# Dates

The Fosterian

Mon. Nov. 11. Remembrance Day: Short Service at School, 10.45 a.m.

Sat. Nov. 16. Football—Past v. Present; O.F. Organiser, C. E. Dike, Stalbridge.

Fri. and Sat. Dec. 6 and 7. School Play—Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure (Walter Hackett).

Wed. Feb. 26. O.F.A. Annual General Meeting, 7 p.m. (in the New School Library). An alteration to the Rules will be submitted: that those whose membership has lapsed and who wish to rejoin as annual members shall pay their two years' arrears in addition to their first annual subscription on rejoining. The question of the revival of the O.F. Dramatic Society will also be discussed.

Wed. Mar. 12. Cross Country Races. 2.45 p.m.

Sat. Mar. 29. Commoners Concert.

Wed. Apr. 2. (provisional) Athletic Sports. 2.30 p.m.

Wed. June 11. Old Boys' Summer Reunion.

### SCHOOL NOTES

It is our first pleasure to congratulate Childs i on winning the Cooper Scholarship (in Mathematics and Chemistry) to University College, Nottingham; and Trevett (Head Boy) and Childs i on being awarded County Major Scholarships on their Higher School Certificate results, in which the former gained distinction in Chemistry and the latter in Mathematics. Only once before, in 1942, have we claimed two County Major Scholarships in the same year. Bennett also gained his Higher School Certificate, and 18 candidates were successful in the School Certificate examination: Bown i, Lawrence, Brooks i, Rolls i, Blackmore i, Hounsell i, Gay ii, Tompkins i, Boroughs, Waller, Chaffey ii, Trott, Clarke, Pitman, Gregory, Carver, Baker; of these, Bown, Lawrence, Rolls and Blackmore earned exemption from London Matriculation. In addition, Care, Coombs i, Fisher and Fox reached Credit standard in the supplementary subjects which they took this year.

With 40 regular contributors and 40 more occasional members in the School's Group, the term's **National Savings** total was £193 17s. In the particular circumstances of the time, this somewhat reduced figure is perhaps to be regarded as satisfactory; but it ought to be possible in the winter months to rise again above £200 as a

term's average, and certainly to a higher proportion of members than fifty per cent of the School. With more than twenty-two years' service in the Movement, Mr. Gibling had the honour of being one of four representatives of Sherborne and District to attend the Royal Garden Party for National Savings workers at Buckingham Palace on June 6.

The annual inspection of the **Army Cadet Force**, under Capt. P. D. F. Miller, (54 School members, 30 Town members) was conducted on June 28 by Major E. A. Ferro, the Parachute Regt., who sent in an excellent report, special mention being made of the efficiency of the N.C.O.'s in instructing and handling their squads. On May 15, ten out of eleven candidates gained their War Certificate A (Part II), and all eleven entrants in Part I passed, in addition to two out of three and the one candidate, respectively, from the Town Platoon. A new feature of the training is the introduction of open range firing for trained senior cadets. The Company has appreciated the keen interest and the frequent presence at parades (as well as the visit to Camp) of the new O.C. of the 1st. Dorset Cadet Battalion, Lt. Col. A. T. Grimley, late Dorset Regt. During August a party of 20 School members and 9 Town members enjoyed a long week-end camp at Upton Fort, near Osmington, under Capt. P. D. F. Miller and 2nd. Lt. A. R. Trevett, whose wives kindly served as cooks of the Army rations. Inter-section training contests, six-a-side football, and general efficiency inspections formed the basis of a programme that was mainly recreational; and an impromptu concert ended a very successful five days, a high standard of team-work being shown throughout. On Empire Youth Sunday (May 19), a contingent from the A.C.F., under 2nd, Lt. A. R. Trevett, and a School party attended the Combined Youth Service at the Abbey, when Cadet P. W. Doble read one of the lessons. Cpl. N. Devonshire represented the Company in the A.C.F. National Athletic Championship (July 6) at the Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick: in his heat of the 100 yards he was second to the eventual winner.

Prize Day (July 4) was memorable for the visit of Mr. George H. White, a Vice-President of the Old Fosterians' Association, formerly Dorset County Accountant and a well-known sportsman in earlier years. On the platform also, in addition to the Headmaster, were Canon J. P. W. Lovett (Chairman) and the following Governors: Mrs. Carey, Mrs. J. B. H. Goodden, Mrs. Cordy, Miss H. V. Stuart, the Rev. A. Field, Messrs. W. F. Henning, Littleton C. Powys, M. D. Thomas, J. Fowler and C, B. Brett (a Vice-President of the O.F.A.). Others present included Mrs. Lush, Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. G. H. White, who was accompanied by one of her daughters and a niece, Mrs. M. D. Thomas, Mrs. Lemon, Lady Clare Hartnell, Miss Rawson, Lt. Col. A. T. Grimley, Mr. F. T. Coleclough (A.M. 1938-44) and Mrs. Coleclough.

Dealing with the varied activities of the School, the Head-master's Report laid special emphasis on those outside the classroom and beyond the minimum School hours. He made particular references to National Savings, the Cadets, the Christmas play, and gifts of

various kinds from Old Boys, parents and friends, as well as to the Old Boys' Association and its loyal support of the School, to the services of the Governors and the co-operation of the Staff. The Chairman had a word of appreciation to express of the family spirit of Fosterians, evidenced continually by the School magazine, especially the Old Boys' pages.

Mr. White, who regarded his invitation as an honour to the Old Boys generally, addressed his remarks mainly to the boys, remembering that sixty years ago he was like them. Comparing education then with to-day's opportunities, he could not resist indulging in some reminiscences:—the record cricket score of the School—200 for 1 (in his partnership with S. E. Adams) and a total of about 340 (v. Kingston School); his regular sight of the late J. A. Ffooks on his penny-farthing on Sherborne Hill, as he himself walked home to Leweston; and his first experience of a motor-car. Reminding us of the enormous advancements in many ways of life within his time, he urged the boys to aim at the greatest possible efficiency by making their studies a joy and ensuring for themselves a sound groundwork on which specialisation could later be superimposed. Marvellous as scientific inventions were, the human element was far more important, and development of character mattered most of all.

Mr. Littleton Powys, who thanked Mr. White, was reminded of the occasion when they first met, in the cricket season of 1893, and congratulated him not only on playing till a more advanced age than himself, but on the distinction his life had brought him; thanks to a clear brain, great industry and, no doubt, the valuable influence of his long cricket experience. He assured the boys that they could not do better than follow the chief speaker's example. Miss Stuart offered hearty thanks, which were equally heartily endorsed, to the Chairman. The School choir, under Mr. W. E. Wearden, sang songs at intervals, and an exhibition of art and handwork was available for visitors to inspect.

Prize List (1944-45)

Form Prizes: VI—Trevett, Childs i; Va—Care, Fender; Vb1—Blackmore i, Boroughs and Taylor; Vb2—Bown, Waller; IVa—Harris i, Fowler; IVb1—Clark, Colley and Buck; IVb2—Stubbings, Gillard; III—

Tett, Gibbs; II—Helyar, Hodges.

Sir G. Pragnell Prize—Chubb; Scripture (by Mr. W. F. Henning)—Trevett; History (in memory of F. R. Palmer)—Eason; French (in memory of A. J. Brooks)—Care; English (by Mr. R. R. Pedley, O.F.)—Eason; Science (by the late Sir Arthur Adams, O.F.)—Coombs i; Mathematics (a N.S. Certificate, by Mrs. B. L. Cox)—Fisher; Art (by Mr. H. A. Osment, O.F., Mr. G. E. Batchelor, O.F., and Mrs. L. Elliott)—Care, Harris ii; Reading (by the O.F.A.) senior—Doble; junior—Reed; Public Speaking (by an O.F.) senior—Trevett; junior—Coleman; Essay (by the Onlooker Editors) senior—Trevett, Bennett; Boarders prize (by Mrs. Lush)—Harvey.

After a somewhat delayed start, owing to the weather, a considerable amount of **Cricket** was played in various grades, including a series of enjoyable House and Form matches on the final days of the term. The 1st XI (Mr. Miller) were not, however, as successful as was hoped (played 10, won 2, drawn 2, lost 6); the *Under* 14 team (Mr. Hulme), in a generally low-scoring season with several very close finishes, won 1, drew 1 and lost 5; for the first time for many years,

fixtures were arranged for a 2nd XI (Mr. Price), who won 1 and lost 1; and for a Junior under 14 team, who were twice beaten; and the fifth and sixth groups of juniors were under Mr. Gibling and Mr. Cannon respectively.

1st XI: Blandford G.S.—Won, 96(2)–36.

Crewkerne School Lost, 64–139.

Sherborne School 3rd XI (Away)—Drawn, 56(7)-127(7 decl.) (Home)—Drawn, 79(9)–80.

Shaftesbury G.S. (Home)—Won, 48(9)–24. (Away)—Lost, 72–91(4).

Old Fosterians—Lost, 55–93. Gillingham G.S.—Lost, 20–47. Yeovil School—Lost, 24–59.

Past and Present v. Sherborne Town—Lost, 120-125 (5 decl.)
Fox (Capt.)\* Fishert Paulley ii\* Baggs\* Chubb

Team: Fox (Capt.)\*, Fisher†, Paulley ii\*, Baggs\*, Chubb, Tompkins, Baker, Curtis, Gregory, Russell, Devonshire, Paulley i. Scorer—Taylor; Scoring board—Hill. Fox headed the batting averages, with 11.25 for 12 inns.; and Fisher, who was second with 11.14, was also top of the bowling averages (50 wkts. for 4.96 each), and was awarded Miss Langdon's bat.

† old colours; \* colours.

Under 14: Crewkerne School under 14—Lost, 13–26. Gillingham G.S. under 14—Lost, 28–30.

Shaftesbury G.S. under 14 (Home)—Lost, 19–21.

(Away)—Drawn, 104–104(6).

Sherborne Preparatory School (Home)—Lost, 90–102(9).

(Away)—Lost, 37 and 63–137.

Form IVa—Won, 76–16.

Team: from Harris i (Capt.), Hounsell ii, Orr, Clark, Henstridge, Bartlett i, Hann, Bungay, Johnson, Sugg, Fish, Coombs ii, Tapper, Wiscombe. Scorer: Glover. Leading averages: (Batting) Harris i—10.41 (13 inns., once not out), Hounsell ii—9.15 (13 inns.); (Bowling) Harris i—5.43 (37 wkts. for 201), Orr—6.51 (33 wkts. for 215).

2nd XI: Abbey House 'A' XI—Won, 61 (6 decl.)—8 and 22(6). Sherborne School Junior Colts—Lost, 21–45.

The following played: Bown i (Capt.), Dunn, Walker, Trew, Kendall i, Cuff, Carver, Harvey, Walters, Bennett, Doble, Chaffey i, Frampton, Chaffey ii, Courtney, Stenhouse i, Blackmore i. Scorer: Vining ii.

Junior Under 14: Sherborne Preparatory School Junior XI—
(Away) Lost, 27–66.
(Home) Lost, 24–61(6).

Team chosen from: Clark (Capt.), Henstridge, Bungay, Johnson, Coombs ii, Fish, Tompkins, Bartlett ii, Vincent, Hann, Sugg, Foot, Kendall ii.

The Senior House Cup was won by St. Dunstan's, and the Junior House Cup by St. Bede's, who were also the winners in 3rd XI House Matches.

The **Tennis** Six met Lord Digby's School twice: June 25, lost, 39 games–42; July 24, won, 47–34. First couple—Chubb (capt.) and Paulley i; second—Boroughs and Gregory; third—Trevett and Kerr or Harris i and Hounsell ii. The School Tennis Tournament was won by Gregory, who beat Boroughs; the other Semi-finalists were Fisher and Hounsell ii. The 23 members of the Tennis Club appreciated Miss Blackmore's organisation and keen interest, which enabled them to improve their standard of play in a most enjoyable and successful season.

Owing to the weather **Swimming** did not begin until June 19 and came to a somewhat early end, owing to a case of infectious ailment; thus for the second successive year no School Swimming Sports were possible. Daily opportunities of visiting the Baths during the holidays, under the Headmaster's personal supervision were, therefore, all the more appreciated, and we are most grateful to the Headmaster of Sherborne School for these continued privileges. During the very limited season, 50 swimming tests were passed. Swimming colours have now been introduced for those who qualify in all six tests: the first to be entitled to them are Trevett, Brooks i, Boroughs, Gay ii, Hill.

As soon as term began (May 4), Mr. Gibling gave a talk to the School on National Savings, with reference to the immediate and the further future, as well as to the recent War years; a choir, trained by Mr. W. E. Wearden, took part in the Combined Schools' Musical Festival (May 15) at Sherborne School for Girls; a large party of juniors and middle-school boys, with a few seniors, were able to attend a dramatic performance, given locally for schools, by the West of England Children's Theatre Company (June 19), the programme including Harlequinade, the Spinning Machine and Le Medecin malgre lui; and, by the kind invitation of the Headmistress of Sherborne School for Girls, during their Commemoration celebrations, another party enjoyed a production of Goldsmith's 'She Stoops to Conquer' (July 31); members of Forms VI to IVa, with Miss Wilcoxson and Miss Blackmore, visited an Exhibition of Art (Old Masters) at Taunton (May 23); and the VIth Form, under Mr. Welcher, also saw an exhibition of Penicillin and other recent advances in medical science, which were on view at Yeovil Junction (May 27); in common with other Schools and local residents, we appreciated very much an invitation from the Headmaster of Sherborne School, following the School's Commemoration, to watch a Display of Gymnastics by a chosen squad of senior boys and of mass physical training by over 250 boys, the whole programme being carried out with the greatest efficiency and precision (June 26).

Miss Langdon kindly attended the **Final assembly** to present the cricket bat which she has given for several years, and also the Swimming Certificates and House Cups. To the cricketers she addressed some encouraging words for the future, suggested by what she called her "lone bat," and she had a cheering message to offer the Leavers, who included Trevett, Head of the School for the past

eight terms; his deputy, Paulley i; and the Cricket Captain and Head Boarder, Fox. We had to say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cannon (1944-46), who, by their active part in the School's life generally, have helped to keep up our standards during some difficult years: on behalf of Vb, Gosney made a presentation to Mr. Cannon, their Form Master. We give a warm welcome to Mr. S. G. McKay (B.A., Oxon., second-class honours in Modern History; Diploma of Educ.) who, after over six years' War service, including nearly four years in the Middle East and Italy, with the rank of Capt., and special experience as Adjutant at Haifa Staff College, is resuming teaching; he will be responsible for History and (until Mr. Hewitt's return) for Geography, and will also be taking over the organisation of the A.C.F. from Mr. Miller, in addition to sharing in games training.

We were interested to observe that Mr. Littleton Powys, a Governor and a Vice-President of the Old Boys' Association, figured again in a B.B.C. programme, with a talk on William Barnes in Literature of the West; and we should like to offer our hearty congratulations to the Headmaster's son, J. S. W. Lush, on his very successful season as Captain and a leading bowler of the Sherborne School cricket eleven, as well as on being chosen to play in two County matches for Dorset and also for the Public Schools and for the Dorset Rangers: he has now, we hear, had the honour of being appointed Head of the School.

The Cup for **Sportsmanship** (1945-46) was awarded to St. Bede's; the **Form** Cup to Va<sup>1</sup>, and the **P.T.** Cup to IVb<sup>1</sup>. **House Points** for the year were: St. Bede's—366, St. Aldhelm's—286, St. Dunstan's—278. St. Bede's therefore win back the Dingley Challenge Cup from St. Aldhelm's after two years.

Form **Collections** for the Schools Adoption Fund (Save the Children) amounted to £7.4s. 8d., IVb<sup>2</sup> setting a specially high standard in their regular contributions.

The annual check and overhaul of the Library was carried out in the early part of the term with fair efficiency, though at a slower pace than usual, owing partly to other calls on librarians: in addition to sound organisation by the Seniors, good work was done by Childs i, Lawrence, Clarke, Harris i, Parker, Crane, Stone i, Johnson, Glover, Tompkins ii, Martin, Bartlett ii. We acknowledge gratefully gifts from Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Thomas (The Note Book of a Lieutenant in the Italian Campaign); Mr. R. S. Webb, O.F.; M. E. Trevett (20 volumes of considerable variety and interest, on leaving); N. Devonshire (on leaving, British Shipping); T. J. Henstridge; and the following magazines and other publications—The Shastonian, The Yeovilian, The Griffin, The Wyvernian, Eastlands Magazine; Navy (Mrs. Crump), National News Letter (Mr. L. F. Fox, O.F.), Punch (Mrs. K. N. Parker), B.B.C. Year Book for 1946 (Mr. L. J. Avery, O.F.), Library Review of Raynes Park County School (J. T. Warham, O.F.); as well as most generous donations to the **Sports** Fund from Mr. W. A. Squire, J.P., and Mr. R. W. Foot, Vice-Presidents of the O.F.A., and from Mr. E. A. Burt, O.F.

School Officers in the Summer Term: Prefects M. E. Trevett (Head of School, Senior Librarian, Assist. N.S. Secretary, Assist. Editor of Fosterian, Capt. of St. Bede's); W. J. Paulley (Capt. of St. Dunstan's); G. H. Chubb (Tennis Capt.); R. F. Fox (Capt. of Cricket, Capt. of St. Aldhelm's); Subprefects—J. A. Fisher; P. Coombs; M. M. Bennett; D. J. Childs (Librarian); R. A. Care (Deputy Senior Librarian). Monitors—Va<sup>1</sup>, Taylor; Va<sup>2</sup>, Brooks i; Vb, Stenhouse i; IVa, Childs ii, IVb<sup>1</sup>, Bartlett i; IVb<sup>2</sup>, Whitlock; III, Hodges. Librarians—Va<sup>1</sup>, Lawrence; Va<sup>2</sup>, Clarke; Vb, Harris i, Norris, Parker; IVa, Cox, Crane, Morris, Stone i; IVb<sup>1</sup>, Glover, Harris ii, Johnson, Perrott; IVb<sup>2</sup>, Coombs ii, Wheadon; III, Bartlett ii, Churchill, Garrett, Martin, Tompkins ii.

Next term's dates: Mon. Sept. 9—Fri. Dec. 13 (half-term, Sat. Oct. 26 to Tues. Oct. 29).

# OLD BOYS' NOTES

Thanks to the solid, all-round support of Old Boys during the War years, to the renewal of membership (in prompt obedience to the suggestion made in the Christmas magazine) by eight who allowed their membership to lapse temporarily during the War, and to the immediate action of thirteen Fosterians who left School in July, **O.F.A. membership** has now reached a new **record** (331). Since the last announcment, one member has resigned and twenty-one have joined or rejoined. Life-membership has increased, by three, to 160.

The Treasurer of the **T. L. Hutchins Memorial Fund**, which is now open, is R. Gregory, Ashcombe, Kings Road. Recent donations are acknowledged, from R. W. J. and L. G. Baker, the Rev. E. E. Curtis, G. Elliott, R. Gregory.

After continual heavy rain in the previous two or three weeks, we were extraordinarily fortunate to have a fine day for the Old Fosterians' Summer Reunion on June 12, when 27 Old Boys were present. It was a great pleasure to welcome three contemporaries from a distance, all recently retired from a lifetime's duties well done W. G. Ireland (Hunstanton), W. A. Squire (Bridport)—both Vice-Presidents, and C. Hounsell (also Bridport), and to see others of their years or near their time renewing acquaintance with them G. E. Batchelor, R. R. Warr, W. L. Warr, H. J. Otton, C. A. Lowman; the 1930's and 1940's were especially well represented by eight of the team and by I. H. Oxford, R. E. Meader, W. S. Bater (who was happily sufficiently improved in health to umpire, though not yet to play), E. B. G. Abbott, A. W. A. Burt, N. G. Rice, and A. F. Phillips, R.A.F. Others present included Canon J. P. W. Lovett, Mr. W. F. Henning, Mr. Littleton Powys (Governors) and Mr. A. T. Mintern. The players covered 30 School years between them, and the O.F. spectators almost 60 years. Two regular visitors on this occasion who had, however, to send apologies this year were C. B. Brett and R. Gregory; and messages were received from D. R. Gibling (Oxford) and R. J. Gibling (India). At lunch the Headmaster expressed everyone's gratitude to Percy Dike, who had again taken the lead in organising the match and everything connected with it, and to Mr. Miller, as well as to Mrs. Hamblin, and to the ladies who had made excellent preparations for serving the refreshments and who waited on the teams and visitors; and Mr. Lowman thanked the Headmaster and the School on behalf of the Old Boys.

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The cricket match (Past 93, School 55) was interesting in its fluctuations. On a drying wicket the School bowlers were successful in taking the first 6 wickets for 34. C. G. R. Mintern stayed an hour or more for 18; C. E. Dike reached 7, B. J. Hamblin 10, and P. W. H. Dike hit the only six of the match, the lunch-time score being 8 for 62. Runs came rather more freely after, M. W. Knapman playing excellently for 20 not out, and P. W. Mitchell (8) and A. B. Stokes (9) making a valuable final stand. Against difficult bowling the School batted very steadily and successfully enough until the tea interval, after which the last 5 wickets fell for 12. C. E. Dike took 4 for 8; M. W. Knapman 2 for 20; B. J. Hamblin, who was as usual very prominent in the field, 2 for 10; E. A. Burt 2 for 5. In a light-hearted second knock (50 for 6), R. R. Pedley made 28 not out, and E. A. Burt 12. Others who played (12 a side) were G. W. Payne, D. T. Hodges, R. J. Ridout.

Births

August 1945, a daughter for **E. A. Burt** (1912-15), Godmanstone; April 28, a daughter (Carol Ann) for **E. T. Miles** (1917-20), Templecombe; May 22, a son (Colin Edward) for **E. B. G. Abbott** (1930-37); May 23, a daughter (Donna Susanne Clare) for **D. C. J. Swaffield** (1933-37); June 25, a second daughter (Margaret Elizabeth) for **N. C. Penny** (1926-31), M.P.S., Canvey Island; July 16, a daughter (Sylvia Catherine) for **J. E. Gillard** (1934-39), B.A.O.R.; July 21, a son (Malcolm Terry) for **M. A. T. Earnshaw** (1930-36); July 24, a second daughter for **G. S. Willis** (1923-26), Yetminster; Aug. 14, a daughter (Sara Elizabeth) for **A. C. Meaker** (1928-36), M.B.E., Henstridge.

Marriages

May 18, at St. Paul's Church, Weymouth, **B. R. Nicholls** (1935-39), F.O., to Iris Jean Warren, Weymouth; July 27, at Sherborne Abbey, **J. D. Ballam** (1932-37) to Phyllis Gwendolen Dorey, Lyons Gate, Cerne Abbas. The best man was R. F. Ballam, and among the guests were G. C. Brett, L. W. Sharpe, C. R. G. Treasure, D. R. Gibling, A. T. W. Oxford.

#### Silver Wedding

Sept. 8, 1921, at Sherborne Abbey, **H. J. Fooks** (1911-14), Nether Compton, to Sybil F. Thomas, Sherborne. Present address: 73 Thetford Rd., New Malden.

J. R. A. Rouse (1936-42), Cpl., Life Guards, B.A.O.R., to Patricia Cluett, Stalbridge; J. S. Waller (1935-39), Cpl., R.A.F., to Betty Yvonne Riant, Bishops Croft, Guildford; Gordon C. Rose (1937-38), Sub. Lt. (A), R.N.V.R., to Isabel Anton, Sherborne.

#### Death

H. Adams (1882-84). Twice Chairman of the Sherborne U.D.C., of which he was a member for over 20 years, he was a prominent figure in the life of the town. A member of a well-known farming family, he was always happiest in the countryside, and he was an all-round sportsman—a first-class shot, a follower of hounds, a member of the Dorset Yeomanry, a tennis and golf player, and a keen cricketer: it is interesting to recall that eleven of the Adams family at one time met local teams in a series of matches. He was a devoted Churchman, a Sunday School teacher and Churchwarden, in earlier years at Folke and later at Sherborne Abbey; and he was equally a staunch supporter of the Conservative Party. During the 1914-18 War, he was an inspector of crops, and also an inspector in the Special Constabulary. Characterised by a kindly spirit, he was a loyal supporter of a variety of local causes, especially those connected with agriculture or horticulture. We offer our respectful sympathy to his wife, his son and daughter-in-law, and his surviving brothers, both Old Fosterians.

A Further War Decoration. We learn with much pleasure that A. C. Meaker (1928-36), Major, R.A., has been awarded the M.B.E., though we lack all details at present.

Old Boys in the Forces. Additions: R. S. Webb (1938-45) called at School, and saw the Cadets in the midst of their Cert. A. tests, before leaving Lloyds Bank to enter the Army; he has been at Norwich for his introductory training; A. F. Phillips (1938-44) left the Midland Bank for service in the R.A.F., as a pay accountant's clerk; embarkation leave (probably for Japan) fortunately allowed him to be present at the Summer Reunion; J.D. Grant (1940-44) is a bugler in the Hampshire Regt.; J. Pettis (1940-43) joined the R.N. in March; after training at Skegness and in N. Wales, where he met P. H. Bailey, and where he enjoyed some sport as well as the far-famed scenery, he had been drafted to a hospital to complete his technical training as a S.B.A.; he was interested to read about old friends in the 'Fosterian,' and enquired after E. J. Tothill (1939-44), who is also in the R.N., training in radio-telegraphy; P. H. Bailey (1936-43) called at School while on leave in the midst of a course at Guildford Technical College; during his six months' training, he had been in Skegness, N. Wales and Warrington; he was one of the enterprising R.N. representatives who saw the Victory parade from the vantage point of a hammock slung in the trees outside Admiralty Arch, where he also spent the previous night; J.R. Major (1937-43) in now in the Army.

B.A.O.R. On the second day of term K. F. Young (1932-39), now S.M., called while on leave from the borders of Germany and Denmark; he was enjoying his Intelligence work at Flensburg, but was looking forward to returning to his post with the local R.D.C. in the autumn; more recently we regret to hear that he has met with a motoring accident in Germany; shortly after, J. M. Courtney (1936-42), A.M. (L), who expects to be demobilised in the autumn, was on leave from Hanover, and besides seeing the cricket team at practice and in their opening match, enjoyed some tennis on the School court; during examination week came J. E. Gillard (1934-39), R. Hussars, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Noel Morris: he was fortunately still at home when his daughter was born. He had recently had increased opportunities for sport, and besides winning the high jump in his Regimental sports, was a member of the winning team in the hurdles at Divisional sports, and just missed the Corps sports through his leave; he hopes to be demobilised by the end of the year, and has been taking the opportunity of a bookkeeping course at Hamburg. Messages have been received from J. R. A. Rouse (1936-42), Cpl., Life Guards; P. A. Hann (1930-34), Lt., R.A.M.C.; and R. Clarke (1931-38), R.A.F., whose service included three and a half years in the Far East as well as a year on the Continent. We were interested to hear that F. K. Symes (1934-39), Cpl., R.E., who was formerly associated with Arthur Sweet (1920-24) in local musical activities, had successfully organised a dance band in Germany.

Those recently demobilised include: **H. F. M. Thorne** (1927-34), Capt., R.S., who has resumed his P.O. telephone duties at Oxford, and has already been in communication with David Gibling; **J. D. Ballam** (1932-37), 1st R.T.R., who, with his fiancee, accom-

panied the local Amateur Players to their performance at Shaftesbury, and who was about to return to his former post with the Wincanton R.D.C.: his marriage has been recorded earlier; **D. Metcalfe** 1931-35), who, after serving for most of the War as an A.A. gunner on merchant ships, spent his final four months in Germany: before he was transferred to the R.A., he enjoyed several cricket matches for the 4th Somerset L.I.; he has now resumed his duties with Messrs. Foot, grocers.

C.M.F., M.E. K. I. Fry (1933-39), Sgt., R.A.F., Palestine, has been on what he hopes will be his final periodical leave before demobilisation; G. L. Helliar (1937-43), R.A.O.C., now L/Cpl., is at Cairo; D. J. T. Curtis (1937-41), R.E., and J. G. Treasure (1935-40), A.C.C., are still in Palestine; despite general uncertainty as to the immediate future there, R. H. Farr (1939-42), R.A.C., was becoming. more at home in the M.E.: he had a clerical post at G.H.Q.—by no means the work he expected to be doing when he went out; he was becoming more familiar with the Arabic tongue; at the Royal Opera House, Cairo, he saw John Gielgud's 'Hamlet' with great interest, but rioting prevented his intended visit to the 'School for Scandal'; he sent best wishes to the School, the Staff and all Old Boys. H. P. Gully (1922-25), R.A.M.C., whom we were pleased to meet again before he returned to his gloving post at Milborne Port: he had spent two and a half years at Benghazi; D. R. Bullock (1932-40), R.A.M.C., who called early in July, in company with Geoffrey Sheppard: the last period of his three and a half years' service abroad was spent at Florence, near Naples once more, and finally at Cairo, in a very hot spell; he hopes to enter Southampton University College in the autumn; K. J. H. Courage (1936-41), F.O., Egypt, who is probably settling for the present in S. Africa; and P. D. Parsons (1927-33), R.A.S.C., after six years' service, including a short spell in France before Dunkirk, four and a half years in Syria, Palestine, Egypt, the Desert, Algeria, Italy and the Austrian border, and a final period with Public Relations in Germany, after a break at home. A night in Cape Town and a week in Durban on the way out to Egypt were very memorable. He has kept up communication with Roy Pike.

S.E.A.C., India. After proceeding to India in the autumn, P. M. Murphy (1931-36), Capt., Para Lt. Regt., R.A., was first with British H.Q. in Batavia as a Staff Capt. Covering altogether some 17,000 miles by sea alone, he saw a good deal of Ceylon, Singapore, Java and the Andaman Islands, and made contact with a number of Japanese officers and officials. Having volunteered for airborne service, he crossed India from East to West, trained at Karachi (where his unit was in a short action against the mutineers of a R.I.N. sloop), at Rawalpindi and Quetta. He enjoyed plenty of sport—swimming, water polo, tennis, association football, and especially rugby, in which he quickly gained a place in his regimental fifteen, who were unbeaten in their 16 matches (134 pts.—9), supplied ten members of the representative Army team v. R.A.F., and won the United Services League Cup and the knock-out Cup. Unfortu-

nately, in his last parachute jump he damaged his knee and, in spite of an operation and hospital treatment, it is uncertain whether he can continue to play football. He expects to be released shortly, and meanwhile sent remembrances and wishes to the Staff and other old friends and joined the O.F.A. A. Dowse (1937-42), Lt., was on a month's leave, at the end of the term, from Q Branch, Burma, whither he expects to return for another year: he travelled back on the same boat as J. M. Courtney's elder brother; satisfactory news has come regularly from F. R. Charlton (1934-39), Capt., R.S., since he went back to India after his similar leave; and a kind message of remembrance and good wishes has been received from R. H. Johns (1937-42), L.A.C., Ceylon. W. J. Ricketts (1938-43), R.A.M.C., left India in April for Nairobi, Kenya, where he finds conditions rather more pleasant. He was surprised at the number of Europeans he met. He considers Swahali easier to learn than French. He was pleased to know that St. Aldhelm's won the Athletic Sports Cup, and sent remembrances to the Staff and old friends.

We are sorry to learn that **K. S. Gay** (1934-39), W.O., R.A.F., who returned home in July, has to undergo a period of treatment in hospital; and that **M. T. Guppy** (1932-34), Capt., R.A., has also been ill: he has been flown to S. Africa to recuperate.

Demobilised are: W. H. Hughes (1934-40), D.F.C., D.F.M., (Fl. Lt.), who had spent his final period of service with Transport Command, flying between Calcutta, Bombay, Hong Kong and Singapore; when he called at School, he was hesitating between taking up surveying and training as a teacher; L. W. Sharpe (1930-36), Major, who had rejoined the Dorsetshire Brewery Co.: he had a long spell as instructor of a Jungle Warfare Battalion, and met his brother in Calcutta; A. B. Jones (1932-38), Capt., who met Mr. Hulme on the last stage of his journey home, after three years in India and more than six years' service altogether; R. J. Gibling (1933-42), Lt., Parachute Regt., who moved from Quetta to less welcome conditions in Karachi: he found it difficult to appreciate the Sind Desert after the teeming jungles of Bilaspur and the fascinating hills of Darjeeling; but there was some compensation in the proximity of a swimming bath. While temporarily in charge of a company, he had the experience of leading a parachute descent. He took the opportunity of flying home in a Dakota, in time to return to Oxford for the October term with his brother. R. D. Brewer (1939-42), P.O. (W.O.), is said to be on his way home for demobilisation. D. E. Sharpe (1927-32), R.A.F., returned from India a year ago, and has resumed his post in an ironmongery business in Bristol.

The R.N. and R.M. R. J. Sherwin (1938-44), while on a weekend visit from his photographic course at Bognor, enjoyed a game of tennis on the School court with J. M. Courtney (already listed); L. R. Coffin (1938-43), L.R.M. (Radar), called at School at the conclusion of his interesting and successful course: he was uncertain where he might next be; J. W. Stickland (1939-43), Mech., F.A.A.,

was also on leave when he had successfully completed his specialised training, in which he had found great pleasure and interest. Since his return from Eastern waters, Mr. W. G. Hewitt (A.M. 1935-), Lt., has fortunately been stationed lately withing comfortable reach of home. A. T. W. Oxford (1937-43), Sub. Lt. (A), with his wife, was present at John Ballam's wedding: he is frequently in the air, but expects to be demobilised before the end of the year. J. H. Young (1933-40), Sub Lt., was heard of in mid-Atlantic on the way to America, but returned for demobilisation later in the year: he had met Mr. Hewitt in Ceylon some months ago. We acknowledge a message from L. W. Adams (1935-40), Sig., now happily married and with a home in Scotland; later news is that he is somewhere at sea; like J. A. Hunt (1936-42), P.O., who has, however, been accepted for training as a teacher after he is released in the autumn more recently he was on a short leave. His demobilisation leave over, P. R. Badham (1932-39), L.S. (Radar), has returned for the present to his former post in insurance at Bristol: he watched Gloucestershire C.C. on several occasions and had the long-desired pleasure of seeing Hammond in his best form; J. P. Sibley (1934-40), P.O., A.F., is also back in civilian life: he is not entering the teaching profession as he once hoped to do, and his plans for taking up marketgardening were interrupted at the last moment by a call to Rotol Aircraft Co., Cheltenham, where his services as an aero-engine fitter were urgently required in the present labour shortage. A message is also acknowledged from A. R. Mitchell (1935-40), R.M., who is rejoining the S.R. after demobilisation leave; B.P. Biggin (1927), Lt., has also returned, and is playing again, as an opening batsman, for Yeovil C.C.

The U.K. (Army). A. J. Jones (1935-36), Bdr., R.A., has been taking advantage of an E.V.T. course, and A. A. Brown (1928-29) of a refresher course in pharmaceutical chemistry at Bristol University, in preparation for their demobilisation later on; J. A. Allen (1939-43), R.E., is engaged in surveying duties at Ripon which should be useful in his future career; D. A. Cull (1940-44) has been posted, after preliminary training, to the R.A. P. W. Mitchell (1931-36), Sgt., R.A.S.C., kept wicket for the Old Boys in the Summer Reunion match just before he was demobilised; R. F. Ballam (1932-36), Capt., 6th Airborne Div., took a refresher course before returning to his local Government duties. We have also been pleased to meet R. G. Mitchell (1926-32), Capt., R.A., who was accepted for training as a teacher last autumn, though he was not demobilised till the spring: he has recently been teaching at Coleford County School, near Bath, and hopes to enter an E.T.S. College in the New Year; and H. L. R. Hutchings (1926-32, Sgt., R.A.M.C., who was on demobilisation leave before returning to his pharmaceutical duties, for which he had already taken a refresher course; his wife's first book had met with great success, and she now has two other similar volumes in preparation; she was also heard in a series of broadcast programmes, 'A Tale of a Cat,' in Children's Hour. H. M. R. Shute (1929-32), Cpl., Dorset Regt., discharged from

hospital a year ago, spent several months as an instructor for driving and maintenances courses; his duties took him in his final months to Dorchester, where he found great pleasure in being on familiar roads. Demobilised with a pension before Christmas, he joined the Alfa Laval Co. in the New Year, and was installing milking machines in various places in the S.W.: when he wrote, he was fortunately not far from home. He hoped to revisit the School when he was next in the neighbourhood. His injured leg was still causing trouble and required periodical medical attention. We have also been pleased to hear from W. A. Beer (1925-32), Pnr. C., now at home at Dursley again, and in his former post with R. A. Lister and Co.; he sent best wishes to old friends, and, rejoining the O.F.A., was eager to read of School activities and of the doings of his contemporaries. W. H. Taylor (1928-33), S. Sgt., R.A.M.C., is at Catterick: for a considerable time he was attached to a Commando unit; he expects to be demobilised in the autumn.

(R.A.F.) **D. L. Dike** (1935-40), Sgt., was fortunately on leave at the time of the School's cricket match with Sherborne Town, in which he made our top score (39) and kept wicket; A. G. Hann (1935-40), Sgt., wrote from Scotland, where he was on a course of General Reconnaissance for Coastal Command; there was some fine scenery to enjoy and camp conditions were much more comfortable than at his previous station near Swindon: in a football cup final there, he unfortunately renewed a former injury rather severely and was likely to be debarred from sporting activities for some time. He sent good wishes for the cricket team and examination candidates. We were glad to see him on leave in the summer; E. L. Guy (1940-46) called at School, before joining the R.A.F., acompanied by his brother, D. G. Guy (1936-41), Sgt.; G. A. Sheppard (1932-39), Cpl., was on leave at the same time as Roy Bullock, with whom he called on two occasions; he hoped to be demobilised in the autumn and had already been accepted for entry into University College, Southampton; N. W. Morris (1937-42) was similarly at home, and able to visit the School, at the same time as John Gillard; at the Summer Reunion were I. H. Oxford (1925-30), Sgt., demobilised, and hoping to return to his former occupation of sign-writing; and E. B. G. Abbott (1930-37), Cpl., who returned to his P.O. duties in July, and was following a correspondence course in preparation for a Civil Service clerical examination later on; he was able, during his demobilisation leave, to enjoy some tennis on the School court. We have been glad to meet again M. W. R. Johns (1933-39), L.A.C., also on demobilisation leave before rejoining the local U.D.C. staff; L. J. Edwards (1918-23), Sgt., who has resumed his post with the S.W. Dairies, and R. Edwards (1920-26), Cpl., who has returned to the family business; like David J. Hunt (1930-38), who is with his brother, Harry Hunt (1919-23). We were pleased to hear of the marriage of B. R. Nicholls (1935-39), F.O., and also of his successful work and courses in R.A.F. accountancy. Very shortly after demobilisation, G.W.F. Ashford (1925-33), Fl. Lt., was appointed junior English master at King Edward's G. S., Kings Lynn—a

school of about 350 boys, very pleasantly situated, with good playingfields around it; on his journey back from a short stay in Sherborne, he travelled with Fred Treasure. His present problem was to find a house for himself and his wife. He sent his best wishes to the School and Staff, the cricket team and the Certificate candidates; A. J. Coles (1930-34), W.O., was demobilised early in the year: owing to the delay in the offer of a vacancy at a Teachers' Training College, he decided to forgo his intention of entering the teaching profession, and returned to his former engineering post at Banbury, where he is being trained for a more responsible position later on; P. A. Taylor (1934-40), Cpl., hopes to be demobilised in the autumn: on leave, he met Norman Courage and David Gibling; P. J. Rogers (1921-27), Fl. Lt., called with his wife during his demobilisation leave, before returning to the Union Castle M.S. Line; fortunately he has found a house within reasonable reach of London; his son is now about two years old. C. G. Cross (1922-28), W.O., M.B.E., is also demobilised.

At the Universities. (Oxford, Balliol College). D. R. Gibling (1932-41), unable now to take part in the games he formerly enjoyed, has been playing some tennis. He was back in time for Prize Day and saw a little cricket at School, after an interesting fortnight's walkingtour between Stratford-on-Avon, Chipping Campden, Cheltenham, Cirencester, Bath and Wells, making good use of Youth Hostels on the way. He has renewed contact, among others, with Philip Wood, David Lovell, Richard Waltham, Roy Bullock, Geoffrey Sheppard, John Ballam and Marcus Johns. (London). P. G. Wood (1928-38) was successful in the Intermediate examination for his B.Sc. He had a limited amount of cricket for the University, and was able to share in a few School practices before he played an excellent innings of 33 against the Town C.C. near the end of term. He kindly umpired in a House Match and a Form Match in the closing days. H. J. Spicer (1938-45) also passed the Intermediate B. Sc. (Econ.) this summer. He had found time to visit the Houses of Parliament, and in his postexamination leisure was enjoying the opportunity of showing his Mother some of the City sights. Rising at half-past four on the morning of the Victory parade, he saw the complete procession from Constitution Hill and, in the evening, the river pageant and fireworks. He is in regular communication with Walter Ricketts and Arthur Mole.

Teachers' E.T.S. R. W. Tilley (1925-30) is making good progress at Exmouth Training College as well as in practice teaching. He is no doubt putting his musical talent to good use.

At School. On Prize Day, G. H. White (1886-88) distributed the prizes and was the chief speaker; among the Governors was C. B. Brett (1890-98), a fellow Vice-President of the O.F.A., and others present included C. A. Lowman (1888-90), G. E. Batchelor (1899-00), and L. J. Avery (1925-31), also Vice-Presidents; G. Coombs (1914-20) and D. T. Hodges (1917-21), parents of present Fosterians: besides playing for the Old Boys, the latter,

accompanied by his wife, also called at the beginning of term when his son returned to the Boarding House; J. H. Elliott (1919-25); N. A. H. Courage (1933-38); J. C. Harding and J. R. Henley (1940-45); D. R. C. Helyar (1944-45).

Besides some already mentioned, O.F. players in the match v. the Town C.C. were C. E. Dike (1932-36), who bowled finely; B. J. Hamblin (1926-31), who scored 11; and M. W. Knapman (1939-42), who made 7 and took 1—14. Captain on the other side, E. J. Freeman (1916-21) hit a six and a four off the final balls before declaring.

In the first week of the term W. A. Squire (1898-01), J.P., paid a call at the School soon after his retirement from nearly 45 years of devoted work in the P.O. Besides contributing generously to School funds, he brought a number of interesting School documents of earlier years for preservation among O.F. records, and many wellknown characters of his own and other periods were recalled in conversation. He was naturally finding no difficulty in occupying his retirement, with gardening, magisterial duties and honorary offices. His son is now demobilised from the R.A.F. to return to his post in accountancy and his daughter is a telephone supervisor. Staying in Sherborne for a few days with his wife, he was able to attend service in Castleton Church where, while a boarder, he sang in the choir long ago. At the Summer Reunion, he was accompanied by C. Hounsell (1896-99), now living near him at Bridport since his retirement after 45 years with the G.W.R as Goods clerk: he took the opportunity of joining the O.F.A., and later brought his wife to see the new School. He had met Harold Swatridge (1917-21), and met a munber of contemporaries at the Reunion; as did W. G. Ireland (1896-01) who had just settled down in his retirement at Hunstanton: his stay in the Town enabled him to see many old friends, and he proposed on his way back to call at Slough to visit Reg. Chant (1903-05). R. R. Pedley (1921-30), M.A., was fortunately, at the time of the Reunion, on a long Whitsun holiday from the City Boys' School, Leicester: in a cricket match at Leicester, he had the unusual satisfaction of scoring six boundaries in the final over. His new and important appointment for September as Senior English master at St. Olave's School is of special interest, since E. G. Newlyn (1886-90) taught there with outstanding zeal and success for more than 37 years; and A. W. A. Burt (1939-41), who accompanied his father, E. A. Burt (1912-15), to the Reunion, was on holiday from Dorchester G.S., where he is in the sixth form: he sat for the H.S.C. in July.

It was a pleasure to see C. R. G. Treasure (1932-40) back at work in the School Laboratory in certain periods, while waiting to begin his desired University course at London; and to meet again J. C. A. Rothery (1938-43), W. A. Penny (1942-43), and D. P. White (1941-44) in the Shaftesbury G.S. cricket teams.

R. Pfleger (1888-87) called at School while on a short holiday from an engineering works in which he has a responsible post. After an illness, an operation and an accident since we saw him two years ago, he had recovered so well as to return to full duty despite the fact that it is nearly 60 years since he left School. He mentioned Mr. Irwin, Mr. Biggs and Mr. Birch; and was interested to compare the new buildings with the old. It was unfortunate that R. J. Pearson (1940-45) and W. J. G. Glover (1941-46) chose to visit the cricket ground when their former House was engaged in a match which had to be abandoned at an early stage through rain. Mr. F. T. Colectough (A.M. 1938-44) called at School when his holidays began, enjoyed some tennis there, and attended Prize Day with his wife.

Other calls and meetings. F. J. Perham (1919-23), who was demobilised with the rank of Capt. in December, was on a short holiday from his duties with a firm of agricultural implement manufacturers which had taken him into Scotland as well as over a considerable part of Northern England. At Uttoxeter Parish Church he had met the parents of the brothers Davis (1919-20), formerly of Axminster; G. F. C. Crisp (1937-39), who has resumed his banking appointment with the Midland Bank at Milborne Port, met Mr. Hulme one day; C. G. Meader (1922-24), Stalbridge, called to renew his membership of the O.F.A.; we were glad to meet P. C. Jones (1938-41) in a decidedly improved state of health, and to hear news of his brothers. Others who have recently been on holiday in their home town include R. T. F. Pike (1929-35), was was accompanied by his wife; and G. D. Batchelor (1923-31), with his wife and small daughter. Mr. A. S. Harrison (A.M. 1921-26), at the end of a Scouts Camp at Ringwood, spent a couple of days in Sherborne and revisited several old friends; besides meeting Hugh Gully by chance; he is now headmaster of Eastlands Boys' School, Rugby; we were interested to see the first issue of the School's magazine, which he has revived; he sees R. W. J. Baker from time to time; he had watched a little first-class cricket at Northampton and Leicester; Miss G. Ainslie (A.M. 1942-45) met some of her former colleagues while on holiday at Whitsuntide and in the summer, after a happy term at Walthamstow County High School: she now has a permanent appointment as Latin mistress at a Convent Secondary School. Mr. J. H. Gabe (A.M. 1934) paid us a welcome visit while on holiday from Exeter School (about 300 boys), where he teaches the senior French classes: his daughter is now about three years old. O. L. Diment (1911-15), as usual, spent some of his holiday in Sherborne and district, and made a point of seeing Reg. Gregory, as well as putting his own O.F. subscriptions in order for some time ahead. R. W. J. Baker (1909-12), Rugby, called while on a visit to Sherborne with his wife, when among old school friends he also met Reg. Gregory: after a special appointment at Eastlands Boys' School during the last three years of the War, he had returned to his former post at Chapel St. (Junior) School, where he has served over 20 years. We were very pleased to meet again J. T. Symonds (1917-21), Ashtead, with his wife and two daughters, the elder of

whom had just passed her entrance examination to Sutton High School. Other holiday-callers were **R. Tuffin** (1941-42), son of R. R. W. Tuffin (1907-14); he was getting on excellently at Cotham S.S., Bristol (750 boys) and will be sitting for his School Certificate examination next year, hoping eventually to take up pharmaceutical chemistry; he plays for his House team in rugby football and for the second team in association, and is also a keen member of a Cycling Club; **J. S. D. Bacon** (1926-28), Ph. D., Cambridge, who is now combining some of his research work with teaching as a demonstrator in the Department of bio-chemistry and chemical physiology; **C. J. Andrews** (1913-17), M.P.S., at the conclusion of a short holiday in the S.W.; **F. Green** (1941-45), who was in Sherborne during his school holiday, and renewed contact with some of his former Fosterian friends.

From abroad. L. F. Fox (1907-11), Eastern Tel. Co., Portugal, flew from Northolt Airfield in March—a 7 to 8 hours' flight. He found it interesting to compare conditions at Carcavelos with what he remembered of them in 1915 when he was originally stationed there: on the whole there were mostly improvements to be noticed, though living was much more expensive. The weather had allowed him very little tennis when he wrote, but gardens were in excellent state. His daughter, at MacGill University, Montreal, had achieved consistently successful results in the first part of her honours course in History. M. M. Betten (1912-19), Tukvar Tea Estate, Darjeeling, flew home in a couple of days to rejoin his w fe and three daughters, who had already made the sea voyage—his first leave in England since 1937. He took the opportunity of visiting many old friends. He had not met Bob Hewitson in India again since 1942, but had seen J. M. Stewart (1911-14). W. A. Earle (1937-42) was happy in his training, study and care of horses with the British Mounted Police, Rhodesia, where he has been offered a post on the Equitation Staff; he has also been chosen for escort duty on the occasion of the expected Royal visit in the New Year.

Letters and Messages. R. W. Foot (1886-90), F.S.M.C., kindly accompanied his O.F.A. subscription by a contribution to School funds to provide a special prize at the next Athletic Sports for the 220 yards, remembering with pleasure that, at the first Sports meeting on the Terrace, he took three awards, including second prize in that particular event—a clock which was still keeping good time. He had hoped to revisit Sherborne, but his state of health did not suggest that it would be this summer. He was interested to be reminded, by a note in a previous magazine, of R. Pfleger, and wondered whether the latter remembered how popular peg tops were (spun on the stone flag at the entrance to the Old School) and how he taught his friends to throw them accurately. The Rev. E. E. Curtis (1918-24) wrote while doing holiday duty at a country rectory near Gilbert White's Selborne and Woolmer Heath—a district full of interest and charm, and a refreshing change from Portsmouth, where he is senior curate and priest-in-charge of S. Wilfrid's Mission. He and his wife and two children (aged six and four) were becoming re-acclimatised to England after their seven years in Mauritius, with consequent benefit to their health. He was able to send a message of remembrance from the Rev. G. A. Ellison, a former curate of Sherborne Abbey, now Vicar of St. Mark's, Portsea. L. J. Avery (1925-31) was sorry to miss the Summer Reunion, which took place while he was away on holiday. Before he left, he sent the School the latest B.B.C. Year Book,

which was of great interest in itself and also because it came from one who, as an engineer at the Rampisham station, made a valuable contribution to the foreign broadcasting service during the War. Renewing his O.F.A. subscription, A. Whitehill (1895-99), Aberystwyth, mentioned that he hoped to visit his son in the R.A.F. on Salisbury Plain later in the year, and to call at Sherborne on the way. Having completed his war-work in the manufacture of explosives, R. K. Dibble (1926-34), B. Sc., now has a post to his liking with the British Nylon Spinners, and will eventually be stationed at Pontypool, where he already has a house: for the time being he was on a training course at Coventry, following a period of practical experience at Stowmarket. He had Fred Symes's company during the latter's leave from Germany. He sent good wishes to the School. Robin J. Ridout (1924-30), who wrote to renew his membership of the O.F.A., had taken up chess enthusiastically as a relaxation from daily farming; he was very pleased later on to handle a cricket bat again for the Old Boys. N. J. M. Pollard (1932-37). renewing his subscriptions, made a special enquiry about School Swimming Sports, in which he is still very interested, although his own swimming days are over owing to ear trouble last year as part of the effects of his R.N. experiences during the War: he has, however, the consolation of looking back over three very successful seasons, especially in 1944 when he led his ship's water-polo team to 17 victories and one draw in 19 games (his own bag of goals being nearly 50 out of the 80-odd they scored). He was still able to keep up his football, and played with Cyril Dike for Sturminster Newton; he was also playing cricket at Stalbridge, with Percy and Cyril Dike, and saw a good deal of Dick Meader. After being discharged from the R.N. with a pension in 1943, D. L. Marshall (1940-41) joined the firm of Senior and Godwin at Gillingham, where his duties had already brought him into contact with several O.F. families and with Alec Oxford, Cyril Dike, Reg Chaffey, and Bob Henley personally: he met the last-named also on the football field, when playing for Mere at Sturminster Newton; and had heard news of Leslie Adams from the latter's mother. In the Isle of Man he enjoyed all sorts of sport and played for his representative XI at cricket before going abroad: We were interested to know that in his Naval School examinations he was second in his group. F. S. Lavers (1941-44) was successful in five subjects for London Matriculation last year, and hopes he has now completed his final subject. On leaving Plymouth Technical College he became a laboratory assistant to a metallurgist at Farnborough Experimental Station, but this interesting work and a subsequent course were cut short by an official reduction of workers, and he is now a trainee at an engineering works in London—a post which is likely to be interrupted shortly by his entry into the Forces. Meanwhile he has embarked upon a five years' correspondence course with the British Institute of Engineering Technology for his A.M.I.C.E. He sent his best wishes to old friends. J.R.N. Inch (1939-42) is now a student apprentice at the British Electrical Engineering Co. at Loughborough, and was hoping that he might be fortunate enough to be selected for one of the two Scholarships offered to apprentices to enable them to take a University course. He was very interested in his work; he was then helping to build buses. W. E. Whatley (1900-06), Bromley, spent parts of his holiday at Herne Bay, with welcome opportunities of exploring Canterbury thoroughly, and at Taunton, when he visited Glastonbury, Wells, Minehead and Selworthy; he expects to retire from teaching in a couple of years. He hopes that the war damage to his house will soon be on the way to being repaired. He had enjoyed reading 'The Chronicles of Church Farm,' by the wife of Roy Hutchings. C. H. Hounsell (1920-24) had been doubly busy in the new appointment of book-keeper-secretary of his firm in Yeovil and as organiser of a Youth Club, into which he has introduced a tennis section with considerable success in spite of the bad weather. The decision about O.F.A. life-membership at the Annual Meeting, which he regretted he could not attend, had his full approval. He sent kind remembrances to old friends. R. Hales (1941-45) has now left School and is busy among machines; he lost no time in joining the O.F.A. Mr. G. F. W. Hart (A.M. 1909-15) is soon to retire from his post at Collyer's School, Horsham, which he has held for the past 31 years. Mrs. G. C. Wardale (A.M. 1943-44) was resigning her post at Barking Abbey School in July, after carrying on the double duties of full-time teaching and private housekeeping for the past two years. Kind messages are also acknowledged

from C. T. Beer (1926-34), Oxford; H. J. Bugg (1911-14), Marnhull; A. M. Rogers (1919-25), Tetbury; H. A. Osment (1936-43), when renewing his School prize for Art; J. T. Warham (1940-43), Raynes Park County School; D. P. Thirlwell (1940-43); E. Devonshire (1941-46), when he joined the O.F.A.; R. W. Waltham (1934-39), in the midst of harvesting and much inevitable anxiety about the weather. We are also very pleased to hear an excellent account of the progress of R. M. Davis (1941-43) at Dulwich College.

Other Personal Notes. J. C. S. Parsons (1919-25), M.P.S., after managing a chemist's business in Windsor for the past three years, has now become a partner in it; he has a son a year old; D. G. Parsons (1920-24), N.P. Bank, has been at Exeter for seven years: he has a daughter aged three; N. E. Parsons (1922-27), who has been at Messrs. Short Brothers at Rochester through the War, now has a post at Portsmouth: he has two boys and a girl, the eldest being seven years old. Harold J. Swatridge (1917-21) is Police Sgt. at Bridport. S. G. H. Davis (1919-20) is a co-director of a firm in Madras, and has a home in Nottingham: he hopes to revisit England next year. We very much regret to learn that his younger brother, A. B. A. Davis (1919-20), who was on the editorial staff of the Daily Express, and also served in the Home Guard, died two years ago. After completing his war work, B. J. Hamblin (1926-31) has joined the local radio business of Horace Hamblin. A. V. Weare (1905-10), B.A., is senior French master at Belle Vue Secondary School, Bradford; his daughter is now eighteen. Having been rejected from military service through defective eyesight, A. W. Mole (1940-44) is training in horticulture in one of Kent's largest nurseries. Officers of the Dorset Yeomanry Old Comrades Association now about to revive its activities, include S. C. Hunt (1909-14), Secretary, and B. J. B. Ryall (1890-97) and H. J. Stroud (1901-03), members of committee. The farmer who gave the B.B.C. talk on Sept. 3 in the series 'My Faith and my Job' (talks on Christian vocation) was R. J. Gray (1915-21), Buckland Newton: he is shortly to broadcast also in Children's Hour.

O.F.'s in Sport. It is a great pleasure to be able once again to record a selection of individual O.F.'s activities in the realm of sport: for Dorset and for Dorset Club and ground: E. J. Freeman (1916-21)—23 v. Poole Park; **D. P. Freeman** (1926-29)—22 and 48 not out, v. Devon; for Sherborne, E. J. Freeman (capt.)—78 v. Shaftesbury; B. J. Hamblin (1926-31)—59 not out v. Herrison Hospital; 3 for 5 v. R.A.S.C. (Houndstone); 33 and 4 for 8 v. Ex-service XI; P. G. Wood (1928-38); D. P. Freeman—65 v. R.A.S.C. (Houndstone); for Yeovil, D. P. Freeman (capt.), 79 v. Shaftesbury, 37 v. Compton House, 27 not out v. Bridport; B. P. Biggin (1927)—22 v. Herrison Hospital, 17 v. Shaftesbury; for Compton House, **D. H. Farley** (1934-40)—17 v. E. Coker; 7 for 35 and 4 for 20 v. Bridport; for E. Coker, B. W. Rhodes (1930-35)— 15 and 3 for 31 and 4 for 10 v. Compton House; for Templecombe, N. G. Rice (1941-44)—26 and 33 v. Marnhull; 25 v. Horsington; 18 v. N. Cadbury; for Gillingham, D. L. Marshall (1940-41); for Holwell and District, A. B. Stokes (1937-42)—17 v. Yetminster, 16 v. Cerne; M. W. Knapman (1939-42)—3 for 2 v. Anstey, 2 for 5

v. Iwerne Minster, 6 wickets v. Buckland Newton; **D. T. Hodges** (1917-21), capt.; **P. W. Mitchell** (1931-36); for Buckland Newton, while on leave from the R.A.F., **J. W. O. Packer** (1938-44)—94 not out v. Holwell.

**G. H. White** (1886-88), Hon. Treas. of the Dorset County C.C., was elected chairman of the Junior Cup Competition for Dorset Clubs. **F. Perham** (1887-88) is still a prominent and successful member of the Sherborne Bowling Club.

The old School documents brought by W. A. Squire (already mentioned) include a list of Intermediate Scholarship successes (1898—W. J. N. Burch, J. J. Chapman, W. H. Crabb, H. G. M. Gabbutt, R. A. B. Gale, C. Hounsell, C. E. Rose); a School prospectus (c. 1898); successes in the College of Preceptors and Cambridge Local examinations (1896-97), and a newspaper report of Prize Day, 1901.

The latest Old Fosterians—M. E. Trevett (1938-46) will unfortunately have to defer his entry to King's College, Cambridge, until he has completed his military service; W. J. Paulley (1939-46) will similarly have to postpone his entry to a Training College for Teachers; D. J. Childs (1937-46 will be taking up his scholarship at University College, Nottingham; R. F. Fox (1939-46) has been accepted for Loughborough Training College for Teachers; G. H. Chubb (1939-46 is registering for training under the British Pharmaceutical Society; J. A. Fisher (1941-46) is articled to the City Engineer, Salisbury, and will be attending University College, Southampton, as a part-time student; D. R. Bacon (1941-46 is entering Regent Street Polytechnic (Matriculation class) for an architectural course; P. T. Blackmore (1941-46) hopes to become a draughtsman apprentice; D. J. Boroughs (1941-46 expects to take up civil engineering; J. Trott (1941-46), W. J. Chaffey (1941-46) and L. B. Chaffey (1941-46) are farming at home; M. L. Ruis (1940-46) is to be an electrical engineer; R.F.J. Brooks (1940-46), who has moved to Portsmouth, is preparing for the special entry examination for a commission in the Royal Marines; P.J. Tompkins (1941-46) has joined Messrs. Sawtells of Sherborne; A. A. Waller (1942-46) is entering the Midland Bank; N. W. J. Clarke (1940-46) hopes to enter the School of Art, Poole; M. J. Cull (1940-46) hopes to join the Merchant Navy; N. Dever shire (1941-46) will be assisting his father until he enters the Royal Navy; W.J. G. Glover (1941-46) has joined his father in his fruiterer's and greengrocer's business; J. F. Hounsell (1943-46) has entered an architect's office in Yeovil; E. T. Patch (1941-46) is about to volunteer for the R.A.F.; F. B. Paulley (1941-46) intends to make the Army his career; J. H. S. Walker (1944-46) has been accepted, by examination and interview, for training at Southampton Nautical College for the Merchant Navy; D. M. S. Rich (1945-46) is joining his father's garage business; and the following are to attend schools elsewhere—D. J. Gosney (1941-46); J. A. Morrison, H. A. Morrison (1944-46); J. Farley (1942-46), D. Farley (1945-46); G. A. Cowling (1943-46); R. G. Samson (1944-46); E. G. Brooks (1943-46).

New and Rejoined Members of the O.F.A. Life Members—W. A. Beer (1925-32); R. J. Ridout (1924-30). Annual Members—D. J. Boroughs (1941-46); D. J. Childs (1937-46); G. H. Chubb (1939-46); A. J. Coles (1930-34); M. 'J. Cull (1940-46); N. Devonshire (1941-46); E. Devonshire (1941-46); J. A. Fisher (1941-46); R. F. Fox (1939-46); J. C. Harding (1940-45); R. Hales (1941-45); C. Hounsell (1896-99); F. G. Hunt (1924-28); C. G. Meader (1922-24); P. M. Murphy (1931-36), Capt.; P. D. Parsons (1927-33); J. F. Partridge (1943-46); W. J. Paulley (1939-46); F. B. Paulley (1941-46); P. J. Tompkins (1941-46); M. E. Trevett (1938-46); A. A. Waller (1942-46). W. J. Hall (1911-14) has now become a Life Member.