



EASTER, 1947



O. F. Reunion Dinner : see Old Boys' Notes.

Tues. Nov. 11. Remembrance Day : short service at School, 10.45 a.m.

Sat. Nov. 15. Football: O.F. XI v. School. O.F. Organiser: C. E. Dike.

SCHOOL NOTES

The older among us can recall some severe winters, like those of 1916 and 1929, as well as 1940, but few terms can have been more trying in **weather conditions** and their inevitable consequences than the one just past. After three normally satisfactory weeks, work and games, but especially the latter, were seriously interrupted : sport (apart from snow-balling, tobogganing and skating) was impossible on eight successive half-holidays ; and the number of absentees sometimes rose from a seventh to a quarter or a third of the School—once almost to a half. In the final three weeks, however, health and attendance were surprisingly good.

Football activities were reduced to three practice afternoons, when the senior group again had the help of several Old Boys, and to one School match for each of the two representative teams, and one Club " match in addition for the *ist*. XI : Jan. 11, v. Stalbridge, Lost 2-13; on a very sticky ground and after an absence of intensive practice since the middle of last term, the School were slow on the ball and failed in welldirected kicking. Included in the team was Mr. R. J. Gibling, O.F., who made a number of openings which, however, led to no result. The Stalbridge team, which included four Old Boys, proved far too strong and experienced. Scorers : Gay (a perfect goal), Walters. Jan. 18, v. Weymouth G.S., away, Lost, 1-6. Our opponents were always aggressive and finished far better than our team, who missed several good opportunities, including a penalty. Curtis, in goal, made many fine saves. Season's results : won 4, lost 7, goals 26–58. Under 14 : Jan. 18, v. Weymouth G.S. under 14, away, Lost 1-8. Positioning and combination on our side were generally poor, and there was never any doubt about the result. Scorer : Glaysher. Season's results : won 3, lost 5, goals 18-32.

Most unfortunately, all the nine *House Matches* of the term had to be cancelled, owing to the weather or the state of the ground, and were reckoned as drawn games, with the following results for the whole season : (Senior) **St. Bede's** 30 pts.; St. Aldhelm's 20, St. Dunstan's 10; (Junior) **St. Dunstan's** $12\frac{1}{2}$, St. Bede's 10, St. Aldhelm's $7\frac{1}{2}$; (3rd XI) **St. Bede's** 6, St. Aldhelm's 4, St. Dunstan's 2.

For another week or more after the official end of the football season, Cross Country training was very limited, but the customary races eventually proved possible (Mar. 12), though in cold rain and in very heavy going. In the circumstances, the entries (9 Seniors and 33 Juniors), though much below the normal, must be considered satisfactory, and the leading times were certainly excellent. Still better, every entrant qualified —a proof that adequate training had been done by those who were keen enough to seize their restricted opportunities. Seniors : I. Cuff (winner of the Headmaster's Challenge Cup), St. Dunstan's, 29 min. $51\frac{1}{5}$ sec.; 2. Carver, B; 3. Bennett, A; 4. Russell, B; 5. Stenhouse i, A; 6. Care, B; 7. Baggs, D; 8. Lawrence, D, and Harvey, A. Juniors: I. Stacey, St. Bede's, 26 min. 56 sec.; 2. Hodges, A; 3. Love, B; 4. Whitlock, D; 5. Durrant i, A; 6. Bartlett i, D. Others : Tapper, D; Eades, A; Coombs ii, B; Foot ii, A; Bown ii, A; Henley, A; March, D; Kendall ii, B; Aherne, D; Dike, A; Bungay, A; Hedditch ii, A; Heuduk, A; Vining i, D; Chubb, D; Helliar i, A; Garrett, D; Stenhouse ii, A; Hedditch iii, A; Foot i, B; Martin, D; Hedditch i, A; Durrant ii, B; Bartlett ii, D; Hayter, A; Petry, A; Sheppard, A. House points : St. Aldhelm's 21, St. Bede's 20, St. Dunstan's 16. Heavy weather continued almost daily afterwards, and the Athletic Sports had to be postponed till early in May, by which time we hope for sunshine and a firm ground.

Through the initiative of Mr. Hewitt, a new activity arose in the form of **Musical Recitals**, intended to increase the interest of the School in matters musical. It was most regrettable that the wintry weather, after causing a postponement, reduced the attendance on the first occasion to thirty (about half adults and half boys), and that the second evening, after also being rearranged, had finally to be cancelled. On Feb. 9, Mrs. Luxmoore (violin) and Mr. Hewitt (piano) provided an hour's varied programme from Grieg, Svensden, and Rimsky-Korsakov (*arr*. Kreisler) and from Mozart, Granados, Liszt, which was greatly enjoyed and deserved a much larger audience. The artistes were thanked by Mr. Gibling in the absence of the Headmaster, and the Head Boy presented Mrs. Luxmoore with flowers.

School parties found much enjoyment in seeing a performance of **Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure** (W. Hackett) by Blandford G.S. (March 19), especially as it had been our own choice for a Christmas play last term ; and also an excellent performance of **A Hundred Years** Old (Quintero) by Lord Digby's School. (March 20); as well as in

hearing Handel's Messiah, by the Musical Society of Sherborne School, assisted by Sherborne School for Girls, with visiting orchestra and artistes (March 27), when Mr. W. E. Wearden was at the organ. Owing to the electricity cuts, we were not able to enjoy the accustomed programme of films from the M.O.I. Film Unit.

The Commoners Society held another popular Brains Trust (Feb. 3), with Mr. Hulme as Question Master, and Mr. Gibling, Mr. Welcher, Mr. Miller, Coombs, Trinkle and Carver as the 'Brains,' who, in the course of an hour, discussed with considerable thoroughness some eight or ten questions on varied topics, including the school-leaving age; the five-day week; equal pay for men and women; the relative influence of the theatre and the cinema; the possible existence of a modern Dickens; good and harmful discoveries of man; the electricity cuts; school punishments; Merrie England. The audience numbered about 30. The 24th Annual Commoners Concert was produced on two successive evenings (March 21, 22) and offered a very representative programme of ten items, thanks to the efforts of Form Masters and Mistresses and to the general organisation of Mr. Welcher and Mr. Hewitt. Included were : songs (Form III, trained and accompanied by Mr. Hewitt); a silhouette-the operation (Cox, Aherne, Tucker Young ii); accordion solo (Baggs); trumpet solo (White); a display of physical training (VI and Va, under Capt. A. T. Brown); a mime-Matilda, a cautionary tale, by Hilaire Belloc (Mr. Hulme and IVa²); and plays by Forms VI (Bamboo, by Leonard Hines and Frank King; Coombs i, Bennett, Care, Bown, Trinkle, Carver; producers-Mr. Welcher and Mr. Miller); Va (Legend, by Philip Johnson; Frampton, Parker, Doble, Lugg; Kinghorn i, Upshall i, Harvey, Hedditch i, Kerr, Russell, Stenhouse i; producers—Mr. and Mrs. Gibling); Vb (The Crimson Cocoanut, by Ian Hay; Coleman, Stone i, Clark, Quirk Walters, Henley; Gillard, Stubbings, Tuck; producer-Mr. McKay); IVb (Strolling Players, by L. du Garde Peach; Garrett, Churchill Tompkins, Oakley, Young ii, Hayter, Martin, Vincent, Loves producer Miss Wilcoxson). Over 400 parents, Old Boys and other visitors were present, and the collections amounted to almost f_{20} ; after the deduction of expenses, which were heavier than usual owing to payment of acting fees for two performances, f_{5} was donated to the Sherborne Friendly Society for the relief of Niffer, the badly damaged village of Alsace-Lorraine which the people of Sherborne have adopted, and the balance of about $f_{4,4}$ Ios was added to the School Seating Fund. The afternoon of Mar. 25 was devoted to a Talent Competition, organised by the Head Boy as Secretary of the Commoners, and kindly judged by Mr. Welcher, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Hewitt and Miss Wilcoxson. First prizes (in N. S. certificates and stamps) were accorded jointly to Reed for his recitations, 'The Listeners' (W. de la Mare) and 'The Highwayman' (Alfred Noyes), and to White for his instrumental selections on piano, trumpet, accordion and flute; and other prize-winners were Pitman and Coleman (a cross talk); Tompkins, Churchill and Vincent (sketchManpower). Other items were piano solos by Kerr and Sugg; conjuring tricks by Upshall and Kinghorn i; and a sketch (not for competition) —The Capture (F. Morton Howard)—by Pitman, Care and Trinkle. Mr. Welcher, on behalf of the Judges, gave some helpful criticism at the close, and Mr. Gibling presented the prizes.

Owing to evening rehearsals and other competing activities, the **Science Club** regretfully decided to suspend meetings for the term, and the **Boxing Club** was active only in the opening weeks ; members of the **Badminton Club** enjoyed games at all possible hours until the shortage of shuttlecocks stopped play ; and the **Stamp Club** met weekly as long as was possible : one evening was devoted to a Brains Trust (Care, Trinkle, Pitman, Gregory), when the questions were well blended, some requiring, and receiving, a considerable amount of discussion, and others, dealing with matters of fact, being more suited to a Quiz ; the result was an interesting half-hour for the twenty who were present. Some useful work was done on the Club Collection. We acknowledge with extreme gratitude the generous gift, at the end of term, of more than twelve hundred stamps, covering a wide range of sets and countries, from Mr. A. W. Mole, O.F., and we look forward to examining them in detail and distributing them suitably at the first opportunity.

Members of the Army Cadet Force; under Capt. S. G. McKay, (49, in addition to 21 in the Town Platoon, Lt. A. R. Trevett) were : Bennett (C.S.M.), Coombs i (C.Q.M.S.), Gay, Carver (Sgts.), Care (Cpl.), Harvey (L/Cpl.); Bown i, Lawrence, Pitman, Trinkle; Baggs, Doble, Edwards, Frampton, Hardy, Norris i, Russell, Upshall i; Baber, Buck, Coleman, Cox, Crane i, Curtis, Gillard, Helliar i, Henley, Park, Quirk, Reed, Robins, Stone i, Stubbings, Sugg, Tuck, Walters, White, Whittle; Glaysher; Childs, Courtney, Devoto, Diment, Grimes, Kendall i, Neal, Spinner, Wells i, Wheadon. The annual Party, organised by a Committee under the chairmanship of Lt. Trevett, whose wife kindly undertook the responsibility for refreshments, was held on Jan. 18: it was the happy occasion for a presentation to Lt. Trevett by the members of the Town Platoon, and several past members of the Company were present. Others who attended were Lt. Col. A. T. Grimley (C.O. Ist C/Battalion) and Mrs. Grimley, Major and Mrs. H. Lush; and Capt. McKay was M.C.

The past term was the best of the three which made up the Chancellor's Challenge year in **National Savings** with the result that we eventually exceeded our target by more than \pounds 50. It was most encouraging to find that January was actually the best Savings month of the whole year, figures in the opening weeks being comparable with peak War-periods. The term brought in \pounds 270 4s 6d, and the year's total reached \pounds 658 os 6d. Better still, membership, which showed a noticeable decline in the autumn, increased again to 90, a little more than 50 per cent of the School. Apart from national considerations, every boy ought

certainly, in his own interest, to b saving.

In the **Essay** competition, the superiority of Form VI over the other senior competitors was more marked than usual, as indeed it should be ; but the general standard of the Forms concerned (Vb, Va, VI) was rather better than last year. The junior essays were again mostly of a lower standard than formerly, though a somewhat larger number than last year showed fair effort and care, especially in IVa¹. Prize-winners were (senior) Bennett, (junior) Tett ; and creditable work was also done by Care, Coombs i, Carver, Pitman, Trinkle (VI) ; Kinghorn i, Parker, Trew (Va) ; Tuck (Vb) ; Harris ii, Fish (IVa¹) ; Aherne, Young ii (IVb) ; Hicks, Hedditch iii, Wilson (IIIa) ; Drayton (IIIb). The subjects were : Public Opinion (Senior), the Importance of Speech (Junior).

In the **Poster Competition** organised by the Sherborne and District Road Safety Committee, R. G. Harris (Form IVa¹) won first prize in the under-14 class, and G. V. Oakley (IVb) was very highly commended. The first winner of **Mr. W. J. Paulley's medal** for the most improved and most helpful footballer in the course of the season was W. J. Carver, football captain. The **Form Cup** was awarded to IIIA, with VA a very close second ; and VI and Va jointly won the Cup for **Physical Training.** Contributions to the **Schools Adoption Scheme** (Save the Children Fund) amounted to $f_{.5}$ 18s 2d. **House Points** (to the end of the Spring Term) were St. Bede's $124\frac{1}{2}$, St. Dunstan's 73, St. Aldhelm's $62\frac{1}{2}$.

We regret to learn that Canon J. P. W. Lovett, R.D., who has been Chairman of the Governors for several years, will be leaving Sherborne during the summer; and we offer him our sincere thanks for all the interest he has shown in our welfare. Twelve boys were confirmed in Sherborne Abbey on the final Sunday of the term.

The annual check of the **Library** occupied several weeks and was completed only just in time for the borrowing of books for the holiday. We announce with grateful pleasure that, by his will, the late Mr. J. W. Burt, an Honorary Vice-President of the O.F.A., left his collection of books and prints to the Governors of Lord Digby's School and Foster's School, to be divided between the two Schools ; and that the late Mr. A. H. Tuffin, also a Vice-President of the O.F.A., bequeathed to the School a valuable, pre-1603, volume containing the Book of Common Prayer, the Bible (with dedication to Queen Elizabeth)—all the more interesting because it proves to be a ' Breeches ' Bible a Concordance and a metrical version of the Psalms ; as well as the Works of Josephus, and Chemistry in the 20th Century. Included in our share of Mr. Burt's books are The Cathedrals of England, The Cathedral Churches of England, Genius of England (Massingham), The Customs of England

certainly, in his own interest, to be preparing for the future by regular

(F. J. Snell), Christmas and Christmas Lore (Crippen), Glowing Embers from a Somerset Hearth (Garton), works of Shakespeare, Tennyson, Hood; and El Dorado (Orczy). We **acknowledge** also very gratefully the following gifts : the novels of Sir W. Scott, from Mr. S. W. Scott, O.F.; Famous British Battles (Clinton) and 13 volumes of Nelson's History of the 1914-19 War (Buchan), from Mr. R. G. Moore, O.F.; a collection of novels and other works in French, from Mr. E. B. G. Abbott, O.F.; Epics of Empire, from A. R. Crane (Vb); and the following magazines and other periodicals : the Yeovilian, the Crewkernian, the Cygnet, the Winburnian; Raynes Park County School Library Review (Mr. T. J. Warham, O.F.); Deus Vult, journal of the 28th I. T. Batt. (L/C W. J. Paulley, O.F.); Navy, the Sea Cadet (Mrs. Crump); Punch (Mrs. F. K. Parker).

School Officers in the Spring Term : *Prefects*—P. Coombs (Head of School, Assist. Editor of Fosterian, Deputy Secr. N.S., Secr. of Commoners, Editor of Onlooker, Capt. of St. Bede's) ; M. M. Bennett (Secr. of Boxing Club, Capt. of St. Aldhelm's) ; R. A. Care (Senior Librarian, Secr. of Stamp Club). *Sub-prefects*—W. J. Carver (Football Capt.) ; R. D. Gay ; J. R. Gregory (Secr. of Science Club, Secr. of Badminton Club) ; C. J. Bown ; J. R. Lawrence (Deputy Senior Librarian) ; R. E. Harvey (Head of Boarding House). *Capt. of St. Dunstan's*—Baggs. *Monitors* : Va—Doble ; Vb—White ; IVa¹—Bartlett i ; IVa²—Childs ; IVb—Chapman ; IIIa—Hiscott ; IIIb Blackmore. *Librarians* : Va—Harris i, Norris i, Parker ; Vb—Cox, Crane i, Morris, Stone i ; IVa¹—Glover, Harris ii, Johnson, Perrott ; IVb—Bartlett ii, Churchill, Garrett, Hayter, Lait, Martin, Tompkins ; IIIa Crane ii, Hoff i.

Next term's dates : Mon. Apr. 21 to Fri. July 25 (holidays—Whit. Monday, May 26 ; half term, Sat. to Tues. June 14 to 17).

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English Language	Kinghorn i	50
English Literature	Kinghorn i	55
History	Dunn	44
Geography	Doble,	
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Latin	Dunn	58
French	Harris i	59
Mathematics	Edwards	70
Science	Edwards	, o 54
	Doble	50
Art		50
Divinity'		
	IVa^2	
English Language	Childs	28
English Literature	Bungay	25
History	Pike	40
Geography	Grimes	50
Latin		
French	Childs	56
Mathematics	Courtney	39
Science	Whitlock	57
	Gibbs	57 62
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Divinity	. Wells i	44

English Language ... English Literature

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Geography	• • •	•	•	•
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Kendall ii	26
Peaty	5 20
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Kendall ii	47
Peaty	90
Kendall ii	46
Axe	36
Kendall ii	36 31
Ham	
Spraque	+ 42
Cooper	

Form VI: Bennett (third year); Coombs i, Care (second year); Carver, Gay, Lawrence, Pitman; Bown, Carne, Gregory, Trinkle (first year). Leading boys in other Forms :--

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Vb Buck Stubbings Wiscombe Baber Coleman Colley	46 44 44 42 40	Wiscombe Baber Stubbings Cox Coleman White	42 39 38 36 35 35	
IVa ¹ Fish Tett Kinghorn ii Tapper Stacey Perrott	47 44 42 39 36 35	Fish Tett Tapper Eades Kinghorn ii Stacey	49 41 40 39 38	
IVa ² Pike Courtney Childs	40 32 31	Pike Howe Childs	38 34 33	
IVb Young ii Hayter Aherne Stenhouse ii Lait Garrett	56 48 42 40 39 30	Young ii Lait Aherne Martin Tompkins Rolls	56 44 42 40 35 34	
IIIa Hiscott Hicks Cuff ii Hallett Parsons Hoff i	55 50 44 42 40 35	Hicks Hiscott Hallett Carpenter Parsons Davenport	53 50 41 40 40	
Axe	36 34	Axe Sheppard Ham	39 38	

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Kendall

Drayton

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FORM MARKS

3rd Month

Term

Harris i Baggs Parker Dunn Doble Warren	48 43 40 39 38 37	Harris i Baggs Parker Dunn Warren Doble, Edwards Kinghorn i	48 40 38 36 35 34
Baber Colley Wiscombe Buck Stubbings Cox	44 43 41 39 39 37	Baber Wiscombe Stubbings Buck Coleman Cox	42 41 40 36
Fish Tett Kinghorn ii Tapper Glaysher Eades	53 50 47 45 44 43	Fish Tett Kinghorn ii Tapper Eades Stacey	50 45 42 39 38
Pike Childs Devoto	39 35 29	Pike Childs Howe	39 35 30
Young ii Aherne Lait Hayter Martin Garrett	60 46 45 44 38 37	Young ii Hayter Aherne Lait Martin Stenhouse ii	57 46 43 42 37 35
Hicks Hiscott Parsons Hallett Davenport Foot ii	47 46 41 39 37	Hiscott Hicks Hallett Parsons Topp Cuff ii Davenport	50 50 41 40 }
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O.F.A. Membership (348). Fifteen members have joined or rejoined the Association, three have been lost by death, and eight have been struck off through non-payment of subscriptions. There are now 156 life-members.

The eighteenth Annual General Meeting (Feb. 26) was held in the School Library, with the Headmaster as President of the Association in the Chair. Present were : three members of Committee—C. A. Lowman, G. Coombs, D. C. Hutchings; the Treasurer-G. E. Batchelor; the Auditor—R. Gregory; the three Joint Secretaries— R. Gibling, L. N. W. Kitzerow, M. W. R. Johns; and L. J. Avery and H. J. Otton. Apologies were received from the Deputy Treasurer— S. W. Scott, and from G. C. Brett; the latter, like A. J. Sibley (who is now unfortunately out of reach at Clevedon, however), expressed special interest in the possible revival of the Old Boys' Dramatic Society. A very satisfactory Annual Report was presented, and the Balance Sheet showed a similar state of affairs to that recorded last year, i.e. expenditure had again exceeded the true income of the year, but had been met with the help of payments of arrears subscriptions. The opinion being expressed that it might prove necessary to raise the annual subscription, the Auditor thought that the Committee might prefer to consider this suggestion during the coming years, in the light of probably increasing costs. Another view was that life-members who had joined at the original fee of 50s., instead of at the new rate of f_{4} , might be asked to make an additional contribution, as W. H. Salisbury had already done of his own accord. For the present, the meeting, though recognising the probability of financial difficulty before long, was content to pass the proposed addition to the Rules: that those whose membership has lapsed and who wish to rejoin as annual members shall pay their two years' arrears in addition to their annual subscription on rejoining.

The Officers were re-elected, with warm thanks for their loyal services which had enabled the Association to face the future, and its promise of opportunities for expanding activities, with hope and confidence. Preliminary plans were made for : (i) a meeting during the summer of those interested in the suggested revival of the O.F. Dramatic Society, 1932-38, (former Chairman, G. Coombs), for whose benefit the Headmaster kindly offered the use of the School Hall and stage; (ii) Social Evenings at School, for Junior Old Boys and senior boys of the School, on the lines of those held in 1937-39 (organisers, P. A. Taylor, D. R. Baker, P. J. Tompkins); (iii) the revival of the Old Fosterians and Old Digbyians Dance, as in the years 1930-38 (Chairman of Committee, G. C. Spiller); and (iv) the first post-war Reunion Dinner, in continuation of those held from 1930 to 1938, which has been arranged for Wed. Oct. 29, at 7 p.m., at Messrs. Coombs' Restaurant. Numbers on this occasion must be strictly limited to 90, and

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applications for tickets (which will be dealt with in rotation and must be accompanied by payment, 6s. 6d.) must please be made to L. Kitzerow, Cheap St., by Wed. Oct. 22. (Dinner Committee : C. A. Lowman, W. J. Hall, G. E. Batchelor, J. H. Elliott, L. Kitzerow).

The T.L. Hutchins Memorial Fund (present net total, £99 3s 8d; 99 subscribers) was also thoroughly discussed. Although the time had not yet come for a decision as to the form of the memorial, it was already obvious that the suggestion of a fund to assist the further education and training of boys of the School was not practicable. Other proposals which have already been favourably considered and upon which many subscribers have kindly expressed their views are : a display case and cabinet in the Library to contain O.F.A. volumes and old School documents; a clock on the School buildings, similar to that which was originally intended for the cricket scoring-box in completion of the Old Boys' gift to the new school; and an enlarged photograph or a portrait of Mr. Hutchins to be hung in the School. We are very grateful indeed to Mrs. Hutchins and her sons, Mr. John T. S. Hutchins, L.D.S., and Mr. Michael Hutchins, for their generous desire to be responsible for fulfilling this last proposal, if it is finally approved. Further comments or suggestions will be welcome at any time during the present year. Additional subscribers since the publication of the last magazine :--E. B. G. Abbott; V. P. Baker, C. B. Brett, D. R. Bullock; J. P. H. Cowan, Rev. A. G. R. Churchill, W. T. B. Cox, W. F. Curtis; R. Edwards; L. F. Fox; D. T. Hodges, C. H. Hounsell, D. C. Hutchings, H. L. R. Hutchings; C. J. Jeans; L. Kitzerow; C. A. Lowman; C. H. Mattick, C. G. Meader; N. E. Parsons, P. D. Parsons, W. J. Paulley, F. B. Paulley, R. R. Pedley; C. J. Ring; G. A. Sheppard; H. G. Tribley; C. H. D. Young, J. H. Young.

Births

Jan. 2, to N. A. H. Courage (1933-38), a daughter (Heather Margaret); Jan. 6, to P. A. Hann (1930-34), Capt., a son (Jonathan Paul); Mar. 2, to A. F. Dunning (1929-32), a son (David Alec); Mar. 20, to I. C. Upshall (1930-35), a son (John William Charles), and to R. G. Oxford (1933-38), a son (Roger James); Apr. 6, to A. J. Willis (1930-36), a son (Andrew John).

Marriages

Jan. 1, C. J. Parrott (1924–27), Glanville's Wootton, to Dulcie May Read, Leigh : the best man was G. P. Foot (1925–31) ; in January, at Donington Methodist Church, H. R. F. Young (1931–37), to Nesta Sperring, Donington, Lincs.; Jan. 26, at Christ Church, Simla, F. R. Charlton (1934–39), Staff Capt. at Signals Directorate, G.H.Q., to Mary Kalliope Pigott ; Feb. 15, at Holy Trinity Church, Shaftesbury, J. S. Waller (1935–39) to Betty Yvonne Marguerite Riant, Guildford ; Mar. 29, M. W. R. Johns (1933–39) to Kathleen Strange, Orpington, Kent ; Apl. 5, at Sherborne Abbey, N. J. Hole (1936–39), Alweston, to Eva Curry, Sherborne ; and at Poyntington Church, L. R. Coffin (1938–43), L/R.M.(R), R.N.V.R., to Helen Rendell, Poyntington. We are pleased to hear also of the recent marriage of K. I. Fry (1933–39).

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It is our sad duty to record the deaths of three School contemporaries of sixty years ago, two of them Vice-Presidents, and all three staunch supporters, of the Association, of which they were among the oldest members :— On Dec. 31, 1944, A. H. Tuffin (1882–88), after a long illness, accompanied by considerable pain, which he endured with great fortitude. A branch manager for Messrs. Boots, chemists, for many years, he afterwards opened and managed with great success a private nursing home in Brighton and, later, also in Ramsgate. His periodical visits to Sherborne were looked forward to by many old friends apart from representatives of the School and the O.F.A.; and he regularly attended the prewar Old Boys' Dinners. His thoughts of the School, of which he always spoke with pride, and his fatherly interest in the O.F.A. were evident to the end; and it was characteristic of him that, before he died, he marked three specially chosen books for presentation to the Library. We offer our sincere sympathy to his daughter and two sons; on Dec. 20, 1946, J. J. Salisbury (1885), a solicitor of high repute and standing in Bristol, at the age of 70, after only three months' illness. Gaining his Oxford Local certificate at School, he was so successful in his Law examinations that he passed his final with honours at the early age of 21. He at once went into practice, and for 48 years his heart was in his work : never marrying, and eschewing retirement, he gave the fullest possible service, through his profession, to all who needed it until he was taken ill. We assure his brothers, both also Vice-Presidents of the O.F.A., of our sincere sympathy with them; on Apr. 3, 1947, A. H. Belben (1884–88), aged 75. A former substantial business man and property-owner of Sherborne, he retired many years ago, living latterly at Weymouth and then at Weston-super-Mare. To his wife and son and daughter we wish to express our deep sympathy. We regret also to hear of the death, on Nov. 8, 1946, at Montreal, of R. Sims Cuff (1910–11), at the early age of 47and all the more because, having received a message from him last year, we were looking forward to renewing contact with him by correspondence. A full-time member of the Y.M.C.A. staff and a lay preacher, his funeral was attended by representatives of many religious and social bodies, and the respect in which he was held was shown by the number of callers who came to express their sympathy, as we do now, with his wife and two children.

At the Universities. Nine Old Boys are now in residence : (Oxford). D. R. Gibling (1932-40) watched the first School match v. Stalbridge, where he met several contemporaries; and R. J. Gibling (1933–41) played in the first School practice and in the match against Stalbridge, as well as continuing to represent Balliol College in association football as long as normal sport was possible. Despite most adverse weather and ground conditions, they enjoyed their ten days' tour of the Lake District at the conclusion of term. (London). H. J. Spicer (1938-45), School of Economics, was finding his specialisation in statistics and advanced mathematics more and more interesting as he proceeded. Outside activities continued to fill up his spare time, in connection with his church—where he did not shirk invitations to take a part in speaking and in leading services, with youth movements, and with political societies. A keen stamp collector, he visited the national exhibition in London, and also the Ideal Home exhibition. His regular O.F. correspondents include Arthur Mole, Walter Ricketts and Michael Trevett. P. G. Wood (1928–38), Univ. College, who called between terms, was disappointed that most of his College football fixtures were inevitably cancelled. In the holidays he met Merlyn Mitchell, Len Sharpe and Philip Murphy, and played in company with Alec Oxford for Sherborne Town. He regularly sees C. R. G. Treasure (1932-40), who took part

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early in the term in a geological expedition to Wales; he called immediately before the January term, at the most opportune moment to meet our two representatives at Southampton, G. A. Sheppard (1932-39) and D. R. Bullock (1932-40), whose course includes Economic Theory, Economic History, French, Geography and some German : in the same class with them is the daughter of W. H. Crabb (1896–00), now demobilised from her war service on the Continent. They were fortunately home again in time for the Commoners Concert, in which they both used to take a prominent part. Bullock had little opportunity last term for his favourite musical activities, but was accompanist to the College carol party and figured in an end-of-term concert. They had met J. A. Fisher (1941–46), a part-time student while he is in training with the City Engineer, Salisbury. (Nottingham). After a very satisfactory first term and a good holiday, D. J. Childs (1937-46) called at School to see old friends, and again at Easter, after another successful term, ending with rather exacting terminals. (Aberdeen). On his demobilisation from the R.N. last summer, G. W. Hoddinott (1933-38) began a year's course in October, hoping to qualify for his Planter's Certificate before joining the staff of a Rubber Company in Malaya. He was a spectator at the Stalbridge match, where he met several old friends, and called again with his brother Fred on what should have been Sports Day : among the staff he saw Mr. Hewitt, whom he last met while both were in the Navy.

Teachers in Training. R. F. Fox (1939-46) and A. J. Coles (1930–34) have now been for two terms at Loughborough T.C. and Leavesden T.C., Watford, respectively. R. W. Tilley (1925-30) has completed his year at Exmouth E.T.C.; and gaining distinction in Music in his end-of-course examinations, has been granted six months' advanced training in this subject when a vacancy arises. Meanwhile he has taken a post at Yetminster. We were interested to hear a broadcast by the students at Exmouth at the conclusion of their course, and to know that he was a member of the choir on that occasion. P. R. Badham (1933–39) has left his post in insurance at Bristol to enter the Dorchester Road T.C., Weymouth, whence he hopes to find occasional opportunities of revisiting Sherborne. His special subjects are English Literature and History, in addition to English Language, Mathematics and Physical Training. With him is K. I. Fry (1933-39), now demobilised from the R.A.F. and also married. He is specialising in Geography and Horticulture. N. W. J. Clarke (1940–46) has begun a five-years course in the Teaching of Art at the School of Art, Poole. Others who hope to enter training colleges shortly include E. F. C. Mear (1939-45), already provisionally accepted for Borough Road T.C. in September; A. J. Hunt (1936–42), who has been teaching at Sherborne Abbey Junior School since the beginning of the year ; G. C. Rose (1937-38), recently demobilised as Sub-Lt., R.N.V.R., who is teaching at Trent School; **R. G. Mitchell** (1926–32), who sent a message from Shepton Mallet Modern Secondary School.

With the Forces. (New Entrants). The call of military service took W. E. D. Carne (1943–46) from School in the second week of the term ; he has joined the R.A.F. N. Devonshire (1941-46), who has fulfilled his ambition to join the R.N., was on leave at the time of the A.C.F. Social, where he met many old friends. J. Down (1940–41) is now a L/Cpl. in the R.A.S.C. E. W. J. Pomeroy (1940-44) wrote from Barnard Castle where he was completing a 12 weeks' course in the R.A. (Signals Section); during his basic training at Dorchester he met John Paulley. S. Pettis (1942-43) has just entered the Army. (India, Far East, E. Africa). J. C. Ashton (1937–43), Lt., Rajput Regt., called at School early in the term while on a month's leave. After two and a half years mainly in the heat of the plains, he welcomed his recent course at Poona on becoming Signals Officer, and was interested to find that in the meantime his battalion had become an airborne unit. In the altered circumstances of the time, however, he felt he might transfer to the British Army or take an engineering post in the North. Later news was that his return to India had been delayed. F. R. Charlton (1934-39), Capt., R.S., returned to England in March, with his wife, on a month's repatriation leave after three years in India, and was a welcome caller at Easter. Having decided to make the Army his profession, he is now stationed in Yorkshire. P. A. Taylor (1934–40), Cpl., R.A.F., who returned from three and a half years in India last year, is now demobilised and has an appointment with the Prudential Assurance Co. W. H. Hughes (1934-40), D.F.C., D.F.M., Fl. Lt., is at Singapore, where he is still frequently in the air as Leading Navigation Officer of his squadron. We have been pleased to receive a message through his home from W. J. Ricketts (1938–43), R.A.M.C., who is now enjoying the sunshine of Nairobi. After being sent to S. Africa for treatment, K. S. Gay (1934-39), Sgt. Pilot, was for some time in hospital in N. England, whence he has been more recently transferred to Bournemouth. (M.E., C.M.F.). J. R. A. Rouse (1936–42), Cpl., Life Gds., who spent Christmas in Cairo, was an unexpected caller in the first week of the term, when he returned to join an O.C.T.U. (R.S.) at Catterick. He was able to exchange news with David Gibling during his visit; and R. H. Farr (1939-42), Cpl., G.H.Q., M.E.L.F., called at Easter time, while spending a few days of his five weeks' leave in Sherborne, and had an interesting talk about former terms and mutual acquaintances. He had been stationed near the Suez Canal, whither he expected to return for the remainder of his service, probably till the end of the year. We were pleased also to meet, on leave with his wife, F. D. Nelson (1933-39), L/Cpl., R.S., who was due to return to Italy after Easter for what should be his final two months of service. A. F. Phillips (1938–44) wrote from R.A.F. Base accounts office near Cairo, which he frequently visited between the periodical riots. Except for signs of suffering among French children and some discomfort in the heat of the Mediterranean voyage, he enjoyed the journey out, which included a land crossing of France from Calais to Toulon. He was very pleased to read in the magazine about old friends, and hoped soon to contact Gordon Helliar; he sent good wishes to the Staff and

School. R. H. Johns (1937–43), R.A.F., who was in the Suez Canal area, had hopes of returning during the summer. He keeps up communication with Jack Barkey. R. L. Helliar (1929-34), W.O., R.A.F., was likely to remain in Italy till the late summer, and hoped to be married on his return. (B.A.O.R.). F. B. Paulley (1941-46), Ist Dorsets, wrote from Brunswick, where, after frequent moves, he wasa dispatch clerk with H.Q. Company. He had just played his first game of basket-ball. Regretting that he could not run in the School CrossCountry this year, he hoped that St. Dunstan's would provide the winner(as they did), and was sorry he could not see the Commoners Concert either. Early in the term, before going abroad, he was able to attend the A.C.F. Social and to play in a School football practice, in companywith his brother. (R.N.). D. G. Fudge (1934-37), L/Ck, is now demobilised and in the family business at Leigh, where his responsibilities have been increased owing to his father's illness. In his final naval patrol, his submarine only just got away, in crippled condition, after being depth-charged by Japanese destroyers for some twenty-four hours. He regretted that, in his four years of service, he did not meet any O.F.'s, but he appreciated the regular receipt of the 'Fosterian' all the more. He hoped to see the new School as soon as he could find time, and meanwhile sent good wishes all round. A. T. W. Oxford (1937-43), S/L(A), who had flown but little recently, owing to the bad weather, wrote from S. Wales while temporarily nursing a football injury : his station was top of the Pembrokeshire League, had reached the semi-final of the County Cup competition, and was going strongly in the W. Wales Amateur Cup. As centre forward, he had scored 57 goals in 28 matches. Immediately he was demobilised, he played for Sherborne Town in their end-of-season matches, and he lost little time in boldly undertaking the management of the local Youth Club, a task for which all will give him their best wishes. J. Pettis (1940–43), S.B.A., sent a kind message from Devonport before he was due to sail for Singapore. J. E. Barkey (1940-43) is now at a home station. We acknowledge also a kind message from J. C. W. Baker (1935-40), Yeo/Sig. (U.K.). C. E. Kingsbury (1935-40)., Sgt., R.A.F., called at School before half-term while on demobilisation leave after four years' service. He had done no flying since his return from Canada in 1944, and had had little sport during the last year, though he played for his station for one season in the Senior Leicester League. D. G. Guy (1936–41), Sgt., R.A.F., who also called while on leave, was in the final months of his service. His brother, E. L. Guy (1940-46), R.A.F., was able to watch the Cross Country races during a leave from Halton. Although little sport had been available owing to the weather, he had enjoyed some swimming and plenty of physical training. He frequently saw J. W. O. Packer (1938–44), L.A.A., who called shortly afterwards and joined the O.F.A. He had missed his accustomed generous opportunities for sport in the bad weather. Having almost completed his three years' initial training, he expects a posting after July. We have been pleased to hear of D. A. Cull (1940-44), at Woolwich, but awaiting a posting to Malta, and of B. E. Childs (1939-44), well recovered from his

appendicitis operation; and to meet J. D. Frost (1938-43), who has been posted to the Grenadier Gds. M. E. Trevett (1938-46), R.E., Farnborough, was at School during a week-end leave in the midst of his sapper's course, which had included Bailey bridging, the essentials of road-making and water supply, as well as mines and demolitions, in which he was specially interested. He had been pleased to meet John Paulley, John Major and Bernard Childs. Later, he attended the Commoners Concert, shortly after passing out at the end of his course, when he won the medal for the best candidate in Field Work, and was in the final for the individual drill prize. W. J. Paulley (1939-46), L/C., Dorsets, was on leave from the 28th Training Batt., N. Ireland, early in the term when, with his brother, he saw some junior School football, enjoyed the A.C.F. social evening and played in a 1st XI practice. At Christmas he had taken part in a talent competition, as a recruit, and won the second prize; and later he set up a record in a 10-miles Cross Country race for his battalion. He wrote again when his course was drawing to a close, and, the December magazine having taken his mind back happily to past terms, he sent his best wishes for the Cross Country competitors, especially those of St. Dunstan's. R. S. Webb (1938-45) met a number of old friends while on leave from the R.A.S.C., Cirencester, and was also able to attend the Commoners Concert.

At School. As a parent of one of the boarders, D. T. Hodges (1917–21) was at School at the beginning and end of the term, and also at the Cross Country races when his son ran excellently to finish second in the junior section, and at the Commoners Concert in which his son also took part. R. F. W. Cuff (1938–42) had the pleasure of seeing his brother win the senior Cross Country in fine time, and was also at the Commoners Concert. Others present at both these events were A. Coombs (1916–22) and G. H. Chubb (1939–46), whose son and brother respectively took a promising part on each occasion. Also at the Commoners Concert were : G. Coombs (1914–20), whose son, the Head Boy, had a prominent share in the programme, and a still more important one behind the scenes; **R.** Gregory (1909–12), whose son was in the Sixth Form play ; W. A. **Best** (1939–45), who had recently been on temporary duty at Gillingham station ; J. H. Elliott (1919–25) ; H. J. Otton (1891–93) ; G. E. Batchelor (1899–00); K. R. Chaffey (1937–42), who was able to bring his wife with him; L. B. Chaffey (1941-46); D. C. Hutchings (1915-21); E. M. Fudge (1930-37); R. J. Pearson (1940-45), who called at School earlier in the week, when he was free for a few hours from his farming duties at Lillington : he had heard from his cousin, Mervyn Flower, and had met John Major; he expected to be in the Forces by the end of the year; A. A. Waller (1942–46); D. E. J. Churchill (1942–46); P. T. Blackmore (1941–46), Bruton; J. W. G. Foot (1913–14), who was accompanied by his elder son, M. J. Foot (1940–46), and whose younger son is still at School'; P. J. Tompkins (1941–46) and M. J. G. Young (1941–46), whose brothers took part in the Concert; and E. T. Patch (1941-46), who, disappointed of his hope of joining the R.A.F. last year, had taken a post with Messrs. Palmer and Snell, auctioneers, Yeovil, where he is associated with J. S. Snell (1912– 15), D. Snell (1915–16) and L. E. Broad (1919–23) ; unfortunately, his duties will probably soon be interrupted by his call to the Forces. He keeps up correspondence with Fred Paulley. Among the Stalbridge *football* team which beat the School early in the term were **N. J. M. Pollard** (1932–37), capt., **C. E. Dike** (1932–36) and **D. L. Dike** (1935– 40), and **A. M. May** (1936–40), whose brother also played and whose father was present.

P. Trinkle (1904–08), now retired from tea-planting in Assam, came to see the new School and his son, now a boarder, while spending a week-end in Sherborne early in the term ; E. B. G. Abbott (1930-37) kindly brought a gift of books for the School Library and for classroom use—mainly French volumes likely to be of considerable value to advanced students of that language; he had recently met David Hover; F. H. Hoddinott (1936–40), who is farming at home, called, with his brother on March 26 in vain expectation of seeing the Athletic Sports; A. B. Stokes (1937-42), accompanied John Packer on his visit, during a period when his agricultural duties were necessarily restricted by the weather; D. R. Baker (1941-46); paid several calls at School in the first days of the term, before taking a post in the local U.D.C. offices, under E. J. Freeman (1916–21), the chief clerk to the Council; on the same morning came F. W. Fender (1940-45) and P. R. Beament (1941-45), two O.F. representatives at Westlands Aircraft Works, where other Old Boys associated with them are Donald Farley, Bert Poole and Arthur Pulman. Evening studies keep them busy, but they are both over halfway through their period of apprenticeship. They took the opportunity of becoming members of the O.F.A., like J. H. S. Walker (1944-46), who, joining in December a Nautical School at Fareham (with permanent quarters at Southampton, whither they hope soon to return), had already made such good progress as to be promoted Junior Leading Cadet; at the conclusion of his present course, he hoped to join a shipping firm and, after experience afloat, to sit in due course for his mate's ticket. He had met Ted Guy recently. Others who called at School during the term were W. G. Hussey (1932–36), who returned after demobilisation from the R.A.F. to research work in Aplin and Barrett's laboratories, Yeovil; and, in company together, D. J. Gay (1940-46), who was temporarily assisting the Clerk of Works at Sturminster Newton, but hoped to begin an engineering course at Faraday House shortly, and P. G. Hill (1941-46), who was awaiting his call to the Army.

Other Visitors and Meetings. We were glad to receive calls from **D. T. Cooper** (1935–40), Yeovil ; **J. S. Mead** (1935–40), another of the group of O.F.'s at Westlands, who was pleased to recall memories of camps and other School experiences ; **A. M. Rogers** (1919–25) and his wife and daughter, Tetbury ; **R. R. Pedley** (1921–30), M.A., with his wife and young son and baby daughter ; he reported a satisfactory and busy term at St. Olave's, though a rather interrupted one, as elsewhere,

in the difficult weather conditions ; he was in charge of School boxing, served as stage manager for the School play, 'The Merchant of Venice,' had undertaken the editorship of 'The Olavian,' and expected to be mainly responsible for School cricket in the summer. Others whom we met again with much pleasure were **E. S. Newport** (1918–24), now manager of the Co-operative Society's branch at Mere, and also organist at Zeals Parish Church : his son and daughter are at Gillingham G.S.; **A. J. Batchelor** (1921–28), who revisited Sherborne while taking a brief rest from his duties as deputy county engineer for Pembrokeshire ; and **H. G. Tribley** (1907–13), who called with his son to see C. A. Lowman while on a short stay in Sherborne. **R. Tuffin** (1941–42) met Mrs. Gibling at the Sherborne Amateur Players' performance at the Royal Theatre, Bristol, and sent a kind message to old friends.

Letters and Messages. (Vice-Presidents). W. H. Salisbury (1890-93), Chawleigh, N. Devon, and F. H. Salisbury (1890-93), Winscombe, announced the sad news of their eldest brother's death. They sent good wishes for the year to the School and Old Boys, and the former expressed a hope of revisiting Sherborne for an O.F. Reunion, if possible. W. E. Whatley (1900-06), Bromley, was interested to acquire a copy of the second publication of Roy Hutchings' wife. His son was married early in the year. He was hoping to get into touch again with W. F. Curtis (1898–03), Guildford, from whom we acknowledge a kind message, and he had met F. R. Newlyn (1894-99), who sent, together with his customary generous donation to O.F.A. funds, the good news that, after nearly seven years of evacuation in N. Wales, his department was soon to return to its permanent quarters at Somerset House. He expected to be at his home at Bromley in time to allow him to revisit Sherborne during the summer and to see the old School in its new place : meanwhile he sent best wishes to all O.F.'s. (Others). R. G. Moore (1898–01) has recently retired from his Inland Revenue duties : we congratulate him heartily on the successful completion of, we believe, more than 45 years in the Civil Service. He hopes he may now find the long-desired opportunity of revisiting the School. His son, demobilised some time ago, is in business in N. Wales in partnership with an ex-Army friend. His kind messages were accompanied by generous support of the O.F.A. and gifts to the School Library, including a volume of special interest since it was one of his own School prizes. C. J. Andrews (1913-17), M.P.S., Dulwich, sent good wishes at the beginning of the year, since a very short Christmas visit had not allowed him to pay his usual calls. He was much struck by the rapidity of the development in medicinal products as a result of research during the War. He had heard recently from Douglas Hayes. The Rev. A. G. R. Churchill (1922–28), Banbury, sent good wishes to the School when renewing his support of the Association. He had spent a few days in Sherborne earlier in the year, after a temporary spell of illness in the autumn. B. G. Stokes (1921–23) wrote when he became a member of the O.F.A. Though busy enough, especially in recent years, with his farming duties

-for he took over his father's farm five years ago-he has kept up his education for himself in various ways since he left School. He referred particularly to William Foot, Clem Rose, Cyril Meader, Mr. Pimm, R. R. Pedley and Harold Spicer. I. C. Upshall (1930-35) sent good wishes to past and present Fosterians, and was sorry that the exacting calls of farming had so far prevented him from paying the visit to the School to which he had been looking forward. A. W. Mole (1940-44) had just finished browsing over his copy of the December 'Fosterian,' in which he read with much interest of his late form—and school—fellows; and he wished to send good wishes to them all through the present issue. He still corresponds with Harold Spicer. We are very sorry to learn that he lost his mother a year ago. A keen collector of gramophone records and of stamps, he kindly forwarded a very large and comprehensive consignment of the latter for the School Stamp Club. Although he retains his desire for agricultural training if the opportunity occurs, he is happily busy in his present horticultural work in E. Kent. J. P. Sibley (1934-40) has left aircraft manufacture to join an agricultural engineering firm near Exeter. He has taken up piano playing as a leisure interest. R. F. J. **Brooks** (1940–46) was hoping to enter a Training College for Teachers unless in the meantime he was called to the Forces. L. R. Barkey (1940-45), now at King's College School, has gained his School Certificate and is studying French, English Literature and History for his Higher School Certificate. He regretted the lack of sport in the hard winter, but hoped the Cross Country race would be able to be run. Last summer holiday, he went to Greece to visit his father, who is now, however, at home. He sent kind wishes to the Staff and everyone. Mr. Vincent Evans (A.M., 1940–41), Slough, finds the 'Fosterian' interesting, especially as the boys of his years are often prominent in its news. He is still Chief Examiner in Art to the Central Welsh Board for both School and Higher School Certificate. He had a painting hung at the Royal Academy last year, and a portrait (of himself) at the R.S.A. Portrait Paintings this year. We acknowledge also kind messages from Mr. F. T. Coleclough (A.M., 1938–44), Carmarthen; and from the following: C. J. Ring (1918–22), Gloucester, whom we heartily congratulate on his success in the intermediate examination of the Law Society last November, and who sent good wishes to the Committee and all Old Fosterians; C. H. D. Young (1908–11), with generous renewal of his support of the O.F.A.; C. G. Meader (1920–24), and C. J. Jeans (1921), Stalbridge ; H. J. Bugg (1911–14), Marnhull ; N. E. Parsons (1922–27), Maidstone, and P. D. **Parsons** (1927–33), Forest Hill ; **F. E. Harris** (1918–23), now bookingclerk at Axminster (S.R.) station; who enquired about the School and old friends when he met Aubrey Best; C. Hounsell (1896–99), Bridport; C. H. Hounsell (1920–24), Yeovil ; F. G. Hunt (1924–28), Chipping Norton; T. J. Warham (1940–43), who sent the latest copt of his School's 'Library Review;' W. T. B. Cox (1924-30), Nailsworth; **R. D. Brewer** (1939–42), Amersham ; J. T. Symonds (1917–21), Ashtead; and jointly, W. E. Denning (1896), Leich, and his sons, C. E. Denning (1928–31) and R. C. Denning (1932–36).

Abroad. Christmas and New Year greetings, sent from Cape Town, were received from W. H. Cross (1928–32), Nav. Off., Cable-ship 'Norseman;' and messages of remembrance from L. W. Young (1910– 14), U.S.A., who hopes to be in England during the summer ; from L. F. Fox (1907–11), Eastern Tel. Co., Portugal ; and from W. A. Earle (1937–42), British Mounted Police, Rhodesia. We learn that W. H. Pearce (1896–98), O.B.E., M.C., a Vice-President of the O.F.A., has recently retired from his post as City Engineer, Gibraltar, and that C. L. Packe (1905–09) has also returned home from the Public Works Dept., Lagos.

Personal. D. A. Philpott (1914–17), manager of the local Employment Exchange, spoke to the local Rotary Club on the provisions of the Disabled Persons Employment Act of 1944 and the steps taken to rehabilitate the disabled; and on a similar later occasion W. G. Pike (1918–23), F.B.H.I., was the speaker, on horology, tracing the history of clock and watch-making back to the earliest days. At the Sherborne U.D.C. Election in March, A. H. Sawtell (1909–13) was top of the poll. Re-elections to the local R.D.C. included B. J. B. Ryall (1890-97), for Haydon, and S. C. Hunt (1909–14), for Castleton. C. G. Meader (1922–24) has been appointed Clerk to the Stalbridge Parish Council. **D. C. L. Lovell** (1937–41) made an excellent recovery from his throatoperation at Bristol early in the year. We hear that R. F. Ballam (1932-36) and J. D. Ballam (1932-37) are now both associated with their fathers-in-law in farming, at Oborne and Lyon's Gate, respectively. **R. M. Davis** (1941–43) is now in the upper fifth form (classical) at Dulwich College.

We were interested to see the third publication ('Rural Reflections') of Monica M. Hutchings, wife of H. L. R. Hutchings (1926–32), M.P.S., on sale in the spring, and to notice that her story, 'The Tale of a Cat,' was still providing interesting material, as a serial, for Children's Hour in the B.B.C. programmes.

Included in the cast of the Amateur Players of Sherborne, who performed ' Spring 1600' (Emlyn Williams) in Sherborne, at Yeovil for the British Drama League Festival, and finally at the Theatre Royal, Bristol, at the invitation of the Bristol Guild of Players and the Arts Council of Great Britain, were R. A. K. Dodge (1921–26), E. M. Fudge (1930–37), H. H. J. Mitchell (1940–44), and T. C. Northam (1941–45), as well as Mrs. Gibling, Mr. and Mrs. Hulme, and Mr. McKay ; and among the helpers in various capacities were W. J. Hall (1911–14) lighting ; A. Hugh Sawtell (1909–13)—publicity ; R. Gregory (1909– 12)—house manager.

(*Sport*). Stalbridge F. C. won the Dorset Minor Cup and the Hanbury Cup : in a report of the former final, N. J. M. Pollard (1932–37), captain and centre half, and C. E. Dike (1932–36), goalkeeper, were specially commended, and the scorers included A. M. May (1936–40)

and D. L. Dike (1935-40); other players have included P. W. Mitchell (1931-36), M. W. R. Johns (1933-39), and—in end-of-the-season matches—W. J. Carver (1941-47). Alweston F. C.—captain, E. E. Osment (1928-33)—won the Blackmore Vale League Cup, the Merthyr Guest Hospital Cup, and the McCreery Cup : their players have also included B. W. Rhodes (1930-35) and, earlier in the season, before he joined the forces, E. W. J. Pomeroy (1940-44). Now fully fit to resume sport, E. F. C. Mear (1939-45) has been a regular member of Bradford Abbas F. C.; M. W. Knapman (1939-42), D. T. Sherry (1931-37) and C. E. Kingsbury (1935-40) have been playing for Cerne Abbas F. C.;

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and P. J. Tompkins (1941-46) for Sherborne Town Reserves.

The latest Old Fosterians are : W. E. D. Carne (1943-46), who has joined the R.A.F., in which his father served many years ; W. J. Carver (1941-47), who is waiting to be called to the R.N.; A. C. E. Hoskin, J. Hillier and P. R. Peaty (1946-47), who have left the neighbourhood and consequently gone to other schools.

New and Rejoined Members of the O.F.A.—D. R. Baker (1940-46); P. R. Beament (1941-45); W. E. D. Carne (1943-46); G. O. Coombs (1915-17); R. Edwards (1920-26); F. W. Fender (1940-45); C. E. Kingsbury (1935-40); J. W. O. Packer (1938-44); E. J. Patch (1941-46); Mr. E. J. Price, M.A. (A.M. 1945—); A. J. Rogers (1941-46); B. G. Stokes (1921-23); R. W. Taylor (1941-46); J. H. S. Walker (1944-46); M. J. G. Young (1941-46).

