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On Nov 9th 4 goals for Fosters,
and two goals for Blanford.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

PERHAPS we may be permitted in this issue to plunge at once into mid-term. The Summer Fair, held on June 22nd, was as complete a success in every way as its most zealous supporters could have wished, and brought us a sum almost sufficient to wipe off the debt on the new pavilion at one stroke. It is impossible to exaggerate the debt which we owe to the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Field who, not content with allowing us the free use of their delightful gardens at Greenhill House in preparation for the fete as well as on the day itself, added to this great privilege the most courteous and thoughtful services imaginable. In addition, a vast army of contributors and helpers drawn from parents, Old Boys and their families, and many other good friends, besides every member of the School, devoted themselves wholeheartedly to the various responsibilities they had undertaken. We wish to repeat here our sincerest thanks to all those who took so great a pleasure in ensuring success for the biggest effort we have made in recent years, and to express our deep gratitude to Mr. A. T. Walker who accepted the arduous duty of organising the whole function.

On the final Wednesday of the term, our second annual Swimming Sports, organised again with the utmost efficiency by Mr. H. J. Otton (O.F.), resulted in a very pleasurable afternoon for spectators and competitors alike, and also enabled us to complete the payment for the Pavilion. We would take this opportunity of expressing anew our gratitude for the kindness of the Headmaster of Sherborne School in again granting us the use of the Swimming Bath of Sherborne School on this occasion, as well as in placing the Bath at our disposal twice weekly during the term. This privilege was even more highly valued this year than in the past since we were permitted to use the Bath for a double, instead of a single, afternoon school period on Mondays and Fridays from mid-June; consequently half the School were able to bathe at a time, with the result that there was a much more general effort to learn to swim and the record number of eighteen novices passed their swimming test.

Valuable as were the financial results of the two functions already referred to, they would not have cancelled the debt on the pavilion without the continued help since Easter of a number of individual subscribers and keen workers. Particular mention should be made of the highly profitable Jumble Sale arranged in April by Mrs. Perkins and of the contribution of the 'Onlooker' staff: repeating their special effort of last year,

they devoted part of their Easter holiday to the issue of an extra number of their magazine in aid of the Pavilion Fund and received excellent support from the rest of the School. We congratulate them both upon the merit of their production and upon their public spirit. It is typical of the way in which the Pavilion has come into being.

The 'Onlooker' editors have been most grateful for the financial assistance which has been accorded them, and for the interest which has been shown in their recent issues, by several Old Fosterians, two or three of whom were themselves members of the 'Onlooker' editorial staff not long ago. We are very pleased to find that it is becoming increasingly common for Old Boys to be regular subscribers to this popular periodical. The latest number, No. 47, appeared at the end of the term and was remarkable for the large quantity of promising contributions given in by Form Vb. and by several boys of Form IV.

To return now to the beginning of the term: the cricket season opened disastrously, rain falling almost daily until a prolonged deluge made even the Terrace unfit for matches or practice, and three of the first seven matches had to be scratched, including our usual pleasant visit to Sherborne Park. All this was the more unfortunate since, with only one old 'colour' available, it was desirable to build up a new team quickly; moreover, some valuable instruction had been received in the first week, through the medium of a cine film hired from Kodak Ltd., from some of the greatest masters of the game, and it was intended to follow these interesting demonstrations by intensive practice. As a matter of fact, continuous earnest practice was not possible until just before half-term. The improvement made by the eleven, however, was most marked from the middle of June: only one of the last six matches was lost, whereas six of the first seven resulted in defeats; but in spite of several creditable individual achievements, the team as a whole might well have shown more of the spirit displayed by St. Bede's who, with a team composed mainly of juniors and with the odds heavily against them, carried off the House Cricket Cup by sheer pluck and keenness, contrary to all expectations. The feature of the cricket season of 1932 was the skilful and consistent batting of Beer ii who, although lacking in inches, attained perfect mastery over a variety of strokes and is worthy to be ranked with our best batsmen of the past, such as J. A. Rose and Leonard Dunford. As a consequence of his excellent form in School matches, he was invited to take part during the holiday in some of the Dorset County Junior matches against Junior teams of neighbouring counties, but was unfortunately unable to accept the invitation.

It was a matter of great satisfaction that, in so uncertain a season, not only should the Summer Reunion of the Old Boys and the match against the Junior Old Boys have taken

place in excellent weather, but also that the match between the School Past and Present and Sherborne Town C.C., which had to be cancelled last year, was at last revived. All three, though resulting in defeats for the School, were very enjoyable occasions.

As soon as term ended, a party of 26 Fosterians set off for a very enjoyable fortnight's camp at Ringstead Bay. We have to thank Scoutmaster L. Kitzerow and Mr. A. J. Batchelor (O.F.'s) for their choice of a site which, though difficult of access, combined almost all other possible advantages, and for the preliminary arrangements which they made; and while deeply regretting that sudden illness should have prevented Mr. Kitzerow from sharing in the pleasures he had planned for us, we give him our best wishes for a complete recovery at no distant date.

It was very satisfactory to find that the Higher School Certificate (Cambridge Local) Examination produced the best all-round results achieved by the School since the examination was first taken in 1927. Three passes had been recorded in the meantime, one in each of the last three years; but this year all three candidates who sat—G. W. F. Ashford, W. A. Beer and A. L. G. Hutchings were successful in all their subjects, except (in the case of the first two) subsidiary Latin. They are heartily congratulated on setting up a new record for the School in advanced work. In the School Certificate, H. L. R. Hutchings was successful.

As soon as the Certificate examinations were completed, the upper forms had the valuable opportunity not only of visiting local workshops and machine premises, as in the past two years, but also of undertaking an official survey of a limited area of country on behalf of the Ordnance Survey Department. Needless to say, these outings were as much enjoyed as they were profitable. Another interesting point of contact with the outside world was the provision, in common with other local Schools, of exhibits of art and woodwork for the Bath and West of England Show at Yeovil in June. Our woodwork experts were also busy with the manufacture of suitable articles for sale at the Summer Fair and several of these were much admired.

The Rev. Canon S. H. Wingfield Digby, M.A., R.D., who has been for sixteen years a member of the School's Governing Body, has resigned the living of Sherborne Abbey to take an appointment in Kenya Colony. Many Old Boys will hear with regret of his departure, and we shall all miss his personal interest in our affairs. We were, therefore, very pleased to receive a special visit from Canon Digby on the day before we broke up, when he was kind enough to present the cricket prizes and swimming certificates, including the average bat which he has given for many seasons past. Our readers will be interested to know that Canon and Mrs. Digby are due to sail on November 10th in the Union Castle S.S. Llanfechan Castle, and travelling via the Cape, where they hope to call, will be six weeks on their voyage, arriving at Mombasa on December

22nd. As Chaplain at Nakuru, Canon Digby will minister to settlers in an area with a radius of about sixty miles. We know that all Fosterians will join with us in good wishes to him and Mrs. Digby for success and happiness in their new and bold undertaking.

The Tuck Shop profits for the Summer term were £2 19 0½.

The half-holiday that is regularly given for the Form that shows the greatest improvement in Physical training was won by Form III.

Next term's dates are: Tuesday September 20th to Thursday December 22nd. Whole holidays will be Monday October 17th (Pack Monday) and Monday November 7th (half term). The Christmas Entertainment is fixed for Wednesday December 21st, when "The Rivals" (R. B. Sheridan) will be acted.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following School magazines:—the Shastonian, the Crewkernian, The Cygnet (Swanage G.S.), The Yeovilian, Sexey's School Magazine, the magazine of Beaminster G.S., and we are also very grateful for the following publications of various kinds:—six further copies of The Auckland Weekly News (Mr. S. P. Andrew, O.F.), containing delightful illustrated supplements of New Zealand beauty spots and also of world affairs; two copies of Petters' Magazine (Mr. D. W. Tuck, O.F.); two copies of Vickers News (Mr. G. D. Batchelor, O.F.), the March issue being of particular interest since it contained a description of the Crayford works, which were also illustrated by aerial photographs giving a good idea of the vast size of the factory and including among the views of different departments one of the Commercial Shop where Mr. G. D. Batchelor was then working; the Ontario Bulletin (April), from the London Office of the Government of Ontario; and a printed copy of a lecture entitled "A Decade of Municipal Work and Improvement in Gibraltar," delivered before the Gibraltar Society by Mr. W. H. Pearce, M.C., M. Inst. C.E., F.S.I., etc. (O.F.), an abstract of the lecture being given a few pages on.

SCHOOL OFFICERS IN THE SUMMER TERM.

Prefects:—G. W. F. Ashford (Head of School, Capt. of Cricket, Capt. of St. Dunstan's); W. A. Beer (Senior Librarian); A. L. G. Hutchings (Vice-Capt. of Cricket, Swimming Capt., Capt. of St. Aldhelm's, Joint Editor of "The Onlooker"); C. T. Beer (Cricket Committee); J. P. H. Cowan (Assistant Editor of "The Fosterian"); A. R. Collings; W. R. Elms; R. K. Dibble (Captain of St. Bede's, Joint Editor of "The Onlooker").

Member of Cricket Committee: G. A. J. Stephen; "Onlooker" Staff: J. B. Binder, P. A. Childs; Tuck Shop Committee: The Prefects, H. F. M. Thorne, F. C. Woodrow, and one representative from each Form; Assistant Secretaries, National Savings Association: A. E. Sherry, I. C. Upshall;

Form Librarians: Va—Collings; Vb—Eveleigh; IV—Rhodes; III—Ebdon and Fudge; II—Hunt ii and Perkins; General Form Monitors: Va—Hutchings ii; Vb—Stephen; IV—Pike; III—Murphy; II—Rickard and Hunt ii; Monitors for magazines and cuttings: Va—Taylor; Vb—Brunt; IV—Irvine; III—Ford and Young.

HOUSE POINTS for the year ending July 1932.

St. Bede's 472 (winners of the Dingley Challenge Cup, 1931—2); St. Dunstan's 448½, St. Aldhelm's 424.

St. Bede's also won the Football Cup and the Cricket Cup, thus emulating the triple success of St. Aldhelm's in 1927-8 and of St. Dunstan's in 1929—30).

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (Cambridge Local Examination).

G. W. F. Ashford	Pass	{ English and French (main subjects), Essay; History and Mathematics (subsidiary).
W. A. Beer	Pass	
A. L. G. Hutchings	Pass	

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (Cambridge Local Examination).

H. L. R. Hutchings	Pass	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
A. R. Collings	—	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10.
J. P. H. Cowan	—	1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10.
W. H. Cross	—	1, 2, 7, 10.
R. E. Gear	—	1, 7, 10.
J. M. Green	—	1, 7.
A. C. Meaker	—	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10.
P. D. Parsons	—	1, 7, 10.
D. Sharpe	—	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10.
W. H. Taylor	—	1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10.
F. C. Woodrow	—	1, 4, 7, 10.

Reference Numbers: 1=Composition, 2=English, 3=History, 4=Geography, 5=French, 6=Oral French, 7=Single Mathematics paper, 8=Mathematics, 9=Chemistry, 10=Art.
Thick type = a pass with credit.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

	VI. 1st year only.	V.B.	IV.
Divinity ..	—	Concock 73	Hann 82
Literature ..	Beer ii 53	Eveleigh 78	Willis 51
Grammar and Composition ..	Beer ii 62	Andrews 64	Hann i 63
History ..	—	Eveleigh 72	Willis 72
Geography ..	—	Eveleigh 64	Hann 77
Latin ..	—	Eveleigh 85	Willis 74
French ..	Dibble 60	Eveleigh 68	Webb 61
Mathematics ..	—	Osment 75	Willis 65
Higher Maths. ..	Dibble 52	—	—
Science ..	Beer ii 69	Binder 60	Willis 79
Art ..	—	Davis 82	Hunt i 80
Manual Work ..	—	—	Sherry i 94

	III.		II.
Divinity	Ford	77	Baker 78
Literature	Ford	81	Baker 71
Grammar and Composition ..	Brunt ii	56	Baker 75
History	Little	62	Coles 59
Geography	Hughes	87	Baker 79
Latin	Hughes	62	—
French	Brunt ii	78	—
Mathematics ..	Murphy	68	Baker 97
Science	Murphy	68	—
Art	Fudge	87	Baker 65
Manual Work ..	Murphy	90	Baker 80

THE PAVILION FUND.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce—and no doubt with equal pleasure our readers will receive the announcement—that the Pavilion Fund is now complete and that the building belongs to the School in very fact. To have raised over £300 since November 1930 is an achievement of which the School may be proud, but the dominant feeling of the organisers and, we believe, of all the members of the School is, as it ought to be, one of sincere thankfulness. Throughout the twenty months during which the Fund has been open, and until the very end, individual subscriptions have continued to reach us, and combined movements by many groups of friends have increased the Fund considerably at frequent intervals. The Pavilion stands as a striking example of unified effort on the part of the School past and present, parents and boys, town and country, the distant and the near; it is a tangible proof—if one be needed—of the existence of that corporate spirit which healthy school life always fosters, and also of the readiness of an English community to rise to an occasion.

Supporters were not idle even in the Easter holiday: we are very grateful to Mrs. Perkins and Peter for their most successful organisation of a jumble sale in the middle of April, whereby twelve guineas were raised; and we thank also all those who were associated with them as helpers and contributors, including Mr. W. R. Willis (O.F.) who kindly collected the goods in one of his lorries. As a result, the Summer term opened with the good news that the Fund stood then at over £223. On the second day of the term, the special number of the 'Onlooker,' already mentioned in the School Notes, was on sale, and the members of the School seconding this effort as readily as on the previous occasion, another guinea was contributed.

With the object of clearing the greater part of the debt which remained on the building, a Summer Fair was arranged on a large scale on Wednesday, June 22nd., and was favoured by perfect weather, ideal surroundings in the beautiful gardens of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Field, and by the most generous support of the town and neighbourhood, including local

Schools. The profit reached the most satisfactory total of over £64.

Meanwhile, Form Va, with some help from the lower Forms, continued their weekly contributions, and a number of subscriptions (listed, with much gratitude, below) brought the Fund within sight of the coveted £300. Finally, by his splendid organisation of the Swimming Sports, Mr. H. J. Otton (O.F.) ensured the completion of the Fund by the end of the term, handing over the excellent sum of more than £15.

It will be noticed that the cost of the building slightly exceeds £300; this is due mainly to the unforeseen necessity of providing a large water-tank owing to the limited supply of water on the Terrace, and to certain additions made to the sanitary arrangements in order to comply with the requirements of the local Authority.

It now remains, at the first opportunity, to set about accumulating a Repairs Fund, so that the Pavilion may be kept in the best possible condition to withstand all the vagaries of the English climate.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	209	4	5
Proceeds of Summer Fair	64	9	1
Proceeds of Swimming Sports, per Mr. H. J. Otton	15	11	3
Proceeds of Rummage Sale, per Mrs. Perkins ..	12	12	0
'The Onlooker' Staff, sale of special number ..	1	1	0
Bank Interest	1	8	3
Form Collections—Va—11s, Vb—2s, III—2s. 6d.			
£1 1s. each: Mrs. Waldegrave, Mr. F. Waldegrave, Mr. A. T. Thorne (O.F.); £1: Mr. W. C. Kennett (O.F.), Mr. Sharp, Mr. F. R. Lindsay. 12s. 6d.: anon 10s. 6d.: Mr. E. W. Folkes (O.F.), second donation. 10s.: Mr. W. J. Dike, Mr. A. H. Tuffin (O.F.) second donation. 5s.: Mr. I. M. McGann, Mr. T. W. Gibling, Mr. J. T. Symonds (O.F.). 2s. 6d.: Mr. E. G. Harvey (O.F.) 2s. Miss Anderson.			
Total Receipts:—£314 7s; Expenses (Printing, Postage, etc.), £3 18s.; Payment for Pavilion: £308 19s.; for Flag: £1 10s.			

LECTURE.

On June 30th, the Rev. Charles Waldegrave was kind enough to give the School a talk on Work in Children's Police Courts, the outcome of his experience during several years in Birmingham.

He pointed out the difference in the treatment of young offenders nowadays and years ago. Formerly children were tried in adult courts and in surroundings which made them feel that they were already criminals. This experience had the effect of unnerving the youthful victim who had not deliberately broken the law, whereas the habitual young offender, guilty perhaps of wilful damage, theft or more serious crime, revelled in the publicity. Nowadays a simple, cheerful room is provided apart from the court, and everything possible

about the case is found out beforehand. There is an investigator's report, a doctor's report and a school report, so that the full character of the child may be brought to light, and he is treated accordingly and with the utmost sympathy.

Mr. Waldegrave showed us that a criminal is expensive, each young offender's case costing roughly 10s. A probation officer always visits the child's home, and if the offence is serious or the home unsuitable, the child is sent to an institution. We were surprised to learn how many lives are ruined by bad home influence.

The talk, which was often delightfully humorous, was illustrated by many striking anecdotes. We were told how a thoughtless boy did serious damage to an engine driver, a train and a considerable stretch of line through playing with a water-pistol, and how another disorganised a whole tram service with his father's police whistle.

We are deeply grateful to Mr. Waldegrave for his interesting and illuminating talk, especially as he was then only just recovering from a serious illness. He left us with the thought that some of us might one day help to carry on this valuable work by ourselves becoming probation officers.

J.P.H.C.

LECTURE BY AN OLD BOY.

A very interesting lecture was delivered under the auspices of the Gibraltar Society at the Exchange Building, Gibraltar, on March 29th by Mr. W. H. Pearce, M.C., M.Inst. C.E., F.S.I., M.I.W.E., M.I.M.C.E., City Engineer of Gibraltar (O.F., 1896-8). The subject was 'A Decade of Municipal Work and Improvement in Gibraltar,' and the building was packed.

The lecturer made it abundantly plain that the tale of municipal engineering work in Gibraltar during the past ten years was one of steady progress and improvement, and that public works and the civic services were up-to-date and efficient. Moreover, the works or traces of the works of civil engineers and architects of past ages still remain as lasting records of their skill.

Introductory remarks referred to population (about 20,000), area (1,388 acres, though the bulk of the people are concentrated upon 105 acres, the density in the more congested part being 140 persons per acre), etc., and a striking fact was that, owing to internal economies and standardisation, the rates were little more than before the War. We learn that the average number of men employed in the City Engineer's department is nearly 400.

Dealing in detail first with the King's Highway, Mr. Pearce laid stress both upon the improvements effected in surface treatment since the advent of motor vehicles, the eighteen miles of public highway now having paved and dustless surfaces, and upon the special developments and reconstructions of roads for modern traffic. Considerable attention was also given to Gibraltar's remarkably good service in street-cleaning and

washing, no English town being better served.

The ever-present difficulties of providing an adequate water supply had been so well overcome that the potable water storage had been increased in a generation from 1½ million to 8½ million gallons, and extension was still proceeding. The drainage system presented another problem, but it had been improved every year and serious flooding was becoming rarer and rarer, in spite of the fact that the enormous volume of 1½ million gallons an hour had often to be discharged, in time of storm, by the main sewer and its overflow reliefs; for though the average rainfall is 33 inches and the minimum has been 15, the maximum has reached as much as 77 inches.

The health of the city was better than ever before, for enormous improvements had been made in the collection and disposal of refuse since the introduction of modern destructors for the incineration of rubbish and the almost complete replacement of mule carts by motor vehicles and a steam waggon, there being a daily house collection of refuse in winter and a collection twice daily in summer. The huge quantity of 5,500 tons of house refuse was disposed of in a year.

In regard to housing, the position was much better than twelve years ago, although there were still over a hundred families living in single rooms. Private building enterprise had been showing a marked increase, but there was need for decongestion in places and for the provision of small local open spaces as playgrounds for children. The lecturer gave it as his opinion that it was better to extend upwards than horizontally, and that the limited available building space in Central Gibraltar should not be covered with bricks and mortar. He also regretted that local tiles and other building materials were being superseded by cheaper substitutes, and that the bright colour-washed walls, once a feature of the place, were disappearing.

Other topics dealt with included the training of craftsmen, the Council's quarries and nurseries, the recent construction of a meat and vegetable market, sea-bathing and the new bathing pavilion, promenades and recreation grounds, sea-defence works to counteract the dangers of coast erosion, and the electricity works.

OLD BOYS ON TOUR.

We have the greatest pleasure in printing below two attractive contributions, forwarded at the special request of the Editor by Old Boys, viz:—Mr. E. W. Short (1893-9), A.M.I.E.E., Bedford, and Mr. P. W. H. Dike (1922-5), Stalbridge. We hope that these articles will stir other Old Boys to emulate the present contributors' example in passing on, through the medium of the School magazine, the impressions derived from their expeditions and experiences. By the same post which brought his article, Mr. Short was kind enough also to send for the School Library a copy of Hippiusley Cox's "The Green Roads of England" and of "Pre-Roman

Britain" (H. J. Massingham). By a curious coincidence he fell in with some people at Shillingstone who had known the author of the former work during his life quite well: he was a frequent visitor to the district and its ancient surrounding encampments.

Green Roads.

Young people who spend their school life in Sherborne are lucky indeed in being in the midst of a really beautiful and interesting countryside, with such a wealth of footpaths and country lanes giving ready access to all its diverse charms.

A thirst for the speed to be had on the main roads is natural to youth. The special attractions of the countryside, that increase roughly as the square of the distance from the nearest railway or main road, may appeal most to maturer years. But my own liking for footpath walking undoubtedly owes its inspiration and beginnings to those country walks round Sherborne.

For the all-too-brief periods when the demands of a manufacturing organization can be forgotten, or put aside, the made-up attractions of popular resorts hold out for me no lure, and the mere multiplication of miles on main roads defeats its own end. Just because every mile is different and has its own separate and individual interest, seeing all means missing everything that matters.

Let me assume it granted that we travel on our own feet. Then countryside walking is good both for bodily fitness and mental refreshment; cobwebs about the grey matter of the brain respond to the treatment like the reaction of domestic webs to the vacuum cleaner. But perhaps there remains the problem of where to go. As a complete answer, and as a means of adding a further and absorbing interest to a walk, let me recommend the green roads of England, that mark for many hundreds of miles the ancient highways of the prehistoric folk, the roads made and used by the men that built the ramparts of Maiden Castle, Eggardon Hill and Badbury Rings and who, probably generations later, built Stonehenge.

After walking over those stretches of the ancient Icknield Way which cross Bedfordshire, a year or two ago, I learnt that it, and its continuation the Ridgeway, could still not only be traced from Norfolk into Wessex, but that most of it could be walked over, although not motored upon. Last summer, therefore, I spent a free week most profitably in following the hundred miles or so of the road from Ickleford to Dunstable, Ivinghoe, Tring, through many of the hanging beechwoods of Buckinghamshire, Wendover, the Risboro's, Sherburn-in-Oxon, Goring—crossing the Thames to Streatley—thence to higher ground, by the Ridgeway, to Wantage, the Uffington White Horse and Ashbury, to Avebury. Along the foot of the Chilterns and east of the Thames fieldpaths and by-lanes marked the Way for the most part. Across the Berkshire Downs and the northern part of Salisbury Plain, however,

the Way lies along nearly forty miles of green road, of close springy turf, along the ridge of the hills, mostly open and unfenced, and is a delight to both body and soul. Imagine hearing the dinner-hour whistles of far-away Swindon and then, in the solitude, the sound of a swallow flying by.

Earthworks and ramparted camps mark the whole line of the ancient road, some of the major kind, some lesser, but each on the highest hill available. They occur regularly every ten or twelve miles, culminating in the great circular bank and ditch that enclosed the stone circles of Avebury, the religious centre and capital of the country in the days of pre-history. Of the stone circles and avenues, comparatively few isolated monoliths now remain, but the site is the focal point and radiating centre of the green roads that mark the old travel ways. Nor are the camps the only remaining visible relics of the folk that built and used the old roads. An occasional unexpected hillside, terraced into strips, indicates land brought into cultivation for crops of grain. And at intervals along the roads are the burial mounds; long barrows, round barrows, and tumuli singly, and in threes, and in groups.

When walking, I carry a camera to photograph the more interesting bits, to preserve some record for interest and future comparison. For remaining luggage, I travel with no more than can be put comfortably in a pack—including one-inch scale maps—and rely for food and lodging on the village inns. And one would have to go far, with but little chance of success, to beat the kindly welcome and comfort of the Wessex inns. To come to the point, the experience of a year ago was so satisfying that I planned for this summer a ten-days' walk of about 160 miles of old roads, this time to include Sherborne.

So I started from Westbury by walking over White Horse Hill, to join the Ridgeway on the downs above, into Warminster, itself surrounded by major ramparted encampments. Thence to Stourton Tower and by the Hardway—successively a British and a Roman road, and a coaching highway—to Cadbury Castle, the Camelot of the Arthurian legend, within sight of the pleasant Isle of Avalon. Hereabouts, in fully cultivated country, the long green tracks have disappeared and the exact lie of the old ways is indefinite. But what I believe to be the old road follows a lane climbing steeply up from Sutton Montis to the high ground on the north-eastern shoulder of Corton Hill, crossing Poynton Hill and going partly over fields, past Milborne Port, round the ridge to Haydon, and still along the ridge to Honeycombe Tout and Knighton Hill. The old line across the Vale towards Bubb Down is quite lost, and in striking through Leigh and Chetnole to Evershot I had to be content with the available fieldpaths.

From Evershot, the walk by Rampisham and Great Toller to Eggardon Hill, with its great triple ramparts, its burial tumuli, and its unmatched views over West Dorset country, was more than amply repaid. Returning, I followed another

branch of the old way through Wynford Eagle to Cattistock, and rejoined the true west-to-east Ridgeway on Batcombe Hill, where its line is identical with the Long Ash Lane of the Hardy novels, past the Cross-in-Hand to High Stoy. Then down to the Cerne Giant and a night's lodging. After climbing to the Ridgeway again, the going is good along the backbone of Dorset and provides such views on the one hand, of the Blackmore Vale, and on the other of the many and varied 'bottoms,' sheltering here a village, there a church and mansion, or again but a scattered hamlet, as gives a Dorset man to dream about.

Past Plush, Pleck, Rawisbury Camp and Bulbarrow, and then along a final joyous stretch of the ridge road, open, green and springy, to Shillingstone Hill, with a view from Duncton to Shaston and Melbury Hill, and nearer, just across the old ford of the Stour, the huge and striking camps of Hambledon and Hod Hill. The remainder of the walk, by Smugglers' Lane to Pimperne, Blandford, Buzbury Rings, Spetisbury Rings and Badbury Rings to Wimborne, and so out of the country to Ringwood is merely recorded as completing an all-too-brief sight of our Dorset from a somewhat different point of view, and leaving so much unvisited and to be walked over another day.

E.W.S.

From Stalbridge to Edinburgh.

In company with a friend I set out on June 20th on a motor tour which in the end extended to exactly 1400 miles. We saw a variety of scenery, antiquities, peoples and customs.

The first day took us to Gloucester, where we found the cloisters of the cathedral very interesting, on to Tewkesbury, Worcester—where we saw the home county play the All India cricket team, as well as visiting the beautiful cathedral, and via Ludlow to Shrewsbury, where we spent the night. As the Prince of Wales was due to visit Shrewsbury the next day, the town was crowded with Old Salopians, whose presence changed the peaceful atmosphere of the historical stronghold.

Our route took us next to Chester, a unique city with its famous 'ruess,' cathedral and old Roman wall, all built of reddish stone peculiar to the district. Within a short time of gazing at the ancient cathedral of Chester, we were comparing it with the modern structure of Liverpool—a veritable triumph of twentieth century building. We reached Liverpool by crossing by ferry from Birkenhead, and found the streets lined with people: they had gathered, a police constable told us, to welcome the Duke and Duchess of York—"not you," he added. It seemed that Royalty were following us!

Our progress through Lancashire was rather depressing: we were shocked to see streets of unemployed and the hovels they live in. It was a relief to reach lovely Westmoreland and to make Ambleside, on the banks of Lake Windermere, our centre for the Lake District. We enjoyed a little boating on the Lake and saw the spot where Sir H. Segrave met his death.

We toured the district fairly thoroughly—Windermere, Grasmere, Ullswater, Derwentwater and Buttermere, the Kirkstone Pass, and the wild wastes of Ennerdale, across which stretches an old Roman wall.

The sad plight of Cumberland was vividly brought home to us. The only industries appeared to be mining and sheep-farming, and both were in a shocking state: the farmers said they could make only eight to fifteen shillings of their sheep and could not dispose of their wool at a gift. An old pedlar with whom we had an interesting conversation gave us further particulars of the bad times, for his trade was dying out; when asked how the folks lived, he replied "On Lloyd George's dole." In a tiny village we saw two rows of houses, fifteen houses in a row, all evacuated, and were informed that there were 48 unemployed and 3 employed in the village.

We pushed on by way of Keswick, Carlisle and Gretna Green to the Trossachs, making Callendar our centre. Personally, I thought the Trossachs over-estimated, but my companion disagreed. A delightful circular tour took us round the 'bonnie banks o' Loch Lomond' by way of Aberfoyle. We were very interested in Luss, where on the following Saturday Kaye Don broke the world's speed-boat record.

Passing through Stirling, with its castle and its fine monument to William Wallace, our next objective was Edinburgh. Here we were much impressed by the cathedral and the wonderful War Memorial, and also paid an interesting visit to the biscuit factory of McVitie and Price. Because of the cleanliness and beauty of Edinburgh, I was much struck by the horrors of the 'Royal Mile'—the street leading from the cathedral to Holyrood Palace.

Continuing southward through Berwick-on-Tweed, Alnwick, Morpeth and Newcastle, we came in sight of the magnificent cathedral of Durham, but more vivid still is the recollection of the unemployed lining the streets in the towns of the north-east.

We made for Whitby and Scarborough, and next day came through York, Doncaster, Newark, Leicester and Coventry to Stratford-on-Avon, which we remember for the hotel and its bill! We were fortunate enough to see 'Henry IV' at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre.

On the following day a pleasant ride through Evesham and Cheltenham brought us home, and I appreciated my own county all the more after witnessing the pitiful conditions in Scotland, Cumberland and the north-east towns. It was the end, however, of one of the most interesting and instructive holidays I have yet spent.

P.W.H.D.

The Cricket Film.

On the first Friday of the term, the whole School had the enviable pleasure of seeing an instructive film on cricket, the films and apparatus being supplied by Kodak, Ltd.

Hobbs and Sutcliffe were first on view, opening the batting

during an England—Australia test match, following which Hobbs and Hammond, in turn, demonstrated the chief batting strokes. All their movements were repeated in slow motion and the chief points to remember were clearly stated. A. P. F. Chapman, as a left-hander, also made some powerful drives.

Fielding was next dealt with, Hobbs at cover-point being again the star. Slow-motion showed us how to pick up the ball and return it in one action, and Hammond (slip) and Chapman (mid-off) made us realise the value of anticipation and alertness.

We then saw some of England's greatest bowlers in action. Again, the slow-motion picture enabled us to understand how Freeman delivers his googlies, and how Tate's pace comes chiefly from the swing and balance of his shoulders.

Finally, Strudwick gave would-be wicket-keepers a valuable lesson on quick and safe work behind the stumps.

Mr. Welcher very kindly manipulated the projector.

A.R.C.

VISITS TO WORKS, ETC.

During the customary 'rest' after the Certificate examinations, the upper Forms were given the opportunity of visiting the workshop of Messrs. R. Eason and Sons. Above the din of an old but still reliable gas engine, we listened to interesting explanations of the working of various wood-shaping machines.

The first we were shown consisted of a narrow continuous saw, made to revolve at a tremendous speed as a belt revolves round a flywheel. Besides being able to cut wood in a straight line, it could follow a curve of any shape in much the same way as a fretwork saw. One of the mathematical members of the party was allowed to try this machine himself, and to the amusement of the remainder, he cut out a curve whose equation was, very approximately, " $y = \sin x$." When running at its maximum rate, the saw revolved about five hundred times a minute.

We next saw a planing machine which could, if necessary, plane an inch off a large plank in a few seconds. The operation is performed by two blades bolted to a cylinder, revolving 3,700 times a minute.

A mortising machine was the next mystery to be explained. In the hands of a skilful workman, it can make 130 mortises in an hour by means of a revolving chain, every link of which is a sharp-edged blade.

Before we left, Mr. C. E. Eason (O.F.), explained how grooves can be cut by a "drunken" circular saw, that is, a saw that is slightly tilted but concentric. After an extremely interesting and instructive hour, we returned with a better understanding how it was possible to build our new pavilion in so short a time with the aid of labour-saving devices, such as we had seen.

A.L.G.H.

On the last day of the Summer term, Form Vb were privileged to pay a visit to the Dairy of Mr. E. R. Hunt (O.F.)

in Cheap Street. We first watched the cream taken from the milk in the separating room, and next saw the bottles washed and heated to a temperature of 180°F. to remove any germs. It is not until they are thus sterilised that they are filled, at the rate of twelve dozen bottles every nine and a half minutes. An ingenious device ensures continuous filling; a trough is supported above a rack which holds four bottles, and in the bottom of the trough are four vents, directly above the bottles; by moving a lever, two of these vents are opened and two closed. Thus the milk runs through the open holes into two bottles, and when these are full, the lever is pulled over so that the other two bottles receive the milk while the full ones are replaced by empty ones. When filled, they have to be cooled in a refrigerating room to preserve the milk, and a temperature of 40°F. is attained by means of compressed ammonia gas. We learned that when butter is taken from cold storage, it is too hard to be made into blocks of the required size; a machine therefore crushes and softens it. The chief impression with which we returned was of the absolute cleanliness of the Dairy and all its contents; and we were grateful to Mr. Hunt for giving us the opportunity of seeing the precautions taken in the interest of his customers' health.

E.J.E. and C.I.C.

THE ORDNANCE SURVEY.

After the worry of examinations, Forms VI and Va were privileged to help to complete an ordnance survey map of the Holnest area, details of the kinds of fields and the crops that were being grown in them being required. The work was done at the request of the Dorset County Council, and accuracy was essential.

The area was divided into four portions, two boys being entrusted with each portion, equal to about a square mile in area. The party set out under the direction of Mr. A. T. Walker, armed with traced maps showing the divisions of land to be classified. Arriving at our separate destinations after considerable discussion and hesitation, we had to find the farm concerned and consult the farmer, and this proved a very helpful proceeding.

As soon as we could identify our position on the map, the rest became fairly simple. The whole of the work occupied three mornings and involved tramping up and down countless fields, along streams, through woods and over heathland, until there was not one section on our map that was not marked with the appropriate symbol.

On our return we all agreed that such work was far more interesting than answering examination questions. J.P.H.C.

THE NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The following are the figures that epitomise the satisfactory Savings business transacted in the Summer term: Members—

23; Average weekly contributions—£1 8s; Total amount contributed—£18 16s. 6d; Certificates bought—23. Totals since 1924: £456 18s. 8d.; 561 certificates.

THE LIBRARY.

At the end of the Easter term, all the Form librarians were busy with the examination of the books under their charge, with a view to sorting out those which were in need of re-binding and to discarding those which were beyond repair. As a result of their useful work, over 80 books were strongly rebound during the Easter holiday. Although this expense exhausted almost the whole of the year's grant from the Governors of the School, and therefore precluded the purchase of many desirable new books, it was without doubt well worth while.

We offer our most grateful thanks to the following donors for extensive and valuable additions to our shelves:—

Mr. R. Gregory (O.F.)—Tales of Talbot House (Rev. P. B. Clayton)—a specially acceptable gift, of particular interest to the older boys, acquainting them with the beginnings and wonderful progress of the Toc H. movement, to which, no doubt, a number of them will feel the call to devote themselves later on.

Vice-Admiral D. Norris, C.B., C.M.G.—a further generous collection, including 13 novels, for Form Vb, by Conan Doyle, Stanley Weyman and Antony Hope, and a number of books for the Reference Section dealing with the Great War, the Navy and other general topics, e.g. Aircraft in Warfare, In the Clouds above Baghdad (Lt.-Col. J. E. Tennant), The Great Illusion (Norman Angell), A Student in Arms (Donald Hankey), Supplying Britain's Meat, The Marine Chronometer.

Mr. T. G. Guppy (O.F.)—a very varied collection of over 100 volumes, which have been distributed among the different libraries as follows:—Form II—The Heroes, Water Babies, Robinson Crusoe, Nests and eggs shown to the children; Form III—Tom Brown's School Days, Arabian Nights' Entertainments, stories by Fenimore Cooper, G. Manville Fenn, W. H. G. Kingston, R. M. Ballantyne; Form IV—Hereward the Wake, Quentin Durward, Lorna Doone, Silas Marner, The Story of the Iliad; Form Vb—The Cloister and the Hearth, Pride and Prejudice, Last Days of Pompeii; Form Va—Thackeray (several volumes), Life of Nelson, Keats (English Men of Letters), Tennyson (A. C. Benson), The Spectator papers, Travels with a Donkey (R.L.S.), Sheridan's plays, The Pilgrim's Progress, Cowper's Letters, Memoirs of Napoleon, Selections from Dryden, Nature near London (R. Jefferies), The Lay of the Last Minstrel, Coriolanus, Twelve Types (G. K. Chesterton); Reference Section—The Story of Broadcasting, Selections from Plato, Emerson's Works, Poems of Rural Life (W. Barnes), Handbook to the Birds of Great Britain.

Mr. J. A. Rose (O.F.)—a comprehensive and well-illustrated volume of "Australian Birds and Blossoms."

Mr. M. C. Hodgson—for the Reference Library, 'Lord's and the M.C.C.' (Lord Harris and F. S. Ashley Cooper), and three volumes of Oriental Memoirs (Forbes); for Form IV—Westward Ho, The Two Jungle Books, The Boy's Book of the Motor Car; for Form III—Kidnapped, The Model Railway Handbook. **Mr. E. W. Short** (O.F.)—The Green Roads of England (R. Hippisley Cox), Pre-Roman Britain (H. J. Massingham).

THE SUMMER FAIR.

We were fortunate enough, through the kindness of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Field, to have the setting of the beautiful gardens of Greenhill House for our Summer Fair, arranged on Wednesday June 22nd. with the object of paying off most of the debt that remained from the erection of the new pavilion. Glorious June weather made the function as enjoyable as it was financially successful, over 500 visitors being present.

The Fair was opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs. Field, and in introducing her, the Headmaster expressed the School's deep appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Field's kindness in allowing their grounds to be used and in making all those associated with the arrangements feel so welcome during the days of organisation. Mr. Lush also spoke of the School's gratitude to Mr. Walker, the chief organiser, to the orchestra and the country dancers, and to all those who had rendered and were rendering assistance in so many ways.

Mrs. Field, who was presented with a bouquet of sweet peas by P. R. Goodchild, assured the gathering of the pleasure it gave Mr. Field and herself to hold the Fair in their gardens, and to help on a cause that deserved all the interest and support they could give it. She asked the visitors to show their appreciation of the work of Foster's School for the town and district by what she might call wise spending that afternoon, that is, by buying up all the articles on the stalls.

The Rev. Arthur Field said that the erection of the pavilion was an extremely bold enterprise in these days of depression, but it was an achievement which showed what could be done when a whole body had a cause at heart and each one meant to do his best to see the result attained. Foster's School was a school of ideal numbers, small enough for each boy to feel that he could take a hand and just big enough for the whole body to make a big effort.

Selections by the Sherborne Orchestra, arranged by Mr. K. Dibble, were greatly enjoyed during the afternoon and evening, and there were attractive displays of country dancing by Lord Digby's School and by other local bands of country dancers, organised by Miss M. E. Dibble, of the English Folk Dance Society, and Miss B. Wardlaw. A tennis tournament, under the management of Mr. K. C. Ball (O.F.), continued till a late hour, and two performances were given of an original playlet, repeated from the School's Commoners' Concert of last March. This was "The Last Lap," which purported to

show how the last monies for the Pavilion Fund were raised, and those taking part under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibling, with Mr. M. M. Welcher as stage-manager, were Mr. K. J. Ebdon (O.F.), E. P. Andrews, P. A. Childs, A. C. Meaker and W. H. Taylor. Another interesting feature was a fancy dress parade, kindly judged by Mrs. Field and Mrs. Littleton Powys; and in the evening dancing was enjoyed on the lawn until ten o'clock, the Sherborne Orchestra providing the music. Various competitions and side shows offered additional attractions, including hoop-la (Mrs. J. J. Davis, Mrs. W. R. Willis), hidden treasure (W. A. Beer and G. W. F. Ashford), clock golf (Mr. E. Hulme), square line competition (A. L. G. Hutchings, R. K. Dibble), Skittles (Mr. J. Cowan and J. P. H. Cowan), balloon flights (Mr. C. H. Green, Mr. A. A. Brown (O.F.)); guessing competitions—cake (Eileen Welcher), peas (E. J. Eveleigh), clock (D. J. Hover), doll (P. Perkins); canary (Miss J. Rickard); bean bags (C. T. Beer, H. F. M. Thorne). Mrs. Field was good enough to add yet one more kindly service to her day's undertakings by presenting the prizes in the late evening.

The stall-holders were: Flowers—Mrs. Arthur Field, Miss S. Hind, Miss Young, Miss Twinn; China and Woodwork—Mrs. Lush, Mrs. Wearden, Miss Billinger, Miss Webb; Household—Mrs. Gibling, Mrs. Dibble; Fancy Goods—Mrs. Kitzerow, Mrs. Ebdon; Needlework—Mrs. Welcher, Mrs. Otton, Miss Otton, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Walker; Sweets—Mrs. G. C. Brett, Mrs. Cleland; Ices—Mrs. G. Coombs, Mrs. A. Coombs; Refreshments—Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. R. R. Warr, Mrs. W. L. Warr, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Perkins; Bran Tub—Miss D. Kitzerow, Mr. K. J. Ebdon; Buttonholes—W. Ford, E. Fudge; and the doorkeepers were Mr. C. A. Lowman, Mr. F. Marks, A. R. Collings.

The organising committee consisted of: Mr. C. A. Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Brett, Mrs. R. R. Warr, Mrs. Lush, Mrs. Welcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gibling, Mr. L. N. W. Litzerow, and Mr. A. T. Walker, to whom, as to all the numerous helpers and supporters, the School's sincerest thanks are given, and a special expression of gratitude is offered to Lord Digby's School and Sherborne School for Girls for their valuable co-operation and interest.

SCOUTS AND WOLF CUBS.

Numbers in the Troop remain stationary and fair progress has been made with our work. Unfortunately, shortly after half-term, we were obliged to postpone further meetings until until next term owing to the Scoutmaster's illness.

The Scouts' thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Welcher and Mr. and Mrs. Gibling for undertaking the management of the School Camp at Ringstead, where several members of the Troop spent a very pleasant fortnight.

List of members:—Scouts—Antell, Binder, Connock,

Clarke, Leigh, Mitchell ii, Rolis, Salmon, Saunders, Sherry i, Shute, Tite, Upshall; Cubs—Burgess, Coles, Hunt ii, Sherry ii.
L.K.

THE SUMMER CAMP.

Following last year's successful Camp at Saunton, a party of twenty-six this year spent a very enjoyable fortnight's holiday in camp in delightful surroundings at Ringstead Bay from July 29th to August 12th. Fourteen boys took part—Collings (Va), Salmon, Shute, Bate, Osment, Binder (Vb), Cherrett, Hann i, Abbott (IV), Ballam i, Ballam ii, Burgess, Cutten, Seeley (III), besides Mr. and Mrs. Gibling and Mr. and Mrs. Welcher and their families, and in addition it was very pleasant to have the company and assistance of Mr. A. J. Batchelor (O.F.), Mr. T. W. Gibling and, in the second week, the Rev. J. A. Cutten. Everyone regretted that Scoutmaster L. Kitzerow had to forego camp this year through illness.

The weather, which was never really bad, began by being dull and inclined to rain, but steadily improved, the second week being as hot as one could desire, though at times very misty; and with a safe and convenient bathing spot within five minutes' walk, bathing was enjoyed daily and generally twice a day, and was often followed by sun-bathing. Health—and perhaps it need hardly be added, appetites—improved continually, and all the party returned looking far fitter than when they left home.

Our introduction to the Camp was not altogether fortunate, the luggage lorry finding it necessary to unload at the top of the final steep hill, more than a mile from the site, and a second lorry that had towed a caravan and other equipment down the hill being unable without further help to make the ascent again. However, with the kindly aid of our farmer-host, Mr. T. F. Tod, and with the cheerfulness that the prospect of a jolly fortnight in the open air inspired, we overcame the difficulties of transport, and long before nightfall the necessary preparations were completed and we were comfortably settled in our holiday abode, three bell tents, a small marquee, three ridge tents and a caravan being occupied for sleeping accommodation and another bell tent being used for stores and cooking. We were most fortunate in having Mrs. Welcher and Mrs. Gibling with us to take charge of the cooking arrangements and fare was excellent and pleasantly varied, Mrs. Welcher's stove, seconded by an open fire, again proving invaluable. No difficulties of any magnitude had to be faced after arrival until the morning of departure, when we had again to fall back upon the services of Mr. Tod and his wagon and horses in order to transport our goods and chattels safely to the top of the hill.

We found ourselves looking out across Ringstead Bay to Portland and Weymouth harbour, the lights on Weymouth front being a nightly scene of beauty; behind us were the downs above the farm, and to the east the cliffs stretching towards Lulworth, while in the opposite direction a two-mile walk by a

cliff path separated us from Osmington Mills. Walks in both directions, but especially the latter, were popular, as well as rambles on the beach; while several attempts were made, under the expert guidance of Mr. A. J. Batchelor, to catch fish from the beach, one expedition at least being tolerably successful. Besides an occasional game of hide and seek, other regular activities were cricket and rounders, the latter proving a frequent evening's amusement: we were bold enough to challenge a neighbouring Scout Camp (that of the 3rd Dorchester Troop) to a match, but they preferred cricket and beat us, on a 'pitch'—if we may use the term—that was full of surprises, by 44—23. All the boys enjoyed a day's excursion to Weymouth at the end of the first week, but only the eldest felt attracted by a five to seven mile walk over the cliffs to Lulworth Cove on the second Monday. Besides these organised outings, a number of boys were fortunate enough to be able to spend an occasional day out with their parents or friends.

Orderly duties were done in rotation in groups of three, each boy being on duty thrice in the fortnight; and the water supply being within easy reach and fuel abundant, fatigues were few and limited. Two tent inspections helped to keep the discipline of the Camp at a good standard; once or twice a lazy day was enjoyed, and Cherrett's gramophone was seldom out of action. Meals were served with remarkable punctuality, at 8, 1, 5 and 8.30; and after the first night or two, the Camp was quiet by 10 p.m.

One of the features of the fortnight was the steady succession of visitors, mainly parents and Old Boys, who found their way to the site, in spite of the difficulties of access, from the first Sunday to the final Wednesday. They included Mr. and Mrs. Ballam; Mr. L. S. Salmon (O.F.) and his son and Miss Salmon; the Rev. J. A. Cutten and Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins; Mr. G. D. Batchelor (O.F.); Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Davis, Mr. G. Elliott jun. (O.F.) and Mrs. W. R. Willis; Mr. and Mrs. Parks; Mrs. and the Misses Edwards (Dorchester); Mrs. W. J. Dike and Cyril, Mr. P. W. H. Dike (O.F.), Mrs. Meader, Mr. R. E. Meader (O.F.), and Mrs. Shute; Mr. Hann; Mr. R. G. Mitchell (O.F.) and Mr. A. H. Paton (O.F.); Mr. L. G. Collings (O.F.); Superintendent J. H. and Mrs. Cherrett; and Mrs. F. H. Salmon and party; and all these visits, as well as many acceptable gifts accompanying them, were very welcome. We were also very grateful for the supply of cakes and jam which Mrs. G. E. Batchelor prepared for us to take with us. The Rev. J. A. Cutten joined the party for the last five days, his presence and help adding greatly to the enjoyment of young and old alike, and his conduct of evening prayers being much appreciated. Before his arrival, Mr. Batchelor kindly performed this duty and also took a short service on Sundays.

On the last evening but one, a jolly supper and concert round a big camp fire brought the holiday to a memorable

conclusion. The gramophone provided accompaniments for several choruses from the boys, Mr. Cutten gave a most entertaining performance with his 'monkey' besides singing two songs, there were recitations from Dick Cutten (in South African Dutch), Eileen Welcher, David and Robin Gibling, and topical songs—generously besprinkled with personal allusions—from Messrs. T. W. and R. Gibling, Mr. Welcher told his customary tale with its unexpected conclusion and Mr. A. J. Batchelor spun one of his popular adventure yarns. The gathering also gave an opportunity to the body of campers of showing appreciation of all that the ladies had done for them (Collings proposing their health in an appropriate short speech) as well as of the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Tod and the generosity and interest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Edwards and family, of Dorchester, who not only lent a large amount of camp equipment, including the caravan, marquee and two tents, but visited us in camp and attended the camp supper.

By careful management the Camp proved practically self-supporting, there being an adverse balance of only 6s 1½d. In addition, however, there was capital expenditure of £4 5s. 4d. on new ground-sheets and the reconditioning of one tent and several utensils, and these expenses will, it is hoped, be met out of the proceeds of the next Christmas Entertainment.

CRICKET.

The School's cricket season cannot claim to have been an eminently successful one; on the other hand it certainly was not a failure, and we may justly blame the weather for our lack of form throughout May. At the first, our batsmen, with the notable exception of Beer ii, could do little, the tail usually failing dismally; bowlers were often off their length, while our fielding suffered lapses, as for instance in the Old Boys' match. This was the nadir of our cricket, as it marked also a change in the weather: from that time there was steady improvement, chiefly because regular practice was at last possible; several of the tail learned how to keep their end up, if only to let other batsmen score, and above all our fielding became safer. The presence of Mr. R. R. Pedley (O.F.) at many of the later practices was a great help.

Beer ii's batting was remarkably consistent and was often the feature of the match, and his bowling eventually proved the most successful. Collings bowled finely in the earlier half of the season, taking on occasion 8 for 38 and 7 for 36, but though always a hard worker, he lost his form later. Binder and Stephen were useful all-rounders, but disappointed our expectations again and again. Beer i played two excellent innings, and among the younger members of the team, the most improved form was shown by Salmon, Cherrett, and Webb.

The average bat, kindly presented by Canon S. H. Winfield Digby, was deservedly won for the second year in succession by Beer ii, who also took the bowling prize, whilst the fielding

prize went to Ashford, with Stephen a close rival.

The House Matches did not fail to arouse the customary excitement. St. Aldhelm's were strong favourites, but St. Bede's, by ardent practice, just succeeded in beating them and thus winning the Cup. Congratulations are given to their team, especially the junior members who acquitted themselves so well in a crisis.

The School XI was: Ashford (capt.), Hutchings i (vice), Beer ii, Stephen, Collings, Binder, Beer i, Cherrett, Cowan, Salmon, Webb.

Colours were awarded to Collings, Binder, Beer i, Ashford, Hutchings and Stephen, Beer ii being the only 'colour' from last year.

MATCHES.

May 7. Sexey's School, at Bruton. Lost, 55—148.

Our first match was against a team we had not met before, and winning the toss, we made the very moderate score of 55, of which Beer ii claimed 24. With about an hour and a quarter to get the runs, Sexey's School started carefully and lost four wickets for 27. At this stage anything might have happened, and interest was very keen. But the later batsmen proved more than equal to the task, and our bowlers tiring quickly, they hit out freely and won by 93 runs.

May 11. Stalbridge. WON, 157—101.

The cold, cheerless weather seemed to dispirit our fielders, and though our opponents lost three wickets for as many runs, later partnerships raised the score to just over a hundred. Collings (5 for 35) and Beer ii (3 for 9) were our most successful bowlers. Our innings began weakly, but a fourth wicket stand between Beer ii (49) and Mr. Gibling (54 not out) set us on the road to victory, and an innings of 17 by Mr. Lush shortly after enabled us to claim our only win in the first half of the term. Mr. P. W. H. Dike and Mr. K. A. A. Brown (O.F.'s) played as usual for Stalbridge.

May 14. Yeovil School. LOST, 34—97.

Yeovil School started so slowly against the bowling of Collings and Binder that nine of the first dozen overs were maidens, and six wickets fell for 48. A fine innings of 58 by the Yeovil captain, however, brought the total to almost a hundred. Although Collings and Binder bowled well, Stephen (5 for 36) was most successful with the ball. Foster's School again began feebly, only Hutchings i facing the bowling confidently, and when Beer i joined him, 6 wickets were already down for 8. These two added 17, exactly half our total, Beer i being eventually not out for 10, and Hutchings claiming 9, but the tail collapsed.

May 25. Crewkerne School. LOST, 9—61.

Feeling the absence of Hutchings, our No. 1 batsman, in this match, we never settled down on a sticky wicket, and our innings was little more than a procession, no fewer than six

players failing to score. Although they reached a reasonably good total, the Crewkerne batsmen did not stay long either, Collings taking 4 for 18 and Binder 3 for 5, and an innings of each side was completed before tea. Batting a second time, we fared little better than before, 7 wickets being lost for 15. June 1. Old Fosterians. LOST, 76—90.

The weather was perfect for this annual all-day fixture. Winning the toss, the Old Boys sent us in to bat and dismissed our first four batsmen for 18 runs. A stand by Beer ii (29) and Mr. Gibling (19), however, saved us, and before our innings closed, after lunch, Salmon batted well, though too steadily, for 9 not out. The Old Boys began strongly, but lost wickets more rapidly later, and when the score stood at 61 for 7, hopes ran high that the School might gain its first victory over the Past XI since this new series of matches was instituted; but they passed our total before another wicket fell. The School fielding was far below its usual standard, no fewer than six catches being dropped, and it is probable that our weakness in the field lost us the match.

June 8. Crewkerne School, at Crewkerne. LOST, 68—124 (9 wickets).

From this point onwards, our team showed decidedly improved form. Playing for the first time on a hard wicket, our opening batsmen displayed no lack of confidence, in spite of memories of the disastrous match with Crewkerne School a fortnight earlier, and 61 runs were on the board in an hour for 5 wickets, Hutchings i scoring 12, Stephen 15, Binder 11, and Beer ii eventually reaching 20. But in the last half hour only 7 runs were added for the remaining five wickets, the tail although showing solid defence, being totally unable to get the ball away. When the first three of Crewkerne School's wickets fell for 7, interest deepened, but after an interruption for tea, the batsmen settled down to some free scoring and passed our total for the loss of five wickets. After the score reached 79 for 7, our bowling and fielding fell away sadly, and nearly fifty more runs were added without the innings being completed. June 15. Gillingham Grammar School. WON, 88—73.

Our visitors' opening batsmen settled down at once and scoring steadily, gave promise of a big score, but after their separation, a collapse ensued until a seventh wicket stand added 28 and brought the total beyond 70. Bowling splendidly, Collings took 8 wickets for 38. We lost 2 wickets for 7, but Beer ii was at the top of his form and, quickly getting his eye in, was soon scoring freely. A sixth wicket stand yielded 25, leaving the remaining batsmen only 4 runs to get to win, and these were promptly made. Beer ii obtained 52 runs of our total of 88, and gave us our first inter-School victory.

June 18. Junior Old Fosterians. LOST, 67—92.

We started reasonably well, the first six wickets producing 52 (Stephen 18, Binder 10, Beer ii 10). The next three batsmen failed, however, and it was only owing to a last wicket stand of

eleven between Salmon (8) and Cherrett, that our total approached 70. After losing one wicket quickly, the Old Boys settled down to make runs, the second wicket adding 55, and our score was passed for the loss of five batsmen; the Junior Old Boys thus avenging last year's defeat. The School team were disappointing in the field, but Collings (5 for 36) and Beer ii (5 for 24) bowled well.

June 29. Langport Grammar School. WON, 78-69.

Our visitors opened strongly, 29 runs being on the board before a wicket fell. Something of a collapse followed, only two of their later batsmen staying for any length of time. Beer ii bowled with great success in taking 6 for 21. Foster's School put up 16 for the first wicket, but then two wickets fell for the addition of a single run. A profitable stand between Beer i (24) and Beer ii (19), however, left us within easy reach of the Langport total, but we were made to fight very hard for victory, our three last batsmen being dismissed without scoring. Batting a second time, Langport G.S. went in to hit and were all out for 25 in the course of twenty minutes, Ashford and Stephen making several brilliant catches.

July 2. Sexey's School. DRAWN, 83 (7 w.)-153 (4 w., dec.)

The batting of Sexey's School was the most solid which we encountered during the season, their defence being adamant, and they ran up a big score, their first batsman being undefeated with 73 to his credit. They did not declare, however, until after the tea interval, leaving us the impossible task of scoring 154 in an hour and a quarter. Our batting proved just good enough to hold out, Binder (26) at last finding his best form and Beer ii (31) scoring as brightly as usual.

July 6. Gillingham Grammar School, at Gillingham.

ABANDONED.

Rain had threatened all the morning but did not fall until after the opening batsmen of Gillingham G.S. had begun to score freely. In spite of attempts to continue, the game had to be abandoned after tea, the home team having scored 25 for 0.

July 9. Elmhurst County School, at Street. DRAWN. 41 (9w.)-58.

Our bowlers started well, especially Stephen who, in spite of erratic deliveries, took some good wickets and eventually came out with an analysis of 4 for 11. When we adjourned for tea, Elmhurst had lost 8 wickets for 37; but on resuming the batsmen scored freely and 21 runs were added before the innings closed. The total of 58 was the smallest we had had to face, but the wicket was tricky and we never settled down. Several batsmen got themselves out through a lack of discretion when the ball rose awkwardly, and with one wicket to fall when the game ended, we still needed 18 runs for victory. Our one comfort was that Beer ii remained undefeated, with 19 to his credit.

HOUSE MATCHES.

July 16. St. Aldhelm's, 93 for 2; St. Dunstan's, 43.

With six first eleven members in their team, St. Aldhelm's were easily favourites for the House Cup. Their first two wickets fell for 6, but Beer ii and Webb, with 66 not out and 15 not out respectively, enabled a declaration to be made without further loss. St. Dunstan's put up 18 for their first wicket, but when Ashford (15) and Cowan (9) were out, no one else stayed until Scammell (12 not out) hit freely at the end. Beer ii bowled splendidly for St. Aldhelm's, taking 8 for 14. July 20. St. Bede's 63; St. Aldhelm's, 59.

This was the 'needle' match for the Cup. With Stephen (6 for 32) and Binder (4 for 16) bowling steadily for St. Bede's, St. Aldhelm's only reached the moderate total of 59, of which Cherrett made 13 and Webb 11. When six of St. Bede's wickets were down for 38, 59 seemed likely however to prove ample for victory, but the later batsmen rose to the occasion and scores were level when St. Bede's ninth wicket fell. At the critical moment, a wild overthrow for 4 settled the result. Stephen batted freely for 20 and Wood played a most valuable innings of 9 not out; while for St. Aldhelm's, Beer ii again bowled with great effect (8 for 22).

July 23. St. Bede's, 70; St. Dunstan's, 31.

Although without Stephen, St. Bede's gained a decisive victory. Sending their opponents in, they dismissed them for 31, only Ashford (19) making any score. Binder took 5 wickets for 14 and Rhodes 4 for 5, and the fielding was of the keenest, Childs doing particularly good work at the wicket. St. Bede's found this total so easy to pass that three batsmen were able to retire. The chief scorers were Childs (13), Binder (12), Bater (10) and Mitchell i (9).

AVERAGES.

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BATTING	Innings	Not Out	Total	Highest score	Average
Beer ii	14	2	324	66	27.00
Cherrett	9	7	34	13	17.00
Binder	14	1	95	26	7.30
Stephen	13	0	77	20	5.92
Hutchings i	12	0	59	12	4.91
Beer i	13	2	54	24	4.90
Ashford	14	0	57	19	4.07
BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Beer ii	87.4	20	229	40	5.72
Stephen	64.1	14	218	26	8.40
Binder	136.4	32	230	26	8.85
Collings	191	54	424	46	9.21

CATCHES.

Stephen 9, Binder 9, Ashford 6.

G.W.F.A.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The Swimming Sports for Past and Present Fosterians so successfully organised for the first time last year were again

held, by the very kind permission of the Headmaster of Sherborne School (C. L. F. Boughey, Esq.), at the Sherborne School Swimming Bath on Wednesday, July 27th, and attracted an even larger gathering than before. In spite of one heavy storm, the interest of several hundred spectators was maintained throughout a lengthy programme, and some good swimming and diving, besides a number of amusing events, were witnessed. A striking display of trick diving was provided by Mr. T. Allan and Mr. Roy Edwards (O.F.), whose varied evolutions were enthusiastically applauded and to whom we are very grateful for their original addition to our programme.

The Sports were again organised by a committee of Old Fosterians, led by Mr. H. J. Otton, in conjunction with the School, and the proceeds, amounting to nearly £16, brought the Pavilion Fund to completion. At the close, Miss M. Boughey presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and in welcoming Miss Boughey, the Headmaster of Foster's School, with whom was Mr. Littleton C. Powys (Chairman of the Governors), said that he was very pleased to have the opportunity of expressing the gratitude which he and all his School felt to the Headmaster of Sherborne School for the regular use of the Swimming Bath during the Summer term. They were also very grateful for the privilege of being allowed to use the Bath for their Sports, and for the presence of Miss Boughey, who had so kindly shown her interest by coming to present the prizes.

Referring once more to the Pavilion Fund, the Headmaster thanked all those who had again supported the School's effort, and said that he welcomed the occasion of the Swimming Sports for other reasons also—it brought Old Boys back to join with the present School, and enabled parents to see something of their boys' activities in their School life. Finally, he offered his sincere thanks to the Committee that had planned such an enjoyable afternoon, especially Mr. H. J. Otton, the energetic organising Secretary, to the Judges and other officials, and to Mr. T. Allan and Mr. R. Edwards for their fine exhibition of diving, and these expressions were warmly endorsed.

The Officials were: Judges, the Rev. W. J. Bensly, D.S.O., and Mr. A. J. P. Andrews, D.C.M.; Clerk of the Course, Mr. E. Hulme; Starter, Mr. R. Gibling; Timekeepers, Messrs. F. A. Cox and W. G. Pike; Doorkeeper, Mr. W. L. Warr; General Secretaries, Messrs. H. J. Otton, and H. P. Crocker.

Present boys who took leading places in the events were:—
Open events: Running Header—2nd Hutchings i

Costume Race—2nd Davis.

Spring Board Dive—1st Webb.

Balloon Race—3rd Cowan.

Paddle Race—2nd Shute, 3rd Hunt 1.

Biscuit Race—1st Cowan, 2nd Burgess.

School events: 50 yards—1st Hutchings i, 2nd Cowan, 3rd Davis. Time 47 2/5 secs.

Novices' Race: 1st Childs, 2nd Seeley, 3rd Cutten.

Cork Gathering (under 16)—1st Davis, 2nd Rhodes, 3rd Dunning and Cross.

Instead of the usual number of from eleven to thirteen, the following eighteen boys passed the Swimming test in the course of the term:—Abbott, Ballam i, Ballam ii, Binder, Childs, Cutten, Hann ii, Hunt i, Hutchings ii, Hutchings iii, Irvine, Meaker, Murphy, Osment, Shute, Thorne, Webb, Willis; and with twenty who have passed the test in previous years, there were at the end of the term 38 boys in the School who could swim. A. L. G. Hutchings was Swimming Captain.

ORDER OF MERIT.

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

First six boys in Forms Va to III, first four in II:—

1st month.	2nd month.	3rd month.	Term.
Va.			
Hutchings ii 58	Hutchings 59	Hutchings 61	Hutchings 59
Cowan 58	Cowan 57	Cowan 58	Cowan 57
Elms 51	Collings 54	Collings 48	Collings 51
Collings 50	Sharpe 49	Sharpe 46	Elms 51
Sharpe i 47	Meaker 45	Meaker 43	Sharpe 47
Meaker 43	Taylor 44	Taylor 42	Meaker 44
Vb.			
Eveleigh 70	Eveleigh 63	Eveleigh 67	Eveleigh 67
Andrews 64	Andrews 62	Andrews 67	Andrews 64
Brunt i 61	Binder 61	Brunt i 57	Brunt i 60
Binder 59	Brunt i 61	Brunt i 57	Binder 59
Bater 51	Rabbits 49	Baker 54	Bater 50
Davis 45	Osment 46	Rabbits 52	Rabbits 48
Rolls 45			
IV.			
Willis 76	Willis 67	Willis 66	Willis 69
Pike 71	Pike 67	Wood 63	Sherry 65
Sherry 69	Sharpe ii 64	Sharpe ii 60	Sharpe ii 64
Edwards 65	Wood 64	Edwards 59	Wood 63
Sharpe 64	Sherry 63	Hann 58	
Wood 64	Webb 61	Pike 58	
III.			
Hughes 70	Murphy 74	Hughes 73	Hughes 72
Earnshaw 69	Hughes 67	Murphy 70	Murphy 70
Ebdon 67	Earnshaw 67	Ebdon 65	Earnshaw 67
Murphy 65	Ebdon 64	Eley 63	Ebdon 66
Ford 63	Eley 61	Earnshaw 64	Lambert 61
Lambert 62	Lambert 61	Little 63	Metcalfe 61
II.			
Perkins 70	Baker 70	Baker 68	Baker 69
Bater 68	Hunt 59	Hunt 57	Hunt 58
Coles 63	Coles 54	Coles 53	Coles 57
Hunt 59	Rickard 49	Sherry 52	Perkins 54

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The **Fourth Annual Reunion Dinner** will be held at the Digby Hotel on **Thursday, November 24th**, commencing at 7 p.m. No separate invitations or announcements will be sent out. Tickets (3/6) obtainable from the Dinner Secretary, L. Kitzerow, Cheap St., Sherborne, or from any member of the General Committee by Monday, November 21st.

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS: (1) **Football Matches:** **Old Fosterians v. School**, Wed. Nov. 16 and Wed. Feb. 15. Organisers: P. W. H. Dike, Nottingham House, Stalbridge, Blandford; A. R. Hicks, 22 Middle St., Yeovil; A. Coombs, Cheap St., Sherborne.

Junior Old Fosterians v. School, Sat. Dec. 3 and Sat. Jan. 21. Organiser: H. P. Crocker, Clovelly, Wootton Grove, Sherborne.

(2) The third annual **Old Fosterians' & Old Digbyians' Dance** will, it is hoped, take place as usual in the Christmas holidays.

(3) **Old Fosterians' Hockey Club.** The Terrace pitch has again been obtained for the coming season, and a number of mixed matches, in conjunction with the Old Digbyian Ladies, besides men's matches, are being arranged. A deficit of almost £2 remains on last season's workings, but it is hoped to wipe this off by means of a competition now taking place. Considerable enthusiasm for the Club was manifest at the General Meeting held on June 3rd, and there is every prospect of a successful season. Organisers: G. C. Brett, Abbey Corner, Sherborne; Mr. E. Hulme, at the School.

(4) The School's Annual **Christmas Entertainment** will take place on Wednesday, December 21st at 3 and 8 p.m. As a full-length play has been chosen, it is thought that the O.F. dramatic party would prefer to give their customary performance on a separate occasion, and we hope that the following notice will be made as widely known as possible among Old Boys.

Will those interested in the formation of an Old Fosterian **DRAMATIC SOCIETY** send in their names without delay to G. C. Brett, Abbey Corner, Sherborne, in order that a meeting may be summoned and possibilities discussed?

(5) A special invitation is given to Old Fosterians to be present at the School for the short **Armistice Day** ceremony, at 10.45 a.m. on Friday, November 11th, when a wreath will be laid beneath the Roll of Honour on behalf of the Old Boys' Association.

O.F.A. Membership. The Committee are much distressed to find that their announcement in the last magazine concerning **subscriptions due** has received scant attention. As this is the last magazine which will be published before the end of the financial year, they earnestly hope that every mem-

ber who is in arrears will carefully consider the **gravity of the financial situation** revealed by the following figures and will do his best to forward his subscription at once:—

Subscriptions still due for 1931— 57;
for 1932— 150;

involving a total of just over £50.

As a consequence, current payments, as well as the settlement of the magazine account for last term, are unavoidably held up, and much anxiety is naturally being caused to the Treasurer and other officers. We know that non-payment is generally due to inadvertence and forgetfulness, and feel sure that defaulting members, having received their magazines regularly and, in many cases, taken advantage of the activities and gatherings provided for them by the Association, need only this further reminder. On the other hand, it is very satisfactory to be able to list, at the end of this issue, the names of ten new members, drawn mainly from the latest generation of Fosterians, bringing the strength of the Association, on paper, to 313.

Third Summer Reunion. After the record rain of the month of May, we were exceedingly fortunate in being favoured with a fine day and adequate warmth for the Summer Reunion and all-day cricket match between Past and Present on Wednesday June 1st. The arrangements were, as usual, planned and carried through with the greatest efficiency by E. J. Freeman, jun., and the occasion was all the more enjoyable because it was the first Old Boys' day on which the School's new pavilion was in use. Lunch and tea and other refreshments were pleasantly served here by Messrs. W. Coombs & Sons. At the conclusion of lunch, the Headmaster spoke a few words of welcome to the Old Boys, and expressed both his pleasure at their being able to meet this year in the School's own pavilion and the thanks of the School to the Old Fosterians' Association for entertaining the members of the School XI for the day. As captain of the Old Boys' team, Mr. G. H. White replied on behalf of the Old Fosterians, and congratulated the Headmaster on the School's efforts to help itself to erect the building and on the excellent support with which those efforts had been seconded outside the School.

The cricket match ended for the third year in succession in a victory for the Old Boys, though only by 14 runs. Had the School accepted their chances in the field, or shown more enterprise in batting, the result might well have been different. Runs were decidedly hard to get on a sticky wicket and low scoring was the order of the day, no individual total of 30 being reached. The Old Boys were not nearly so strong in bowling as in previous years, but, on paper at least, were almost as formidable in batting.

Winning the toss, the Old Fosterians sent the School in first, and wickets fell from the first over. After four were out for 18, a long and steady stand took the score to 62 for 5, but in spite of some useful hitting at the end, the total reached only 76. B. J. Hamblin, who bowled 10 overs of which 7 were

maidens, took 5 wickets for 8; J. O. C. Hewitson's figures were 15-6-27-4, and E. G. Harvey took 1 for 2. In fielding, P. W. H. Dike at the wicket, E. J. Freeman and G. H. White were specially prominent.

When the Past batted, the early batsmen, helped by several bad blunders in the field, got runs with fair ease, but 5 wickets were down for 47 and 7 for 61. The next stand, however, brought the total to 80 and the innings eventually closed at 90. The chief contributors were J. O. C. Hewitson (25), G. W. Payne (20), A. H. Cowling (9); other useful additions were made by E. J. Freeman (8), C. W. White (7), E. G. Harvey (7 not out) and I. H. Oxford (6). A comparison of the rates of scoring of the two teams is interesting: the School batted for 51 overs, the Old Boys for 35.

The following represented the Past:—G. H. White, capt. (1885-8), C. W. White (1898-9), J. O. C. Hewitson (1913-19), E. J. Freeman (1916-21), G. W. Payne (1916-21), E. T. Miles (1917-20), A. H. Cowling (1917-24), E. G. Harvey (1918-22), P. W. H. Dike (1922-25), I. H. Oxford (1925-30), B. J. Hamblin (1926-31). The umpire was H. J. Otton (1891-93). Other Old Boys who were present were J. A. White, N. C. Penny, G. Coombs, A. Coombs.

We acknowledge with gratitude the kind co-operation of the officials of the Sherborne Sports Club on this, as on the previous two occasions.

Past and Present v. Sherborne Town Combined XI. This interesting fixture, which had to be cancelled last year through rain, took place on Saturday June 4th, when the weather, though just fine, was cheerless and rather chilly. The Town, who were represented in equal proportions by members of the 1st and 2nd elevens, batted first and though they profited by several early mistakes in the field, found runs for some time hard to get, five wickets falling for 59. Later stands of considerable duration, however, nearly trebled the score, the total reaching 154. The School tried six bowlers, of whom the most successful were Collings (3 for 17), B. J. Hamblin (3 for 42) and J. O. C. Hewitson (2 for 42). Binder also took 1 for 11 and Mr. Gibling, 1 for 27. J. O. C. Hewitson was outstanding in the field, making 3 good catches, and P. W. H. Dike, who was very safe behind the wicket, gave away no extras in a long innings.

The Fosterian innings began very unpromisingly, 3 wickets being down for 15, but thanks to hard hitting, mingled with solid defence, by J. O. C. Hewitson (44) and several misses in the field, 58 was on the board for 5. Most of the later batsmen added their fair share to the score, and B. J. Hamblin (15) and P. W. H. Dike (21 not out) threatened to play out time, but the last wicket fell at a minute or two to seven o'clock with the total at 102, leaving the Town victorious by the decisive margin of 52. Others who made useful contributions were C. W. White (7) and Beer ii (6).

The Past and Present were represented by E. J. Freeman

(capt.), C. W. White, J. O. C. Hewitson, P. W. H. Dike, I. H. Oxford, B. J. Hamblin; Mr. Lush, Mr. Gibling; Beer ii, Collings and Binder. A. H. Cowling umpired, and the scoring was shared between K. W. Baker and N. E. Parsons. Other Old Boys who were present were H. J. Bugg, H. S. B. Cox, C. E. Eason, T. R. Peaty and R. G. Mitchell.

Junior Old Fosterians v. The School. As was the case last year, when this event took place for the first time, delightful summer weather prevailed for the Junior Old Boys' Reunion on the Terrace and their cricket match against the School XI on Saturday June 18th. H. P. Crocker again undertook the arrangements for the fixture, which resulted in a victory by 25 runs for the Old Boys, who thus avenged last year's defeat.

Winning the toss, they sent the School in, and though steady scoring put up 43 for 4, B. J. Hamblin's bowling (7 for 30) gradually asserted itself and only a good last wicket stand raised the total to 67. Other bowlers were N. E. Parsons (1 for 11), S. R. A. Foot (1 for 12), and H. P. Crocker (1 for 4).

After one wicket had fallen cheaply, B. J. Hamblin and N. E. Parsons set to work to master the School bowling, and though it always required careful watching, they were so successful that 55 runs were added for the second wicket (Hamblin 29, Parsons 19). An attractive feature of their partnership was their excellent running, especially of well-judged singles close to the wicket. S. R. A. Foot soon added a valuable 8, but five wickets were down before the match was won, and the next four fell quickly. Thanks to a final stand between C. H. Gillingham (9) and F. C. Knight (8 not out), who hit with great vigour and success, the score was eventually raised to 92.

The following played for the Old Boys: L. J. Avery, K. W. Baker, H. P. Crocker, capt., B. H. J. Curtis, S. R. A. Foot, C. H. Gillingham, B. J. Hamblin, F. C. Knight, N. E. Parsons, A. J. Sibley, A. T. C. Wood. H. B. Crocker (1892-3) was an interested spectator of the match.

A Junior O.F. XI v. The Agriculturists. The Junior O.F. cricket team played another match on July 9th, when they met the Agriculturists (a Sherborne School XI). The match, which it is hoped will be an annual one, was played in excellent weather. Losing the toss, the Old Fosterians were put in first, and after a good first wicket stand between B. J. Hamblin (21) N. Parsons (16), were all dismissed for 71. Of the later batsmen the chief scorers were H. P. Crocker (10), A. Wood (9), E. R. Churchill (9). The Agriculturists had little difficulty in obtaining runs and eventually totalled 182. The most successful bowlers were B. J. Hamblin (4 for 67) and F. C. Knight (2 for 12). The O.F. team was: K. W. Baker, H. P. Crocker, capt., E. R. Churchill, C. H. Gillingham, B. J. Hamblin, F. C. Knight, N. E. Parsons, A. F. Warren, A. T. C. Wood, together with Childs of the present School.

The Swimming Sports are reported in detail on an

earlier page. Old Boys who took leading places in the events were:—

Running Header—1st B. H. J. Curtis, 3rd W. C. Jewry.
 Costume Race—1st F. H. Philpott, 3rd N. C. Penny.
 Egg and Spoon Race—1st W. C. Jewry, 2nd H. P. Crocker,
 3rd A. F. Warren.
 High Dive—1st R. Edwards, 2nd B. H. J. Curtis, 3rd C. E. Eason.
 Cork Gathering—1st W. C. Jewry, 2nd B. H. J. Curtis, 3rd
 C. E. Eason.

Spring Board Dive—2nd B. H. J. Curtis, 3rd W. C. Jewry.
 Balloon Race—1st L. J. Avery, 2nd W. C. Jewry.
 Paddle Race—1st N. C. Penny. Biscuit Race—3rd C. E. Eason.
 50 yards (Old Boys only)—1st W. C. Jewry, 2nd R. Edwards,
 3rd H. P. Crocker; time, 38½ secs.

BIRTHS—April 28, to **Mr. & Mrs. Roderick H. Hazzard**,
 Southampton—a son.

May 9, to **Mr. & Mrs. P. Trinkle**, Dholai Tea Estate,
 Cachar, India—a son.

MARRIAGES—April 4, at Caundle Marsh Church, **Arthur
 Coombs** (1916-22), Cheap St., Sherborne, to **Elsie Kathleen
 Amelia Cuff**, Alveston.

April 16, at Christ Church, Fulham, **Mr. A. T. Walker** to
 M. E. Hopper, Putney, S.W.

April 18, at the Lady Chapel, Sherborne Abbey, **Albert
 John Macklin** (1914), The Antelope, Sherborne, to **Ella Mary
 Buckler**, Thornford.

April 27, at All Saints' Church, Hampreston, **Edward J.
 Freeman** (1916-21), Cricket Lodge, Westbury, Sherborne, to
 Vera May Lawrence, Ferndown.

May 16, at Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester, **Edgar
 Thomas Meaden** (1922-23), Yetminster, to **Elsie Mary Stehr**,
 Dorchester.

May 21, at Kilminster, **Frank E. Harris** (1918-23),
 Salisbury, to **Catherine Sanders**, Kilminster.

June 11, at Sherborne Abbey, **Douglas A. Philpott**
 (1914-17), Cheap St., Sherborne, to **Eileen Frampton**, Sherborne.

August 14, at St. Peter's, Paddington, **Ronald H. Dyer**,
 M.C., M.B., B.Ch. (1907-12), London, to **Dorothy Catley**.

August 20, at St. George's Church, Bourton, **Cecil G. E.
 Alford** (1918-24), Weston-super-Mare, to **Vera Constance May
 Russell**, Manor House, West Bourton.

APPOINTMENTS.

Clement H. Adams (1882-4) has been reappointed
 Parish Churchwarden of Sherborne Abbey and Vice-Chairman
 of the Church Council.

Edward J. Freeman (1916-21) has again been the Hon.
 Secretary of the Sherborne Town Sports Club.

Among the leading officers of the Sherborne branch of
 Toc H are the following Old Fosterians: **J. W. Burt** (1885-7),
 chairman; **R. Gregory** (1909-12), secretary; **H. J. Otton**
 (1891-3), jobmaster.

E. A. Gibbs (1915-17) has been appointed one of the
 joint secretaries of the General Ward League of the Yeatman
 Hospital, Sherborne, in succession to **R. Gregory** who, as one
 of the officers from the beginning of the movement, has been
 aptly called "one of the League builders."

After 29 years' service, **R. R. Warr** (1900-03) was
 appointed Overseer at the Sherborne Post Office in June, in
 succession to **Mr. D. Betten** (retired).

E. B. Wise (1919-25) has just been chosen, out of more
 than three hundred applicants, for the post of Assistant Sur-
 veyor for the borough of Christchurch; and in his place,
Arthur J. Batchelor (1921-28) now becomes Deputy Surveyor
 for Dorchester.

From the *London Gazette* of Tuesday, June 7, under War
 Office Territorial Army appointments: **R.A.**, Dorset Heavy
 Brigade—**Lieut. A. R. Baker** (1913-17) to be Captain (April 16).

OLD BOYS' VISITS, Etc.

W. M. Smith (1875-80) had motored into Dorset with
 his wife and had been spending some time with **Sir Arthur R.
 Adams** at Swanage when he called at School early in July.
 We learned afterwards that he and **Sir Arthur** had visited the
 Terrace for a brief moment on the previous Saturday, and we
 greatly regretted to think that we had lost the opportunity of
 showing them the new pavilion.

A. H. Tuffin (1882-8), Brighton, unfortunately chose a
 wet Wednesday afternoon for a visit to Sherborne in May and
 finding no one whom he knew, went on to Bournemouth instead.
 We were sorry that he did not call at School. In forwarding
 since a generous subscription as a Vice-President and a second
 donation to the Pavilion Fund, he mentioned that he always
 receives the "Fosterian" with great pleasure, though there is
 a certain amount of bitter-sweet about it to an Old Boy of
 so long ago.

R. G. Hendry (1893-5), Ayr, was in Sherborne early in
 May, and though he did not visit the School, he called upon
C. A. Lowman and joined the O.F.A.

We were very pleased to see **E. W. Short** (1893-9),
 A.M.I.E.E., Bedford, while he was on a hiking tour in the middle
 of July along some of the old British highways. A very
 interesting account of his Green Road walks is printed on
 earlier pages. Besides calling at School, he took the opportunity
 of looking up some old School friends, and is going to try to
 repeat his visit, perhaps on some Old Fosterians' Day, to see
 something of the present-day activities of the School. A num-
 ber of members, will we are sure, be interested to know that
E. W. Short is this year first principal of the Ad Astra Chapter
 of Freemasons in London, formed, like the Ad Astra Lodge,
 during the War period by members of the Inspection Depart-
 ment of the Air Ministry, for past and present members of
 which it still provides opportunities for reunions.

H. J. Stroud (1901-3), Stalbridge, visited the School late in the term.

Leslie F. Fox (1907-11) made a brief call at School in June. He was on several months' leave from his post with the Eastern Telegraph Co. in Seychelles, but had little chance of paying a round of visits owing to the serious illness of his wife, of which we were very sorry to hear.

After holding out hopes for some long time past of revisiting Sherborne and the School, **A. T. Thorne** (1909-12) arrived in person early in September and was able not only to recapture many memories under the inspiration of the familiar atmosphere, but also to inspect the new pavilion thoroughly. A recent letter had already told us how he found the glorious sunshine then prevalent taking his mind back to the Terrace when, as scorer, he had the pleasure of adding up a century for L. G. B. Dunford in a match against Yeovil County School (as it then was), and also to a certain summery "merit-half" (there were three per term in those days for boys who were considered to have earned them), whose cancellation at the last moment for disciplinary reasons upset his private plans. He also contrasted the motor-coach journeys of the present sports teams with the horse-brakes of his day, but was sure they could not be any more enjoyable than such an outing as he remembered to Shaftesbury, when Alan Hardy and 'Ramper' Herridge covered themselves with honour, though unable to prevent defeat. After returning to London from his brief holiday, A. T. Thorne would be setting off again on the eternal Continental journeys that fall to his lot, and a business voyage to America was also a possibility. We do not wonder that he sometimes feels inclined to envy those who lead a more placid existence, for he had not slept in the same bed two nights in succession for a week before writing. Occasionally, however, as at Easter, he gets in a round of golf at home.

It was a very special pleasure to receive a visit from **Harold J. Fooks** (1909-14) in mid-April when he was on his way with his family to Torquay for a short holiday, and to learn that it was already six months since he resumed duty at the Westminster Bank, Kingston-on-Thames, after his lengthy illness in 1930-1. He has put on a good deal of weight and now turns fifteen stone. His two boys are about to enter Kingston Grammar School.

M. C. Wilson (1911-16), Frome, whom we met during the summer, has had a very anxious time all this year owing to the serious illness of his wife. We were glad to learn that she was then making considerable improvement. 'Tug' Wilson's only outdoor game nowadays is tennis.

N. R. Hutchings (1914-18), Maldon, spent his summer holiday with his parents, bringing with him his wife and little daughter. Later in the Summer, came his brother, **C. Leslie P. Hutchings** (1920-7), L.R.A.M., F.S.M.C., who, in addition to his optician's work, has undertaken the duty of organist at

Beckminster Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wolverhampton. He gave an organ recital on the occasion of the church Anniversary on Sunday, June 12th, and was the accompanist at a Recital of Music on the following Thursday.

C. T. Woodhouse (1925-8) returned temporarily, during his long summer holiday from the Leathersellers' Company's Technical College, Bermondsey, to Messrs. Southcombe's, where he assisted his brother, **H. S. Woodhouse** (1919-21), in the dyeing and finishing departments. We are very pleased to learn that, sitting for an examination under the London City and Guilds, he obtained a first-class pass on papers in the Heavy and Light Leather sections (intermediate); and in his College Sessional examinations, was successful in Leather Trades Engineering (first-class) and in Microscopy, Processes of Heavy Leather Manufacture and Examination of Finished Leather (second class). He has now returned to College to begin his second year's course.

A. T. Wilkinson (1922-28), Alton, has been spending a short holiday with **Douglas W. Tuck**. He has been at Eggar's School, Alton, since his family removed from Sherborne. Gaining his School Certificate two years ago, he sat this summer for the Higher School Certificate. He has been centre forward for his School football team, and was Dux Ludorum at the last Athletic Sports; in the summer he gives his attention to tennis in preference to cricket. He has now left School and is thinking of taking up woodwork as his calling. With Douglas Tuck he made a short tour by motor cycle along the south coast of Devon and Cornwall, and back by the north coast, visiting such famous spots as Land's End, Pentire, and Ilfracombe. On his return, he called in order to join the O.F.A.

Lionel G. Collings (1921-28), Bristol, was present at the School's cricket match with Yeovil School in May and also visited the School camp.

R. A. Collings (1925-30) and **S. W. Chalkley** (1927-30) have recently been on leave respectively from H.M.S. Norfolk and H.M.S. Dorsetshire. Both were looking extremely fit. The latter is due to sail next for a short voyage to German waters; the former is hoping that he may soon be making a much longer cruise. Both have been successful in their examinations in seamanship and other subjects.

We have been pleased also to see **J. A. Henderson** (1928-31) and **J. S. Drake** (1927-31) on leave from the R.E.'s.

G. D. Batchelor (1923-31), who was one of the visitors at the School Camp at the beginning of August, found time also to look up his old friends in Sherborne during his holiday from Vickers Armstrongs works at Erith, though most of his three weeks were spent in camping in the Dartmoor district, special places of call being Lynmouth, Westward Ho, Morton Hampstead, Beesand and Torquay. He frequently spends his week-ends also in camping, to make as great a change as possible from

ordinary work-a-day life. On one motor-cycle expedition into Surrey, he visited most of the noted towns along the lower Thames valley, noting the preparations for Henley Regatta, taking a peep at Windsor Castle, and staying for tea at Runnymede, where the National Trust has bought many acres of common land by the river bank for the enjoyment of the public.

Other Old Boys of whose tours in various districts we have heard something without receiving the full particulars that we should have welcomed are: **Philip J. Rogers** (1921-7) and **A. J. Brett** (1918-25), who spent a fortnight in Scotland in July, proceeding from London to Leith by sea—a rough voyage, as it happened, across to the west coast, through the Trossachs and part of the Highlands, and back to Leith for their return; and **G. E. Batchelor** (1899-00) and **A. J. Batchelor** (1921-8), who took a short holiday cruise in July from Southampton along the coast of France.

Other Old Boys whom we have been glad to meet are: **Cecil J. Andrews** (1913-17), Dulwich; **Douglas G. Hayes** (1919-25), Brockley; **Walter W. Gray** (1918-24), Dibden Purlieu, Hythe, Southampton; **B. M. Blachford** (1921-6), Forest Hill, who is now married; and **George S. Willis** (1923-6), Bath.

We are very interested to learn that **Mr. F. A. Roome**, B.Sc., who was an assistant master at Foster's School in 1907-8, revisited the buildings recently while on holiday from Antwerp, and we regret that we did not see him, but we hope to hear news of him by letter.

OLD BOYS IN SPORT.

Among Old Boys of whose appearances in Sport we have learned something, mainly from local newspapers, are the following, a selection of whose published cricket scores and analyses is given, with apologies for any possible inaccuracies:—

At the Annual meeting of the Dorset County C.C. in April, **G. H. White** was elected one of the members of the County Committee. He has again been captain of Dorchester C.C., for whom he still plays useful double-figure innings. He also made 50 (retired) for Dorset County Officials v. County Councillors.

J. O. C. Hewitson has been playing for Dorchester, too; he made 24 v. Bridport.

Mr. A. J. Bryce has been making consistently high scores for Huntingdon Town.

For Sherborne, **E. J. Freeman**—54 (including 7 fours and 2 sixes) v. Weymouth 24 v. Crewkerne; 49 for M. B. Elderton's XI v. Sherborne School; and, while on holiday from West Buckland School where he won his cricket colours, **D. P. Freeman**. The latter also played for Dorset Colts v. the Colts of Devon, of Somerset and of Wilts, scoring 56 and 12 v. Devon.

For Sherborne 2nd XI, **B. J. Hamblin** has had a very successful season in both batting and bowling—e.g., 30 and 4 for

10 v. E. Coker 2nd XI; **A. H. Cowling**, encouraged by recovering some of his old strokes in the Old Boy's match, has taken up cricket again and played such good innings as 40 v. E. Coker 2nd XI, 20 v. Lillington; and **R. R. Pedley**, after playing for Downing College 2nd XI and the Training College XI at Cambridge, included among his holiday scores in Sherborne 19 v. Dorchester, 21 v. E. Coker 2nd XI, 15 (out of 37) v. Milborne Port.

In the latter part of the season, the above-named have also been playing for Sherborne Combined XI. **K. W. Baker** has taken part in a number of matches for Sherborne 2nd XI and Sherborne evening XI.

For Stalbridge, and occasionally for Henstridge, **P. W. H. Dike** has been remarkably successful again and again; e.g. 48 v. Castle Cary, 22 not out v. Templecombe; 51 (out of 83) and 18 (out of 34) v. Shillingstone, 42 (out of 97 for 7) v. Holwell.

For Queen Camel, **J. G. Lane** has bowled little, but has batted powerfully, making 53 not out v. Sherborne 2nd XI; and 32 v. Mere.

For Milborne Port Social Club, **H. P. Gully** has often been in excellent bowling form—3 for 2 v. Atherton and Clothier, Yeovil; 5 for 13 v. Yetminster; 4 for 21 v. Moose Jaw, Yeovil; So has **A. Childs** for E. Coker 2nd XI—3 for 4 v. Tisbury, 4 for 23 v. Dorchester P.O.

For Lillington, **C. W. White** and **G. W. Payne**—26 and 50 respectively v. Sherborne 2nd XI; and **C. A. Goodchild**.

For Charlton Horethorne, **J. A. White**—13 not out (out of 23) v. Penselwood; 12 and 3 for 14 v. Lillington; **G. C. Doe**—25 not out, and **A. Doe**—25, v. The Agriculturists.

For Milborne Port, **C. T. Woodhouse**. For Yetminster, **W. H. Willis** and **E. J. Jervis**. For Closworth, **P. Wyatt**—15 v. Halstock.

Local bowlers have included **G. Dunford** (Sherborne), **F. Perham** and **W. M. Andrews** (Thornford); and Golfers—**Mr. E. Hulme** (Sherborne); **Mr. M. M. Welch**, **W. G. Adams**, **S. E. Adams**, **C. H. Adams** (Sherborne 'A'); **A. Coombs** and **E. A. Gibbs** (Sherborne Artisans).

OTHER PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Among Vice-Presidents who have expressed appreciation of their election or re-election are: (1) **G. Washington Brock** (1890-2), who was surprised at the long roll of members recently published, and pleased to find the names of a number of his contemporaries among them. He sent his best wishes to all connected with the O.F.A., but feared that he would not be able to visit Sherborne this year as he had been looking forward to doing; (2) **William H. Folkes** (1890-3), who is Managing Director of Nissens Buildings, Ltd., and regrets that business and other calls have prevented him from taking the personal interest in the O.F. movement that he would like to

take. He speaks hopefully, however, of treating himself to a hard-earned holiday some time in order to revisit Sherborne; and finds much pleasure in reading down the names on the members' list, for some of them bring back memories of very happy times; (3) **Ernest W. Folkes** (1890-3) who, as London Manager of the "Belfast News Letter" is specially interested in our journalistic efforts and is kind enough to remark that he finds the reading matter in the "Fosterian" distinctly good. In forwarding a second generous donation to the Pavilion Fund, he expressed his delight at learning that the building was already erected and hoped that it would bring additional pleasure to many generations of young Fosterians; (4) **William C. Kennett**, B.Sc., A.M.Inst. C.E., A.M.I.E.E. (1898-03), who also enclosed liberal contributions to the Association's funds and the Pavilion Fund. Feeling, with little cause, that he was late in replying to the announcement of his Vice-Presidency, he referred with characteristic humour to an anecdote regarding Napoleon in a prize book which he won at School—and which he therefore regarded as incontrovertible—to the effect that Napoleon used to leave his letters unanswered for three weeks, by which time most of them had answered themselves; and (5) **William H. Pearce**, M.C., M. Inst. C.E., etc., (1896-8) City Engineer of Gibraltar, who mentioned that he and his wife usually spend their holidays in Egypt, the upper reaches of the Nile and the Sudan, and felt quite uncertain when he would reach England again. At Easter he was on the track of the lammergeyer (a bearded vulture, the largest European bird of prey), hoping to secure one of its eggs. A résumé of the comprehensive lecture which he delivered in Gibraltar last March is given on an earlier page.

J. A. Rose (1904-10) wrote in the middle of June to enclose a copy of "Australian Birds and Blossoms," with the promise of a similar volume later about animals and snakes. He remarked that English blackbirds and thrushes were increasing in number, their beautiful songs giving an Old Country atmosphere to the spring evenings. At the time of writing, wintry conditions prevailed, though autumn had extended almost to the end of May. He mentioned that he had recently heard from F. W. Medcalf (N.Z.).

P. Trinkle (1904-8), the birth of whose son is mentioned elsewhere, is now manager of a 1,000 acre tea estate in India. After leaving Foster's School, he attended Poole Grammar School and then took up teaching for a while. Soon after, passing the examination for the Customs service, he was however rejected at the medical test, and the outbreak of War found him preparing for a billet in S. America. Joining the Army instead, he served till 1919, first in the Territorials and later in the Indian Army, after which he settled down to tea-planting in India. There he met **W. R. Hewitson** some few years ago, and, in Calcutta in 1917, **H. J. Watts**, then in the 4th Dorsets. In 1929, when on leave, he spent some time in

Sherborne, but unfortunately it was in August when the School was closed, and he regretted afterwards to find that he had missed the chance of meeting Mr. Hutchins once more before his retirement from the Headmastership. He was very interested to hear of J. A. Rose through the last magazine, and wondered if they might, by some happy chance, be on leave in England at the same time in some coming year. He expressed great pleasure at being brought into touch with the School again, and lost no time in joining the O.F.A.

A number of Old Boys will be pleased to hear that **Mr. R. Tyson** (who was a master at Foster's School, 1911-14) has been appointed Headmaster of Woodchurch School, Birkenhead, where he began duty on June 1st.

Since **G. A. L. Pearson** (1914-15) left Bridport last November to rejoin the 2nd Battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment at Portland, his promotion has been very rapid. For four months he was Acting-C.Q.M.S., when he was made C.Q.M.S., and three months later he was promoted Warrant Officer, Class II, and appointed C.S.M. From the Verne, when he wrote in June, he could see work proceeding on the salvage of the unfortunate M2. At the 58th annual shooting meeting of the Dorset Territorial Rifle Association at the Chickerell Range, Weymouth, on Sat. June 4th, which lasted eleven hours and included 187 competitors, C.S.M. Pearson was third in the Ellenborough Competition with a score of 40, three points below the winning score, and the H.Q. wing of the 2nd Dorsets, to which he belongs, was fourth in the competition for the Lord Lieutenant's prize.

Roderick H. Hazzard (1915-21) was transferred last July from the Southampton office of the National Provincial Bank to the branch at Fawley, of which he is in charge. Fawley has about 3,000 inhabitants and is fifteen miles from Southampton by road. The R.A.F. base at Calshot is only two miles away. Living in a pleasant bungalow about a mile from the village, on the borders of the New Forest, he finds himself in very congenial surroundings. The birth of his son, Simon, is mentioned on an earlier page.

P.C. Harold Swatridge (1916-21) has left Bridport and is now stationed at Poole. He was spending his annual leave with his brother at Lyme Regis when he wrote in May.

Arthur J. Ridout (1918-21) has ceased to be interested in the breeding of thoroughbreds, the stables with which he was associated at Newmarket having been closed, and has returned to secretarial duties. Following a period at Yeovil, when he met **Frank E. Harris** (1918-23) in the course of business, he has now settled at Devizes.

Leslie J. Edwards (1918-23) has been for the past several months a traveller for the South Western Dairies Ltd., his district being Dorset, Somerset, Wilts and Devon.

Cpl. G. K. Henderson, R.F. (1919-21), has had an interesting variety of existence since he has been at Ahmed-

nagar. After a spell of 'duties' at Ahmednagar itself, two periods of strenuous training followed.

His company were recently called upon to give a demonstration of bridging. Although he wondered how the result compared with his brother's more expert efforts in such work with the R.E. in Egypt, it was reckoned an entire success. The searching annual inspection of the Battalion had also been successfully carried out, and finally the important ceremony of trooping the Colour had given satisfaction to all ranks, especially the highest.

While on escort duty near Hyderabad, he observed thousands of huge boulders placed in various positions, that were reminiscent of Stonehenge. Their formation is considered to prove that the Deccan was once submerged. He was much struck by the green of the surrounding country, a colour seldom seen in India. When he wrote early in May, he was about to start a six week's course of Lewis Gun and revolver training, to which he was looking forward as another new experience. In cricket, he has done little with the ball lately, he says, but he has blossomed forth as a batsman instead. A letter from his brother, **Cpl. A. D. Henderson, R.E.**, (1920-23) arrived from Egypt by the same post. We were glad to know that his ankle bone had mended well after two months in hospital and a further stay as a convalescent in Alexandria, and that he was once more enjoying some good innings at cricket, though he was not then able to resume activities as a bowler.

He returned from England to his company last autumn when they were in the midst of their annual musketry course. Then followed the most strenuous work of pontooning, which included this time the use of tubular scaffolding and collapsible boats. It finished with a successful demonstration before the Cairo garrison, twelve-ton tanks, five-ton lorries and smaller tanks and cars all being brought into use.

After Christmas, manoeuvres took the company to Beni Yusef, about five miles from the Sakkara Pyramids and eight from the Great Pyramids, where the chief work was the erection of a Brigade Camp capable of accommodating three or four thousand men and about half as many animals, and the provision of a supply of water pumped from a lake and duly purified. It was about this time that, after having the distinction of captaining the football XI of the R.E. in Egypt and leading them safely through two rounds of the Command Cup, **A. D. Henderson** met with his unfortunate accident and was unable to play in the important semi-final.

Since his return to duty, he had taken part in the periodic course of demolition, involving the destruction of a road, a small hill, railway lines, bridge girders and trees; and then another year's round of training began, with the rumour that mechanisation of the unit was imminent.

A later letter was written in August in the midst of the

individual training season, when the R.E. apply their special trades to such practical purposes as building walls, a Serjeants' Mess or a church or laying out children's playgrounds. **A. D. Henderson** is in charge of the last-named work, which includes also erecting swings and sun-shelters, and seems likely to occupy some time. They will then be engaged in pontooning and bridging at Gebel Mariani—a favourite spot, the only objection being that the expedition will involve a march of about 100 miles.

A. D. Henderson has again had a most successful cricket season, his totals at the end of July being 38 innings for an average of 18 each and, his ankle having proved strong enough for bowling also, 127 wickets at 7.76. He is hoping to complete his 1,000 runs for the season. Besides playing for the R.E. Egypt XI, he had the honour of being chosen for the Army in Egypt v. the R.A.F., when he made 8 and 25 (scored in nine minutes and including 2 sixes and 2 fours) and took 4 for 32 and 0 for 35. The result was a draw, the Army leading on the first innings by 53. Some of his best performances for the R.E. in Egypt were 7 for 30 v. The Maadi Sporting Club and 5 for 18 and 4 for 29 v. The Royal Corps of Signals; he also made 25 and took 4 for 54 for other Ranks v. Officers (the Army in Egypt Trial Match). He is now beginning to look forward to the football season. We were very pleased to hear that at the end of July he was promoted Corporal.

It was with much regret that we learned that **R. J. Willis** (1919-22), who is with his brother-in-law, **E. Ralph Hunt** (1902-8), at Cheap Street Dairy, Sherborne, met with a serious accident in April. In the dusk of evening he was walking along a road when a cyclist collided with him from behind, causing a compound fracture of the left leg and a broken nose. Although not yet fit to resume his former active life, he has now returned to business.

T. Olaf Cox (1919-25), A.C.A., is now a partner in the firm of Godfrey Taylor, Cox and Co., Chartered Accountants, Baldwin Street, Bristol. Strangely enough, their offices are on the first floor of the same building as the Midland Bank, where **Leslie S. Ebdon** (1920-28) is, but until he received the last 'Fosterian,' **T. O. Cox** was unaware that a School contemporary was so near him.

Edwin T. Wraight (1928-9) was successful last March in passing the intermediate examination for chartered surveyors under the Surveyors' Institution, and is now working hard for his final next March. As a consequence he has not been able to give much attention to sport since he left School. Having completed his three years' pupilship with the firm of Quantity Surveyors in Bristol whom he joined in 1929, he is remaining with them as an assistant. He hopes to be able to revisit the School one day.

All our readers will be glad to hear that **R. R. Pedley** (1922-30) was successful in passing the Cambridge University

English Tripos Part I, in the First Division of the Second Class.

After his year's experience with the United Dairies Company in London, **A. F. Warren** (1922-8) has returned home to Bishop's Caundle.

His apprenticeship at the Sherborne branch of Messrs. Boots having been completed in August, **A. Gilbert R. Churchill** (1922-8) has been transferred to Hove (Church Road branch). It is extremely interesting to learn that the Manager of this branch is an Old Fosterian and former resident of Sherborne—no other than one of our Vice-Presidents, **A. Henry Tuffin** (1882-8).

F. J. M. Gale (1924-8) has left Messrs. Fooks and Grimley and taken a similar post with Messrs. Mooring, Aldridge and Haden, Solicitors, Westover Chambers, Bournemouth.

At a recent examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London, **R. W. Tilley** (1925-30) passed the Rudiments of Music Local Centres Examination, obtaining 94 marks out of a possible 99.

Those who have just become Old Fosterians include the following—**K. J. Ebdon** (1923-32) who is a member of the office staff of Cow and Gate Ltd., Sherborne branch, and **W. R. Elms** (1930-2), who like **A. F. Webber**, (1925-31) is at work in the analysts' department. Another O.F. in the person of **L. St. A. Gent** (1901-8) is in the responsible position of Manager of the Somerton Branch of the same Company.

R. G. Mitchell (1926-32) has joined the staff of the Sherborne Post Office. **A. L. G. Hutchings** (1924-32) is going into residence at Bristol University in October, while his brother **H. L. R. Hutchings** (1926-32) is at the Sherborne Branch of Messrs. Boots. **C. H. Salmon** (1927-32) **J. H. Brunt** (1929-32), **H. M. Shute** (1930-2), **A. F. Dunning** (1929-32) and **R. Sharp** (1929-32) are all farming at home. **H. C. Rabbetts** (1929-32) and **F. C. Woodrow** (1927-32) will shortly enter business establishments in Bournemouth, and **D. Sharpe** (1927-32) in Yeovil.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hutchins have sent their kind remembrances to all whom they knew. They recently spent a very enjoyable fortnight camping at St. Audries, where there was a good beach for bathing, the wonderful Quantocks to wander on, and blazing sunshine to bask in. Mr. Hutchins speaks of having plenty of interesting tuition on hand, and we are very pleased to learn that Michael, who is now the tallest of the three male members of the family, has passed his School Certificate with five credits.

A large number of Old Fosterians will no doubt be interested to learn that Mr. Gibling's elder son is entering Foster's School in September with a scholarship from Stonegarth Preparatory School. Among scholarship winners is also Cyril Dike, Stalbridge, brother of P. W. H. Dike (1922-5), while other entrants include P. C. Stroud, son of H. J. Stroud (1901-3)

R. G. Oxford, **R. C. Denning** and **J. M. Rabbetts**, brothers of **I. H. Oxford** (1925-30) **C. Denning** (1928-31) and **H. C. Rabbetts** (1929-32).

Mr. A. S. Harrison, B.A. (1921-6), wrote recently from Rugby, after taking a short cycling tour through Worcester, Ludlow, Shrewsbury and Warwick, and using Youth Hostels for sleeping. He recommends this method of travel to any present or past Fosterians who want an inexpensive holiday and are not too particular about home comforts, and suggests such a tour—or alternatively a camp—in the Stratford-on-Avon district to allow of visits to the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, where he has lately taken parties of boys from Lawrence Sheriff School to see several Shakespearean plays. He has again met **C. G. Harris** (1919-22) at Over's Bookshop, Rugby. Many Old Boys will remember with gratitude and delight Mr. Harrison's Scout Camps of 1922-1926.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 1923-32. Ebdon, Kenneth J.; Dingwall, Cold Harbour, Sherborne.
 1893-95. Hendry, H. G.; The Ayr Club, Ayr, N.B.
 1924-32. Hutchings, Arthur L. G.; "Royston," King's Rd. Sherborne.
 1926-32. Hutchings, H. L. Roy; "Royston," King's Rd., Sherborne.
 1929-31. Mosley, H. F.; High St., Stalbridge, Blandford.
 1927-32. Mitchell, Robert G.; Fairmont Terrace, North Rd., Sherborne.
 1929-32. Rabbetts, H. C.; Antich Farm, Stalbridge, Blandford.
 1927-32. Salmon, Charles H.; Weathergrove Farm, Sandford Orcas, Sherborne.
 1904-08. Trinkle, P.; Dhulai Tea Estate, Kuchicherra P.O. Cachar, India.
 1922-28. Wilkinson, Alfred T.; Ohaistrills, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hants.

Changed Addresses.

- Brock, G. Washington; 48, Russell Square, W.C.1. or R.A.C., Pall Mall, S.W.1.
 Churchill, A. G. R.; 15 Rutland Rd., Hove, Sussex.
 Cowling, A. H.; Morley House, Acreman St., Sherborne.
 Freeman, E. J.; Grenville, Lenthay Rd., Sherborne.
 Gale, F. J. M.; Y.M.C.A., Westover Rd., Bournemouth.
 Guppy, T. G.; Elmwood, Bristol Rd., Sherborne.
 Harris, Frank E.; 78, St. Michael's Rd., Yeovil.
 Hodgson, M. T.; Ebbaleigh, Bridestowe, Devon.
 Pearson, G. A. L., C.S.M.; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Batt., The Dorsetshire Regt., The Verne, Portland.
 Ridout, A. J.; 10, York Terrace, Devizes.
 Sweet, A. E. H.; 15, King's Crescent, Sherborne.
 Swatridge, Harold G., P.C.; Inglewood, Tatnam Rd., Poole.
 Thorne, A. T.; 93, Cleveland Rd., W. Ealing, W.13.
 Woodrow, E. W. and H. W.; Marlow, Kinsbourne Ave., Easbury Park, Bournemouth.
 Warren, A. Forest; Manor Farm, Bishop's Caundle, Sherborne.

Addresses wanted.

- Simons, E. J. J.
 Wollington, J. E. S.

Foster's School Football.

Cnewkerne & visited Foster's school, on
Nov 2nd. In about the time of five
minutes, Foster's ^{had} two goals, and
when the match ended the score
was. Foster's had 7 goals, and Cnew-
kerne had 1 goal. Seikley scored
2 goals, Murphy scored 2 goals,
and Brunt scored three, for
Foster's school.