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### OBITUARY.

We much regret to announce the death, at Stubbington, after an illness extending over nearly a year, of Gordon Lea. During practically the whole of his School life he suffered from the after-effects of a mastoid abscess, and last year tubercular trouble developed, from which he never recovered.

### LIBRARY NOTES.

The gift which was made to the School by Mr. P. H. Glover on the completion of the new buildings has been expended on a stack of sectional bookcases in oak, which provides much-needed space for housing our rapidly growing collection of books.

Among the books added this term, we may note: "Raw Materials of Commerce," a most interesting and exhaustive work, profusely illustrated, and also copies of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, which have been presented by Viscount Gladstone and autographed by him.

The Governors provide a sum each term to be expended in purchasing new books suitable for inclusion, and the Librarian, Mr. Thacker (to whom many thanks are due for the time he has spent in making card indexes of the books), is always glad to consider suggestions of books in which boys are likely to be interested.

### EXAMINATIONS.

London Matriculation: D. C. T. Humphries.  
Civil Service Qualifying Exam.: E. E. Wheeler.  
(84th out of 2,091).

### HOCKEY RETROSPECT, 1930.

The "man in the street"—now nearly extinct owing to the gentle yet firm persuasiveness of the motor car—would say that this was a moderate season. So, possibly, it was from the victory-counting point of view. But the number of victories or goals scored is no test of the enjoyment of a game or the merit of the hockey played. We have had XI's—perhaps in the dark ages (hockey at the School came of age last year)—that have scored ten-goal victories and left us cold, both metaphorically and physically. It suffices to say that six of our defeats were by the odd goal, and the seventh by two goals. As a team, we have just lacked that soundness of defence and skill in attack that wins many matches. Taking things in that order, the defence have not shewn the quickness in turning to deal with a forward of speed such as Netley or the Old Boys possessed, though the goal-keeper, ever ready to rush out, has often covered this defect; nor have the forwards, as a whole, had that dash, quick-passing skill and shooting power that would have turned the matches with the Border Regiment and Fareham into victories.

The 2nd XI. for the first time beat King Edward VI. School 2nd by 2—1, in the first fixture, and drew the return 2—2. The match with Hilsea I. was lost 3—5, and we should have liked a return fixture. The Old Boys' 2nd XI. was beaten 5—3.

Junior XI.'s beat Alverstoke Ladies (Wednesday) twice, Alverstoke Ladies (Saturday) once, Hilsea Juniors, and Waverley Ladies.

The House matches were mostly very even games and brought out some players.

Taking the hockey as a whole, though we have not seen an embryo Shoveller—England are, we believe, still seeking his successor at centre-forward—there has been plenty of keenness right through the School: and you may see yearning looks for the hockey stick on the advent of King Roller, the grim precursor of King Willow.

### CHARACTERS OF 1st ELEVEN.

- L. G. CHAMBERLAIN (centre-forward).—A keen captain. Full of "go," quite fast and shoots hard. Has a liberal share of goals to his credit.
- F. T. TROKE (inside-left).—Migrated to centre-half for the last three matches. In this position he is much more effective, being a strong tackler, with good stick-work. He can also hit hard.
- R. A. LEWRY (goal-keeper).—A plucky performer, who seldom misses his kick, and that well up the field. Has stopped many hard drives, and does not hesitate in coming out.
- D. C. T. HUMPHRIES (outside-left).—Has improved considerably in dribbling power and stick craft. Always works and tries hard.
- V. J. BARNES (centre-half).—An indefatigable worker, who has improved out of all recognition. Is better at right-half than centre, where he finds the difficulty of passing to the right wing. Is giving up one-handed play.
- W. MURRAY (right-half).—Has played on both wings, and is perhaps better on the right. Too inclined to hit instead of taking the ball on his stick. With more pace will be very useful.
- A. J. BARK (right-back).—Has come on a lot this season. Works hard and clears well, but a bit slow in turning.
- H. MCNEIL (inside-right).—Apt to hang on to the ball too long, and is inclined to turn on the ball, but works hard all the time.
- N. E. WAREHAM (left-back).—Has greatly improved in stick-work, but turns too slowly to redeem a mis-tackle.
- W. E. S. HOATHER (outside-right).—Dribbles fairly well, but does not centre hard or soon enough.
- A. G. FROST (left-half).—Clears well, and has improved with his stick, but must learn to take the ball on his stick instead of hitting first time. Will improve.

### 1st ELEVEN MATCHES.

Played 13. Won 6. Lost 7. Drawn 0.  
Goals for, 28; against 25.

#### H.M.S. "St. Vincent." Won 3—1.

Played on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, at Forton. Chamberlain scored twice and Troke once, while our opponents replied once.

School team: Lewry; Bark, West; Barnes, Murray, da Cunha; Hoather, Wheeler, Chamberlain, Troke, Humphries.

#### King Edward VI. School. Lost 3—4.

Played on Saturday, Feb. 8th, on the Recreation Ground. The School began weakly, and the defence was soon hard pressed, and Lewry was kept busy in and out of the goal: this was partly due to the wing halves not keeping position. Southampton were leading 3—0 at half-time, and on the play earned their score. On re-starting they soon scored a fourth goal, and it looked like a heavy defeat, but the School awoke from their lethargy: Humphries scored twice and Chamberlain once, and we came near equalising on more than one occasion. On the play Southampton were the faster and stronger side. However, great credit is due to the School for the greatly improved display in the second half.

School team: Lewry; Bark, West; Barnes, Murray, Frost; Wheeler, McNeil, Chamberlain, Troke, Humphries.

#### Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Won 2—1.

Played on Wednesday, Feb. 12th, on the School ground. The School were lucky to score in the first half with a shot that should have been saved. Chamberlain added our second, to which Netley replied, but could not equalise.

School team: Lewry; Bark, Wareham; Barnes, F. H. Brown, Murray; B. R. Shaw, Chamberlain, R. O. Johnston, Troke, Humphries.

#### Havant II. Won 1—0.

Played on Saturday, Feb. 15th, at Havant Park. The School should have scored more than once in the first half. Well on in the second half McNeil netted the only goal of the match for the School.

School team: Lewry; Bark, B. R. Shaw; Barnes, F. H. Brown, Murray; McNeil, Chamberlain, R. O. Johnston, Troke, Humphries.

#### King Edward VI. School. Lost 1—2.

Played on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, at Southampton. Our opponents scored half-way through the first half, without reply from the School. On crossing over, Troke soon equalised, but Southampton again obtained the lead, and, despite great efforts by the School, won by the odd goal in three. Barnes played particularly well at centre-half. Chamberlain and Troke were the more prominent forwards.

School team: Lewry; Bark, Wareham; Frost, Barnes, Murray; Hoather, McNeil, Chamberlain, Troke, Humphries.

**H.M.S. "Fisgard." Won 4-1.**

Played on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, on H.M.S. "Fisgard" ground. Chamberlain scored all four goals for the School, while Fisgard only replied once.

School team: Lewry; Bark, Wareham; Murray, Barnes, Frost; Hoather, McNeil, Chamberlain, Troke, Humphries.

**Fareham H.C. Lost 1-2.**

Played on Saturday, March 1st, on the Recreation ground. The School led 1-0 at half-time, Troke scoring with a good shot. In the second half Wagstaff quickly put on two goals for Fareham. The School had quite as much, if not more, of the play, and should certainly have drawn the match.

School team: Lewry; Bark, B. R. Shaw; Barnes, F. H. Brown, Murray; McNeil, Chamberlain, R. O. Johnston, Troke, Humphries.

**The Border Regiment, Bordon. Lost 1-2.**

A most enjoyable game, which was played after School on Monday, March 3rd, on the School ground. Our opponents scored first, but Troke equalised. In the second half the Border Regiment again scored, and the School forwards missed more than one golden opportunity of scoring again.

School team: Lewry; Wareham, B. R. Shaw; Barnes, F. H. Brown, Murray; McNeil, Chamberlain, R. O. Johnston, Troke, Humphries.

**H.M.S. "St. Vincent." Won 3-1.**

Played on Wednesday, March 5th, on the School ground. The School could only score once, through Troke, in the first half, without reply from "St. Vincent." In the second half Troke again scored, and Chamberlain added a third goal, while "St. Vincent" scored once.

School team: Lewry; Bark, Wareham; Murray, Barnes, Frost; Hoather, McNeil, Chamberlain, Troke, Humphries.

**Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Lost 2-3.**

Played on Wednesday, March 12th, at Netley. The School scored in the first half, and Netley equalised. The School again took the lead, but Netley replied twice, so as to win, perhaps rather luckily, as on the play we might well have won.

School team: Lewry; Bark, B. R. Shaw; Barnes, F. H. Brown, Murray; McNeil, Chamberlain, R. O. Johnston, Troke, Humphries.

**Fareham H.C. Lost 2-4.**

Played on Saturday, March 15th, on the Recreation ground. Fareham took their opportunities better than we did. Chamberlain scored both our goals.

School team: Lewry; Bark, B. R. Shaw; Wareham, Troke, Murray; F. H. Brown, McNeil, Chamberlain, R. O. Johnston, Humphries.

**Past v. Present. Lost 1-2.**

The Old Boys had quite a useful side, though owing to the non-appearance of their right-back, played one short, which should have let us through their defence. Coles scored for the Old Boys in the first half, without reply. In the second half the Old Boys added a second goal, and the School replied once.

Past: Rampton; —, J. Riches; Hayward, Wagstaff, Eyles; A. G. Coles, Chamberlain, Connolly, Atkins, Sinnott.

Present: Lewry; F. H. Brown, Bark; Wareham, Troke, Murray; Hoather, McNeil, Chamberlain, R. O. Johnston, Humphries.

**King Alfred's College, Winchester. Won 4-2.**

Played on Wednesday, March 26th, on the School ground. Chamberlain scored for the School, but our opponents equalised, and then led for a while. However, Chamberlain made it safe by scoring three further goals for the School.

School team: Lewry; Bark, B. R. Shaw; Wareham, Troke, Murray; McNeil, F. H. Brown, Chamberlain, R. O. Johnston, Humphries.

**HOUSE MATCHES.****FIRST XI.**

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

**SECOND XI.**

School House	11	Cams	0
School House	3	Blackbrook	0
Westbury	1	School House	0
Westbury	2	Blackbrook	0
Westbury	5	Cams	0
Blackbrook	2	Cams	1

**HOUSE POINTS.**

School House	16½
Westbury	13½
Blackbrook	12
Cams	0

## THE WINCHESTER SPORTS.

In last summer's issue we dismissed as briefly as was decently possible the results of the Winchester Sports, for they were most unfortunate. Gosport have since been able, at cricket and football, to learn more of our capabilities, but many other Schools only have the opportunity of judging us on that one day of the year. A strenuous effort to put the matter right this year is obviously needed; but there is no need to fear for the future or bewail the past. The list of possible runners has been published, and it is up to all there named to be fighting fit by the beginning of next term.

There are two strong recommendations to be made.

In the first place, all possible runners should possess and study S. A. Mussabini's book, "Running, Walking, and Jumping" (Foulsham, 1/-). It is worth that very moderate sum for its illustrations alone. Mussabini was a great coach, and among his pupils were H. M. Abrahams and A. E. Porritt, respectively first and second in the 100 metres of the Olympic Games of 1924.

Further, everyone who can should buy spikes; the best they can afford. The best, however, made by Law, are unfortunately expensive. Do not buy them too long: if you wear size 8 in shoes or boots, size  $6\frac{1}{2}$  or even 6 will be large enough for the running shoes. They stretch—and a loose running shoe is an abomination. An excellent runner used to remark that no running shoe was any use which could be put on in less than five minutes when new. The exaggeration has the merit of emphasising the truth. No sock should be necessary if the spikes are properly placed, but wash-leather toe-caps may be used. Lastly, the shorter the runner's distance the longer should be the spikes, while hurdlers and jumpers find an additional spike in the heel useful.

## HOUSE NOTES.

### BLACKBROOK.

Anyone taking a real interest in the House can hardly be satisfied with this term's accomplishments. We have achieved nothing worthy of note, and the habit of losing cups seems to be growing upon us. Unless we buck ourselves up it will only cease when our supply of trophies runs out.

However, it is not the inter-House Cup results that dissatisfy us: we did quite creditably. There is, however, a distinct anti-enthusiasm wave

passing over our senior members. I say "passing" optimistically, as I hope it will have disappeared by Saturday, April 5th, which is Steeplechase day. But when seniors either say "I prefer to do as I please" or "You can't force us to run after 4 o'clock," I relinquish my optimism. I really think that fellows who are regular members of representative School teams, and who hold responsible positions in School, should set the younger boys a good example.

Wheeler, who for some years has been an asset to the House, will be leaving us this term, as he has been successful in passing the Civil Service exam. His performance, especially in the maths. papers, was very creditable, and the whole House joins me in wishing him the very best of luck in the future.

We congratulate Bark i. and McNeil i. on being regular members of the School Hockey team; and Wheeler, West, Frost and Farrow who have played in second eleven matches.

It is too late to exhort the members to run well, as by the time this is in print the Steeplechase will have been run, but let us really put our backs into our sport next term. There will be plenty of opportunity for enthusiasm, both at Cricket and in the School Sports: it is up to you.

L.G.C.

### CAMS.

If cups were everything that mattered we should be in a very poor way. We may as well own at once that we have not so much as secured a single point in the Hockey Competition. But fortunately for us, there is another side. In every game we got very nearly as much as the others—except scoring! We are getting much more of the team spirit, and in every way have improved since last year; of course we have heaps to learn, but then we can only learn by learning! The spirit is the thing that tells most, and it is comforting to know that it is still in the House, though perhaps rejuvenating.

As regards the players, Barnes has played his hardest and best—until measles took him off; Lewry spared no efforts; Wareham was always dependable and steady; Dyer worked very hard; White, in goal, was very good, saving sometimes remarkably. The rest did well too, though we were really very weak in our forward line. It was noticeable, however, that "sticks" was not often given against us. Perhaps that was our luck!

Of the 2nd XI. games there seems to have been more enjoyment than hard fighting, for after working the ball down to our opponents' goal we seemed absolutely unable to score. Never mind, we must fight harder next time.

As regards the Steeplechase, much, we hear, is being done which will be all to the good, even if we don't win any cup!

As regards the Tarbat Cup, Cams were leading in the first half of the term. So perhaps that is where our energies are tending.

T.W.M.

### SCHOOL HOUSE.

We have every reason to be pleased with ourselves this term, for we have won back the Hockey Cup from Blackbrook. We beat Westbury 3—1 after a very good game, in which our team played at its best. We beat Cams 3—0, and then drew with Blackbrook, after a long, well-contested game. Both goals were often in danger, but our forwards were not playing very well, so the game ended in a goal-less draw. Troke, at centre-half, was a tower of strength, and Hoather, Smith ii., da Cunha and Mullins played very well.

Our 2nd XI. beat Cams and Blackbrook, but were beaten 0—1 by Westbury. Child, Crouch, Leese and Stifti were most prominent.

Troke and Hoather have played regularly for the School 1st XI., and Smith ii., da Cunha, Mullins, Rush and McMullen have played for the 2nd XI.

We have improved our position in the Tarbat Cup this term, and are now second. McMullen, Child, Rush, Hynes, Aps ii. and Bent have kept near the top of their respective forms.

This term we are losing a few of our seniors, one of whom has been here for many years. We wish them luck in the future.

By the time this appears in print, the Steeplechase will have been run: we hope to have won another cup. Our seniors look very promising, and are very keen.

Next term we must keep the Cricket Cup, and win back a few of those Sports Cups now held by Westbury.

D.C.T.H.

### WESTBURY.

Congratulations, Westbury, on a better show than usual in the House matches! Although having but few representatives in the Upper School XI.'s, we are placed second with 13½ points—three points behind the winners of the Hockey Cup. The 2nd XI. has, as usual, won all its matches, while the 1st XI. beat Cams, drew with Blackbrook, and lost to School House. Fielder i., Jones i. and Russell played well for the 1st XI., and Gregory, Atkins, Rideout and Lockyer showed promise in the 2nd XI.

At the time of going to press the Steeplechase had not been run. In it we hope to do even better than in the last. Boys are advised to keep in training for the Sports, which take place early next term.

In closing, we wish the best of luck to those few that are leaving us this term.

WM. M.

### A REPLY TO A.J.B.

Poor A.J.B. Why does he not write under his full name? that we might rejoice with him in the fact that that miserable School—Price's of Fareham, has at last turned out a scholar with vision—plenty of broad vision. The School will now doubtless take a turn for the better and start on the up grade.

A.J.B. thinks a school magazine should have a great influence on the School. Agreed, but a school has in its care one or two hundred lives whose whole future will be coloured by the influence and example set by it; therefore all in authority must protect the aforesaid youngsters from evil influences as far as possible.

We are all very human and consequently imperfect, but methinks it will be an ill day that dawns when boys shall be allowed to imagine they are capable of criticising those in authority over them. That responsibility rests with the governors and staff, and indirectly, the parents of the boys, I should have thought. When I look back on my school days, it is always a source of pleasurable thought to me to realise what a splendid staff the School has, and I consider the powers that be should congratulate themselves on having such capable and inspiring people at their disposal. One is proud to be able to boast that one is an Old Pricean, and, considering the youth of the School in its present form, it has a splendid reputation and a wonderful prestige.

The "LION" has been very "dud" at times, but the Editor cannot insert articles of interest if boys, both past and present, will not bestir themselves and send in their efforts. The blame, then rests with us, and we should contribute such a galaxy of brilliant articles as would create a magazine treble the usual size.

The articles on silk worms and the burblings of half wits, A.J.B. complains of, are the efforts of youngsters who, in their enthusiasm, have aimed high and are endeavouring to be creative. Take courage, then, my budding poets and writers of prose: you still have that power which has burnt itself out in so many of us—the power of youth which urges you to great deeds and high aspirations. Carry on, then, my chickens; you cannot aim too high, and if you fail to reach those

dizzy heights, you may still find yourselves well up the ladder.

The Old Boys' notes generally contain "information about fat subalterns and the like," whose sudden demise would leave A.J.B. cold. Poor A.J.B. again! Are the grapes so very sour? And so we could go on, Mr. Editor, but we should be trespassing on too much of your space on so unworthy an object.

Criticism should be constructive, not destructive.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN.

## LIFE UNDER CANVAS.

There is a very definite thrill in the word "Camp" to all those who have ever experienced the joy of such a life, and a not inconsiderable interest to those who have been less fortunate.

Camp, unlike most of the things, we are told, is good for us, and has a great attraction of its own, based very little on the desire to improve one's health. It is the very novelty of transferring a rolling down into a comfortable homestead, and the comparative simplicity of the open air that attracts. There should be no thought of "roughing it." This brands a very bad camper, and even the inexperienced camper will soon, under canvas, contrive many useful gadgets to make his own comfort more complete. The ideal camper is the handy man, and camp life soon brings out his weak points. At the P.S.S.C.A. Camp at Marlborough, which, by the way, is one of the best camps inaugurated in this country for Cadets, Cadets have their cooking done for them, and the tents, marquees, etc., are all erected before their occupying them. They only have the pleasure of "breaking up" the old homestead.

It is true camp life is not all pleasure, but when one goes to camp, one is expected to do a little work. Work at Marlborough took the form of drill, shooting, indentificating targets, field days, watching demonstration platoons of "regulars," and night "ops." The latter is the best enjoyed throughout the duration of the Camp.

There is a thrill in the realisation of the weakness of the canvas home, rendered immune against the attacks of the weather, only by the occupiers' careful attention. Camp is no place for the careless and idle. The whole secret of its charm is the sense of independence and self-reliance which it awakes, the idea of life played as an interesting game, the appreciation of the beauties and the secrets of nature, the camper's

host; and, above all, that so desirable team spirit, where all work hard, truly hard, and play the game for the success of their happy little community.

If you wish to experience actual warfare, and have the time of your lives as well, come to the Cadet Camp at Marlborough this year. It is, I believe, to be held at the end of July.

F.T.T. (V.A.).

## THE SALT SEA WINDS.

They whisper all night long to me,  
The little winds that blow,  
Bringing me gossip of the sea,  
And ships that come and go.

They leave me filled with longing  
To see a rusty hull,  
To taste the spume of spindrift  
And listen to the gull.

I see all sagging quay sides  
Half lost in foggy haze,  
The creak of hawsers drifts through dreams  
Of half forgotten days.

They whisper all night long to me,  
And will not let me sleep,  
The winds that are the very breath  
Of ships that plough the deep.

L.P. (V.B.).

## THE TERROR OF THE SEAS.

The throbbing notes of a sea-shanty were wafted to my ears as I clambered up the companion way of the good old schooner "Mary Jane." She was a rather large vessel, carrying a crew of thirty, of whom I was mate, and we were bound for Valparaiso, from Buenos Ayres, with a cargo of wheat.

We were nearing the dreaded Cape Horn, and I was rather anxious concerning the future, for my task had responsibilities attached, and it is not every vessel that succeeds in traversing the stormy waters of the Cape.

Meanwhile we had every sail set, and were gliding through the heaving seas with ease. For the whole morning we made good way; and I was commencing to congratulate myself, when the wind dropped with startling suddenness.

"Curse the bloomin' wind," I muttered angrily, to the great enjoyment of the old man, who was standing by my side, and who seemed to take matters quietly.

The clear sky was suddenly overcast; great masses of storm-cloud were massing around the horizon, and the wind had blown up again, in the form of a raging gale. Swiftly I donned oilskins and south-wester, and hurriedly began shouting orders at the gaping crew.

Minutes later the storm burst with full fury. The heavens seemed to open; lightning flashed and illuminated the sea for miles around. A terrible spectacle was revealed to my eyes. The boiling waters of the ocean were tossed into a million roaring waves, whipped by the pelting rain, and causing a scene of wild pandemonium.

For hours we breasted the rolling waves and were pulling through the worst of the storm, when a terrible cry was heard from the bows. "Iceberg, ahead!" Through the fast-gathering gloom I saw a gleaming castle of ice floating right in our path. Desperately the helmsman swung the wheel round; but, too late.

A terrible crash sounded; the rending of wood and ice; the bows caved in, and the mainmast snapped short with a crack like the sound of doom. Hurriedly we lowered the whale boats and clambered in. A minute later we were pulling away from the sinking vessel, with gloom and sorrow in our hearts.

We watched her settle down beside that chilly island of ice, saw the triumphant waters surge over her, crushing her down to that resting place of all good ships.

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

## THE MEET AT THE OLD INN.

There was a large number of people at the Old Inn on Wednesday morning, and several horses were tethered to the rails near by. Several men with red coats and bowler hats and brown breeches and gaiters were walking about, all getting ready for the proposed hunt. The foxhounds were there, brown, black and white, and when everyone was ready and saying "Good-bye!" to his friends, one of the huntsmen gave a blast of his hunting horn: the horses started and the dogs immediately followed.

After they had gone about half-a-mile some of the hounds saw a dog-fox in a copse near-by, and the pack immediately went after it. A great chase began at once, but the fox, a wily old fellow, loved a good run on a frosty morning.

At last, after about half-an-hour, he ran into a plantation and was lost, after a time, from view. The dogs tried hard to find the scent, but they failed. At last the search was given up, and hunters and dogs went back to the Inn dis-

appointed, but they all said they had enjoyed their ride that morning.

L.K.H.S. (III.A.).

## OLD BOYS' NEWS.

### THE OLD PRICEAN.

#### SECRETARIAL NOTES.

The December meeting, of which a brief, and as far as the result of the match was concerned, an incorrect account appeared in the last issue of the "Lion," was a really successful and encouraging affair. Not only did we win our match with the School by a convincing margin (4-2), but the turn-out numbered over thirty, the vocal efforts of the thirty were well and truly made (discord as well as harmony gracing the festive board), and, most important of all from an official point of view, subscriptions and life memberships fairly poured in. That is all to the good. Now for a really record turn-out in June.

By a new arrangement, the Past v. Present matches will always be held sufficiently far before the end of the term, for a full account of the proceedings to appear in the current issue of the "Lion," an innovation designed to keep this periodical more up-to-date.

The tally of active members and life members of the Association grows encouragingly; we now number one hundred and fifty active members, of whom half-a-dozen are serving a life sentence — enough to justify the existence of that penalty.

We hope to publish in this issue the first of a series of papers which were given some little time ago by members to the London Section, on the "behind the scenes" of their own jobs; and if the series proves of interest, we shall be glad to have other contributions to it from members — the idea being to provide some kind of inkling of the joys (or otherwise) and prospects of one's work, with especial reference to those who follow us.

It has also been suggested that a short series of articles from some of our older members on "What I did in the Great War, sonny," might be of considerable interest, more especially in view of the flood of war books and stories which is now in full spate.

With the subject of reminiscences, the Secretary proceeds to trot out his perpetual and

perennial complaint. Surely in all the activities of members, and all the meetings they have with acquaintances, sufficient matter could be collected for a nice, bright, chatty letter at least once a term, full of all that sort of gossip and news which delights the heart of a poor sufferer simply aching for something to put into print? The old cry of bricks without straw is still shouted from the house-tops, moaned despairingly by the wretched individual, who, on the one hand, gets severely admonished because the "Lion" is not interesting to O.P.'s, and on the other, has withheld from him just that information which would make it so attractive to others — i.e., O.P. news. Even if it is rather late for a New Year's resolution, why not break all precedents, and make and keep such an excellent precept as is foreshadowed above?

Another attempt has been made to get going a Southampton Section of the O.P.A., and E. GRAHAM, of 3, Roberts Road, Southampton, who is doing all he can to collect O.P.'s in the district, will be very glad to hear from or to write to any O.P.'s who may live near enough to be interested. One meeting was held early in the year, some six or seven stalwarts dining together and then doing a show. We offer the embryonic S.S.O.P. our very best wishes, and will be only too pleased to do all in our power to help it along.

Plans are going ahead for a real reunion at the summer meeting on June 21st. So far, we are arranging for the following programme:—

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST.

10.30 a.m.: All day 1st XI. Match v. School.

2.30 p.m.: 2nd XI. Match.

7.0 p.m.: General Meeting O.P.A.

8.0 p.m.: First Annual O.P.A. Dinner.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND.

Tennis and Bathing at Stokes Bay.

Mr. Bradley has kindly offered to put up ten or so O.P.'s who do not mind roughing it a bit, and we anticipate a really record show over the two days.

Although it is looking rather far ahead, we want to make the Concert which will follow the next Past v. Present "Soccer" match something very extra special, so S. F. POLWIN, of 20, Sussex Road, Southsea, appeals to any O.P. who has any talent whatsoever in any vocal or histrionic or instrumental direction to communicate with him, so that a programme really worthy of ourselves can be got together.

The O.P.A. Committee makes an appeal for an article every term on current happening at School which may be of interest to O.P.'s — to be written, if possible, by a member of the staff or senior boy. There must be many events each term well known to those still at School, yet which would make fresh and interesting reading to those who have left behind them those halcyon days, but who treasure ever green in their memory any article of news, however small, about their Alma Mater. Perhaps we could call on the aid of one of the immortals?

G. CHIGNELL.

MARCH 22ND, 1930.

A function which produced forty-three O.P.'s — a number which is a record for the hockey team — surely deserves a more detailed description than the official account of the matches. Of the latter, let it suffice it here to record that we won the 1st XI. game, which was played on the Recreation Ground, by 2—1, while the 2nd XI. game, which was about eight-a-side, was lost 2—4.

The gathering at tea taxed the capacity of the School House dining hall, and we have to record our grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley for putting up with and so well satisfying the inner men of a record invasion. After tea, the usual informal smoking concert, run smoothly under the skilful direction of S. F. Polwin, had an even greater success than usual, and the solo items, which included songs from Mr. Bradley, Mr. Shaddock, A. J. Harvey, W. M. Gardner and E. Ross, and a recitation by Polwin himself, were thoroughly appreciated.

Those who turned up included, in addition to the teams: Polwin, H. E. Mercer, A. J. Harvey, Masterman, Marriott, Blanch, Edwards, Butters, Vimpany, Truckle, Hewetson, Blount, Gardner, Tunks, C. and E. Ross, G. W. Sims, A. L. Moss, S. Davenport, G. Mitchell, H. Mundy, Dean Cooper, D. S. H. Swinstead, G. Chignell, R. W. Buckley.

Teams:—

1st XI.—Rampton; —, Riches; Hayward, Wagstaffe, N. Eyles; A. G. Coles, Chamberlain, Connolly, H. Atkins, Sinnott.

2nd VIII.—Mathews, E. Smith, Phillips, H. Bucknall, E. Bucknall, Tizzard, Duffett, Bridger.

NEW OR REJOINED MEMBERS.

Atkins, H.—Barclays Bank, Farcham, Hants.

Bailey, A.—Botley, Hants.

Browning, Jeffery.—26 Roland Gardens, S.W. 7.



- Blount, D. K.—Station House, Bishops Waltham, Hants.  
 Butters, F.—2nd Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Aldershot.  
 Budden, W. G.—Police Station, Eastleigh, Hants.  
 Chamberlain.—High Street Post Office, Fareham, Hants.  
 Chapman, J. H.—Mountfield, Sandown, I.O.W.  
 Collihole, F. H.—Titchfield, Hants.  
 Cummins, W. G.—South Western Tar Distilleries, Cattedown, Plymouth.  
 Duffett.—High Street, Fareham, Hants.  
 Ivens, W.—Old Hall, Chester.  
 Mathews, L.—Brianwood, Fareham, Hants.  
 Moss, A. L. F.—278 West Street, Fareham, Hants.  
 Nicholson, R.—West Street, Fareham, Hants.  
 Rampton, F.—Ashdene, Porchester Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 Reed, L.—West Street, Fareham, Hants.  
 Smith, Eric.  
 Spencer, G. G.—20 Croxley Road, Maida Hill, W. 9.  
 Sims, G. W.—100 Gosport Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 Tizzard, T. E.—Cams Alders Fareham, Hants.  
 Turner, R.—Shaftesbury Road, Gosport, Hants.  
 Wagstaffe.—

### CHANGES OF ADDRESSES.

- Andrews, H. W.—c/o. C. W. Chitty, Esq., 59 Castle Road, Dover.  
 Bridger, J.—Red House, Strowd, Petersfield, Hants.  
 Davenport, S. G.—12 Alswitha Terrace, King Alfred Place, Winchester.  
 Dean Cooper, E. H.—51 Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, Hants.  
 Mundy, H. W.—Southampton Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 Carr Hill, E.—195 Avenue Road, Erith, Kent.

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

- R. H. SCOTT is now in London on leave, having come by air from Marseilles.  
 H. BUCKNALL is working with a coach at Rochester to qualify for a purser's job in the P. & O.  
 L. M. BOXWELL, Beaconsfield Road, Tring, Herts., has left the Navy, having been invalided in 1928, and is now working as a civilian Technical Instructor in the R.A.F.  
 R. C. H. CONNOLLY has moved to 1, Glebe Court, Highfield, Southampton. We are very grateful for his gift of yet another hockey stick, which has been awarded to Barnes, as the season's most improved player.

- L. F. COKER is at present with Boots Ltd., but is undecided as to his future activities.  
 M. CUBBIN has joined the R.A.F., and is now in the Accounting Section and stationed at Fort Rowner, near Gosport.  
 J. C. HEATH has passed the Intermediate Exam. of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, being 45th out of 563.  
 L. GOODALL has passed the examination held by the Institute of Municipal Officials, being third out of over 250 candidates. He is in the office of the Fareham Urban District Council.  
 F. DU B. HARRISON, 1864 St. Luke Street, Montreal, is taking a commercial course while waiting for a vacancy in a Canadian Bank. The temperature in Montreal was—4 degrees.  
 F. S. KING, East Everleigh, Marlborough, has taken a Post Office examination, but finds it easier to forget what one does at school than it was to learn it. His brother is still teaching at Faringdon, Berks.  
 F. E. NUGENT was married to Miss E. F. Penhall, at All Saints' Church, Southbourne, on Monday, Feb. 3rd, leaving later for Switzerland for a short trip.  
 MR. J. C. CARPENTER was married during the Christmas holidays, but apart from some cake we gathered no details of how, when, or where. If this should meet his eye, we hope he will send more news.  
 E. NOBBS passed out of R.M.C., Sandhurst, and sailed for India early in February. He is attached for a year to the 1st Batt. Leicestershire Regiment at Amballa. He presented a very acceptable set of historical and economical books to the School Library before sailing. He travelled to Bombay by S.S. "Nevasa."  
 W. OWTON, who married Miss Gubberidge some time ago, is now in business in Portswood, Southampton.  
 J. OWTON is still at Messrs. Shear's Mill at Bishoptoke.  
 R. OWTON is farming at Chalcroft, West End.  
 W. F. PERRY is in No. 5 Flight, "A" Squadron, Electrical and Wireless School, R.A.F., Cranwell. He made an excellent start in his first term. When at Halton for a week in August he was in a squad, the N.C.O. in charge of which was Corporal SCIVIER, who has now passed out.  
 A. G. PENNELL is working in the Audit Department of Messrs. Miller, Smith & Co., C.A., in Southampton Row, W.C. He has been doing a course in commercial subjects at Pitman's, in Russell Square.  
 E. REEVES was married in Fareham Parish Church on Wednesday, Feb. 12th.

- R. G. REEVES is now in business on his own account at the Meon Motor Works, Meonstoke.
- F. P. SMITH has shifted to the Auditorium Hotel, Red Deer, Alberta, the owners of which are English, and he sounds fairly comfortable. There seems, however, to be an ink famine in his new district, as no news has come direct for several months.
- F. N. TUNKS has obtained a post as Engineering Assistant to the Portsmouth Corporation on completion of his articles in the Surveyor's Office at Gosport. We are expecting an article on "Civil Engineering" from him for a future issue.
- G. VIBERT, who for some time after leaving worked at Bursledon, in the Southern Railway Office, and was then "stood down" according to custom, after various adventures in the commercial world has obtained a good pos: with the Equitable Insurance Co. at their Southampton branch.
- L. FLINT was playing for a Bromley side at hockey against Chichester School. We congratulate him on having become "engaged" and wish him the best of luck.
- F. SWAFFIELD is due to be married in June. He spent a few weeks in the United States for Frigidaire Ltd., but this visit, which was not unconnected with his forthcoming marriage, was curtailed by the Wall Street debacle.
- A. SWAFFIELD is in Town again, this time assisting to guide the destinies of Selfridge's, Ltd.
- L. MATHEWS, who has succumbed to the attractions of a life membership of the O.P.A., also nobly lived up to one of the tenets of the Association by sending us a most interesting letter, the information in which was instantly collared by the Secretary for his members' file. He tells us of F. BUTLAND, who is still in Lloyds Bank, Southsea, and holds the same rank that Mathews himself held — Captain in the R.A. Mathews, who is Secretary of the Fareham Hockey Club, also tells us of R. OWTON, whom he meets in the market at West End, Southampton.
- L. F. BIDEN is apparently entirely submerged by preparations for his final examination, next July, in which we wish him the best of luck.
- To C. J. HALSEY, a most keen member of the L.S.O.P., we owe apologies for the omission of his name after his most interesting article in last term's "Lion" on "La Hougue Bie."
- E. CARR HILL has apparently also felt the prickings of conscience, which have urged him to send in a most interesting letter, describing, with a wealth of detail, exactly what he thinks of his firm (Vickers') for sending him and his whole drawing office to a place like Erith,

where 150 of these bright lads are wasting their lives in an "evil smelling, God-forsaken, mud-bespattered corner of Kent." Though now turning the scale at 13st. 4lb., he still does gym., and still plays Rugger for Park House, and can still do a half-pint in three seconds dead. (This may account for the 13-4.)

- E. A. SWINSTEAD wrote regretting that the additional work that involved him owing to the death of his father and the absence of his brothers, prevented him from coming to the Past v. Present match. We offer him belated but none the less sincere congratulations on his marriage last October.

THE SECRETARY tenders apologies to the Editor of the "Lion," and everybody else who has been making his life a misery, for the inadvertent error in the report of the result of the December Past v. Present match.

- W. HEWETSON sails at the end of April for Brazil, whither he has been transferred from the London office of his Bank, the Bank of London and South America. We wish him every success in his sojourn abroad.

## LONDON SOCIETY OF OLD PRICEANS.

Splendid! Since writing the L.S.O.P. notes for the last magazine, there has been a stir among the Old Priceans in London, and we have the pleasure of seeing some new faces at our meetings, and what is more, we have had letters from others promising to attend at future dates; also quite a number of members have paid their sub. Clearly the day of miracles is not yet over.

We have done our best to awaken interest by writing personal letters to all the London addresses of Old Boys that we could find. This entails writing about thirty letters, and one's writing suffers also. Now, I do not wish to reflect on the School's good name but some of its ex-scholars do seem sadly lacking in good manners, 'cos why? 'cos I get such rude remarks hurled at me about the illegibility of my writing — and I am such a sensitive little thing, too. I understand that in the case of one of our "fresh faces" at our last meeting, it was only because he happened to go into the tobacconist's next door to the restaurant that was our rendezvous, and there made certain pertinent enquiries, that he found our festive board at all.

This intelligence has caused me to remain awake many nights, worrying lest other less fortunate "fresh faces" are still wandering

around Soho in quest of last Monday's meeting (March 10th).

The next meeting of the London Society is booked for Monday, April 14th, 7.15 p.m., at the VALU Restaurant, 5 Soho Street, W. 1, and will be a farewell dinner to L. F. Hewetson, who is going to Brazil shortly after that date. He will be sadly missed from our meetings, since he has been such a regular and keen member of the Society. We take this opportunity of wishing him bon voyage and every success in his new surroundings.

I appeal to all London Old Boys to make a special effort to come along to the Valu Restaurant on April 14th, in order that we may give him a rousing and fitting send-off.

D. R. MASTERMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

## "BEHIND THE SCENES."

### I.—TAILORING.

By D. R. MASTERMAN.

The first question that arises in the mind of the penetrative enquirer is probably that of how, having once selected a material, that material grows into a suit or overcoat or whatever he may have ordered. First of all he is measured, his various measures always being noted in the same order to avoid confusion, and all his wants in the shape of pockets, etc., are duly noted. Then, exit the enquirer. To produce the pattern, I need a tape measure, square, three-cornered tailor's chalk, and a pair of shears for cutting paper. Patterns are all founded on a geometrical basis, the construction lines being geometry pure and simple.

A cutter must have some foundation to work on, and this is supplied by taking the measures of a normal and well-proportioned man, and finding a formula which will produce an almost perfectly fitting garment for him. This formula is known as a system. There are various systems taught by the several schools of cutting, and all arrive at more or less the same result. If all people were normal, cutting would end here, and be as simple as A.B.C., but unfortunately very few have the ideal figure, and the degree of skill which a cutter displays in adapting his system to his customer measures his success at his craft.

Returning to our suit — having produced the paper pattern, this is laid on the cloth, marked round with chalk, and cut out. The suit is now said to be "cut." Next it is "trimmed," i.e., everything required for the making (linings, pocketing, linen and canvas, sewing silk and

thread, button-hole twist, buttons, and hair canvas for the front) is set out and rolled up with it.

The suit is then ready for the tailors — the sewing work people; the coat going to the coat hand, the vest to the vest hand, and so on.

The articles are basted together with white cotton for trying on, and returned to the shop. When the customer calls at the appointed time he is fitted by the cutter, and the coat is then ripped open and marked up ready for the sewing tailor to finish. The suit is then handed over to the tender mercies of the work hands, and is returned to the shop ready for wear. That gives, briefly, the history of the suit; but I will expound a little more fully on my own particular job — the cutting.

Primarily, it is a craft, and very fascinating, as it is essentially creative. There is vast pleasure in turning out elegant clothes and overcoming the difficulties presented by awkward figures. To a non-philosophical mind it is very worrying, as, of course, the cutter gets it "in the neck" from all sides, facing the irate clients and acting as a go-between between the chief and the work people, and tackling the difficult job of making the latter get their work ready in time.

I have only referred to the class of tailoring in which I play a part — catering for the moderately well-off City men and professional men. In the course of a day's work in this class of trade one meets many interesting people, and one gets strange jobs, such as dressing up old colonels for State balls, patching up Cabinet Ministers for appearance in public processions, and so forth. Public men are often very dependent on their tailor, and naturally they are interesting people to converse with, as the tailor is regarded as a friend and adviser. The job is leisurely and comfortable, though, speaking generally, "we don't get much money but we do see life."

Of classes of tailoring there are legion — from the 50/- tailors and multiple shops, for whom the cutting is usually done at the head office and the suits made up in the East End, upwards.

Cutting is an interesting and artistic job, and we are proud of our craftsmanship and have enthusiastic societies among ourselves, with regular meetings and lectures on our problems. The work, contrary to general belief, is not remunerative, unless one is lucky enough to get with one of the leading firms.

Ten pounds a week is more than most cutters earn, six pounds being a fair average. The only way to make money is to go into business on one's own, then, given a little luck, a comfortable living may be made, but never a fortune.