

DRY

# The Fosterian



DECEMBER, 1932.

# The Fosterian.

No. LXXV.

CHRISTMAS, 1932.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

"THIS most interesting of all terms"—such, we notice, were the opening words of the editorial of the latest "Onlooker," published on the day before term ended.

Certainly the term was a very full one, with enough work (we have been given to understand) to satisfy any human craving. An important change in the organisation of the forms was announced on the first day, the School Certificate course being extended (in accordance with the practice of most secondary schools nowadays) from four to five years, by the creation of a new form, IVa, between the former fourth, now styled IVb, and Vb. As it was impossible to increase the total number of classes, form II has necessarily ceased to exist, and new boys are required to prove their fitness to enter form III at once. Latin is now begun in the second year (IVb) and, except in special cases, is not pursued beyond the fourth year (Vb), each boy receiving a solid grounding which will enable him to continue the subject to a higher standard if he requires.

The two lower forms are at the moment very full, there being 34 boys in III and 29 in IVb, whereas none of the middle or higher forms contains more than 13, out of a total of 102; but this discrepancy should adjust itself naturally in the space of two or three years. 24 new boys entered the School in the Christmas term, 16 having left in July.

Most of the out-of-class activities which we have come to consider part of the normal course of school life have been reasonably well, and some extremely well, supported. The voluntary gymnastic class, under R.S.M. A. T. Brown, again attracted over twenty members, who gave an entertaining performance at the conclusion of the School's annual display of physical training.

The football programme included matches on almost every half-holiday from the beginning of October for teams of varying ages and ability, the most satisfactory feature being the promising form shown by a number of junior players, especially those between the ages of 13 and 15. The early practices were made more than usually valuable by the participation in them of a greater number of Old Boys than in any previous season—a form of helpful interest which is much appreciated.

Thanks to the ready assistance of Mr. R. G. Mitchell (O.F.), seconded by Mr. A. H. Paton (O.F.), the Scouts and Wolf Cubs were able to meet regularly from the end of September onwards, in spite of the absence through illness of the regular Scoutmaster. We are very glad to know that Mr. Kitzerow is now making satisfactory progress towards complete recovery.

The Commoners' Society devoted itself to discussions and debates, no meetings, however, being arranged to attract junior members. A pleasing variety was introduced, through the interest of the Headmaster, in the reading of two modern plays by Forms Vb, Va and VI. Several lectures, mainly of a literary nature, were also enjoyed during the term.

After half-term, rehearsals for the Christmas play naturally demanded most attention, and as the School Certificate work of Va was felt to be too important to allow them to take part this year, the cast was chosen largely from Vb, who rose to the occasion most creditably. With the help of several members of the staff and their wives, a production was staged that seemed to give more than the customary amount of pleasure to the three audiences who supported our efforts, and we heartily congratulate Mr. Hulme, the producer, and all who were associated with him on their latest success.

The publication of No. 48 of "The Onlooker" has already been referred to. We are very pleased that the new editorial staff wish to follow the practice of their predecessors in providing the annual prize for the best essay written on a set subject, and have generously proposed to give both a senior and a junior prize this year. The subjects chosen are "Hound Street no more!" (Senior) and "Christmas Carols" (junior).

The Armistice Day ceremony of remembrance brought the whole School to the Old Boys' Memorial Corner as a focus, where Mrs. Palmer's vases of magnificent flowers were in their accustomed place, and Mr. G. E. Batchelor laid the Old Boys' wreath of Flanders poppies and laurel at the foot of the memorial boards, "to the glory of God and the honour and memory of those Old Fosterians who made the supreme sacrifice that we might live in peace."

Two years ago, at the Old Fosterians' Second Reunion Dinner, the Headmaster made the first announcement regarding the School Pavilion Fund and received his first subscriptions from two of the Old Boys who were present. This year, on a similar occasion, the Pavilion Maintenance Fund was generously opened by another Old Fosterian, Mr. J. W. Walden, to whom we give our sincere thanks for his help and example. Shortly before term ended, Mr. E. W. Folkes (O.F.) was also kind enough to submit a simple but most attractive

scheme for building up this fund; most of our readers will no doubt have an opportunity, between now and Easter, of enjoying his "Simple Question" and supporting the movement he has initiated. We offer him our very sincere thanks.

It is a great pleasure to print in this issue two contributions from Old Fosterians, whose omission from the last number (where they properly belonged) we regretted, together with a third article of special interest and value, also from an Old Boy. The Editors are very gratified to find that such contributions are increasing in number and frequency.

We record with the greatest regret the loss of a valued Governor of the School and a prominent Shirburnian in the death of Mr. Mark Parsons. His splendid record of fifty years or more of Church, social and public work is as well known, at least to the older residents of Sherborne, as his kindness and generosity. He was always a trusty friend of Foster's School, having served as a member of the Governing Body for practically twenty-six years, and his continued interest in our affairs was shown by his attendance at both the first Prize Day following the present Headmaster's appointment and at the first Old Boys' Reunion Dinner. We assure Mrs. Parsons and her family of our deep sympathy with them. The School was represented at the funeral by the Headmaster.

Many Old Boys will, we know, share the regret we felt on learning of the sudden death of the Rev. W. Hewitson, at Compton Valence Rectory, near Dorchester. Mr. Hewitson was a frequent, and always a most welcome, visitor to the School in the time of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins, and besides presiding for many years at the School Certificate examination often officiated as a judge or as referee at our Athletic Sports, and also rendered valuable help at the Christmas Entertainment, especially during the War years. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hewitson and to Mr. W. R. and Mr. J. O. C. Hewitson in their sad loss.

We acknowledge with sincere thanks Miss Benthall's generous gift of a number of exhibits of considerable variety and interest, to form the nucleus of a School museum. In spite of the limited space available at present, we hope to make arrangements for their display shortly, when fuller details of their nature will be able to be published.

Next term's dates are Thursday, January 12th to Friday March 31st. The half-term holiday will be from 4 p.m. on Friday, February 17th to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21st.

We are grateful for the receipt of the following School magazines and other publications:—The Winburnian, the Shastonian, the Yeovilian, the Collyerian (Collyer's School,

Horham) and Collyer's School Fourth Centenary Souvenir, the Grice Magazine (Gillingham G.S.), the magazines of Lyme Regis G.S., Beaminster G.S., Poole G.S. and Lord Digby's School; five further copies of the Auckland Weekly News (from Mr. S. P. Andrew, O.F.), and six copies of the Ontario Bulletin (from the London Office of the Government of Ontario).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The annual **Prize Distribution** will take place on **Wednesday, March 15th** at 3 p.m. The Principal of University College, Southampton, K. H. Vickers, Esq., M.A., has kindly promised to present the prizes.

All parents and friends are specially invited to the production by the **Old Boys' Dramatic Society** of a three-act comedy, entitled "Ask Beccles," at the end of February.

The School's **Athletic Sports** have been arranged for **Wednesday March 29th** and the Cross Country Race for **Wednesday, March 8th**.

The Dorset **Inter-School Sports** will be held on the ground of Dorchester Grammar School on **Thursday, April 6th**.

The **Commoners' tenth annual Concert** is fixed for 7 p.m. on the final Saturday of term, **March 25th**.

#### SCHOOL OFFICERS IN THE CHRISTMAS TERM.

Prefects:—G. W. F. Ashford (Head of School, Captain of Football, Captain of St. Dunstan's); W. A. Beer (Senior Librarian)—succeeded, on leaving, by C. T. Beer; J. P. H. Cowan (Football Committee, Secretary of Commoners' Society); R. K. Dibble (Captain of St. Bede's, Editor of 'The Onlooker'); H. F. M. Thorne (Football Committee, Captain of St. Aldhelm's).

Vice-captain of Football: G. A. J. Stephen; 'Onlooker' Staff: J. R. Binder, P. A. Childs; Tuck Shop Committee: The Prefects and one representative from each Form; Assistant Secretary National Savings Association: I. C. Upshall; Form Librarians: Va.—Eveleigh, Vb.—Willis, IVa—Wood, IVb—Rhodes, III—Treasure ii; Form Monitors: Va—Meaker, Vb—Stephen, IVa—Pike, IVb—Murphy, III—Perkins; Monitors for magazines and newspaper-cuttings: Va—Taylor, Vb—Hann i, IVa—Irvine, IVb—Fudge, III—Baker.

HOUSE POINTS, at end of Christmas Term.

St. Bede's and St. Dunstan's—117 each, St. Aldhelm's—93.

#### SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

	VI.		VA.		VB.	
	Modern Language group.	Science group.				
Divinity ..	Ashford 52	Dibble 44	Cowan —	Willis 68		
Literature ..	Ashford 49	Dibble 43	Eveleigh 51	Sherry 48		
Grammar and Composition ..	Ashford 42	—	Taylor 54	Childs 53		
History ..	—	—	Meaker 67	Webb 59		
Geography ..	—	—	—	Edwards 58		
Latin ..	Ashford 58	Dibble 47	Cowan 73	Webb 66		
French ..	Ashford 60	—	Taylor 51	Willis 67		
Mathematics ..	—	Dibble 38	—	—		
Higher Maths. ..	—	Dibble 50	Cowan 65	Willis 58		
Chemistry ..	—	—	Cowan 90	Davis 80		
Art ..	—	—	—	—		

	IVA.		IVB.		III.	
Divinity ..	Hunt 62	Hann ii 41	McLean 65			
Literature ..	Brunt 55	Murphy 61	McLean 61			
Grammar and Composition ..	Sharpe 42	Ballam i 50	Guppy 70			
History ..	Sharpe 51	Murphy 61	McLean 63			
Geography ..	Wood 71	Hover 63	Baker 61			
Latin ..	Sharpe 58	Hughes 94	—			
French ..	Wood 67	Bullock 74	Baker 89			
Mathematics ..	Sharpe 78	Murphy 79	Treasure i 75			
Science ..	Hunt 61	Murphy 74	Guppy 80			
Art ..	Pike 60	Murphy 79	Rowat 90			
Manual Work	Sharpe 58	Antell 95	Rowat 86			

#### IN SCOTLAND.

One of the lesser effects of Britain's tumble off the Gold Standard 12 months ago was that A.J.B. and I, who last July, like good cosmopolitans, would normally have "seken straunge strondes," were forced to stay in the British Isles where our all too few pounds would fetch 20/-. However, still hankering after the foreign element, we agreed on Scotland, because its mountains were an attraction, whilst we understood that the "lingo" was difficult enough to add a spice of risk to verbal encounters with the inhabitants. So to Scotland we went.

To those who have been to Scotland or have had the consolation of reading H. V. Morton's descriptions of the country, any attempt of mine to paint the beauty of mountains and moors, lochs and burns, may, I fear, be painful. With this in mind I will try to give more narrative than description.

Roughly speaking, we walked due west from Callander (about 60 miles north of Edinburgh) through the Trossachs and across the Western Highlands to the coast at Oban, returning to Callander by another route. In the course of this hike, some 150 miles, we wandered along or ferried across a

dozen lochs and climbed still more mountain ridges and passes. Our highest climb was up Ben Lomond which, though an ascent of a mere 3,000 ft. or so, seemed to us an achievement fit to class us with Prof. Piccard. At 2,000 ft., on a particularly exposed slope, a blizzard struck us. The thick mist on the summit was a pleasant change, although we were disappointed at being deprived of the glorious view of a dozen lochs which is supposed to reward those who climb the Ben. Actually all I saw was a blurred crouching shape which I believe was *A.J.B.* and he is willing to admit that I reached the top all right though he did not see me. Of a different kind was our climb over the ridge dividing the Loch Ard valley and Loch Lomond. With an enthusiasm then undamped by sober experience, we had decided to break open country and to follow a burn up the mountain-side to its source, there climb the ridge, and drop down beside another burn to Loch Lomond. But to our dismay we found that this involved crossing the marshland in the valley of the Forth, where that river, several miles wide by Edinburgh, is a mere tumbling stream in the mountains. We had about two miles of that marsh before we started to climb, and then our troubles began in earnest. Marsh and bog of all descriptions persisted right to the top, sunlight disappeared in mist, and soon the two miles in the valley seemed a pleasant experience by comparison. Streams and bogs are ever with you in the Highlands; the heather grows upon a layer of moss and peat, and what at first sight looks an easy path proves very heavy going with a 40 lb. rucksack upon your back. Talking of climbs, we are not likely to forget Hell's Glen. A gradient of 1 in 6 for two miles winding up between high beetling crags, waterfalls, desolation—that is Hell's Glen. It was by far the ruggedest scenery of our trip, and there we saw an eagle soaring high above us while trout flashed beneath the rocks as our shadows touched the stream which rushed beside the path almost to the summit of the pass. So much for climbs.

But throughout the trip we were climbing passes and the scenery was glorious; everywhere we were surrounded by mountains whose peaks were lost in cloud. Our camping sites were invariably beside some beautiful loch where we could swim in the mornings, and always we were lulled to sleep—though such exterior aid to sleep was never needed—by the song of a rippling waterfall. The most beautiful sight of my life was a sunset at Oban. The sun went down behind the Isle of Mull out across the Sound and save for a thin band of red in the West, the whole scene was painted in grey, from the silver grey of the sea below to the blackness in the North where each range of foothills grew a little darker as it merged into the next, and the mountains finally disappeared into the sky.

Indeed, Nature worked wonders with greys night and morning in Scotland. In the morning, as *A.J.B.* and I crawled out of our tent beside a loch, we were astonished at the beauty of the grey mist rising from the water, steaming up from the wooded slopes of the loch and finally blotting out the tops of the Bens above us. In a different way, grey predominated in that picture of Inverary which is one of the most cherished memories of my holiday. The good weather we had hitherto experienced failed us as we ferried across Loch Fyne and we saw Inverary—a quaint little village beside a large and ugly castle—streaming with rain, the bleak white-washed houses on the quay grey with wet and the loch, grey-green, indistinct where water and sky joined in a slanting deluge.

A word about the Scotsmen we met. We found them kind, generous, courteous and always possessing a sense of humour which was rarely at the expense of the two disreputable tramps who, I am afraid, sometimes imposed upon their kindness. We had no experience of that peculiar meanness which characterises a Scotsman in the Englishman's eyes. In fact they were all that hosts could be to us. Among the kindest friends we made was the Hotel Proprietor at Dalmally. He was so spontaneously good that we grew suspicious of his kindness—a suspicion totally erroneous and quite unworthy of us. Such consideration as he showed must be rare among Hotel Proprietors and hence to anyone with a car who wants a holiday in the real Scotland—for Dalmally is in the Highlands, N.W. of Oban, famous for glorious scenery and good fishing—I heartily recommend Dalmally Hotel as a centre. And to those who, like ourselves, prefer to walk, dawdle, wander, climb and sometimes to "stand and stare like sheep and cows," I say, take a hike in Scotland, and spend a night at Dalmally if only to hear the mournful cry of a curlew above your tent and to see the setting sun paint the mountains.

You will never forget it if you do.

*P.J.R.*

#### A CHANNEL CRUISE.

(The attractive title "Under Sealed Orders" led two Old Boys to join the Canadian Pacific liner, "Empress of Australia," early in July.) On board a floating town of 22,000 tonnage and 900 inhabitants, with every usual—and unusual—modern convenience, we found ourselves living in the lap of luxury. Sailing from Southampton amidst a perfect entanglement of coloured streamers, as if we were off to Canada, we soon left Cowes Regatta behind, and all that evening hugged the south coast, passing Southsea, Brighton and Eastbourne illuminated in the dusk. Dover at midnight—Calais at dawn—then down the French coast to Le Havre, and at anchor off Cherbourg

for Customs, in a dense fog. A most entertaining ship's concert was held here. During the morning we moved off, to remain awhile over the grave of the French steamer 'Prométhée,' and then away to the Channel Islands.

Rising at 7.30 a.m., there was time for a quick dip in the marble Pompeian swimming pool, followed by a run round the boat deck, before the breakfast gong sounded. The only word for the cuisine was exquisite. After dark, there was dancing in the magnificent period ballroom and later on deck. Deck tennis, the gymnasium, quoits, shuffle-board, horse-racing and countless other games occupied much of the day, or we lay dozing and watching the Scilly Isles creep up ahead out of a Mediterranean-blue sea. After rounding the Wolf Rock, the prettiest part of the course came into view, while we hugged the wild Cornish coast from Land's End to Helston. Such magic names as Sennan Cove, Trethewack and Mevagissey came vividly to life in little sunlit sandy clefts, running far back into the beetling granite cliffs.

The next night brought the vessel to Plymouth Sound, off the Eddystone; and there was a gala dinner and fancy dress ball, fancy dress being compulsory at dinner, when unimaginably funny costumes were worn by the most unlikely of fellow passengers. Plymouth Hoe was lit with thousands of coloured fairy lamps for Regatta week; our floating home was ablaze with tinted lights, too.

Tuesday morning found us off Portland at dawn, to view the Fleet assembled in Weymouth Bay, before H.M. the King, and to enjoy the fine prospect of Weymouth front. The size of the 'Empress of Australia' must have amazed visitors near the Esplanade who were then at their breakfast.

Slowly we returned along the Dorset coast and up the crowded Solent, to receive a royal salute from three big Short-Calcutta flying boats off Calshot. Berthing at 1 p.m., we completed a delightful cruise with many regrets that it was over and with ardent hopes of enjoying a similar voyage another year. A camera-ful of snapshots will keep our memories of the expedition alive for many a year and will show that we did not seek the sun in vain.

A.J.B.

#### BANKING AS A CAREER.

I am fully aware of my temerity in approaching such a subject as this in the School Magazine, because most of you who will read this page may already have come to regard Banking as the most humdrum of the professions. The open-air school of writers singles it out as the last resort of soulless men, to whom the call of winds and waves brings no awakening of spirit. The average novelist, if he wishes to create a picture of snug domesticity, against which to direct the slings and

arrows of his contempt, makes his butt a bank-clerk with a tiny house in a London suburb, a large family and no ambition.

It is the purpose of this article to disprove these ridiculous theories, and incidentally to hearten the boy whose parents have been wise enough to enter his name upon the waiting-list for entry into the Banking service.

When a boy fresh from the triumphs of school examinations enters upon his new life, he finds that, for the time being, perhaps the greater part of what he has learnt at school is of no use to him. I say for the time being, because nothing learnt is ever lost, and later on in life he will be venerating the memory of his schoolmasters for the education he has received. For the first year or two, particularly if he begins at a large Branch office, his duties will be almost entirely mechanical, not to say menial; he will be messenger-boy for every other member of the staff, from the managers downwards, and his spirit will be deadened with continued stamping and sorting of cheques. In these early years his patience and good-humour will be tried to the utmost, and before many months he will be longing, as I did, to run away to sea.

Let the poor downtrodden junior take comfort, however, from the assurance that never again will he be subjected to so mortifying an experience. The probationary period once over, the clerk's individuality is at last allowed to assert itself. There is no happier sight than the promoted junior initiating his successor into the mysteries of the stamp drawer; there is a light in his eye as in that of a prisoner released, and his exuberance usually finds expression in brighter ties and more careful creases.

His lot in these days, indeed, is more fortunate than ever it was. In the bad old days, when men could add up as they wrote, the late junior used to exchange one bondage for another, his new duties consisting almost entirely of tedious listing and "totting," all of which had to be done at impossible speed. Nowadays most of the book-keeping of a bank is carried out by girls working calculating machines, and this frees the male staff for a greater variety of specialised work.

The man in the street imagines that as the bank's doors are closed at three o'clock daily, the clerks, having balanced their cash, will be free at 3.15. He assumes that the functions of banks consist entirely of receiving and paying out cash, paying and collecting cheques, and keeping the accounts of these simple transactions. He forgets, or has never been informed, that the modern bank-clerk (to which honourable status our hero has now risen) has to combine a number of qualifications, for which he has had little or no training. He has to be in part an accountant, versed in the mysteries of

balance-sheets; not only has he to understand the phraseology of the accountancy profession, but he himself, while still a clerk, is frequently called upon to assess the position of a business in the light of its balance-sheet. He has in part to be a lawyer, not only expert in the intricacies of the Bills of Exchange Act, but also possessed of a working knowledge of contract law, bankruptcy law (for alas! even the bank's customers occasionally come within the orbit of the Official Receiver), the laws relating to the conveying and mortgaging of property, and so on. If his bent is towards foreign work, he will find abundant exercise for his intelligence and common-sense in the bank's services to its customers in the financing of trade with other countries. He may even be called upon to make a study of the Finance Acts, and to arm himself with sufficient knowledge and powers of argument to contend with that shrewd and ubiquitous public servant, His Majesty's Inspector of Taxes.

In all these, and in many other ways too numerous to mention here, the bank-clerk finds the absorbing interest of his profession; and as he grows older, he discovers the most engrossing study of all—the characters of his fellow-men. The banker, particularly in his capacity of lender, has a unique opportunity of studying human nature. The whole fabric of our Banking system, in fact the entire Colossus of finance and commerce, is built upon confidence, and it is the bank manager's, and his clerks', constant endeavour to decide where confidence is justified and where misplaced. In pursuance of this endeavour the nicest judgment and the most delicate tact are called into requisition.

This profession, as we clerks like to call it, is no children's play, no dullard's paradise. It calls forth keenness, intelligence, and judgment, these three; it demands the strictest honesty, uprightness, and integrity; and perhaps most important of all, it engenders the spirit of service. Even the young man finds that in his obscure way he is a servant of the commonwealth; his efforts are directed towards the public good, and in effect he is helping to oil the wheels of industry. In spite of his comparative detachment from the fluctuations of trade, he finds that he becomes increasingly absorbed in the fortunes of textile manufacturers or leather merchants, with whose businesses his bank is intimately involved. It is the fashion of modern journalists, who know no better, to vent their spite upon the banks, but even they know that the stability and integrity of the British banking system is a pattern to the world, a magnificent human machine of which the most insignificant member may be proud.

A.G.C.

## THE NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

It is not perhaps to be expected that we should report further development in saving just now; rather is it surprising that only in the past term has there been any noticeable reduction of business. The total contributions of the term (£14 5s., 18 certificates) were less than in any term during the past four years, and the average weekly payments (22s. 6d.) fell below the average of the past seven terms—in other words, the universal depression has at last affected even our small Association. But one is glad to observe that it is only the opportunities for saving which seem to have decreased: the will to save appears to be as strong as formerly and the fourth issue of certificates are as popular as the earlier issues, for the active membership of the Association remains at 23, and by a special effort before the Christmas holidays, six certificates were bought in the final week of the term. Totals since 1924: £471 3s. 6d.; 579 certificates.

## THE LIBRARY.

A partial reorganisation of the Form Libraries was necessitated by the rearrangement of the forms in September, and this was successfully accomplished by removing from Forms Vb. and IVb the books most suitable for building up a IVa library, and by making the former second Form books a junior section of the Third Form library.

The following gifts are gratefully acknowledged: from Miss Treloar, *The Life of Sir William Purdie Treloar*; from Mr. J. A. Rose (O.F.) *Australian Animals*; Wisden's *Cricketer's Almanac* for 1932, from the Publishers; from R. Irvine, *The War of the Axe (Adventures in S. Africa)*; and from W. A. Beer, on leaving, *To the Cape and Back, To Australia and Back* (Sir Alan Cobham), four Tarzan novels, and two annuals for the junior third-form section.

We gladly take this opportunity of expressing appreciation of the valuable and most conscientious work which W. A. Beer has done as Senior Librarian for the past four and a half years. He has been succeeded in this office by his brother.

## SCOUTS AND WOLF CUBS.

Although our numbers are by no means large, the compact little troop of Scouts who keep the Movement alive in Foster's School are very keen. Thursday is still the most convenient evening for all of us, and although we have been compelled by the winter season to hold our meetings indoors, with the help of a few Scout games they have not lacked interest.

Throughout last term we persevered in our determination that every member should become a tenderfoot and thus be enrolled in one of the greatest movements of the world. After

two visits from Scoutmaster G. G. Green, of the 1st Sherborne (Castle) Troop, to whom we are greatly indebted for his help and interest, everyone passed the tenderfoot test. We are now looking forward to the attempt that we are going to make on Second Class Scouting, about which some of us already know a good deal, especially about semaphore signalling.

Attendances were very regular, and although we lost Salmon, the advancement of Sherry ii from cub to tenderfoot Scout in one term, kept up our membership. Coles is another keen cub who hopes to follow Sherry's example before long.

We have to thank the Headmaster for obtaining necessary portions of uniforms besides some useful Scout handbooks, and we are most grateful to Mr. A. Hunter Paton (O.F.), King's Scout and Patrol Leader in the 1st Sherborne (Castle) Troop, for his efficient help throughout the term. We all sincerely hope that Scoutmaster L. Kitzerow will be able to return to us soon.

List of Members:—Scouts—Antell, Binder, Rolls, Sherry i, Upshall, Mitchell ii, Tite, Sherry ii, Saunders; Cubs—Coles, Hunt ii, Burgess. R.G.M.

#### THE COMMONERS' SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the term, on October 13th, was of a new type, a small group of members from Va and VI holding a discussion on The Ideal Holiday. A. C. Meaker argued in favour of a sea-side holiday, and W. H. Taylor endeavoured to improve upon this choice by suggesting a farm within easy reach of the sea. Some interesting reflections upon the purpose and the essentials of a good holiday were offered by J. P. H. Cowan, who thought we could not do better, at any rate now and again, than spend our holiday at home. Finally, W. A. Beer gave an attractive and well illustrated account of the advantages of a motor tour. Unfortunately none of our August campers were present to paint the charms of a holiday under canvas.

A week later, three members of VI and Va gave a talk upon their favourite books. G. W. F. Ashford dealt with 'The Pickwick Papers'—its origin and its connection with Sherborne and district, as well as its chief characteristics. He chose to read, as illustrative extracts, the account of Mr. Winkle's failure as a skater and Sam Weller's evidence in the famous trial. J. P. H. Cowan, who took 'Pride and Prejudice,' began with a contrast between Dickens and Jane Austen, and—almost inevitably—selected, as his chief passage for reading, Mr. Collins' pompous proposal. To give still greater variety to the meeting, W. H. Taylor offered the lovers of romantic and highly-coloured stories a taste of Rider Haggard's 'Cleopatra.'

It was a pity that more of the middle and lower School were not present at these two attractive talks.

On the last day of October, when the excitements of Pack Monday were safely over, a topical debate was held upon the motion, "That country Fairs do more harm than good." In introducing the motion, J. P. H. Cowan limited himself to the demoralising influences of the pleasure fair in providing cheap amusement, encouraging gambling, and awakening a taste for the abnormal and morbid, and left his seconder, W. H. Taylor, to consider its evil effects upon work, health, trade and home-life. The most telling speeches came from the opposer, R. K. Dibble, and his seconder, C. T. Beer, who directed some well-aimed satirical shafts at the supporters of the motion and justified the fair far more exhaustively and brightly than their adversaries of Va had attempted to condemn it. They were well backed up by W. A. Beer, who in a neat and witty speech, charged those who were unable to enjoy "all the fun of the Fair" with decidedly puritanical leanings, and thought that, judging from the stress they had laid upon the duty of not spending, they might even be responsible for the recent financial crisis. Others who spoke against the motion were A. J. Coles, representing the point of view of Form III, and H. F. M. Thorne, who showed how even fairs help to broaden our minds. On the other hand, G. W. F. Ashford made a valiant but lone effort to stem the current of opposition by picking holes in the arguments of his fellow sixth-formers; but his cleverness was unavailing, and after the original speakers had made brief and formal replies, the voting resulted in the loss of the motion by 10 votes to 1. All the sixth form attended and spoke, but though the other forms were represented, numbers were very small, only 16 being present.

During November, between twenty and thirty members of the upper forms met on five evenings, at the invitation of the Headmaster, to read two modern plays, Galsworthy's 'Loyalties' and Bernard Shaw's 'Pygmalion.' The plays were chosen to illustrate a lecture that Forms VI, Va and Vb afterwards attended. This new form of meeting was so popular that it is hoped to repeat it in future terms. J.H.P.C. and R.G.

#### EXHIBITS FROM AN OLD BOY.

While he was on leave in England, Mr. L. F. Fox, of the Eastern Telegraph Company (Imperial and International Communications, Ltd.) kindly lent us a number of very interesting and valuable souvenirs which he had collected during his stay of three or four years at Mahé, the chief island of the Seychelles group in the Indian Ocean. They were shown to the School on October 10th, and included:—a short length of damaged submarine cable, which was examined with great interest, especially by the older boys; some specimens of fine tortoiseshell (obtained, by the way, from the turtle and not the

tortoise), and some huge samples of the coco-de-mer (peculiar to Seychelles), one of which weighed about sixteen pounds. There was also a delightful set of elephants, carved by natives out of solid, fine-grained elephant ivory; these Mr. Fox obtained in E. Africa on his way home. The addition of various particulars about each of the curios and about the Seychelles islands in general made the exhibits still more interesting, and while we are most grateful to Mr. Fox for the pleasant half-hour with which he provided us, we regret that he was not able to find time to speak to us about them himself.

### LECTURES.

During morning School on October 24th, the Rev. E. H. G. Nylander, a native clergyman from W. Africa, visited us as a representative of the Church Missionary Society. He was introduced by the Rev. Canon S. H. Wingfield Digby, who took the opportunity of saying a few farewell words to us before relinquishing the vicarship of Sherborne on his departure to Kenya, and who expressed the earnest hope that some of us would write to him there. Mr. Nylander first reminded us that Africa was no longer the Dark Continent, except in the colour of its people, and this was largely due to the work of such organisations as the C.M.S. Likening the shape of the continent to a huge question mark, he suggested that it asked us what we would do for Africa: some of us might even take up missionary or medical work. Finally, addressing a few words to us personally, he offered us as a motto a passage from the first book of Samuel referring to David, whose crowning glory was not his comeliness and fine manhood, his skill, his wisdom or his bravery, but the fact that "the Lord was with him." Mr. Nylander was thanked on behalf of the School for his address by Ashford. *H.F.M.T.*

The Upper School paid two visits to Lord Digby's School to hear lectures given by Miss Dacombe, of Bristol University. The first, on October 21st., dealt with the nineteenth century novel, with special reference to Jane Austen. In answer to the question 'What do we go to Jane Austen for?' interesting contrasts were drawn between her works and those of Dickens, Disraeli, Mrs. Gaskell and George Eliot; and after her limited range had been noted, the leading characters of her six novels were investigated in several well-marked groups—snobs, squires, parsons, naval men, wild young men, and women, the last-named being treated in considerable detail. We were next shown from her novels how the leisured classes of a hundred years ago spent their life, and as a final treat, Miss Dacombe read the exquisite account of Mr. Collins's proposal to Elizabeth Bennet. *A.C. M., R.G.*

The second lecture, on November 22nd., treated of Shaw and Galsworthy as dramatists, with special reference to the plays, "Pygmalion" and "Loyalties," which we had read in preparation for the occasion. After a brief introduction dealing with the importance of the two writers in the history of English drama, the lecturer proceeded to illustrate further similarities between them: both satirised the middle classes, but showed sympathy with the upper, and especially the lower classes; and both wrote essentially for the stage, displaying high technical ability and giving great attention to stage directions and descriptions. Their differences were then more fully drawn out: whereas Galsworthy is a master of tense situations, conveying emotion by disconnected speech, Shaw is more sparkling and witty, and prefers longer and more continuous dialogue; Galsworthy likes to depict the reactions of characters of certain types to a given set of circumstances, while Shaw has a taste for odd characters and unconventional themes. The lecture aroused a considerable interest in modern drama in the School. *R.K.D.*

On December 1st., the middle and upper School attended the third series of impersonations of Dickensian characters, given by Mr. John Storey at Lord Digby's School. Beginning with Mr. Redlaw (from 'The Haunted Man') and the theme of the value of memory, Mr. Storey turned to a more popular and familiar subject in Dick Swiveller, and later, from the same book, gave us Nell's grandfather and, in quick succession, Sampson Brass and Daniel Quilp. Similarly 'David Copperfield' was represented by Wilkins Micawber and Uriah Heep, the latter at the request of the audience. The two character studies which stirred most enthusiasm appeared to be Alfred Jingle and Jerry Cruncher, perhaps because they were better known than, for example, Grandfather Smallweed or the Jew Riah. After the ever popular Wackford Squeers had been presented in response to a general demand, the interesting series of portraits was brought to a close with Trotty Veck, Mr. Storey having entertained us for an hour and a half. *G.W.F.A.*

### DISPLAY OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

On Thursday, December 8th the School presented its third annual Display of Physical Training and Gymnastics, under the direction of R.S.M. A. T. Brown, in the Congregational Schoolroom, when over a hundred parents and friends were present.

The Headmaster explained that the display was not given by a picked squad of boys but by the whole School, the object being to give parents an opportunity of seeing the kind of

physical training that was being done throughout the year. He welcomed such a large gathering of parents because their interest in both the work and the games of the School gave just that impetus and encouragement which boys needed, and it was his experience that keenness in athletic exercises went hand in hand with keenness in School work.

Form III set a good standard in their elementary exercises and high jumping; they were followed by IVb, who supplemented their physical training with some horsemanship. Forms IVa and Vb, working together, made a most creditable show in their physical drill and games, which included relay racing under various amusing handicaps. Next Va and VI demonstrated abdominal exercises across benches, and high and long jumping combined. Finally, the voluntary evening class gave a specially impressive display of more advanced individual work on ground, horse and parallel bars, after which horse and bar pyramids, two 'lilies,' and the inevitable 'collapse' (always a favourite) brought the afternoon to a close.

Colonel H. W. Smith, D.S.O., very kindly judged the display, placing the forms in order of merit thus: IVa and Vb (who thus won the half-holiday for the smartest performance), III, IVb, Va and VI. He was good enough to make a few criticisms, emphasising the necessity of not forgetting, as one proceeded to more advanced work, the elementary lessons that had been learned earlier, and stressing also the importance of carrying oneself well.

It seemed to be generally agreed that this year's performance was the smartest of the three that have been given, and bearing Col. Smith's words in mind, we ought another year to produce a still better display.

Cheers were given at the close for Colonel Smith and R.S.M. Brown.

J.P.H.C.

### THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Following last year's successful venture in 18th century prose-comedy, the play selected for presentation this Christmas was Sheridan's 'The Rivals,' which was produced twice on Wednesday, December 21st and again on Thursday evening. Lengthy and exacting for a school production as it was, it received more than usually favourable criticism in the local press and among many of the habitués of our schoolroom theatre.

As Form Va were excluded from participation, owing to the demands of their examination work, Vb provided the bulk of the cast, which was strengthened by the inclusion of some of the masters and their wives in the principal roles. In addition to his arduous duties as producer, Mr. Hulme played Jack Absolute with perfect ease and assurance; and Mr.

Welcher similarly undertook double responsibilities as stage manager and as the impetuous, despotic father, of whose irascibility he gave a most entertaining interpretation. Mrs. Gibling enjoyed a striking success as Mrs. Malaprop, with her 'select words so ingeniously misapplied' and her 'nice derangement of epitaphs'; and Mrs. Welcher's study of the alleged simpleton servant was quietly convincing. The female characters fell to Childs, whose female impersonations have always been successful and Hann i, who deserves great credit for carrying through a part to which his voice and figure were hardly suited. Dibble, relieved this year of the burden of a feminine role, entered whole-heartedly into the love-sick sentimentality of Faulkland, and in the characters of rustic Bob Acres and the typical Irish baronet—of great importance in several scenes—Webb and Gaylard surpassed expectations. The servants, similarly, improved at each performance. Thorne in particular acquitting himself excellently. On the final evening, Mrs. Gibling, Mr. Hulme, and Childs, as representatives of the ladies, the staff and the boys, received presentations from the hands of Mrs. Lush, amid the prolonged applause of the audience.

Mr. F. Marks (piano) and Mr. H. L. R. Hutchings, O.F. (violin) played attractive music between the scenes. We have also to thank Mr. Marks for his preparation of scenery, Mr. C. S. Goodchild for the beautiful flowers which adorned the room, Messrs. Elliott, H. Durrant, P. Wood, Miss Billinger and Mrs. E. W. Tayler for the loan of various properties, and Mr. A. T. Walker for his services as business manager.

In spite of the proximity of Christmas, the attendance at each of the three performances, though not quite as large as usual, was very satisfactory, and a profit of £5 15s. 6d. resulted, of which £4 11s. 6d. is being used to meet the deficit on the Summer Camp.

### Characters.

Sir Antony Absolute—Mr. M. M. Welcher; Captain Absolute—Mr. E. Hulme; Faulkland—R. K. Dibble; Acres—E. A. N. Webb; Sir Lucius O'Trigger—A. J. Gaylard; Mrs. Malaprop—Mrs. R. Gibling; Lydia Languish—P. A. Childs; Julia Melville—P. A. Hann; Lucy—Mrs. M. M. Welcher; Fag (servant to Capt. Absolute)—A. J. Willis; David (servant to Acres)—H. F. M. Thorne; Thomas (servant to Sir Antony)—G. A. J. Stephen.

### BOARDERS' PARTY.

On the last Tuesday of the term, the boarders again enjoyed a jolly Christmas party, through the generosity of the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush. As in previous years, the dining-hall had been gaily decorated with streamers, holly and

balloons. In addition to the boarders, a number of visitors were present, including Dr. and Mrs. Browne, Mr. Sanders, the masters and their wives, Mr. W. Edward Wearden, and the day-boys who were taking part in the Christmas Entertainment, the party numbering about forty. The tables having been duly eased of their attractive and varied contents, crackers were pulled and community singing followed, led by Mr. Wearden at the piano. Songs were sung by Mrs. Lush and Mrs. Gibling, and two rounds of musical chairs brought a thoroughly happy evening to a close shortly before ten o'clock. Cheers were heartily given for the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush before we dispersed. C.T.B.

### FOOTBALL.

Prospects of building up a good all-round team were not bright at the beginning of the term: only three old colours were available, though two others had played fairly regularly last year. But beyond these, there seemed scarcely any players ripe enough for the first eleven. The early practices helped to solve some of our problems, and it was a great pleasure to have the assistance of as many as seven Old Boys in one or more of these games, namely Messrs. R. R. Pedley, A. L. G. Hutchings, P. W. H. Dike, L. J. Avery, K. English, R. G. Mitchell and B. J. Hamblin. The accommodation provided by the new pavilion was much appreciated in this, the first football season in which it had been used.

In our first match we included several junior players, who showed distinctly promising form; but later on, when grounds became heavy, it was obvious that they were too light to compete with older teams. Hunt i, however, first tried as a forward, played himself into the right-half position permanently and Bater settled down successfully on the right wing; the other under-14 members were wisely left to develop in their junior matches in preparation for future seasons. Our most valuable experiment was the transfer of Cherrett to back from left outside, where Osment was showing much improved form; after this, the team remained unchanged except for the inside left position, which continued to cause perplexity until Ballam i was promoted from the under-14 team with successful results. We were unfortunate to lose Binder, as goalkeeper, owing to illness; but his substitute, Hann ii, came on very well. The team was finally constituted as follows: Hann ii; Cowan, Cherrett; Hunt i, Ashford (capt.), Thorne; Bater, Webb, Stephen (vice-capt.), Ballam i, Osment. The following also played in several matches:—Binder, Mitchell ii, Metcalfe, Eley, Beer, Childs. Nine matches were played, of which three were won and six lost; Stephen was the chief goal-scorer, with ten goals to his credit.

(It should be added that the captain, playing in his fifth season, was always the outstanding player, a tower of strength in both attack and defence. Ed.).

### First XI Matches.

Oct. 1. Langport G.S. Won, 7—3.

It was encouraging to start with a decisive victory, although it was due rather to our advantage in weight and age, and consequently in experience and staying power, than to any marked superiority in skill. Both sides opened slowly, yet in five minutes the score was 1 all, Stephen converting an excellent centre from Bater. Ashford gave us the lead again with a long shot, and after several easy chances had been missed, Bater got one in smartly from a pass from the left. In the second half, the play improved and a crop of six goals resulted, our four being due to Stephen (3—two from clever individual manoeuvres), and Hunt i. Our opponents' young forwards showed excellent form, and were always dangerous; and their final goal came from one of several beautifully placed corners. Perhaps the best feature of our play was the good form of Mitchell ii, Metcalfe and Bater, among the junior recruits.

Oct. 8. Gillingham G.S. Away. Lost, 2—8.

A sodden ground and, in consequence, a heavy ball soon told against the young players on our side, who were totally unable to get the ball away. Although we scored first, we failed to keep the Gillingham forwards away from our goal for long at a time. Binder, in goal, could not deal with the slippery ball, several easy shots beating him; and Ashford and Stephen on whom so much depended, were unfortunately below form. Webb, too, was off the field for much of the second half through an injury. But Cowan defended splendidly and Thorne also got through a lot of work. Our goals were scored by Webb and Bater.

Oct. 21. Sexey's School 'A.' Bruton. Away. Lost, 1—11.

Sexey's School fielded a weakened first eleven against us, but included a forward of exceptional speed and scoring ability and an almost invincible goalkeeper. From the start they commanded the game and attacked continually, our junior players in defence being unable to stand up against the heavy conditions and the superior weight of the opposing forwards, and goals came regularly. Ashford scored for us from a penalty.

Oct. 31. Dorchester G.S. 'A.' Lost, 1—8.

Some of our younger players were now rested, and the resulting reorganisation proved more successful. Stephen was unfortunately absent through injury. For the first half hour, exchanges were fairly even; then the Dorchester forwards began to be really active and opened the score, but Webb

replied at once from a neat pass by Beer. Although playing against a high wind, Dorchester added three goals before half-time, the sticky state of the goal area hampering Hann. After change of ends, our defence succeeded in keeping out the attack for some twenty minutes, but in the remaining time our opponents asserted their superiority by doubling their score. Our inside forward play was very weak.

Nov. 9. Blandford G.S. Won, 4-2.

An even game, played in ideal weather. The Blandford forwards were quicker on the ball than our line and scored first, and at half time the score was 1 all. In the second half we attacked more consistently and added two goals, but B.G.S. quickly retaliated. The issue was in doubt till almost the end, when a fourth goal for us made victory certain. Although much out of form, Stephen scored twice, and Webb and Ashford once. Bater showed great improvement on the wing, and Cowan fortunately recovered some of his old power, his partner, Cherrett, being absent through illness.

Nov. 12. Elmhurst County School. Lost, 0-10.

We met a perfectly balanced team of decidedly superior weight, skill and experience, and the result was never in doubt. Our backs played stoutly against continuous pressure, and the forwards, whose chances were few, showed improvement, though Stephen was again disappointing.

Nov. 16. Old Fosterians. Lost, 2-7.

An enjoyable match, in perfect weather. Strengthened by the inclusion of three masters, we held our own fairly well in the earlier stages, scoring first and being led by only 2-1 at half-time. On the resumption, however, the Old Boys began to show their superiority, especially at forward where they were exceptionally strong; as an object lesson to our forwards, they scored straight from the kick-off, by means of three or four rapid passes, and added four more goals, continually harassing our defence who, though always working hard, were unable to cope with their speed and thrust. Hann was most plucky in goal. Stephen scored both our points.

Nov. 19. Shaftesbury G.S. 2nd. XI. Away. Lost, 4-11.

Handicapped by the absence of Cowan, our defence was at first somewhat disorganised, but later settled down and acquitted itself fairly well against a faster-moving and neater team. The most satisfactory feature of the match from our point of view was the much improved form and method of the forward line, resulting in four goals, scored by Ballam i, Stephen (2) and Bater.

Dec. 3. Junior Old Fosterians. Won, 3-1.

Ball control was difficult, a heavy storm which delayed the start making the surface of the pitch very treacherous. Most of the first half was evenly contested. Weak shots invariably

finished our promising attacking movements, until one from Webb was deflected into the net by a defender; then, the Old Boys having equalised by rushing the School defence, our forwards gained confidence in spite of Stephen's absence, and began to control the ball better, to part with it more promptly, and to work together as a line. After the interval, whereas the Old Boys rarely approached our goal, our attack grew more and more dangerous; and though B. J. Hamblin kept goal superbly, Eley at last fastened on the ball and shot accurately, and Ballam i neatly touched in a long shot from Ashford.

### *Junior Matches.*

Three interesting junior matches were played, in which we were most fortunate in being able to field sides very similar to those which did duty in the corresponding games last season. Some good football was seen, giving us hope of finding an improved first eleven in a year or two. Never before has so much attention been given to junior practices as this term, and the result is apparent not only in the development of the chosen teams, but in the promise shown by other players, especially Rolls, Mitchell i, Saunders, Earnshaw, Back, Hann i, Spiller. Under 15 match v. Gillingham G.S. under 15. Dec. 17.

Drawn, 3-3.

Our visitors had the benefit of the strong wind in the first half, and their forwards were quickly harrying our defence. Three goals resulted early, all from unexpected weaknesses in clearing and two of them from free kicks. Shortly before half-time, our forwards got away and, drawing the goalkeeper, Wood scored a good goal. With the wind behind us after change of end, we kept up a strong pressure, but the forwards were decidedly below form in finishing off their movements. Wood, however, scored again following good play by Hunt, and a shot from Ballam i was headed in by a defender. In the last minute Bater almost gave us a victory with a clever header. Cherrett was very powerful at back, and the halves, especially Hunt, were good without quite reaching their best form, but the forwards were rather disappointing.

Team :- Hann ii; Cherrett, Mitchell ii; Murphy, Hunt i, Metcalfe; Bater, Ballam i, Seeley, Wool, Sherry i. Little was absent through illness.

Under 14 Matches. Oct. 19 v. Shaftesbury G.S. under 14.

Away. Lost, 1-6.

Although ours was a useful side, with only two or three weak spots in it, we were decisively beaten by a superior team. The forwards were unable to make much impression on a solid defence; but the determining factor was the quickness of the home team on the ball. Seeley scored our goal. Little, Hunt and Mitchell ii showed to special advantage in defence.

Nov. 2. v. Crewkerne G.S. under 14. Won, 7—1.

Our big win was due to a marked superiority in weight and in the standard of the defence; in attack, our visitors were much more clever, their combination being excellent. Although against the wind, we were soon two goals up, the first going through from a scramble following a good movement by Ballam i, and the second resulting from a perfect piece of individual work by Wood. Shortly after, Hunt shot through from some distance. In the second half, though we failed repeatedly to make full use of the advantage of wind, goals were added by Wood, after a long period of pressure and several vigorous rushes on the part of Seeley, by Seeley, first from a mêlée and again through following up a long shot from Rhodes, and by Murphy, similarly following up an attack. In the last quarter of an hour, the Crewkerne forwards were frequently dangerous, and a beautiful shot from the right wing rewarded them with a well-deserved goal.

Team:—Dike; Metcalfe, Mitchell ii; Murphy, Hunt i, Little; Ballam i, Pollard, Seeley, Wood, Goodchild. Ballam ii, Hatton and Rhodes also played.

#### House Matches.

The House matches evoked the customary excitement, and St. Bede's being unexpectedly defeated by St. Aldhelm's in the final match, each team has now won one. This leaves the House competition open and lends additional interest to the return matches next term.

Oct. 12. St. Dunstan's 7, St. Aldhelm's 0.

Both teams were ill-balanced, but the weight and experience of Ashford and Cowan gave Dunstan's the necessary advantage. After establishing a two goals lead in the first half and adding another half way through the second, they piled on four more in the last five minutes against a tired defence, although Aldhelm's struggled gamely to the end. The scorers were Eley (3), Ashford (2), Seeley (2).

Nov. 23. St. Bede's 3, St. Dunstan's 2.

A closely contested match. Bede's were the much better balanced side, but Ashford and Cowan were always likely to turn the tables against them. By superior combination Bede's were soon two up, through Stephen and Bater, and missed two other easy chances, one a penalty. They were lucky to get a third, when the ball was turned into the net by a defender. Before half time, one of many weak clearances let Ashford in. Half way through the second half, Eley scored another for Dunstan's through a similar miskick, and for the last twenty minutes the play was entirely round Bede's goal-mouth, but thanks to good team work, they managed to retain their slender lead.

Nov. 26. St. Aldhelm's 1, St. Bede's 0.

In a gusty wind and on a heavy pitch, play was very mediocre. Bede's were unfortunate in being without Stephen, and few of their team were in such good form as on the previous Wednesday. Both sides missed several golden opportunities, and not until a quarter of an hour from the end was a goal scored: a centre from Sherry i was neatly put in by Beer. This goal seemed to settle the issue at once. G.W.F.A.

#### ORDER OF MERIT.

Form VI (alphabetical order): Modern Language group—Ashford, Beer i; Science group—Beer ii, Dibble, Thorne.

First six boys in Forms Va to III.

1st MONTH.	2nd MONTH	3rd MONTH	TERM.
VA.	VA.	VA.	VA.
Cowan 55	Cowan 62	Cowan 57	Cowan 58
Meaker 54	Taylor 59	Meaker 52	Meaker 54
Taylor 52	Meaker 57	Taylor 50	Taylor 53
Eveleigh 46	Parsons 48	Parsons 44	Eveleigh 44
Gear 44	Eveleigh 43	Binder 44	Parsons 44
Binder 42	Green 43	Eveleigh 44	Binder 42
VB.	VB.	VB.	VB.
Willis 64	Webb 62	Willis 65	Willis 63
Webb 63	Willis 60	Webb 58	Webb 61
Hann 57	Davis 54	Hann 56	Hann 55
Sherry 51	Hann 54	Davis 54	Davis 52
Edwards 48	Edwards 50	Edwards 52	Edwards 50
Davis 48	Childs 49	Childs 52	Childs 50
IVA.	IVA.	IVA.	IVA.
Pike 64	Pike 69	Pike 64	Pike 66
Sharpe 61	Wood 63	Wood 63	Sharpe 62
Wood 59	Sharpe 62	Sharpe 60	Wood 62
Hunt 49	Hunt 52	Hunt 51	Hunt 51
Upshall 43	Upshall 46	Goodchild 48	Upshall 45
Brunt 42	Goodchild 44	Brunt 47	Brunt 43
IVB.	IVB.	IVB.	IVB.
Murphy 68	Murphy 73	Murphy 75	Murphy 72
Ebdon 58	Ebdon 64	Hughes 69	Hughes 62
Hughes 57	Hughes 60	Ebdon 63	Ebdon 62
Little 56	Metcalfe 57	Little 59	Little 55
Earnshaw 51	Earnshaw 57	Metcalfe 57	Earnshaw 55
Mitchell i 50	Mitchell i 53	Earnshaw 56	Metcalfe 54
Mitchell ii 50			
III.	III.	III.	III.
Treasure i 70	Guppy 76	Treasure i 68	Treasure i 71
Rowat 67	Treasure i 74	Guppy 65	Guppy 69
Guppy 67	Treasure ii 68	Rowat 61	Rowat 64
Baker 61	Baker 67	Treasure ii 60	Treasure ii 63
Treasure ii 60	Rowat 65	Baker 60	Baker 63
Mills 59	Stroud 63	Stroud 56	Stroud 59
Stroud 59			

## OLD BOYS' NOTES.

**Annual General Meeting of the O.F.A., Tuesday Feb. 14th.** at 7 p.m., at the School. All members within reach are urged to make a special effort to be present, in order that the attendance may be much more representative than in the past two years. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last General Meeting; (2) Third Annual Report; (3) Statement of Accounts; (4) Election of Officers; (5) Proposed addition to Rules: "When a member is one year in arrears with his subscription, he shall not be entitled to receive further copies of the School magazine;" (6) Other Business.

## CALENDAR OF OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sat. Jan. 21.	Football matches—Junior O.F.'s v. School.
Wed. Feb. 15.	O.F.'s v. School.
End of February	The newly formed O.F. <b>Dramatic Section</b> will present a three-act Comedy, "Ask Beccles."
Friday, March 3.	O.F. and O.D. <b>Dance</b> , 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the <b>Digby Hotel</b> . Tickets 5/6, from Miss H. Park, Thelma, Westbury, Sherborne or A. H. Cowling, Edina, Cheap Street.
Wed. March 15.	School's <b>Prize Day</b> , 3 p.m. Details under School Announcements, following School Notes.
Sat. March 25.	Tenth Annual <b>Commoners' Concert</b> , 7 p.m. Old Boys specially invited to attend and to take part.
Wed. March 29.	School's <b>Athletic Sports</b> , 2.30 p.m. Events for Old Boys as usual: 100 Yards Race, and Relay Race v. School. Entries to K. W. Baker, Traveller's Rest, Horse-castles, Sherborne.
Thurs. April 6.	Dorset <b>Inter-School Sports</b> , 2 p.m., on the ground of <b>Dorchester Grammar School</b> .
Wed. June 21.	<b>Summer Reunion</b> and cricket match, Past v. Present.
Date not yet fixed	<b>Cricket</b> match, Past and Present v. Sherborne Town.

**O.F.A. Membership and Subscriptions.** A further increase in the membership of the Association is to be recorded, four new members having brought the total to 317. Two annual members have recently become life-members, increasing the total number to 23.

Members who are two years in arrears with their subscriptions will receive with this issue, in accordance with the Rules, a warning of the cessation of their membership (though we trust they will not allow it to take effect); and the attention of those who are already one year in arrears is drawn to the proposed **new Rule** which will be considered at the coming General Meeting. Subscriptions being due on January 1st., members who have not already paid for 1933 are specially asked to forward the amount due at the earliest convenient moment and thereby relieve the Association's officers of some of the anxiety which has weighed heavily upon them for the past eighteen months.

The **Fourth Annual Reunion Dinner**, held on Thursday, November 24th at the Digby Hotel, was no less enjoyable than its predecessors, though the attendance, as was probably to be expected in the recent difficult days, was nearer 30 than 40. The Headmaster, as President of the Association, occupied the chair, and there were present Mr. H. E. Durrant (representing the Body of Governors), four of the Assistant Masters, and the following senior Old Boys (1888-1920): C. A. Lowman, H. J. Otton, E. J. Upsall, J. W. Walden (Crewkerne), A. Collings (Compton), G. E. Batchelor, P. H. Gillingham (Guildford), R. R. Warr, W. L. Warr, R. Gregory, J. L. and R. W. Merrick (Castle Cary), W. G. Pike, and an equal number of junior Old Boys, if we may apply the term to those who have left since 1920.

After the loyal toast and the reading of the Roll of Honour, messages of remembrance and good wishes were read from A. H. Tiffin (Brighton), E. W. Short (Bedford), W. G. Ireland (Shorncliffe), W. C. Kennett (Walton-on-Thames), A. C. Herridge (Bristol), L. E. Broad (Yeovil), S. R. Guppy (Ottery St. Mary), R. R. Podley (Cambridge), in addition to apologies from more-local members; and the Senior Secretary expressed the pleasure everyone felt at the presence of L. N. W. Kitzerow, the regular Dinner Secretary, who was recovering from his recent illness, and also the general regret at the unavoidable absence at the last minute of his capable deputy this year, K. W. Baker.

P. H. Gillingham, who had come specially from Guildford for the third year in succession, offered the toast of 'The School,' and referred to the inestimable benefits of a good school training, maintaining from his wide business experience that there was no training to beat that provided, in many forms, by the West of England. Speaking of the pleasant opportunities for sport provided in the past, as in the present, on the Terrace, he congratulated the Headmaster and the School on their successful erection of a new pavilion, and also paid tribute

to the interest of the School magazine. In conclusion, he regretted the departure from Sherborne of one of the School's Governors, Canon S. H. Wingfield Digby.

In replying, the Headmaster first spoke feelingly of the loss sustained by the School in the previous week through the death of one of its oldest Governors, Mr. Mark Parsons; and after conveying to the meeting the regrets of Mr. Littleton C. Powys (Chairman of Governors) and the Rev. Alan Williams at their inability to be present, he welcomed Mr. H. E. Durrant, who represented the Governing Body. Speaking of the present state of the School, he mentioned the satisfactory increase in numbers to over 100, and the excellent examination results in the Higher School Certificate last July, illustrating the value of the two years' advanced course by reference to the prospects of the three successful candidates, and explained the reasons for the extension of the School Certificate course from four to five years. In conclusion, he thanked the Old Boys for their generous support of the School during the year, especially in connection with the Pavilion Fund, the Summer Fair and the Swimming Sports.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. H. E. Durrant proposed the toast of the O.F.A. and surveying a period of fifty interesting years and looking ahead to the still greater progress which presumably would follow, he addressed himself especially to the younger members of the company, reminding them that youth had already produced some wonderful inventions and that they were responsible for further developments. Recent events proved abundantly that the Schools were turning out men and women who were bold and unafraid, and he was violently opposed to any reduction of free places that would fail to give the best opportunities for the use of the brain and character of any promising child. He connected the present School with the past in reviewing the changes of fifty years, and after a number of amusing anecdotes, closed with the testimony of a captain whose last words were of gratitude for the good things and the helpful influences of life, a feeling which, as members of an Old Boys' Association, we no doubt shared.

When he rose to reply, as Chairman of the Association, C. A. Lowman was accorded musical honours. He spoke of the still increasing membership of the Association, but also of the difficulty which was being experienced in the collection of annual subscriptions. Appealing for the continued support of all members, he pointed out that without this the magazine, which was of the first importance as a link between the distant and the near as well as for its intrinsic interest, must be sadly curtailed. At the last two Dinners he had stressed the need for a School Song, and he was therefore pleased that his

suggestion had already borne fruit in the song they had just heard. The good fellowship which had also been sung about was most pleasingly illustrated in an experience during his summer holidays, when an Old Fosterian, who was a stranger to him, had rendered him a most kindly service. He felt that the spirit of "each for all and all for each" was characteristic of their Association.

Last year's innovation of a quarter of an hour's interval for renewing private friendships was repeated by general consent; and the musical programme, arranged by Mr. F. Marks, was the best which has yet been provided, the three quartettes by Messrs. H. E. Durrant, C. A. Lowman, G. E. Batchelor and F. Marks, being thoroughly enjoyed. The only other contribution was a topical ditty by Mr. Gibling, who gave as an encore the song about the School already referred to.

The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem brought the gathering to a close as usual at ten o'clock, and at the call of G. E. Batchelor, hearty cheers were given for the President and Mrs. Lush and their family.

#### OLD FOSTERIANS' HOCKEY CLUB.

Owing to bad weather and other difficulties, several matches had unfortunately to be cancelled in the first half of the season, but the four played were thoroughly enjoyed. They were:

Oct. 8. Queen Camel (mixed). Home. Lost, 0-4. J. G. Lane (O.F.) was a member of the visiting side.

Nov. 19. Wells (men). Home. Drawn, 5-5. A very keen and interesting game. Wells opened the scoring and led at half time by 4-1, but the Old Fosterians showed much improved form in the second half. Scorers: Risdon (2), Hulme, Brett, Bown.

Nov. 26. Motcombe (mixed). Away. Lost, 1-5. The muddy state of the pitch severely handicapped the visitors, and Motcombe were soon three goals up; but the second half was much more even. Bugg scored our point.

Dec. 10. Wincanton (mixed). Away. Lost, 2-4. An even game. All the goals were scored in the first half. Play was very exciting towards the end, both goals having narrow escapes, but the defence on both sides was solid. Scorers: Miss Paulley, Baker.

Those who have represented the club include: G. C. Brett (capt.), K. W. Baker, H. J. Bugg, J. H. Elliott, G. Elliott, E. A. Gibbs, R. Gregory, E. Hulme, A. Jones, A. J. Sibley, A. H. Sawtell, and — Risdon and — Bown (Yeovil); Mrs. Kiddal, the Misses Ashford, Lambert, Park, Paulley, and Russell.

The members of the Club give their sincere thanks to the Headmaster for permission to use the School pavilion on several occasions.

On Dec. 9th, a Dance at the Woolmington Dance Hall was organised by the Hockey players in aid of the funds of the Club, but was, unfortunately, not a financial success. Music was supplied by the Rhythmists Dance Band (which included three Old Boys in E. H. Cuff, A. E. H. Sweet and J. W. Wright) and refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. J. Hann. Those present included G. C. Brett, K. W. Baker, J. H. and G. Elliott, H. G. Hunt, A. J. Sibley, besides three members of the School Staff.

The remaining Hockey fixtures are:—

Jan.	28	Tor H.C., Street	..	..	..	Home
Feb.	4	E. Coker	..	..	..	Away
"	11	Wells	..	..	..	Home
"	18	E. Coker (mixed)	..	..	..	Home
Mar.	4	Motcombe (mixed)	..	..	..	Home
"	11	E. Coker	..	..	..	Away
"	18	Queen Camel (mixed)	..	..	..	Away
April	1	E. Coker (mixed)	..	..	..	Home

K.W.B.

**Football Matches: Nov. 16, Past v. Present**—In contrast to the two occasions when the Old Boys met the School last season, weather and ground conditions were almost perfect. The O.F. XI, organised by P. W. H. Dike, were a powerful combination, especially at forward, and though the School drew first blood and the half time score was only 2—1 for the Old Boys, their superiority was very marked after change of ends. A goal was scored from the resumption, the passing being so rapid that only three players touched the ball and the School defence was caught off its guard. This goal was followed immediately by another, and the final score reached 7—2.

Oxford, on the left wing, was a continual source of danger to the School defence: he not only scored thrice himself, but provided the opportunities for at least two other goals; and Hicks, who scored twice, gave a delightful exhibition of neat footwork and feinting, skilful passing and clever positioning. Avery and Hunt also scored, and English put in a succession of accurate corners which deserved better luck. The defence, which was seldom strongly tested, proved more than equal to all demands, and Goodchild, at centre half, was in the thick of the play throughout.

After the match tea was provided for both teams by the kindness of the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush, and those Old Boys

who could stay remained for a pleasant chat afterwards.

O.F. team: P. W. H. Dike (capt.); E. A. Gibbs, D. T. Hodges; B. J. Hamblin, C. A. Goodchild, N. C. Penny; K. English, A. R. Hicks, L. J. Avery, H. G. Hunt, I. H. Oxford. Mr. C. S. Goodchild kindly took the line for the Old Boys. E. J. Freeman was also present.

**Dec. 3. Junior Old Fosterians v. School**—Contrary to last season's experience, the Junior Old Boys met with bad weather for their match. A heavy downpour of rain and hail just before the kick-off made the pitch a quagmire, and it was difficult to control either the ball or one's own movements. A good struggle was witnessed until near half-time, both sides scoring once; then the Old Boys began to tire and for the rest of the game were almost wholly on the defensive. Only weak shooting from the School forwards and the remarkable judgment and anticipation of Hamblin saved them from a heavy defeat, though in the last five minutes their forwards were making desperate efforts to reduce their arrears of 1—3. Few players on either side were recognisable at the end. The Old Boys' goal was scored by Baker.

O.F. team: B. J. Hamblin; C. H. Salmon, K. J. Ebdon; G. Elliott, A. J. Sibley, C. H. Gillingham; H. P. Crocker (capt.); T. R. Peaty, K. W. Baker, T. Candy, R. W. Oliver. Among the spectators were J. H. Elliott and N. E. Parsons.

The teams were entertained to tea with the usual generosity of the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush, and some stayed for a gossip afterwards.

**Old Fostorian Dramatic Society.** The idea of a Dramatic Section of the Association, suggested in the last magazine, received the prompt and keen support of a dozen local O.F.'s, and an introductory meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the President of the O.F.A., on December 2nd. This meeting not only brought the Dramatic Society into being and elected its officers, but made plans for its **first public performance at the end of February**. Rehearsals began almost at once, a room and the School stage being made available through the kindness of the Headmaster. We wish this latest O.F. activity the fullest possible measure of success; but we have little doubt that it will prove enormously popular. The officers are: Producer—G. C. Brett; Stage Managers and Scenic artists: J. H. and G. Elliott; Reading Committee—the Producer, E. Hulme, R. G. Mitchell, and others who are actively interested and who attended the first meetings include P. A. Nash, G. Coombs, K. W. Baker, K. J. Ebdon, A. J. Sibley, besides members of the School Staff.

**"Ask Beccles" at the end of February!**

## BIRTHS.

Sept. 8, at 5, South Western Terrace, Yeovil, to **Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Willis**—a son.

Oct. 24, at Higher Cheap Street, Sherborne, to **Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Willis**—a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

Oct. 3, at Sherborne Abbey, **Frederick H. Philpott** (1919-23), Trendle Street, Sherborne, to Madge L. Hillman.

Oct. 31, at Sherborne Abbey, **Leslie A. Willis** (1913-17), Lime Kiln Farm, Sherborne, to Norah Mabel Withers, Cortington, Wilts.

Oct. 12, at St. Andrew's Church, Bournemouth, **Alec H. Cowling** (1917-24) to Dorothy L. Marson, of Bournemouth.

Sept. 12, at Street Church, **James A. Stollery** (1919-23), Street Inn, Street, to Elsie Harriett Tincknell, of River Farm, Godney, nr. Wells.

Oct. 8, at the Parish Church, Bradford-on-Avon, **Arthur Collings** (1897-9), Nether Compton, to Harriett Rose Winch, of Newport, Mon.

Nov. 14, at the Methodist Church, Piddletrenthide, **Robert J. Gray** (1915-21), Duntish House, Buckland Newton, to Nancy Ruth Wightman, Piddletrenthide.

Recently, at Norton Bavant Church, **Charles Wesley Golden Hann** (1917-18) to Sadie Mitchell, Norton Bavant.

## OLD BOYS' VISITS AND LETTERS.

We have been very pleased to receive visits from a number of Old Boys and to hear their latest news.

**J. W. Walden** (1896-8), who joined the Association early in the year, took the opportunity of visiting the School, in company with **W. G. Pike** (1918-23), before attending the Dinner, to which he came from Crewkerne in the hope of meeting some of his old schoolfellows. He is connected with a firm of sailcloth makers whose speciality it is to make the canvas for such famous racing yachts as H.M. the King's Britannia and Sir T. Lipton's Shamrock. We were interested to learn that **W. G. Pike** opened a watch-making business in Crewkerne early in September: his friends and contemporaries will wish him every success in his enterprise.

**L. F. Fox** (1907-11) was kind enough to bring with him a number of interesting souvenirs from abroad and to allow them to be shown at School. Having completed his five months leave from his last station with the Eastern Telegraph Co., at

Mahé, Seychelles, he was going to spend two months at the London offices of the Company, before proceeding in the New Year to his next post at Gibraltar. Since he left school, he has been successively at Carcavellos (Portugal) Suez, Aden, Durban, Lagos and Mahé, spending three to four years at each station. At the end of term, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, he was present at the School entertainment.

We were glad to see **Arthur W. Newport** (1909-11) recovered from his recent illness.

**W. F. Edward Bugg** (1915-21) resigned his commission in the Church Army last summer in order to enter Salisbury Theological College where he has already spent two terms. He expects to complete his course in the summer of 1935.

**Mervyn J. Rillie**, M.P.S., (1919-23) was changing his place of abode and occupation in September from Arundel to Oxford.

**Rex W. Merrick** (1920-25), who with his brother, **Joe** (1916-18) was at the Dinner, has recently taken up grass-track motor cycle racing, and has taken part in several club events at Portsmouth.

**Philip J. Rogers** (1921-27) was present at the first School football match of the season and called again during his Christmas holiday. He is in the freight department of the Union Castle Steamship Co., and recently refused the opportunity of becoming a purser on board one of the Company's boats, preferring to remain in the London Offices.

**Warwick C. Jewry** (1921-27) was in Sherborne for his half-term holiday from the secondary school where he had been appointed to a temporary post, in charge of physical training and games, by the West Ham Education Authority, who released him for this purpose from his regular post.

**Hector S. B. Cox** (1922-29) was recently on temporary duty in Yeovil for the firm of electrical engineers with whom he is associated in Exeter.

**R. R. Pedley** (1922-30) returned early to Downing College for the Michaelmas term in order to be present at the opening ceremony and to meet the Lord Chancellor. He is now a member of the Committee of the College Dramatic Club, whose term's activities have included the reading of plays so dissimilar as "Green Pastures" and "Oresteia."

**Douglas W. Tuck** (1923-30) has left Messrs. Petters, Yeovil, to take up a clerical appointment at the Sherborne branch of Messrs. Eldridge, Pope & Co.

**Richard A. Collings** (1925-30) was on foreign leave early in October, before joining the Mediterranean Fleet, which has its base at Malta. He will probably be away for two years and a half, though there is a possibility of leave from time to time.

Similarly, **Sidney W. Chalkley** (1927-30) was on leave

in November before leaving H.M.S. Dorsetshire for Aircraft Carrier Eagle, on which he expects to proceed next March to China for a two and a half years' cruise.

Congratulations to **J. S. Drake** (1927-31), R.E., Chatham, who has already been promoted Lance-Corporal. His promotion followed the writing of an essay which he accomplished so creditably that his paper was specially selected from ninety that were handed in. He was present at the School play, as was also **A/T J. A. Henderson** (1928-31), R.E., who is now at Buckley Camp, near Chepstow, on the spot where the Wye joins the Severn, a spot of great natural beauty and, though rather bleak, very healthy, for he says he never felt better. He finds, however, that the Welsh scenery loses some of its beauty when viewed at 6.15 in the morning, and life is very quiet there. He plays as left back in his Wing team in Army Cup and other matches.

**W. Arthur Beer** (1925-32) secured an appointment in November in the clerical department of the Lister Engineering Works at Dursley, Glos., and seems to have settled down happily there. He has met **Edwin T. Wraight** (1928-9), and together they called on Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins.

Other Old Boys whom we have been glad to meet include: **L. S. Salmon** (1908-12), **M. C. Wilson** (1911-16), **C. J. Andrews** (1913-17), **R. H. Hazzard** (1915-21) with his wife and baby son, **E. E. Curtis** (1918-24) who has run across **A. G. Chambers** for the first time since they were at School together, **C. G. Harris** (1919-22) and his wife, through whom we heard of **Mr. A. S. Harrison**, **C. G. Meader** (1922-24), **A. G. R. Churchill** (1922-28), **L. G. Collings** (1921-8), who, with **L. S. Ebdon** (1920-8), recently met **Mr. Hutchins**, **G. D. Batchelor** (1923-31), **F. J. M. Gale** (1924-8), **A. F. Dunning** (1929-32), and **Rex Sharp** (1929-32) who was present at the School play.

The Senior Secretary had an interesting experience recently when travelling to and from London to spend a jolly week-end with **A. T. Thorne** (1909-12) and his wife: on the journey up he found himself in a carriage with **Jack Tuck** (1925-9) and was later joined by **E. E. Curtis** (1918-24); while on the way back he fell in similarly with **B. W. E. Churchill** (1920-22).

#### OTHER PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

We regret to learn that **H. B. Crocker** (1892-3) had to undergo an operation at the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, in October. He was able to return home before Christmas, but is still far from well.

**J. A. Rose** (1904-10) wrote again in August, and also by the Christmas mail to convey his best wishes to the School and all connected with it. A long, dreary and damp winter, con-

cluding with the wettest October known in Victoria for fifty years, had given place to Summer, in readiness for the Test Matches, about the prospects of which he naturally had a good deal to say. The most interesting part of his letter dealt with some of the Australian pests, especially the great variety of ants. He also helped us to realise better the vast size of the continent, whose magnitude and infinite variety one really begins to grasp after a 3,400 miles railway trip from, say, Perth to Brisbane, and after seeing the marvels of the 1,200 miles of the Great Barrier Reef, where the coral is a riot of colour and beauty. He sent for the School Library another interesting volume dealing this time with Australian Animals, besides a set of photographic cards of Australian views and buildings. We were glad to notice that he spoke encouragingly of a general improvement in trade, the business with which he is connected having picked up wonderfully since he last wrote.

Another O.F. abroad who thought he saw a slight silver lining in the dark clouds of depression is **Malcolm M. Betten** (1912-19) who sent his Christmas greetings from Darjeeling. Although most tea gardens in India had been for some time selling below production cost, he had hopes of seeing the accounts of the gardens he manages just satisfactorily balanced. Last February he was able to take his wife and family of two young daughters with him to the camp of the Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles in the plains—a very welcome change from the hills. He referred to the preparations which were being made, when he wrote, for the Everest expedition, two of the members of which he happened to know.

We are very interested to learn that **Wilfred J. Andrews** (1913-14), besides being in the responsible position of taking charge of the engine room at the Air Service Training School, Hamble, Southampton, also lectures to students. Among his audience some time ago, we hear, was no less distinguished an aviator than **Amy Johnson** (Mrs. J. A. Mollison).

We are very pleased to know that **Eric J. Walsh** (1914-18), of the Indian Police, is already married and has been on leave with his wife since November.

**T. T. J. Bulgin** (1918-21), who was formerly an A.A. Scout, has been a member of the Metropolitan Police Force since 1930.

After a roving commission of several months with the Midland Bank, Falmouth, **A. M. Rogers** (1919-25) now belongs to the permanent staff of the Lyme Regis branch.

Congratulations are given to **G. K. Henderson** (1919-21), 1st Royal Fusiliers, Ahmednagar, on his further promotion to rank of Lance-Serjeant.

**Harry G. Hunt** (1919-23) has returned from the post he has held for some years as a representative of Messrs. Petters

Ltd. in the north of England, to help his father in his business.

**A.C.1 B. W. E. Churchill** (1920-22) was a member of the permanent staff at a R.A.F. camp at Cleethorpes, Lincs., from February to November, when he returned to his ordinary duties at Salisbury. He is married and has two small daughters. Of our other representatives in the R.A.F., **A.C.1 R. Luffman** (1920-6) is at Andover, and **W. C. Parsons** (1920-22) is said to be on leave from Aircraft Carrier Courageous.

In the published cricket averages for 1932 of the 2nd (Field) Co., R.E., (Egypt), **Cpl. A. D. Henderson** (1920-3) was fifth in batting with 747 runs in 51 inns., highest score 65, and average 15.24, and first in bowling with the remarkably fine total of 164 wickets for 7.73 runs each. He also claimed the best 'bag' of catches, 19.

**G. J. Saunders** (1922-25) is now a travelling representative for Messrs. Wm. Seymour and Co.'s Mineral Waters.

At the beginning of the New Year, **Donald G. Parsons** (1920-6) was transferred from the Yeovil branch of the National Provincial Bank to Southampton.

We were very sorry to learn that **Albert Doe** (1923-26) met with an unfortunate accident in October. He was motor cycling on the Yeovil-Sherborne road when, through engine trouble, he stopped to examine his machine; a car collided with him and rendered him temporarily unconscious. On being conveyed to the Yeatman Hospital, he was found to be suffering from facial abrasions and bruises on the body and legs. He has now made a good recovery.

**Highmore B. P. White** (1924-27), who is engaged in electrical engineering in Yeovil, also met with a motor-cycle accident in November, between Bradford Abbas and Yeovil, through the bursting of a tyre. He himself was only slightly hurt, but his father, riding pillion, was more seriously injured.

**A. T. Wilkinson** (1922-8) is making Manchester his home for the next few months in order to follow an intensive course of study and training at the National School of Chiropractic. He finds the 'atmosphere' of strong antiseptics, white coats, sharp instruments and electrical apparatus very congenial—it is so much like that of a laboratory. After he visited us in the summer, he cycled to Yorkshire, where he enjoyed himself touring the dales, rolling in the moorland heather, paddling in the mountain streams, and generally making good use of the bracing air and indulging a mild wanderlust.

**C. T. Woodhouse** (1925-8) has entered upon the second year of his course at the Leathersellers' Technical College, Bermondsey. Having to attend only six lectures a week this term, he finds that note-making occupies less of his time than formerly and he can make good use of the extensive library of the College. His practical work includes dye trials, dressing

and dyeing, besides general work in the senior laboratory. He is a member of the Corium Club at the College, which arranges football matches, whist drives and dinners, and he mentions that ping-pong is a very popular game there, too.

**Stuart R. Guppy** (1924-9) has been temporarily transferred from his bank at Honiton to Ottery St. Mary, a very interesting place with a beautiful parish church and a number of country houses in the neighbourhood. He reminds us that Sir Walter Raleigh was a pupil at the Grammar School there, and that S. T. Coleridge was born at the School House, his father being both Vicar of Ottery and Headmaster of the School.

**Jack Tuck** (1925-9) has lately joined the household staff of Lord Courthope at Wadhurst, Sussex.

**R. W. Tilley** (1925-30) is now the manager of the Expert Valet business in Sherborne.

**Jack Reeves** (1926-30) wrote from Seaton to send his good wishes for the New Year. He expects to remain at Colyton School till next July. At the end of the Christmas term he took part in his form's production of Bernard Shaw's 'Arms and the Man,' being allotted the part of Major Sergius Saranoff.

**Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hutchins** also wrote at Christmas to renew their association with the School and its Old Boys. John Hutchins, who now scales 13 stone 6, is engaged in practising dentistry at Bristol General Hospital, and Michael has a congenial post with Messrs. Partridge and Love, advertisement printers in Bristol.

In his speech at the recent Dinner, C. A. Lowman referred to his chance meeting with an **unknown O.F.** during his summer holiday at Southsea, when at a most opportune moment a car was kindly placed at his and his wife's disposal. It was not until afterwards that he realised that, in the course of an interesting conversation with his benefactor, he had not taken the opportunity of enquiring his name, and he would be grateful if this paragraph might result in the revelation of his friend's identity. We wonder if it was D. J. Kingsbury (1875-8) of the 'Kit Kat'?

We have also been glad to hear by letter from R. W. Foot (1886-90), R. W. J. Baker (1909-12 and 19-20), R. J. Gray (1915-21), C. G. E. Alford (1918-24), A. G. Chambers (1919-23).

**Christmas and New Year greetings** have been received from many of those already mentioned and from Mr. and Mrs. G. F. W. Hart (Horsham), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Howard (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harrison (Rugby); P. Trinkle (Cachar, India), Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thorne (W. Ealing), Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fooks (New Malden), Mr. and Mrs. G. Kidner (Chew Magna, Bristol); C.S.M. and Mrs. Pearson (Poole), Mr. and Mrs. R. R. W. Tuffin (Frome), W. W. Gray (Hythe, Southampton),

Sidney A. Hutchings (Brentwood), C. L. P. Hutchings (Wolverhampton), D. G. Hayes (Bromley), A. W. Dann (Christchurch).

#### OLD BOYS IN SPORT.

Local footballers of whom we have heard something include :—C. A. Goodchild, I. H. Oxford, K. English (Alweston); A. T. C. Wood, R. G. Mitchell (Longburton); B. J. Hamblin (Sherborne North End); L. Vincent (Sherborne Wednesday); L. J. Avery (Stoford Athletic); P. W. H. Dike (Stalbridge Wednesday).

R. R. Pedley has been playing regularly for Downing College in the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate League (Div. 1) and in the friendly matches in which they meet such teams as Wellingborough School.

Philip J. Rogers has taken up rugby and plays for the Union Castle S.S. Co. team.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

1920-22 Churchill, Bertram W. E., A.C. 1, R.A.F., 3, Tournament Rd., Pembroke Park Estate, Salisbury.

1928-32 Oliver, Roland W., Wake Court, Bishop's Caudle, Sherborne.

1929-32 Sharp, Rex, Cadman, Marnhill, Dorset.

1929-32 Shute, Hubert M. R., Gray's Farm, Stalbridge.

The following have become Life Members: G. Elliott, P. H. Gillingham.

#### New Addresses.

C. G. E. Alford, 7, Pitman Road, Weston-Super-Mare.

I. H. Baker, The Anchorage, 216, Spring Road, Ipswich.

A. J. Hatchelor, Purlings, Monmouth Road, Dorchester.

A. H. Belben, 52, Grantchester Meadows, Cambridge.

W. F. E. Bagg, Thornhill, Stalbridge.

A. H. Cowling, Edina, Cheap Street, Sherborne.

E. J. Freeman, Everards, Kings Road, Sherborne.

F. J. M. Gale, Newstead, 60, Victoria Park Road, Winton, Bournemouth.

J. A. Henderson, A/T 2082, 13 Hut, 8 Wing, D. Coy., R.E., Buckley Camp, Chepstow, Mon.

H. G. Hunt, Long Street, Sherborne.

A. L. G. Hutchings, Drumcondra, Overdale Road, Downend, Glos.

R. R. Pedley, L., Downing College, Cambridge.

F. H. Philpott, The Chantry, Marston Road, Sherborne.

A. M. Rogers, Talbot Arms, Uplyme, Lyme Regis.

Philip J. Rogers, 28, Vyner Road, Acton, W.3.

J. E. S. Wollington, 5, Council Terrace, Chard.

Addresses incomplete—L. F. Fox, Gibraltar; M. J. Rillie, Oxford;

E. B. Wise, Christchurch; D. G. Parsons, Southampton.

Whereabouts unknown—E. J. J. Simons.