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BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW.

The efficiency of the author of "The Chronicles of the Term" is a perpetual source of exasperation to his Editor, who finds himself with next to nothing to say, even a description of the ravages of 'flu being denied him. The future historian of the School must refer to the Chronicles, not to the Editor.

One or two scraps remain, however, and these may be cast to the junior Lions. One is that the Editor would be pleased to receive more contributions than he gets, particularly from those whose early work has showed more promise than achievement: we published the promising material; we should be doubly pleased to publish maturer efforts.

The Senior Library is being used more and more each term, but there are still a good many boys who rarely take out a book. Let us blow our own trumpet. Both Reference and Fiction sections of the Library are good, far better than anything many far larger schools possess; and new books are constantly being added. The best compliment you can pay your Library is to use it as much as possible.

The Editor acknowledges the receipt of "Sotoniensis": the copy has been placed in the Library.

CHRONICLES OF THE TERM.

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Mr. B. R. Shaw to Miss M. Brady, and extend to them the heartiest congratulations of the Staff, the Old Boys, and the School.

Once more the influenza term has come and gone, and once more has it earned its name. Nearly the whole term there have been large numbers of absentees, and about half-way through no less than four members of the staff were off duty for varying periods; not all at once, luckily. Work has kept going by the

help of post-graduate students from Southampton University, for which we were very grateful.

Games suffered, too, from the absence of various members of the teams. It is, I believe, the first occasion on which both a captain and vice-captain have been appointed for the 1st XI. —yet there came a day when neither was available. Perhaps next hockey term we may resort to deputy vice-captain and assistant deputy vice-captain, etc., etc., in the hope that at least one may be available.

The House competition this term was a great success. Seldom has the issue been in doubt so long. Third elevens not being played, there were in all twelve matches, yet on the last day, when two second eleven matches were all that remained to be played, three of the four houses were level. Thus it was possible for any of the three to win, for two to tie, or even for the three to tie, and the whole result depended on second elevens. May there be many more such close fights, for surely they add to the joys of victory and diminish the bitterness of defeat.

J.S.

VALETE.

A. G. Frost, Captain School Football and Hockey; Cricket 1st XI.; Captain of Blackbrook. H. Gibson, School 1st XI. Cricket, Football; and XI. Hockey; Winchester Sports; Captain of Cams. D. J. Lynch, Cams 1st XI. Football. J. Prior, School 2nd XI. Football and Hockey. W. A. Rideout, School 2nd XI., Football, Cricket. D. Riley, L. Tatham, L. K. Sims, F. M. Strugnell.

SALVETE.

III.A: H. P. Fleming, F. J. Masters, J. Neve.

III.B: D. Norster.

II.: G. Dale, R. S. Warren.

1st XI. CHARACTERS.

†P. P. SMITH, Captain (inside-left).—Also played inside-right, where he makes good openings for his wing man. Has excellent stick-work, can shoot well, and uses the push pass with discretion.

†A. JONES (centre-forward).—Works hard, is a good shot, and dribbles well, but is inclined to hang on too long, which is dangerous in a position so hedged about with foes.

†H. C. BROOKS (centre-half).—Takes the ball on his stick very well, clears hard, and gets through any amount of work.

†R. G. CHILD (goal-keeper).—Saves hard shots best, runs out fearlessly and kicks well.

A. S. HOBBS (left-half).—Has played inside-left and right-back, the latter being his best position, as he has quite good stick-work and clears hard.

W. J. WILLIAMS (left-back).—Has improved enormously. Can hit hard. With more activity would be very useful.

L. V. WILTON (inside-right).—Is better at outside-right, where he played in club matches, but he must learn to centre sooner.

A. W. H. READER (right-back).—Can hit hard, but does not always do so. He must turn quicker when he has been passed.

R. G. ATKINS (outside-left).—Can centre hard, but must learn to vary his tactics.

R. G. McNEIL (right-half).—Works hard and uses his stick well. With more experience will be useful.

A. G. CROUCH (outside-right).—Can shoot, but is too deliberate in his movements.

† Indicates 1st XI. Colours.

HOCKEY RETROSPECT, 1932.

The record (won 2, lost 8, drawn 1, goals for 18, against 36)—not exhilarating reading—does not depress us. It is not easy to build up a team when only three of last year's team are left, especially when the 2nd XI. does not play sufficient matches to form a strong nucleus. Then, too, after three matches the Captain, Frost, a very stalwart half, left.

The stick-work as a whole was good, but the team work and positional play was often at fault. Of the victories, St. Vincent were beaten 7—0, and Netley at the third attempt 1—0. Of defeats, King Edward VI. School inflicted a heavy reverse, 7—0, and a much less heavy one in the return, which was a good game, and the score might quite well have been less unflattering

than 1—5. St. Vincent, with a stronger team, won 5—2, but though they outplayed us, it was not so decisive as the score would indicate. Netley beat us 2—0 in the first match, and by the odd goal in five in the second; in each of these the forwards had opportunities which were not taken. Fareham, with a useful side, beat us 5—2. The Border Regiment, a fast side and well together, scored four goals without reply. A strong Old Boys' side, including Nugent, Eyles, Wellborne, Wagstaffe and Chamberlain, were held 1—1 till fifteen minutes from the end of a long second half, and then, in Mr. Shaw's absence, snapped up two goals to win 3—1. The match with Havant was drawn 2—2, but we should have scored another goal.

The 2nd XI. played five matches, of which the first, with St. Vincent II., was won 3—0, and the return was lost 1—3. The two fixtures with King Edward VI. School II. were heavy defeats, 0—7 and 1—5. The Old Boys' 2nd XI., including the Raby-Cox brotherhood and other redoubtable players, scored many goals.

Junior teams defeated the Waverley Ladies and the Alvastoke Ladies (twice), while an "Under 14" team met with a severe reverse at the hands of Emsworth House, who played a most convincing game.

The House matches, the result of which was a tie between Westbury and Blackbrook, with 14 points each—a satisfactory ending when the issue was left to the final round of 2nd XI. matches, which were played after the 1st XI.'s had been decided. Some of the play was crude, but there was much enthusiasm and some skill, giving a very good hope for the future.

1st XI. MATCHES.

Havant II. Drawn 2—2.

Played at Havant Park on Saturday, Jan. 30th. We had several opportunities, but only scored twice; our opponents took the two they had. A very enjoyable game on a good ground.

Team:—Child; Reader, B. R. Shaw; Brooks ii., F. H. Brown, Frost; Wilton, Smith, R. O. Johnston, Jones, Hobbs.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Lost 0—2.

Played at Netley on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Our opponents scored once in each half without reply from the School. The Netley defence was too firm to give many opportunities, though we were often round their circle.

Team:—Child; Reader, B. R. Shaw; Brooks ii., F. H. Brown, Frost; Wilton, Smith, R. O. Johnston, Jones, Hobbs.

H.M.S. "St. Vincent." Won 7—0.

Played at Forton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The School XI. were seen to great advantage: Jones and Smith each scored three goals, and Hobbs one, without reply from St. Vincent.

Team:—Child; Reader, Williams; Brooks ii., Frost, McNeil; Wilton, Smith, Jones, Hobbs, Atkins.

King Edward VI. School. Lost 0—7.

Played at Southampton on Wednesday, Feb. 10th. Our opponents were a sound team, in fact, one of the best they have had for years, and were particularly well served at centre-half, centre-forward and inside-right. Their teamwork, too, was very good, and they put on three goals in the first half and four in the second.

Team:—Child; Reader, Williams; McNeil, Brooks ii., Moore; Wilton, Smith, Jones, Hobbs, Atkins.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Lost 2—3.

Played at home on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. A good match, in which our opponents always looked dangerous near the circle. We missed Smith and Brooks badly.

Team:—Child; Reader, B. R. Shaw; Hobbs, F. H. Brown, Williams; Crouch, Wilton, Jones, R. O. Johnston, Atkins.

Fareham. Lost 2—5.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Jones scored in the first half and Smith in the second, but Wagstaff and Connell, their inside forwards, proved too strong in the latter stages of the game.

Team:—Child; Reader, B. R. Shaw; Hobbs, Brooks ii., Williams; Wilton, Smith, Jones, R. O. Johnston, Atkins.

The Border Regiment. Lost 0—4.

Played on the School ground, after School, on Monday, Feb. 29th. Our opponents were a good side and were very quick on the ball, scoring four goals without reply.

Team:—Child; Reader, B. R. Shaw; Brooks ii., F. H. Brown, Hobbs; Wilton, Smith, Jones, R. O. Johnston, Atkins.

King Edward VI. School. Lost 1—5.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday, March 2nd. Our opponents scored three times in the first half. In the second, Smith, who had been playing left-half, went up forward and materially strengthened the attack, and Jones scored. K.E.S. added a further two goals, but it was not a one-sided game.

Team:—Child; Reader, Williams; McNeil, Brooks ii., Smith; Crouch, Wilton, Jones, Hobbs, Atkins.

Past v. Present. Lost 1—3.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, March 5th. A very good game, in which the School put up a very good fight.

Team:—Child; Hobbs, B. R. Shaw; Brooks ii., F. H. Brown, Williams; Wilton, Smith, Jones, R. O. Johnston, Atkins.

H.M.S. "St. Vincent." Lost 2—5.

Played at home on Wednesday, March 9th. St. Vincent, with a much stronger and faster side, attacked keenly, and playing the long-passing game, led 3—1 in the first half, and added two to our one in the second half.

Team:—Child; Hobbs, Gilbert; McNeil, Williams, Moore; Crouch, Wilton, Jones, Smith, Atkins.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Won 1—0.

Played at Netley on Wednesday, March 23. Pressing most of the first half, the School scored only once, in spite of many corners; in the second half Netley took up the attack and came very near to equalising. It reflects great credit on our defence that they were kept out.

Team:—Child; Hobbs, B. R. Shaw; Brooks ii., F. H. Brown, Williams; Wilton, Smith, Jones, R. O. Johnston, Atkins.

HOUSE MATCHES.**1st XI.**

Blackbrook 1	Westbury 0
Blackbrook 4	Cams 0
School House 7	Cams 0
School House 2	Blackbrook 1
Westbury 3	School House 0
Westbury 8	Cams 0

2nd XI.

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

Points.

1 {	Blackbrook 14
	Westbury 14
3	School House 12
4	Cams 2

HOUSE NOTES.

BLACKBROOK.

Congratulations, Blackbrook, on sharing with Westbury the two Hockey Cups. We were unfortunate in losing Frost before the House matches. He was not only an outstanding House Captain, but a distinguished School Captain, and we wish him the best of luck in his new post. Both Hockey teams worked their hardest, and we won the Cups by team spirit and enthusiasm. The 1st XI. match with Westbury was especially enjoyable, and was one of the best and fastest seen at the School for a long time, in the opinion of umpires and spectators alike. The 2nd XI. improved after a bad start, and in the last match, against School House, played really well.

We lost the Tarbat Cup last term for the first time since it was awarded, but there are signs that it may soon be restored to our shelf.

We hope to win some of the Steeplechase Cups this term, and there is no reason why we should not do so. But practice for these events, as well as for Sports and Cricket, is essential. Next term we must take some of the remaining cups now held by Westbury.

A.S.H.

CAMS.

So far this term has not seen a glorious succession of Cams victories, but although we have won no trophies, we can show a list of matches, lost, after putting up a stubborn resistance against what in the 1st XI. games were overwhelming odds.

The 2nd XI. played some extremely good games, and fortune showed herself to be as fickle as usual, when we just missed sharing the Junior Cup. Both our teams were considerably lighter than those of the other Houses; so next year, with an increase in weight and skill, they should have the satisfaction of soundly beating their opponents.

When this is published I expect the Steeplechase will have been run; well, if the members of Cams show themselves as keen on training for running as they were on playing hockey, the result should be very favourable.

Next term come the School Sports, and every boy must be as fit as it is possible to be by hard training, and so help to bring his House once more to the top.

A.W.H.R.

WESTBURY.

Although forced at last to share two of our cups with Blackbrook, we are far from down-

hearted: indeed, it may be good for us to realise that they are not our permanent property, and that our rivals have not abandoned all claim to them!

Our first match, with Blackbrook, cost us five points, but it was well fought and clean, and we cannot begrudge them the victory. Our 2nd XI., whose unfortunate loss to School House cost us the undisputed possession of both cups, were handicapped by the fact that they were opposed by a stronger team than were the other Houses. We welcome the suggestion that in future it may be illegal to play a 1st XI. man in the 2nd XI., although unable to fill his usual place, since this seems a much fairer arrangement.

The issue of the Steeplechase is always a matter of doubt, but as long as we do our best we shall have no cause for regret. By the time the "Lion" is published, the results will be known, and we hope to have the satisfaction of knowing that every boy has pulled his weight.

The Sports have long been Westbury's strong point, and it is hoped that every boy will put in as much practice as possible. Even if we cannot keep our cups for ever, we can always put up a good fight for them.

E.J.G.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

It is not too much to say that School House are once more returning to the path of fame: Enthusiasm seems more prevalent among the youthful talent, and although, mainly through members of our teams being absent, we failed to regain the Hockey Cup, we should certainly add further trophies to our shelf during the forthcoming terms.

As regards actual results, the 1st XI. defeated Cams fairly easily, but owing to four members of our team being absent, we lost to Westbury; nevertheless, the weakened team put up a good fight. Against Blackbrook the team played well, and with our opponents playing a bustling game, we managed to win by the odd goal of three. Bent played well in goal, while Williams and Bennett i. made a safe pair of backs. Smith i. again proved himself a fine constructive centre-half, and Ford i. and Leese played well as wing halves. The forwards were fairly successful; Crouch was a good marksman, and Ross did a lot of useful work. Nicholas i. and ii. were excellent wingers, and their inclusion in our 2nd XI. against Westbury probably accounted for our victory.

As a team our 2nd XI. was not very successful. A strengthened side did well to beat Westbury, but they should have done much better against Cams and Blackbrook. The most prom-

inent players were Smith ii., who as captain led the team in a sporting manner, and also Pitcairn, Draper, Bennett i., Bromley ii. and Newbury. The last-named, called upon to play in goal at the last moment, put up quite a good performance.

Smith i. succeeded Frost as Hockey Captain, while Williams played regularly for the 1st XI., and Crouch played in the latter part of the season. Ross, Leese and Nicholas i. were all regular members of the School 2nd XI.

Congratulations to Williams on passing the School Certificate in December.

This term we are losing Austin and Ross, so we wish them the best of luck.

We hope to retain the Junior Steeplechase Cup, and to do better in the Senior. Everyone who can should run his hardest and do his bit for the House.

Apes ii., who had an operation for appendicitis, is, we are glad to hear, making an excellent recovery. Crabtree, who developed a taste for swallowing coins in the holidays, has been on the sick list all the term, and is unlikely to return.

R.G.C.

THE IRONMASTER.

Birmingham has a character enviable by any playwright or poet. The scope of its episodes is boundless and its infinite band of characters as varied as a grandmother's patchwork quilt. It was the home of Ironmaster Reiss. He was tall, broad-shouldered, and a king in his bearing, who could swing a sledge or tap a furnace with the best of his men. He was a man to whom one would be proud to look for guidance, a veritable monarch of the glaring shale heap. Yet he had a sense of being all-powerful—a man at the wave of whose hand could be cast the frame of a skyscraper.

Reiss was essentially a practical man, one who needed the control of a master-brain, a robot mechanically perfect, being but without the power of reason. One head contained such a brain. It was the only head that could even pretend to soften the roughness of Reiss. That head was Templeton's. He was a much younger man than Reiss, who had saved him from being burnt to ashes in the roaring blast of the master-furnace. He was physically an exact opposite to Reiss: stooping, thin, with an uncontrollable temper and fierce eyes. Yet they had one likeness—the desire for power.

Three months after Templeton had recovered, Reiss gave him a small post; but such was his genius that soon he had risen through all ranks, and was made the Controller in the disposal shops and the order offices. But, like

Caesar, he turned his back on the ladder by which he ascended, and, looking into the sky, saw his future, bright and clear, but with one cloud across it—Reiss, this automaton of the furnace keeping back him, the genius of the markets.

The absurdity of the position struck him. There was he, perhaps the greatest brain in the business, under this great, roaring ape. But it was the simple-minded ape who gained the affection of his workmen, and it was the loyalty of these men, stripped to the waist, that saved him.

Each night, as that winding river of slag, white hot, gushed from the underside of the blast and lit up the ironyard, Reiss's heart swelled with pride. He stood and watched, leaning on his hammer and silhouetted against the glare of the slag, a figure symbolic of the might of man. He stood there, behind the guard one night when someone crept behind him. Lost in his pride, the ironmaster stood—but not for long. Suddenly the guard fence gave way, and Reiss, clutching frantically, slid over the edge, straight for the slag canal.

As he looked back, he thought he saw the ugly triumphant face of Templeton. He lost consciousness as he hit—but it was not the slag. His loyal men, just coming off work, saw him slip, and then sent out from the edge the small pontoon used for transporting trucks of coal across.

It was weeks before Reiss took up the sledge hammer again, but he appeared the same stolid man as before; but as he slipped from the bank, he had resolved that, if ever he should live, Templeton should pay. Now, as he strode about, that same inscrutable resolution was in his mind. "Templeton," he said one evening, "See how magnificent the ironyard is! Come out and look at the new blast we put in."

Templeton reached for his hat, and together they walked out.

"Look at that ore-truck on top of the blast," suddenly spoke Reiss. "See how he is silhouetted against the sky. Let's go up there."

Together they climbed the hundreds of steps to the top, where ore was thrown down from trucks. Now they could feel the trembling and hear the rumbling of the mass of molten iron beneath them.

"Down there," said the ironmaster, "there is a temperature of 5,000 degrees. You wouldn't like to be down there, would you, Templeton, eh?"

Now they were at the tip on the edge of the pit.

"Look down in, Templeton."

The scorching vapours enveloped them. Then, with a spring, Reiss hurled himself at Templeton. "Go, Templeton! Go down in;

back to what I saved you from, you cur!"

With a horrible cry, Templeton grasped the edge, his whole being blistering from the heat. With a cry of disgust, Reiss hurled rocks at him. Templeton's grip slipped, and a blackened, loathsome mass dropped into the seething inferno beneath, while a sickening smell arose.

The next day found no difference in the ironyard. Stolid as ever, on guard but having learnt his lesson, stood the ironmaster.

K.J.M. (V.A.).

EXAMINATIONS.

Not a sound was heard but the scratching of pens

As to finish in time we hurried,
And a pupil discharged his farewell blot

On the page where his hopes were buried.

He'd swotted it up at the dead of night,

The pages quickly turning,
By the fading firelight's fitful flight
And the candle dimly burning.

Short and few were the things he knew,

As he looked on that paper of sorrow;
He thought of a clue, but it quickly flew,
And he bitterly thought of the morrow.

Slowly and sadly he passed in his test,

With a sigh that told its own story;
He immediately found 'twas the same with the
rest,

So he was not alone in his glory.

O.J.H. (V.A.).

A MOTOR-CYCLE TOUR TO SCOTLAND.

The first night out from home the two tourists, who were in a motor cycle and side-car, camped on the south side of Stourbridge, having passed through Shakespeare's country. The old farmer on whose land they camped was a real old, robust, jolly, John Bull, one of the bulldog type of men; he enquired of the tourists, "Where 'ave 'ee come from?" and, "Where be 'ee goin' to?" "Ye're goin' to stay at least a fortnight."

The two tourists pitched their tent in a field just above a small stream. While one went to secure eggs and milk, the other collected wood for a fire, and cooked the supper. All the preparations were made for the night, so the

tourists went to sleep. On waking up, they washed at 6 a.m. in the stream, and, having breakfasted, they were soon on their way again.

The Black Country was in front of them. Not knowing what this part of England was like, they were not prepared for the worst. It came all right. Wigan, Warrington, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth; eighty miles of bumpy—bumping over disused tram-lines and young volcanoes which were originally pot-holes; through greyness and chimney smuts until every particle of filth in the country seemed to be clinging to the tourists' faces.

The next camp was five miles south of Kendal; not near a stream, but in quite a sheltered spot under a dyke. From this point the road lay over the Shap Pass, which was very cold and bleak, but with magnificent scenery; then through Carlisle and over the Border into Scotland at Gretna Green. The tourists passed by the famous forge, where it is said that there have been 10,000 marriages. The next stopping place was a small village called Moniaive, where there were friends and a hot bath (most necessary). The tourists stopped here amidst beautiful country for several days.

J.P.D. (V.B.).

THE STRANDED KETCH.

It was in one of those November mists, a dirty, foggy day, that a small French ketch, "L'Arquenon" by name, laden with onions, ploughed her way through the heavy seas to harbour. Owing to the fog, she missed it, and ran on to the sands. The next fine day, at high tide, tugs, pinnaces, and small but strong little craft, tried vainly to refloat her. Of course, it attracted the younger folk, and the Frenchmen grew very excited, when boys, being curious, started climbing about the ship, and said, "I will tell ze pleecmen." But they were kind-hearted fellows, and allowed the boys, as long as they did no damage, to play on the decks. Christmas came; but what an unlucky Christmas for the crew! The people of the town were very kind, and the Frenchmen ate their fill on Christmas Day. It was surprising the crowd that collected to look at her, and the Frenchmen all looked as proud as if she was a new liner, just being launched.

The spring-tides came, and one night, when all was still, she was refloated. It seemed strange, after all the excitement, that she should go in the dead of night; but how happy the men were, to reach their wives and children.

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

MY VOYAGE

from Rio de Janeiro to Southampton.

The hot South American sun was streaming through my bedroom window when I woke up. I somehow felt that some fresh adventure was to happen during the day, but I could not quite remember what it was. I turned over and looked at my watch; it was 8.45 already. Then I suddenly remembered. Why, of course, we were for England at noon on that day: England, which I had not seen for three years! With many thoughts on my mind, I hopped out of bed, and quickly dressed. What happened between that time and the time when the ship weighed anchor, I cannot tell, because the morning seemed to go so quickly. I can just remember saying "Good-bye" to some friends, and bidding a young Spanish friend "Adios." How sad I felt at leaving him for ever, but yet I was feeling glad that I should once more tread on England!

It was a German boat, and I was shown my cabin by a German steward, who spoke perfect English. Luckily, my brother shared the same cabin as myself, and besides us two, there were two other young men. I believe they were Spanish travellers, both travelling for the same firm. I afterwards learnt that they were bound for Gibraltar, which was our first stop on this side of the Atlantic. This was my first experience of a long sea voyage, and naturally I was rather excited. I suppose I must have shown signs of excitement outwardly, because my brother kept telling me to "get over it." I didn't quite know what he meant, but anyway, I did not take any notice of him. We were towed a little way out to sea by three tugs, and then we started off on our own. As we were travelling by second class we could go almost anywhere on the ship. We soon became friendly with our travelling companions, although neither could speak much English; but one of them taught us how to work a puzzle. It was an Indian puzzle, of teak wood, and very cleverly made. On our first evening on the boat I became friendly with one of the stewards, who offered to take me over parts of the ship forbidden to passengers at ordinary times. His English was not perfect, but I managed to understand him. We arranged that he should show me around on the next day. It was half-past nine when I said "Good night" to him, and then I returned to my cabin, where I found my brother busy with an ice-cream, and with his "nose in a book." But a few minutes later we both retired, as we were tired.

I did not sleep for a long time, and my thoughts were many, some for the friends I had left, and other for those I should see again.

Gradually I drifted into a sound sleep. In the morning, after breakfast, I went and found my new friend, the steward, and as he had the morning off, he took me round the engine rooms, and the laundry, and quite a lot of other places, which would take too long to describe. During the day, if there was nothing else to do, I used to play with some of the other children, at rounders, or some such game as that. Once or twice I went to the swimming baths. They were really splendid, and one would never think they were on a boat. I did not approach them too closely when Father Neptune appeared, while we were crossing the Equator, but afterwards I was told that I had missed some fun. Each day seemed to pass like the one before, but on about the fifteenth day, when we were in mid-ocean, a rather bad storm arose. Although it did not last long, waves lashed right over the bow, and many seats and small loose articles were washed away. The ship also rocked rather alarmingly, but I was told that this was quite the usual thing. When we arrived at Gibraltar we went ashore for two hours, and then returned to the ship, feeling very restless. In five days' time we were steaming up Southampton Water, glad to be in England again. We landed at the docks, and soon we were off in the train with our luggage.

A. C. F. (REM.)

A STORY WITH A MORAL.

Dedicated (without permission) to Mr. H. Belloc.

When Easter comes it with it brings,
Many good and pleasant things.
Just before this famous date
The Exams. come (never late)—
English, French and Geography,
Mathematics, History
Latin, Scripture, Chemy p'raps,
Physics and Spanish for those chaps
Who like the Spanish toreador
Better than Roman gladiator.
When, at last, results so dread,
Of these Exams. the masters spread,
Every boy finds out for once,
That he is not the only dunce,
For, though his marks are very low,
The rest have very few also.
This is a very happy thought
For those who feared they would have nought.

J.V.D. (V.A.).

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 connection 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 invited to join the London Section. Details from the Hon. Secretary, D. R. Masterman, 87a, Talgarth Road, Barons Court, S.W. 14.

The policy of selecting O.P.A. teams in advance has speedily borne fruit. We were able to place in the field on March 5th two of the strongest sides which have ever opposed the School, and, though the 1st XI. game was keenly fought every inch of the way, victory lay with our men, for the first time since July, 1930.

If all first choices are available, we hope to put into the field an equally strong cricket 1st XI., and one with a good prospect of further consolidating our position.

In criticism of the present method of selecting teams, it has been said that if we always put into the field the strongest XI. at our disposal in each game, we shall always gain overwhelming or one-sided victories. There are, however, several factors to be considered:—First, it is a compliment to the School that we know we need exceptionally strong sides to be sure of holding our own; secondly, there will always, we hope, be changes in the O.P. team each year, so as to give games in the 1st XI. to everyone whose record justifies inclusion; and finally, it has always to be remembered that a collection of brilliant individuals who do not play regularly together are badly handicapped when up against a well-combined team.

The fact that fifty members turned up on March 5th was very gratifying indeed both to the organisers of the day, and, we believe, to the School and Staff, and on all sides one heard it expressed that the occasion was one of the best O.P. days we have had.

One landmark passed (and 50 O.P.'s at a hockey term O.P. day is a landmark), we promptly and insatiably look forward to another—and are now straining every nerve to get a hundred members at the School on July 16th. With a membership of over 180 this should not be impossible, and it would be a real feather in our caps if we could do it. Therefore, will members please make a special note of the date—SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 16th AND 17th, and book it right away for Fareham. The plans for Reunion so far are on the same lines as last year—including cricket matches, annual general meeting, the third Reunion dinner, church parade on Sunday, and, to finish the week-end, a treasure hunt by car on Sunday afternoon.

An interesting plan for getting hold of that great army of apathetic people who "have heard of the O.P.A., have even once been asked to join, but haven't done so yet and don't know quite why," was put forward recently by M. Languier, who suggested that in each area the local member of the Committee should co-opt another member of the Association, and together they should go round to all potential members in the district and do a little gentle moral persuading—on the principle that two going together would not feel so diffident about calling, and also would carry greater suasive weight. We heartily commend this plan; and suggest as an extension that any two members might co-operate on such errands amongst their acquaintances in their district, with very favourable results.

The London Section still flourishes and goes ahead, and the latest project from that hive of O.P. activity is a lunch club to meet once a month, of which full particulars are given under the London notes. There has not yet been time for this to be tried out, but it seems a splendid idea, a restaurant having been chosen where the most impecunious of us need not feel embarrassed, and where any O.P.'s in London can drop in to lunch on the stated day with the certainty of meeting brother O.P.'s.

The dates of Past v. Present matches have now been fixed in perpetuity for the following Saturday:—

Hockey: The first Saturday in March.

Cricket: The second Saturday in July
(except this year).

Football: The third Saturday in November.

If members will make a note always to reserve those dates, and, where possible, to arrange that teams for whom they play can release them then, it should have a very beneficial effect both on the attendance at Reunions and in strengthening O.P. teams.

Mr. B. R. Shaw has kindly consented to act for us as Honorary Corresponding Member at School (that is to say, as a sort of liaison officer), and with his co-operation we hope to make it easier for boys leaving School to keep in touch with us, and us with them. We shall also expect him to rope in as members any stray Old Boys who turn up to pay their respects to the School.

Again in this number we publish a complete list of name and addresses of members, the first since December, 1929, and it is a clear indication of our progress that whereas the first list comprised only 118 names, this one totals 182: the long sought 200 mark should soon be reached now.

PAST v. PRESENT.

March 5th, 1932.

A gloriously fine day, though with a keen wind, two full eevens in the field, a record and enthusiastic gathering of O.P.'s, two victories over the School, and last but not least, the extremely generous hospitality of the Head Master and Mrs. Bradly, were the chief factors contributing to the success of this Old Boys' Day.

The 1st XI. game was played on the Recreation Ground, and produced a very hard struggle. For the School, Mr. Johnston played brilliantly and exercised his old fascination over his opponents, some of whom evidently could no longer forget their slightly different relationship, and it was not till late in the second half that the O.P. team definitely got ahead, despite brilliant goal-keeping by Child.

Goals were scored by Chamberlain (2) and Henry, and the final score was 3—1, the game being umpired by L. Mathews.

In the 2nd XI. game, played at School, the Present were badly out-weighted and out-paced, and the Past, who had a very powerful side out, won in a canter by 12—1.

The O.P. teams were:—

1st XI.—R. A. Lewry (University College, Southampton); J. Riches (Fareham), W. C. A.

Eyles (Hampshire); H. Wellborne (Exiles), F. E. Nugent (England, Dorset and Poole), A. D. Hayward (Ilford); H. Atkins (Fareham), W. J. Henry (Middlesex and Hampstead), W. Chamberlain (Ilford), R. C. H. Connolly (Southampton).

2nd XI.—H. Mundy; F. R. Raby Cox, E. H. Dean Cooper; E. Smith, R. D. Raby Cox, V. J. Barnes; D. C. T. Humphries, L. Chamberlain, H. J. Raby Cox, W. Mitchell, M. W. Gardner.

Tea in School House was a rollicking and crowded affair, and the real size of the invasion was then seen. Before going over to the big Hall for the usual smoker, the Head Master asked F. E. Nugent to present 1st XI. Colours to the School goal-keeper, Child; and also a clock to R. A. Lewry, in recognition of his remarkable record in all forms of sport at the School.

The concert was well attended and very well supported vocally and instrumentally. After "Forty Years On" we were regaled by the School Jazz Band, led by Stevenson, with up-to-date music. Finding that people seemed anxious to get as far away as possible from the piano, it was found necessary to bring the piano and orchestra nearer the company, for the more harmonious conduct of the community singing in which all joined—some far more than others.

In spite of repeated appeals for singers, musicians, etc., not one had offered assistance, so that our thanks are due to all those who gave their welcome services without notice. We were more than pleased to hear Nugent, who has been absent from our gatherings for some time, and who amused us all with a "Welshman's Ideas of Golf" and the North Country ditty of "Sam," who would not pick up his musket. We are also indebted for songs to Polwin, Gardner and F. R. Clark, and the sing-song concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," cheers for the School, and counter cheers for the Old Boys at a much later hour than usual.

In addition to the teams, the following were also present during the day:—Blanch, H. V. Bone, F. R. Clarke, Chignell, Coles, Dodds, Dyer, Edwards, R. L. Fielder, Franklin, Hinxman, Hoather, J. C. Heath, W. L. Jones, Marriott, Alasterman, H. E. Mercer, W. McNeil, Mathews, Nicholson, Polwin, Rampton, Redpath, R. G. Reeves, P. Silvester, Sturgess, F. P. Smith, Wareham.

I.S.O.P. NOTES.

London Section still continues gaily on its way, meeting once a month, sometimes at the houses of members, and at others, at the "Crown and Two Chairmen," Dean Street, Soho, where

a decidedly substantial supper is served for 1s. 6d.

The meetings are fairly well attended, all things considered, but we have plenty of room for new members, and will be glad if any Old Pricean coming to London, or already in Town, will notify the Secretary, and join up with us.

It has been felt for some time past that a regular meeting time and place is desirable, so that Old Boys who may at any time be in London for a short time, or possibly home from abroad on leave, may know without further notice, when and where other Old Boys will probably be found.

For this purpose it has been decided that on the **FIRST TUESDAY IN EVERY MONTH** till further notice, members of London Section who may be in the vicinity will lunch at the **BRASSÉRIE RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY CIRCUS** (under the Criterion), preferably between 1 and 2 p.m. We appeal, therefore, to all Old Priceans who may find themselves near Piccadilly on the first Tuesday in any month to support this "Lunch Club," and so ensure its success. An excellent lunch can be had within the reach of the leanest of pockets, and we may add for the guidance of intending supporters, that we shall endeavour to occupy a table in the back left-hand corner of the lower floor.

DUDLEY R. MASTERMAN,

Hon. Secretary,

87 Talgarth Road,
Barons Court, W. 14.

"BEHIND THE SCENES."

VII.—Chemistry as Applied to Food Manufacture.

By G. CHIGNELL.

In an earlier article ("THE LION," December, 1930) a preliminary account was given of the methods of training, and the general scope and opportunities afforded to a chemist. Let us now suppose that the man who proposes to devote himself to chemistry in its application to Foods, is standing at the threshold of his career, having obtained a University Degree, and the general qualification of the Institute of Chemistry. He will be advised at this point to obtain at least a year's experience as Junior Assistant to a Public Analyst, where the most varied analyses and problems will come before his notice, and where he will be taught the essentials of practical chemistry (as amplifying the theoretical work he learned at College), and will be grounded in his training as an operative chemist. During

this period he should also start studying for the examination for the Fellowship of the Institute of Chemistry in that branch which deals with Food and Drugs. This can only be obtained after three years' actual practice as a chemist, and involves a fairly stiff and comprehensive examination, of which the greater part, lasting five days, is practical. Until this particular qualification by examination has been obtained the chemist cannot receive an official appointment as a Public Analyst.

The actual work in a Public Analyst's Laboratory is diverse and always interesting. Official samples, taken by Food and Drugs Inspectors, are sent in by the authorities whose appointment the Public Analyst holds, and these have to be tested for conformity with the particular regulations which may govern the article in question, i.e.: in the case of milk, the percentage of fat and water; in butter, the percentage of water and the quality of the fat; in drugs, conformity with regular Pharmacopoeial standard; and so forth. If the Analyst is also in private practice there will also crop up problems and research in connection with any industrial concerns which may consult him, together with occasional samples of food, etc., from dear old ladies who imagine they are being poisoned.

This training, apart from the diversity of the work which comes before the would-be chemist's notice, is also very valuable, if he intends to take up work in a commercial organisation later on, as giving an insight into the official point of view, which is by no means always inimical to that of the producer, as is exemplified by the very cordial way in which these two classes of chemists meet and discuss their mutual problems under the auspices of the various Chemical Societies.

We will suppose further, that having gained experience with a Public Analyst, the young chemist now obtains an appointment as junior assistant in an industrial organisation in connection with the manufacture of food stuffs. Here, of course, his work will be circumscribed by the limits of the activities of his employers. If he is fortunate enough to join a company who realise the potential value of a chemical department, and whose activities range over a wide field, these will provide a wide scope and variation of interests. That such firms do exist may be exemplified by one large London foodstuff firm who have devoted a whole large building to their Laboratories and employ at least seventy fully-trained chemists for routine analyses and research in connection with their various products.

There can be no doubt that the growing importance of chemical control, particularly in

connection with foodstuffs, where purity is of paramount importance, is steadily being realised, and many firms, who hitherto have only consulted a chemist occasionally, have lately been starting laboratories of their own, although the stress of world depression has no doubt put a temporary check on these developments.

It will be found that in most cases, the manufacturing process of foodstuffs is to a large extent controlled by the Laboratory. The work will therefore involve analyses of, in the first place, the samples upon which the raw materials are bought, the bulk deliveries of these materials (to see that they conform to forward samples); then of samples at various stages during the course of manufacture, checking the processes involved, and finally the testing of the finished product to establish uniformity and to check purity.

The importance of this chemical control cannot be over-estimated. From the point of view of health, no standard can be too stringent where foodstuffs, which are to be distributed to the public, are concerned, while from the sales point of view alone, the ill effects of a conviction under the Food and Drugs Act, either for an adulterated article or for one which contains minute traces of poison such as arsenic, are enormous. A particular illustration of this occurred some years ago, when a firm was prosecuted for selling chocolate containing about twelve parts per million of arsenic. This proportion was possibly too small actually to harm any consumer unless he took a large quantity of the chocolate, but the effects of this prosecution, which indicated lack of care on the part of the manufacturers, was to cripple the sales of that particular firm for a considerable period of time. The incidence of the arsenic was ultimately traced to one of the chemicals used in preparing the chocolate.

The responsibilities of a food chemist are thus not light, and the work demands continual watchfulness that no single article is allowed to leave the factory without the assurance that it is pure and up to standard, and that its keeping properties will remain unimpaired.

Amongst the more progressive firms, the chemical department is so organised that part of the staff can be at least partially engaged in research, always aiming at the improvement of present produce and the introduction and perfection of new lines for the consideration of the salesman. Repeated analyses of competitors' products have also to be made to ensure that a march has not been stolen by them.

Promotion in such an organisation is often slow, but if the chemist displays a fair amount of talent and is willing to wait for his advancement,

it should be reasonably certain, and the post of Chief Chemist or Chemical Director in a large organisation probably carries a much higher salary than the corresponding post in Government or Tutorial Chemistry. On the other hand, the life of a commercial chemist is always somewhat uncertain; his employers may go out of business, or, if they are men who have not fully grasped the value of a chemical department, may feel that its negative value does not justify the expenditure which they are called upon to make, and may prefer to run the risk which is incurred by lack of proper chemical control. The chemist who has served them well may, also, by exercising his judgment or expressing too vigorously his opinions on policy, overstep the not necessarily wise limits of discipline imposed in their organisation.

There is this to be said, however, that under the continuous urge of modern civilisation for manufactured and prepared foods, there must always be an increasing number of firms in this line of business, and therefore the demand for the expert on foodstuffs should be always on the increase. Moreover, the temporary set-backs, such as that caused by the present industrial depression, are always followed by a reaction, when the demand and opportunities for qualified men are very great.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

We deeply regret to record the death of DON HORNER, from meningitis following influenza, at the end of February. He was married, and had started a retail business in Stubbington.

F. C. POLWIN has recently been inducted President of the Higher Education Section of the Portsmouth Branch N.U.T., and found it quite an ordeal to stand up and address his members, many of whom are older than he. He has also attended an N.U.T. conference in London, but as he had mislaid his address book, the L.S.O.P. saw nothing of him. Rumour hath it, however, that he may one day become a permanent Londoner, where he will be most welcome.

L. M. BOXWELL has been "axed" from the Halton R.A.F. Training School, where he was an instructor, and has now obtained a berth as fourth engineer on S.S. "War Nawab," sailing to the Persian Gulf.

C. J. HALSEY has also been "axed" from a Government post in Whitehall, and when last heard of was eating the bread of enforced idleness.

E. W. FLINT has found touch with us again, and is now with the International Standard Electric

Corporation. He is married and has a year-old son.

J. HOAD, also married, and with a family of two, is still in Portsmouth Dockyard, and is living in Fareham.

D. S. H. SWINSTEAD has passed the Intermediate examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, and hopes to take his final in November, 1933. As Saturday is not a half-day in Dorchester, he finds it difficult to turn up at O.P. matches, but we have asked him to make a special effort for July 16.

Of the SWAFFIELD family, A.C. (MICK) was married last May, and is now in London, with the Edison Manufacturing Co. (Wireless), and is living in Putney; FRANK, also married, was recently at Fareham before going to Oxford to take up a new post, having just left a fire extinguishing concern; HUGH is also at home, having left the Jamaican banana business owing to reduction of staff. He is taking up farming in England; while GEOFF. has returned from Paris, where he has been designing hats, having found it more profitable to start the same business in England now that tariff's here.

H. DE M. WELLBORNE sailed on March 12th for Rio de Janeiro, having been loaned for three years to the Western Telegraph Co. He will doubtless foregather with L. F. HEWETSON, who is in the Bank of London and South America there, and thus form a new local section.

MR. E. J. K. GARRETT is still teaching history at the Highbury Secondary School, and is also doing examination work in connection with the Oxford Locals. He is engaged, and is to be married in August.

H. LARDEAUX (E.T.C., London) had the bad luck to break his arm while playing hockey for the Exiles just after Christmas, and it is only slowly yielding to treatment. He has accepted the onerous duty of trying to get hockey teams together in London for us next winter, and will be very glad of offers of support, which should be sent to 56 Alexandra Road, N.W.

J. B. SINNOTT has been transferred from Fareham to Barclay's Bank at Gosport, but is still living in Fareham.

It was a great pleasure to see W. C. A. EYLES at the School again in March. The prolonged serious illness of his father has kept him very much pegged down at his work, and he has found it very difficult to get away, especially as owing to bad transport it takes nearly a whole day to reach Fareham from Newport, I.O.W.

W. J. HENRY, having deserted the advertising world, has gone into partnership in an electrical and wireless business. He also is engaged and hopes to get married in June.

E. A. CARR HILL is now married, and has left Glasgow for a post in the Midlands—address, alas, unknown.

W. E. S. HOATHER is still in the R.A.S.C. stationed at Aldershot, enjoying himself tremendously, and has no envy at all for those still in civilian life.

We owe thanks to L. F. HEWETSON for a Christmas card to the O.P.A. from Rio, and also a most interesting letter, of which extracts are appended:—

“The same old tale of woe continues in Rio. The world depression in trade and the consequent desire to economise, has led to great reductions in staffs and salaries. The increasing number of unemployed only tends to make matters even worse. Our people have been applying the knife, too, and everyone's job is precarious, but I am optimistic enough to consider myself safe, for the time being, at least. What the future has in store I cannot tell.

“I don't wish to rub it in too much, but I have just been thinking how different your weather must be from ours at the present time. I have spent the morning bathing in water as clear as crystal, with the bay like a sheet of glass, the surrounding hills just radiating heat, and not even a speck of a cloud in the sky above. There is almost a certainty that a breeze will spring up this afternoon, and in all probability there will be a storm to-night. There are many new pleasures to be experienced out here, but they don't balance the ones sacrificed when leaving England. Anyhow, beggars cannot be choosers, and, at the present time, I would rather earn the daily crust in Brazil.

“The School seems to have developed a species of superiority complex with regard to Old Boys' matches. When I was a member of the School teams we were generally—if not always—badly beaten up.

“My activities in the sports' line have been confined exclusively to swimming during the past few months, as the heat does not tempt one to play the usual 'winter' games. The season starts again at the end of April. By the way, you may know that a South American cricket team is touring England in the coming summer. There are four fellows from Brazil, one from Chile, and the rest from the Argentine. (Two of our best men were not available.) They certainly have a very ambit-

ious fixture list (too ambitious, I think), including matches against the 'Varsities, Sussex, Leicestershire, the Army, and Scotland.

"It looks extremely likely that there will be more political trouble brewing in this troubled country before long. At present there is a newspaper strike on, as a protest against the sacking of the offices of the 'Diario Carioca' by a party of 'Army Officers.' It's a year and a half since we had a revolution, so naturally something must happen before long. Revolutions and carnival are the salt of life in Brazil."

R. W. PICKWOOD is at 44 Roland Gardens, S.W. 7, and is now at the top of the list for the Anglo-South American Bank, but vacancies are few and far between, and one may not occur for some time.

W. G. BUDDEN was married to Miss Dorothy M. Steeles, of Park Gate, at Holy Trinity Church, Bournemouth. We wish him every happiness and the best of luck.

C. MITCHELL-BERRY, who was formerly with Messrs. Righton and Bennett at Gosport, is now trying to get into the Navy.

W. H. DROVER has had a busy time at Birmingham during the British Industries Fair. For three weeks before the opening the building was patrolled night and day, and when it was open, the number of police on duty was trebled, and when the Prince of Wales visited it there was a line about five miles long, with a constable on every corner. The ways of the thief are wily, a favourite trick being for a carter, when clearing goods from one stall, to annex what he can from the next one, and it takes a constant watch to stop it. He is working now in a very poor quarter of the city, and finds it a relief to see a little green grass when he has a free day. The Police Office, Dashwood Heath, Birmingham, will find him.

E. G. NORBS is having a strenuous time teaching his men musketry, but judging from a snapshot, he is very fit and of slighter build than of old!

B. R. SCOTT is at Mhow, Central India, and is coming home on a year's leave in a few months.

R. H. SCOTT has had such a strenuous time at Delhi as Adjutant that he has postponed his shot at the Staff College exam., but hopes to tackle it later. He is just off for two months' leave.

SPRING.

"Oh! Spring is here," the crocus said,
As out she burst her shining head.
The snowdrop said, "I am so glad,
For buried, such a time we've had!
We have to come to hail the Spring
And listen to the bluebells ring;
The violet spreads her shy perfume.
Then many more in April and May,
But we shall be finished and withered away."
"So let's be cheerful," the crocus said;
"For to-day we're alive, to-morrow we're dead."

D.D.G.H. (III.A.).

KIN.

Strange, queer things are akin to me,
The wind that cries in the old elm tree,
The blood-red moon in the wintry skies,
The flying bat with red-rimmed eyes,
The storm that shatters the sultry sea;
Strange, queer things, are akin to me.

J.G.H. (V.B.).

LAMENT.

Two schoolboys in a deserted classroom,
Playing mad pranks among the rangéd desks;
A master listening in the corridor;
Two boys look glum, their heads in sorrow bent.
Two foolscaps each, with writing large and
shapely
Must be quite filled, before another day.
Ah! that we, allowed to yell and shout,
Should punished be, for throwing chalk about.

TO BOYS SEEN CYCLING ON THE SCHOOL FIELD.

(With apologies to Frances Cornford.)

O, why do you ride down the field on bikes,
Thoughtless, and making a rut?
O, fat, red schoolboys, whom nobody likes,
Why do you ride down the field on bikes,
When the turf is soft as pieces of tripe,
And easy to make into muck?
O, why do you ride down the field on bikes,
Thoughtless, and making a rut?