the tomb was first opened, it was discovered to have been rifled, but among the relics eventually unearched were pottery, human bones, and necklace beads.

The bones indicated that the stature of the race of the period was very short, which is confirmed by the length of the tombs themselves, and that the people were given to "squatting."

The mound itself is composed of stones and earth, intermixed with large quantities of sea shells, and the pillars and capstones are unhewn and water-worn.

The terrific labour involved in its construction may be appreciated by the fact that its contents are computed at 18,000 tons, while the huge capstones were hauled up from the sea-shore some three miles away, to their present position, 400 feet above sea-level, and then raised upon the pillars.

It must be remembered that the people of the period had no metal tools of any description, and

no means of haulage other than probably bullocks, and their own labour, possibly augmented by tree trunk rollers.

The enormous casing to the tombs is probably accounted for by the strength of the prehistoric animals of the time, in order to ensure the remains of the chief being left in peace.

The most inexplicable fact is that while the internal atmosphere is cold and damp, the air is perfectly fresh, and was so, even when the tomb was first opened.

The mound itself is surmounted by two primitive chapels, built against each other, one dating from the tenth century, and the other 500 years later, the former being an instance of the early Christian missionaries converting a pagan monument, venerated by the people, to the use of the new religion.

The later chapel contains a crypt, within which is constructed a supposed reproduction of the Holy Sepulchre, all of which are in a good state of preservation.

At the foot of the mound, a well of great antiquity is also constructed, and is described as for the ablutions of the pilgrims throughout the ages, the exact age of which is difficult to determine.

Congratulations! School House on winning the Football Cup for the third year in succession. The result of the House Matches has certainly been beyond our utmost expectations. We hardly expected to beat Camm, but, much to our surprise we won all three matches and encouraged by this success took 5½ points from both Blackbrook and Westbury. The 1st XI played an inspired game against Blackbrook, the favourites. Troke, Raby, and Mullins have been the mainstay of the defence and Smith III and Hoather the most successful forwards. Bush, McMullen, Child, Ross, Grouch, Ford and Aps I have been of the most promising juniors. Troke and Raby were our sole representatives in the School 1st XI, and Smith II and Price played regularly for the School 2nd XI.

The results of the Oxford Locals brought the House fresh credit. Smith II got 2nd class Honours, and Harrison, da Cunha, Bull and Troke passed. Bucknall passed the Junior Local, and has left us. Smith II, Pickwood and McMullen are to be congratulated on becoming Options. This term we are losing Raby who has been with us for many years, I am sure we all wish him the best of luck. I am glad to see that all our seniors are in the Corps, and congratulate Hoather on his stripe and good shooting.

After the Christmas holidays are over, let us get to work and win back those Hockey and Steeplechase Cups. If we play as keenly as we have done this term, there is no reason why we should not win something. I take this opportunity to wish the House a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.