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EDITORIAL.

Once again from the main scholastic test of the year the School has emerged with honour, and we congratulate those responsible for the success. To those who follow a high standard has been set, but yet one which they may be able to improve—a most inspiring position.

At the beginning of the Autumn term, when so much change may be noted, we are all the more pleased to remark those things which stand where they did. For the third year Lewry has captained the Eleven, and once more with great success. It is a great record of which both he and the School have every right to be proud.

The football season, however, is nearly over, and at this time of the year one thinks not of the past, but of the future. What that future portends we have been informed in many a composition, and in wishing the readers of "THE LION" a very merry Christmas, we may not inappropriately add the hope that that they will not suffer too violently from indigestion on Boxing Day.

SPEECH DAY.

On Tuesday, July 29th, the usual Speech Day proceedings were preceded by the unveiling of the memorial to Charles Beauchamp, who, as is recorded elsewhere, lost his life in the Hamble River after a plucky and successful effort to save the life of a younger boy who was bathing with him and got into difficulties. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Fareham, and followed by Stevenson's "Requiem" sung by the School Choir.

The actual presentation of prizes was in the hands of the Chairman of the Governors, Rev. A. Cory. We take this opportunity of thanking the donors of prizes, without whose help our list of special prizes would have a very different appearance. Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Atchison, Mr.

and Mrs. J. W. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons-Smith, Mr. T. W. Williams and Mr. Cory have all been most generous in their help, and Miss Alexander, who will be remembered by many Old Boys who were under her in the days of Form I., has promised an annual prize to be especially allotted to Form II.

No less appreciated are the gifts of Mr. L. Warner and Mr. R. C. Connolly of bats, and in the case of the latter, an innovation this year was its award to quite a junior boy, the object of the donor being to encourage keenness and improvement in the games at any stage in the School.

The Ramsay Exhibition was divided between H. Dimmer and F. S. Mitchell, a balance in hand from the previous year being awarded as a special prize to J. E. Franklin, who passed the London Intermediate one year after taking his School Certificate.

The Rawsborne Scholarship was awarded to A. J. Dark, and is tenable, subject to conditions, for three years. A smaller scholarship from the same fund is held for the current year by J. E. Franklin.

The Roche Court Loan Fund, which was instituted a few years ago by Sir William and Lady de Salis, has enabled two boys to acquire, on easy repayment terms, sums of money which will enable them to provide the expenses of training which would otherwise have been unattainable.

EXAMINATIONS.

LONDON MATRICULATION: L. G. Chamberlain, H. J. Dimmer, E. J. Gilbert.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE: 1st Class Honours, E. J. Gilbert. 3rd Class Honours, R. L. Fielder, F. T. Froke. Pass, D. J. Bennett, R. C. Brookes, H. E. Brooks, K. W. Canterbury, E. J. D. Clarke, A. B. Cook, W. H. Emmett, A. G. Frost, H. G. Gibson, H.

McNeil, R. W. Pickwood, R. L. Rowe,
J. S. P. Smith, P. Targett, R. Tull, R. L.
Winsor.

R.A.F. ENTRANCE EXAMS.: F. G. Chalk, R. L.
Bark, R. Tull, L. S. Pettifer.

SALVETE.

IV.A.: B. J. Hynes, P. R. N. Stevenson.

IV.B.: P. A. Nicholas.

III.A.: W. H. C. Baker, F. G. Bowen, B.
Collins, E. F. O. Croucher, J. Gingell,
H. T. W. Headden, G. A. Hoskins,
S. S. Hubber, R. D. Ireland, P. S.
Moore, C. R. M. Nicholas, P. A.
Pressley, A. H. Rushforth, L. T. Tat-
ham, R. A. Tilbury, A. C. Troke,
E. F. Warren, G. A. J. Young, S. J.
Young.

II.: J. R. Bannell, C. M. Carman, J. Clapham,
R. W. Croker, L. G. Moss, L. H. Stift,
D. F. Tatford, D. J. Watford,
H. N. Woodnutt.

FOOTBALL RETROSPECT, 1930.

At present the 1st XI. have two important matches to play. The second of these is against Taunton's School, Southampton, a new fixture which should result in a good game. Portsmouth Grammar School have still to be met on their own ground.

Excluding these two matches, the record of the XI. has been very much the same as last season: 13 matches have been played, 9 won, and 4 lost. Only one match has been scratched, but this, unfortunately, was the Old Boys' game, torrential rain making the ground quite unfit for play.

The team, without being brilliant, has played steadily, and at any rate has a very favourable goal average. St. John's again proved just too good for us, but the games were much closer this season, and the match against the Grammar School was very even. Many scoring chances have been missed, but this can always be said of any team which plays football. Once again, this season Lewry and Barnes have proved the mainstay of the defence, while McNeil and Fielder have played consistently well in the forward line.

The 2nd XI. have had quite a successful season, and have won most of their matches. They have been a well-balanced side, with few

outstanding players, and many of them should be able to take their places in the 1st XI. next year. They must remember that there will be many vacancies difficult to fill adequately.

Several 3rd XI. and Junior matches have been played, and, judging by the results of these games, the standard of football compares quite favourably with that of other schools.

The ordinary School games have, until the last week, been little interfered with by the weather. It is difficult to find a ground for every side each half-holiday, and at the beginning of the term we really needed eight pitches, especially an additional full-sized ground. The experiment has been tried of playing a regular side of young players who show promise; it is still early to say with what success, but there seems to be a good number of boys who should be of considerable use in the future.

The House Competition was won by Westbury, who won every match—a really fine record. They are to be congratulated on the keenness shown throughout the House.

1st XI.

*R. A. LEWRY (left-back), Captain.—During his fourth year in the 1st XI. he has played many fine games and has proved a good captain. Kicks and heads well, but is inclined to tackle too vigorously.

*V. J. BARNES (centre-half).—Plays a steady, constructive game; good with his head, and passes well to his forwards. A good half-back.

*H. McNEIL (centre-forward).—A keen player, who is very hard to tackle; can shoot well, but is inclined to keep the ball too long. Has scored many goals.

*A. G. FROST (goal).—Has improved since last year. Kicks a good length, and possesses safe hands, which he might use more frequently.

R. L. FIELDER (outside-right).—Very clever with his feet and has good football sense. Centres well and has a dangerous shot when cutting in from the wing.

W. MURRAY (left-half).—Has played consistently well, and by close marking has made up for lack of pace. His ground passes to the wing have been good.

T. J. GILBERT (right-back).—Has improved considerably during the season. Is still weak in ball control, but is very fast in recovering,

P. R. SMITH (inside-right).—Works very hard and passes well to the wing. Can shoot quite hard, but should do so more often,

W. EMMETT (inside-left).—An unselfish and hard-working player. He tackles back well, but his shooting has been disappointing.

H. J. FLETCHER (right-back).—Although rather crude, has played some good games, particularly on heavy grounds. Tackles well, but passes rather wildly.

E. L. EDWARDS (outside-left).—Is a dangerous shot from an angle and takes corner kicks well, but he lacks pace and is apt to centre too soon.

* Denotes Old Colour.

Colours have this season been awarded to:
Fielder and Murray.

The 2nd XI.

White, goal; Wareham (capt.), Pickwood, backs; Manuel, Rush, Gibson, half-backs; Watson i., Jones i., Rideout, Chaff, Jones ii., forwards.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Hilsea. (Home). Won 9—2.

The School were much the better side throughout the game, which after half-time was too one-sided to be interesting. This was a successful start to the season, but the opposition hardly showed the strength of the team.

Scorers: McNeil 3, Smith 4, Emmett 1, Edwards 1.

v. Portsmouth Secondary School. (Home.)
Won 8—0.

The School were, on the whole, a faster and heavier side, and after a fairly even first half, with the wind and slope in their favour they overran the visitors' defence. The forwards played quite well and made good use of scoring chances, and the defence was always the master of the Portsmouth attack, Frost in goal having little to do.

Scorers: Smith 3, McNeil 2, Edwards 1, Fielder 1, Barnes 1.

v. Portsmouth Grammar School. (Home.)
Lost 2—3.

The School were unlucky to lose Fielder after a quarter of an hour, and this fact probably made all the difference to the result of a close game. Portsmouth had the better of the play in the first half, at the end of which they were leading by three goals. With the wind and slope in their favour, however, the School pressed, especially towards the end of the game, but could only score two goals. The Portsmouth backs, if rather slow, tackled well, and their

goal-keeper made some fine saves. The forward work of both sides was energetic rather than skilful. A keen, interesting game.

Scorers: Emmett 1, McNeil 1.

v. Portsmouth Banks. (Home). Won 3—1.

For this match, Mr. Thacker and Mr. Brown took the places of Edwards and Gilbert respectively. This was a fast game, and the two sides were very evenly matched. Both defences were sound, and two excellent goals from Fielder gave the School a victory, which, on the run of the play, they just deserved.

Scorers: Fielder 2, McNeil 1.

v. St. John's College. (Home). Lost 2—3.

The School kicked off with a strong wind in their favour, and had the better of the game up to half-time. Many chances were missed, however, and the score at the interval should have made the game safe for the School, instead of a bare 2—1 lead. In the second half St. John's scored two goals through the speed of their centre-forward, who played a really fine game. For the School, Lewry and Barnes were particularly good in defence, but the forwards, although playing keenly, lacked finish.

This was a very fast game, exciting and vigorous, between two well-matched sides.

Scorers: Barnes 1, McNeil 1.

v. Gosport Secondary School. (Home.)

Won 4—1.

A strong, cold wind may to some extent have been responsible for the very poor football played. The halves and forwards of both sides made the mistake of passing the ball in the air, with the result that there was hardly one good combined movement during the game. The School were inclined to take matters too easily, the defence trying too many futile long shots, otherwise the score would have been much heavier, as Gosport were much the weaker side.

Scorers: McNeil 1, Edwards 1, Fielder 1, Barnes 1.

v. Midhurst. (Home). Won 5—2.

For the first time this match was played at home, but unfortunately the weather conditions were wretched and the ground very heavy.

Midhurst scored first after a good combined movement, but the School quickly took the lead, which they then maintained till the end of the game. The score was perhaps flattering to the School, as Midhurst had very hard luck with at least two shots, and were the superior side in combination. The School forwards, however, made the most of Midhurst's weakness at centre-

half, and deserved to win a game which was always interesting.

Frost handled a heavy ball well; McNeil was quick to see his opportunities, and the halves played an important part in a good victory.

Scorers: McNeil 2, Edwards 2, Emmett 1.

v. St. John's College. (Away). Lost 1-4.

The game was played in poor conditions and ended in very bad light. While admitting we were beaten by a better team, it must be said that we did not have the best of luck. Only some excellent goal-keeping prevented our crossing over at half-time with a useful lead while Jones ii., playing at outside-left, hit the post with a great shot. After a lengthy interval, when we missed what assistance a rain-storm might have given us, the team played more erratically, and the forwards rarely looked dangerous. Gilbert got through a great deal of work in the defence, and Fielder scored our only goal.

LIST OF MATCHES.

1st XI.

v. B. R. Shaw's XI.	(home)	Lost	4-7
v. Hilsea College ...	(home)	Won	9-2
v. Portsmouth Second. Sch.	(home)	Won	8-0
v. Portsmouth Grammar Sch.	(home)	Lost	2-3
v. St. John's College ...	(home)	Lost	2-3
v. Midhurst School ...	(home)	Won	5-2
v. Gosport Secondary School	(home)	Won	4-1
v. Portsmouth United Banks	(home)	Won	2-1
v. Old Boys	Scratched	
v. St. John's College ...	(away)	Lost	1-4
v. Gosport Secondary School	(away)	Won	6-2
v. Portsmouth Grammar School	(away)		
v. Taunton's School (away)			

2nd XI.

v. Hilsea College II.	(home)	Won	14-0
v. Portsmouth Sec. School II.	(home)	Won	4-0
v. Portsmouth Gram. Sch. III.	(home)	Lost	1-8
v. St. Helen's College I. ...	(away)	Won	4-1
v. St. John's College II. ...	(home)	Lost	2-4
v. Gosport II. ...	(away)	Won	5-1
v. St. Helen's College I. ...	(home)	Won	8-3
v. St. John's College II. ...	(away)	Won	2-0
v. Gosport II. ...	(home)	Won	10-4
v. Portsmouth Grammar School III.	(away)		

3rd XI.

v. Hilsea College III.	(away)	Won	20-0
v. St. Helen's College II. ...	(away)	Won	20-1
v. Gosport III. ...	(away)	Won	6-3
v. St. Helen's College II. ...	(home)	Won	8-1
v. Hilsea College III.	(home)	Won	8-2
v. Gosport III. ...	(home)	Won	6-4

HOUSE MATCHES.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Westbury v. Cams ...	5-2	7-3	8-2
Westbury v. School House ...	4-1	3-2	19-0
Westbury v. Blackbrook ...	4-2	5-1	3-1
Blackbrook v. Cams ...	3-1	1-4	0-4
Blackbrook v. School House	2-1	0-3	2-1
Cams v. School House ...	5-1	3-4	2-3

POINTS.

	Maximum.	Obtained.
1 Westbury ...	24	24
2 Blackbrook ...	24	11
3 Cams ...	24	8
4 School House ...	24	5

HOUSE NOTES.

BLACKBROOK.

Before mentioning our accomplishments of this term, we offer our congratulations to Frost on passing the Oxford Locals and on becoming an Option; to Targett and Rowe on passing the Locals; and to Bark, who came out 4th at the recent R.A.F. entrance examination. In the Spelling Competition we supplied six of the School XI., and Milnes, Haley and Crofts did particularly well.

In the Football Competition we finished second, despite the fact that the members of our 1st XI. were the smallest of the four Houses. Special credit is due to Frost, Edwards, Hoskins, Kilford, Wilton and Rushforth i. in the 1st XI., and to Cross, Dixon and Old in the 2nd XI. Of the new-comers, Pressley, Rushforth ii. and Ireland showed considerable promise and should do well in the future. Our best performance was the defeat of Cams 1st XI., when our whole team played excellently; but the 2nd and 3rd XI.'s were, on the whole, disappointing, and, with some creditable exceptions, did not put enough vigour into their play.

At present we hold the Junior Steeplechase and Junior Sports Cups, and also the Tarbat Cup, which we have held since it was presented two years ago; but there is still much vacant room on our shelf. Next term we have the Hockey and Steeplechase Cups to fight for, and we shall not be content with retaining the Junior Steeplechase Cup, but must all "put our backs into it" and do our utmost to regain the Hockey Cup and add the other Steeplechase Cups to our trophies.

H. Mc.N.

CAMS.

We are pleased to note that in spite of the scanty points gained in the Football Competition,

we yet managed to scramble a few more than we did last year, and at any rate were not bottom. Perhaps there will be a time (in the dim future) when these slight annual improvements will suffice to gain the Cup. Still, I should like to congratulate Cams on the possession of three fine goal-keepers, White, Silvester and Sanders, and also on some keen mud-larkers.

Congratulations to Wareham on being made a School Monitor; to Clarke, Gibson and Winsor on successfully passing the Oxford Locals.

I would like to remind all members of the House of a fact which I think needs no very great rubbing in; that in the Hall there is *one* shelf without a single trophy. Now then, Cams! what about taking up the decorating art next term? There are several available decorations which can be heartily recommended for the job, i.e., the Hockey Cup, Tarbat Cup, and the Steeplechase Cups. Although most of the House did their best, the fact remains that there is much room for improvements. Keenness in practising counts for a lot, especially in the Steeplechase. So see to it, Cams! F.O.D.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

Humphries left rather unexpectedly at the end of last term, and it looks as if he has taken all of School House's luck with him. As we had only one representative in the School 1st XI., and only two in the 2nd XI., it is not very surprising that we lost the Football Cup. The absence of Troke was felt very much, and so was that of Hoather. We must not let the idea of us losing the Football Cup downhearten us, and we must prepare to fight our hardest for the Hockey Cup next term. Rush and Smith i. played very well in all the House matches, and so did Grimo'dby and Nicho'as i. Our best match was against Westbury, the winners of the Cup, and the score, 4—1, does not give one a good idea of what the game was like. We lost rather unexpectedly to Cams, but playing on the 1st XI. pitch probably accounts for it.

We had a fair share of the successes in the Oxford Locals. Troke obtained 3rd Class Honours, and Cook, Bennett ii., Tull and Smith passed. Pinhorn just failed, and he is now in the middle of the December examination at Portsmouth, and we wish him the best of luck.

Congratulations to Rush and Cook on becoming Options; and to McMullen, Pinhorn and Rush on becoming House Monitors.

We shall be losing McMullen, Pinhorn and Cook at the end of this term, and we wish them the best of luck. McMullen will be joining the Training Ship "Conway" at the beginning of the New Year, and we hope that he will enjoy the life on a training ship.

We hope that there will be somebody to take Hoather's place in the School Sports, and that some of the Juniors will fight hard to help us keep the Steeplechase Cups, and also to try and give us a better place in the Tarbat Cup competition.

As a Spelling Competition has been introduced in the School, we advise everybody to try his best in the spelling line, so that some of the silly mistakes which are made may be avoided in the future. R.W.P.

WESTBURY.

This terms has been a very successful one for us, for we have won the Football Cup without losing a point. It is many years since we have been so strongly represented in the Upper School, and we wish that there were more cups to win while we are in this position.

The 1st XI. has won its matches fairly easily, despite the fact that the last two were played on the 2nd XI. pitch, where any kind of open play (which particularly suited the team) was impossible. Fielder, who is one of the "stars" of the School 1st XI., dominated the forward line, ably helped by Jones i. and ii., and the thrustful Chalk. Emmett, who plays inside-left for the School team, showed sterling qualities as a half-back, and even such a change of position did not stop him from scoring goals. Gilbert proved how valuable a sound back can be, and Rideout (another player in a strange position) kept a safe goal.

The 2nd XI. was well captained by Brooks. In it Moore showed promise for such a young player, and we wish that there had been room in the 1st XI. for Russell, Henley and Lockyer.

Dodds, in the 3rd XI., makes us hope that he will be as good a footballer as his brother. All the forwards in this team played well, especially Mansbridge, the captain, and Powell ii., who scored thirteen of the twenty goals against School House.

Turning to other matters, we congratulate the boys who have just gained their Oxford Senior Certificates. Gilbert obtained 1st Class Honours and a Distinction in French; Fielder was awarded 3rd Class Honours; and Emmett, Brookes and Brooks passed with their full share of credits.

Chalk, we are pleased to hear, has passed 30th out of 253 candidates into a branch of the Royal Air Force.

Nor does this finish our congratulations, for Gilbert, Fielder, Emmett and Fletcher were appointed Options at the beginning of the term. We wish them success in the future.

W.M.M.

I feel sure everybody in the House will agree with me that the achievements recorded above

are very largely due to the energy of Murray himself. We owe him a great deal for his work in running the affairs of the House, and we are all glad to congratulate him on being appointed joint Head of the School.

J.S.

WRITING AN ARTICLE FOR "THE LION."

"Oh, what a task!" I thought, yet nevertheless determined to compose some literature worthy of myself. I took off my coat, looked at the ceiling, and gnawed the end of my pen. There was no result, so I took off my waistcoat, looked at the fire, and gnawed the other end of my pen. That did no good either. So I looked out of the window, gnawed all the rest of my pen, and got a new one.

Suddenly there came an inspiration, and I wrote two words without stopping. "The moon ——" What could I say about the moon now that I had hauled it into the question? I might have said that it was shining, but I felt sure that that had been said before. However, I went on, "The moon was shining on the grim and forbidding walls of a modern villa, when the thundering voice of an outraged father was heard to say, 'Go, and never show your face here again!' Then the repentant son whined for mercy." (Repentant sons always whine.)

Then the father's hard heart softens. "Then the father's glassy eyes poured benediction" — (don't interrupt—of course a father's eyes can pour benediction) — "You are pardoned!" he said, with a large parcel of hysterical laughter, "but don't blame me for mistakes in your Prep. next time I do it for you!"

P.A.S. (V.A.)

ETERNITY.

And would you be eternal? Would it bring
A time of joy, of long-sought well-being?
Long after men like you are dead and gone,
Would you desire to stay here, and live on?
That bright and lifeless orb we call our moon
By Nature's hands shall inwardly be hewn;
Long after frail humanity has passed,
A ring, like Saturn's, shall be here at last!
Torrential downpour of gigantic stones
Upon an earth composed of dead men's bones!
But what of it? Shall we be here to see
This frightful emblem of Eternity?
We shall have gone where others went before;
In Death, the Mockery, lies the open door.
Now would you be eternal? If 'tis so,
Make much of your friends now, before they go!

R.B. (VI.)

THE ENGLAND OF TO-MORROW.

Do we think it of little worth, to be born with an English name —

To be heirs of a race that has climbed through a thousand years to fame?

Will we thrust all this aside as thoughts for a serious day,

Self-centred, and satisfied with the prizes of work and play?

Will we live, each lad for himself, for his own small profit and power,

Each in his niche, absorbed in the claims of the passing hour?

Does the glorious Past lie dead, like the sunset of yesternight,

Scarce to be thought of now, in a new day's clearer light?

It speaks! and it speaks to us! We are debtors, every one,

To the men who groped in the dark, that we in the light might run:

To the men who strove for truth in the face of a king's desire,

To the men whose crown was of thorns, whose path was a path of fire;

Scattered through all the land in a hundred spots they are laid,

Some on old fields of fight, and some in the minster's shade —

And the England we love to-day, is the England their lives have made.

And we who are English too — though as yet our world of strife

Is the green of the playing fields — are nearing the larger life,

When the work those heroes wrought shall be ours to mend or mar,

When the gates they left secure, shall be ours to loose or bar.

W.H.E. (VI.)

MONOTONY.

An endless chain of languid days —

All sweetly calm with naught that grieves,
So sweet they glide, so calm they hazy

Unnoticed, into quiet eves.

And night slips smoothly through the hours
And on. The chain will never cease;

The galling metal, hid in flowers,
Has fettered me to dreary peace.

Of high adventure's fare I'd taste,
Sorrows I'd welcome, tears I'd give.

Time loiters by in dreamy waste.

I want to live.

R. (V.A.)

IMAGINATION.

The lamp extinguished, by the fire I leant,
Half weary with a listless discontent,
The flickering, spectral shadows coming near,
Closed round me with a dim and silent fear.
All dull and dark, save when the leaping flame,
Brightening, lit up a picture's oaken frame.
Over the hearth it hung. Perhaps the night,
My foolish trembling, or the ruddy light,
Lent power to that portrait, black and quaint —
A portrait such as Rembrandt loved to paint —
The portrait of a nun. I seemed to trace
Nothing but sorrow in that patient face.
I gazed and dreamed, the glowing embers stirred,
Till an old legend, that once I had hear,
Returned to me; linked to the mystic gloom
Of that dim portrait in that ghostly room.
And all was silent, save the moaning seas
That sobbed and pleaded, and a wailing breeze
That sighed among the giant poplar trees.

THE MOST INTERESTING CHARACTER I HAVE MET.

Birmingham is a town that impresses one, if one looks in the right part. Down in Soho, among the narrow streets, many quaint characters can be found. A man named Marc Sababiel lived there in a small house, but he really had plenty of money, and one of his rooms was fitted up as a laboratory. If ever there was anywhere on earth which reminded one of the den of an alchemist of the Middle Ages, this was it, and the owner was in keeping with it.

Marc Sababiel had a large head, "full of brains," he used to say; covered with a long, lank, black hair. He used to tell us that he was born before his time, when we used to go to see him, and his predictions and scientific sayings were always laughed at. He knew why they did not believe him! Not because what he said was wrong or that they were dense and silly, but because he came into a world that was not ready for him.

A staunch belief of his was that, provided with the necessary things, he could speed up his senses so that he could skip a few years in a day; the world would be ready for him then, he said; but, alas! he had not the things he wanted. Some of them had not yet been discovered, he thought. He was interesting, whatever his failings; mystifying, too, you would think he was; for he was found one day with a queer helmet on his head and a tank thing on his back, dead.

K.J.M. (V.B.)

WINTER.

Leaves are all faded, leaving boughs bare,
Waving, old and torn;
Where stood the cornfield, only the tares;
Robins hop forlorn.
Through the tree tops bare and frail
Shrieks an icy, cutting gale.
Out on the common; once fresh and green,
Mist lurks cold and gray.
Out on the mountain a deathlike scene;
Winter holds sway.
Gone the peaceful skies of blue;
Only clouds, all dark in hue.

R.W. (III.A.)

FRENCH BY A FRENCHMAN, or MISTAKES NOT TO BE MADE.

An announcement in front of a restaurant:—
Charles est rentré de vacances.

Il est allé
en Lorraine où il a *apris* des recettes savoureuses.
Venez y *goutez*.

He certainly did not learn spelling while on his holidays.

Seen at a market stall:
Voyer nos prix.

And on a flat to let:
Appartement à louer.

Two mistakes in one word, not too bad!!

Seen in two grocers' windows:
Livraison à d'omicille. (Where is that?)
Bierre à emporter.

Good enough for "Punch." Seen in an
estate agent's window in Monaco, with translation:

"A louer au rocher, Maison, etc. . . ."
(Translation): To praise at the rock, House,
etc. . . ."

G. ELLAM.

AN AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRE.

We were climbing the Black Spur in our car,
slowly and carefully, for the Black Spur is dangerous and the road had been known to give way
and carry cars down the hill-side to destruction.

At the top was a wonderful view. For miles around every bush and shrub was alight.

We had no wish to return, but the road ahead ran between two walls of fire. It seemed to surround us, with the crackling of wood and the shrieks of birds whose nests had been burnt. Now and then some poor demented beast would run in front of our car in terror. A kangaroo sat and stared at us; then, with one leap, it was in among the burning trees again.

Gradually, as we went on, the fire became thinner and thinner, till once again we were out of it, in the fresh, cool air.

I.H.C.P. (III.A.).

CORPS NOTES.

We greatly regret that, owing to the action taken by the Government, all recognition of Cadet Units ceased on October 31st, and, if an attempt to carry on the Corps were made, it would be without the greater part of its activities. Consequently our company was suspended (we hope only temporarily) from the start of the term. This is particularly unfortunate, as our representatives at Camp numbered ten this year. We competed in the Empire Shield for mass proficiency in shooting, and though we had no prominent scores, the general average was creditable, and there is no reason why, if fellows are keen, the shooting should not continue and a team enter again next year as a School unit. Shooting, however, is a matter of practice, and those who take it up must be prepared to put in a considerable number of practice shoots.

CHRONICLES OF THE TERM.

A budding journalist puzzled as to the selection of copy, was told by his editor, "If anybody tries to persuade you to publish an item, you can bet that's advertisement. If they try to prevent your publishing it, it's news."

Would that my only difficulty were one of selection, for that, methinks, would be easy. The difficulty is rather that of finding material, for the Christmas term seems singularly lacking in events of interest.

Publication of examination results was, for some people at any rate, a matter of some importance at the beginning of term. In the School Certificate examination the results were again very good, nineteen boys passing out of twenty who sat. First Class Honours were gained by Gilbert, and Third Class by Fielder and Troke. It may be news to some Old Boys that School

Certificate is the exam. they knew as Oxford Senior, and that nowadays the whole of V.A. must be entered for it. Our one candidate for London Inter. Science failed in one subject, but as he had begun his two years in the Sixth with another aim, it is hoped that our next venture may be more successful.

The Sixth Form this year numbers seventeen, being by far the largest we have had. Their wants are various, and if any Old Boys can give us information about the way to get into various jobs, with details of any necessary exams., it will be useful.

Of football, others more qualified have written elsewhere, but I think one small incident deserves to be included here. On a certain half, the first and second elevens having matches, and the second side (i.e., third and fourth elevens) having been given the afternoon off, those in charge of games were surprised by the arrival of two teams from another School, expecting to play our third and fourth. The mistake was due to a confusion of dates, they having booked the fixture for October, while we had booked it for the same date in November. I think it is really rather pleasing to be able to record that within a quarter of an hour two teams had been provided, and the matches started, and that the visitors were beaten in both games.

In the Hall there are two new features. Near the large oak tablet commemorating those who gave their lives in the War, there is now a small one, in the same style, commemorating C. A. Beauchamp, who at the end of last term gave his life in a successful attempt to save a friend from drowning while bathing in the Hamble.

The other new feature is four oak shelves, two on either side of the dais, on which are placed the Cups won by the Houses. Each House, of course, has a shelf allotted to it, the name of the House being carved in the wood and painted in the appropriate colour. Cups which formerly vanished for a year, now stand proudly displayed before the whole assembly, so any Old Boys who want to see how their House progresses, need only stroll into the Hall and inspect the trophies.

J.S.

THE OLD PRICEAN.

NOTE.

In order that unbroken touch may be maintained, all boys leaving School are urged to join the Old Priceans Association immediately. The annual subscription is 3/6d., and the Secretary, Mr. G. Chignell, 21, Lochbie, Crouch Hill, N. 4, will be only too pleased to hear from intending members.

For those who live in or near London, the London Society of Old Priceans has its headquarters at 87a, Talgarth Road, Barons Court, S.W., where Mr. D. R. Masterman, the Secretary, will be delighted to welcome newcomers.

Old Priceans living in the Southampton area, should communicate with Mr. E. A. Graham, of 51, Heatherdene Road, Highfield, Southampton, who is guiding the footsteps of the embryonic Southampton branch of the Association.

SECRETARIAL NOTES.

For the first time in ten years the weather completely turned against us, and the Past v. Present matches were literally washed out. On previous occasions we have had to play in down-pours, and one cricket match was quite spoiled by rain, but never before have we been unable even to make a start. However, in England, ten years is quite a long run for one's money, and we can only sympathise with the School and Staff, who were more disappointed than we were at the necessity of scratching. Moreover, as shown elsewhere, those who turned up did manage to enjoy themselves.

The attention of any or all kind-hearted O.P.'s is drawn to an advertisement in this issue, which makes clear the quandary of our Southampton people. Satisfactorily to run a local section, meetings must be regular, be they attended never so sparsely. To dine at Price's or elsewhere, even once a month, is apt to run away with more than one is prepared to spend on a local section. So they want to follow London's footsteps, and find some place where, once a month or so, anyone can drift in during the evening, in the certainty of finding other kindred spirits present, to chat over the old times, to settle the destiny of the world, and generally to keep alive the School spirit in the neighbourhood. This scheme has worked well in London, and we hope some public-spirited O.P. will similarly lend a room in Southampton.

EXTRA PRELIMINARY NOTICE. Next summer's Reunion is the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the O.P.A. Suggestions are invited for schemes to make this reunion a *Real* event and an occasion to be remembered.

The series of articles "Behind the Scenes" is apparently being appreciated, and we invite contributions. If your profession or occupation has not yet been dealt with, why not let us have a short description of it, giving some idea of scope, difficulties, pleasures, and rewards, both for the entertainment and education of those who are

firmly established in some other groove, and the enlightenment and encouragement of those whose footsteps are not yet set on that path which may, nay will, lead to glory.

Appreciative reference must be made to Mr. Shaddock's "Chronicles of the Term," which appeared in the July number for the first time. To those still at School, the events of each term pass with scarcely a comment, and tend to be so commonplace that, as everyone knows all about them, nothing need be said; but to us who survey the scene from afar there is a strange, poignant thrill about some small and apparently ordinary event, and a flood of memories awakened, not exactly of forty years ago, but sufficiently far off to induce a sigh for faded and forgotten feats in field or form.

N.B.—The Past v. Present Hockey Matches will be held on March 21st, and will be followed by the usual tea and informal sing-song.

G. CHIGNELL.

NEW OR REJOINED MEMBERS.

- Kenway, E. M.—2 Staff Quarters, Power Station Candahar, Tidworth, Hants.
Bark, A. J.—20 Colenso Road, Fareham, Hants.
Silvester, T. H.—27 Clifton Road, Shirley, Southampton.
Boxwell, L. M.—Beaconsfield Road, Tring, Herts.
Heather, G. W.—Hillside, London Road, Purbrooke, Hants.
Smith, J. S. P.—15 Westbourne Road, Fareham, Hants.
Hoather, W. E. S.—1 Eltham Road, Lee Green, S.E. 18.
Humphries, D. C. T.—132 Tulse Hill, S.W. 2.

Changes of Address.

- Wheeler, E.—62 High Street, Southampton.
Scott, R. H., Capt.—5/14th Punjab Regt., c/o Lloyds Bank, Bombay.
Scott, B. R., Lieut.—4/16th Rajputana Rifles, c/o Lloyds Bank, Bombay.
Gardner, M. W.—22 High Street, East Finchley, N.
Wellborne, H. de M.—32 Elms Road, Clapham Common, S.W. 4.
Swinstead, R.—Hoggat's, Kingsley, nr. Bordon, Hants.
Dodridge, D. P.—El Cable Ingles, Apartado 5, Vigo, Spain.
Evans, Harold E.—P.O. Box 231, Cape Town, S. Africa.
Swinstead, B.—Hoggat's, Kingsley, nr. Bordon, Hants.

Lee, J. M., Capt. 1st Hants. Regt., Razmak, Waziristan.
Booker, G. A.—10 Petworth Road, Portsmouth.

NOVEMBER 22nd, 1930.

The bald statement that Past v. Present "Soccer" matches were scratched owing to the impossible conditions of the field, fails to express the disappointment caused by this unkindest blow of the weather, but about thirty members who turned up found much to repay them for their journey. During the afternoon the visitors were made free of the School, their headquarters being the Library, where many sat and smoked and gossiped, while others worked off superabundant energy with pseudo football in the house. By tea time a respectable muster of O.P.'s had collected, and it was felt that the proposed move to the big Hall for the concert might be made. As a first attempt at a more formal affair than the usual sing-song, this was perhaps justified, and our thanks are due to S. F. Polwin, who organised it, and to those who performed and accompanied, particularly the two Londoners who had taken the trouble to rehearse two short sketches, both of which were much appreciated.

In addition to the usual community numbers, we were given excellent songs, two by A. S. Harvey, one by S. F. Polwin, and "When I was a boy at School" by Mr. Brady; also "The 'Ole in the Road" and "Concerning Nothing" by C. J. Halsey and D. R. Masterman. "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King" brought the show to an end about 7.30 p.m.

Members who turned up during the day were: Biden, Butters, Bucknall E. and H. R., Booker, Blount, Collihole, Connolly, Chignell, Clark F. R., Dean-Cooper, Edmunds, Graham, Goodall, Harvey A. J., Henry, Hoather, Humphries, Kenway, Masterman, Marriott, Manning, Mundy, Moss A. L., Mercer H. E., Polwin, Ross E. and R., Sims.

"BEHIND THE SCENES."

III.—CHEMISTRY.

By G. CHIGNELL.

(1) GENERAL.

As a preliminary to any description of the work and opportunities which present themselves to the man who makes any branch of Chemistry his profession in life, it is necessary to touch very briefly on the opening which the Science has to offer.

To the boy who falls a victim to the lure of "stinks" while still at school, and who decides to embark upon a career in which that fascination

may have full play, several possibilities present themselves. The main applications of chemistry can be divided into four groups — Tutorial, Research, Official Appointments, and Works Chemists. Although the ultimate training for these posts differs considerably, immediately upon leaving school there should be only one object in view for the keen man; and let it at once be said that chemistry differs no whit from any other profession or occupation in that success is only possible to him who puts his whole soul into it. This immediate object must be to obtain an honours degree in chemistry, which is the "open sesame" to any branch of the science. For tutorial, research and Government posts the honours should be high, but for a works chemist this is not so important. The degree can be obtained either by full-time day studies at a University or College, or by attending evening classes while working during the day, preferably as a very junior assistant in some laboratory. For the first three types of post the former course is almost essential, but for the fourth the latter is to be preferred as invaluable practical experience is gained at the same time as theoretical and academic knowledge. Many firms employ these junior chemists-to-be, who can earn up to £2 a week, and in the course of three or four years' study, after taking the Intermediate Science examination, obtain a good degree.

Once an Honours B.Sc. is obtained, the possessor is in a position to realise that so far from his studies being ended, he is now about to begin his life's work, by specialising in that branch of the science which attracts him or which offers the most favourable opportunity.

Tutorial chemistry falls into two sub-divisions, collegiate and scholastic. For the former it is essential to remain at college for a further period in order to carry out research and to obtain the degree of Doctor; this can usually be done under a student demonstratorship scheme, by which the student obtains free tuition in return for supervising more elementary work. For those who are so qualified, posts as demonstrators, leading to lectureships and possibly to professorships are open, though it should be said that the number of such senior posts is very limited.

For school work, chemistry falls into line with, and necessitates obtaining the same diplomas as any other subject.

For the man whose talent lies in the direction of research work, organisations exist, supported by the State and by some of the chief industries, where continuous research is being carried out into the problems and possibilities of the industry. The salaries in this sphere are small to start with, being in the region of £200 a year for qualified men, but there is scope for originality, and the

directors of these organisations are very highly paid.

The third group of posts open to chemists may be classified under Official Appointments, including Government Chemists, Municipal Chemists, and Public Analysts. Starting as junior assistant, the path lies upwards to senior assistant, and possibly to the headship of a department of the Government laboratory, or to an appointment as Public Analyst; in the latter case private consultant work may often be combined with such appointment. The general purpose of these laboratories is to maintain a pure standard of quality, by continual analyses of all types of articles offered for sale, chiefly in the case of a Public Analyst, food and drugs.

The fourth class of chemist consist of those attached to works and factories, whose chief functions are, in similar fashion to the Official Chemists, the preservation of the quality of the article manufactured, and in addition, any research or investigation which may tend to lower the cost of production or to improve the commodity produced. Here is constant variety of work—testing of raw materials and finished product for quality and impurities, and the hundred and one problems which crop up in the course of a day's work, and while the salaries of works chemists as such do not reach a very high level compared with senior posts in other branches, there is always the possibility of advancement on the commercial side in the direction of general managership or directorship.

This brief general survey must serve as an introduction to a more detailed consideration of the problems and possibilities of one of the branches, with which I hope to deal in a later article, but for the boy who is thinking of making chemistry his profession, I most strongly recommend as a *vade mecum*, "The Profession of Chemistry," written by the Registrar of the Institute of Chemistry, and obtainable from the Institute, 30, Russell Square, London, W.C. 1. This work deals very fully with the requirements and opportunities of chemists, and well repays careful study.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.—A Room in Southampton, preferably in the House of some kind-hearted O.P., where the Southampton Section can meet, say once a month, drink coffee, and spend an evening in prayer, gossip, or other suitable pastime.

Offers to E. A. GRAHAM, 51 Heatherdene Road, Highfield, Southampton.

WANTED.—For completion of a file, copies of the following numbers of *The Lion*: No. 3, December, 1922; No. 20, December, 1928.

Offers to G. CHIGNELL, 21 Lochbie, Crouch Hill, N. 4.

L.S.O.P. NEWS.

The L.S.O.P. held its first meeting of the new session on September 9th, at the flat of our worthy President, Guy Chignell, when he generously provided light refreshments, which included a very delectable cake. The unseemly scrimmage for this delicacy, reflected sadly on the good manners of the company, and I fear, illustrated only too plainly that the members present had long since forgotten the lessons in deportment and good manners they had received as youths, when they were Present Priceans instead of Old Priceans. The President, too, placed a limit on his hospitality by serving the drinks on small mats inscribed with caustic comments burned thereon, such as "Do not ask for another!" etc. They are a mouldy lot, these Old Priceans!, or, as Justice Darling did not say, "Who are these Old Priceans?"

In spite of all these things, the meeting proved to be successful, and as a rumour had reached us that Southampton Section were giving a "turn" at the concert on Old Boys' Day at School, we decided London Section must not be out-done. The result of this deplorable decision was made manifest to all those present at the concert on November 22nd, but here we will discreetly draw the veil.

Our next meeting was held on Guy Fawkes Day, at A. G. Harvey's home. He and his mother repeated their generosity of last year, and allowed us to make a great mess of the house and garden with fireworks, of which we had a goodly number, due in the main, to Halsey, who, stout fellow! arrived with an *attaché* case full. Harvey and his mother gave us much food and drink, which we ate and drank like hungry and thirsty men.

In the course of the evening Mrs. Harvey made a suggestion coupled with a most generous offer. She suggested that we ought to hold a mixed party, and not be so content with our own company, and offered to allow us to hold such a party at her house on any evening in January next that we like to fix; and, what is more, O gentle reader, she undertakes to find partners of the fairer sex. Surely such an offer exceeds all bounds of generosity, and it is to be hoped that London Section will turn out in force and make the evening a complete success.

We are holding a meeting of the L.S.O.P. on December 2nd, when we shall make final ar-

rangements for the Christmas Dinner, and fix a date for the aforementioned party.

The Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 16th, but more details, I am, as yet, unable to supply. Anyone who will honour us by joining us on that occasion will be made heartily welcome, and I shall be glad to give full particulars on application to me, as by the time this appears in print all arrangements will have been made. Tickets for the dinner will probably cost 5/-.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

OUR ADVENTURE ON THE MARSHES.

Last summer holidays, my friend Tom and I went to stay at my uncle's house at Rainham, Kent, by the mudflats at the mouth of the Medway. At low tide these flats were uncovered, but at high tide the sea came over them at a tremendous rate. Leading out to them was an old Roman road, still in fair repair. On the flats were some old pottery works, and pieces of pottery can still be picked off the edge of the saltings, but the whole pots have to be dug for.

One day we set out to search for pottery, and leaving the Roman road and putting on Wellington boots, for sometimes we sank into the mud up to our knees, we went to the flats. The going was not too difficult, for there were small saltings covered with grass, where we rested when tired. At last we got to the spot where we were most likely to find pottery, and started operations. The little pieces round the saltings were almost as numerous as pebbles, but the Samian ware was much rarer and more valuable.

Tiring of small pieces, we searched for whole pots, by prodding the mud with a small stick, and investigating if we struck anything hard. We were so preoccupied with our task that we did not notice the tide creeping in. At first it came slowly, but gradually faster, and by the time we noticed it, we realised our position. If we attempted to reach the shore, about a mile away, we should soon be out of our depth, so we remained on the salting, which became an island, and tried to attract the attention of someone on the shore my signalling. After a long time we began to despair, for the sea was still coming in fast.

Then we built a fire of dry grass, with wet grass on top of it. Soon volumes of smoke were rising, but soon the water covered the island and the fire died out. At last we observed a boat putting off from the shore, but by the time we

were taken off, the water was up to our knees. For a long time after that we avoided the marshes.

A.J.K.G. (III.A.).

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

H. SWAFFIELD, who seemed to find that in Jamaica only demand notes for subscriptions reached him, and never Magazines or anything interesting, wrote in August that he was looking forward to getting a breath of the Old Country, which should be due next summer.

L. M. BOXWELL sent us a most interesting letter, for which many thanks. After making the world trip on the "Renown" in 1927, he was invalided out of the Navy in 1928, and after a year's work with a firm of marine engineers in London, was in 1929 appointed Civilian Technical Instructor to the R.A.F. at Halton Camp, where he feels that he is well suited, training the young idea. He is also studying for the final of the City and Guilds exam., having passed the first exam. this year. During his Naval career he came across several O.P.'s, notably the brothers DAVIS, G. K. HILL, MARLOW, REDDELL and V. A. COX, while he made the "Renown" trips in company with TAULBUT.

From J. C. HEATH we have had such a pungent letter of criticism of the last O.P.A. accounts, that he simply walks into the position of Honorary (very) Unpaid Auditor for the next year!

H. DE M. WELLBORNE was married on Sept. 20th last to Miss Violet Jenkins, at Holy Trinity, Clapham Common. All who knew him will join in wishing him every happiness in his married life.

H. R. BUCKNALL wrote in September to say that he hoped to join the R.M.S.P. shortly as a captain's clerk. His latest news, however, is that there are practically no vacancies at present, so it seems a case of waiting and seeing. His brother is still on the same farm, and likes his work very much.

R. SWINSTEAD has returned home again from Kinsley, to take on the management of his father's farm.

D. P. DODDRIDGE writes very cheerfully from Vigo, Spain, where he is stationed for the E.T.C., and where, despite a depression caused by the fall of the Company's shares, he elected to get married (heartiest congratulations) and is extremely happy. He reports four marriages in three months out of a bachelor staff of 18. He honeymooned by car to a place called Mondaiz,

which is famous for its mineral springs, and is visited each year by people from all over Spain.

L. F. BIDEN receives our belated, but none the less sincere, congratulations on his success in passing the final examination of the Law Society in July. This opens the last doors of his career to him, and we wish him every success in this, as in his recent engagement to be married.

A. J. HARVEY, still with Mr. G. Enoch, designer of dairy plant, was exhibiting at the recent Dairy Exhibition, and, we are told, offered free milk to all and sundry who visited him.

H. L. MARRIOTT reports that he is working late, later and latest, and gets practically no time off at all now. The Patent industry seems to be thriving despite the present depression.

E. G. NOBBS, still with the 1st Leicesters at Ambala, seems rather perturbed at not receiving Magazines, though we can assure him that they are regularly sent off. He has passed through a hot spell, and is now rejoicing in the comparative cool of 90 degrees, and rain like a waterfall which "drowned" everything. Having been put on various additional duties lately, he has been extremely busy, but has found time to be third in his Company in revolver course, and to get his first-class with the rifle and even to act as fireman in a Bazaar blaze which destroyed ten houses.

S. S. SMITH is now on S.S. "Rovuma," a small coaster, for twelve months, his headquarters being Beira, collecting cargo "from one-eyed Portuguese ports up the coast between there and Mozambique." The aforesaid cargo, consisting mainly of copra and dried coconuts, is not too savoury, but he seems to keep very cheerful about it all.

W. J. HENRY has ceased to deal in Foreign exchanges, and has been appointed advertisement manager to the Medical Practitioner's Union, finding the work very interesting but fairly difficult, as it is not always easy to persuade advertisers to advertise.

A. V. MERCER is the proud father of his first child—a son (on whose arrival we offer congratulations), and is extremely busy owing to the introduction by his firm of the use of Diesel engines in commercial lorries.

H. E. MERCER is full of information about his brother, but very reticent about himself—he did not divulge, however, that he has managed to remain single.

D. K. BLOUNT, while at University College, Southampton, "went under" to appendicitis in July, two days before his exam. began, and had rather a thin time, from which he was only just

recovering when he wrote in August. He has now fully recovered, however, and is training as an engineer at Eastleigh locomotive works, and part time at University College, Southampton.

L. J. POPE, who took up a clerical post in the Urban District Council Offices on leaving School, profited so much from the experience gained there that he is now the sub-manager of a piano manufacturing firm which has twelve branches and a head office in the City. We congratulate him on his rapid promotion.

G. ELLAM, 6 Rue Jean Binet, Colombes, Seine, Paris, has left the Bankers' Trust Company, with which he has been working for three years, and is now in M. Jean Patou's perfumery export business, and finds it interesting and likely to be profitable.

H. A. BEVIS has been seeking a post in the Southampton Borough Electricity Works, but we do not know whether he succeeded in his application.

J. S. P. SMITH has blossomed forth in the region of amateur theatricals at the Portland Hall, and made a very successful début in a couple of small plays, in one of which F. T. TROKE also took part and was quite good.

S. HOATHER is waiting for a post in the Westminster Bank, and is getting some experience meanwhile in one of the London branches.

D. HUMPHRIES is with Messrs. Wackerbath and Co., insurance brokers and freight agents, in London.

C. J. KNIGHT has taken on a post in Messrs. Austin and Wyatt's offices at Fareham, and we believe is doing well.

A. J. PENNELL is seeking a post in the L.C.C. Housing Estate Department. His address is 12, Hillworth Road,ulse Hill.

B. R. ROSS was married to Miss Doris Budd, at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, following the example of his brother, who married Miss Budd's sister a year ago, and is now the father of a very fine boy, aged about three months. Our congratulations and best wishes to both.

C. W. C. SMITH, who left in 1926 to go to Carlisle, is now in a solicitor's office in Norfolk.

J. SINCLAIR is now in Southern Rhodesia, and seems keen on going to Northern Rhodesia instead, though the climate is not generally appreciated.

R. R. SINCLAIR has a job in the Rose Deep Mine, and is going strong.

S. WEYMOUTH is married and lives at 26, Cambrian Road, Richmond. He is working with the Atco Motor Mower people.

E. G. WHITE had an accident in the testing shop at the B.T.H. Works at Rugby, and has been on the sick list for ten weeks with a damaged arm.

G. H. CUSSELL has completed his year's probation, and is now fully established in the Inspector of Taxes Department at High Wycombe, which has a staff of 24. He likes his job, which he finds interesting and by no means monotonous, and advises others to follow his example.

L. F. HEWETSON, Bank of London and South America, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, finds himself in the thick of a revolution, which has resulted in closing all the banks for fifteen days, but the staffs do not score, as they have to be at

the office, though there is little to do. The revolution seems to be the most serious one for many years, and it is difficult to know on whom to rely. Government aeroplanes, sent to bomb a rebel stronghold, on arrival have a tendency to swap sides and join the rebels. The Rio office is a big one. Swimming and sailing are to be had and are good, and sport of all kinds is available, but golf club subscriptions are very high. Cricket is played on a matting wicket, and hockey is very fast. L. F. H. has not forgotten how to jump, but 5 ft. would only put him into third place in the High Jump, and he was similarly placed in the Hurdles. He very much welcomes letters, and reminds us what a great deal mail day means when one is thousands of miles away. Will all old friends please note and take the hint. Before leaving England, he passed the Bankers' Final and was in the top half of the successful candidates.