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### DAYS THAT HAVE BEEN.

It needs a considerable effort of the imagination to conceive of a School team without R. A. Lewry, for so long has he been a dominating figure in almost every sphere of sport. Regretfully we understand that this loss will be the School's next term. This is no place to attempt an estimate of his record, but we may predict that many a forward will face the School, and Cams, far more confidently than he did last year. Not only on the field will he be missed, and not only by the junior portion (if we may thus refer to that part which includes monitors) of the community, but his friends on the Staff will join with those in the School in wishing him every success.

Others will be leaving who no less are worthy of mention, who have sustained worthily the title of Head of the School or done much valuable work for the School and their respective Houses. We hope to see them again many times at their School.

Reflections are an insidious temptation, and it is easy to be sentimental at the end of a summer term. But the past is dead and the record of it in *The Lion*. We wish everybody a happy holiday and a vigorous Michaelmas term.

### THE STEEPLECHASE.

The 1931 Steeplechase was run under favourable conditions, and the competition was quite as keen as usual. Westbury retained the Seniors' Cup easily, but they had little to spare either from School House or Blackbrook in their success for the House Cup. School House juniors surprised everyone and thoroughly deserved their success in relieving Blackbrook of the Juniors' Cup. It is, of course, impossible for the spectators to see more than a fragment of the race, but judging by the manner in which most of the runners finished, it was clear that they deserved well of their Houses.

The Junior race was won fairly comfortably by Aps ii. He ran easily with a useful stride and had little weight to carry—a big asset to a cross-country runner. It will be interesting to see how he performs next year, when he has the start of the old brigade among the Seniors. Powell ii, followed fairly closely, and then Rushforth ii, who did very well, considering it was his first race. At present he relies chiefly on his determination, but with increasing experience he should improve rapidly.

The Senior race produced one of the closest of finishes. Emmett led Hoskins by a considerable distance up North Hill, but then Hoskins made a remarkable spurt and, although it seemed impossible that he could catch his man, he passed Emmett within a yard of the tape. While congratulating Hoskins on a magnificent effort which met with the success it deserved, we must commiserate Emmett, who for the second year in succession failed not so much in stamina as in luck.

### RESULTS.

	Junior.	Senior	Comb'd.
Westbury ... ..	404	632	1036
School House ... ..	592	323	915
Blackbrook ... ..	443	465	908
Cams ... ..	349	356	705

### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

	Junior.	Senior.
1st	<u>Aps ii</u> .....	Hoskins i.
2nd	<u>Powell ii</u> .....	Emmett
3rd	<u>Rushforth ii</u> .....	Fielder
4th	<u>Daventry</u> .....	Coleborn
5th	<u>Gough</u> .....	Cook
6th	<u>Stift ii</u> .....	Brooks

### THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports, held this year before the Winchester Sports, were blessed with one of the few fine days of May. Once again there was excellent competition between the Houses, and

the standard of the competitors, while not high, was better than last year, and quite creditable, considering that some of the more important practices were ruined by rain.

The Senior Cup was won by Westbury, but well as the Westbury men ran, few would have begrudged Cams the success which would have been theirs but for a mishap in the Senior Hurdles. Wilton and Barnes, far ahead of the other finalists and pushing each other desperately, each displaced three bars and were consequently disqualified. This was a great disappointment, for they were both really promising hurdlers. Smith ran an excellently judged race to win the Mile; but the outstanding events were Lewry's successes in the 100 Yards and Quarter-Mile. His time for the hundred, down the slope but on a heavy ground and right into the wind, was excellent; but he did better in a really heroic Quarter. He took the lead from the start and, tired as he was over the latter part of the course, the issue was never in doubt. As he virtually won the Senior Relay for his House in the first stage, and won the Victor Ludorum Cup, it can be regarded as a very successful afternoon, even for Lewry. Gilbert, too, ran very well, but without the fire that he showed last year.

The Juniors division was marked by the clear superiority of Westbury, for whom Jones was very prominent. Nevertheless, this was the most disappointing of the divisions, and here the standard of the competitors was lowest. It is to be hoped that some of the Juniors will grow rapidly in the next twelve months.

The Portals produced some really promising runners who, unfortunately, are not as big for their age as they might be. Clapham ran wonderfully well in the Half-Mile to beat Cornish, and he should certainly be prominent at Winchester next year. Pressley did for Blackbrook in this division what Lewry did for Cams in the Senior, and in much the same way, excepting that he took the last stage in the Relay and took a toss in the Hurdles besides. Bromley ii. also showed up well.

It is encouraging to notice that the Victor Ludorum Cup was won by an entrant who competed in two events only, besides the Relay. That is, of course quite enough for any boy in one afternoon, and it is to be hoped that Lewry's example will be followed in future years. If that is the case, an institution, which is, in theory, pernicious, may well be diverted to worthy ends.

In conclusion we must thank Mrs. Smith for kindly consenting to distribute the prizes and for the way in which she did it.

## SPORTS RESULTS.

### PORTALS.

- 100 Yards: 1, Pressley; 2, Bromley ii.; 3, Dodds. Time, 12 2-5 secs.  
 220 Yards: 1, Pressley; 2, Dodds; 3, Bromley ii. Time, 32 1-5 secs.  
 Hurdles: 1, Westbury (Powell ii. and Dodds); 2, Cams; 3, Blackbrook. Time, 45 2-5 secs.  
 Relay: 1, Blackbrook (Cullen ii., Cornish, Haley ii., Pressley); 2, School House; 3, Cams. Time, 52 secs.  
 880 Yards: 1, Clapham; 2, Cornish; 3, Powell ii. Time, 2 mins. 52 3-5 secs.  
 High Jump: 1, Pink and Powell ii. (3 ft. 10 ins.); 3, Hubber.

### JUNIORS.

- 100 Yards: 1, Jones; 2, Hynes ii.; 3, Dixon. Time, 12 secs.  
 440 Yards: 1, Moore; 2, Hobbs; 3, Saunders. Time, 68 3-5 secs.  
 Hurdles: 1, Westbury (Jones and Hill); 2, Blackbrook; 3, School House. Time, 41 3-5 secs.  
 Relay: 1, Westbury (Moore, Saint, Powell i., Jones); 2, Blackbrook; 3, Cams. Time, 1 min. 27 4-5 secs.  
 880 Yards: 1, Warner; 2, Henley; 3, Moore. Time, 2 mins. 48 secs.  
 High Jump: 1, Jones; 2, Hill and Weatherburn. Height, 4 ft. 2 ins.  
 Tug-of-War: Blackbrook.

### SENIORS.

- 100 Yards: 1, Lewry; 2, Gilbert; 3, Barnes. Time, 10 4-5 secs.  
 440 Yards: 1, Lewry; 2, Gilbert; 3, Watson. Time, 58 4-5 secs.  
 Hurdles: 1, McNeil i.; 2, Atkins. Time, 19 secs.  
 Relay: 1, Cams (Lewry, Weavil, Barnes, Gibson); 2, Westbury; 3, Blackbrook. Time, 1 min. 18 secs.  
 Mile: 1, Smith i.; 2, Fielder; 3, Hoskins i. Time, 5 mins. 28 4-5 secs.  
 High Jump: 1, McNeil i. and Atkins; 3, Fletcher and Kilford. Height, 4 ft. 8½ ins.  
 Tug-of-War: Cams.

Victor Ludorum: R. A. LEWRY.

### HOUSE POINTS.

	Seniors.	Juniors.	Portals.	Total.
Westbury	44	39	10	93
Cams	38	16	7	61
Blackbrook	25	20	13	58
School House	13	11	10	34

## THE WINCHESTER SPORTS.

If we returned from Winchester this year with the knowledge that the honours had eluded us once more, we were by no means disgraced. If we did not win the first places, at any rate we did not occupy the last, and it is reasonable to suppose that if our final practices had been more favoured by weather we should have done better.

As it was, our chief hope was disappointed. Lewry drew a bad position in the Quarter, started badly, was boxed at the first corner, and was never within striking distance of the leader after the first fifty yards. Had fortune gone his way we could confidently have expected a place.

By far the best performance we put up was that of Wilton in the Senior Hurdles, although he was only a few days too old for the Juniors. He was third in his heat and third in the final. His form over the hurdles leaves little to be desired and, with increasing length, he should be quite first-class.

Two other runners are heartily to be congratulated on their Winchester showing. Gilbert took fourth place in the Senior Hundred, and his improved style compensated for the dash and fire which his running has unfortunately lost. Pressley would have won more than a fourth place in the final of the Portal 80 Yards against some much larger rivals but for a bad get-away. He ran with great spirit and failed very narrowly indeed.

That the results are disappointing and the successes meagre cannot be denied. The standard throughout the School is reasonably good, though leaving much room for improvement, but we lack outstanding performers; nor is our standard high enough to win us many places. Nevertheless, a comparison of the times of the School Sports over the last few years suggests that that standard is rising, and we hope that before long we shall return from Winchester with some trophies.

## CRICKET RETROSPECT, 1931.

With two matches still to be played, the record of the 1st XI. is: Played 11, won 4, lost 3, drawn 3.

It is thus obvious that the season has been a moderately successful one, without being extraordinarily so. Two of the matches which were lost came early on in the season, when, owing to rain, and the School and Winchester sports, the side hardly had had any practice. But it must be admitted that Midhurst were a much stronger side, and were far steadier both in batting and

bowling, although we might have hoped for a less heavy defeat.

One of the best games was that against Portsmouth Grammar School, which ended in a fairly even draw. The match against the Old Boys was an easy victory for the School against a side which could not be called a representative one. More on this subject will be found elsewhere.

The fielding of the side as a whole has been variable—in one or two games almost brilliant, but in others decidedly poor. Far too many possible catches have been missed, and in many cases fielders have preferred to stand still instead of getting to a difficult one. Taking the season as a whole, the ground fielding has been good, but the catching poor. More practice in this department of the game may have been needed.

Lewry and Fielder have been the opening bowlers, and have bowled very well and steadily. Lewry, for yet another season, has had the task of bowling up the hill, and once again has performed it nobly. Fielder has on occasion been almost unplayable, and has varied his bowling as only a thoughtful cricketer could do. We hope he may still be with us next season. Williams has been the most successful of the change bowlers, and with a little more experience he should do well. He has the virtue of keeping a good length. Rush and Gibson have also kept an end going at times.

The biggest fault about the batting of the side was the slow rate of scoring in some of the matches. Steadiness we know is a desirable thing to have, especially in a school side, but there were too many people in the side who treated bad balls with too great a respect. Even when things are not going well a long-hop is still a long-hop and should be treated as such. Slowness of scoring almost certainly cost us a win in the Gosport match.

As regards cricket other than the 1st XI., the general games, apart from the early part of the season, have not been much interfered with by weather, and there seems to be a certain amount of talent available for future seasons.

The House Competition has yet to be concluded, but the Junior games have revealed the usual startling performances, chiefly in bowling, one side having been dismissed for the grand total of nine runs!

## CHARACTERS OF 1st XI.

V. J. BARNES (Captain).—As a bat has a good reach forward and powerful strokes to leg, but is inclined to get across balls on the leg stump. Has kept wicket really well throughout the season. A very keen captain,

R. A. LEWRY.—As a bowler has worked very consistently, doing the majority of the work from the more arduous end, and with success. As a bat hits hard and—a welcome sight—scores quickly. A very good field.

R. L. FIELDER.—Has developed into a very useful bat with a variety of scoring strokes, and has saved the side in more than one crisis. As a bowler, mixes up his breaks well and has proved very successful. A safe field.

P. P. SMITH.—A painstaking bat, who has done good service going in first. With more power in his strokes would score many more runs. Has taken some good catches.

W. MURRAY.—Has played some patient innings, and made runs against the Old Boys. Has improved during the season, but is inclined to let off loose balls.

H. GIBSON.—Watches the ball well, but must learn to hit harder. As a slow bowler keeps a fair length. Quite a good field.

T. J. WILLIAMS.—Has been first change bowler down the hill and bowled steadily. With more variation of pace should do well in the future.

A. G. FROST.—Watches the ball well and has materially improved in the latter part of the season. A fair field.

H. MCNEIL.—Too prone to one stroke. Might have been more used as a change bowler. Has a safe pair of hands.

M. W. RUSH.—Has some strokes and a nice style, but gets in front of his wickets too much, and has failed to make runs. As a change bowler apt to lose his length. A good field.

A. JONES.—Has improved as a bat and made some runs on occasions. Should do well next year. Is a keen field.

### BATTING AVERAGES.

[Excluding H. G. Ross's XI. and Municipal College.]

	No. of Inns.	Not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Av.
Jones	8	3	35*	107	21.4
Lewry	9	2	29	93	13.3
Smith	10	0	30	116	11.6
Fielder	10	0	24	107	10.7
Murray	9	1	45	75	9.3
Barnes	9	0	20	66	7.3
Frost	8	1	18	51	7.2
Gibson	10	1	20*	59	6.6
Williams	5	2	12	13	4.3
Rush	8	1	9	30	4.3
McNeil	8	0	21	34	4.2

\* not out.

### BOWLING AVERAGES.

[Excluding H. G. Ross's XI. and Municipal College].

	Overs.	Mdng.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
Fielder	89	22	187	27	6.9
Gibson	19	7	56	7	8.0
Lewry	118	29	261	31	8.4
Williams	38	9	87	7	12.4
Rush	32	5	85	6	14.2

Also Bowled:

Frost	2 for 1	Murray	3 for 17
McNeil	3 for 30.		

### CRICKET MATCHES.

#### 1st XI.

School v. B. R. Shaw's XI.

Played at home on May 27th.

School.

Barnes b Shaw	15
Smith b Troke	0
Wareham c Thacker b Shaw	0
Murray b Shaw	0
McNeil b Troke	3
Fielder lbw b Riches	1
Gibson b Gale	2
Pickwood b Gale	0
Lewry c Shaw b Riches	4
Rush b Troke	5
Jones not out	8
Extras	2

Total ... .. 40

Bowling: Shaw, 3—12; Troke, 3—12; Gale, 2—2.  
Riches, 2—4.

#### B. R. Shaw's XI.

R. E. Garton b Lewry	0
J. Riches c Smith b Rush	12
F. Troke c Rush b Fielder	6
R. O. Johnston c and b Rush	26
F. Hoad c Lewry b Gibson	28
M. Vimpany c Wareham b Murray	6
Wilton b McNeil	3
F. H. Brown c Lewry b Murray	3
H. R. Thacker b McNeil	0
A. S. Gale not out	1
B. R. Shaw c Rush b Fielder	0
Extras	6

Total ... .. 91

Bowling: Fielder, 2—8; McNeil, 2—5;  
Murray, 2—5.



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

Played at home on May 30th.

**J. B. Sinnott's XI.**

J. Chapman b Fielder	0
J. B. Sinnott lbw b Lewry	1
L. Hamer c Wareham b Fielder	3
R. Price b Lewry	0
E. W. Wigginton b Fielder	13
D. Copp c Gibson b Murray	9
M. R. Nicholson c and b Fielder	3
G. Cheverton c and b Fielder	1
G. Warne c Murray b Fielder	0
J. Smith b Lewry	0
Wilton not out	0
Extras	0

Total ... 30

Bowling: Fielder, 6—10; Lewry, 3—7.

**School.**

Barnes lbw b Sinnott	20
Smith c Wigginton b Price	18*
Rush c Copp b Sinnott	0
Fielder c Nicholson b Sinnott	5
Wareham b Sinnott	0
Murray lbw b Price	14
Gibson lbw b Hamer	10
Jones c Wilton b Sinnott	9
McNeil b Sinnott	5
Lewry b Sinnott	1
Pickwood not out	0
Extras	9

Total ... 91

Bowling: Sinnott, 7—23.

**School v. Midhurst Grammar.**

Played at Midhurst on June 13th.

**School.**

Barnes c and b Bevis	0*
Smith lbw b Bevis	0
Gibson lbw b Bevis	2
Fielder lbw b Norris	4
McNeil b Norris	5
Rush b Askew	7
Murray b Crawley	1
Wareham lbw b Crawley	0
Lewry b Askew	11
Frost b Askew	3
Williams not out	0
Extras	1

Total ... 40

Bowling: Askew, 3—11; Bevis, 3—6;

Norris, 2—8; Crawley, 2—9.

**Midhurst.**

Bevis c Fielder b Gibson	58
Harrison lbw b Lewry	5
Askew b Fielder	16
Linfield lbw b Wareham	14
Norris c and b Rush	1
Dewy not out	23
Budd c and b Frost	3
Crawley c Lewry b Frost	0
Spoooner did not bat.	
Tribe did not bat.	
Rasell did not bat.	
Extras	5

Total (for 7 wks., dec.) 125

Bowling: Frost, 2—1; Wareham, 1—7;  
Gibson, 1—6; Rush, 1—10.**School v. Portsmouth Grammar 1st XI.**

Played at home on June 17th.

**Portsmouth Grammar.**

Hall b Fielder	12
Higgins b Fielder	6
Tarrant st Barnes b Fielder	13
Bale b Lewry	34
Smith b Lewry	2
Byerley b Williams	16
Crocker b Williams	0
Lane c Lewry b Williams	5
Mortimore c Smith b Gibson	0
Macdonald c and b Williams	6
Ireland not out	0
Extras	1

Total ... 95

Bowling: Fielder, 3—20; Williams, 4—12;  
Gibson, 1—0.**School.**

Barnes c Higgins b Hall	9
Smith c Bale b Ireland	9*
Gibson c Lane b Hall	1
Fielder lbw b Higgins	22
McNeil lbw b Ireland	0
Rush lbw b Ireland	1
Murray b Higgins	0
Jones run out	0
Frost not out	8
Williams not out	1
Lewry did not bat.	
Extras	13

Total (for 8 wks.) ... 64

Bowling: Ireland, 3—18,

**Past v. Present.**

Played at home on June 20th.

**Present.**

Barnes b Connolly	0
Smith c Silvester b Chamberlain	10
Gibson b Connolly	0
Fielder c Silvester b Mitchell	24
McNeil lbw b Mitchell	21
Rush c Boxwell b Connolly	9
Frost c Smith b Mitchell	0
Murray b Kenway	45
Jones not out	35
Lewry not out	6
Williams did not bat.	
Extras	7

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 157

Bowling: Kenway, 1-3; Mitchell, 3-20.

**Past.**

J. Chapman not out	7
H. Connolly c Fielder b Lewry	0
P. Silvester b Fielder	0
W. Chamberlain b Fielder	8
E. Kenway c Rush b Lewry	1
W. Mitchell b Fielder	1
L. Chamberlain b Lewry	1
A. Boxwell b Lewry	0
E. Dean-Cooper b Lewry	0
H. Mundy lbw b Fielder	1
F. Smith b Fielder	0
Extras	4

Total 23

Bowling: Fielder, 5-12; Lewry, 5-7.

**School v. Portsmouth Secondary School.**

Played at home on June 27th.

**School.**

Barnes c Marshall b Smith	0
Smith c McVie b Marks	7
Gibson b Smith	1
Fielder c Marks b Gurd	20
McNeil c Marks b Smith	0
Rush lbw b Smith	1
Murray lbw b Boulton	7
Lewry lbw b Boulton	28
Frost c Butler b Boulton	2
Jones not out	15
Williams b Gurd	12
Extras	10

Total 103

Bowling: Smith, 4-29.

**Portsmouth Secondary School.**

Lean b Fielder	0
McVie b Fielder	16
Laddie c Gibson b Fielder	3
Marshall lbw b Lewry	0
Smith c Barnes b Lewry	6
Gurd c McNeil b Lewry	8
Slope c Rush b Williams	0
Boulton hit wkt b Fielder	10
Roberts not out	4
Butler lbw b Fielder	0
Marks b Lewry	1
Extras	2

Total 50

Bowling: Lewry, 4-16; Fielder, 5-19.

**School v. H. Sturgess' XI.**

Played at home on July 1st.

**School.**

Fielder lbw b Wagstaffe	14
Smith lbw b Sturgess	30
Gibson c and b Collihole	5
Rush c Jones b Collihole	3
Barnes c Troke b Collihole	0
Lewry b Sturgess	0
Murray not out	8
Frost b Collihole	3
McNeil c Wagstaffe b Collihole	0
Jones lbw b Wagstaffe	10
Williams c and b Wagstaffe	0
Extras	16

Total 89

Bowling: Collihole, 5-10; Wagstaffe, 3-15.

**H. Sturgess' XI.**

F. Troke b Lewry	31
T. Wagstaffe c Smith b Williams	11
H. Sturgess c Smith b Lewry	4
F. Bussey absent	0
C. Jones b Lewry	11
F. Collihole c Gibson b Lewry	2
W. A. Tull b Lewry	0
R. E. Robinson b Lewry	3
H. Vimpany c Williams b Fielder	2
D. Mogridge not out	0
G. Barnes b Fielder	0
Extras	8

Total 72

Bowling: Lewry, 6-34.

**School v. B. R. Shaw's XI.**

Played at home on July 8th.

**B. R. Shaw's XI.**

A. W. Bennett c Jones b Lewry ...	0
B. R. Shaw c Williams b Fielder ...	13
A. Davenport lbw b Gibson ...	57
A. S. Gale c Brookes b McNeil ...	3
R. O. Johnston c Lewry b Gibson ...	18
R. E. Garton c Jones b Rush ...	1
F. Bussey c Williams b Gibson ...	2
M. Vimpany b Lewry ...	0
F. H. Brown c Gibson b Fielder ...	2
H. R. Thacker not out ...	0
P. J. Bennett c Gibson b Lewry ...	5
Extras ...	7

Total ... 108

Bowling: Gibson, 3—9.

**School.**

Fielder b B. R. Shaw ...	10
Smith run out ...	2
Frost c Davenport b A. S. Gale ...	15
Gibson b A. W. Bennett ...	11
Jones st A. Bennett b R. Garton ...	17
Murray c F. Bussey b R. Garton ...	0
Lewry not out ...	14
McNeil did not bat.	
Rush ..	
Williams ..	
Brookes ii. ..	
Extras ...	17

Total ... 86

Bowling: R. E. Garton, 2—18.

**School v. Gosport Secondary School.**

Played at home on July 11th.

**School.**

Smith b Metherell ...	30
Fielder c Tarsnane b Maunder ii. ...	3
Frost b Murch ...	18
Gibson not out ...	20
Jones did not bat.	
Barnes hit wkt b Murch ...	6
Murray did not bat.	
Lewry c Polston b Barker ...	29
Rush did not bat.	
McNeil ..	
Williams ..	
Extras ...	18

Total (for 5 wks., dec.) 124

Bowling: Maunder ii., 1—10.

**Gosport Secondary School.**

Hurding c Smith b Lewry ...	20
Tarsnane lbw b Fielder ...	8
Barker b Lewry ...	8
Murch not out ...	41
Polston run out ...	5
Baker lbw b Gibson ...	0
Metherell c Barnes b Lewry ...	3
Maunder i. c Lewry b Rush ...	7
Maunder ii. c McNeil b Williams ...	17
Blackwell not out ...	1
Wheeler did not bat.	

Extras ... 0

Total (for 8 wks.) ... 110

Bowling: Lewry, 3—35.

**School v. Churcher's College.**

Played at home on July 18th.

**School.**

Smith c Taylor b Dodd ...	4
Fielder b Dodd ...	4
Gibson c Wollett b Dodd ...	7
Jones c Gregory b Dodd ...	13
Frost run out ...	2
Barnes c and b Dodd ...	16
Lewry c Wollett b Dodd ...	0
Murray st Taylor b Dodd ...	0
Rush not out ...	4
McNeil st Taylor b Dodd ...	0
Williams b Dodd ...	0
Extras ...	3

Total ... 53

Bowling: Dodd, 9—33.

**Churcher's College.**

Wollett b Lewry ...	40
Taylor b Rush ...	20
Plumb c Murray b Lewry ...	1
Gregory b Lewry ...	6
New not out ...	1
Colwill not out ...	0
Gent did not bat.	
Bishop ..	
Bisset ..	
Peeram ..	
Dodd ..	
Extras ...	5

Total (for 4 wks.) ... 73

Bowling: Lewry, 3—22.

**2nd XI. MATCHES.**

School 2nd XI. v. Portsmouth Grammar School  
 3rd XI., at Hilsea, on June 3rd. Scores:  
 School, 70; Portsmouth, 51.

School 2nd XI. v. Portsmouth Grammar School 3rd XI., at Fareham, on June 17th. Scores: School, 42; Portsmouth, 49.

Old Boys' 2nd XI. v. School 2nd XI., at Fareham, on June 20th. Scores: School, 57; Old Boys, 20.

School 2nd XI. v. Portsmouth Secondary School, at Fareham, on June 27th. Scores: School, 50; Portsmouth Secondary, 21.

School 2nd XI. v. Hilsea College 1st XI., at Fareham, on July 1st. Scores: School, 134 for 4 wickets, declared (Brookes ii. 57 not out, Pickwood 28); Hilsea College, 17 and 19.

School 2nd XI. v. Gosport Secondary School 2nd XI., at Fareham, on July 11th. Scores: School, 85; Gosport Secondary, 58.

School 2nd XI. v. St. Helen's College 1st XI., at Southsea, on July 4th. Scores: School, 20; St. Helen's, 36.

## HOUSE NOTES.

### BLACKBROOK.

We did not do as well as we hoped we should do in the Steeplechase, and we had fewer runners than any other House. We hope that next year many of the invalids will have recovered sufficiently to enable them to give the House the support it deserves. Nevertheless, we finished second, both in Senior and Junior events, and we heartily congratulate Hoskins on winning the Senior after a great struggle, and Rushforth ii., Davenport and Gough on their positions in the Junior.

At the School Sports we did fairly well with a comparatively weak team in the Senior, and the Juniors once more won their Tug. The Minor team led all the way, and we congratulate Pressley, Cullen ii., Cornish and Haley ii. on the way they ran and for providing us with a cup. Further, we must congratulate Wilton, who, although he was only a Senior by about two weeks, was chosen to represent the School at Winchester in the Hurdles' race and for his fine performance in winning the only point obtained for the School.

Up to the present the 1st XI. have only played one match, and the 2nd XI. and 3rd XI. two matches each. As usual, we did not have the best of luck, the 1st XI. and 3rd XI. each losing to School House sides by two runs. In the Westbury matches our 2nd and 3rd XI.'s were soundly beaten, but we hope to make up for this when our 1st XI. meets Westbury. Al-

though we have no great hopes of winning the Cup, we shall not slacken our efforts.

At the present time there seems to be "a depression passing over Blackbrook," but judging by the keenness of some of our Juniors, the outlook is likely to be "fair." We hope that in the future everybody in the House will do his best, both in School and out, to help Blackbrook put some more cups on its shelf.

We still have a firm grip upon the Tarbat Cup, and we don't intend to let it go.

H. McN.

### CAMS.

Congratulations on an excellent achievement in the School Sports. Although we did not win the Cup, we certainly showed that Cams is still a quantity with which to be reckoned; and to finish a good second after usually filling the last place is surely a brilliant revival.

Congratulations, above all, to Lewry, who, in winning the Victor Ludorum Cup, has brought a phenomenal School career to an appropriate close. We wish him the very best of luck in his future life, and offer our deepest sympathies to the House on losing such an invaluable all-round athlete.

Cams, it is up to you to supply the vacancy. It will not be an easy task; but we look to the coming generation to find a suitable answer to the problem.

Our efforts in the Inter-House Cricket Competition have so far been quite creditable, and we still have a very good chance of "lifting" the Cup. Whether we do or not, time only can show. In any case, we have made a very definite improvement all round.

We wish Wareham the best of luck in his new career, and we bid Dyer and Gibson, and any others who are leaving us, a fond adieu.

V.J.B.

### SCHOOL HOUSE.

At the beginning of this year there were six cups on School House's shelf, and now there are only two, and we cannot yet tell whether the Cricket Cup will remain there. We have still four matches to play, the 1st XI. against Cams, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI.'s against Westbury, but our 2nd and 3rd XI.'s lost to Westbury. So far we have 11 points out of a possible 14.

In the 1st XI. match against Blackbrook we only made 38 runs, but by good bowling on the part of Williams we managed to dismiss them for three less. The 2nd XI. won their match quite easily, but the 3rd XI. only had a lead of two runs. In the 2nd XI. match against Cams

we got 41 runs, and they were all out for 34; and in the 3rd XI. match they made 40 runs and we compiled 60 for 8 wickets, declared.

In the 2nd and 3rd XI.'s Aps i. and ii. have bowled very well indeed. Bennett i., Tew and Nicholas ii. have also been of great use in the House matches.

Last term we managed to win the Junior Steeplechase Cup, but we failed rather badly in the Senior. Aps ii. was the first man home in the Juniors, and Cook came in fifth in the Senior race. Rosat came in thirteenth in the Senior, and if he had not gone wrong he would have been in the first five. Smith i., although physically unfit, ran in the Seniors, but he had to give up about half-way round; he put up a really fine show, and I think that the House will join in with me in congratulating him. After having a good rest in the holidays, he came back and won the Senior Mile in the School Sports.

The best race in the Sports was undoubtedly the Portal Half-Mile, which was won by Clapham. Although he was the smallest in the race, he kept the lead all the way round; he will prove to be very useful in the future if his leg holds out.

As I shall not be coming back next term, I wish the House the best of luck, and I hope that there will soon be a few more cups on that shelf. Rush also will be leaving at the end of this term, and he will be greatly missed by the House, and we wish him the best of luck.

R. W. P.

### WESTBURY.

This has been a very successful year for the House, and our shelf in the Hall is now comfortably crowded. During the last three terms we have won the Football and Hockey, the Senior and Combined Steeplechase, and the Junior, Senior and Combined Sports Cups. At the time of writing the fate of the Cricket Cup has not been decided. We hope by the end of the term to see it in our possession, for although we have lost two matches, the contest is still very equal.

In the Steeplechase, Powell ii. in the Junior event, and Emmett in the Senior, both ran extremely fine races to come in second. Emmett was beaten by a matter of inches after leading all the way round. The rest of the Seniors, notably Fielder, Brooks ii., Gilbert and Rideout, packed splendidly to gain us a lead of nearly a hundred points over Blackbrook, our closest rivals.

Sports Day proved even happier for us than Steeplechase Day: Gilbert, Atkins, Fielder and Watson gained most of the points to win us the Senior Cup, while among the Juniors, Jones found everything easy and gained four first

prizes: aided by Moore, Hill and Henley, he won for us the Junior trophy. Tatham, Powell i. and Godden promise to become valuable Juniors next year. Among the Portals, Powell ii., Dodds and Skilton were prominent, and although we did not win the Portal Cup, their efforts were rewarded with success.

Few boys in the House are leaving this term, and thus it is hoped that our fortunes will not suffer by their going. To those that are leaving we tender our heartiest good wishes for success in the future.

WM. M.

I feel the above should not be allowed to go to press without a word or two to express how much Westbury House owes to Murray for the hard work he has done as House Captain. His services have been of the greatest value, and have been freely and ungrudgingly given. It is probable that he will not be with us next term, and we wish him good fortune and happiness in the future, and we wish Westbury may find as useful a Captain as he has been.—J.S.

### SPRING.

The joyous songs of birds in Spring,  
Upon the wing,  
Echo through wood and dell,  
And freely tell  
Their treasures sweet of love and mirth,  
Too gladsome for this noisy earth.

The gentle breath of flowers in May,  
O'er meadows gay,  
Doth fill the pure and scented air  
With perfume rare;  
Still floating round each slender form,  
Though scorched by sun or torn by storm.

H. McN. (VI.).

### CEYLON.

Arriving at Ceylon one warm tropical morning we awoke to find the sun streaming in through the porthole. We dressed, and found on deck many other people, looking with interest at their strange surroundings: the yelling and shouting of natives, the hooting of the steam barges, the shrieking of the ship's cranes as they loaded and unloaded the cargo, filled the air with hideous cacophony. With relief we descended to the quiet of the dining saloon for breakfast.

After the meal there was much hustle and bustle. All the passengers were apparently go-

ing ashore. When we were ready we stepped down the gang-way, and with difficulty boarded a steam launch, which took us to land. We had arranged for a motor ride to Kandy, and started off. Slowly we drove through the busy streets, crowded with rickshaws, coolies and creaking bullock-carts.

At last we reached green countryside. Around us were brown thatched huts set amid verdant trees and fields. Natives, scantily yet gaily clad, waved to us and chattered to each other in quick, excited sentences. Banana trees and cocoa palms bowed towards the ground and formed archways over the road; in their shade can the weary wayfarer rest awhile. On either side of the road stretched rice fields and tea plantations, relieved by patches of bright plants and ferns.

We stopped for a rest at a queer wayside zoo. The keeper, in his long red robe, welcomed us with friendly greetings. He showed us a bear with its collar chained to a pole, a porcupine walking slowly round the grounds as if careless of the world, some baby elephants, and some wild cats. This strangely barbaric troupe contrasted oddly with his almost civilized importunacy in demanding payment.

After leaving the zoo we climbed into the hills. On our right was a huge notice-board, with the well-known "Lipton's Tea Plantations" painted on it in white letters. High up in the hills lies Kandy. We motored round the lake, in the centre of which is an island. There is an old Buddhist temple, picturesquely situated on the island.

When we had finished our lunch we drove back to Colombo, but were detained on the way by a procession of The White Elephant. The natives, in their gay costumes and evil-looking masks, trudging by the side of the White Elephant in their age-old procession, made our car seem rather tawdry. Before we arrived at the ship a storm broke, and the rain came down in a sheet of moisture. So we returned to the ship.

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

## CHRONICLES OF THE TERM.

As usual, the Summer Term opened with the feeling that nothing much could be done until our own and the Winchester sports were over. The track was marked out early, and the hurdles put in position—real hurdles, which for the last year or two have replaced the terrifying objects of former days. They were made, by the way, in the School workshop. Fine evenings brought

boys to the field, some because they were keen on training, some because they were not keen on "prep." Preparations for the Winchester are now carried out more systematically, owing to the keen interest taken by Mr. Thacker, who makes an early selection of likely boys and supervises their training. Our own sports day was fine, but the day of the Winchester sports began with heavy rain after a night of storms, and it really seemed as if the meeting must be postponed. Towards eleven o'clock, however, the rain stopped, and thanks to the rapidity with which the Bar End ground recovered, everything went off well.

Since that all the usual things have happened and nothing unusual, and so the term has passed like so many more, pleasantly, and let us hope, profitably.

J. S.

## THE OLD PRICEAN.

### NOTE.

THE OLD PRICEANS ASSOCIATION is a body formed to enable all Old Boys to keep in touch with the School and with each other. All boys are urged to join immediately on leaving School, in order to preserve unbroken their association with the School.

Members receive *The Lion* on publication, and are entitled to play in Past v. Present matches, and to take part in the various functions organised by the Association.

The annual subscription is 3s. 6d., overseas members 2s. 6d., or the present benefits are secured for life by a subscription of two guineas.

Old Pricean Ties are authorised, and are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, or from Messrs. Dunn, West Street, Fareham; price 3s. 6d. each.

The Hon. Secretary is G. Chignell, 21, Lochbie, Crouch Hill, N. 4, who will be very pleased to hear from all prospective members.

Old Boys living in London area are invited to join the London Section. Details from the Hon. Secretary, D. R. Masterman, 87a, Talgarth Road, Barons Court, S.W. 14.

The Southampton Section offers its membership to Old Boys living in that neighbourhood. Details from E. Ross, Rimpton House, Netley Abbey, Hants.

### SECRETARIAL NOTES.

The extremely heavy defeats inflicted by the School on both our Cricket XI's on June 20th must have come as a surprise even to the ardent

supporters of the School, and an even more unpleasant shock to the Association. While those responsible for the proposed early start of the cricket matches accept the blame for part of the cause, the teams would, in any case, have been weak, and we would appeal to people who play regularly for any cricket team to turn out on just this one occasion for us. We hope next year to avenge these defeats, and this can only be done by a certain amount of sacrifice on the part of regular players; we hope to give a very prolonged notice of next year's Reunion, so that arrangements may be made for putting a really adequate team into the field. The Committee have decided, for the present at all events, that an early start for the 1st XI. is not possible. This we must view with regret, as the Past v. Present match should surely be the one event in the whole of the School term which merits an all-day fixture, but until we have a larger number of members available for play, an early start is farcical.

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Apart from the one-sided nature of the cricket matches, our second Reunion was an even greater success than the first; a full description appears elsewhere, but in particular we were very glad to welcome at the School no less than three of the original eighteen who formed the re-constituted School in 1908, and it did not surprise us to learn that H. V. Bone, E. G. Giddins and C. H. Gribble found very great changes from the School that they remembered. It was interesting to hear them comparing notes on the early days, and in particular wondering how the staff managed with and/or impart any knowledge, however slight, to such a diverse group of eighteen boys, ranging in age from 8 to 14 or 15.

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From the number of members who attended church parade on June 21st, which was quite an impromptu arrangement, hopes have been raised that next year a more elaborate plan can be made, to include Present as well as Past, and to put up a respectable attendance.

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The General Meeting having approved the formation of an O.P. Hockey Club, will any members desirous of playing please communicate with H. Wellborne, 32, Elms Road, Clapham Common, S.W., stating (1) when they would be available for play, (2) their nearest centre for a game, and (3) their School record and position preferred. Arrangements are already being made for a number of games in the London area next winter, and if sufficient support is forthcoming it may be possible to play a few games in the Portsmouth, Fareham and Southampton dis-

tricts, such being dependent on the number of local players available.

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The perennial question of the O.P. tie cropped up again at the general meeting, and once again the present authorised tie, although universally execrated on aesthetic grounds, received an overwhelming vote of confidence on the ground that it was certainly not likely to be copied, and in these days when club ties of all sorts and descriptions can be obtained at the nearest sixpenny stores, this is an important consideration. The chief difficulty the meeting had in considering proposed alterations, was that of visualising what the new designs would appear like, and it should therefore be noted that any proposal for a new tie should be submitted in the form of a coloured design, so that any meeting before which it is brought can consider its appearance. In order that technical advice can be taken as to whether such design would be practicable from the manufacturer's point of view, designs should be submitted at least one month before the General Meeting for criticism by our experts, D. R. Masterman and C. H. Dunn.

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The Past v. Present Soccer Matches have been fixed for Saturday, November 14th, and will be followed by the usual informal smoking concert. Will any members who intend to turn up please take this notice that if they would be willing to play if called on, they should bring gear, as on previous occasions the entire resources of the Staff and School have been depleted by a stream of members demanding appropriate gear.

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We make no apology for again drawing the attention of members to their own potential recruiting power. New blood is so necessary to us, and there is so much leeway to be made up, in the persons of those who left School before the Association got going, that only by vigorous personal propaganda can we rope in these people, all of whom must at some time or other come in contact with one or more members—in whose hands lies the possibility of recruiting them.

G. CHIGNELL.

### NEW MEMBERS.

- Morris, R. W.—Butts Farm, Bishop's Waltham, Hants.  
 Giddins, F. G.—Steep Elementary School, Hants.  
 Peel, W. R.—77 St. Aubyns, Hove, Sussex.  
 Peel, R.—c/o C. J. Lanham, Esq., Forest Side, Rowlands Castle, Hants.  
 Franklin, J. E.—"Wellesley," Titchfield Common, Fareham, Hants.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Carr-Hill, E. A.—c/o Mrs. Elliott, 56 White Street, Partick, Glasgow.  
 Ross, C.—Rimpton House, Netley Abbey, Hants.  
 Ross, E.—Rimpton House, Netley Abbey, Hants.  
 Nobbs, E.G.—1st Battalion (K.G.O.) The Madras Pioneers, Mandalay, Burma.  
 Willcocks, G. T.—Well Place, Penshurst, Kent.  
 Hurden, J. C.—15 Hartington Street, Derby.

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

The London Section has very little to report since it is at present enjoying its summer "vacation." The last meeting took place on May 5th at "The Crown and Two Chairmen," Dean Street, W. 1, when ten members were present.

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We shall start the next season in September, and members will be duly advised as to the time and place. It may here be noted that the London Section possesses about a dozen members who may be termed active, inasmuch as they attend the meetings regularly and evidently enjoy them; but we also have about thirty members whom we might call passive, since they never appear at our meetings, yet are quite enthusiastic in their letters to me. I appeal to these people to come along and support us. The object of our existence in London is to enable Old Priceans of all ages to meet one another, with the common bond that they are all Old Boys of the same School, and that should be sufficient to bring them along once or twice, by which time they will have dug themselves in and found a niche for themselves amongst us.

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It was gratifying to see London so well represented on Old Boys' Day at School, which, by the way, struck me as being exceptionally successful, with a feeling of camaraderie in the air which one hopes will always be the strong feature of these occasions.

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We should like to congratulate the Powers that organised everything so well, special mention being made of the Dinner, and we would wish them "many happy returns of the day."

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

### REUNION 1931.

The Reunion programme announced that the 1st XI. Cricket Match was to start at 12 noon, but at that time, although the weather was propitious, the School team prepared, and the pitch in perfect condition, the only thing lacking was

the O.P. team, only some four or five having by then turned up. The result of this was that, instead of the 20 or 30 who had been expected to lunch at the School, barely 10 were present. The 1st XI. match, however, started at 2 p.m., the School batting first and being opposed by a very weak side. In spite of a startling collapse at the beginning, three wickets being down for 10 runs, and seven for 70, a big stand was then made, and at the tea interval the School were able to declare at a score of 168 for 8. On batting, the Past gave a very poor display, being dismissed for 23 runs, and very nearly dismissed a second time before the drawing of stumps at 6.30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the 2nd XI., a very scratch affair, raked up at the last moment, were beaten in a single innings.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Bradly, a tennis court was available during the afternoon, of which good use was made.

By tea time some 50 members had gathered, and from that point onward the Reunion was a great success. After the 10th Annual General Meeting, of which an account appears below, members adjourned to the "Red Lion" for the Second Annual Dinner, which was attended by five of the Staff and 31 members. The original toast list having been cut down by special request, we were much entertained after the dinner by a most interesting speech of reminiscences from the Head Master, which ended all too soon, and this was followed by a well-supported programme of songs.

The last minute arrangement to attend the Service at the Parish Church on Sunday was supported by 10 members, and on Sunday afternoon five or six hardy spirits bathed and sun-bathed from D. R. Masterman's hut at Stokes Bay; the final act of Reunion being a very jolly communal trip back to Town by the London members.

Those present included:—Connolly, Silvester, P., Kenway, Chamberlain L., Chamberlain W., Chapman, Dean-Cooper, Mitchell, Duffett, Pearce H. L., Elcock, Blanch, Harvey, Tovell, Giddins, Hoather, Nicholson, Gribble, Humphries, Hinxman, Boxwell, Mundy, Watson, Ross E., Morris, Bene A. V., Llewellyn, Moss W., Chignell, McNeil Wheatley, Smith F. H., Polvin, Blount, Hunt, Clark F. R., Connor, Marriott, Winsor, Truckle, Masterman, Moss E., Goodall, Mathews, Whiteman.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on June 20th, the President taking the chair, and was attended by 33 members.



The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read his report. Brief reference having been made to the growth of the organisation during the first 10 years of its life, the activities of the last year were described, reference being made to an increase of 10 members; to the results of Past and Present matches; to the first appearance of an O.P. hockey team in the field; to the advance made by the London Section; and to the need of the Southampton Section for a place where members could meet. Attention was drawn to the fact that 21 members had had to be deleted during the year, and it was hoped that this deletion would only be a temporary one. In conclusion, the Secretary thanked the members of the Committee for their great assistance during the year, and on behalf of the Association expressed gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Brady for their great kindness and help.

The report having been adopted, the Treasurer read his report, recommending the adoption of the audited accounts and proposing that with the balance accrued from life subscriptions twelve National Savings Certificates should be purchased. This report and the accounts were adopted.

A resolution, proposed by the President and seconded by the Treasurer, expressing the thanks of the meeting to the Assistant Treasurer for his great help during the year, and the hope that he would continue to assist in that capacity, was unanimously passed.

The election of the Officials for the year was then taken, the retiring officials being re-elected.

A proposal by the Secretary, and seconded by A. W. Ivens, that an O.P. Hockey Club should be formed, matches to be played when and where possible, was carried, with the reservation that no attempt should be made to arrange for Sunday fixtures locally.

A proposal by J. B. Sinnott was read that the O.P. Tie should be altered by reducing the width of the House colours to a pin stripe and increasing the width of the blue band. An amendment to this, moved by P. D. Pink and seconded by R. C. Connolly, that the tie should remain unaltered, was carried by 20 votes to 5. It was, however, agreed that if at any time changes were desired in the tie, members proposing such change should submit to the Secretary coloured designs at least one month before the General Meeting, in order to ascertain whether such projected colour scheme would be practicable from the manufacturer's point of view.

A proposal that a wreath should be provided by the Association each 11th November and placed on the School War Memorial, was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## "AETAT DECEM ANNOS."

A space of ten years is not a very long time, but it may be regarded as the first milestone in the story of an Old Boys' Club, and it is certainly long enough for the origin and early days of this Association to have faded from the memory of man, so we endeavour below to review certain features of its career so far—

At the Winchester sports in 1921 the School gained the Senior Shield for the first and only time to date, being indebted for this success to W. C. A. Eyles, who won the quarter-mile and came second in the 100 yards and in the hurdles; W. Green, who won the high jump; and H. Wellborne, who came third in the mile.

After the sports, the shield was carried in triumph to the School by a mixed crowd of Present and Past, and out of that wave of enthusiasm was born the idea of forming an Old Boys' Club.

At a meeting at the School shortly after this the proposal was mooted and acclaimed, and the Association came into being. Starting in a very informal way, with D. E. Gregory and the present Secretary as Joint Secretaries, with no rules and a very low subscription, the end of the first year found us with 63 members.

The first Annual Meeting was held after the Past v. Present cricket matches on July 22nd, 1922, being attended by 22 members, and it appears from the minutes that it spent its whole time discussing what subscription should be paid.

By the time of the second Annual Meeting, on July 21st, 1923, the need of a formal organisation had become apparent, and a constitution was drawn up, the governance of the Association being placed in the hands of a Secretary and a Committee of six, these retiring annually but being eligible for re-election. H. L. Marriott was appointed Hon. Secretary, which office he held most successfully for six years, and the first Committee consisted of W. C. Baker, P. Silvester, F. W. Taulbut, G. Chignell, N. Frost and E. H. Dean-Cooper.

By the end of the fifth year the membership had reached 100, and in order to lighten the duties of the Secretary, a Treasurer was appointed, in the person of L. F. Biden, who has held that office until the present year.

In the following autumn (1926) the first local section was formed in London, and with an average membership of thirty, has succeeded in holding monthly meetings in the winter seasons ever since, culminating each year in a very jolly Christmas dinner.

By July, 1929, the books of the Association showed a membership of 140, but, as was pointed out at the eighth Annual Meeting, a large number

of these had not been active in the matter of attendance or paying subscriptions for some years, with the result that the financial situation was far from satisfactory. A new campaign was drawn up to awaken the slumberers, with such success that a year later the financial corner had been turned.

At the 1929 meeting also was instituted the Life Membership Subscription, calculated on twelve years' purchase, of which, to date, some fifteen members have availed themselves.

H. L. Marriott, who had carried on as Secretary under great difficulties owing to the pressing claims of his business, was compelled in 1929 temporarily to retire in favour of the writer, who has since then been ably assisted by the present members of the Committee: R. C. H. Connolly, H. L. Marriott, S. F. Polwin, D. R. Masterman, J. B. Sinnott and M. W. Gardner, the later being in 1930 appointed Assistant Treasurer.

Turning to results for teams for Past v. Present matches, our records of the last ten years are unfortunately not quite complete, but the following results epitomise the situation as far as can be stated:—

#### HOCKEY.

1st XI.	Won 5	Lost 3.	Drawn 2
2nd XI.	Won 3	Lost 2	

#### SOCCER.

1st XI.	Won 6	Lost 1	(1 scratched)
2nd XI.		Lost 2	Drawn 2

#### CRICKET.

1st XI.	Won 3	Lost 3	Drawn 1
2nd XI.	Won 1	Lost 3	
3rd XI.	Won 1		

Only once had we to cancel a match, the ground for the Soccer match last year being entirely hopeless, and on the whole the weather has been very favourable to us and the games have suffered few interruptions.

Of the further activities of the Association, mention should be made of the occasional trophies which we have been able to offer the School; of the second local section, Southampton, which is still struggling to find its feet; of the Reunion Dinners, which now form a regular feature of the summer meeting; and even of the very controversial Tie, which is our emblem of membership.

All these features are signs of healthy growth, and, while the activities of individual members are outside the scope of these notes, mention should certainly be made of the obtaining of an English Hockey Cap by F. E. Nugent, as being our most outstanding athletic feat, while the news column of *The Lion* bears witness to the successes in the commercial, academic and athletic fields of many others of our members;

furthermore, the ever-increasing number who fall a victim to the married state has also been chronicled in these columns, and the time may not be far distant when members of the true second generation will be represented at the School.

For the future, hopes are very roseate; an increasing membership, combined with an ever-growing spirit of keenness of members at home and abroad, are sufficient and indeed the only features on which a really live organisation can be built up, and we rejoice in the possession of both of these to a remarkable degree, but without the support of both the Staff and the Present we should never have made any progress, and these notes would not be complete without the expression of our indebtedness and thanks to those at School, particularly the Head Master and Mrs. Bradly, who have done so much for us.

G. CHIGNELL.

## "BEHIND THE SCENES."

### V.—COUNTY COURTS.

By C. A. WALSH.

I hate to contradict, but the County Court is not, as most people I meet would seem to imagine, the place where you get pinched for speeding, beating your wife, or loitering with felonious intent: it does not "pinch" people for anything; it is the place where men are wont to sue for civil remedy or relief by the entry of plaint or petition. It is a development of the old manorial courts and courts of the shire and hundred which gradually grew up after the Conquest and were given power by various Acts and Charters to determine certain minor civic actions. These quaint courts, in the course of a few hundred years, increased and multiplied, each with curious and peculiar powers and customs, and usually a preposterous name (like, for instance, the Bristol Courts of Tolzey and Piepowder or the Alston Court Leet and View of Frank-Pledge), and eventually became so distinguished and eccentric that in 1846 it was decided to pass an Act assimilating their procedure. This was the first County Courts Act. Numerous other Acts were passed almost yearly till 1888, when our great code, 51 and 52 Vic. cap. 43, came into being and set the new County Court on its feet as the court for the granting of practically any remedy or relief up to a maximum of £50. The 1903 Act extended this limit to £100.

The County Court is now, roughly speaking, a copy in miniature of the High Court, the difference being one only of money limit: the County Court is the proper court for all actions up to

£100, which, if over that amount, would have been commenced in the K.B.D., and up to £500 on the Chancery side. Certain courts, too, in the provinces, possess Admiralty and Bankruptcy jurisdiction while some, being District Registries of the High Court, have actual jurisdiction in the King's Bench, Chancery and Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Divisions.

The County Courts are grouped in circuits, the number in each circuit ranging from one or two to fifteen or twenty, according to the size of the courts. For each circuit there is a Judge and for each court a Registrar. The Registrar is a solicitor of more than seven years standing, appointed by the Lord Chancellor. The parts played by the Registrars in running their courts vary, but in very many cases the office is, as far as work goes, little more than nominal; most Registrars have private practices of their own, and with practically all the Departmental and a lot of the legal work we are left more or less to our own devices.

The actual work is very interesting indeed. When you join, you are first of all put on a routine clerical job like that of making out summonses. After a few months you are given a more responsible job, like that of supervising the bailiffs; this is extremely interesting, for a newcomer especially. It involves the planning of arrests, sales under execution and ejectments; you receive visits from detectives and generally obtain a pretty good first-hand knowledge of all the local "bad lots." Not only that, but you pick up a lot of inside information about quite honest people's business, which is very interesting, and, providing you can keep your mouth shut, often worth knowing.

Meanwhile, of course, you are supposed to be learning the law. It is part of your job to get to know the County Court Acts, the Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Acts, the Debtors' Act, and the Rent Acts, as nearly off by heart as you can; while if you are in one of the larger county courts with fuller jurisdiction, you will have to know the Bankruptcy and the Companies (Consolidation) Acts and the County Courts Admiralty Jurisdiction Act. If your court happens to be a District Registry, you will have to learn as well something of the Acts and procedure relating to the High Court.

When you have got to know something of the work you will be put on issuing process, going into court or cashiering, and it is then that you realise how interesting other people's troubles can be. You come across all sorts of people, in London especially. You hear daily long and moving yarns from dustmen, Jewboys, art agents, charladies, swarms of theatrical people, out-of-works and ne'er-do-wells. Beside this bizarre

crowd you meet quite a lot of solicitors and barristers and people from the big firms suing in your district.

Promotion lies via a senior-clerkship to a staff—or chief clerkship. The staff clerk does the actual running of the office, while, in most cases, the chief clerk is for all intents and purposes, the Registrar in all but name. The other avenue is via an examiner's pup-ship, which means being placed more or less on the General Executive Grade and attachment to an office up in the dusty little corridors of the House of Lords.

The pay is that of the Departmental Clerical Grade. Clerks are drawn from the Clerical Class Exam., an examination of slightly higher standard than the Local. A new entrant's salary is £52 plus a cost-of-living bonus of at present 55 per cent. After one year's probation he will become an established Civil Servant on a scale of £75—£5 increments, £90—£10, £180 and bonus. A Senior Clerk (a rather misleading term, as promotion depends almost entirely on merit) gets £200—£10—£250. Staff and Chief Clerkships vary with the size of the court from £250 to £550 plus bonus.

If you are sufficiently adventurous you may explore the other avenue, namely, the one leading to the House of Lords. The Department has a pleasant habit of picking out bright young sparks, giving them £6 a week, and sending them round the country as auditors' assistants. If you are lucky enough to get an auditorship you have got a jolly good job, with pretty complete authority over twenty or thirty courts, and nothing much to do but pop round once in a way: and when you have got an auditorship you stand a chance of one of the fabulous plums in the Lord Chancellor's office.

The pay in the lower grades is not great, but the prospects are quite good: and to this must be added the quite important considerations of the security, pension, and general respectability which attach to the Civil Service. I was talking to another O.P. Civil Servant some while ago, and the opinion he gave me will probably convey as much as I have said: "slightly better than the banks" was his summing-up; and I think this is a pretty good valuation. Pay in the lower grades is slightly higher in the Service, while in the middle grades it is somewhat lower than in the Banks. But whereas there is a long and slightly hopeless waiting-list for the Banks, there is quite a pressing shortage of capable young men in the Lord Chancellor's Department. In most other respects the jobs are about equal and rather similar, though I believe many people would find the Court the more interesting.

## THE SHARK-FIGHTERS OF AUSTRALIAN BEACHES.

Surfing in a country where, during six months of the year, the sun looks down with a scorching ferocity from skies ever a blue void, is naturally accounted one of the world's most irresistible pleasures. But attached to all things that seem to us most pleasant is a hidden snag. It would almost appear that Nature looked back regretfully on what she had achieved or made possible, and with a touch of spite, as a last act, transformed all beauty into evil decoys with which to attract self-willed life into a snare. So it is with surfing. Hardly a day passes without some gruesome tragedy on one of the many pleasure beaches along the Sydney and Brisbane shore-

If there is not a menace in the under-tow, a natural companion of the surf, which clutches a weak swimmer in its grasp to draw him out with a receding wave, to plunge him under the next breaker in water far out of his depth, there is one in that scourge of all tropical and sub-tropical seas—the shark. A cowardly pirate, the shark is always vigilant to grip in its sharp teeth any unwary swimmer who has ventured too far out to sea away from his kind.

To guard against these dangers that beset the Australian surfer, every popularly frequented beach has its Life-Saving Club, a purely voluntary organisation unsubsidised by the State in any way. The lure of danger is the incentive to its members, and the heroic and indispensable work performed ensures no depletion of its funds.

Rivalry is keen amongst the numerous clubs, and one of the features of a Sydney or Brisbane season is the annual life-saving competition. As a company on such an occasion, these life-savers represent the finest physique of the white world. Picked in the first place for stamina and prowess in the water, the sun has baked their skins to a deep chocolate brown, and continuous exercise in the salt water has produced rippling muscles and that abundance of hard flesh swimmers always seem to develop. It is the ambition of every young male to be received into one of these clubs, whose badge to them is the insignia that the Olympian garland was to the Greeks.

Overlooking every surfing strand is the life-savers' tower. From here there is ever an alert eye for bathers in distress or the fin of a shark. The pealing of a bell is a signal for everyone to leave the water, so as to make way for the work of rescue or to be out of range from the shark.

There is nothing more thrilling than to watch a rescue. The pealing bell and the rush to the sea's edge with life-line and stretcher. The plunge of the leader with life-line attached to him

into the surf. His swift, powerful strokes towards the harassed one. Another and another plunge in after him in orderly formation, to hold up the life-line so that it does not become a burden to the leader. The grasping of the drowning person, and then the struggle back to the shore; the life-line being slowly wound in, drawing rescuer and rescued to safety.

If a shark has found a victim, several accompany the leader, whilst other launch a surf boat. Seldom has a shark got away with its prey when the life-savers have been out, though often all they bring ashore is a mangled and bleeding corpse.

When unarmed men attack a shark in the water, their weapon is bluff. The shark is a born coward, but even so I have seen a dozen men kicking and jabbing one before it will release its hold on a victim, and again, some will attack the rescuers if thwarted of their prey.

To be swimming some distance out in the surf when the shark bell rings is a nerve-racking experience. Once I went through this ordeal, and I shall never forget it. I thought I was the furthest out and naturally the one the shark most probably would attack. Though swimming my hardest for the shore, I seemed to make no headway, and every moment I imagined sharp teeth about to enter my legs. A dozen times I felt for land when still out of my depth, only to retard my progress. At last I felt the sand, and soon I was only waist-deep in water. Then I ventured to look round for the shark. I saw it about thirty yards away, but between it and me was another poor unfortunate swimmer, who must have been further out to sea than I was. He was nearly exhausted with his frantic efforts to reach the shore, but up to then the shark did not seem to have spotted him.

He had hardly swam another three yards, however, when, with a dart, it made for him, its ugly fin ripping the surface. For some reason it missed its aim, perhaps it was in too much of a hurry, being so close to the shore, and in another second the swimmer was pulled, fainting, to the beach.

There have been many valiant fights against sharks by other than life-savers. One of the pluckiest rescues, unfortunately in vain, was by a boy of fourteen, off an unfrequented part of the coast. With a friend he was out fishing from a rowing boat. The friend dived overboard for a swim, but he had hardly touched the water before a shark had grabbed his leg. The other immediately jumped in to the rescue, attacking the shark with bare fists and feet. After a prolonged struggle the shark released its hold, and the two boys managed to reach the boat and get into it.

But the victim's leg was half off, and he died before the shore was reached.

A. W. IVENS.

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

E. G. NOBBS has been transferred to the 1st Battalion (K.G.O.) of the Madras Pioneers, and when he last wrote was on a small arms course at Pachmasi, finding it very expensive as well as extremely hard work. In one day he had to do an assault course with the bayonet five times, once being enough for a normal man. There appears, however, to be compensations in the form of bathing and golf. He was due to be transferred to Mandalay at the end of May.

J. G. ELLAM represented his firm, Mm. J. Patou, of Paris, at a recent scent cocktail party in Bond Street, when the Hon. Mrs. Cripps was hostess. The following extracts from the gossip column of a London paper describe what occurred:—"There were three kinds of scent cocktails to choose from—bitter-sweet, sweet and dry—and we found amusement in betting as to which would be chosen by different people. . . . It was a most difficult thing to do, mixing these perfumes. After a few minutes you found that your sense of smell had completely gone."

M. W. GARDNER has been sitting for a Bank examination, and is awaiting the results.

We congratulate L. G. EASTON on the arrival of a son and heir on March 20th.

L. ARCHELL is reported to be in London, but no details are to hand.

E. CARR-HILL, whose conscience was awakened by the letter from S. S. Smith in the March *Lion*, is now in Glasgow, and enclosed with his Life Subscription a long and most interesting letter. He is with Kennedy and Donkin, consulting engineers, and provided with a car, he wanders about inspecting various steel works each day until 5 p.m., and then back to the office where he works until anything between 10 and 12 o'clock. His firm are chiefly occupied with the Central Scottish Electrification scheme, which is now nearly completed after 3½ years. Glasgow does not impress him, as all the "pubs" close at 9 p.m. every day and do not open at all on Sundays. All his office co-workers have now succumbed to the married state, and he seems to feel that his defences are rapidly weakening. He goes on to say:—"You may be interested to learn the reason of the universal hallucination 'the Canny Scot'"

—due to the way they consider everything said *very carefully* before answering,—it's because they're such a lot of half-wits that they don't understand anything for about five minutes—and then they get it wrong. They have no sense of humour—because they don't like waste—and it's waste of breath to laugh. The whole place is over-run with threepenny bits and tea shops where one may (I don't) obtain real Jacobean cakes.

"The policemen do physical jerks all day for the edification of the unemployed and to the utter mystification of the motorist and those that drive Austin 7's.

"Salvationists and street singers emerge in their hordes on Sunday and wake me up long before lunch time.

"They 'play' a 'game' they call Association football up here which is really 'Chasing the Referee'—vide the Scottish Cup Final; they drink "a hawf an' a hawf"—which is half-pint of beer and half-gill of whisky—all ordered together when the other bloke is paying—a distinguishing habit, I think; and then they have the brazen cheek to say Scotland's a gr-r-r-r-and cuntry noo! They are not content with their own filthy weather, but they needs must pinch the London fogs into the bargain."

Would any Scotsman like to reply?

G. R. HILL is married and living in Portsmouth, and is now on H.M.S. "Campbell," stationed at Portland.

W. E. S. HOATHER, having despaired of getting into or getting on in a Bank, has joined the R.A.S.C. in the hope of being recommended for a commission after about 18 months. He is now stationed at Aldershot.

F. ELCOCK has left Lord Scudamore's School in Hereford, and is now in Chichester.

R. G. REEVES, who is part owner of a motor garage and repair shop near Meonstoke, where on the day after the Summer Reunion he most nobly came to the aid of two of the leading lights of the Association.

H. L. PEARCE is now with Cook, Son and Co., Ltd., St. Paul's Churchyard, where he is learning the drapery business before joining his father.

J. H. ANDREWS has left Fore Street Warehouse, and when last heard of was joining the Army.

F. DER B. HARRISON, writing from Santa Barbara, California, comments on a very marked difference in American and English conventions, and we agree with him that here,

at any rate, the Americans are "one up." During vacations at the University the fellows all go to work to get pocket money and partly pay their college bills. They take anything that offers, all kinds of jobs: bus-drivers, road menders, theatre ushers; whereas in England there are so many queer distinctions between jobs that are "infra dig," etc. Over there it is quite a common thing to find a fellow belonging to one of the oldest families pushing a gravel truck all the summer, and no one blinks twice about it.

H. M. LEWIS has been offered a third-class clerkship in the House of Lords, subject to his passing the doctor, and we wish him the best of luck.

J. A. ASHLEY has been having serious trouble with his eyes, but as the result of several operations he was able to see quite clearly with both eyes, which opened up a new world to him. Unfortunately the cure was only a very

temporary one, and he is now in Bart.'s Hospital, where we hope he may have better luck.

A very satisfactory feature of Old Boys' Day was the reunion of three of the original 16 who opened the School in 1908: GIDDINS, who is now at Steep; GRIBBLE, who is in business at Basingstoke; and H. BONE, who is making excellent progress as an accountant in Fareham.

W. H. DROVER, writing from Birmingham, says that the storm which struck the city was beyond description. In some streets it looked as if bombs had been dropped, fronts, roofs and backs of houses having been torn off, leaving only the side walls standing; the chaos in the rooms can be imagined. He has been up for final appointment after completing his probationary period, and is now permanently appointed to the Police Force. He has got into his Divisional Relay Team, and has played several times for its Cricket XI.