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SCHOOL NOTES.

The number of boys in the School in the term before Christmas reached 142—an increase of six upon the record number of a year ago. What was still more satisfactory was the fact that the School was better balanced than in the preceding years of growth, none of the five forms below the Sixth containing fewer than 21 or more than 34 members.

Such numbers have naturally involved certain changes in the present accommodation while new buildings are being awaited. Thus, as Va required what has in recent years been IVa classroom (i.e. the smaller division of the main schoolroom), IVa had to make the woodwork hut their recognised abode, woodwork lessons being taken first, by arrangement with the County Education authorities and the Headmaster of the Sherborne Council School, at the Council School manual room, and later in a private building nearer at hand. A change that was specially appreciated was the allotment of the former Va classroom to the Sixth Form, where they are now free from interruptions. This also allowed their old classroom to be converted into a small reading room; and with comfortable chairs, a supply of magazines and papers, and the enthralling game of chess, it has been in continual use at mid-day and at other times out of school.

All our readers will be pleased to learn that the Dorset Education Committee decided in October that negotiations should continue with the Digby Estate with regard to a proposed site for new buildings for the School.

A remarkably successful term's football began with an inspiring return-visit from Mr. F. N. S. Creek, the Corinthian and amateur international, in accordance with the Football Association's scheme for developing secondary school football. Thereafter, under Mr. Miller's enthusiastic coaching, the 1st XI improved by leaps and bounds, and were beaten only in one of their six inter-School fixtures and in one other match out of a total of ten. Though not achieving such brilliant results, the Under-14 team displayed equally splendid keenness in practice and generally creditable form in matches; and moreover, fifty to sixty boys being usually engaged in voluntary games on the four pitches on Saturdays, in addition to the six compulsory 'ends' on Wednesdays, a considerable number of keen juniors showed good promise for the future.

Opening their winter session rather later than usual, the Commoners started with two interesting lantern lectures on successive evenings, after which meetings of various kinds were regularly arranged and well attended, thanks to the organisation of E. J. Eveleigh in his third year of office as secretary, until rehearsals for the School play interfered. It was a particular pleasure to welcome once again an Old Boy, Mr. S. W. Scott, as the lecturer at one meeting of the Society, which he last addressed during his school-days; and there is good hope that his example will be followed by other Old Fosterians.

The editorial staff of 'The Onlooker' brought out a particularly well-produced issue of their magazine for Christmas, and they have as usual undertaken to provide the prizes for the annual School Essay competition. The subjects chosen for 1936 are: *A broadcast discussion on Homework between a schoolboy and a schoolmaster* (senior), and *Local Wild Birds*, (junior).

The evening gymnastic class met regularly as usual under R.S.M. A. T. Brown. The annual display of physical training and gymnastics, however, which has generally been held late in the Christmas term, has been postponed until the Easter term, when the programme of School events is not so crowded.

The concluding days of the term were full of activity and enjoyment. The Headmaster and Mrs. Lush made their House Supper the occasion for inviting as large a proportion of the School as possible to join in Christmas festivities; and the School play—for which, in strong contrast to last year's Shakespearean revival, 'The Private Secretary' was chosen—involved three productions as well as two dress rehearsals.

We print with much pleasure and with much gratitude in this issue a vivid series of impressions of continental countries contributed, by request, by an Old Fosterian—the fruit of his constant business travels in Europe over a number of years.

We offer our sincere congratulations and warmest wishes to Mr. E. Hulme and Mr. P. D. F. Miller on their recent marriages, and a hearty welcome to Mrs. Hulme and Mrs. Miller who, we hope, will spend many happy and useful years among us.

We have pleasure in welcoming, as recently elected Governors of the School, Mrs. Carey and Miss Morgan.

Many besides us will have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Clement G. Bone, M.A., Director of Education for Dorset, whose services to education in the county for nearly thirty years, coupled with his administrative ability, his breadth of vision and his personal interest in the Schools and

their pupils, it is impossible to exaggerate. We know that we shall miss his wisdom and his influence greatly in the present period of the School's development.

We congratulate the two pianists who performed so efficiently at the Christmas play on their recent musical successes—J. D. Ballam (Vb), in the advanced grade of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, and F. R. Charlton (IVb), in the lower division of the Royal Academy of Music.

The School's annual collection on behalf of the Blind in Dorset amounted to £2.

The Committee in support of Dr. Barnardo's Homes were able to send to the Homes a Christmas parcel of toys and books, and will soon be able to forward another sack of silver paper.

The special half-holiday for improvement in physical training was won by Vb.

The Tuck Shop profits in the Christmas term amounted to £2 16s. 7d.

The particulars of the bequests made to Foster's School by the late Mrs. Palmer, to which grateful reference was made a year ago, prove to be as follows:—

(1) the sum of £300, in accordance with the intentions of her son, to be called the 'Palmer Fund,' the capital and interest to be applied at any time for any improvements, development or purposes in connection with the School as the Headmaster for the time being in his discretion shall think fit;

(2) the sum of £35, to be held in trust by the Governors of Foster's School, to provide an annual prize for History, in perpetuity, to the memory of her son, Lieut. Francis Reginald Palmer, Dorset Regt., killed at the battle of Arras, April 23rd, 1917;

(3) a similar sum, similarly held, for the provision of an annual prize for French, in perpetuity, to the memory of her son's school friend, Albert John Brooks, Grenadier Guards, missing after the battle of Loos, September, 1915;

(4) whatever balance should remain from her estate (after the various payments and legacies specified in her will)—actually £126 13 6.

The Easter term begins on Tuesday, January 14th and ends on Tuesday, April 7th. The half-term holiday will be from 4 p.m. on Friday, February 28th to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd. Dates of forthcoming events are:—

Thurs. Feb. 27. Display of Physical Training and Gymnastics;
Long Street Schoolroom, 3 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 4. Cross Country Races, 2.45 p.m.

- Wed. Mar. 11. Prize Day : presentation of prizes by Lt.-Col. Sir Arthur R. Adams, K.B.E., V.D., J.P.—a Vice-President of the Old Fosterians' Association.
- Wed. Mar. 25. Athletic Sports, 2.30 p.m.
- Wed. April 1. Dorset Inter-School Athletic Sports, 2 p.m. at Weymouth.
- Sat. April 4 Thirteenth Annual Commoners' Concert, 7 p.m.

We acknowledge with thanks the following School magazines and other publications:—the Crewkernian, the Shastonian, the Winburnian, the Collyerian (Collyer's School, Horsham), the Griffin (Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby), Lord Digby's School magazine, the Auckland Weekly News, 13 issues (Mr. S. P. Andrew, O.F.), the Halton Magazine (R.A.F.), The Motor and the Aeroplane (11 issues each, from Temple Press Ltd.), Floweret (Brotherhood of St. Francis of Assisi), Cocoa—the story of its cultivation (Cadbury Brothers), the Post Office Magazine (per F. Cherrett), the Rolls Royce Bulletin (per A. J. Willis).

School Officers in the Christmas Term.

Prefects : A. C. Meaker (Head of the School, Captain of St. Dunstan's, Joint Senior Librarian, Editor of 'The Onlooker'); E. J. Eveleigh (Captain of St. Aldhelm's, Assistant Editor of 'The Fosterian,' Secretary of Commoners Society); F. Cherrett (Captain of Football); A. J. Willis (Joint Senior Librarian); D. F. Hunt (Captain of St. Bede's, Football Committee); R. C. Mitchell and R. F. Ballam (Football Committee).

Vice-captain of Football : Dike i; Assistant Secretary, National Savings Association : Fry; 'Onlooker' staff : Ebdon

Form Officers : Monitors—Va, Murphy; Vb, Treasure i, Treasure ii; IVa, Hoddinott ii; IVb, Sobey i; III, Dike ii, Silvester; Librarians—Va, Wood, Earnshaw; Vb, Gibling i, Young ii; IVa, Gibling ii, Nelson; IVb, Taylor; III, Cooper ii, Noake; Magazines and news-cuttings—Va, Sharpe, Cousins; Vb, Back, Mills; IVa, Furnell; IVb, Curtis i; III, Silvester, Dike ii.

House Points. A new and detailed system for the award of House Points has been introduced whereby a fixed total of points, namely 1000, will be divided proportionately between the three Houses each year. Owing to the necessary scaling down of points to the allotted totals in each of the main divisions (School work and examinations, sport, detention entries) and in the many sub-divisions, it is not possible at this stage in the school year to publish the relative positions of the Houses.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

At the November examination for the entry of aircraft apprentices into the Royal Air Force, **D. F. Hunt** (Form VI) was one of 1,029 successful candidates, taking 216th place among 1,678 entrants. **F. J. Hatton** (Form Vb) was successful in the competitive examination of June last for enlistment into the Army as apprentice tradesmen. Of some 700 candidates, of whom about 400 qualified and 240 were accepted, he took 105th place, with 211 marks out of 300.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

		Va.	Vb.
Divinity ..	Cousins	74	Treasure i 65
Literature ..	Cousins	57	Baker i 67
Grammar and Composition	Bullock	58	Treasure i 67
History ..	Wood	68	Treasure i 73
Geography ..	Fudge i	48	Baker i 58
Latin ..	Wood	75	Treasure i 73
French ..	Wood	77	Treasure i 82
Mathematics ..	Sharpe	88	Baker i 79
Science ..	Wood	63	Baker i } 72
			Treasure i }
Art ..	Fudge i	70	Collins 83

Form VI, containing three groups, is not listed.

	IVa.	IVb.	III.
Divinity ..	Parsons 89	Charlton 72	Noake 85
Literature ..	Hoddinott ii 68	Fox i 56	James 67
Grammar and Composition ..	White 51	Gay 66	Westworth 58
History ..	Hoddinott ii 66	Fox i 63	Dike ii 67
Geography ..	Fry 75	Gay } 70	Read 87
		Poole }	
Latin ..	Gibling ii 66	Gay 80	—
French ..	Gibling ii } 64	Taylor 72	Sobey ii 72
	Furnell }		
Mathematics ..	Bragg 51	Jackson i 81	Mitchell iv 85
Science ..	Swaffield 71	Fox i 76	Waller 68
Art ..	Bragg 90	Jackson i 84	Jackson ii 75
Manual Work ..	Hoddinott i 95	Taylor 70	Read 95

PAVILION MAINTENANCE FUND.

We acknowledge with much gratitude a contribution of 3s. 6d. to the above Fund from Mr. J. W. Walden, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Old Boys' Association, in continuation of his generous help on former occasions; and also sums of 6d. and 3d. received through Mr. T. W. Gibling (Wakefield G.S.) and Mr. C. J. Andrews (O.F., Dulwich), respectively, as a result of re-exploiting the 'F' Question, introduced for this purpose several years ago.

EUROPEAN SNAPSHOTS.

Many people travel in Europe for the satisfaction of being able to relate their experiences to less fortunate neighbours. Would that they were compelled to travel for years after this ambition had been gratified and were then—like me—commanded to write of their experiences, when the mind has become unresponsive and the memory confused!

A typical train journey from Calais to Paris was memorable for the presence of one of the 'many'—a self-styled lady, fat, fair and forty, who, having been on the Continent before, talked, related and lied without either sense or mercy. It was therefore with a vicious relief that we arrived in Paris—a suburb of New York. Could Paris be seen without contact with the people, it would be a lovely city, but everything is commercialised by the citizens and spoiled by the suburbanites.

We left Paris with no regrets, and travelled through the night to wake up in Alsace. Looking over the countryside we could imagine ourselves in Dorset—the green freshness, the wild flowers and the smell, so earthy after a storm, all told of peace. Yet a million lives have been sacrificed so that the tricolour of France may float over the Town Hall. Here, in the hotel, 'Madam' was once a 'frau' and speaks German, whilst her daughter speaks French, for during the fifty years it was a part of Germany, a generation had grown up which knew not France.

On the way to Austria, we passed through Switzerland, where the natural beauties of the rest of Europe are duplicated, concentrated and contrasted. The train runs through cultivated land and beside lovely lakes, whilst in the distance are snow-capped mountains turning to rose in the rising sun. The land of winter sports and summer recreations, it is loveliest of all between the official seasons, when the snow is melting and purple crocuses cover the land, or the leaves are turning a glorious russet.

Of all countries in Europe, Austria was the most friendly towards an Englishman. Poor, proud, and living in the past, it reminded one of a faded heirloom, recalling past glories. What Russian taxi-drivers are to Paris, beggars are to Vienna. Whether we are parading along the Prater or drinking schnappes in the 'Bristol,' they are ever present—pathetic, insistent, but without hope. Even the 'blue' Danube is a dark grey, as though it had ceased from effort and had become old, tired and friendless.

From our hotel window in Germany we could look across the mountains: all seemed well with the world. But those mountains were of three countries—and from here we could not tell where one ended and another began. How different, were we to travel over the roads! There, a small bridge might divide Nazi-land from Austria, where the swastika means bloodshed, and woe be to him who, having become used to the old Roman salute, forgets himself across the border.

Here, in Bavaria, customs die slowly—the Bavarians prefer their Tyrolean costume to the official brown shirts, and their own salutation of 'Gruss Gott' to the 'Heil Hitler' of elsewhere. The 'Gasthaus' still provides white sausages and serves beer in stone-coloured mugs at eleven in the morning; and they retain their strenuously enjoyable and intricate set dances.

Our journey to Cologne took us through the Black Forest and along the banks of the Rhine—a route full of glorious scenery and of pleasant memories, except when we saw a certain restaurant at Koningswinter where we once confused the German words for 'cushion' and 'kiss.'

The Rhine and the Cathedral are the visitors' Cologne, for the main street is so narrow that vehicular traffic is prohibited during certain hours. The steamers make this an ideal centre for the most interesting parts of the Rhine and the Mosel, whilst the Cathedral is a stately and inspiring building, with perfect stained-glass windows.

What the Rhine is to Cologne, the Alster is to Hamburg: actually it is a river dammed at the mouth to form a lake. In the summer we go to the outer Alster and dine at one of the lake-side restaurants. The old town is very picturesque, with its narrow, cobbled streets and its timbered houses beside narrow canals.

We leave Germany wondering whether the will to war is the basis of the national policy, though satisfied for the moment with the persecution of internal opponents, and whether the present political scheme can last through times of adversity, when loyalty may be strained. Finally, Holland—the land of canals, windmills, gin, bicycles, and two capitals: Amsterdam for commerce and the Hague for politics. The far-famed Zuider Zee is being reclaimed and hundreds of acres of fertile land are being added to the country. Through its continued support of the gold standard, prices here are extremely high.

Countries, particularly in Europe, have a vogue dependent on the rate of exchange, but no matter where we travel, there is something interesting. One day we may wander further afield and perhaps linger awhile in Turkey, with its picturesque filth, or in Spain, the land of 'tomorrow,' or even in Russia, the country of official hope.

For, if a 'rolling stone' gathers no moss, it revolves in ever-changing scenery and ever-varying conditions.

A.T.T.

LECTURES.

The upper Forms visited Lord Digby's School on November 7 to hear a **costume recital of Shakespeare's characters** by Mr. John Storey, well remembered for his popular Dickens recitals in past years. An introductory talk on Shakespeare's national value was followed by reproductions, in costume and

appropriate make-up, of famous speeches from *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, *Henry IV Parts i and ii*, *Richard III*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Henry VIII*. Most of us enjoyed especially the vivid portrayal of Falstaff (in his soliloquy on Honour) and of Shylock (speaking as the representative of the despised Jews), as well as Macbeth's vision of the bloodstained dagger and Mark Antony's funeral oration over the murdered Caesar.

A.C.M. and R.G.

On the afternoon of November 25th, Mr. Joseph Fowler, M.A., F.G.S., visited the School to give a short talk on the **scenery around Sherborne** and its relation to **the rocks** beneath. Additional interest was provided by illustrations from Mr. Fowler's own experiences while exploring the country within a radius of eight or ten miles of Sherborne. Among other interesting facts he told us that the same bed of rock which lies under England stretches across Europe to the Alps and on to India, and that all the local countryside was once submerged; one piece of evidence was provided by the recent discovery in Hound Street, just opposite the School, of a fossil of a sea animal, an ammonite. We all enjoyed the lecture and hope that Mr. Fowler will visit us again.

H.E. and W.G.H.

THE COMMONERS SOCIETY.

The series of winter meetings began on October 21st with a lecture on **Transport: its place in the Cocoa Industry**, entertainingly presented by Mr. Hewitt and splendidly illustrated by eighty slides loaned by Messrs. Cadbury Brothers. Between 40 and 50 boys were present. The importance of transport both in bringing the raw material and in distributing the manufactured articles having been explained, a world map showed from what different countries the various necessaries for the manufacture of cocoa and chocolate were drawn. The chief methods of transport in relation to the supply of the ingredients were depicted in detail, including donkeys, native porters, bullock carts and surf boats, as well as cargo steamers, canal barges, railways and motor lorries. The importance of the proximity of waterway, rail and factory was continually evident, and a few glimpses were given of the many processes and departments at Bournville. At the close, Edwards thanked both the lecturer and Hunt i and Eveleigh, who had charge of the lantern.

On the following evening, by the courtesy of the Canadian Department of Immigration and Colonisation, 70 slides were shown, to an audience of nearly 40, relating to the **National Parks of Canada**. A map showed the striking contrast between the two great divisions of Western Canada—the vast prairies with their unlimited wealth-producing possibilities, and the equally vast region of the Rockies and Selkirks with

its impressive natural beauties—and also located the seven great National Parks which the Canadian Government has set aside as reservations for ever. An imposing series of scenes from each of these in turn was thrown on the screen, showing mountains, lakes, canyons, glaciers, falls and forests in ever-varying combination. The final slides offered attractive glimpses of wild animal life. Fudge i expressed the Society's thanks to Canada House for the lecture notes and slides, to Mr. Gibling for delivering the lecture, and to Hunt i and Eveleigh who again managed the lantern.

A **Table Tennis Tournament** on October 28th attracted a very satisfactory entry of 40, consisting of boarders and day-boys in equal numbers; and play, which lasted an hour and a half, proved generally very interesting. The boarders as usual were the most successful, owing to their greater opportunities for practice. In the Senior section, in the final of which the Headmaster decisively defeated Mr. Gibling, the most prominent players were Dike i, Mitchell i, Sharpe and Rabbetts, Dike just beating Mitchell in the play-off for the senior prize. As expected, Sherry proved a fairly easy winner in the junior group, in which Mintern was the other finalist and Sharp and Kingsbury were semi-finalists.

On November 7th, the Society was addressed by an old Fostorian and ex-Commoner, Mr. S. W. Scott, who read a thoughtful and interesting paper on **The Literary Art of Jesus Christ**. After suggesting that the more obvious beauties of the Old Testament had overshadowed the subtler beauties of the New Testament, he proceeded to show what a wealth of art was to be found in the recorded speeches of Jesus Christ. They were mainly of an oratorical character, as befitted one who came to teach and preach, and included such devices as concrete illustrations drawn mainly from nature and every-day life, simile and metaphor, hyperbole, crescendo and climax, balance and parallelism, and paradox. Each point was illustrated by an abundance of apt examples, and the parable received special consideration at the end. In giving the speaker a warm welcome, the Headmaster, who took the chair, stressed the historical importance of the Bible in the life of the English nation and regretted the increasing neglect of its reading in recent years; and Mr. Gibling, who thanked Mr. Scott on behalf of the 39 members present for his latest contribution to the life of the Society, referred to his services to the Commoners during his school years.

E.J.E. and R.G.

THE NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

Although the membership (now 28) of the School branch of the N.S.A. remains practically constant, the average weekly contributions in the Christmas term (15s. 4d.) were not quite

so high as formerly. In the 13 weeks of the term, £9 19s. was invested and 9 certificates were bought, making the grand totals £612 9s. 6d, 753 certificates.

THE LIBRARY.

The balance of the 1934-5 grant from the Governing Body, left after meeting the cost of rebinding a large number of books, has been devoted to the purchase of a Periodic Law Chart (VI Science) and a number of volumes of general literature, such as are still urgently needed in Va.

We give our grateful thanks to the following donors for welcome additions of various kinds to the shelves of the sectional libraries:—Mr. A. H. Tuffin (O.F.): Boys' and Girls' Reciter (Va), Rasp—a detective story (Vb), a three-volume History of England, Robert Falconer and a story by Capt. Marryat (IVa), Cavaliers and Roundheads and Stories of Mountain and Forest (IVb), and two stories by J. Fennimore Cooper (III).

Mr. W. S. Bater (O.F.): Shakespearean plays, The Knight of the Burning Pestle, Selections from Pope and Pepys and from general literature (Va), Lamb's Tales (IVa), Story Poems, The Mill on the Floss (IVb), Treasure Island, Tales of a Wayside Inn (III);

Messrs. W. and G. Foyle: Amazon and Andes (Reference);

L. W. Sharpe: Vergil's Aeneid II, Twelfth Night (Va), Strife, Shirley, Sport in the Highlands (Vb), The Mill on the Floss, Barnaby Rudge (IVa), Pilgrim's Progress (IVb), Britain Long Ago (III);

F. Cherrett: Guide to Pigeon Culture (Reference), five school stories and stories of adventure by P. F. Westerman, T. Bevan, R. A. H. Goodyear and R. S. Baring Gould (III and IVa).

THE SCHOOL HOUSE SUPPER.

On the final Monday of the term a large gathering, to the number of about 70, including the Masters and their wives and families, the day-boy members of St. Aldhelm's House, the prefects, and the cast of the School play, as well as the boarders and others, were entertained at a Christmas party by the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush with their usual generosity. In the dining hall, duly transformed by an abundance of Christmas decorations, a luxurious supper was served which included all those delicacies which belong especially to this season. The party then adjourned to the main schoolroom which provided ample space for the games that have established themselves as favourites on this occasion: the boisterous balloon hand-ball and the more orderly musical chairs and musical parcel, for which Mr. Wearden as usual supplied both appropriate music and infectious enthusiasm. A thoroughly jolly evening ended with rousing cheers for the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush and for Mr. Wearden, and with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

THE SCHOOL PLAY.

In contrast to last year's production of 'The Merchant of Venice,' the well-known farcical comedy of 'The Private Secretary,' by Charles Hawtrey, was chosen for the School's Christmas play this year, on December 18th and 19th. It formed a cheerful prelude to the holiday season, for its humour, after fifty years of playing, still retains its freshness.

Evergreens and flowering plants, kindly lent by Mr. C. S. Goodchild, brightened the schoolroom and large and appreciative audiences, especially at the evening performances, contributed to the success of the play. Among those present were several Governors of the School, besides a large number of parents, Old Boys and other friends.

The cast was chosen entirely from the boys of the School, among whom the 'ladies' deserve special mention. E. M. Fudge, as Miss Ashford, the governess of the two irresponsible girls, who is greatly attracted by the possibilities of spiritualism, sustained a difficult role and managed to appear a woman throughout. P. R. Goodchild and D. R. Gibling made two charming, albeit somewhat boyish, girls in the parts of Edith and Eva; while E. J. Eveleigh, as Mrs. Stead, the landlady, had a thoroughly congenial part. R. F. Cousins, as Mr. Cattermole, and D. R. Bullock, as the Rev. Robert Spalding, were character studies which carried conviction from beginning to end, and from these two and Fudge came the best acting of all. The remaining characters were adequately and often resourcefully taken by A. C. Meaker (Douglas Cattermole), P. Murphy (Sidney Gibson, the pretentious tailor), D. F. Hunt (Harry Marsland), M. F. Flower (Mr. Marsland), F. J. Treasure (servant), A. J. Willis (Knox, a writ-server).

Dainty pianoforte music was provided between the scenes by J. D. Ballam and F. R. Charlton.

At the close of the final performance, presentations were made by Mrs. Lush to Fudge, Cousins, and Bullock and to the masters and others who undertook the responsibilities of the production—Mr. Hulme (producer and perruquier), Mr. Welcher and Mr. L. J. Avery, O.F., (stage-managers) and Mr. Hewitt (business manager). Gratitude is also due to the wives of the masters who gave valuable help in the 'green-room.'

W.G.H. and R.G.

FOOTBALL.

The visit of Mr. F. N. S. Creek on the third afternoon of the term gave the new season an inspiring start. His hour's lecture in the pavilion, where 50 boys were able to be accommodated, was accompanied by graphic illustrations and dealt mainly with tactics, which were then demonstrated in detail on the field and finally put into practice in a short game.

His instruction was followed by a series of keen practices, especially on the part of the representative School teams and

the most junior group ; moreover, the 1st XI, under Mr. Miller, took advantage of the light evenings early in the term as well as of half-holidays. The presence of Mr. A. L. G. Hutchings (O.F.) at the early practices was very helpful, and we acknowledge gratefully also the interest and help of Mr. D. F. C. Ballam and Mr. G. W. F. Ashford (O.F.), the former of whom refereed two club matches for us as well as playing in several practice games. The following Senior boys gave useful assistance at junior 'ends' :—Mitchell ii, Ballam i, Hunt i, Willis, Eveleigh, Cousins.

1st XI.

All members and potential members of the 1st XI have realised that serious practice is essential, and have thereby developed from being eleven representatives of School football into, at times, a team working in as fine harmony as could be expected from boys of their age.

Trapping and heading have improved, and it is hoped that a further improvement will take place in the kicking of several members next term. The tactics of the halves, in pushing the ball through the 'gap' for a player running into position, have produced many powerful raids on our opponents' goal.

Perhaps our best performance in inter-School matches was that in the match with Shaftesbury G.S. 'A' XI on the Terrace, when our play certainly reached a high standard. In the games with the Old Fosterians and Sherborne Wednesdays, when we met strong and speedy opposition, the splendid stamina of the boys was noticeable. Towards the end of the term we were fortunate enough to be able to arrange a practice with Sherborne Town 1st XI, an experience from which our team will no doubt greatly benefit.

Team : Dike i (vice-captain) ; - Hatton, Mitchell i ; Murphy, Meaker, Pollard ; forwards selected from Ballam i, Wood, Cherrett (captain), Seeley, Hunt i, Hann, Sharpe. Reserve—Flower.. Old colours :—Cherrett, Hunt i, Mitchell ii (the last-named was, however unable to play through injury) ; new colours :—Dike i, Ballam i, Murphy, Pollard, Mitchell i. It is interesting to notice that the team included four of last year's Under-14 XI.

P.D.F.M.

1st XI. Matches.

The season's fixtures opened with the usual practice match against the Masters who, including one parent and two Old Boys in their team as well as five members of the staff, just won a level game by 6—5.

Sept. 28. Junior Old Fosterians. Won, 5—3.

The best game the Junior Old Boys have given us recently. Without reproducing the highest standard of their practice play, the School team worked satisfactorily together, the wing

forwards and half-backs showing specially well. Although we had the better of the first half, the interval score was only 2—1, Hunt having fired in two fine shots. When the Old Boys drew level, the course of the game seemed uncertain till some splendid passing among the School forwards brought two quick goals (Sharpe and Ballam i) and Cherrett later executed a successful solo run. Undaunted, the Old Boys scored an unexpected goal before the end.

Oct. 2. Blandford G.S. Away. Drawn, 2—2.

Played in pouring rain. In spite of the difficult conditions play on both sides reached a good standard. We had the better of the early exchanges and should have scored more than once. The home side equalised before half-time and soon after went ahead ; and though we drew level later, we had several anxious moments during a persistent spell of attacking by Blandford. Except that Hatton was not up to his recent best form, every member of our side did well—and most, very well ; and Sharpe distinguished himself by scoring both goals.

Oct. 9. Shaftesbury G.S. 'A' XI. Won, 5—0.

The pleasure of a good game was marred by heavy rain. Considering the conditions our team were good value for their win, Mitchell i, the wing halves and Ballam i deserving special mention. Leading 2—0 at half-time, we added three later in spite of losing Dike through injury for a quarter of an hour, when Flower (who came into the team in Hatton's absence) proved a useful substitute in goal. Scorers : Hunt 2, Ballam 2, Sharpe.

Oct. 23. Old Fosterians. Won, 2—0.

The School accomplished an excellent performance in beating the Old Boys for the first time for over four years, and it was very encouraging to hear the opinion expressed among the O.F. team that the School's display was the best some of them had seen in something like twelve years. Getting together from the kick off, we were continually dangerous, and the series of passes which led to the goals (one in each half from Mr. Miller and a powerful shot by Hunt) were perfectly executed. The Old Boys narrowly missed scoring on several occasions, and only some fine goalkeeping on both sides kept the score so low.

Oct. 26. Gillingham G.S. Won, 7—0.

Proving superior in all departments, we did most of the attacking and had plenty of chances ; yet we held a lead of one goal only at half-time. Not until more than half-way through the second half did our forwards really bestir themselves : from then till the final whistle they overran the Gillingham defence and added goals in rapid succession. Scorers : Hunt 4 (1 penalty), Cherrett 2, Sharpe.

Nov. 6. Sherborne Wednesdays. Lost, 1—3.

The inter-School match for this date having been cancelled, the local Wednesday Club gave us a fixture, and a fast, keen game resulted. The Wednesdays scored early but were unable to increase their lead until well into the second half, when they added 2 goals in quick succession. Hunt failed with a penalty but we were at last rewarded for our persistent attacks when Ballam finished off a good movement. The School team, strengthened by the inclusion of Mr. Miller, made an excellent showing against bigger and stronger opponents. H. R. Eley, O.F., was a member of the Town eleven.

Nov. 16. Sexey's School (Bruton). Lost, 2—4.

Our desire to meet the 1st XI of Sexey's School this year was justified by the result, and an excellent game resulted in spite of the heavy condition of the pitch. Starting confidently, we gave promise of a victory, but failing to finish off some good movements, were only level (1—1) at the interval. The second half began similarly to the first, and we took the lead again; but eventually Sexey's School got the upper hand after repeated powerful attacks and we finished two goals in arrears. Scorers: Hunt, Ballam.

Nov. 27. Lenthay Hostel. Won, 10—1.

The pace at the opening of the game was too fast for our visitors who lacked the cohesion that regular team practice brings. With a lead of four in ten minutes and of 8—1 at half-time, we slowed down considerably, and the Brothers did well to limit our score in the second half to two. Scorers: Cherrett 3, Seeley 3, Hunt 2, Wood, and opposing back.

Nov. 30. Gillingham G.S. Away. Won, 4—1.

On the Gillingham ground our team was not so convincing as on the Terrace, and conceding an early goal, did not draw level till almost half-time. Afterwards, we had the better of the play and scored thrice without reply. Seeley, who was a decided success at centre forward, got 3 and Cherrett 1.

Dec. 7. Ilminster G.S. Away. Won, 5—0.

We thoroughly deserved our win, although our opponents, who were not so strongly represented as usual, would have been more difficult to beat on a less heavy pitch. Starting strongly, we kept Ilminster in their penalty area for almost ten minutes, and with more steadiness in front of goal, should have crossed over with more than one goal to our credit (Murphy). Play was more even in the second half, but our goal was never in danger. Good work between the forwards resulted in two goals each for Cherrett and Ballam. Pollard was outstanding in a fine trio of halves.

Under-14 XI.

In spite of the availability of five players who had some match experience last season, it was not as easy as usual to find a well-balanced junior eleven; but, except for alternative choices at left back, the team was scarcely changed once the matches began. A reasonably successful term ended with 2 matches won, 1 drawn and 2 lost.

The chief strength was in the middle of the forward line, where Bragg (who scored 10 of the 16 goals recorded) and Rose bore the brunt of the attack; and Sherry was the main stay in defence. Good promise was shown by three new juniors in Dike ii, Kingsbury and Ridout. The chief weakness was a lack of thrust and dash on the part of the halves, who continually failed to follow up: one evidence of this falling-off is seen in the fact that not a goal was registered by the half-back line this term, whereas last year the halves were themselves responsible for more than a third of the goals. In spite of failure to overcome this obvious fault, however, a good deal of earnest practice was regularly done which should bear fruit in the immediate and the more distant future.

Team: Ridout; Sherry, Doble or Mintern; Gay, Bradshaw (vice-captain), Kingsbury; Oxford, Rose, Bragg (captain), Dike ii, Pitman. Taylor also played in one match.

Oct. 16. Crewkerne School under-14. Won, 4—2.

Our team got quickly together and were soon one goal up. Play, however, was even, and after Crewkerne School had equalised and we had gone ahead again, there was no further score until well into the second half. For a considerable period we then had rather the better of the exchanges and added two goals, without reply till the last five minutes when our visitors scored the best goal of the match. The whole team gave a sound display, and the new-comers made a good impression. Scorers: Bragg 3, Pitman 1.

Nov. 16. Taunton School under 13½. Away. Lost, 0—6.

The opening moments foretold the result. Taunton School worked together from the start and were continually on the ball, whereas—perhaps owing to their long journey—our team failed to settle down and to find one another with their passes. 3 goals were scored against us in each half, and only occasionally did we threaten danger to the Taunton goal. Ridout, in goal, alone distinguished himself; no one else found his form and our 'stars' were entirely in eclipse.

Nov. 20. Shaftesbury G.S. under 14. Lost, 2—4.

Played in heavy rain and on a sodden pitch. Both sides are to be congratulated on a good display in difficult and unpleasant conditions. Starting strongly, we soon led by 2 goals (Dike ii, Rose), but by good team work Shaftesbury G.S. levelled the scores by half-time. We renewed our pressure

after the interval, and several strong movements failed only through clever goalkeeping or bad luck; as we gradually weakened, our opponents, whose wingers were always dangerous, carried the attack to the other end, where some uncertainty in defence let them through twice.

Nov. 30. Shaftesbury G.S. under-14. Away. Won, 4—3.

A very interesting game, in which our team did excellently to reverse the previous result. Scoring first, we fell off later, and half-time came with the score 3—1 against us. After the interval, we showed great improvement in dash and in accuracy of passing; putting on three goals in twenty minutes, we just managed to maintain our slender lead after a great struggle. Bragg, who was in specially good form, scored twice and Rose and Oxford once each. Kingsbury, at half, and Sherry, at back, also deserve particular mention.

Dec. 14. Yeovil School under 14. Drawn, 6—6.

As the heavy scoring suggests, attack was much superior to defence on both sides. With some clever forwards, Yeovil School began by overrunning us and it was quite against the run of the play that we led by 2—1 at the interval. Goals followed in rapid succession afterwards, each team generally taking its turn in scoring. We once led by 5—3, but Yeovil School then put on three quickly and only in the closing minute did we draw level again. We were fortunate not to be beaten, for our half-back line gave a spiritless display, leaving the backs to stem the continual attacks and the forwards to make their own openings. Indeed, except for the fine combination and dash of Bragg (5) and Rose (1), the latter of whom was a great success in his new position as right-winger, and some neat touches by Dike, we should have been on the defensive throughout.

House Matches.

An interesting half-season ended as follows: St. Bede's 15 points, St. Dunstan's 10, St. Aldhelm's 5.

Oct. 19. St. Dunstan's 2, St. Aldhelm's 0.

Although Aldhelm's team included four members of the School 1st XI to Dunstan's three, the latter were the better balanced side, Aldhelm's preferring to put their chief strength in defence than in the forward line. It was Aldhelm's who, with the help of the wind, opened the attack, but only at intervals afterwards did they appear dangerous. Catching Dike out of position, Earnshaw scored both goals for Dunstan's in quick succession in the middle of the first half, by lofty shots from the wing which were rendered more difficult by the wind.

Oct. 30. St. Bede's 4, St. Dunstan's 1.

A high end-to-end wind spoiled the game. With its help Dunstan's attacked most of the first half, but to everyone's

surprise failed to score, though several strong efforts only just missed. Bede's opened the score soon after the interval, and when Flower had to retire from Dunstan's defence owing to leg trouble, there was little doubt about the result. Dunstan's, however, fought gamely and were still dangerous in rushes, and one of Earnshaw's bursts was rewarded with a goal. Bede's scorers were Hunt (3) and Murphy.

Nov. 13. St. Aldhelm's 3, St. Bede's 3.

The previous House results suggested a victory for Bede's but Aldhelm's, wisely putting their full strength into the attack, had much the better of the first half, when they led by 3—1. After the interval they made the mistake of concentrating more and more on defence, and Bede's, though they never reached their team-form of a fortnight earlier, succeeded in drawing after a keen struggle, and could have won had they not failed with a penalty kick. Scorers: Cherrett 2, Ballam 1; Hunt, Wood, Goodchild. Dike made repeated saves in Aldhelm's goal; on the other side, Hann showed excellent form at half and Wood was a clever schemer at forward.

Junior House Matches.

The end of the first football term left St. Bede's and St. Dunstan's level with $7\frac{1}{2}$ points each, both proving much too strong for St. Aldhelm's.

Nov. 27. St. Dunstan's 6, St. Aldhelm's 0.

Considering the inequality of the teams, Aldhelm's made a good fight; for whereas their team included eight players under 14, Dunstan's, with seven over that age, were a distinctly heavy side all round. Never fully tested, they led comfortably by 4—0 at half-time, and in spite of some neat work by the halves and the more experienced of the junior forwards, Aldhelm's always lacked thrust in essential places. Hover did well at back for the losers, and Parsons saved a penalty. Scorers: Collins (2), Taylor (2), Johns, Badham.

Dec. 4. St. Bede's 1, St. Dunstan's 1.

A keen and interesting struggle. Although they had to fall back on three reserves, Bede's provided unexpectedly strong opposition against a much heavier and older team. An even first half brought no score. Shortly after half-time, however, Courage had the misfortune to put the ball into his own goal and Dunstan's seemed likely to hold on to their advantage; but, just before the final whistle, the same player made full amends with a perfect through-pass which Bragg picked up, to dash on and level the scores.

Dec. 11. St. Bede's 13, St. Aldhelm's 1.

Neither team was at full strength, but Aldhelm's were the worse sufferers. Some weak goalkeeping gave Bede's two or

three easy goals at the start, and they crossed over with a lead of 4—0. They afterwards overran Aldhelm's who, despite plucky efforts, were able to reply once only. Scorers: Bragg (5), Rose (4), Card, Baker i, Gibling ii, and one from a defender; Clarke 1.

ORDER OF MERIT.

Form VI: Modern Language section—third year, Meaker; second year, Eveleigh; Science and Maths.—second year, Willis; First year, Edwards, Hunt i.

First six places in other Forms:—

1st Month	2nd Month	3rd Month	Term.
Va.	Va.	Va.	Va.
Wood } 65	Murphy 71	Wood 72	Wood } 68
Murphy } 63	Wood 68	Cousins 71	Murphy } 66
Goodchild 63	Cousins 67	Murphy 69	Cousins 62
Sharpe 62	Sharpe 66	Goodchild 63	Sharpe 61
Cousins 60	Goodchild 58	Sharpe 61	Goodchild 54
Ebdon 55	Ebdon 55	Earnshaw 59	Earnshaw 54
Vb.	Vb.	Vb.	Vb.
Treasure i 75	Treasure i 68	Baker i 72	Treasure i 72
Baker i 73	Baker i 67	Treasure i 71	Baker i 71
McLean 67	Stroud 61	Gibling i 63	Gibling i 61
Gibling i } 65	Card 58	Card 62	Treasure ii 60
Jones i } 64	McLean } 57	Back 61	McLean 59
Treasure ii 64	Treasure ii } 57	Treasure ii 59	Card 58
IVa.	IVa.	IVa.	IVa.
Fry 67	Fry 65	Fry 72	Fry 68
Mitchell iii 66	Hoddinott ii 64	Hoddinott ii } 65	Mitchell iii } 65
Bragg 64	Mitchell iii 63	Bragg 66	Hoddinott ii } 64
Sheppard 61	Bragg } 61	Mirchell iii 65	Bragg 64
Gibling ii 60	Gibling ii } 61	Gibling ii } 63	Gibling ii 61
White } 59	Furnell 59	Hoddinott i } 60	Hoddinott i 60
Hoddinott ii } 59	Hoddinott i		
IVb.	IVb.	IVb.	IVb.
Sobey i } 65	Sobey i 71	Gay 71	Taylor 67
Collis } 64	Collis 67	Taylor 68	Collis } 66
Gay 64	Taylor 65	Sobey i } 66	Gay } 65
Taylor 63	Gay } 63	Collis } 65	Sobey i 61
Curtis i 59	Curtis i } 63	Charlton 65	Charlton 61
Fox i 57	Hiscox 62	Jackson i 61	Curtis i 59
III.	III.	III.	III.
Mitchell iv } 62	Nicholls 67	Westworth 67	Westworth } 64
Dike ii } 61	Westworth 64	Nicholls 65	Nicholls } 62
Nicholls 61	Sobey ii 63	Mitchell iv } 64	Mitchell iv } 61
Waller } 60	Mitchell iv 61	Hughes iii } 61	Sobey ii } 61
Westworth } 59	Hughes iii 60	Sobey ii } 61	Hughes iii } 59
Sobey ii } 59	Jackson ii 59	Jackson ii } 60	Jackson ii } 59
Hughes iii } 59		Kingsbury } 60	

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The **Seventh Annual General Meeting** of the O.F.A. will be held on Wednesday, February 19th at 7.30 p.m. at the School, following the return **football match between Old Boys and the School** on the afternoon of that day. It is hoped that many members will attend both the match and the meeting, and particularly that the attendance at the meeting will be as full and representative as it was last year. All who can do so are warmly invited by the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush to join the football teams at tea. Agenda of Meeting: (1) Minutes; (2) Sixth Annual Report; (3) Statement of Accounts; (4) Election of Officers; (5) Support for Dramatic Society; (6) Other Business.

OTHER COMING EVENTS.

The leading School events for the Easter term have already been listed at the end of the School Notes in the opening pages of this issue. Old Boys are also urged to make a special note of the following announcements:—

Fri. and Sat. Feb. 7, 8. O.F. Dramatic Society's production of *Outward Bound* (Sutton Vane) in the Digby Assembly Rooms—a very original and stimulating play which should command widespread support.

Wed. Mar. 25. School's Athletic Sports. Events for Old Boys: 100 yards Handicap, and Relay Race *v.* School. O.F. entries to L. J. Avery, 12, South View, Barwick, Som.

Sat. May 16. Cricket match—Junior Old Boys *v.* School.

Wed. June 17 O.F.A. Summer Reunion. Organiser: P. W. H. Dike, Nottingham House, Stalbridge, Blandford.

Wed. July 8. Cricket—Old Fosterians *v.* Sherborne (Evening) C.C.

We regret to find that Sherborne Town C.C. are unable to arrange a date this season for the usual match with Past and Present Fosterians.

O.F.A. Membership. Since the publication of the last magazine, five new members have joined, one has been lost through death, one whose membership had lapsed has rejoined and one who had given notice of resignation has also rejoined, bringing the total membership to **233**. The number of life-members has increased, by one, to **40**.

Subscriptions paid. The Treasurer acknowledges most gratefully a larger number than ever of subscriptions paid in advance for the New Year without demand—a form of support that is far more valuable and labour-saving than probably appears at first sight.

—**and unpaid.** Of the 233 members mentioned above, 19 will be notified with this issue of the magazine that their membership is in jeopardy owing to their omission to pay their last two subscriptions. A further 37 will receive warning that the despatch of magazines to them is in danger of ceasing through their non-payment for last year.

We are sure that all these 56 members, without exception, will agree that the development of the Association in the six years of its renewed existence has (at the lowest view) realised expectations and that they can count with certainty upon a regular succession of opportunities for reunions, and interesting activities within the Association, throughout the year. And we know that they have received magazines and announcements promptly.

We have every confidence, therefore, in appealing for a settlement of their arrears and for the renewal of their support at the beginning of the present year.

It appears to have been generally agreed that the **Seventh Annual Reunion Dinner and Musical Evening**, held on Wednesday, November 13th in the luxurious and compact accommodation now available at Messrs. Coombs's restaurant, was an ideal reunion, except perhaps in regard to the attendance, which was no larger than last year's, the imminence of the General Election accounting for several absentees. In accordance with the wishes expressed at the last General Meeting, especially by younger members, the musical programme was extended, the speeches—though thoroughly adequate to the importance of the occasion—were kept within strict limits, and there was ample opportunity for the renewal of old friendships.

With the Headmaster, who as President of the Association was in the chair, was the former Headmaster, Mr. T. L. Hutchins (1907-29) who was accompanied by his two sons, John and Michael; the senior Old Boys present belonged to the 80's, viz., A. H. Tuffin (Brighton), J. W. Burt, C. Scott, C. A. Lowman; those of the 90's were H. J. Otton, E. J. Upsall, G. E. Batchelor; while P. H. Gillingham (Guildford), J. A. V. Isaacs, W. L. Warr, T. Lowman, K. P. Fincken and R. Gregory represented the next decade. Thirteen belonged to the teens and twenties of the present century, including the

Rev. W. F. E. Bugg (Shirehampton), the Rev. E. E. Curtis (Waltham Cross), W. G. Pike (Crewkerne), L. N. W. Kitzerow and K. W. Baker (O.F.A. Secretaries); and besides members of the present School staff, there were three O.F.'s of the last three years, including A. L. G. Hutchings from Bristol University, and several who were attending their first O.F. Dinner.

After the loyal toast and the reading of the Roll of Honour, Mr. Gibling referred, before reading the messages from absent friends, to the pleasure all felt at meeting under the roof of a family of Old Fosterians whose connection with the School covered over forty years, to the presence of the late Headmaster and his sons and of 'our ever-faithful Vice-Presidents from Brighton and Guildford,' and to the old School photographs, sent by the brothers Kennett, which were on view. Apologies and greetings were received from Mr. Littleton C. Powys, Mr. W. F. Henning and Dr. J. F. L. Whittingdale (Governors of the School); five Vice-Presidents of the O.F.A. (W. E. Brock, G. H. White, E. G. Newlyn, J. W. Walden, W. C. Kennett), two of whom timed their telegrams to arrive as the company assembled; G. Kidner (ex-treasurer of the O.F.A.); F. W. W. Brooks, R. R. Warr, G. A. Toose, the brothers Corbett, R. K. Tod, A. J. Batchelor and A. J. Sibley.

The **Rev. W. F. E. Bugg** (1915-21) proposed 'The School' in happy vein, illustrating by reference especially to the Terrace, examination successes and the contact of masters and boys how the School provided the training and influence necessary for the development of body, mind and character. In his reply, **the Headmaster** mentioned the record number of boys in the School and the expectation of improved accommodation. More important than buildings, however, were the loyalty and effort of the Staff and the co-operation and support of parents and Old Boys. That support had recently been strikingly illustrated by the generous bequests of the late Mrs. Palmer, of which he was able to give particulars. He also referred to the recent victories of the School over O.F. football teams and to the academic and athletic successes of Old Boys at the Universities.

Mr. Hutchins was enthusiastically received on rising to propose 'The O.F.A.,' his obvious pleasure at being among many of his Old Boys again being heartily reciprocated by the whole company. Looking back upon a lifetime of teaching, he found its justification in the Old Boys: the thought of them brought him continual satisfaction. He urged upon them a full realisation of the blessing of friendships formed at School, with which no others could compare, of the boon of the Association which kept the memory of their School-days fresh, and of the value of the School magazine, some of whose

contents never failed to call up figures from the misty past, bringing a host of pleasant recollections in their train. Speaking of O.F. reunions, he referred to the origin of the O.F. Society through the efforts of the late Sir George Pragnell fifty years ago and to its revival twenty years ago during his own headmastership, and also mentioned the late Mr. G. F. Stokes among prominent benefactors of the School. In replying, **C. A. Lowman** (Chairman of Committee) gave particulars of the strength of the Association, and expressing some disappointment at the smallness of the gathering, appealed to those present to urge others to join them another year. He paid a high tribute to the zeal of the Officers, especially the Committee, Treasurer and Secretaries. The Old Boys felt, he declared, that they still belonged to the School, they maintained its best traditions, and it continued to hold pride of place in their hearts.

Some hearty community singing was enjoyed at intervals throughout the evening, under the leadership of C. A. Lowman and with the accompaniment of R. W. Tilley, who arranged the musical programme; G. E. Batchelor contributed a song, H. L. R. Hutchings a violin solo and R. W. Tilley a piano solo. The evening ended as usual with Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

Over 150 dancers took part in the Boxing Day **Dance** arranged jointly by the **Old Fosterian and Old Digbyian** Associations and held at the Digby Hotel. The sixth annual event of its kind, it proved to be the most enjoyable that has yet been arranged.

A new decoration scheme, in which balloons were most prominent, and for which the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Field kindly lent plants, made the ballroom attractive, and bright music was provided by Gray Newbery's Orchestra.

The company gave a hearty welcome to the Headmistress of Lord Digby's School and the Headmaster of Foster's School, who were both able to be present this year, and much regretted the enforced absence of Mrs. Lush and Mr. and Mrs. Gibling through illness.

The joint Committee, who are to be congratulated on the complete success of their function, consisted of: A. H. Cowling, (chairman), Miss H. Park (secretary), Mrs. J. J. Davis, Misses M. Berry, P. Brett, H. Duxfield, J. Sharp, P. Rickard, E. Young; and J. H. Elliott, G. Elliott, L. S. Ebdon, R. Gibling, R. J. Hazzard, H. G. Hunt, H. J. Otton, C. H. D. Young.

The balance sheet showed a profit of almost £2 which has been added to the Dance reserve fund.

Football Matches.

Wed. Oct. 23, **Past v. Present.** For the first time since February 1931, the Old Boys found the School too strong. They were not quite so strongly represented as usual, two of the School's reserves (who, however, proved thoroughly efficient substitutes) having to be included at the last minute owing to unexpected withdrawals. An even and hard-played first half ended in favour of the School by a single goal; and their superiority became more marked as the game proceeded, though they scored once more only.

It was good to see P. W. H. Dike sufficiently recovered from his illness to take his usual place in goal, where—like his brother at the opposite end—he made repeated clever saves. E. A. Gibbs was in powerful form at back; and in the forward line, L. J. Avery's speed, K. Loder's thrust and B. J. Hamblin's neatness were exploited to the full, though without success.

The Old Boys were represented by P. W. H. Dike (captain), K. English, E. A. Gibbs, H. G. Hunt, P. A. Hann, B. J. Hamblin, C. W. Gould, K. M. S. Loder, L. J. Avery, with Hatton and Earnshaw. Tea was provided for the teams at School by the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush, and some of the Old Boys were able to stay for a chat afterwards.

Sept. 28, **Junior Old Fosterians v. School.** Organised by L. J. Avery, the Junior Old Boys fielded a stronger side than on recent occasions, and though they again failed to register a win in this series of fixtures, they had the satisfaction of giving the School team a thorough testing. Scoring after twenty minutes, and regaining the lead after Ridout had equalised, the School had more of the game in the first half; but the Old Boys drew level soon after through a deceptive corner from Bater, and their hopes ran high. For the next quarter of an hour, however, the School forwards took command and added three goals, their lead being reduced shortly before the end by Sherry, one of whose rasping shots found its mark.

Of a hard-working team, Binder was continually prominent for his fine saves; Cowan at back, and Sherry, on the left wing, never tired; and Avery was a tower of strength in attack and defence. It was unfortunate that, through a misunderstanding, the forward line was one short. After the match, the team joined the School eleven at tea, at the invitation of the Headmaster and Mrs. Lush, and enjoyed an informal reunion and recreational hour in familiar surroundings. Team:—J. R. Binder, J. P. H. Cowan, C. H. Gillingham, A. L. G. Hutchings, L. J. Avery, K. J. Ebdon, W. S. Bater, R. J. Ridout, D. Sharpe, A. E. Sherry.

O.F. Hockey Club. The first half of the season provided us with some very enjoyable games, and although we lost

more games than we won, every player displayed excellent team spirit and great keenness. New members this season include S. R. Guppy (forward), who played for East Coker for several seasons, J. M. Green (half-back), J. R. Binder (goal), Miss B. Montague and Miss Loder. The rest of the team, who have represented the Club in previous seasons, are G. C. Brett, E. A. Gibbs (capt.), H. G. Hunt, A. J. Allen, K. W. Baker, Misses Ashford, Lambert, Sharp and Mrs. Allen. Mr. W. G. Hewitt, of the School Staff, also played in several games. Changing rooms were provided for our visitors at Messrs. W. Coombs & Sons.

Results.

Sept: 28.	Holcombe	Home	Drawn,	1—1
Oct. 5.	East Coker	Away	Lost,	2—4
" 12.	Lulworth	Home	Lost,	0—3
" 19.	Wincanton	Away	Lost,	2—5
" 26.	Curry Mallett	Home	Won,	4—2
Nov. 2.	Winsham	Away	Drawn,	0—0
" 9.	Crewkerne	Home	Won,	1—0
" 16.	East Coker	Away	Drawn,	2—2
" 23.	Wincanton	Home	Lost,	2—4
" 30.	Milborne Port	Away	Won,	5—3
Dec. 7.	Motcombe	Home	Lost,	1—2
" 14.	Holcombe	Away	Lost,	0—2
" 26.	Milborne Port	Home	Lost,	2—5
" 28.	Motcombe	Away	Lost,	1—3

Fixtures for New Year.

Jan. 4.	Queen Camel	Home
" 11.	Queen Camel	Away
" 18.	Milborne Port	Home
" 25.	Beaminster	Away
Feb. 1.	East Coker	Home
" 8.	Crewkerne	Away
" 15.	Winsham	Home
" 29.	Beaminster	Home
Mar. 7.	Lulworth	Away
" 14.	Holt (Trowbridge)	Home
" 28.	East Coker	Home
Apr. 4.	Curry Mallett	Away
" 11.	Holt	Away
" 18.	Milborne Port	Away

K.W.B.

A new activity. A small group of local Old Fosterians, led by T. Lowman, G. C. Brett and K. W. Baker, shared with another local organisation the responsibility for the games and competition section of the Wayfarers Bazaar, held in the Methodist Schoolroom, Sherborne, on October 30th.,

in aid of the Lenthay Hostel for Wayfarers. The results of their efforts, as of the whole enterprise, in which a large number of local bodies shared, were highly successful.

Marriages.

Dec. 28, at Castleton Church, Sherborne, **Geoffrey ("Peter") Wyatt** (c. 1920) Sitterton Farm, Bere Regis, to Kitty Alice Kendall, Clatcombe Farm, Sherborne. Present address: Roundham, Crewkerne. The 'best man' was R. R. Wyatt (1918-20).

We also record with pleasure the marriage, in London, on Nov. 9, of **P. D. F. Miller** (A.M. 1935—) to Joan Kenyon; and are pleased to hear that **J. W. Webster** (1919-23), Axminster) and **W. W. Gray** (1918-24, Hythe, Southampton) have recently been married.

Deaths.

The Association has suffered a deeply regretted loss by the death of **Ernest Walter Folkes** (1890-93) in the Royal Masonic Hospital, London, on September 17th, at the age of 56. He had been a Vice-President of the O.F.A. since 1931, and besides making a special point of visiting Sherborne and some of the officers of the Association in that year, he showed a consistently keen interest in the School and the Old Boys' movement, to which he gave generous support and service. Thus, it was a thoughtful suggestion of his that inaugurated a profitable scheme to help the School Pavilion Fund—a scheme whose effect is not yet exhausted, as the present and recent issues of the magazine have already recorded—and he also made a zealous effort, which unfortunately proved unsuccessful, to found a London branch of the O.F.A.

A twin son of the late Sergt.-Major Folkes, of Sherborne School Cadet Corps (who was very well-known in Sherborne and was drill instructor at Foster's School in the nineties), he began a very successful career in journalism at Yeovil and Moreton-in-the-Marsh, migrating to London in 1899. Here he became connected with the advertising side of newspaper work, occupying positions with Messrs. Newnes, Ltd., the Sheffield Daily Telegraph and the Sunday Dispatch. He was later appointed London manager of the Bradford Observer, and for the last nineteen years had been London manager of the Belfast News Letter.

A popular Fleet Street representative, it was characteristic of him that he devoted his energies to many social and charitable activities: he was a past president and one of the oldest members of the Fleet Street Club, a P.W.M. of the London Dorset Lodge of Freemasons, and a member of the Society of Dorset Men in London; while, as president and one of the

founders of the Kingsdown Bowls Club, Wimbledon, he was well-known in the Bowling world. To the end he remained a staunch lover of his native town and county.

His funeral was attended by a very representative gathering, while a two-minute silence was observed on the greens of various bowling clubs in Surrey; and obituary notices in many papers paid tribute to his worth and his abilities. A man of strong personality, he was very outspoken, but was scrupulously fair in all his dealings. One paper summed up his character tersely in the statement that 'he had many adversaries, but no enemies.'

All who knew him will share our sincere sympathy with Mrs. E. W. Folkes and her son, Mr. C. W. Folkes, as also with his brothers, W. H. Folkes (1890-93, Broxbourne, Herts, a Vice-President of the O.F.A.) and R. W. Folkes (1890-93, Canada).

We have also heard with much regret of the sudden death of **Cecil Thomas Rowland Luffman**, Kingsbury Mills, Milborne Port (1902-03), at the Yeatman Hospital on November 20th at the age of 45. On the previous evening he met with an unexplained accident near Purse Caundle while driving home from his business rounds and, after being taken to the Hospital, died without regaining consciousness. A well-known tradesman, he had carried on for some years the old-established business of milling and baking founded by his grandfather. We offer our respectful sympathy to Mrs. Luffman and her four children, as well as to the other members of his family.

We have been much distressed to hear of the sudden and totally unexpected death on January 12th of **F. A. G. Lambert** (1931-35, Alwston), following a cycle accident on the previous evening which at first appeared the reverse of serious. On leaving School last Easter, he entered the business of C. B. Brett and Son, where he showed the same sound qualities and the same cheerfulness as were always in evidence at School in his work and his play; and his characteristic consideration for others was especially shown in the hours following his accident. He was in Form Vb when he left School, and was a member of the first football eleven in his last season. Our sincerest sympathy is offered to his mother in the sudden loss of her only child at the beginning of a promising career.

Old School Photographs.

Last term we had the pleasure of acknowledging a photograph of the School cricket team of 1903 from **W. C. Kennett** (1898-03). He has since been kind enough to send, on behalf of his brother, **Capt. F. A. Kennett** (1901-06), as further gifts to the O.F.A., photographs of the cricket teams of 1905 and 1906. The 1905 group consists of R. W. Osmond, P. Gibbs, L.

St. A. Gent, H. R. Plommer, F. A. Kennett, the late S. H. Taylor, the late E. F. Spiller, G. C. Spiller, G. E. Brine, - Hall, W. H. Baker, W. H. Voake, with J. A. Rose (scorer).

Those who appear in the 1906 group are Mr. J. S. F. Hawkes, P. Gibbs (captain), F. A. Kennett (vice-captain and secretary), F. L. Hodgson, H. W. Lye, J. H. Barrett, L. R. Sherry, G. C. Spiller, F. A. Rose, L. St. A. Gent, H. R. Plommer, R. W. Blandford, with S. B. Lovell (scorer). This proved a particularly strong team, which won 8 matches—against Sherborne 2nd XI, the schools of Yeovil, Blandford, Bruton (Sexey's School), Shaftesbury, Dorchester and Gillingham (once)—and was beaten only twice, by Gillingham G.S. and Wimborne G.S.

We give the brothers Kennett our sincerest thanks, on behalf of the Association, for their presentation of these interesting records of the School's activities in the past which we are very happy to possess and to preserve for future generations of Fosterians. All three groups were on view at the recent Dinner, where they attracted the interest of several Old Boys of about thirty years ago; and they now adorn the walls of the main schoolroom in company with several other old School groups previously presented by Old Boys.

An old Prize Day Programme.

When he came to the Dinner, **A. H. Tuffin** brought with him, as a gift to the department of records and antiquities of the O.F.A., a copy of the programme of the School's Entertainment and Prize Day on Friday, April 20, 1888, for which we thank him heartily.

The eleven items of the entertainment consisted of recitations of various kinds (apparently mainly humorous) by Brett, Coffey, Cox, Davis i and ii, Edmunds, Foot, Tuffin i and iii; a selection from 'The Rivals' in which the parts were played as follows—Sir Antony Absolute: Tuffin i; Capt. Absolute: Foot; Sir Lucius O'Trigger: Davis i; Falkland: Newlyn; Bob Acres: Davis ii; David: Brett; and Servant: Stabler; and finally an epilogue by Sampson ii.

The Examiners' Report was afterwards read, and the prizes were then distributed, but no details of these proceedings appeared on the programme.

Visitors.

In addition to the late Headmaster of the School, whose presence and speech were much appreciated, two Vice-Presidents of the O.F.A. were again among the members who came from a considerable distance to attend the Reunion Dinner—**A. H. Tuffin** (1882-88 Brighton,) whose gifts to the School and the Association have already been acknowledged,

and **P. H. Gillingham** (1901, Guildford); but **E. G. Newlyn** (1886-88, A.M. 1888-90), whom we hoped to welcome at that gathering, was unfortunately unable to accept the invitation. He entered upon his well-earned retirement last July after more than 37 years' service at St. Olave's School and a most successful teaching career of nearly 47 years in all. He will continue to live, for the present at any rate, in London. While spending two or three weeks in Sherborne, he revisited the School and the Terrace, where he was able to inspect the pavilion and to see the boys engaged in compulsory games on the first Wednesday of the term, and he also made or renewed acquaintance with some of the officers of the Association. It was interesting to learn that he was among the pioneers of the School camping movement in the country: the School camp which he took a chief part in organising for St. Olave's in 1906 was one of the first, if not actually the first, of its kind. We are sure that all members of the Association, as well as his old friends in Sherborne, will echo our wish that health and happiness will remain with him in his retirement, together with a full enjoyment of the many precious memories that we know he must have stored up from his past strenuous years. He has more recently sent a generous donation to the Association's funds with his best wishes to the O.F.A. and the School.

While spending a day in Sherborne, with his wife and young son, **R. R. W. Tuffin** (1907-14), Frome) made an opportunity of paying a short call upon one of the secretaries to revive old memories and to hear the latest news of the School. From Frome also came **M. C. Wilson** (1911-16), whom we met in mid-term with his wife and daughter and who, we were most interested to learn, had recently played football again after an absence of ten years from the game. We were pleased, too, to meet **R. H. Dyer**, M.C., M.D. (1907-12), while he was on a short holiday from the calls of his medical practice at Brentwood.

G. A. Toose (1911-17, Brympton, Yeovil) called at School in November, when he arranged to come to the O.F. Dinner, but was afterwards, to our regret, prevented from attending. We were sorry to learn that he had had a spell of illness, though he was then very much better.

When **D. T. Hodges** (1917-21, Holwell) paid a call on one of the secretaries with his wife and little son, he brought news of other O.F.'s of his time. He had met Frank E. Harris on relief duty at Sherborne railway station some months back, and also ran across A. B. Kearley in Bournemouth: we were previously unaware that the latter had returned from America.

Cecil J. Andrews (1913-17, Dulwich) and **Philip J. Rogers** (1921-27, Acton), who were both completing their summer holidays with a week in Sherborne and neighbourhood,

paid welcome calls to renew their contact with O.F. friends and were also interested spectators of some of the early School football practices. We were sorry to miss a further meeting with the latter at Christmas time when he was in company with **A. J. Brett** (1918-25), and also not be at hand to receive a call from **W. C. Jewry** (1921-27, West Ham).

Other Old Boys who watched some of the School's football matches were **P. W. H. Dike**, **P. D. Parsons**, **N. C. Penny** and **R. T. F. Pike**.

Following his attendance at the O.F. Dinner, where he proposed the toast of 'The School,' the Rev. **W. F. E. Bugg** (1915-21) found time to pay a visit to School. He happened fortunately to be taking a few days' rest from his duties in Shirehampton parish, where owing to the illness of his vicar he has had a strenuous beginning to his first year's ministry. He has already started a Scout troop, and is hopeful of the successful organisation of a group of Toc H which is in process of formation. He was very pleased to see from the magazine that O.F.A. membership and interest were so well maintained. He had greatly enjoyed meeting Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins on several occasions in Bristol, and was able to renew contact with Mr. Hutchins and his sons at the Dinner, as well as with the Rev. **E. E. Curtis** (1918-24, Waltham Cross), who, having a few days' holiday in hand, was also able to be present for the first time. He had been pleased to be reminded, by the receipt of some photographs, of the School's Summer camp in which he took part in August. He was afterwards in Eastbourne at a Summer School for Sunday School teachers and organisers of which he sent in return some interesting snapshots.

S. W. Scott (1917-25) took the opportunity of looking round some familiar spots in the classrooms after his lecture to the School's Commoners Society in November.

We were glad to see **A. L. G. Hutchings** (1924-32) frequently while he was engaged in three weeks' teaching experience at the Abbey Boys' School, Sherborne, as a preliminary part of his fourth year course, in the theory and practice of teaching, at Bristol University. Before he returned to Bristol, he took an energetic part in the School's football practices at the beginning of the season and played for the Masters XI against the School team. He was able to return at mid-term for the O.F. Dinner, and we now learn with pleasure that he will be spending the Easter term in the practice of teaching at Dorchester Grammar School, and hopes while he is in Dorchester to see a good deal of K. J. Ebdon.

His eldest brother, N. R. Hutchings (1914-18, Sevenoaks) was also at home with his wife and daughter for Christmas.

We were interested to learn from **R. G. Mitchell** (1926-32, Bristol), who was on holiday early in October, that he had spent the previous week with Jack Reeves, at Ilminster. He was sorry not to have been at home for the Junior Old Boys' match, and was hoping to take up rugby football at Bristol. We saw him again in December when a slight road accident, in which Arthur Hutchings was also involved, had temporarily incapacitated him.

Among our Christmas visitors was **R. K. Tod** (1923-27) who has been for some months in charge of a private motor-yacht on the south and east coasts. After leaving Dover, he was at Queensborough and Rochester. On a trip from the former place to Brightlingsea, near Colchester, he was forced by bad weather to make the East Swale, but for two days and nights was unable to quit the wheel, having to leave the engines going and to keep steering in order to ease the strain on the cable, owing to the dragging of the anchor in the gale. The weather fortunately eased while he had still a little petrol left, and it must have been a great relief to get ashore for food and a rest. He was unable to get to the Dinner as he once had hopes of doing.

J. S. D. Bacon (1926-28) was in Sherborne after Christmas, following his first—and very congenial—term at Trinity Hall Cambridge, whither he won an Exhibition from Selhurst G.S. Croydon. He is giving special attention at present to Chemistry, Physiology, Zoology and also to Bio-Chemistry.

Shortly before term ended, **H. M. R. Shute** (1929-32, 2nd. Dorset Regt., Dover) called at School while on Christmas leave, looking very fit indeed. When he was at home in the summer, he set out to visit the School Camp at Ringstead (where he had been a member of a previous School camping party), but did not get beyond Weymouth. He had had a strenuous time since, training for the Battalion Cross Country race (seven miles), in which he finished 155th out of about 450, firing his rifle and Lewis gun course (in which he obtained a first class), boxing, and more recently taking a special course of training for whippet-tank driving. In addition he had been chosen to play for the Battalion rugby football team, and was studying hard for his first-class education certificate. He had evidently found great interest in the last magazine. He was accompanied by **R. E. Meader** (1929-31), who is very happy in his work as an electrical engineer at Sturminster Newton. Both of them were present at the School play, like

other recent O.F.'s, including C. A. Goodchild, W. S. Bater, I. C. Upshall, R. F. Hann, P. A. Hann, F. A. G. Lambert, E. P. Andrews; and older loyal supporters included G. E. Batchelor.

Other callers at the Christmas season were: **R. R. Pedley** (1922-30), on holiday from the City Boys' School, Leicester, after a successful and busy term; he had been to see his old School friend, A. W. Dann, at Christchurch; **G. W. F. Ashford** (1925-33), who played for the Masters' XI against the School at football early in the season, and called again in the recent holiday to make sure that his O.F. membership should be up-to-date before he returned to Bristol University, where he hopes to sit for his final B.A. next July; **R. K. Dibble** (1926-34), who is finding his second year at Bristol University still more enjoyable than his first; before he returned thither in January, he renewed his membership of the O.F.A. and added a generous contribution to the funds of the 'Onlooker,' of which he was a former editor; Mr. **J. H. Gabe**, who spent a term in the practice of teaching at Foster's School a year ago and now has a post at Llandudno; and **W. H. Cross** (1928-32), who has been in the Merchant Service for some two years past and was on leave in the interval between voyages.

More recently we were glad to meet again **A. D. Bellringer** (1912-15), who is still living at Langport and now manages both the Langport and Ilminster branches of Bradford & Sons, Ltd.; and to receive a call from **R. A. Collings** (1925-30), R.N., who was on a short leave following thirteen months in Chinese waters, where he saw something of Shanghai, Singapore and Hong Kong, and also touched Japan at Kobe; he was due to report at Devonport and hoped to be abroad again very soon.

Correspondents.

Of Vice-Presidents of the O.F.A. who have written lately, the Christmas message of **S. P. Andrew** (1889-94), who is President of the New Zealand Dorset Men beyond the seas, again took a memorable form:—

Go East, go West—why, Dorset's best
To anyone who's known it:
Who would not be a Dorset man
And "who's a-fear'd" to own it?

He is as zealous as ever in forwarding his copies of a N.Z. illustrated weekly for the interest of the boys of the School; **G. Washington Brock** (1890-2), a managing director of Russell Square Press Ltd., expressed his deep regret at learning

of the death of his contemporary, E. W. Folkes, and at receiving the news too late to allow him to attend the funeral as a representative of the O.F.A. ; **W. H. Folkes** (1890-3, Broxbourne, Herts) has become a life-member of the Association and thereby made sure of keeping in regular touch with affairs Fosterian ; **J. W. Walden** (1896-8, Crewkerne) accompanied a generous subscription to the Association by further support of the School's Pavilion Fund and his good wishes all round ; and **W. C. Kennett** (1896-03, Walton-on-Thames), who has recently, we hear with pleasure, been elected a director of his Company, sent his best wishes to the O.F.A. and old friends and spoke more hopefully than usual of a possible visit to Sherborne and the School during the summer. His brother's gift to the O.F.A. of cricket photographs of thirty years ago has already been mentioned.

Several members abroad wrote in time to greet their fellow-members at home for Christmas : **A. J. Dowdeswell** (1900-05, Bucharest) thoughtfully accompanied his wishes by his next year's subscription. When **J. A. Rose** (1904-10) wrote, the country round Melbourne was beautifully green, for everything was growing rapidly and luxuriously after a damp winter. Melbourne is fortunate in its gardens : the Botanical Gardens are among the finest in the world and are much appreciated by residents, thousands of whom visit them on Sundays and holidays. The grounds are also a bird sanctuary, and in this connection he mentioned with great satisfaction that the necessity for preserving the bird-life of the country is strongly impressed on the school-children. It was interesting to hear with what remarkable regularity a sea bird, known for some obscure reason as the mutton bird, arrives by its thousands on one of the islands south of Melbourne. The cricket season was then in full swing ; but in spite of the lure of his old summer game, golf remains J. A. Rose's chief recreation nowadays. He felt that trade prospects were still good, though business was not so brisk as a year ago : one of the most encouraging signs was the boom in building. He is very interested to see the 'Fosterian' regularly and to read of the development of the School ; and hopes some day to revisit it and meet some old friends. **L. F. Fox** (1907-11, Eastern Telegraph Co., Gibraltar), who also forwarded his 1936 subscription in advance, made interested enquiries about the School, where he was glad to know that two of his nephews now were. Last Easter he and his wife had an enjoyable motor trip to Cordoba and Seville, the chief attraction at the latter city being the world-famous religious processions which continue practically throughout Holy Week. On the return journey they stopped at Hereth to visit the sherry country, where they saw wine in all its stages of development and in many varieties. They are planning a much more extensive

tour this year, intending to motor home across Spain and France, some 1500 miles, and expecting to reach England about Easter. During the summer S. A. Hutchings (1918-21) made a call at Gibraltar while on a Mediterranean Cruise, but unfortunately the time available was too short to allow him to enjoy the sight-seeing tour which L. F. Fox and his fellow O.F. at Gibraltar, W. H. Pearce, M.C., (1896-98, City Engineer) had planned for him. Another O.F. who hopes to be at home by the end of the year is **M. M. Betten** (1912-19, Tukvar Tea Estate, Darjeeling). He mentioned that he took part in the singles of the Darjeeling tennis tournament last May, when (according to his own modest report) his bad play so perplexed his opponents that he managed to be the runner-up. He also enjoys polo, as well as periodic military parades ; but hockey and football are too exhausting for ordinary people when they have to come up from altitudes of 2000 or 4000 feet to play at 7000 feet. He expects to leave his two eldest girls at school in England when he returns.

Sergt. **G. K. Henderson** (1919-21, 1st Royal Fusiliers) has returned to India and is now stationed at Delhi, where the chief disadvantage is that the Battalion is always broken up, one company being at the Fort in Old Delhi, another on duty at the Viceroy's residence when he is there, and the remainder being in cantonments. New Delhi is a model for the lay-out of a modern city, with straight main roads leading out from a circular centre of some 300 yards diameter. Old Delhi, a huge place, is a typical old Indian city, full of smells and indescribably filthy. The locality is full of historical interest : the ruins of seven old Delhis are scattered about on or near the river Jumna, some being in a good state of preservation and all being protected. Sport in the district is of a high standard, and hockey, exceptionally good, for the Indians take to this game marvellously. He has already had a few games of cricket, for outside clubs as well as the Battalion, and recently had the honour of playing with two other representatives of the Battalion for the Viceroy's XI, both teams being presented to his Excellency and Lady Willingdon. He shared in an innings victory by taking 4 wickets for 53 in the two innings. He was hoping to see the Australian team during their Indian tour. He remarked how much he enjoyed the last 'Fosterian.'

W. E. Whatley (1900-06, Bromley) recently made a point of visiting F. R. Newlyn (1894-99), who lives no more than twenty minutes' walk away from him, and found that, although there was a break of a year between their dates at School, they had much common ground for discussion. He also referred to W. T. Alexander, who was mentioned in the last magazine,

and whom he remembered as being at Portsmouth Dockyard 26 years ago.

A. T. Thorne (1909-12, W. Ealing), whose vivid snapshots of various European countries appear earlier in this issue, was about to set off, when he wrote, on another of his regular business tours on the Continent, embracing Strasbourg, Munich, Cologne and Rotterdam, and hoped to accomplish the round in seven days and nights by travelling at nights and paying his calls in the day. He prefers his winter journeys, when holiday crowds are absent and there is more room and quiet everywhere. He chose the Isle of Man for his summer holiday. Referring to the School's expectation of additional or alternative accommodation, he expressed a hope that its site would not have to be changed since memories attach themselves more easily to familiar places. He had again to forgo attendance at the Dinner since he was abroad at the time.

G. P. Leech (1921-22, 24-25, Liverpool) is one of the increasing number of members who make sure of forwarding their subscription before the year begins. He finds continual interest in the magazine and wishes he were within such distance of Sherborne as would allow him to take part in O.F. activities. He has recently been called on to take charge of the office work for the firm of jewellers to which he belongs.

After nearly two years at Fawley, in company with R. H. Hazzard, **Donald G. Parsons** (1920-26) has recently been transferred to the Woolston branch of the N.P. Bank at Southampton, and also goes out to the Hamble and Netley agencies twice a week.

A. J. Batchelor (1921-28), now assistant to the City Engineer at Portsmouth, wrote at the time of the Dinner which he was too far away to attend this year. He wondered if there are any other O.F.'s in his new district. He is getting good experience in sea-defence, for one of his first jobs was to survey and take levels for a big extension to the sea-wall. When he wrote he was busy measuring the whole tram-track of the city, for trams are to be replaced by electric trolley buses. He is attending evening classes at the Municipal College of the Guildhall, in preparation for the examination of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and was pleased to find that his School Certificate exempted him from most of the subjects in the preliminary syllabus. We are happy to hear that he has already found friends in the Oxford Group Movement, in which he has taken a deep interest for some time.

Jack Reeves (1926-30, Ilminster) has entered the offices of an architect and surveyor at Chard, where he is articled for three years, and finds the work very interesting and attractive. He enquired whether the 'Onlooker' was still being published at School, and we were able to satisfy his desire to see how a recent number compared with those of his day. He is thinking of joining the O.F.A.

Unable unfortunately to visit Sherborne during the final instalment of his summer holiday, **A. F. Webber** (1925-31) wrote instead, to keep in touch with the headquarters of the O.F.A. He was then about to return to Carmarthen, where he has a post with Cow and Gate Ltd.

J. H. Brunt (1929-32) has left his home at Cerne Abbas for a while to gain experience in the retail milk business and in fruit growing, at Wadhurst, Sussex. He mentioned that he had been reading 'Wolf Solent' (J. Cowper Powys) and was vastly interested to recognise in the story familiar spots in Sherborne and neighbourhood, including (he says) the fourth form hut at Foster's School.

B. W. Rhodes (1930-35) has become a furniture salesman. His one regret is that, having neither Wednesday nor Saturday afternoon free, he has not been able to join any local football club. He hopes, however, to play in the Junior Old Boys match after Christmas.

We have also been pleased to hear again of **H. F. M. Thorne** (1927-34, Reading) and of **H. C. Chant** (1932-35), the former of whom has renewed his membership and the latter of whom has just joined the Association; and to receive a message from **R. N. Cook** (1934-35), now at Yeovil School.

Christmas and New Year Messages.

In acknowledging, both for himself and in the name of the Association, a large number of greetings and good wishes, the Corresponding Secretary of the O.F.A. very much regrets that he was prevented by illness from sending his usual Christmas messages this year.

In addition to many of those already named on previous pages, the following remembered their old School friends at this season: Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hutchins (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harrison (Rugby), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Howard (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Walker (Ealing), Mr. and Mrs. R. Tyson (Woodchurch, Wirral); Mr. and Mrs. R. W. J. Baker (Rugby),

W. A. and C. T. Beer (Stonehouse, Glos.), Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brock (Watlington, Oxon), G. D. Batchelor (Erith, Kent), Mr. and Mrs. A. Collings (Nether Compton), Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Curtis (Melbury Osmond), Mr. and Mrs. H. E. England (Motcombe), Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fooks (New Malden), Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Foot (Thornton Heath), O. J. B. George (Hitchin), Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gray (Buckland Newton), Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hayes (London), S. A. Hutchings (Brentwood), J. A. Henderson (Feltham, Middlesex), Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ireland (Hunstanton), Mr. and Mrs. G. Kidner (Chew Magna, Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lovell (Poole), Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Newlyn (Bromley), G. B. Richings (Glastonbury), Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Squire (Bridport), C. T. Woodhouse (Milborne Port), Guy Williams (Clifton Maybank).

Late Cricket News.

E. J. Freeman again topped the batting averages of Sherborne C.C. with 646 runs (highest score, 121 not out) and average 46.2. He scored altogether well over 1000 runs for the Town and other teams in the district, and also captained the Town team on a number of occasions in the absence of the regular captain.

B. J. Hamblin was second in the bowling averages, with 8 wickets for 100. He was second in the batting averages of Sherborne Wednesday (evening) Club, with 14 innings, 3 not out, total 357, highest score 62 not out, and average 32.5; besides taking 13 wickets for 142; and was also second in both batting and bowling for Sherborne C.C. 2nd. XI, his figures being 9 innings, 1 not out, 151 runs, highest score 43, and average 18.87; and 23 wickets for 202, average 8.78. For the Town 2nd XI also, **C. T. Beer** had a batting average of 8, and took 13 wickets for 95.

In the annual report of the Dorset County C.C., **D. P. Freeman** was among those who were praised for their consistent batting, his figures being 19 innings, 2 not out, 428 runs, highest score 89, average 25.1.

In the averages of the Milborne Port C.C., **C. T. Woodhouse** was second in batting (14 inns. 1 not out, 231 runs, highest score 51, average 17.76) and fourth in bowling (11 wickets for 95).

After leaving School, **B. W. Rhodes** finished the season with the Yetminster C.C., with excellent all-round figures: 5 innings, 100 runs, highest score 35, average 20; and 5 wickets for 19.

O.F.'S in Football and Hockey.

At the Universities: **G. W. F. Ashford** played at back for the Bristol University A.F.C., and **A. L. G. Hutchings** occupied the same position in the University's second eleven. **C. A. Goodchild** was the outside right of the Reading University A.F.C. 2nd. XI and received a trial for the 1st XI.

B. J. Hamblin and Mr. **P. D. F. Miller** of the present School staff have played regularly for Sherborne Town in their matches in the Dorset Senior League. **H. J. Seymour** is the Chairman of the Club and **G. Ogden** (who still turns out for the 2nd XI when required) is now Secretary.

H. R. Eley is a member of the Sherborne Wednesday team; and the Alweston F.C.'s forward line has regularly included three O.F.'s in **K. M. S. Loder**, **G. A. J. Stephen** and **E. E. Osment**.

C. T. Woodhouse has been captain of the Milborne Port Hockey Club for which **R. Hallett** is also a playing member.

Other Personal Notes.

In the limelight. We were interested to read a newspaper account of the celebration of the jubilee of Chapel Street Council School, Rugby, where **W. R. J. Baker** (1909-12, 19-20) has been teaching for the past fifteen years.

In spite of the loss of an eye two months before in an accident while game-shooting, **B.S.M. G. H. R. Kendall** (1914-16) made the highest score in the annual Christmas Shoot of 376 Battery (Q.O.D.Y.) R.A., and won the championship cup of the meeting, presented by Col. W. D. Lidderdale.

Music and Opera. **J. M. Warren** (1899-02) is the Chairman of the Committee of the Weymouth Choral Society.

O.F.'s who took a prominent part in the highly successful production of 'No, No, Nanette' by the Sherborne Operatic Society at the Carlton Theatre early in December were **G. Elliott**, **R. J. Hazzard**, **F. H. Philpott**; and **A. H. Sawtell** was publicity manager, **J. H. Elliott** property master, and **Mr. W. J. Hewitt**, a member of the present staff of the School, musical director.

Health. We were very sorry to hear that **Mrs. Hutchins** had the misfortune to break her arm in the autumn, and have been glad to learn of her satisfactory progress since.

Although he was able to return home from hospital in October, we understand that **R. W. Oliver** (1928-32, Bishop's Caundle) is still in need of regular treatment. We renew our earnest wishes to him for better and better progress.

We regret to hear that **C. E. Eason** (1913-14) has been seriously ill lately, and we give him our very best wishes for a full recovery of health soon.

Appointments and Movements. **P. Berryman** (1912-15) has left Maidstone to open a business on his own account at Epsom.

N. E. Lanning (1919-23) has been a R.A.C. Scout for several years.

A. H. J. Case (1920-22, Henstridge) is motor-lorry driving in the district.

P. G. W. Brooks (1924-26) resigned his position as junior assistant to the Borough Surveyor of Dorchester to take an appointment as architectural and civil engineering assistant in the Directorate of works and buildings at the Air Ministry. After leaving Foster's School, he was at Shropshire Grammar School.

H. P. Crocker (1926-29) has left Messrs. Fooks & Grimley to become managing clerk to Mr. T. Bartlett.

A. A. Brown (1928-29) is now at the Bristol Merchant Venturers College, taking his M.P.S. course, on which he expects to spend another eighteen months.

G. P. Foot (1925-26) is no longer with G. C. Spiller, but has rejoined his father and brothers at their farm at Middlemarsh.

K. English (1926-31) has left the Sherborne Pharmacy and taken a post at Chard.

C. F. Knight (1926-31) has left Nether Compton for a post with a building firm in Weymouth.

D. Metcalfe (1931-35) has a post with Eldridge, Pope and Co., at their Sherborne branch.

The latest *Old Fosterians* are: **H. Edwards** (1930-35) who is with Messrs. Boots at Sherborne; **D. F. Hunt** (1931-35),

who has joined the R.A.F. and will be stationed at either Halton or Cranwell; **F. J. Hatton** (1932-35), who has joined the Army as an apprentice tradesman and will be at Chpstow Training School (R.E.) for 3 years for training as an electrician; **R. E. Garrett** (1932-35) and **L. Seeley** (1930-35) who are assisting their fathers; **R. C. Mitchell** (1931-35), who is with C. B. Brett and Son, Sherborne; **J. E. Hann** (1933-35), who has joined Messrs. Southcombe, Milborne Port; and **G. J. Rickard** (1932-35).

New Members.

- 1933-35. Allen, W. E., Woodlands, Montacute Road, Stoke-under-Ham, Som.
 1932-35 Chant, H. C., c/o South Street, Milborne Port, Sherborne.
 1935-(A.M.) Miller, P. D. F., Tor House, Kings Road, Sherborne.
 1929-35 Pike, R. T. F., Long Street, Sherborne.
 1930-35 Sherry, A. E., Buckland Newton, Dorchester.

W. H. Folkes has become a life-member.

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 W. H. Folkes, Dunelm, St. Catherine's, Broxbourne, Herts.
 C. A. Goodchild, St. Patrick's Hall, The University, Reading.
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