

# THE



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### THE WEATHER, Etc.

The weather has, on the whole, been so good this term that even more sympathy than usual must be extended to those who have had to face the ordeal of a public examination. As the heat increases so, at least in theory, do they apply themselves the more ardently to their text books. And text books seldom make exciting reading even when dealing with the most exciting of subjects. Nevertheless, in the quest of knowledge no exertion is futile.

This term we may note several features in *The Lion*. The experiment made last year of setting out the results of 1st XI. cricket matches in an easily readable form justified itself and is retained. A "Chronicle of the Term," contributed by Mr. Shaddock, at the request of the Old Boys, is inserted. Finally, a review of certain films which have recently appeared in Fareham is included. The cinema now is the most popular of all indoor entertainments, and it is hoped that the reviews, written by some senior members of the School, will do something to foster a discriminating appreciation of what has the truest artistic value.

At the moment of going to press news has come of the tragic death of C. A. Beauchamp. Reference is made to this elsewhere. Here we can only say that he gave every promise of leaving an honourable mark in every sphere of School life. To his parent we offer our deepest sympathy.

### GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL.

The members of the orchestral section of the Fareham Philharmonic Society, whose weekly practices during the winter sessions were held in the School Hall, presented the School with a sum of money, which enabled us to purchase twenty chairs, a much appreciated addition to our stock,

and we hope that, before long, we shall be able to furnish the room for concerts and school functions without the necessity of hiring seats, which are often far from comfortable, from outside sources. We take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude for such a generous gift.

On the occasion of the School sports, Mr. G. A. Vimpany, whose interest in athletics is of very long standing, presented the School with the most valuable athletic trophy which it possesses, in the shape of a very handsome silver cup, for the House Championship. We have been particularly fortunate in the matter of sports trophies. The Old Boys' gifts of the Victor Ludorum Challenge Cup, and the handsome cup given to us by Mr. Cummins, being all competed for at the Annual Sports. An old photograph of the first School sports, held in 1909, shows Mr. Vimpany acting as starter, so that his generous gift marks the twenty-first anniversary of his active participation in our annual meeting.

### THE STEEPLECHASE.

The Annual Steeplechase took place in very fine weather, and several good performances resulted. The number of runners who gave of their best was very marked, and it was once again proved that the Steeplechase offers an excellent opportunity for nearly every boy to render very useful assistance to his House.

The races were very keenly fought out, and the House Competition was close. In the Juniors, Blackbrook supplied the first four runners home and won fairly easily. In the Seniors, however, Westbury packed so excellently that although only Emmett, who did not have the best of luck, represented them in the first six, they won so decisively that they carried off the Combined Cup from Blackbrook by 30 points. Results:—

SENIOR :	Westbury ... ..	444
	School House ... ..	364
	Blackbrook ... ..	349
	Cams ... ..	193
JUNIOR :	Blackbrook ... ..	422½
	Westbury ... ..	359½
	Cams ... ..	309
	School House ... ..	276
COMBINED :	Westbury ... ..	803½
	Blackbrook ... ..	771½
	School House ... ..	640
	Cams ... ..	502

### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

SENIOR.	JUNIOR.
1 Smith ii.	2 Cross
2 Emmett	2 Cornish
3 Farrow	3 Daventry
4 Hoskins	4 Lavy ii.
5 Chamberlain	5 Fielder ii.
6 Da Cunha	6 Aps ii.

### THE WINCHESTER SPORTS.

The difficulty of selecting a team for Winchester—especially a Portal team—was increased this year as the Winchester sports took place before the School sports. Pitcairn ii. would certainly have strengthened the Portal team, but otherwise little improvement, if any, could have been made.

For the second year in succession we returned without a point, but the standard of running was by no means bad. Hoather, as his time in the School "100" subsequently emphasised, had real speed and ran an excellent race to finish 4th in the 440 yards. Watson ii. was just beaten into 4th place in the Portal half-mile, after letting himself be taken along a little too fast for the first three hundred yards. Wilton, probably the most finished hurdler in the whole meeting, landed badly over the second hurdle in the Junior final, when he was pressing the leader hard, and fell back to 5th. In the Senior Mile. Chamberlain made the pace, a bad mistake at Winchester, but ran well for all that. Bark i. and Bennett ii., in their respective High Jumps, did well.

We have still a long way to go before we meet with any pronounced success at Winchester, and Hoather and Chamberlain are both leaving. Still, there is a certain amount of talent available, and there are two boys now in the School who may well, in a year or two, gain us first places in their events.

### THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

Once again we had a fine day, and, on the whole, the Sports were very good to watch, nearly every event being very keenly fought. The standard of the competitors was not remarkably high, although Hoather's "100" was in every way excellent, while Wilton's stage in the Senior Hurdles Relay, although not separately timed, was obviously a "class" performance. Starting 14 yards behind his opponent, he never let himself be flustered, and hurdled perfectly to win by half-a-dozen yards. Hill showed great pluck in winning the Portal High Jump under handicap, and Watson ii. and Aps ii. must have been very tired after a most gruelling Half-mile. Chamberlain won the Senior Mile by a "street."

In the House competition, Westbury won the Portal Cup, Blackbrook the Junior, and School House the Senior and Combined. In the Junior and Senior, Westbury deserve sympathy for losing both cups on the result of the last events, the two tugs.

Hoather, for the second time, was Victor Ludorum, and ran excellently all the afternoon. He also had the satisfaction of knowing that it was almost entirely due to himself that his House gained its cups.

### SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS.

	Senior.	Junior.	Portal.	Res.	Total
School House ...	58	10	13	2	83
Westbury ...	29	30½	14	3	76½
Blackbrook ...	31½	33	3	1	68½
Cams ...	4	22	9½	0	35½

VICTOR LUDORUM: Hoather, 22 points; Chamberlain, 18 points; Troke and Gilbert, 12 points.

### DETAILED RESULTS.

100 Yards (under 13).—1st, Powell i.; 2nd, Godden; 3rd, Bennett iii.. Time, 12 3-5 secs.

100 Yards (under 15).—1st, Sandford; 2nd, Saunders, White and Jones ii. (equal). Time 12 2-5 secs.

100 Yards (Open).—1st, Hoather; 2nd, Troke; 3rd, Gilbert. Time, 10 3-5 secs.

High Jump (under 13).—1st, Westbury (Powell ii., 3ft. 7in.; Hill, 3ft. 9¼in.); 2nd, School House (Bennett iii., Ford).

Relay (under 15).—1st, Westbury (Watson, Glover, Jones ii., Russell).

Relay (Open).—1st, School House (Hoather, Troke, McMullen, Humphries).

High Jump (under 15).—1st equal, School House (Williams, Ross) and Cams (Sims and Coleborn).

Relay (under 13).—1st, Westbury (Godden, Hill, Dougan, Powell i.).	
High Jump (Open).—1st, Blackbrook (McNeil, 4ft. 10½in., and Bark).	
Relay (under 14).—1st, Cams (Pullinger; Saunders, Bailey, Warner).	
Quarter-Mile (under 15).—1st, Watson i.; 2nd, Wilton; 3rd, Sandford.	
Quarter-Mile (open).—1st, Hoather; 2nd, Gilbert; 3rd, Lewry. Time, 61 4-5 secs.	
220 Yards (under 13).—1st, Aps ii.; 2nd, Pitcairn ii.; 3rd, Hill.	
Hurdles (Open).—1st, School House (Humphries, Hoather); 2nd, Blackbrook (Bark and Chamberlain).	
Hurdles (under 15).—1st, Blackbrook (Wilton, Crofts); 2nd, Westbury (Russell, Watson ii.).	
Hurdles (under 13).—1st, Cams (Pitcairn ii., Silvester ii.); 2nd, School House (Ford, Bennett iii.).	
Half-Mile (under 13).—1st, Watson ii.; 2nd, Aps ii.; 3rd, Cornish.	
Half-Mile (under 15).—1st, Rideout; 2nd, Jeffery i.; 3rd, Russell.	
Mile (Open).—1st, Chamberlain; 2nd, Smith ii.; 3rd, Emmett.	
Junior Tug.—Blackbrook.	
Senior Tug.—School House.	

## CRICKET MATCHES—1st XI.

### School v. J. B. Sinnott's XI.

Played at home on Saturday, May 24th.  
Scores:—

#### J. B. Sinnott's XI.

J. Chapman, b Mr. Shaw	23
J. B. Sinnott, b Troke	4
K. Byerley, c Barnes, b Lewry	3
S. Horder, c Murray, b Lewry	18
D. Dublequeque, b Mr. Shaw	0
A. G. Baker, b Mr. Shaw	0
D. Copp, b Mr. Shaw	0
H. R. Nicholson, st. Hoather, b Mr. Garton	3
B. Duffett, run out	23
H. Mundy, not out	8
E. L. Edwards, c Barnes, b Chamberlain	1
Extras	14
Total	97

#### School.

Troke, c and b Sinnott	21
Smith ii., c Nicholson, b Horder	4
Mr. Garton, c Nicholson, b Byerley	9
Mr. Shaw, b Sinnott	11
Barnes, run out	27
Chamberlain, c Sinnott, b Byerley	34
Lewry, c Copp, b Byerley	0
Fielder, not out	8
Murray, c Copp, b Dublequeque	0
Frost, b Dublequeque	4
Hoather, not out	2
Extras	17

Total (for 9 wks.) ... 137

### School v. Portsmouth Banks.

Played at home on Saturday, May 31st.  
Scores:—

#### School.

Troke, l.b.w., b Dent	0
Smith ii., b Pritchard	4
Mr. Garton, c Smith, b Pritchard	3
Mr. Shaw, l.b.w., b Pritchard	5
Chamberlain, b Pritchard	6
Murray, b Dent	1
Fielder, c Smith, b Dent	6
Frost, b Dent	0
Humphries, c Lay, b Dent	16
Hoather, c Dauncey, b Dent	2
Clarke, not out	3
Extras	4

Total ... 50

#### Portsmouth Banks.

Lloyd, l.b.w., b Broke	0
Lay, b Troke	36
Gammon, c Hoather, b Mr. Shaw	6
Pritchard, c Mr. Garton, b Mr. Shaw	7
Poole, c Troke, b Mr. Shaw	3
Smith, l.b.w., b Troke	0
Williams, b Troke	0
Wiggonton, T., b Troke	4
Wiggonton, L., l.b.w., b Troke	1
Dent, not out	4
Dauncey, b Troke	1
Extras	6

Total ... 68

Bowling: Mr. Shaw, 3—38; Troke, 7—20.

**School v. King Edward VI. School, Southampton**

Played at home on Saturday, June 14th.  
Scores:—

**King Edward VI. School.**

Woodford, c Frost, b Lewry	17
Donaldson, b Troke	1
Wild, b Chamberlain	27
Drake, c Troke, b Fielder	3
Swain, b Lewry	3
Covell, b Troke	3
Read, b Lewry	7
Corbett, b Clark	16
Bryant, not out	16
Bishop, b Lewry	3
Jenkins, not out	24
Extras	15

Total for 9 wks.) ... 135

Bowling: Troke, 2—9; Lewry, 4—40;  
Chamberlain, 1—16.

**School.**

Troke, l.b.w., b Jenkins	4
Smith, c and b Swain	14
Frost, b Jenkins	0
Barnes, b Swain	3
Chamberlain, c Covell, b Swain	3
Murray, st. Corbett, b Swain	4
Fielder, c Donaldson, b Swain	0
Lewry, c Bryant, b Jenkins	0
Humphries, st. Corbett, b Jenkins	0
Clark, l.b.w., b Swain	0
Hoather, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	37

**Past v. Present.**

Played at home on Saturday, June 21st.  
Scores:—

**Present.**

Chamberlain, b Collihole	6
Smith ii., c Goodall, b Riches	4
Barnes, l.b.w., b Riches	10
Troke, c Goodall, b Riches	0
Gibson, b Riches	0
Murray, st. Connolly, b Henry	9
Hoather, l.b.w., b Wagstaffe	15
Fielder, st. Connolly, b Goodall	4
Lewry, c Baker, b Riches	16
Clark, l.b.w., b Riches	9
Humphries, not out	1
Extras	10

Total ... 84

Bowling: Riches, 6—11.

**Past.**

Connolly, c Troke, b Chamberlain	59
Wellbourne, b Troke	3
Goodall, l.b.w., b Troke	4
Wagstaffe, b Troke	8
Henry, b Chamberlain	7
Riches, b Troke	7
Collihole, c Humphries, b Troke	5
Ross, b Fielder	3
Baker, c Chamberlain, b Gibson	9
Christmas, b Troke	10
Duffett, not out	8
Extras	7

Total ... 130

Bowling: Troke, 6—31; Chamberlain, 2—23;  
Gibson, 1—0.

**School v. Fareham Offices.**

Played at home on Wednesday June 25th.  
Scores:—

**School.**

Chamberlain, c Wagstaffe, b Riches	0
Smith ii., c Stonebridge, b Wagstaffe	13
Humphries, c Tanner, b Wagstaffe	8
Troke, l.b.w., b Wagstaffe	9
Murray, c Marvin, b Wagstaffe	8
Mr. Shaw, c Sturgess, b Wagstaffe	1
Mr. Garton, c McMullen, b Marvin	10
Mr. Thacker, not out	8
Fielder, c Bennett, b Bussey	8
Lewry, c Stonebridge, b Wagstaffe	3
Clarke, st. Bennett, b Wagstaffe	0
Extras	4

Total ... 72

Bowling: Wagstaffe, 7—14.

**Fareham Offices.**

Bennett, b Troke	5
Riches, b Troke	0
Wagstaffe, c Chamberlain, b Mr. Shaw	31
Stonebridge, run out	5
Bussey, b Mr. Shaw	10
Marvin, b Fielder	2
Robinson, b Mr. Shaw	0
Tanner, c Lewry, b Fielder	2
Dimmer, c Chamberlain, b Fielder	0
McMullen, b Troke	5
Sturgess, not out	0
Extras	5

Total ... 65

Bowling: Mr. Shaw, 3—26; Troke, 3—22;  
Fielder, 3—12.

**School v. Midhurst Grammar School.**

Played away on Saturday, June 28. Scores :

**Midhurst Grammar School.**

Harrison, c Barnes, b Troke	4
Bevis, run out	12
Norris, b Lewry	30
Reynolds, b Fielder	0
Price, c Fielder, b Troke	4
Stewart, c Smith, b Lewry	3
Askew, b Lewry	9
Owen, b Lewry	32
Rasell, b Lewry	1
Holden, c and b Lewry	16
Jennings, not out	7
Extras	8

Total ... 126

Bowling : Troke, 2—36; Lewry, 6—45;  
Fielder, 1—18.**School.**

Smith ii., c Rasell, b Bevis	27
Chamberlain, c Holden, b Price	16
Barnes, c Norris, b Holden	33
Troke, c Askew, b Reynolds	13
Murray, l.b.w., b Reynold	12
Fielder, st. Owen, b Reynolds	3
Rush, b Price	2
Lewry, b Reynolds	14
Clarke, b Price	0
Humphries, c Price, b Stewart	8
Gibson, not out	2
Extras	13

Total ... 145

**School v. Portsmouth Secondary School.**

Played at home on Saturday, July 5th.

Scores :—

**Portsmouth Secondary School.**

Hill, b Troke	3
Barley, c Troke, b Lewry	1
Smith, l.b.w., b Troke	1
Tipping, b Troke	5
Dore, c Troke, b Lewry	6
Lean, b Troke	15
Boulton, b Lewry	1
Roberts, c Chamberlain, b Troke	0
Larkins, c and b Lewry	7
McVie, c Smith, b Lewry	4
Wright, not out	0
Extras	8

Total ... 51

Bowling : Troke, 5—19; Lewry, 5—24.

**School.**

Smith ii., run out	3
Chamberlain, c Lean, b Barley	9
Barnes, l.b.w., b Barley	0
Troke, c and b Barley	12
Murray, c Smith, b Barley	5
Wareham, b Wright	4
Fielder, c Dore, b Hill	6
Rush, b Wright	8
Lewry, c Barley, b Wright	0
Clarke, not out	4
Hoather, b Wright	0
Extras	2
Total	53

**School v. Portsmouth Grammar School.**

Played away from home on Wednesday, July 9th. Scores :—

**Portsmouth Grammar School.**

Hall, b Lewry	10
Tarrant, b Lewry	13
Higgins, b Lewry	18
Clark, c Chamberlain, b Lewry	5
Bale, l.b.w., b Fielder	10
Smith, not out	46
Cummins, b Lewry	0
Ireland, run out	21
McDonald, l.b.w., b Fielder	2
Woodmore, c Rush, b Fielder	6
Extras	11

Total (for 9 wks.) ... 142

Bowling : Lewry, 5—51; Fielder, 3—29.

**School.**

Smith ii., c Higgins, b Tarrant	2
Chamberlain, c Bale, b Tarrant	6
Wareham, played on, b Higgins	7
Troke, l.b.w., b Hall	1
Fielder, c Smith, b Ireland	7
Lewry, c Hall, b Ireland	17
Edwards, c Cummins, b Tarrant	11
Hoather, not out	1
Rush, c and b Hall	3
Clarke, b Higgins	1
Gibson, c Bale, b Higgins	0
Extras	3

Total ... 59

**School v. Gosport Secondary School.**

Played away from home on Saturday, July 12th. Scores :—

**School.**

Smith ii., b Murch	0
Chamberlain, b White	41
Barnes, b Metherell	1

Troke, b Metherell* ... ..	6
Murray, b Murch ... ..	6
Fielder, b Metherell ... ..	18
Wareham, not out ... ..	18
Lewry, b White ... ..	6
Edwards, b Murch ... ..	3
Rush, not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	9

Total (for 8 wks.) ... 108

#### Gosport Secondary School.

Murch, b Lewry ... ..	1
White, b Lewry ... ..	0
Emery, b Troke ... ..	9
Metherell, b Lewry ... ..	4
Chase, b Troke ... ..	1
Polston, not out ... ..	5
Baker, c Chamberlain, b Lewry ...	0
Barker ii., b Lewry ... ..	0
Fox, b Troke ... ..	10
Harding, c Edwards, b Lewry ...	5
Blackwell, c Chamberlain, b Lewry	0
Extras ... ..	13

Total ... .. 48

Bowling: Troke, 3-15; Lewry, 7-20.

### 2nd XI. MATCHES.

Played 9, won 7, lost 2.

Wednesday, June 4th.—School 2nd XI., 39; St. Helen's 1st XI., 30. Bowling: Wareham 8 for 8.

Saturday, June 14th.—School 2nd XI., 42; King Edward VI. School 2nd XI., 60.

Wednesday, June 18th.—School 2nd XI., 70; Gosport 2nd XI., 32. Bowling: Wareham, 4 for 2.

Saturday, June 21st.—School 2nd XI., 85; Old Boys' XI., 59.

Wednesday, June 25th.—School 2nd XI., 65; Portsmouth Grammar School 3rd XI., 39.

Saturday, June 28th.—School 2nd XI., 95; Hilsea College 1st XI., 42.

Saturday, July 5th.—School 2nd XI., 145 for 9 wks. (Edwards 46, McNeil 37); Portsmouth Secondary School 2nd XI., 39.

Wednesday, July 9th.—School 2nd XI., 49; Portsmouth Grammar School 2nd XI., 77.

Saturday, July 12th.—School 2nd XI., 151 for 5 wks. (Humphries 52 not out, Wilton 34 not out); Gosport Secondary 2nd XI., 125.

### 3rd XI. MATCHES.

Wednesday, June 4th.—School 3rd XI., 64; St. Helen's 2nd XI., 27 and 17.

Saturday, June 14th.—School 3rd XI., 35; Hilsea College 2nd XI., 74.

Wednesday, June 18th.—School 3rd XI., 51; Gosport 3rd XI., 24.

Saturday, July 12th.—School 3rd XI., 54; Gosport 3rd XI., 43.

Wednesday, July 16th.—School 3rd XI., 54; Hilsea College 2nd XI., 45.

### 4th XI. MATCHES.

Saturday, June 14th.—School 4th XI., 21; Hilsea College, 42.

Wednesday, July 16th.—School 4th XI., 155; Hilsea College, 21.

### CRICKET NOTES.

1ST XI.: Played 9, won 5, lost 4.

2ND XI.: Played 6, won 6, lost 3.

Possibly the brightest point of the season is that not a single game has had to be postponed or scratched because of the weather. It really has been a summer term, and wickets have been hard and fast. It is consequently more difficult to explain some of the low scoring in School matches.

The standard of the cricket of the first team has hardly been up to that of the weather. It has been a spasmodic side, putting up a good performance on one day, and a really bad one in the very next match. The side never seemed to be capable of overcoming a bad start. The poorer displays were unfortunately those against King Edward's and Portsmouth Grammar Schools, but much better performances were given against Midhurst and Gosport.

The bowling was generally effective, and was never badly collared except by R. H. Connolly in the game against the Old Boys. Most of the work was done by Troke and Lewry, each of whom took 29 wickets. The former bowled very fast and quite effectively, particularly in the early part of the season, and Lewry was very steady and reliable. There were useful changes available in Fielder, Clarke and Chamberlain, and perhaps more use might have been made of them.

The fielding was most decidedly not good, and reached the very depths at Midhurst. Many catches—certainly not difficult ones—were not held, and the ground fielding has never been impressively clean. There was too great a tendency to wait for the ball to come to hand, instead of moving quickly towards it. Improvement was noticeable towards the end of the season, and

three or four really excellent catches were made, but fielding is the one department of the game at which a school side can make itself proficient.

For the first time for many years the Midhurst match was an away fixture, and this year it was quite one of the best games. Midhurst won the toss, and made a fair start, but 5 wickets were down for 50 runs. Then two good stands among the tail-enders, materially assisted by four easy catches which were dropped, brought their total to 126, which looked quite formidable. The School started very well indeed, and we had over the 100 for 3 wickets. Then came a collapse, four wickets went down cheaply, and the game was by no means over. Lewry, however, came in, and after a preliminary unconvincing poke, took a six and two fours, and the School thus won by three wickets.

The match against King Edward's, Southampton, was not so successful. Our opponents at one time looked like being out for under a hundred, but slack fielding helped a last-wicket stand of over forty. In reply, we could only muster a poor fifty odd, our batting lacking enterprise and steadiness.

This performance was repeated almost exactly against Portsmouth Grammar School, except that the fielding was much better. Here, surely, it was a bad error of judgment to put the opponents in after winning the toss. As it was, a long chase in the field prepared the way for a sorry exhibition of batting.

### CHARACTERS OF 1st XI.

- F. T. TROKE.—Bowls very fast, but does not find it easy to keep a length. As a batsman he has excellent style, and ought to have made more runs. Puts his legs in front of the wicket in playing back. Has been a keen captain.
- R. A. LEWRY.—Has bowled well all the season, especially in the Midhurst and Gosport games. Keeps a good length, and places his field carefully. Has no pretensions to style as a bat, but can hit very hard. Safe hands in the field.
- L. G. CHAMBERLAIN.—Has made some very useful scores. Rarely misses a leg-ball, and has improved in defence. Still rather inclined to pull a straight one, and to nibble at off balls. Is safe in the field and a useful change bowler.
- V. J. BARNES.—Hits hard especially on the leg side. His defence is not sound enough, and is too fond of attempting the pull.
- R. L. FIELDER.—Bowls a good slow ball, and breaks them well from leg. Has not had a wicket which really suits him. Is not afraid to pitch them up. Has fielded consistently well.

W. MURRAY.—Plays a patient game, and keeps his bat straight. Misses too many leg-balls. Rather acrobatic in the field.

P. P. SMITH.—Has quite a sound defence, and watches the ball carefully, but lacks scoring strokes. Should put more power into his forward play.

E. CLARKE.—A useful change bowler: keeps a fair length and is fast off the pitch. Rather disappointing as a bat in School games.

N. E. WAREHAM.—Came from the 2nd XI. possibly too late in the season, and has justified his promotion. Is keen and steady in the field.

W. E. S. HOATHER.—Is not a stumper, but has not had an easy task "keeping" to Troke. Stopped a rot in the Old Boys' game.

D. C. T. HUMPHRIES.—Is very keen, but his batting shows more power than polish. Can hit quite hard, but should keep the ball down.

M. W. RUSH.—Promoted from the 2nd XI. late in the season. Plays fairly straight, and watches the ball well. Should be useful next year.

H. GIBSON.—Is very patient, but too much inclined to play back and let the ball hit the bat, and is weak on the off. He should improve.

E. L. EDWARDS, who shows distinct promise as a wicket-keeper and forcing bat, and

A. G. FROST, who bowls a useful off-break, have also played in the 1st XI. Both should do very well next season.

The bat given for the highest batting average goes to Chamberlain with an average of 13.6 for nine innings. Troke has the best bowling record with 29 wickets at an average cost of 6.5 runs, and Lewry second with 29 wickets for 8.5.

The bat offered by R. H. C. Connolly for the greatest improvement goes to Vimpany, who shows great keenness and distinct promise.

### HOUSE NOTES.

#### BLACKBROOK.

The end of last term and this term have afforded many opportunities for the demonstration of House superiority and ability; and, on the whole, we have acquitted ourselves fairly creditably.

The Steeplechase was run at the end of last term, and the Juniors, headed by Cross, all did extremely well, and so retained the Cup for that event. Some of our foremost Seniors are undoubtedly losing their marathon powers, owing

to old age, superfluous flesh, and numerous other symptoms of the passing of time; and therefore we were not quite so successful in that race, although Farrow and Hoskins ran splendidly.

During the holidays the Seniors, by intensive training, managed to regain much of their lost athletic figures and prowess, and in the School Sports were placed in five events out of six, winning two of them, namely, the Open Mile and the High Jump. The Juniors again exerted their youthful bodies and were rewarded by gaining the Junior Cup. Wilton, Cross, Sandford and Hobbs are very promising young sportsmen.

Cricket is often derided as a slow game, but if all wickets fell as quickly as our wickets did, in all three elevens, against School House and Westbury, no such accusation could justifiably be made. At the time of writing we have still Cams to play, and we hope to squeeze a few points out of them.

There are usually several Seniors to wish good-bye and good luck to at the close of the summer term, but this time I must myself say good-bye to the House, and take my place, accompanied by Bark i., as a prospective Old Boy. We are the only original members of the House now at School, so with our departure Blackbrook may well consider itself "grown up." I wish my successor, and the House, the very best of luck, and hope that the distinct promise shown in its youth will bear abundant fruit in its future years of maturity.

L.G.C.

I am sure the whole House will join with me in wishing Chamberlain a very happy and successful future career. Few of us are in a position to know of all he has done for the House, but we all do know his ability as a captain and athlete, and may profit by the example of keenness he set.—H.R.T.

### CAMS.

Well Cams, we have certainly shown a marked improvement this term!

At the end of last term the Steeplechase showed some of us that we were not quite marathon runners, but considering the circumstances, I think we did quite well.

As regards the School Sports, we showed our visitors what excellent Juniors we have. The Portals also distinguished themselves, but the Seniors were only brilliant at times. Perhaps old age made a difference!

We have also raised our Cricket prestige by beating Westbury 1st XI. and School House 3rd XI., and we must congratulate Vimpany, who was the mainstay of our Third XI. Our 1st XI. gave our old rivals, School House 1st XI., rather a nasty shock, by nearly beating them. We

must congratulate Clarke, who put up a very fine show, both batting and bowling.

Next term we must pull our socks right up, and carry off the Football Cup, which we have not held for many years, and also the Tarbat Cup, which we lost by a small margin last term.

I must now take the opportunity to wish you good luck in future years, and I hope Cams will win back all the cups we have lost.

N.E.W.

Since these notes were written, we have heard of the dreadful accident by which Cams has lost one of its most promising boys, Beauchamp. The giving of his life to save another Cams boy was thoroughly in keeping with all the keenness he had shown in his School life; and while we offer our deepest sympathy to his friends at home and at School, we would assure them of the encouragement his proud record has left us to emulate.—T.W.M.

### SCHOOL HOUSE.

This past year has been, for us, the most successful since 1927, for we now have in our possession the Football, Hockey and Cricket Cups, and also the Combined and Senior Sports Cups.

Last term we were not very successful in the Steeplechase, being placed second in the Senior and fourth in the Junior Steeplechase. We got the first man home in the Senior Steeplechase, which helped to make up for losing the cup. Smith ii. ran an awfully fine race, winning by a good margin. His success, due to training and perseverance, is an example for others to follow next year. Hoather, da Cunha, Stiff i., Smith i., Ross and Etherington also ran well. In the Junior Steeplechase, our first three runners were Aps ii., Stiff ii. and Ford.

The School Sports were a great success. Hoather was Victor Ludorum for the second year, doing even better than last year. He won the Hundred Yards and Quarter-Mile, and was second in the Hurdles. Troke was a close second in the Hundred Yards, and also jumped well. Smith i. and ii. both ran well in the Senior Mile, Smith ii. being placed second. Our Juniors did not do well as a whole, but Williams and Ross jumped awfully well. Our Portal team lost the Cup by one point, Aps iii., Ford and Bennett iii. doing particularly well. We won all the team events in the Seniors and ran away with the Cup. We won the Challenge Cup with 83 points to Westbury's 76.

Troke is to be congratulated on becoming a School Monitor, and for his successful captaincy of the School 1st XI. Smith iii., Hoather and Rush have played for the 1st XI., and Pickwood,



McMullen, Pinhorn, Williams and Ross for the 2nd XI. We have been well represented in all other School teams.

In the House matches we have, so far, got 15 points out of a possible 16. In the 1st XI., Troke played two invaluable innings of 77 and 102 (both not out), and he and Rush have done most of the bowling. The fielding was keen, and in the Cams match Smith ii. kept wicket very well in Hoather's absence. Child, Crouch, Etherington, Aps i. and ii., were the most promising Juniors.

This term we are losing some of our Senior members, including Hoather, who during his nine years at School has done splendid work for the House. We hope he will be successful in entering the Royal Marines.

D.C.T.H.

### WESTBURY.

Although we dislike railing against Dame Fortune as much as anyone, we really must say that we have had our share of bad luck this term, for we lost our best Cup—the Combined Sports—to School House by 70½ points to 83, and the Junior Sports Cup to Blackbrook by three points. This leaves us with the Combined Steeplechase, Senior Steeplechase and Minor Sports Cups.

As for Cricket, at the time of going to press one round remains to be played, and in that we meet School House—rival formidable, but not, we hope, invincible. Up to date we have eleven points out of a possible sixteen—four points behind School House. Fielder is the mainstay of the 1st XI.; of other boys in all three teams we mention none, for every one pulls his weight.

In closing, we wish every success to Fielder, Gilbert, Emmett, Brooks i. and ii., in their examination.

Wm.M.

### HOUSE MATCH RESULTS.

#### 1st XI.'s.

School House 111 for 4	Blackbrook ... .. 64
School House 147 for 4	Cams ... .. 133
School House ... .. 27	Westbury ... .. 26
Cams ... .. 66	Westbury ... .. 49
Blackbrook ... .. 110	Cams ... .. 100
Westbury ... .. 99	Blackbrook ... .. 63

#### 2nd XI.'s.

Westbury ... .. 73	Cams ... .. 6
Westbury ... .. 74	Blackbrook ... .. 19
Westbury ... .. 44	School House ... .. 38
School House ... .. 36	Blackbrook ... .. 25
School House ... .. 91	Cams ... .. 20
Cams ... .. 37	Blackbrook ... .. 25

#### 3rd XI.'s.

Westbury ... .. 72	Cams ... .. 48
Westbury ... .. 128	Blackbrook ... .. 15
School House ... .. 40	Westbury ... .. 33
School House ... .. 56	Blackbrook ... .. 1
Cams ... .. 65	School House ... .. 46
Cams ... .. 32	Blackbrook ... .. 27

#### HOUSE POINTS.

School House ... .. 21 points
Westbury ... .. 13 "
Cams ... .. 9 "
Blackbrook ... .. 5 "

School House won the Cup, but the result was only decided in the 1st XI. match of the last round, which they won by one run.

### CORPS NOTES.

This has been a year of normal progress. The large number of recruits who joined last September made re-organisation not only possible, but necessary, and as a result, more responsibility has been placed on N.C.O.'s. On the whole the results have justified this procedure, and several N.C.O.'s have shown considerable promise, Troke and Hoather being complimented very warmly by General Capper on the day of his inspection, and in his report.

Owing to the decision of the War Office to withdraw all official aid and recognition from Cadet Corps, it seems very doubtful whether our Company can carry on. Time will show. Meanwhile, we wish luck to those attending camp. May they have good weather and an interesting time.

J.S.

### FLICKERS—AND HOW!!

The decrease in numbers of those cabaret cum talking cum singing cum dancing films is very welcome to the more discerning cinema-frequenter. Why are there not more stories with plots that are original? By this we do not mean that all musical comedy films are unwelcome, for many of them provide good entertainment. Nevertheless, there are still many bad films on view generally. Having launched this appeal for better films, we will commence our self-appointed task of reviewing the films shown locally during the current term.

At the beginning of this term two good films were shown, "Big Time" and "A Song of Kentucky." The former had an appealing heroine in Mae Clarke, and a hero who knew how to act.

These factors, together with an interesting plot, made this film most enjoyable. In the latter film, a hero who could sing and act, with a heroine who was charming both to our ears and our eyes, adequately made up for a somewhat mediocre and thread-bare plot. Joe Wagstaffe was the hero and Lois Moran the heroine.

June was unusually rich in films worth seeing. There were "Sunnyside Up" (Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell were, as usual, irresistible); "The Cocoanuts," a really funny musical comedy; "Bulldog Drummond," with Ronald Colman; "The Perfect Alibi," a good crime play, happily unspoiled by the American element inevitably introduced therein; "The Co-Optimists"; "Gold Diggers of Broadway"; and incomparable Maurice Chevalier in "Innocents of Paris." The Co-Optimists were not as good as they can be, and we must give special mention to Stanley Holloway's recitation, "Sam." The only thing that blighted our enjoyment of this was our neighbours' wrath when we laughed too loudly; one of us nearly burst with suppressed laughter. In "Gold Diggers," many songs were spoilt by the air of self-satisfaction with which Nick Lucas sang them. He has a high falsetto voice and plays a guitar well. The heroine was pretty, yet could not act. Conway Searle and Winnie Lightner were very good. The colour-effects of this film were as jarring to our eyes as they were unusual.

In "Innocents of Paris," Maurice Chevalier was the nearest approach to our ideal film-star (masculine), both in personality and acting ability, that we have ever seen, yet we have it on most reliable French authority that his voice was robbed of most of its beauty by the tinny reproduction. We strongly recommend everyone to see his film "The Love Parade." This, in spite of its somewhat far-fetched plot, we thought the best and most entertaining film we have ever seen.

Of the July films we have seen, we have been most impressed by "The Mississippi Gambler" and "The Trespasser," and least by "Love, Live and Laugh." In the first of these, Joseph Schildkraut followed up his success in the film "Show Boat" with some polished acting, which redeemed a rather hackneyed and obvious plot. George Jessel was, we felt, somewhat inadequate for the part of the American-Italian in "Love, Live and Laugh," particularly when he sang, for his facial contortions caused much misplaced and yet welcome laughter. We were much amused, too, when he tried to face the world after his ideals were shattered, and said, "Nevertheless, we can still Live, Love, and LAFF!"

"The Trespasser," in spite of a cumbersome and complicated plot, was very good entertain-

ment. Gloria Swanson (of whom we are commanded to speak no evil) acted with her usual restrained brilliance. Her voice was free from an American accent, and even the recording apparatus could not detract greatly from her clear diction. The rest of the cast performed creditably, but the happiness of the ending rather taxed our credulity.

Our thanks are due to Micky Mouse, for his never-failing though somewhat crude humour. He served as a stimulant to us in the state of stupor produced by some of the films which we preferred not to mention. However, the standard of films shown is steadily growing higher, and we expect soon to see some more films like "The Trial of Mary Dugan" and "The Trespasser."

## BAD LUCK AT SEA.

Jake Marvin, of the "Sea Belle," was sitting on a coil of rope, mending a sail. The ship's apprentice was sitting opposite, sewing up a shirt. "Yes," Jake was saying, "we're going to have bad luck on this hooker." "Why?" demanded Dick, the apprentice. "Well, yesterday the cat stole some meat from the galley, and old Alf got windy, and chucked her overboard." "Ha, ha!" chuckled the boy, "what a yarn!" The bo's'un simply said "All right," and left it at that.

Two nights after this, the glass began to fall, and the captain warned the watch to look out for squalls. About midnight the wind freshened, and by dawn it was a raging gale. The wind whistled through the rigging, and lightning flashed incessantly, but no rain fell. The "Belle" blew before the wind, and as the weather grew worse and worse, she went right out of her course, and her bearings were lost altogether. Just as the wind seemed to be dying down, and the rain, which had begun not long before, reached its climax, lightning struck the mainmast, and it went overboard with a crash. At the same time, a dreaded cry rang out—"Fire! All hands to fire-stations!" The crew quickly and without fuss ran to their places. After a three-hours' battle the flames were controlled, and after another half-hour of laborious toil, the fire was extinguished.

With the ship nearly burnt out, Jake was holding forth in the fo'c'sle. "As I told Dick 'ere," he said, "no luck ever came from drownin' a cat at sea!"

E.H.C. (iv.)

## SAND STORM.

The sun was gradually rising over the seemingly unending stretches of sand, showing black against the light three specks, two exhausted travellers and a camel. They had journeyed all the night, and now day had come but they had not reached their goal, the still distant oasis. The camel did not seem so exhausted as the men, who had scarcely breath enough to speak. With their backs bent and only a few rags to shelter them from the glaring sun, they struggled on.

But as the sun rose, so did the camel become restless, and the men knew what the camel was expecting, so, gathering their few belongings together, they managed to make the camel lie down, and lay themselves down beside it. In a few minutes a gradually-increasing gust was whirling the sand about them.

For about three hours the men lay under cover except for a few moments, when the wind dropped, when they shook the sand off their bodies. At last the torture ceased: the men got up and prepared to continue their journey.

Half-an-hour later the three were on the horizon, still steadily plodding their way across the seemingly endless desert.

E. L. E. (IV. B.).

## AN UNCANNY EXPERIENCE.

Whilst living at Alresford, a small town in Hampshire, I had a most uncanny experience. My friend and I decided one evening to go for a long walk into the country. After some considerable time we found ourselves in the village of Old Alresford. It was then quite dark, and we were beginning to feel the effects of our long walk.

Eventually we came to the Church, and decided to rest against the lych-gate into the churchyard. We had only been there a few minutes, and I was looking into the churchyard, when I saw a light appear on one of the graves a few yards from the gate. I watched it, and saw that it was coming intermittently. I called my friend's attention to it. A churchyard is a most uncanny place at night, and this experience proved too much for us, so we hastily returned to Alresford.

But our curiosity was aroused, and we decided to visit the churchyard again the next night. After dark we arrived at the lych-gate, and in a few moments the light appeared as it had done the previous night. With some hesitation we advanced towards the grave with the light, which now illuminated a glass-dome wreath. I took out an electric torch and shone it on the grave.

Much to our surprise, we found that the light which had startled us came from a large nest of glow-worms near the glass dome. The movement of the worms caused the intermittent light.

After the discovery, we had a very poor opinion of ourselves for being frightened by a few small glow-worms. J. H. (III. A.).

## 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. T. A. Graham, of 51 Heatherdene Road, Highfield, Southampton, who is guiding the footsteps of the embryonic Southampton branch of the Association.

## THE OLD PRICEAN.

### SECRETARIAL NOTES.

Our first Reunion, of which a full account appears below, is over, and from the expressed opinion of everybody who turned up, was a most encouraging success. During the week-end, fifty O.P.'s came to the School, and owe very real thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bradly for putting up with such an invasion. Not the least encouraging feature of the week-end was the appearance at School of several people who had not been back for some considerable period, as well as that of a number who have only recently left.

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One point arose during the week-end as a result of a campaign by certain wights, with notebooks and receipt books, who demanded certain moneys from people present, a point which may well be emphasised here — that the aim of the Association is quite definitely not to frighten people away from the School by the fear of being mulcted of vast sums of money on each and every appearance there. The annual subscription is very small, and it is only when this is allowed to slide for a year or two, that arrears begin to mount up and appear as a formidable item, but the tax gatherers are but human beings after all,

who are most delighted to see at School even the most recalcitrant passive resister of their blandishments.

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The feeling has been expressed that even as all good Moslems make a pilgrimage to Mecca, so ought all O.P.'s to make an effort to visit the School at least once a year, and the obviously indicated time for such a journey is the Summer Reunion, when they will be far greater prospects of meeting all one's old pals.

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The recrudescence of interest in the O.P.A. during the year has led to a desire expressed by many local people to visit the School more often, and the Headmaster authorises us to say that all Old Boys are welcome at any time, especially on days when important events in the School year occur. To that end we hope to publish in *The Lion* each term a list of dates of forthcoming events at the School, in the hope that many of the local members will turn up.

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Very little response has so far been received to S. F. Polwin's appeal for talent for the concert which we hope to give at the School on November 22nd, after the Past v. Present "Soccer" match. If any member who is likely to be present can do anything in the entertaining line, either histrionic or musical, will he write to 20 Sussex Road, Southsea, and let Polwin know what help he is to expect to make the proposed show a success.

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N.B.—Please make a note of November 22nd for the "Soccer" matches.

#### NEW OR REJOINED MEMBERS.

- Baker, R. G.—24 Hartlands Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 Booker, G. A.—38 North Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 Clark, R. T.—c/o Barclays Bank, Osborne Road, Southsea.  
 Evans, Harold E.—c/o Eastern Telegraph Co., Cape Town, S. Africa.  
 Goodall, L. S.—Cemetery Lodge, Fareham, Hants.  
 Greenham, W.—Bedenham, Fareham, Hants.  
 Hunt, H. C.—East Street, Fareham, Hants.  
 Lardeaux, H.—56 Alexandra Road, London, N.W.  
 Moore, J. W.—145 Grove Road West, Fareham, Hants.  
 Pearce, H. J.—Ravensbourne Club, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C.  
 Pope, L. R.—118 Great Russell Street, W.C. 1.  
 Sturgess, H.—6 Osborne Road, Fareham, Hants.

- Tovell, W. G.—"Claremont," Swanwick Lane, near Southampton.  
 Wheeler, E.—10 School Road, Wickham, Hants.  
 Whiteman, H. J.—Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hants.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- Buckley, R. W.—35 Southampton Road, Fareham, Hants.  
 Chapman, J. H.—c/o Barclays Bank, Fareham, Hants.  
 Christmas, E. W.—14 Glebe Court, Highfield, Southampton.  
 Connolly, R. C. H.—39 Stoneham Lane, Southampton.  
 Drover, W. H.—Police Office, Washwood Heath Road, Birmingham.  
 Dubois Harrison.—1864 Luke Street, Montreal, Canada.  
 Frost, T.—14 Drummond Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.  
 Graham, E. A.—51 Heatherdene Road, Highfield, Southampton.  
 Hewetson, L. F.—c/o Bank of London and S. America, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.  
 Higgins, R.—24 Daimler Road, Coventry.  
 Hurden, J. C.—24 Clarendon Road, Holland Park, W.  
 Nobbs, G.—2nd Lt., 1st Leicestershire Regt., Ambala, India.  
 Nugent, F. E.—56 Bristol Road, Egbaston, Birmingham.  
 Sanger, F. J.—The Cottage, Highfield Road, Tring, Herts.  
 Taulbut, F. W.—H.M.S. "London," c/o G.P.O., London.  
 Wellborne, H. de M.—1 Crescent Grove, Clapham Common, S.W. 4.  
 Swaffield, H.—Half-way Tree Farm, Spanish Town P.O., Jamaica.  
 Mercer, A. V.—12 Thorp Street, Peel Green, Patricroft, Manchester.

#### REUNION, 1930.

The fine weather, on which, touching wood and whistling, we are almost beginning to rely for Past v. Present matches, once again favoured us, and fifty O.P.'s who turned up during the day saw the School looking at its best in the sunshine.

The fact that the first eleven match started at 11.15 a.m. rather weakened the 'Past' team, as several people who play regularly for local sides were unable to be present until the afternoon, but a fairly strong side took the field. Accounts of the game, and of the second eleven match, appear elsewhere, but we congratulate the School on a good fight after being well behind on the first innings.

The ninth annual general meeting followed, attended by over thirty members, and an account of this appears elsewhere.

At 8 p.m. members began to gather at the Red Lion Hotel for the first Annual Dinner, and the bar of the hotel was soon crowded out. Twenty-seven members and five of the Staff joined the President at dinner, which was served in the ballroom, permission being given for unlimited noise. Of this courtesy full avail was made during the dinner and subsequent sing-song, with the result that the function was an outstanding success. (This should be a non-sequitur, but unfortunately it is not!)

About a dozen members availed themselves of the hospitality of the School overnight, and bathing was arranged for Sunday at Stokes Bay, but the meagre attendance in the afternoon did not justify the perpetuation of this part of Reunion.

Of the success of Saturday's functions, however, there is little doubt, and it is hoped to make these an annual affair.

Those present at the Reunion, in addition to the teams, included: Blanch, Butters, Booker, Clarke, F. R., Chignell, Crocker, Gardner, Graham, Harvey, A. J., Hurden, Manning, Marriott, Masterman, Moss, A. L., Pink, P. D., Ross, E., Pearce, H. J., Silvester, E., Sinnott, Sims, G. W., Tunks, Turner, Wheatley, Winsor, Hunt, H. C., Tovell, Whiteman, Loosemore, Moore, J. W., Wheeler.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The ninth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on 21st June, the President taking the chair at 7 p.m., and was well attended, thirty-three members being present. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read his report for the year. In this, reference was made to the remarkable numerical and financial improvement made from a very dubious position at the start, there being now over a hundred and fifty active members; and to several new activities entered upon, notably a Reunion week-end, the issue of a complete list of addresses of members in the December *Lion*, the arrangement of

having Past v. Present matches sufficiently early for a report to be issued in the current magazine, and the starting of a series of articles in the *Lion* by O.P.'s on their activities, with a view to the encouragement of the young idea. Reference was also made to the continued success of the L.S.O.P., and to the attempt to start a S.S.O.P.

In the regretted absence of the Treasurer, who was engaged with an examination, W. Gardner read his report, showing gross receipts of over £42, and a clear profit of over £3. A recommendation that money received from life subscriptions, as representing capital, should be invested in National Savings certificates, was agreed to; as also was L. Biden's proposal that Gardner should be appointed Assistant Treasurer.

The officials for the year were then elected, there being no change from those previously in office.

A proposal by the President that if no communication or reply be received from a member for three years, he be suspended from the list of recipients of circulars and magazines until fresh contact be made, was adopted. This proposal included the names of thirty-eight members so placed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

### L.S.O.P. NOTES.

The London Section still continues gaily on its way, holding its meetings on the average once a month. The last few meetings have been at the Valu Restaurant, Soho Street, W., and the average attendance has been eight or nine members; not too bad, but could and would be better if the absentees knew what jollity they are missing!!

The last meeting of the session, held on July 8th, which was the second held at the special request of one or two members, was in the nature of an anti-climax, the only two heroes who turned up being Lardeaux and the Secretary — (the latter, poor chap, more or less has to turn up!) It was learned later that Chignell, Biden and Gardner rolled in about 9.15 p.m., but the two stalwarts had left at 9 p.m.

This effort closes the session, and the Secretary will now sulk until he returns from his holidays in September, when he will no doubt be feeling fit enough to circularise members afresh, and whip up their enthusiasm anew for the next session.

The Secretary is always glad to rope in fresh members, so anyone aching to join us should send his address along to 87 Talgarth Road, Barons Court, W. 1A.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,

## NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

Among those whom examinations prevented from attending the Reunion this year were the TREASURER, A. G. PHILLIPS, W. E. CHAMBERLAIN (who is to be in an L.C.C. School next autumn), and A. W. IVENS, who is by now in Canada as a journalist, after a course of training in London, where the London Section saw him quite often.

G. T. WILLCOCKS wrote in April confessing that he had not been to the School since 1915; that he has been married for five and a half years, and that he has two kiddies, aged three and a half and three weeks respectively. 'Gratters to him on everything.

E. G. NOBBS, who has a Commission in the Indian Army and is at present attached to the 1st Leicesters, will not be home until 1933 or 1934. His news from India is exciting enough, as he tells of all leave stopped and of being ready to move at half-an-hour's notice in case of trouble. In Ambala, where his Company is stationed, the temperature rose to 113 degrees, but he managed to get a game of hockey three or four times a week.

F. W. TAULBUT sailed in May on H.M.S. "Medway" for Malta, where he was due to join his ship, H.M.S. "London."

O. A. WHITFIELD, we have heard, is on the Indian coast, and expects to be there for three or four years.

A. V. MERCER writes that he hopes to be sent by his firm to the London area next winter, and to come along to L.S.O.P. meetings. At present he is working at Bootle, Liverpool.

W. GREENHAM, another of the recent "lifers," writes that "farming nowadays is anything but a money-making concern, what with so much foreign corn, etc., coming in duty free; we are up against it at every turn. We can grow the crops, but we cannot sell them. During the War, the powers-that-be (or is it *were*?) made an awful fuss of us, just because they couldn't get the stuff elsewhere; now they've got back to their old ways of looking after the foreigner first." Since the death of his uncle over a year ago, he has carried on the management of Bedenham Farm for his aunt. He tells us of J. HACK, who is running a farm at Durley, and who hopes to get married next spring.

HAROLD E. EVANS, who was married last year, and who "thinks its wonderful"—('gratters belated but sincere),—was in London in the autumn for a course at the London Training School of the E.T.C., and has now returned to Cape Town.

H. LARDEAUX, another E.T.C. man, is now in London for the Kleinschmidt course in electrical typewriting, and is rather proud of his new moustache. He and H. WELLBORNE (same firm, same course) want to get an O.P. hockey side together in the winter to play the Exiles.

H. MCNEIL, on leave from Malta, we hear was sent to his new station, Lee-on-Solent, just on Whitsun, much to his disgust.

E. A. GRAHAM is to be congratulated on getting hold of twenty-two O.P.'s living in or near Southampton, for the new S.S.O.P. More power to his elbow.

J. F. CHRISTMAS is on ship abroad but hopes to to be home in England before Christmas of this year.

F. R. CLARK has passed the final examination for the degree of P.A.S.I., the full qualification of the Surveyors' Institute.

L. F. COKER has obtained a post in the London office of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, and finds the work congenial and prospects good. He has joined the Territorials, and was in camp at Easter, and hopes to be at Okehampton again in July.

W. H. DROVER has obtained a post in the Birmingham City Police. He has been investigating the number thirteen, and finds that the figures of 1930 added together make 13; his invitation to the interview was dated May 13; his exam. on the 26th was twice thirteen; his ticket to Birmingham was No. 0013, and leaving Euston from platform 13, he travelled in a carriage numbered 13113; and has a considerable list of further coincidences all pointing to No. 13 being his lucky number even to the extent of being on duty from 7 till 6.

J. E. FRANKLIN, who left us as recently as last summer to join East London College (London University)), has made good use of his time, and is much to be congratulated on having already passed the Inter B.Sc., his subjects being chemistry and geology, pure and applied maths.

M. W. GARDNER formed part of the male voice choir of Barclays Bank, whose rendering of Schubert's "Great is Jehovah" was broadcast from the Pavilion, Bournemouth, on May 4th.

F. W. HARRISON has finished the commercial course at Montreal, and is off to Philadelphia.

E. MULLINS has gone to Toronto.

E. NOBBS is with the 1st Leicesters at Amballa, N. India. A snapshot shows him in a "topi," apparently finding it warm, with a very solemn native servant in attendance. He has collected a first-class for musketry, met sundry mad dogs, and played some hockey.

- R. H. S. TEËK, shooting at Bisley, got into the King's Hundred with a score of 99.
- A. BERTHO has finished his course at Lausanne. Is going to be at St. Moritz during the summer.
- F. & H. RABY have both started work as pupils on a farm, and are getting on well.
- H. SWAFFIELD temporarily deserted bananas for Citrus growing. The name covers grape fruit, oranges, lemons and limes. The main line is the grape fruit, which is budded on to Seville orange plants, which after the buds have taken, are cut back to just above the bud, which shoots as a grape fruit, and when nine months old is planted out in groves, when they have to be shaped in to round, stocky trees, and kept free from scale and fly. The first fruit comes in about four years, but is of little value till a year later.
- R. S. HIGGINS has been seen at a speedway meeting at Coventry, where he is said to be living.
- D. TEËK has been in hospital at Traill, with hernia, but is now back again in the works.
- H. WELLING, who after leaving us went to Petersfield, is now a pupil at Thornycroft's Motor Works. He came over to Fareham this term.
- E. KENWAY has not been heard of for many years, but is now at No. 3 Staff Quarters, Ordnance Road, Tidworth. He joined the Army in 1916, and was in India 1917-20 taking part in the Afghan operations in 1919, being demobilised as Mechanist Sergeant-Major in 1920. He then went to the B.T.H. Co. at Rugby for eight years, leaving to join the Hillmorton Wireless Station, and is now in a War Office job in the Power Station at Tidworth. He captained the B.T.H. "Soccer" team in the Warwickshire League, and has also kept goal for Rugby Town. We hope that now he has found us again he will keep in touch.
- R. H. SCOTT is at home on leave from Delhi, and may be found at Stuart's Hotel, Richmond.
- B. R. SCOTT, in the Rajputana Rifles, has passed his Captain's exam., and we hope before long to be able to announce his promotion, though this has slowed down considerably for those who joined after the War, and it may yet be some way off.
- F. S. P. SMITH has been working with an Oil Company at Lethbridge, Alberta, but they seem to be very slow in starting drilling, and he is looking out for a more promising show. He was busy in June making out voters' lists after the registrars had checked them, in readiness for the July Dominion Elections. Harvest prospects are poor through lack of rain,

We should like the address of E. L. DOTEY, last heard of at Lansdowne Place, Hove.

## "BEHIND THE SCENES."

### II.—BANKING.

By M. W. GARDNER.

In these modern times finding a career for one's son is a very involved and difficult problem, usually meaning some years of training or apprenticeship, and perhaps the possibility of being unemployed at any rate, even after years of labour. The banking industry presents itself as a ready solution of this problem.

Beyond knowing that a Bank is a large and lofty place where an exceedingly polite and beautiful young man behind bars takes in money or hands it out with overwhelming benevolence, while black-coated clerks flit silently and efficiently about in the background, the ordinary boy about to enter the service of a Bank is completely and blissfully unconscious of what is expected of him, and whither his career will lead him in the end.

It is the practice of the five major Banks in this country to take clerks from the age of 17 upwards. Every clerk is usually submitted to a perfectly simple little knowledge test as a form of entrance examination. This will probably consist of a short dictation, an essay on some elementary subject, three or four stock and share and simple interest sums, and a simple addition of about two dozen amounts, and perhaps a question or two of elementary geography, such as stating in what countries various towns are situated. Besides this, there will be probably a personal interview with the chief of the Bank's Staff Department, who, though a rather awe-inspiring individual, is quite human and friendly.

It is the practice of most Banks to take an applicant on the temporary staff for a period of six months, after which, should he be found suitable, a further interview is accorded, and the clerk is taken on the permanent staff.

The salary at the start is fairly low, probably in London £70 per annum, but in the country £50 or £60 per annum, but this is increased yearly, so that should the clerk prove competent he should be getting over £400 per annum after about fifteen years' service. Holidays of a fortnight are given at first, increasing to a month as time goes on. Hours are short, usually 9 a.m. to 5 or 5.30 p.m. on week-days, and 9 a.m. to 1 or 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

The nature of the work at first is simple, consisting of making oneself generally useful, answering telephones, posting letters, and other very minor jobs. The main idea in every junior clerk's head should be to learn the work of the man above him, so that as soon as a more responsible job comes to him he is fully capable of doing it. The first two years are practically years of apprenticeship spent in learning a good working knowledge of his profession.

It will be very strange at first for a fellow who has been no end of a swell at school for the previous couple of years to find himself practically a nonentity, with everyone above him and nobody beneath him. No one ever need despair at such a state of affairs, for in about a couple of years he will be called upon to take under his wing an absolutely raw man, as he himself was two years before, and will have the immense gratification of realising that he has mounted one rung of the ladder of success, and that there is someone beneath him to do the "donkey" work. The only advice that I can give is not original: it is that of my first manager, "Always bow to discipline and don't keep on looking at the clock."

A great deal of importance is attached to the examinations of the Institute of Bankers; in fact, one of the "Biv Five" has inserted a clause into its agreement with its clerks that every clerk should attempt the examination. These consist of a qualifying and an associate examination, the latter divided into two parts. The qualifying examination includes three subjects, English, mathematics and geography.

## CHRONICLES OF THE TERM.

The Secretary of the O.P.A., having appealed in last term's *Lion* to the Staff in general for an article on the events of the term, followed it up by a direct and personal request, the same being made after a very cheery evening in June last, so that I had not the heart to refuse him. Besides, the fact of my having remembered it is evidence that the evening was not more cheery than it should have been.

Now, what can be told of this quite ordinary term? Details of sport and games are to be found elsewhere. The Winchester Sports, which brought us no trophies, were so early this year that we had to follow the unusual course of holding our own Sports after the Winchester meeting. It was feared that this might lead to a lack of interest in our own contests, but there was no sign of this having happened, and the differences in points scored by leading Houses in the var-

ious classes were so small that excitement was maintained till the end. Training for Winchester this year was supervised by Mr. Thacker, whose exertions deserved a better reward.

Cricket has brought no surprises this season. Those who have in their day journeyed through wintry weather to Midhurst, will be interested to note that this year we visited them for cricket, and that they are coming to us for "Soccer."

The Corps inspection by General Capper was another event which came earlier than usual, but apparently all was well. The General surprised and pained us by requesting that we "march past" in line! Not having anticipated this, the movement had never been practised, and all one could do was to explain to the "troops" just what was required and hope for the best. The moral appears to be "never practise anything," for the attempt was a great success, the Colonel going so far as to say that the Territorials couldn't do it nearly as well. Whether the Corps will survive the ban of the War Office is still uncertain.

In purely academic affairs, the chief event is perhaps the entry of our first candidate for the London Inter. The County Council have now considerably modified their scheme for intending teachers, so much so that it now has nothing at all to do with intending teachers. They are prepared to make grants to enable a boy to stay at school for two years after passing School Certificate, on condition that he is working for, and considered reasonably likely to pass some recognised second examination at the end of that time, and that the financial circumstances of his parents are such that they could not otherwise afford to keep him at school so long.

Will any O.P. who finds this attempt fall short of what he would like, let me know, and please tell me the kind of thing you want? I'll then do my best to meet your needs.

J.S.

## IMPORTANT FIXTURES NEXT TERM.

Wed., Oct. 22.—Portsmouth Grammar I. (home)  
 Sat., Nov. 1.—Midhurst ... .. (home)  
 Sat., Nov. 22.—Past v. Present (two teams)  
 Sat., Dec. 13.—Taunton's School,  
 Southampton (away)

The full fixture card may be obtained next term from Mr. Johnston, price 2d. (post free 2½d.)