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SCHOOL NOTES.

ONCE upon a time (do not think, expectant Reader, that we are offering you an original fairy story) one used to hear a complaint that the Easter term was much the duller of the three. In recent years it has become as full and interesting as either of the other two. In 1933 it seemed almost too short for all the work and the many activities that claimed attention and participation, especially after mid-term.

The first five weeks were not remarkable except for the inevitable epidemic of influenza, which dealt more leniently with us than we might have expected. Unfortunately it struck savagely at our football team, which was always much below full strength after the opening match, with the consequence that all the remaining first eleven fixtures resulted in heavy defeats. The junior matches, however, were again well contested.

When the football season was completed at half-term, training for the Cross Country Race and the Athletic Sports was the order of the day. We were fortunate to have perfect weather for Sports Day, when the Terrace was seen at its best and the track was in perfect condition. Though Ashford got within half an inch of the record he created last year in the High Jump, the senior results were below the average, but most of the junior events produced promising performances. Perhaps the best was Wood's high jump of over four feet in the under 13 class. It was a very suitable year in which to introduce several new junior races, in place of the obstacle races.

At the Inter-School Sports, which took place at Dorchester a week after our term ended, we were unable to field as strong a team as in the past three years and never looked like seriously challenging the holders of the Shield. Ashford, however, again jumped well to earn us a second place in the High Jump, and most of the other competitors realised our expectations of

them, Childs in particular struggling gamely in the Hurdles and Cherrett showing very good promise in the sprints. It was noticeable that half our competitors in the senior events were under 16.

Like both Sports days, Prize Day also proved fine and bright, and was as pleasant a function as ever. We were honoured by the presence of the Principal of University College, Southampton, Mr. K. H. Vickers, M.A., J.P., whose address was listened to with the greatest interest and profit by a more than usually numerous audience, the schoolroom being packed to its utmost capacity. The innovation of choral singing at the beginning of the proceedings was very successful. We were pleased to find one addition to the prize list in the form of a junior prize for Drawing, given by Mr. G. E. Batchelor (O.F.), to whom we are very grateful. The Old Fosterians' Association's Reading Prizes were won by R.-K. Dibble (VI) and R. T. F. Pike (IVa), and the representatives of the various forms who were chosen to take part in the final test (consisting of one prepared and one unprepared passage) included also Ashford, Beer (VI), Meaker (Va), Childs, Webb (Vb), Goodchild (IVa), Cutten, Hover (IVb), Young ii, Baker (III).

Regular activities which proceeded through the term were the evening gymnastic class (conducted by R.S.M. A. T. Brown), the Scout and Wolf Cub meetings (under Mr. R. G. Mitchell, O.F., with the help of Mr. A. H. Paton, O.F.), and the ever popular Commoners' meetings. Taylor, the Commoners' Secretary, is to be congratulated on arranging a specially successful series of gatherings, and the Annual Concert on the final Saturday of the term was most enjoyable, thoroughly well rendered and extraordinarily well attended. Everyone was delighted to see parents and friends to the number of about fifty present. Six Old Boys again contributed to the programme. As a result of their meetings the Commoners handed over £1 to the Pavilion Maintenance Fund.

With similar public spirit the 'Onlooker' Staff produced an issue of their magazine in aid of the same Fund, which benefited to the extent of 7s. 6d. But we were very sorry to find the entries for the annual Essay prize, which has been provided for the past six years by the 'Onlooker' Staff, so inadequate in number and in quality that the prize was withheld. This was all the more regrettable since a double prize, for seniors and juniors, had been generously offered. We hope that the School will make amends for this negligence by submitting record entries for the prize next year.

The Fund for the upkeep of the Pavilion reached £5 by the end of the term, thanks not only to the contributions just

mentioned and to others, including a generous donation from the Joint Dance Committee of the Old Fosterians and Old Digbyians, but also to the 'Simple Question' Scheme, originated by Mr. E. W. Folkes, O.F., to which reference was made in the last magazine and with which most of the present boys and some Old Boys have already been busy. Old Boys and friends who are interested in this matter and have not yet seen a copy of the Question are asked to apply to Mr. Gibling. Several members of Form III and two or three others deserve special congratulations on the splendid use they have made of their copies so far. We are sure that the possibilities of this excellent scheme, so far from being exhausted in the past few weeks, have hardly been explored yet, and we hope that all supporters will make a big effort during the coming term.

In the latter part of March a number of boys undertook the repainting of the front of the Pavilion with very satisfactory results. Particular thanks are due to Connock, Antell, Rolls and Dike for their vigorous and effective wielding of the paint-brush. We hope to see this effort renewed early next term.

The Tuck Shop, which continues to do good business, produced a profit of £2 14 4.

The number of boys in the School in the Easter term was exactly 100. The lower School is now so full that no new admissions can be made to Form III until September.

The dates of the Summer term are Tuesday May 2nd to Friday, July 28th. The half-term break, which will be combined with the Whitsuntide holiday, will be from 4 p.m. on Friday, June 2nd. to 9 a.m. on Wednesday June 6th. In addition there is in hand a special half-holiday for which we have to thank Mr. Vickers.

We are very pleased to be able to announce that, by arrangement with the Dorset County Cricket Club, the services of the Dorset County professional have been secured for coaching for two hours every Monday evening during the summer term. This most desirable innovation should result in a raising of the standard of play in the coming cricket season and also in the development of a number of junior players for future years.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of: The 'Winburnian,' The 'Shastonian,' The 'Cygnets' (Swanage Grammar School), and also two sets of copies of the Ontario Bulletin (from the London office of the Government of Ontario), and The Auckland Illustrated News (from Mr. S. P. Andrew, O.F.).

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Wed. June 21. **Old Fosterians' Association Summer Reunion**, and all-day cricket match, Past v. Present. To commence at 12 o'clock; lunch 1.30 p.m. Lunch 3/-; set tea 1/-; tea and other refreshments at moderate cost.
- Sat. July 1. Cricket match, **Junior Old Boys v. the School**. 2.30 p.m.
- Wed. Aug. 2. **Swimming Sports** for Past and Present Fosterians, in the Sherborne School Swimming Bath, by kind permission of the Headmaster of Sherborne School.

Thurs. Aug. 3 to Thurs. Aug. 17: **Summer Camp**.

SCHOOL OFFICERS IN THE EASTER TERM.

Prefects:—G. W. F. Ashford (Head of the School, Captain of Games, Captain of St. Dunstan's); C. T. Beer (Senior Librarian); R. K. Dibble (Editor of 'The Onlooker', Assistant Editor of 'The Fosterian', Captain of St. Bede's); H. F. M. Thorne (Captain of St. Aldhelm's, Football Committee).

Probationary Prefect: W. H. Taylor (Secretary of Commoners' Society),

Vice-Captain of Football: G. A. J. Stephen; 'The Onlooker' Staff: J. R. Binder, P. A. Childs; Athletic Sports Committee: The Prefects, Binder, Bater, Cherrett, Eley, Meaker, Sherry, Stephen, Willis; Tuck Shop Committee: The Prefects, Binder, Connock, Gear, Meaker, Rolls (Va), Childs (Vb), Sharpe (IVa), Mitchell ii (IVb), Treasure i (III); Assistant Secretary, National Savings Association: I. C. Upshall; Form Librarians: Va—Eveleigh, Vb—Willis, IVa—Wood, IVb—Rhodes, Fudge, III—Treasure ii; Form Monitors: Va—Meaker, Vb—Stephen, IVa—Pike, IVb—Murphy, III—Treasure i; Monitors for magazines and news cuttings: Va—Green, succeeded by Binder, Vb—Hann i, IVa—Abbott, IVb—Cutten, Ebdon, III—Hunt ii, Rickard.

HOUSE POINTS. (end of Easter Term).

St. Bede's 296; St. Aldhelm's 269½; St. Dunstan's, 252.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Form VI, Modern Language Group, now consists only of Ashford, and therefore is not listed.

	VI. (Science)		Va.		Vb.
Divinity	—		—		Webb 86
Literature	Beer 47		Eveleigh 50		Sherry 49
Grammar and Composition ..	Dibble 48		Andrews 60		Webb 56
History	—		Meaker 54		Webb 56
Geography	—		Meaker 69		Gaylard 57
Latin	—		—		Willis 56
French	Dibble 63		Eveleigh 54		Webb 50
Mathematics	—		Meaker 52		Hann 47
Higher Maths. ..	Dibble 55		—		—
Chemistry	Dibble 41		Taylor 49		Hann 56
Art	—		Taylor 57		Hann 68

	IVa.		IVb.		III.
Divinity	Pike 89		Murphy 89		Treasure i 61
Literature	Hunt 50		Murphy 67		Rowat 64
Grammar and Composition ..	Hunt 44		Murphy 50		Guppy 73
History	Pike 52		Murphy 63		Rowat 65
Geography	Wood 64		Murphy 61		Rowat 83
Latin	Wood 68		Hughes 78		—
French	Wood 69		Murphy 57		Treasure i 78
Mathematics	Sharpe 71		Murphy 53		Treasure i 90
Science	Sharpe 62		Little 62		Baker 78
Art	Pike 55		Murphy 80		Rowat } 95
Manual Work ..	Cherrett 70		Antell 75		Stroud }
					Rowat 82

THE PAVILION MAINTENANCE FUND.

The following contributions to the fund for the upkeep of the new Pavilion are acknowledged with much gratitude:—

5s.—Mr. G. Brooks, Trent; Mr. J. W. Walden (O.F.), Crewkerne; Mr. W. M. Smith (O.F.), West Norwood; Mrs. Palmer.

2s.—Mr. Mitchell, Hazelbury Bryan.

1s. 6d. Anonymous.

The Commoners' Society—£1; 'The Onlooker' Staff—7s. 6d. The Old Fosterian and Old Digbyian Dance Committee—£1.

Proceeds of The 'Simple Question' Scheme—from present boys:—

Va—3d, Vb—4d, IVa—2d., IVb—1/5, III—8d.; collected by present boys: Va—4s., Vb—1s. 6d., IVa—4s. 10d., IVb—3s. 11d., III—9s. 7d.; collected by Mr. C. A. Lowman, O.F., 1s; by Mr. A. Coombs, O.F., 1s. 1d.; by Mr. R. R. Pedley, O.F., 1s. 5d.; by Mr. C. M. Hunt, 1s. 10d.; by Mr. R. Gibling, 2s. 3d.; by Mr. T. W. Gibling, 3s. 6d.; by Mr. C. T. Woodhouse, O.F., 2s. 6d.; by Mr. R. K. Tod, O.F., 2s. 6d.—£2 2s. 8d.

Total to April: £5 13s. 8d.

In addition, we are very grateful to Mr. G. E. Batchelor (O.F.) and to Mr. T. W. Gibling and Mr. W. C. Lockwood, of Wakefield Grammar School, for their valuable help in printing copies of the 'Simple Question.'

That the Question has proved of great interest in some quarters is proved by the following message which accompanied the most substantial collection made so far: 'Fifty foolish fellows, fined four farthings for foozling f's, find funds for Foster's'

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

For Prize Day, Wednesday March 15th, the Schoolroom was as usual bright with the evergreens and a particularly fine show of primroses and other early flowers that the boys had collected, while thanks chiefly to the kindness of Mr. R. F. Rickard, and Mr. R. R. Dunston, the platform was again tastefully decorated. Everyone regretted, however, the enforced absence of Mrs. Lush through illness.

The Chairman of the Governors (Mr. Littleton C. Powys) presided and upon the platform were also Mr. K. H. Vickers, M.A., J.P. (Principal of University College, Southampton), Mrs. Waldegrave, Mrs. Hornsby Wright, the Rev. Arthur Field, the Rev. Alan Williams, Dr. J. F. L. Whittingdale, Mr. W. F. Henning, Mr. R. Chiplen, Col. H. W. Smith, D.S.O., Capt. W. A. Ffooks (Clerk to the Governors), and the Headmaster.

The proceedings began with the singing of an Aria by Bach, entitled "My Heart ever Faithful," by the boys under the conductorship of Mr. W. Edward Wearden, F.R.C.O., (Music Master), after which the Chairman referred in feeling terms to the loss the School had suffered by the death of Mr. Mark Parsons, one of the Senior Governors and an invaluable member of the Finance Committee, and by the departure of Canon S. H. Wingfield Digby for Kenya. He also welcomed two new Governors in Mr. W. F. Henning and the new Vicar of Sherborne, the Rev. W. M. Askwith.

In his report, the Headmaster referred to the continued excellent health of the School and the steadily increasing numbers, the lower forms being so full that no new boys could be admitted till after July unless they were fit to start above Form III., The School Certificate results of the previous July had been disappointing, especially after the record successes of 1931; but the disadvantages incurred by those who were born in the later years of the War had made it impossible to bring them up to the necessary standard, which moreover appeared to have risen in recent years. Hence he had decided that they must now fall into line with the majority of Schools in taking five years instead of four in preparing for

the School Certificate. The reorganisation of the course, however, still left it possible for the more able boys to gain the certificate in four years in the hope that they would spend two further years in Form VI. It was, therefore, doubly important that parents should aim at sending their boys to the School between the age of ten and eleven.

In the Higher School Certificate examination a record for the School had been established by the passing of all three candidates, and interesting particulars were given of the valuable effect of their success on their future careers.

Reviewing the year's sports, the Headmaster specially congratulated the lower part of the School on its keenness, which should be of the greatest value in the building up of representative teams in the coming years, and referred to the Athletic Sports records of 1932 and to St. Bede's all-round success in carrying off the three House cups. He also took the opportunity of repeating his thanks to all those who had assisted so readily in clearing the £100 debt on the Pavilion during the year. Brief references were made to other School activities, including the Summer Camp, the Gymnastic Display, and the Christmas Entertainment, and to the recently formed Old Boys' Dramatic Society. In conclusion, sincere appreciation was expressed of the interest and support of the Governors and of the work of the assistant masters.

In congratulating the Headmaster on a very satisfactory report, the Chairman made some interesting comments upon the successes and failures it recorded, offering from his long and valuable experience as a Schoolmaster some encouraging reflections upon the last examination results. He stressed the fact that the aim of education was to teach us how to live a full and happy life and how best to occupy our leisure. Referring to the perplexing problem of compulsory unemployment and also to the danger of failing to find opportunities to cultivate individual interests, he reminded us that there could be no happy state unless we knew how to use leisure time, and urged us to take the fullest advantage of the training that was given in handicraft, art, literature and games. He also spoke of the high value of the sixth form work and the last years spent at School, and gave congratulations and encouragement to the junior boys.

After distributing the prizes and addressing a few words of good cheer to each recipient, Mr. K. H. Vickers delivered a memorable address. He felt that the School was in a healthy state, for the Headmaster's report had borne abundant testimony to the variety of interests that received attention there. Education was the preparation of the whole man for the great adventure of life, and he had seen for himself that the boys

were learning to be part of the great body of educated men who were going out to leaven the country. It needed this leaven particularly now, for amongst the honest British prejudices that die hard was an inordinate pride in our wonderful knack of 'muddling through.' When competition was more intense than it had been in the history of man and crisis followed crisis, it was time to say that the days of 'muddle through' were over; and therefore an all-round education was more than ever important. The classroom, the playing field, the dramatic stage, the concert platform, all had their part in preparing the young to meet crises not only with that good old stoic determination which was an inheritance of the British race, but also with the power to think for oneself. The nation must be served by giving every advantage possible to the youth of this generation, so that their sons should not be in the position that they were to-day.

The opportunities were at hand if parents were able to make the necessary sacrifices. Mr. Vickers urged parents to keep their sons at School as long as possible—and a little longer, not to cut their education short by putting them to employment too soon, and not to allow them to take up a 'dead-end' occupation. Those who showed signs of aspiring to positions of leadership must have their chance, and that was why the Sixth form course was so valuable; therein lay the hope for future generations.

He congratulated the School on taking the wide view and adhering to the whole curriculum of higher education, and paid a tribute to the way in which the difficulties of organisation in small Schools were overcome. Giving an example of the value of the old languages in training the mind, he asked parents not to be misled by those who were always asking for something 'useful' in education, and felt strongly that such instruments for mental training as Latin, which had served so many generations well, should not be forsaken. It was how we studied, rather than what we studied, that mattered; and the power of thought, the fluidity of mind, the capacity to grasp a situation and adapt oneself to circumstances did not come naturally to Englishmen, but were the result of a full measure of varied training such as the School offered.

The Rev. Alan Williams voiced the thanks of the gathering to Mr. Vickers for his presence and his inspiring address, and the Rev. A. Field, in expressing thanks to the Chairman, recognised all the time and interest that he regularly devotes to the School; and at Ashford's call, hearty cheers were given. The gathering was then entertained to tea by the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush. Samples of the art and handwork of the boys were, as usual, on view in the classrooms.

Form Prizes: Modern VI—W. A. Beer. Science VI—A. L. G. Hutchings. Va—H. L. R. Hutchings. Vb—1st, E. J. Eveleigh; 2nd, E. P. Andrews. IV—1st, A. J. Willis; 2nd, H. Edwards. III—1st, P. M. Murphy; 2nd, R. W. Hughes. II—1st, N. P. Baker; 2nd, A. J. Coles.

Special Prizes: **The Sir George Pragnell Prize** (presented by Lady Pragnell)—A. L. G. Hutchings. **Scripture Prize** (presented by Mrs. Milne in memory of the late Rev. Canon Goodden)—C. T. Beer. **History Prize** (presented by Mrs. Palmer in memory of the late Lieut. F. R. Palmer)—D. Sharpe. **Reading Prizes** (presented by the Old Fosterians' Association)—Senior, R. K. Dibble; Junior, R. T. F. Pike. **Good Conduct Prize** (presented by Mrs. J. K. Wingfield Digby)—R. K. Dibble. **Junior Drawing Prize** (presented by G. E. Batchelor, Esq., O.F.)—T. G. Ebdon. **Boarders' Prize** (presented by Mrs. Lush)—R. B. Rolls.

Prizes for Neat Exercise Books: Va—R. G. Mitchell, H. L. R. Hutchings, A. C. Meaker. Vb—E. P. Andrews, J. R. Binder, J. H. Brunt. IV—A. J. Willis, L. W. Sharpe, R. T. F. Pike. III—T. G. Ebdon, W. B. Ford, D. Metcalfe. II—A. J. Coles, N. P. Baker, P. Perkins.

University of Cambridge Higher School Certificate: 1932, G. W. F. Ashford, W. A. Beer, A. L. G. Hutchings.

University of Cambridge School Certificate: 1930 R. K. Dibble. 1931, J. P. H. Cowan, J. S. Drake, H. L. R. Hutchings, H. F. M. Thorne. 1932, H. L. R. Hutchings.

Dingley Challenge Cup: Won by St. Bede's House (House Captain, R. K. Dibble).

Football Challenge Cup: Won by St. Bede's House (House Football Captain, G. A. J. Stephen).

THE NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The figures of the past term have shown improvement upon those of the Christmas term and have fully maintained the year's average. A record amount of business in the final week of the term, when seven certificates were purchased, brought the grand total, in nine years, to over 600. The number of members has increased by two to 25, and the weekly contributions have averaged 25/-. Term's totals: £16 11s. 6d, 23 certificates. Grand totals: £487 15s, 602 certificates.

THE LIBRARY.

Recent additions to the Sixth Form Science Library include: Chapters in Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry (Hedges), Chemical Change (Briggs), Inorganic Chemistry (Holmyard) and Physical Chemistry (Goard).

We give sincere thanks to the following for acceptable gifts: Mr. R. R. Pedley (O.F.), The Sacred Wood (Essays on Poetry and Criticism) by T. S. Eliot—a volume of modern criticism of considerable importance, for Form VI; Mr. W. J. Guppy, a set of twenty volumes of the International Library of Famous Literature—a useful addition to the Literature section of Form Va. Library.

THE COMMONERS SOCIETY.

On Monday February 6th., a meeting similar to several organised successfully in past years was planned on a more extensive scale. To models, collections, and the inevitable but always welcome Hornby, curios were added as the chief feature of the evening, and a really interesting display was provided. For still greater variety, Mr. Welcher and the Science Sixth had prepared some striking chemical and electrical experiments, and one third form enthusiast brought his pet pigeon—strictly an African owl—which behaved as well as anyone. There were a large number of War relics and souvenirs including a Mills hand grenade (which was carefully guarded as likely to produce the thrill of the evening, its charge not having apparently been removed), several Verey light pistols, a carrier pigeon's dispatch case, and part of the first German shell said to have been fired against the English coast, besides a cannon ball discharged by Cromwell's troops at Sherborne Castle and articles carved by prisoners on St. Helena during the Boer War. But there were also valuable evidences of life in past ages and in foreign lands; e.g. an 18th century patch box, Roman remains from Milborne Port district, relics from the Cornish tin mines, a cowboy's holster, a native water carrier, Dutch clogs and a Russian peasant's shoes. Besides stamps and coins, which were well represented and allowed of profitable exchanges, the collections included birds' eggs, shells and ferns, a number of those recently presented to the School by Miss Benthall being on view. The most popular of the scientific experiments were probably the proof that hydrogen will diffuse through a porous pot, and the production of a cold flame. Over thirty boys brought exhibits, and many others were present; and we were especially pleased to welcome Mr. G. C. Spiller (O.F.).

A fortnight later an entertaining display of tricks, lasting about an hour and a half, was provided, mainly by members of Forms III and IVb. Its popularity may be gauged from the fact that nearly 40 boys were present, including about twelve who took part. With a seemingly inexhaustible repertory, Hatton proved himself the star performer, but Chant, Perkins, Young ii, Gibling, Murphy, Fudge, Hover and Coles all provided excellent amusement with a great variety of tricks with matches, cards, string, numbers, and occasionally special conjuring apparatus. Taylor gave the one professional touch of the evening by arraying himself in a bowler hat for his concluding exhibition. Acknowledgment should be made of the assistance of several younger members who played the 'member of the audience' part whenever wanted.

On March 6th., half the School attended a lantern lecture given by Mr. A. T. Walker under the title 'Around the World,'

the material for which, together with seventy-two slides, was kindly lent by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. We were taken to Canada in one of the C.P.R. Company's steamships, The Empress of Britain, which has recently been making pleasure cruises round the world, and after becoming familiar with various parts of the vessel, including the 'Mayfair' lounge, we visited Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, and Victoria, besides viewing such interesting scenes as the Niagara Falls, part of the Great Divide, wheat reaping on a huge scale, and a steamer on the Great Lakes. We afterwards followed the course that the 'Empress' takes on her five-months' cruise each year, calling in turn at Yokohama and pausing to enjoy some characteristic Japanese scenes, at the Philippines, Honolulu and Fiji, and thence to Australia and New Zealand, to S. Africa and India, and finally via Port Said and Gibraltar home. Vivid pictures of life and of celebrated spots were shown us in each country. At the conclusion Eveleigh voiced the thanks of the Commoners to the C.P.R. Co., to Mr. Walker and to Mr. Welcher, who managed the lantern.

We were similarly indebted, a fortnight later, to the German Railways Information Bureau for a series of sixty-four slides, with instructive annotations which enabled Mr. Gibling to give a lecture on The German Youth Hostels Movement. The movement was traced from its modest beginnings to its present huge dimensions, and hostels of all kinds were seen, some of the most up-to-date of which can accommodate several hundred hikers. The charges are most moderate and the regulations of the simplest: cleanliness is regarded as of the first importance, and tobacco and alcohol are forbidden. Both sexes mingle on equal terms, and there is no distinction of class, creed or politics. Germany may well claim to be the pioneer of this valuable movement, which inspires in the young not only a love of the open-air and of the countryside, but also self-reliance, good comradeship and a regard for the laws of health. At the conclusion, Connock proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to provide such an interesting meeting.

As in each of the past nine years, the Society brought its session to a close with a Concert on the final Saturday of the term. From the smallest beginnings, the concert has grown to include regularly some twenty items, and this year's programme occupied two hours and a quarter. There was a record attendance of almost a hundred, half of those present being parents, Old Boys and friends, and as in recent years a number of Old Boys took part. A new and appreciated feature was the provision of incidental music by Perkins on his gramophone. An unusual number of pianoforte solos were given, and the standard of playing was remarkably high; those who helped in this way were Mr. Marks, Mr. R. W. Tilley (O.F.), Pike, Bullock,

Ballam ii, Treasure ii, and Meaker performed on his violin. Recitations and readings were contributed by Mr. R. G. Mitchell (O.F.), Mr. R. R. Pedley (O.F.), Ashford and Ford; Mr. Gibling gave an amusing musical monologue and Taylor had a new series of humorous anecdotes to tell. Mrs. Lush and Mrs. Gibling delighted the audience with their songs, and Messrs. J. H. Elliott, G. Elliott and A. J. Sibley (O.F.'s) scored the hit of the evening with their 'Parsons of Puddle,' which received a vociferous encore. The dramatic item, which has come to be looked upon as the only fitting conclusion, was, like last year's corresponding production, an original playlet prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Gibling and depicting a supposed camping incident. Those who took part in it were: Childs (Mr. Smallwood), Gaylard (Turnbull), Earnshaw (Bower), Burgess (Grant i), Baker (Grant ii), Gibling (Haynes). Before we dispersed, Connock expressed the Society's thanks to the artistes, the Chairman (Mr. Hulme), the accompanist (Mr. Marks), the stage carpenter (Antell), Mr. G. C. Spiller (O.F.) and others who had lent necessities, and most of all to Mr. Welcher for all his work and interest in preparing the stage so fully and in arranging most appropriate lighting effects.

The collection at the concert was so generous that, after paying expenses, we were able to make a donation of £1 to the Pavilion upkeep fund and to keep 3/3 in hand towards next winter's meetings. *W.H.T. and R.G.*

THE SCOUTS AND WOLF CUBS.

The Troop persevered well with their Second Class Scouting during the Easter term. Most are now proficient with the semaphore flags. Other tests that were concentrated upon were ambulance, compass, and the Scout mile pace. A new feature at some of the meetings was practice in stave drill and in patrol formation when route-marching. During the light evenings of the Summer term we hope to pass the fire-lighting and cooking tests.

We said goodbye to our two patrol leaders, Antell and Rolls, at the end of the term. We shall miss their willing assistance very much.

We were again indebted to Mr. A. Hunter Paton (O.F.) for his valuable help, and we hope that he will be with us again in the coming term. We shall be pleased to welcome new members who would like to enrol either as Scouts or Cubs.

The Troop is to be congratulated on their good attendance record throughout the Easter term.

List of members: Scouts—Antell and Rolls (Patrol Leaders), Sherry i, Upshall, Mitchell ii, Tite, Sherry ii, Saunders; Cub—Coles.

R.G.M.

LECTURES AND VISITS.

On the evening of February 9th, the Boarders and some day-boys attended a lantern lecture entitled 'The Open Door' and given by the Rev. F. W. Wingfield Digby of Thornford in the big schoolroom. After being introduced by the Headmaster Mr. Digby began with a prayer for all those at work in the Mission Fields. Slides of African training colleges, which try to meet the huge demand for teachers in native villages, appeared first: so eager are the natives to be taught that a Church and dwelling-house are built before the Chief applies for a teacher. From Africa the lecturer turned to India, where there are six million Christians—more than any other religion claims in that country. After a picture of the beautiful Taj Mahal, our attention was turned to an outcast watering the land by means of a primitive pedal-wheel. China and Japan were also dealt with, both being shown to be developing modern ideas; the Japanese, however, are apt to become tired of life, and a picturesque waterfall was shown where suicide occurs daily. A picture of an open door, with representatives of all nations waiting to pass through, announced the close of a very interesting lecture. After prayers had again been offered, the Headmaster thanked Mr. and Mrs. Digby for their visit, and a collection was made in aid of the Church Missionary Society. *H.F.M.T.*

Forms IVa, Vb and VI were fortunate in being allowed to attend two lectures on Art at Lord Digby's School on February 13th and 14th, both being admirably illustrated by lantern slides. In the first, under the title of 'Wellsprings of Art,' Miss Collins, the lecturer, treated the earliest sources of Art—the prehistoric drawings on cave walls in south-east Europe, executed in charcoal and red ochre, and the fine metalwork of the Scythians of Siberia. Some fine slides of the grotesque statues of Easter Island were shown. After telling the story of the art of China, that of water-colours on silk, Miss Collins also dealt with the lasting nature of the architecture and sculpture of ancient Egypt, and finally with the beautiful but rare statues of the Greeks.

On the following day the lecture was upon the life and work of several of the more modern artists: first, Giotto who broke down traditions and by his original paintings laid the foundation of modern art; then Michael Angelo; next Chardin and his more homely subjects, and the landscapes of Constable, one of Weymouth Bay being included among those shown; and finally Hokasi, the Japanese artist. Both lectures were most entertaining and instructive, and served to widen considerably our knowledge of art and artists. *R.K.D.*

On February 18th the upper School attended a lantern lecture given in French at Lord Digby's School by Mme. la Comtesse de Cruze upon Brittany. She began by giving us a general idea of the country, which she described as the nose of France, and showed us many of its most beautiful and interesting features, including some Church spires and magnificent bays. We were very interested in the curious cupboard-beds in use in the fishing villages, where the houses are too small for any other arrangement, and in the inscriptions which are hung on walls immediately over the graves in the cemeteries. The lecturer also drew attention to the racial admixture due to the periodic invasion of Europe by eastern peoples: traces of the customs and costumes of the successive invaders are still to be found in the Breton, who has resisted all attempts at centralisation. She described the character of the Breton as fearless, yet stubborn and morose, owing to the hardships of existence, infinitely superstitious and containing a queer, unfathomable combination of Christian and pagan influences. Of the former, the 'Breton pardon' is perhaps the dominant sign, while the latter can be glimpsed in the traces of sun-worship to be found in the costumes and dances of the country.

E.J.E. and E.H.

By the kind arrangement of the Old Fosterians' Dramatic Society, practically all the School attended the dress-rehearsal of 'Ask Beccles' on the evening of February 23rd., and a considerable number of boys took the opportunity of seeing the play a second time at the repeat performance given on March 27th. Needless to say, these visits were hugely enjoyed. Several boys were able to render help in minor capacities at both the main performances.

Another outing of a similar kind was that enjoyed by a party of twenty boys to the production of 'The Merchant of Venice' by Sherborne School Dramatic Society on the evening of March 31st.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Once again fine weather favoured our Athletic Sports, which were held on the Terrace on Wednesday, March 29th, and there was a representative gathering of Governors, Old Boys, parents and friends. Perhaps because training had been interrupted by bad weather and also because a sharp wind marred otherwise perfect conditions, the times of the open events were generally inferior to those of recent years, but a large proportion of the junior competitors showed excellent form. The best results were achieved in the High Jump, where Ashford exceeded five feet and Wood, in the under 13 class, cleared more than four feet.

Cherrett's was the most noteworthy individual performance: winning six events, he was not only supreme in the under 15 class but was also Dux Ludorum and winner of the F. A. Cox Challenge Cup. Everyone regretted that Stephen, who was also in the running for this distinction, was compelled to retire in the middle of the programme owing to a strained muscle: he had already, however, made sure of the Old Fosterians' Association Challenge Cup for open events and of Mr. C. A. Lowman's replica for individual possession. Earnshaw and Rhodes tied for the junior Dux Ludorum medal.

The School team had to admit defeat in the relay race against the Old Boys. In spite of Stephen's inability to assist them, St. Bede's again won the House relay; they were also leading House on the day, with 86 points, St. Aldhelm's running them close with 84½, and St. Dunstan's having 52½.

The awards were presented at the close of the Sports by Mrs. Waldegrave, a member of the School's Governing Body, to whom the Headmaster expressed gratitude for her kindly services and for her interest in all School activities. He also thanked the referee (the Rev. W. M. Askwith), the judges (Supt. J. H. Cherrett, Messrs. C. B. Brett, K. Dibble, E. R. Sibley), the timekeeper (Mr. F. A. Cox) and other officials, especially Mr. Welcher who had prepared the course and organised the Sports with his accustomed thoroughness, and the many generous subscribers to the Sports Fund; and he explained that the practice of awarding certificates instead of individual prizes was being continued, with the object of encouraging the team spirit.

Results in detail:—Mile—5m. 32 2-5 secs.—1, Coles; 2, Eley; 3, Upshall. Half Mile—2 m. 17 3-5 secs.—1, Eley; 2, Meaker; 3, Ashford. Half Mile under 14—2m. 52 2-5 secs.—1, Earnshaw; 2, Rhodes; 3, Little. Long Jump—16ft. 6½in.—1, Stephen; 2, Ashford; 3, Cherrett. Long Jump under 15—15ft. 6½in.—1, Cherrett; Sherry i; Bater. Long Jump under 13—12ft. 4½in.—1, Pollard; 2, Murphy; 3, Rowat. 100 yards—11 4-5 secs.—1, Cherrett; 2, Sherry; Thorne. 100 yards under 16—12 3-5 secs. 1, Hann i; 2, Helliar; 3, Woodham. 100 Yds. under 15—12secs.—1, Cherrett; 2, Sherry i; 3, Bater. 100 Yards under 14—13 2-5 secs.—1, Mitchell ii; 2, Rhodes; 3, Pike. 100 Yards under 13—13 secs.—1, Earnshaw; 2, Collins; 3, Saunders. 100 Yards under 12—14 secs. 1, Pollard; 2, Sherry ii; 3, Furnell. 440 Yards—63 3-5 secs.—1, Stephen; 2, Thorne; 3, Webb. 440 Yards under 14—72 secs.—1, Rhodes; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Little and Mitchell i. High Jump—5ft. 0½ in.—1, Ashford; 2, Stephen; 3, Dibble. High Jump under 15—4 ft. 4 in.—1, Cherrett; 2, Bater; 3, Hann ii. High Jump under 13—4ft. 0½in.—1, Wood;

2, Saunders; 3, Allen. Throwing cricket ball—67 yds. 1ft.—1, Webb; 2, Cherrett; 3, Stephen. Throwing under 15—61 yards 1 ft. 9 in.—1, Cherrett; 2, Sherry i; 3, Bater. Throwing under 13—55 yards 1 ft.—1, Murphy; 2, Collins; 3, Dike. Hurdles—20 4-5 secs.—1, Childs; 2, Helliard; 3, Davis. Hurdles under 15—21 1-5 secs.—1, Cherrett; 2, Bater; 3, Hunt i. Hurdles under 13—14 1-5 secs.—1, Wood; 2, Earnshaw; 3, Murphy. 220 yards—25 4-5 secs.—1, Sherry i; 2, Helliard; 3, Cherrett. 220 yards under 14—31 2-5 secs.—1, Seeley; 2, Mitchell ii; 3, Rhodes. 100 yards, Old Boys—11 1-5 secs.—1, A. L. G. Hutchings; 2, R. G. Mitchell; 3, R. R. Pedley. House Relay Race—St. Bede's; St. Aldhelm's; St. Dunstan's. Relay, School v. Old Boys—Old Boys won.

The **Cross Country** races were run on Wednesday, March 8th over the same courses as in previous years. Entries were fewer than usual; and whereas the time taken by the seniors was much above the average, the juniors improved greatly upon last year's result. Ashford was the winner of the Headmaster's Challenge Cup, and Little, who ran in excellent style all through, won the junior medal. The first five in the senior event were evenly separated by about 50 yards; three or four times that distance divided the juniors.

Results—Seniors—Time, 36 mins. 1, Ashford; 2, Eley; 3, Bater; 4, Meaker; 5, Rolls; 6, Thorne; 7, Sherry i.

Juniors—Time, 30 mins. 2 secs. 1, Little; 2, Ballam i; 3, Seeley; 4, Ballam ii; 5, Spiller; 6, Mitchell ii.

Medals for **physical training** and gymnastics were won as follows:—Best all round boy—Ashford; most improved—Davis; Forms VI and Va—Thorne (2nd. Dibble); Vb.—Stephen (Childs and Davis); IVa.—Cherrett, (Pike); IVb.—Hann ii (Eley and Rhodes); III—Pollard (Badham, Coles and Rowat); Evening Class—Senior, Childs; Junior, Badham.

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THE DORSET INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

Eleven Schools were represented at this year's County sports, held on the beautiful open playing-field of Dorchester Grammar School on Thursday, April 6th. The results of the opening three events were prophetic of the final placings: Poole G.S., Dorchester G.S., and Blandford G.S., each took a first place, and the remaining points were shared among six Schools. Thereafter the struggle between the Poole and Dorchester schools became more pronounced, with Poole G.S. always a point or two ahead, and Blandford G.S. more and more sure of finishing third, the ultimate scores being Poole 22½, Dorchester 15, Blandford 8. The other points were shared as

follows: Wimborne G.S. 5, Parkstone G.S. 3, Shaftesbury G.S. and Weymouth G.S. 2, Foster's School 1½, Gillingham G.S. 1. Lyme Regis G.S. and Swanage G.S. also competed.

We congratulate Poole G.S. on the excellent team work which won them the Shield, especially as they finished third in last year's competition and second in 1931; and congratulations are due also to Dorchester G.S. on the fine fight they made to retain the trophy. Poole took first place in five events and Dorchester in four. The most remarkable result was achieved in throwing the cricket ball: the previous record of over 97 yards had stood for 27 years and had been equalled only once in the meantime, by Poole; this year the Poole representative threw 110 yards 5 ins., and moreover both Wimborne G.S. and Gillingham G.S. beat the old record at the same time.

At the conclusion of the Sports, the Shield was presented to the winners by A. J. Woodroffe, Esq., M.B.E., chairman of the Dorset Education Committee, who spoke eloquently of the valuable reaction on character of the stern ethics of cricket and the hardness of strict football and athletic training.

Our own representatives at the Sports were: Cherrett, Sherry i (100 yards and 220), Ashford, Stephen (High and Long Jump), Thorne (440 yards), Eley (Mile), Childs, Helliard (Hurdles), Mitchell ii, Pollard, Rhodes, Sherry i (Relay Race); and about twenty other boys were present as spectators, besides several Old Boys and parents. Ashford repeated his 1932 success in the High Jump by gaining second place (a tie with last year's winner from Poole G.S.) and thus earning us our point and a half. Others who made meritorious performances were Childs, who finished second in his heat in the Hurdles and was also second in his semi-final heat; Cherrett, who came in fourth or fifth in his heat in the 220 yards; and Helliard, who was only just behind Childs in his heat in the Hurdles. In the Relay Race, too, Pollard, Mitchell ii and Sherry i all ran strongly. But our team as a whole was not nearly equal to that which won the Shield for us in 1931 or to that which failed to retain it last year; moreover, we could find no competitor worthy to represent us in two events, and in two others only one boy took part. We hope, however, that the experience gained this year by several of our younger athletes will produce better results in coming years.

We appreciated very much the most efficient arrangements made by the Headmaster and Staff of Dorchester G.S. both for the Sports and for the convenience and entertainment of and visitors; and we look forward eagerly to our visit to Poole Park next year.

FOOTBALL.

The short second half of the football season was most unfortunate for the first eleven: we were able to field our full team only in the first match, which we drew, after which a series of heavy defeats was sustained. Illness interfered to a far greater extent than for many years, and several of our biggest and most experienced footballers, notably Cherrett, Webb and Stephen, were absent from all or most of the last four matches. The chief explanation of our weakness, however, is that, having lost two of our oldest players since Christmas, we had the unusual experience of being left with only two members of Form VI and one member of Va in the first team, which had consequently to be largely recruited from Vb, IVa and even IVb, whose lack of weight and size told continually against them.

At the first, and only, practice game before matches were resumed after the holidays, we were again fortunate to have the assistance of several Old Boys; but later practices were prevented by bad weather and one match had to be cancelled.

The full team was: Hann ii; Thorne, Cherrett; Hunt i, Ashford (capt.), Childs; Bater, Webb, Stephen, Ballam i, Sherry i; but the first three of the following reserves actually played much more often than some of the regular members: Rolls, Murphy, Eley, Beer, Wood. First eleven colours were awarded to Thorne.

1st. XI MATCHES.

Jan. 21. Junior Old Fosterians. Drawn, 3 all.

Owing perhaps to the delayed start and the biting wind, there was a lack of vigour and zest at the opening of the game. When at last the School forwards woke up, two perfect pieces of combination resulted in goals for Stephen, both from Bater's centres. Two other good chances were missed after being excellently prepared for. These reverses stung the Old Boys to extra efforts, and the School defence allowed itself to be rushed twice in quick succession, one goal resulting. In the second half the play of the School team became listless and increasingly individual, until Ballam initiated a couple of good movements, from the second of which Stephen completed his hat trick after good work by Bater and Webb. These were the only commendable efforts among the forwards; consequently the Old Boys asserted themselves more and more strongly, and their continued attacks resulted in two goals, which brought the scores level. In the last minute Bater made another desperate effort, but it was too late.

Feb. 4. Elmhurst County School, at Street. Lost, 1—8.

We were unfortunately without Cherrett and Stephen for this, our only away match of the term, and although Elmhurst

played only four of their first eleven, they had practically all the play till half-time, when they led by 5—nil. Our attack improved considerably later, but Elmhurst added three more goals, our only reply being the result of a free kick, taken by Ashford.

Feb. 11. Sexey's School (Bruton). Lost, 1—16.

Although Sexey's School fielded a weakened team, by request, we were no match for them, Cherrett, Stephen, Webb and two other forwards being absent. After five minutes' play, goals came fairly regularly throughout the first half, at the end of which the score was 10—1. Our defence was far too easily beaten and was continually drawn out of position; on the other hand, the forwards, though hopelessly outplayed, worked hard and often successfully, and a goal (scored between Wood and Bater) at last rewarded their efforts. Against the wind after change of ends, our defence was much more solid, and with Sexey's School taking the game more easily, goals were less frequent, though six were added without reply. Bater was continually prominent in attack, though as usual guilty of too much individualism, and Ballam and Wood showed some deft touches, but lacked power and decision.

Feb. 15. Old Fosterians. Lost, 1—11.

Ideal weather prevailed. Though we included three masters in our team, we were still without two important forwards and one back, and the Old Boys gained a runaway victory. Our backs were continually at fault in positioning, with the result that accurate centres were regularly converted by our opponents, and in addition Hann was much off form. The half-time score was 6—nil. At the restart, with a re-arranged defence, we attacked very successfully and were rewarded with a goal, scored by Mr. Hulme from some distance out; but the Old Boys, who had begun to play more leisurely, renewed their attacks and scored almost ad lib., in spite of vigorous efforts by our forwards, especially Bater, in which we were unlucky not to get the ball into goal on several occasions.

Feb. 22. Crewkerne G.S. Lost, 1—18.

Our opponents' first eleven were far too experienced and powerful for us, and were superior in every department. The only question was what dimensions the score would reach, and as they missed few chances and did not relax, it says much for the effort of our overworked and harassed team that our only goal was registered after the score was fifteen against us. It was the result of one of several promising constructive movements, Stephen going through strongly after taking one of Bater's centres neatly. Childs showed excellent form at back, though still often caught out of position, and Hann gave a much improved display in goal, after a shaky start. Of the forwards, Stephen, Bater and Ballam often combined effectively.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

Three return matches were played and produced encounters as interesting as those of last term. Unfortunately illness weakened our under-15 team as it had thinned our first eleven. Nevertheless, good form was shown by our juniors all round, and especially in defence. It was noticeable that, although our 1st XI were outclassed by Crewkerne G.S., our under 14 team, with a decided advantage in weight and age, were able to score two victories in the season over Crewkerne under 14.

Feb. 1. Under 15 match v. Gillingham G.S. Lost, 0—4.

We were unlucky to lack the services of Cherrett and Little, though Rolls played a good game as substitute for the latter. The pitch was in a very heavy state, and severely tested the endurance of the younger players. In the first half, our forwards were unable to work together on the muddy ground, and though they attacked better in the second half with the wind behind them, they failed continually to finish and had no luck. Gillingham G.S. scored twice in each half. Team:—Hann ii; Mitchell ii, Metcalfe; Murphy Hunt i (capt.), Rolls; Bater, Ballam i, Seeley, Wood, Sherry i.

Under 14 matches. Feb. 15 v. Crewkerne G.S. under 14, Away. Won, 3—1

Although our team as a whole were decidedly below form, probably through lack of practice owing to illness, they were able to repeat the victory they gained last term on the Terrace, though not so decisively. It should be added, however, that Crewkerne G.S. lacked several regular players through illness. Our forwards missed innumerable chances, but led at half time by 1—0, a fine shot by Ballam giving us the lead. Helped by the wind in the second half, our halves were able to place long kicks into the goal mouth, and Hunt scored with a fine drive from some thirty yards out. A third goal came when a defender headed in a shot from Wood. Crewkerne G.S. scored late in the game from a penalty for hands. Otherwise, Dike was seldom troubled. Outstanding players were Hunt (centre half) and Mitchell ii (back).

Feb. 18. Shaftesbury G.S. under 14. Lost, 0—4.

In size and weight the teams were well matched, though our opponents gave proof of greater experience and skill: they were always the quicker on the ball and made surer use of the ball. Consequently they had the larger share of the play. Our forwards lacked combination: there was very little accurate passing. Shaftesbury G.S. scored twice in each half. Hunt and Mitchell were again prominent, and Metcalfe, in spite of an injury from the previous match, got through a lot of hard work. Team: Dike; Metcalfe, Mitchell ii; Murphy, Hunt i (capt.), Little; Ballam i, Pollard, Seeley, Wood, Hatton. Reserves: Mitchell i, Earnshaw, Rhodes, Saunders, Ballam i Goodchild.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Each House having won one match in the previous term, the competition remained quite open. St. Bede's and St. Aldhelm's both had good prospects, but St. Dunstan's were put out of the running by the loss of four of their regular team since Christmas. The final match, between St. Bede's and St. Aldhelm's, saw the former gain a decisive victory and thus retain the House Cup for the third season in succession.

Jan. 18. St. Aldhelm's 7, St. Dunstan's 3.

Dunstan's were sadly weakened in defence and to some extent in attack; on the other hand, Aldhelm's had had much more opportunity for practice since the first match last term. It was therefore no surprise that, in spite of Ashford's efforts, Aldhelm's were able to take command of the game throughout and to turn the tables against Dunstan's in the return match. The standard of play was poor throughout.

Feb. 1. St. Bede's 11, St. Dunstan's 6.

Neither side was at full strength, though Dunstan's were the worse sufferers. With a strong wind to help them, Bede's pressed from the start, but Dunstan's defence played surprisingly well for a time. Though Dunstan's valiant efforts were rewarded by a goal, the half-time score against them was 6—1. Bede's kept up their pressure against the wind, but Dunstan's were often dangerous in rushes: Eley, Seeley and Osment worked untiringly and, Hann not being as sure as usual in Bede's goal, the score was increased at regular intervals. Each side netted five times in this half, a total of seventeen goals being recorded. Scorers: Wood 5, Stephen 4, Bater 2; Eley 3, Osment 1, both sharing in another that was rushed through, and Ashford 1.

Mar. 1. St. Bede's 5, St. Aldhelm's 1.

After postponement through snow, the deciding match was played on a sticky ground, and was contested with extreme keenness. Aldhelm's started off with a tremendous rush and set a remarkable pace: their vigour was, however, sometimes neither skilful nor discreet. Playing calmly and solidly, Bede's weathered the furious attack for the first quarter of an hour and then began to take the upper hand. Stephen at last scored with a beautiful shot from a pass from the left, and just before half-time Wood put through when Stephen's shot had been half cleared. In the second half, pressure from Bede's was almost continuous: well-fed from the right, Stephen executed a good individual movement to score the third, Rhodes added another from a pass from Stephen, and Wood got a neat fifth from a corner. Three minutes from the end Aldhelm's broke away, and Bede's defence being at serious fault for the first time, Beer went on strongly to score. Aldhelm's were attacking again when the final whistle blew. G.W.F.A. and R.G.

FORM ORDER.

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OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Important dates during the summer :—

Wed. June 21 **Summer Reunion** and all-day cricket match, **Past v. Present.** 12 o'clock. Lunch 1.30 p.m. Lunch and set tea will be supplied by Messrs. W. Coombs & Sons at 3/- and 1/- respectively, for players and visitors; and teas and other refreshments will be obtainable at moderate prices. **The organiser, E. J. Freeman, Everards, Kings Road, urges Old Boys to write to him if they wish to play:** he will greatly appreciate this courtesy, which will also make his task much easier; and everyone hopes that Old Boys will support this event much more fully than in the past three years.

Sat. July 1. Cricket match, **Junior Old Fosterians v. School.** 2.30 p.m. Organiser: H.P. Crocker, Clovelly, Wootton Grove.

Wed. Aug. 2. **Swimming Sports** for Past and Present Fosterians, at the Sherborne School Swimming Bath, by kind permission of the Headmaster of Sherborne School. Profits for the Association's funds. Organiser: H. J. Otton, St. Andrew's, Westbury.

O.F.A. MEMBERSHIP. Four new members have joined the Association, but of those who, being two years in arrears with their subscription, received a final warning in February, 51 have sent no reply; we regretfully presume, therefore, that their membership is to be considered to have lapsed. Three others have resigned, leaving the membership at **267**. Although this number appears to represent a serious fall, it is so only on paper, since the defaulting members have not supported the Association for over two years.

O.F.A. SUBSCRIPTIONS for 1933 were due on January 1st. Will all those who have not yet sent kindly remit to the Treasurer on receipt of this reminder? and will the 67 who have also overlooked their 1932 subscription help the officers by prompt payment now?

The Fourth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the O.F.A. took place at the School on Tuesday, February 14th and lasted two hours. Before business began, refreshments were provided by the President and Mrs. Lush, a kindness that was again much appreciated.

After the President had warmly welcomed the 14 members who were present, the minutes of the last general meeting were read and passed, and the Senior Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, presented the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, which were unanimously approved. A copy of each is enclosed for the information of members with the present magazine. It should be noticed that annual subscriptions fell from £44 9s. in 1931 to £36 19s., over 80 remaining then unpaid besides 50 from the previous year; and that expenditure was reduced from £63 9s. 4d. to £44 9s., the deficit on the year being £6 9s. 1d. against £18 6s. 3d last year. It is hoped that the importance of prompt payment will be more generally realised this year, after the reminders that were sent out with the last magazine.

All the officers were re-elected, with hearty thanks for their past services, and the following were added, subject to their consent, to the list of Vice-Presidents: E. W. Short, J. W. Walden.

The proposed **new rule** was passed in a slightly amended form: 'When a member is one year in arrears with his subscription, he shall not be entitled to further copies of the School magazine, and shall receive a definite notification that further copies will not be sent.'

The final three-quarters of an hour was spent in profitable discussion, the main topic being ways and means of improving the Annual Dinner, and several helpful suggestions were offered for the Committee's consideration. Before the members dispersed, C. A. Lowman expressed the thanks of the gathering to the Headmaster for his kind entertainment of the members present, for his chairmanship and all his interest.

Those present were: Messrs. H. Lush (President), C. A. Lowman (Chairman of Committee), R. R. Warr, A. Coombs, A. J. Sibley (Committee), G. E. Batchelor (Treasurer), K. W. Baker, R. Gibling, L. N. W. Kitzerow (Secretaries), R. Gregory (Auditor), H. J. Otton, H. P. Crocker, H. S. B. Cox, H. L. R. Hutchings.

The Third Annual OLD FOSTERIAN and OLD DIGBYIAN DANCE was held on Friday, March 3rd at the Digby Hotel. A delightful evening was spent by a company of about 130. The Blackmore Vale Dance Band played, and

refreshments were served by the Hotel staff. The ample accommodation and convenient arrangements provided by the Hotel were much appreciated, and the function was easily the most successful and enjoyable of the three of its kind which have so far taken place. Out of their profits, the Committee were able to devote £1 to Foster's School Pavilion Maintenance Fund and a similar sum to the Stage Curtain Fund of Lord Digby's School, besides adding to their own Dance Reserve Fund for future years.

The following constituted the Committee representing the two Associations: A. H. Cowling (chairman), Miss H. Park, (secretary); Mrs. J. J. Davis, Misses E. Young, M. Berry, P. Dodge, and J. Rickard; J. H. Elliott, G. Elliott, R. Gibling, H. G. Hunt, C. H. D. Young. Among others who were present were Mrs. Lush, Miss Billinger (Headmistress of Lord Digby's School), Mrs. Gibling, Mr. W. Bown (a member of the Governing Body of the two Schools) Mr. E. Hulme, L. A. Willis and Mrs. Willis, W. R. Willis and Mrs. Willis, G. C. Spiller and Mrs. Spiller, S. C. Hunt and Mrs. Hunt, H. S. B. Cox, R. Jones, J. H. Kendall, K. M. S. Loder, H. J. Otton, G. B. Richings, R. C. Rose, T. L. Ryall, D. A. Philpott, G. J. Saunders, E. H. Warren, A. F. Warren.

'ASK BECCLES.' The O.F.A. Dramatic Society, inaugurated shortly before Christmas, gave its first public performance in the Church Hall on Friday, February 26th and achieved a notable success. The play chosen was a crook comedy in three acts, by Cyril Campion and Edward Dignon, entitled 'Ask Beccles,' and, acted by a capable cast, was received with encouraging appreciation, which augurs well for future efforts by the Society.

The cast was: Eustace Beccles—E. Hulme; Baki (his Hindu servant)—A. J. Sibley; Sir James Holforth—G. C. Brett; Sir Frederick Boyne—G. Coombs; Percy Cranford—R. G. Mitchell; Inspector Daniels—P. A. Nash; Constables—K. W. Baker, K. J. Ebdon; Matthew Blaze—K. J. Ebdon; Baines (a butler)—G. Elliott; Marion Holforth—Miss P. M. C. Brett; Mrs. Rivers—Miss E. R. Otton.

The producer was G. C. Brett, and the scenery, which was much admired, was specially made for the Society by J. H. and G. Elliott, who, together with M. M. Welcher, were also responsible for the lighting effects. W. L. Warr gave valuable service as perruquier, and incidental music was supplied by Mr. D. O. Stewart on his radiogram. During the audience's display of enthusiasm at the close, presentations to the ladies in the cast were made by Mrs. Lush.

The boys of the present School, the members of Lord Digby's School and a few other visitors were present at the dress rehearsal on February 23rd.

It was most unfortunate, especially after the energetic advertisement of the event extending over several weeks and the intensive rehearsals of the final week, that the weather on the chosen night should have been the wintriest of the whole season, with the result that the attendance was smaller than it would ordinarily have been. In the effort to recoup their losses, the Society gave a repeat performance on Monday, March 27th. There was a final loss on the production of £4 13s. 9d. which is being met out of the Association's general fund; on the other hand, the very serviceable scenery remains in hand as a valuable asset of the Dramatic Society.

OLD FOSTERIAN HOCKEY CLUB. With the help of several members of the Old Digbyians' Hockey Club, we were able to complete the majority of our mixed matches from Christmas until the end of the season. The games were very interesting and enjoyable, and although on two occasions we had to admit defeat by five or six clear goals, we did well to beat Westlands at Yeovil in our last match.

Results :—

Dec. 31.	Wincanton	Home	Drawn, 2 all.
Jan. 14.	Bruton	Home	Drawn, 2 all
Mar. 4.	Motcombe.	Home	Lost, 0—6.
Mar. 11.	E. Coker	Away	Lost, 1—3.
Mar. 25.	Westlands	Home	Lost, 0—5.
April 7	Westlands.	Away.	Won, 2—1.

The season's working shows a balance on the debit side, which we hope to wipe off as a result of a Jumble Sale we are holding on May 6.

It was interesting to find two Old Fosterians in opposing teams, namely—Hannam (E. Coker) and E. J. Jervis (Westlands).

K.W.B.

FOOTBALL MATCHES: Saturday, January 21, **Junior Old Fosterians v. The School.** A keen wind made the start of the game rather lifeless; and as the result of a bout of passing, the School were soon two goals ahead. Gradually the Old Boys got going and from two strong rushes Baker scored, one goal, however, being disallowed for off-side. In the second half, it was the Old Boys who showed the better

combination and speed and who opened out the game more; and after the School had increased their lead to 3—1, the O.F. forwards, especially Churchill, Candy and Baker made determined onslaughts on the School goal. From a long pass by Mitchell, Churchill caught the defence unready and scored with a powerful shot, repeating his success immediately after, with only a minute to spare. Thus the Junior Old Boys had at last the satisfaction of drawing in the fourth of their series of matches against the School.

O.F. team: H. P. Crocker (capt.); R. G. Mitchell, J. P. H. Cowan; C. H. Gillingham, C. H. Salmon, K. J. Ebdon; K. W. Baker, E. R. Churchill, T. Candy, S. R. Foot. The eleven was completed by the inclusion of Eley, of the present School, who played a very useful game on the right wing. Spectators included N. E. Parsons, H. M. R. Shute, E. E. Osment. Tea was provided at the School for both teams through the kindness of the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush.

Wed. Feb. 15. **Old Fosterians v. the School.** The Old Boys gained the most decisive victory in the present series of fixtures, by 11—1, the School, weakened through illness, proving no match for the thrust and speed of their more experienced opponents. Goals came with some frequency and considerable ease from the very beginning, and at half time the score was 6—0. The School started more vigorously in the second half, scoring almost at once, but the Old Boys had matters very much their own way, adding five more goals without exerting themselves. The scorers were Hicks and Loder, 3 each, Goodchild and Freeman, 2 each, and Hamblin.

Team: P. W. H. Dike (capt.); D. T. Hodges, R. G. Mitchell; H. M. R. Shute, C. A. Goodchild, A. F. Webber; K. English, B. J. Hamblin, K. M. S. Loder, A. R. Hicks, E. J. Freeman. Those who were unable to turn out included L. J. Avery, I. H. Oxford, N. C. Penny. Among the spectators were K. W. Baker and R. E. Meader. The majority of the Old Boys' team joined the present boys at tea after the match at the kind invitation of the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush.

ATHLETIC SPORTS, ETC. As usual, two events for Old Boys were included in the School's Annual Sports on Wednesday, March 29th. In the 100 yards race, A. L. G. Hutchings finished first in the creditable time of 11 1-5 secs; R. G. Mitchell was second, R. R. Pedley third and H. L. R. Hutchings fourth. The same four runners, together with K. W. Baker (capt.) constituted the O.F. Relay team, which avenged last year's defeat at the hands of the School.

Old Boys who officiated at the Sports were C. B. Brett (judge) and F. A. Cox (timekeeper).

The O.F.A. Challenge Cup for the open events, and the replica given each year by C. A. Lowman, went to Stephen; and the 'F. A. Cox' Challenge Cup was won by Cherrett.

The School's Sports Committee give their sincere thanks to the many Old Boys who again contributed generously to the Sports Fund. A number of Old Boys were present as spectators at the Sports; and three made the journey to Dorchester to support the School in their vain effort to win the Inter-School Sports Shield once more, viz., L. J. Avery, A. L. G. Hutchings, R. G. Mitchell.

The same three Old Boys have been seen taking regular athletic training themselves on the Terrace in the later part of the term and in the Easter Holidays; and A. L. G. Hutchings hopes to compete in the Athletic Sports of Bristol University shortly. It is interesting to add that L. J. Avery has also been undergoing some training with the Yeovil and Petters' football team, and that R. G. Mitchell has joined the newly-formed Sherborne Fencing Club and took part in two matches against Sherborne School.

Old Boys who joined in the early football practices of the School after Christmas were J. P. H. Cowan, K. J. Ebdon and A. L. G. Hutchings. Those present at Prize day included E. Andrews, C. B. Brett, J. W. Burt and W. C. Pragnell.

Besides those listed in the December magazine, the following are known to be playing **football** for various clubs: G. Ogden (Sherborne Town), who was chosen as left back for Sherborne and District v. Southampton Town (Second Division League team); E. R. Churchill (Sherborne N. End); K. M. S. Loder (Alweston, Longburton, etc.); A. Doe (Milborne Port); G. D. Batchelor (Erith Technical College). Hearty congratulations are given to R. R. Pedley on being awarded his association football **colours** for Downing College, Cambridge.

The popular game of **badminton** is claiming an increasing number of Old Boys; A. Coombs is the secretary of the Sherborne Club, whose members include E. J. Freeman and R. Gregory; and among the surrounding villages, Nether Compton has keenly supported the game for the last five years, Old Boys who belong to its club being S. R. A. Foot, F. C. Knight, A. R. Collings, H. S. B. Cox, W. T. B. Cox and R. C. Fry

BIRTHS.

Jan. 21, at Thunbridge, Marston Road, Sherborne, to **Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Walker**—a daughter.

March 18, at the Sherborne Pharmacy, Cheap Street, to **Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lush**—a daughter.

March 20, at Shenstone, Kings Road, Sherborne, to **Mr. and Mrs. G. Coombs**—a daughter.

March 20, at Abbey Corner, Digby Road, Sherborne, to **Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Brett**—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

April 5, at St. Paul's Church, Clifton, Bristol, **Thomas Olaf Cox** (1919-25) to Patricia Hooper, Weston-super-Mare.

April 13, at the Congregational Church, Honiton, **Frank Warren Bishop** (1916-20) to Jessie H. Kenwood, Honiton.

Recently, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park, London, W., **Wilfred J. Andrews** (1913-14), Thornford, and now of the Air Service Training School Staff, Hamble, to Violet V. L. Bartlett.

Other Old Boys whom we have to congratulate on their recent marriage, of which, however, we regret that we have not particulars, are **Ernest A. Gibbs** (1915-17), **Percival J. Rogers** (1920-27), **Clement Salisbury** (1918-23), and **Robert W. Gale** (1919-21).

DEATHS.

In April 1932, at the Kit Kat, Southsea, **Douglas J. Kingsbury** (1875-8), aged 70.

March 10, 1933, at Beer, Devon, **Arthur B. Lyle** (1891-4), at the age of 56.

Douglas J. Kingsbury, one of the School friends of the late Sir George Pragnell, was a member of the Old Fosterian Club in the late eighties, when Sir George used to arrange an annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant to keep Old Boys in touch and when there was also a Summer Reunion at Sherborne covering the August bank-holiday week-end and including one or more cricket matches.

After leaving School, D. J. Kingsbury served his apprenticeship in grocery at Ventnor, and following several unsuccessful ventures in business himself, became a traveller in tobacco. He was an unusually good salesman, and served one firm for 33 years. In later years he opened a business in Surbiton and for four years prior to his death had carried on the 'Kit Kat' at Southsea.

He was interested to receive copies of the 'Fosterian' in recent years and to meet the Old Boys who occasionally visited his shop. He was married at the age of 21 and had a son and a daughter; the son died many years ago. We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow and daughter.

Arthur B. Lyle was the younger son of the late Mr. Edwin Lyle, one time organist of Sherborne Abbey. A frequent visitor to Beer, he left London four years ago to live in the village, where he became a prominent business man. For some years his health had been failing and it was hoped that residence in Beer would improve it.

He leaves a widow, whom we assure of our sincere sympathy in her loss. His elder brother, G. Trevor Lyle (about 1882), died over two years ago.

A copy of an OLD SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH has just come into our hands, through the kindness of A. L. G. Hutchings and Mrs. C. W. Hutchings. It represents the late Mr. A. P. Irwin (Headmaster from 1884 to 1900) with twenty-five boys of varying size and age, and was evidently taken from the lawn, on the south side of the boarding house, two windows of the Headmaster's house being seen. Among those in the group who have been recognised are: R. J. N. Taylor (1896-03), the late Philip H. Roberts (1897-01), W. G. Ireland (1896-01), two brothers Miller, one being W. G. (1897-03), P. A. Nash (1896-02), H. Honeyfield (1896-8).

Others who are believed to be included are: B. J. B. Ryall (1890-7), W. R. Ryall (1897-00), Whitehill—either Alec (1895-9) or Frank (1895-00), and one member each of the Willis and White families.

The date of the photograph would appear to be 1897. It is hoped that the group will be framed and hung in one of the Schoolrooms, with others of more recent date, where Old Boys who are interested in it may call to view it.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS. E. E. Osment (1929-33) has a clerical appointment in the local branch of the Ministry of Labour, where he is under the charge of another O.F. in the person of D. A. Philpott (1914-17).

J. M. Green (1928-32) has joined the staff of Messrs. C. B. Brett and Son. It is always a particular pleasure to find junior Old Boys entering the service of senior Old Fosterians.

Another interesting case is that of **B. J. Hamblin** (1926-31), who has recently become a traveller and salesman, for wireless, batteries and motor repairs, in the firm of W. W. Gray (1918-24), Dibden Purlieu, Hythe, Southampton. He has already met M. D. Bulpitt (1927-9) at Shirley, and D. G. Parsons (1920-6). In his first letter since leaving Sherborne he described the awe-inspiring sight of a heath fire in the New Forest as he saw it on returning from a journey one night, and has several times been distressed to notice the acres of charred ground contrasting with the fresh green of the rest of the Forest. He is looking forward to joining the local cricket club. He sent his best wishes to the School and especially to St. Bede's, who, he hoped, were still leading in everything except the number of detentions.

J. P. H. Cowan (1928-32), who has been assistant to the Rate Collector of Sherborne, now has a post with the Wessex Electricity Company, and **A. R. Collings** (1927-32) is with Messrs. Hill and Sawtell, ironmongers, at Yeovil.

The newest of Old Fosterians—**P. H. Antell**, **R. B. Rolls** and **W. J. G. Scammell**—are all helping their fathers on their farms.

VISITORS. The following have visited the School or officers of the Association recently: **J. O. C. Hewitson** (1913-19), who, in preparation for leaving Compton Valence, Dorchester, was in search of a suitable poultry farm in the neighbourhood; **W. W. Gray** (1918-24) who called while on a week-end visit from Southampton to his brother at Buckland Newton, and took the opportunity of enquiring for an eligible assistant in his business among recent Old Fosterians, an enquiry which led to B. J. Hamblin's appointment; **A. M. Rogers** (1919-25), Lyme Regis; **R. A. S.** and **G. P. Cridland** (1928-32), Yeovilton; **A. F. Dunning** (1929-32) who made himself a member of the Association prior to leaving the district to join the staff of Messrs. Holloway, butchers, Wells-way, Bath, where G. S. Willis (1923-26) was until he opened a business of his own at Yetminster; **S. W. Chalkley** (1927-30) who was on his final leave before proceeding to China on Aircraft Carrier Eagle.

At Easter time we received a number of welcome visits. **W. E. Whatley** (1900-06), who has been a schoolmaster in London for over twenty years, spent a day in Sherborne while on a week's holiday at Taunton. He took the opportunity of calling on several old School acquaintances and also of securing

photographs of some of the most antique spots in Sherborne. His visit to the School brought back many recollections and, with an extraordinarily retentive memory, he spoke of a considerable number of his contemporaries, including the brothers Kennett, Miller and Greening, L. Cornish, Dowdeswell and Simpson, A. V. Harvey, Cann, the late J. Skinner; besides, of course, the late Mr. Crichton and such assistant masters as Mr. Brewster, Mr. Lowenstein, Mr. Hawkes, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bolshaw. He has recently been in communication with W. F. Curtis (1898-03), Birmingham, J. A. Rose (1904-10), Australia, and H. Herridge (1905-8), Winterbourne, and is expecting a visit from Capt. F. A. Kennett (1901-6). When he was writing last January, he recalled that, thirty-two years ago that night, he had managed to find twopence to attend a gymnastic display in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, given by Serjeant Instructor Taylor and boys of Sherborne School, and that the programme was brought to a sudden end owing to the death of Queen Victoria.

H. J. Fooks (1909-14), with his wife and two young sons, now at Kingston G.S., spent Easter week in Sherborne and renewed a number of old acquaintances in the town and district. We were very pleased to see him looking so fit and well.

C. T. Woodhouse (1925-8), brought an acceptable contribution to the School's Pavilion Maintenance Fund, the result of his use of a copy of E. W. Folkes's Simple Question. He was on holiday from the Leathersellers' Technical College, London, where he was recently awarded one of the two first-class passes gained in Leather Dyeing, a first-class in the Principles of Leather Manufacture and a second-class in Chemistry and Physics. He has lately been taking a course of lectures in Engineering and Cost Accountancy. The College prizegiving was held in January at the Leathersellers' Hall, when, in the absence of the Lord Mayor owing to influenza, the prizes were distributed by his daughter. C. T. Woodhouse was again able to be present at the British Industries Fair, where he assisted at Messrs. Southcombe's stand; he had regretfully to admit that trade seemed decidedly slacker than on the same occasion last year. He hopes to find time for cricket this summer.

G. D. Batchelor (1923-31) called while on holiday from Vickers Armstrong Ltd., where he is at present in the costs department. He hopes to sit for the Intermediate B.Sc. examination of London University this summer, for which he has our best wishes.

Our University representatives, **R. R. Pedley** (Downing College) and **A. L. G. Hutchings** (Bristol), have been among us during the holiday and have now returned to struggle with examinations, the former with Part II of his Tripos, after which he hopes to spend a fourth year at Cambridge in the theory and practice of teaching.

NEWS, GOOD and BAD. Speaking of Cambridge—we are interested to learn that the son of **A. H. Belben** (1884-8) is now at Pembroke College.

We have been pleased to hear of **Mr. E. H. E. Lodge** (Assistant Master, 1922), who sent from Falmouth a message of remembrance to those who knew him; and also of **W. F. Curtis** (1898-03), Inspector of Taxes, Birmingham.

Very soon after taking up his abode in Southampton at the beginning of the new year, **D. G. Parsons** (1920-6) of the National Provincial Bank, met **R. H. Hazzard** (1915-21) who is in charge of the Fawley Branch.

H. W. Willis (1919-20) has recently left Sherborne for Lostwithiel, Cornwall, where he has taken a post as electrical engineer with Messrs. Nestlé.

We much regretted to hear that **Philip F. Stone** (1916-21) was dangerously ill with double pneumonia, following influenza, in March, and are glad to know that he has made a remarkably good recovery.

All his contemporaries were distressed to learn of the serious motor-cycle accident which **L. P. Vincent** (1925-30) met with while on his way to play football at Glastonbury for Sherborne Wednesday XI. After a rather prolonged period during which his condition caused anxiety, he is now reported to be getting on, though not yet out of hospital.

G. C. Dancey (1927-30) has also suffered another motor-cycle accident, which, however, happily proved to be slight.

A recent edition of a Weston-super-Mare newspaper gives great praise to **H. W. Lye** (c. 1906), Headmaster of St. John's School at Weston, who has just become Headmaster of the combined boys' and girls' departments, which are being merged in the interests of efficiency and economy. St. John's, which was one of the first senior schools in Somerset, will now be one of the largest in the county; and organised games will continue to be one of the prominent features of the School, as they have been all through H. W. Lye's tenure of office. We wish him further success in his increased responsibilities.

SELECTIONS FROM LETTERS. **W. M. Smith** (1875-80) wrote to tell us that the periodical receipt of the 'Fosterian' always gives him a thrill of pleasure. He also gave support to the School's effort to build up a fund for the maintenance of the new pavilion and spoke hopefully of paying another visit to Sherborne when the days are at their longest.

W. E. Minifie (1886) also finds much that is of interest in the magazine, although the names familiar to him are now very few.

Old Boys of the early nineties will be interested to know that **William Hart Salisbury** (1890-3) relinquished at the end of March his position as Secretary of the Royal West of England Academy, Bristol, after sixteen years. For the present, at any rate, he purposes to retire, but will still live mainly in Bristol.

We welcomed especially the last letter we received from **J. A. Rose** (1904-10) since it contained some very frank comments upon the recent test matches, which were then finishing, though we were surprised to learn that he had not been to see any of the matches. Since Christmas he has indulged in practically no sport but swimming, having just taught his two elder girls to swim. The weather in the Melbourne district has been perfect, the days being sunny and the nights cool and refreshing, and he has been able to take his family frequently to the beach—a car ride of only about half-an-hour. He spoke enthusiastically of his garden, and felt that business prospects were decidedly brighter than two years ago, in spite of the ever-present problem of unemployment. He renewed his good wishes to the School and all connected with it.

We were glad to hear again from **L. F. Fox** (1907-11), who has been settled in Gibraltar, as a representative of the Eastern Telegraph Co., since the beginning of the year, and we regret that his wife has not yet been able to join him owing to illness. All his contemporaries will echo our wish that Mrs. Fox will soon be restored to health. He has not yet met **W. H. Pearce** (1896-8) City Engineer of Gibraltar, but hopes to do so shortly.

Eric J. Walsh (1914-18), on leave from the Indian Police with his wife, has been enjoying himself with his family at Bath and with relations elsewhere. He has been able to indulge in riding and hunting. He spoke of paying a visit to Sherborne before his leave expired, and mentioned that while in India he heard from **Malcolm Betten** (1912-19) whom he hoped to meet one day.

G. K. Henderson (1919-21), 1st Royal Fusiliers, declares that he read the last "Fosterian" through, with great interest, within an hour of its receipt. He finds the climate at Ahmednagar very healthy. We were interested in his statement that general opinion in the Army is definitely against the proposed

new uniform. As a serjeant, he evidently finds life different from what it was in the barrack room: he enjoys more privileges, later hours and—more work. He is about to proceed to Poona on a three months' signalling course, including semaphore, morse, electricity and exchange work. Cricket in his Battalion seems to have ceased: there has not been a game for months; but he hears that there will be plenty at Poona. He sends a warm greeting to those who remember him.

We mentioned in our last issue that **R. W. Merrick** (1920-5) had taken up grass-track motor cycle racing. We were sorry to learn that in his first race this year he sustained a smashed leg which kept him in hospital at Portsmouth for three months. It was mending satisfactorily by the end of that time, and he hoped that it would be as well as ever in another month or two.

After we last saw him, **R. K. Tod** (1923-7) spent a fruitless period around the London docks in search of a new berth, but on proceeding to Avonmouth was at once successful, being appointed quartermaster on the S.S. Carare. Upon completing the necessary total sea-service, he entered a school in London to prepare for his second-mate's ticket, which he gained at the first attempt. He is at present quartermaster on the S.S. Bayano (Messrs. Elders and Fyffes Ltd) and was able to get home to Halstock for a day late in April, a brief change which he much appreciated.

M. T. Hodgson (1923-9) has recently moved from Devon to Marnhull, where he thinks he will find conditions much more comfortable, especially for his poultry and other livestock, which number about 100. We are glad that he will now be not far away.

G. B. Richings (1924-7), who was present at the O.F. and O.D. Dance, had a very enjoyable cruise to Gibraltar and South Spain on the Mauretania last summer and was looking forward to a Mediterranean cruise this Spring—a pleasant prospect, especially after a month's illness with 'flu and tonsillitis, which most inconsiderately began at Christmas.

We were glad to hear that **S. R. Guppy** (1924-9) had been transferred from the Honiton branch of the N.P. Bank to Yeovil, where he will be able to live at home again and whence also he hopes to share more fully than heretofore in the activities of the O.F.A. It is interesting to note that he thus takes the post vacated by **D. G. Parsons** who, as already mentioned, has gone to Southampton.

We have also been pleased to hear from **A. H. Tuffin** (1882-8), Brighton; **E. C. Stagg** (1890-4), Dowlais; **G. Kidner** (1908-12), Chew Magna; **J. T. Symonds** (1917-21), Wimbledon; **J. C. S. Parsons** (1919-25), London; and **R. P. Old** (1924-7), Weymouth.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 1925-32. Beer, Warren Arthur, 63, Garden Suburbs, Dursley, Glos
1927-32. Collings, A. Ralph, Nether Compton, Sherborne.
1929-32. Dunning, Alec F., Manston Farm, Sturminster Newton.
1896-02. Nash, Percy A., Bexley, Kings Road, Sherborne.

New Addresses.

- Baker, I. H. 29, Copleston Road, Ipswich.
Collings, R. A., O.D., 34 Mess, H.M.S. Glorious, G.P.O.
Cox, T. O., 2, Queen's Mansions, Arlington Villas, Clifton, Bristol, 8.
Cox, H. S. B., Clanville, Kings Road, Sherborne.
Curtis, E. E., 27, Vicar's Close, Wells.
Fox, L. F., c/o Eastern Telegraph Co., Gibraltar.
Gibbs, E. A., Elmwood, Bristol Road, Sherborne.
Guppy, S. R., 36, The Avenue, Yeovil.
Guppy, T. G., Station Road, Highbridge, Som.
Hamblin, B. J., Llangan, Dibden Purlieu, Hythe, Southampton.
Hodgson, M. T., Graithayes, Marnhull, Dorset.
Salisbury, W. H., 27, Limerick Road, Redland, Bristol.
Willis, H. W., 13, Queen Street, Lostwithiel, Cornwall.