The last issue compiled and written (as was every number from the start during the school holidays) by father. He retired in October 1947. D.R. Gibling.

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Ernest took over the Editorship.

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Dates	
Tues. Nov. 11.	**Remembrance Day :** Short service at School, 10.45 a.m.
Sat. Nov. 15.	**Football :** O.F. XI *v.* School. O.F. Organiser: C. E. Dike.
Fri. & Sat. Dec. 12, 13.	**School Play :** *She Stoops to Conquer* (Goldsmith).
Fri. & Sat. Dec. 19. 20.	The **O.F. Dramatic Society** presents:— *Laburnum Grove* (J. B. Priestly).
Wed. Feb. 25.	O.F.A. Annual General Meeting, 7 p.m., in the School Library. In addition to the usual business, a decision should be taken regarding the form of the T. L. Hutchins Memorial.
Wed. Mar. 10.	Cross Country Races. 2.45 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. Mar. 19, 20.	25th Annual Commoners Concert.
Wed. Mar. 24.	Athletic Sports, 2.30 p.m.
Wed. June 16.	Old Boys' Summer Reunion.

SCHOOL NOTES

Even the most difficult to please could hardly find fault with the summer term of 1947, especially in comparison with last year. Although the wiser and more thoughtful have known for the past twelve months that a national economic crisis was never far off, there was still abundant scope for a full life of effort and recreation ; and, as is always the case, those who made the best of their opportunities for work without doubt enjoyed their relaxations the most. Now, recapturing if we can the best spirit of the War years, we have all to show ourselves and one another, as in the early 1940's, that there is no contradiction in being both grave and gay while daily life remains hard and grim, as indeed it was bound to be amid the aftermath of War.

In these circumstances particularly, and with an eye to future standards in the country as a whole, we are pleased to record two County Major Scholarships, as in 1942 and 1946, and we should have wished to report something better than sixty per cent of successes in the Certificate examinations as a whole. M. M. Bennett and R. A. Care are to be warmly congratulated on gaining, respectively, a Somerset and a Dorset County Major **Scholarship** on the result of their Higher School Certificate ; and of the twelve successful School Certificate candidates, four reached London Matriculation standard : Harris, indeed, earned the credit mark

in every subject but one, including (like Parker and Edwards) two 'very good' awards.

Higher School Certificate (*Bristol*) : Bennett : Chemistry, good—(Scholarship standard) ; French, good—(Scholarship standard) ; Pure Mathematics, (very good) ; Applied Mathematics, (good).

(*Cambridge*)—Care : Mathematics and Chemistry (advanced—good) ; French (subsidiary). Coombs i had to be content this year with a pass in Chemistry (main subject) and subsidiary standard in Mathematics and French.

School Certificate (Cambridge)—*Passes* :—

Harris i*	**L**	1	2	3	4	5†	6	7	8†	9
Kinghorn i*	**L**	1	2	3	4	7	8	10		
Parker*	**L**†	1	2†	3	4	5	7	8		
Baggs	L	1	2	3	4	5	7	8		
Dunn*	**L**	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Harvey	L	1	2	3†	7	8	9	10		
Edwards	L	3	7†	8†	9					
Hedditch i	L	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	
Doble	L	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10
Warren	L	1	2	3	4	5	7	8		
Trew	**L**	2	3	4	5	7	8	9		
Frampton	L	1	3	5	7	8	9			

Supplementary Certificate :

Lawrence **6**

Reference Symbols—L, English Language (compulsory) ; 1, English Literature ; 2, History ; 3, Geography ; 4, French ; 5, Oral French ; 6, Latin ; 7, Mathematics ; 8, Science ; 9, Art ; 10, Handicraft.
Thick type—*pass with credit* ; † *very good* ; * *exemption from London Matriculation.*

National Savings contributions, too, were higher than in any of the previous five terms (£334 16s. 9d.), and almost 250 of the new 10s. certificates were purchased. But this excellent result was due to the regular interest and effort of 60 members of the Group—less than a third of the School roll ; and a new appeal to all parents to encourage their children to renew or maintain the habit of saving will, we feel, meet with an all-round response as the inescapable difficulties of the present and the immediate future become more and more widely appreciated.

The annual *inspection* of the **Army Cadet Force**, under Capt. S. G. McKay (43 School members ; 21 Town members, Lt. A. R. Trevett) was carried out on June 27 by Brigadier P. W. V. Hicks, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., who took the salute at the march-past and watched the cadets at their training. A very satisfactory report mentioned particularly the high standard of efficiency among the N.C.O.'s as instructors. On May 23, six out of nine entrants for *War Certificate A* (Part II) were successful, and eleven out of twelve who entered passed Part I. At the end of term

a party of 17 School members and 13 Town members spent ten days (Aug. 8 to 18) in *camp* at Upton Fort, near Osmington, under Lt. A. R. Trevett, where activities included both normal training and recreation. Visits to the Dorset Regiment Depot barracks at Dorchester and to the 9th T.R., R.E., at Portland were most interesting. The camp was inspected by Col. T. G. L. Elliott, O.B.E. (County Commandant) and was also visited by Brigadier H. F. Lucas, C.B.E. (Secr., Dorset County Cadet Committee), Col. A. T. Grimley (O.C. 1st Cadet Battalion, Dorset Regt.) and Col. Wainwright (second in command). The gratitude of the party to Mrs. Trevett and her daughter, who took charge of their catering and general welfare was shown by a presentation at the end through Cadet J. W. Stubbings ; and the ex-Head Boy, formerly Senior Sgt. of the unit, M. E. Trevett, R.E., was fortunately able to attend the Camp as a visitor. The Company, under Capt. McKay and Lt. Trevett, as well as a group of non-cadets from the School, attended a special Service at the Abbey on *Empire Youth Sunday* (May 18), when the second lesson was read by L/Cpl. P. W. Doble. Cadet Roll : C.S.M. Bennett ; **C.Q.M.S. Coombs** ; Sgts. Gay, Care ; Cpls. **Harvey,** Pitman ; L/Cpls. Baggs*, Doble, **Edwards***, Frampton* ; Cadets Bown i†, **Lawrence**†, Trinkle† ; Norris i, Russell, Upshall i ; Buck, Coleman, **Cox, Crane i, Curtis***, Gillard, Henley, Park†, Robins, **Stone** i, **Stubbings, Sugg, Tuck**†, **Walters**†, White, **Whittle**† ; **Glaysher** , Childs, Devoto†, Diment*, **Grimes**†, **Howe, Kendall** i†, **Quirk**†, Neal, Wells i, Wheadon.

(Thick type—*attended Camp* ; * *Cert. A, Part II*; † *Part I*).

At **Prize Day** (June 26) our special visitor was Mr. E. Welbourne, M.C., Senior Tutor at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Governors present were : Mr. G. O'Hanlon, M.C. (*Chairman*), Canon J. P. W. Lovett, R.D., Brig. Gen. R. L. Waller, C.M.G., Mrs. Carey, Mrs. J. P. H. Goodden, Messrs. W. F. Henning, C. B. Brett, J. Fowler, R. R. Lemon, and M. D. Thomas, M.C. Others present included Mrs. Lush, Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. Lemon, Canon Ross Wallace and Mrs. Wallace, Lady Clare Hartnell, Lt. Col. A. T. Grimley and Mrs. Grimley, Mr. B. C. Forder, the Rev. Kendrick and Mrs. Kendrick. *The Headmaster's Report* upon the past year and its activtiies included also a reference to the resumption of the provision of most satisfactory dinners for the boys from the School's own canteen, and a warning against the encouragement of a feeling of dependence on the part of country boys upon the transport now provided for their journeys, such as might seriously interfere with the part they ought to take in school life outside the classroom. He expressed his pleasure at the strength of the Old Boys' Association and its interest in the School, and his gratitude to the Governors, the Staff, the Head Boy and Prefects ; and while regretting deeply the imminent departure of Canon Lovett from the town, he warmly welcomed the new Chairman. His appreciation of Mr. Welbourne's visit was all the deeper since it was he who had welcomed the Headmaster as an undergraduate at Cambridge many years before. *The Chairman* offered congratulations upon the

excellent report, with some practical and realistic comments arising from his long experience as a schoolmaster and showing his own and his colleagues' interest in the School. In half-an-hour's speech, packed with thoughts and observations, *Mr. Welbourne*, after referring to that most difficult task—the education of other people's children, bore witness from his personal knowledge to the qualities of undergraduates from all sorts of schools. It was noticeable that those who did well in their special subjects could generally do a great many other things well also. Educated people, too, usually faced difficulties better than others : they knew, especially in times like the present, how to dispense with non-essentials.

The process of growing-up was difficult enough for anybody, young or old, and the need for a good school education was sadly obvious to anybody who stood observantly near a railway bookstall. Above all was needed a brave readiness to face facts and to speak the truth to oneself, most of all in grim times. Pretence and self-deception were foolish and dangerous. Let everyone be frank enough to admit that the immediate future was bound to be hard for the young, who would find many lions in their path. It should not be too difficult for country boys, with their feet set firmly on what was stable in life, to be honest and true ; and he advised them that it was better to get the wholly right answer to a problem after a period of reflexion than to be able to offer a partly right answer on the spot. Most strongly did he plead for training in direct, straightforward speech, such as a man used when he knew what he was talking about.

The English had not always believed fully in the value of education. But it was mainly because educated people generally made the best use of life that our fathers and grandfathers desired higher education for their children than they themselves enjoyed. English education had, at least, not deteriorated during his years, and if we were not sure that it was improving at any time, we must be willing to swim strongly against any current that we feared would carry us back.

After some appreciative comments upon his experiences as Chairman of the Governors and upon his successor, Canon Lovett proposed thanks to the speaker, and Mr. M. D. Thomas combined thanks to the Chairman with grateful recognition of the services of his predecessor. The School Choir, under Mr. W. E. Wearden, F.R.C.O., sang four songs during the proceedings, and the School Song and the National Anthem brought the afternoon to a close. The platform was brightly decorated with garden flowers, and samples of art and handicraft were on view to parents and visitors.

PRIZE LIST (1945-46)

Form Prizes : VI—Trevett, Childs i ; Va[1]—Bown i, Lawrence ; Va[2]—Brooks i, Hounsell i ; Vb—Harris i, Russell ; IVa—Stubbings, Wiscombe ; IVb[1]—Tett, Morrison ii ; IVb[2]—Pike, Howe ; III—Young ii, Lait. **Sir G. Pragnell** Prize—Trevett ; **Scripture** (by Mr. W. F. Henning)—Fox ; **History** (in memory of F. R. Palmer)—Bown i; **French** (in memory of A. J. Brooks)—Lawrence ; **English** (by Mr. R. R. Pedley, O.F.)—Bown i ; **Latin**—Care ; **Science** (by the late Sir

Arthur Adams)—Brooks i ; **Mathematics** (a N.S. certificate and stamps, by Mrs. B. L. Cox)—Gregory ; **Art** (by Mr. H. A. Osment, O.F., and Mr. G. E. Batchelor, O.F.)—Clarke, Harris ii ; **Reading** (by the O.F.A.)—Coombs i, Hicks ; **Public Speaking** (by an O.F.)—Coombs i, Tett ; **Essay** (by the Onlooker Editors)—Bennett, Tett ; **Boarders** prize (by Mrs. Lush)—Hedditch i.

As far as uncertain weather permitted, **Athletic Sports** training and preliminary events occupied out-of-School hours for the first two to three weeks of the term. Sports Day itself (May 7)—inevitably postponed this year from the end of March—was favoured by warmth and sunshine, tempered for the benefit of competitors by a cooling breeze. An interesting struggle developed between St. Aldhelm's and St. Dunstan's for the Lewestón Cup, Dunstan's leading by a steadily diminishing margin for most of the afternoon, until Aldhelm's forged ahead by strenuous effort in the final events (A 139, D 132, B 63). There were close finishes in the 100 yards open and under 14, and a specially keen contest in the open high jump as well as in the House Relay, in which Aldhelm's gradually overhauled Dunstan's, and Bede's, though third throughout, made an excellent effort in the last lap.

Dux Ludorum and winner of the Challenge Cup (Mr. F. A. Cox, O.F.) and of the Challenge Cup for Open Events (the O.F.A.) was Gay (36 points), who was followed by Baggs (33), Cuff i and Stenhouse i (17), Gregory (14), Smith (13) and Dunn (11) ; and the Victor Ludorum Cup (the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Field) was won by Bown ii (14), whose closest rivals were Hodges (8), Heuduk and Bartlett ii (6), Coombs ii and Johnson (5). Special prizes were won by Baggs (220 yards open—Mr. R. W. Foot, N.S. certificate and stamps) ; Heuduk (100 yards under 12—Mr. L. J. Avery, cup) ; and Stenhouse ii (for keenness and perseverance—Mr. P. G. Wood, O.F., a two-unit N.S. certificate).

The Headmaster voiced the gratitude of the School to all who had given prizes and donations, mentioning that the response had been so generous that about £25 would be available for the fund for improved seating for outdoor and indoor events. He also thanked the officials and organisers. Canon J. P. W. Lovett, who was warmly welcomed on his last official appearance as Chairman of the Governors, kindly distributed the awards, and was thanked for his services by Mr. W. F. Henning. Officials : Referee—Mr. L. J. Avery ; Judges—Messrs. F. W. Care, A Coombs, R. H. Doble, R Gregory, D. T. Hodges, A. J. Shambler ; Time-keepers—Messrs. W. G. Hewitt, E. J. Price ; Starter—Mr. E. Hulme ; Recorders—Messrs. R. Gibling, S. G. McKay, W. G. Wilkins; Organiser—Mr. M. M. Welcher ; Hon. Secretary—Mr. P. D. F. Miller.

Results

Mile, *open :* 1. Cuff ; 2. Gay ; 3. Stenhouse i ; 5 m. 41 sec.

Half-mile, *open :* 1. Cuff i ; 2. Gay ; 3. Spinner ; 2 m. 26⅘ sec.; *under* 14: 1. Hodges ; 2. Bown ii ; 3. Love ; 2 m. 51 sec.

440 yards, *open :* 1. Gay ; 2. Bennett ; 3. Gregory ; 60 sec.; *under* 16 : 1. Stenhouse i ; 2. Spinner ; 3. Cuff i ; 61⅘ sec.; *under* 14 : 1. Bown ii ; 2. Hodges ; 3. Love ; 70 sec.

220 yards, *open :* 1. Baggs ; 2. Gregory ; 3. Bennett ; 26 sec.; *under* 16 : 1. Stenhouse i ; 2. Smith ; 3. Doble ; 26⅕ sec.; *under* 15 : 1. Colley ; 2. Glaysher ; 3. Trinkle ; 29 sec.; *under* 14 : 1. Johnson ; 2. Hodges ; 3. Martin ; 31⅗ sec.; *under* 13 : 1. Bartlett ii ; 2. Orr ; 3. Durrant ii ; 31⅘ sec.; *under* 12 : 1. Hendick ; 2. Male ; 3. Cuff ii ; 31⅖ sec.

100 yards, *open :* 1. Baggs ; 2. Gay ; 3. Gregory ; 10⅗ sec.; *under* 16 : 1. Stenhouse i ; 2. Smith ; 3. Doble ; 11⅕ sec.; *under* 15 : Glaysher ; 2. Colley; 3. Hounsell ; 11⅗ sec.; *under* 14 : 1. Bown ii ; 2. Johnson ; 3. Hodges ; 12⅖ sec. ; *under* 13 : 1. Bartlett ii ; 2. Wilson ; 3. Cuhbb ; 13 sec.; *under* 12 : 1. Heuduk ; 2. Hiscott ; 3. Cabell and Cuff ii ; 13⅖ sec.

High Jump, *open :* 1. Gay ; 2. Doble and Baggs ; 4 ft. 6 ins.; *under* 16 : 1. Stenhouse i ; 2. Bown i ; 3. Dunn ; 4 ft. 6 ins.; *under* 14 : 1. Dyke ; 2. Orr ; 3. Bown ii ; 3 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump, *open :* 1. Gay ; 2. Smith ; 3. Baggs ; 16 ft. 8½ ins.; *under* 16 : 1. Smith ; 2. Grimes ; 3. Cuff i ; 16 ft. 5½ ins.; *under* 14 : 1. Bown ii ; 2. Coombs ii ; 3. Stone ii ; 14 ft. 7 ins.

Hurdles, *open :* 1. Kerr ; 2. Baggs ; 3. Gregory ; 19 sec.; *under* 16 : 1. Dunn ; 2. Hounsell ; 3. Doble ; 19⅘ sec.; *under* 14 : 1. Coombs ii ; 2. Bown ii ; 3. Tompkins ; 13⅘ sec.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, *open :* 1. Baggs ; 2. Gregory ; 3. Dunn ; 93 yds. 9½ ins.; *under* 16 : 1. Dunn ; 2. Sugg ; 3. Durrant i ; 81 yds, 1 ft. 6 ins.; *under* 14 : 1. Stone ii ; 2. Eades ; 3. Oakley ; 56 yds., 1 ft. 10 ins.

House Relay : 1. St. Aldhelm's ; 2. St. Dunstan's ; 3. St. Bede!s ; 2 min. 11 sec.

Cricket, which began as soon as the Athletic Sports were completed, was under the charge of Mr. Miller (1st XI), Mr. Price (2nd group), Mr. Hulme (under 14), Mr. G. H. Chubb, O.F., (4th group), Mr. Gibling (5th group), and Mr. McKay (6th group), with assistance also in umpiring and in accompanying teams from Mr. Welcher and Mr. Hewitt ; and the total fixture list (all grades) comprised 29 matches.

1st XI : won 2, tied 1, drew 2, lost 5. After two excellent away victories in May, the team finished disappointingly : the most satisfactory feature of this season was the fact that most of the players rose to good batting form from time to time, so that the results depended less than usual on the ability of the few, and the same remark applied to the five main bowlers. The striking improvement shown after the first two or three weeks of coaching by Mr. Miller and Mr. A. T. W. Oxford, O.F., was reflected in the early matches, and the help and interest of Mr. R. J. Sherwin, O.F., was much appreciated : a third Old Boy and former member of the School team to whom we are also most grateful was Mr. G. H. Chubb, who regularly devoted his Wednesday afternoons to another group of players.

Plans for a match between Parents and the School unfortunately failed to mature ; but it is hoped that such a fixture may prove practicable in future seasons.

Matches :

May 10, Blandford G. S. Away. Lost, 32–50.

Lack of practice owing to training for the Athletic Sports told its tale in our innings, in which no boundary hit was registered. The home team won, by three wickets, mainly through one batsman who scored 28. Our fielding was good, and Baggs (6 for 15) and Russell (2 for 0) bowled steadily.

May 17, Crewkerne School. Away. Won, 84–29.

After Gregory (14) and Gay (13) had scored 26 together, wickets fell cheaply until Kerr (12) and Baggs (28 not out) helped to add 40 for the last two wickets. Baggs (6 for 8) and Bennett (4 for 15) bowled unchanged and were helped by good fielding. A remarkable feature of the match was that nine batsmen were l.b.w.

May 28. Shaftesbury G. S. Away. Won, 85(9)–77.

Our fielding was not as good as previously, and our early bowlers were only moderately successful, the home team reaching 59 for 4 ; but Gay finished off the innings with 7 for 31. The majority of our batsmen scored steadily (Gregory 14, Kerr 12, Bennett 9, Spinner, Curtis and Baggs 8) until, at 74 for 9, a thrilling, but slow struggle developed, leaving Dunn (10 not out) and Hounsell still undefeated at the close.

June 4, Shaftesbury G. S. Lost, 59–73.

Baggs (6 for 23) and Russell (2 for 5) were our most successful bowlers. After reaching 50 for 7 (Baggs 16, Gregory 9), we showed unusually poor judgment in running and failed to make a fighting finish.

June 7. Sexey's School (Bruton). Drawn, 75(9)–85.

Dunn (4 for 16) and Russell (3 for 6) had the ch.ef shares in the dismissal of our visitors, who scored freely at first (5 for 61). We batted promisingly until we reached 47 for 4 (Curtis 23, Gregory 20), but struggled for runs later, until Hounsell (12) and Kerr (7 not out) made the decisive stand which left the result still open.

June 11. Old Fosterians. Lost, 77–164 (4, decl.).

After losing 3 for 40 against steady bowling by Baggs (3 for 47), the Old Boys scored very freely and reached the highest total of the term. We lost 2 for 16, when a profitable stand between Russell (32) and Mr. Miller (21) raised hopes of a good reply ; but the last five wickets fell very cheaply against some clever spin bowling. The Old Boys batted again for half-an-hour (59 for 3).

June 21. Gillingham G. S. Tie, 77–77.

Owing to a breakdown on the railway and the non-arrival of two players, our visitors had unfortunately to bat with ten men : scoring fast, they put up 66 for 4, but the last wickets fell quickly to Russell (4 for 25) and Dunn (3 for 9). We were in a promising position with 60 for 5 (Russell 23, Spinner 20, Baggs 10), but similarly lost our final wickets very cheaply.

June 25. Yeovil School. Away. Lost, 47–107(3).

We gave a very poor display all round (Gregory 10, Gay 8), and the home team won by nine wickets, runs coming very easily all through.

July 5, Sherborne School 3rd XI. Lost, 44–107.

Our visitors reached 59 for 2, but their last five wickets fell for 15 (Dunn 2 for 5, Baggs 2 for 14). Curtis caught three and stumped one. Except for Gregory (18) and, later, Harris (7), our batting failed again.

July 23, *v.* Second XV. Drawn, 39(3)–89 (9, dec.).

Batting very slowly, the XV eventually declared (Harvey 22 not out, Trew 18, Frampton 12). Of six team bowlers, only Gay (4 for 10) had much success. He was also the only batsman to shine, with 21 not out, the team apparently deciding that the win could not be forced in the time available. Devoto took 2 for 15.

Team : Gregory (capt.),† Baggs,* Curtis,† Russell,† Dunn, Kerr, Gay, Bennett, Spinner, Hounsell, Harris i. Also played : Walters, Harvey, Clark, Frampton. *Scorer :* Doble.

* old colours ; † colours.

We congratulate W. L. Baggs (1st XI) and D. J. Orr (capt., under 14 team) on being selected, after trials, for the Dorset Colts and the Dorset Junior Colts, respectively. The latter took 3 for 22 in the match *v.* Hants. Junior Colts.

Leading Averages :

Batting :

	Inns.	Not out	Total	Highest	Aver.
Kerr	10	2	92	28	11.50
Baggs	12	3	101	28*	11.22
Gregory ...	11	0	104	20	9.45
Russell ...	11	1	87	32	8.70
Dunn	11	4	58	22	8.28
Gay	12	1	77	29	7.00
Curtis ...	12	0	76	23	6.33

Bowling :

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Russell ...	51.2	15	121	19	6.36
Baggs	107.3	28	224	32	7.00
Gay	52.4	10	159	20	7.95

The bat annually presented by Miss Langdon for the best all-round form was awarded to Baggs.

July 12. **Under 16** XI *v.* Sherborne School Junior Colts. Away. Lost, 31–114.

We were no match for our opponents who reached 49 for 2, and

scored steadily throughout (Walters 4 for 31, Cuffi 3 for 21, Dunn 2 for 24, Trew 1 for 8). Only Spinner (9), Walters and Clark (6) made more than an occasional single.

Under 14 XI : won 3, lost 3. An interesting and generally successful season saw us outplayed only in the final match.

May 28, Shaftesbury G. S. under 14. Lost, 38–44.

Bowling and fielding, which was particularly keen, were throughout superior to batting. (Tompkins 11, Bungay 7). Our visitors won by three wickets (Orr 5 for 21, Johnson 3 for 15, Bungay 2 for 3).

June 4, Shaftesbury G. S. under 14. Away. Won, 99–77.

We turned the tables in the return match, thanks chiefly to Orr (35—including two sixes, and 4 for 18) and Hodges (39—including 9 fours, and 3 for 10), who made a long stand of 65 after we had lost 4 for 0 and 5 for 9. Vincent also made 10 and Coombs ii 6 not out.

June 18, Sherborne Preparatory School. Lost, 61–99.

Our chief contributors were Kendall ii (20), Bungay (9), Tompkins and Hodges (7). Our visitors lost 5 for 30, but in a period when the bowling might well have been changed, runs came freely, and they won without further loss. Orr took 4 for 20 and Johnson finished off the innings with 4 for 13.

June 21, Gillingham G. S. under 14. Away. Won, 69–33.

Against Orr (6 for 8) and Johnson (3 for 17), the home team lost 6 for 12 before there was anything like a stand ; and generally level scoring gave us a win by five wickets. (Bown, who had made three catches, 18, Vincent 9, Tompkins 8, Kendall ii 7, Henstridge, Hodges and Johnson 6).

July 9. Crewkerne School under 14. Won, 48–38.

Although our visitors reached 21 for 3, wickets fell quickly afterwards (Orr 6 for 13, Johnson 4 for 20). Similarly we scored 25 for 3 but had then to struggle for runs : eventually we won by three wickets (Orr 16, Henstridge 15).

July 22, Sherborne Preparatory School. Away. Lost, 12 and 80—93 and 51(2).

Our bowlers were more expensive than usual, only Orr (4 for 38) and Kendall ii (5 for 19 and 2 for 11) gaining any success ; and we were dismissed in less than 12 overs. Batting again, Orr (34) and Henstridge (11) put up 35 for the first wicket, and Hodges later made 13 not out.

Team : Orr (capt.),* Henstridge,* Tompkins, Bungay, Johnson, Hodges, Bown ii, Kendall ii, Eades, Vincent, Coombs ii. Also played : Love, Gibbs. *Scorer :* Glover.

* colours.

Leading Averages :

Batting :

	Inns.	Not out	Runs	Highest	Aver.
Orr	9	1	151	51*	18.87
Kendall ii ...	9	0	127	88	14.11
Hodges	9	1	80	39	10.00
Eades	8	2	57	39	9.50
Henstridge ...	9	1	75	35*	9.37

Bowling :

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Orr	96.1	32	162	41	3.95
Kendall ii ...	36.2	12	70	10	7.00
Bungay	47	14	108	13	8.30
Johnson	54.2	7	156	17	9.18

Junior Under 14 matches *v.* Sherborne Preparatory School 2nd XI.

June 24. Away. Won, 55–42.

Characterised by slow and timid batting, the match lasted three hours, but ended interestingly, the final wicket falling in the last over. Henstridge (22) was outstanding in batting, Eades made 10 and Vincent 7. Kendall ii (6 for 13) proved too accurate for most of the home batsmen, and three wickets fell for 4. After a long stand for the fourth wicket, the remainder caused little trouble (Vincent 4 for 8).

July 15. Lost, 70 (2 decl.)—84(7).

By contrast, the return match produced plenty of runs : we felt able to declare (Bown ii 56 not out, Henstridge 10), but after getting five of our opponents out for 29, we lost by three wickets. (Kendall ii 3 for 34, Vincent 4 for 43).

House Matches : with one win and a draw each, **St. Bede's** and **St. Dunstan's** shared the *Senior* Cup, St. Aldhelm's being twice beaten.

May 31. St. Dunstan's 74, St. Bede's 66(9).

In a slow start by Dunstan's, Spinner scored 15 out of 19, but Courtney quickly made 26 by lofty hitting against some poor change-bowling, and Cuff i (8), Grimes (7) and Whitlock (6 not out) kept the innings going much longer than seemed likely. (Dunn 3 for 22, Russell 5 for 17). Bede's were at once on the defensive against Baggs (2 for 21) and Courtney (4 for 16), but reached 27 for 2 (Dunn 22) before a thunderstorm caused a long interruption. Wickets fell more quickly afterwards (Gay 3 for 18), though Gregory (8), Harris i (9) and Hounsell (7) batted unperturbed, and in an exciting finish Wiscombe (5 not out) and Stacey kept the result open.

June 28. St. Dunstan's 71(7), St. Aldhelm's 68.

Aldhelm's owed their good total to Kerr (28) and Bennett (19), who added 39 for the third wicket. (Baggs 2 for 9, Courtney 6 for 18, including the hat trick). With 45 for 3 (Gay 29, Baggs 20 not out, Courtney 9), Dunstan's appeared to be winning easily, but Devoto (4 for 10) took some quick wickets and only a three wickets victory was achieved (Bennett 2 for 11).

July 2. St. Bede's 57(3), St. Aldhelm's 55.

Kerr (14) and Devoto (12 not out) were the chief contributors to Aldhelm's useful total ; it was not until Walters (4 for 2) and Gregory (3 for 4) went on to bowl that wickets fell fast. Bede's scored 26 for 1 and won by 7 wickets (Harris i 20, Dunn 11, Russell 13 not out, Hounsell 6 not out ; Trew 2 for 7).

In matches marked by uneven results and unusually high scoring by the stronger teams, **St. Aldhelm's** gained the *Junior* Cup by winning both their matches decisively ; St. Bede's won one, and St. Dunstan's were soundly beaten twice.

July 12. St. Aldhelm's 113(4), St. Bede's 64.

Against Orr (7 for 26) and Bungay (3 for 31), Bede's had to work hard for runs : Henstridge played through for 35 not out, and the early and middle batsmen took their few chances well. In spite of losing two wickets in the second over, Aldhelm's made very light of their task against indifferent bowling and fielding, and Chaffey (32) and Orr (57 not out) were not separated till victory was long assured. Hodges later reached 10 not out.

July 16. St. Bede's 144, St. Dunstan's 24.

Dunstan's batted very weakly : no batsman made more than 4. Love, who did the hat trick, took 7 for 6 and Kendall ii 3 for 10. In a poor start Bede's lost two wickets at once, but Tompkins (8) and Kendall ii brought victory by 7 wickets ; Kendall went on to make the highest recorded score in Junior House Matches—88, including fifteen boundaries. Glover made 24 and Foot i 7. Vincent was the only bowler of note (5 for 60).

July 19. St. Aldhelm's 97, St. Dunstan's 18.

An equally one-sided game : the extras exceeded any individual score in a poor innings against Orr (5 for 10) and Bungay (5 for 3). Aldhelm's won with 3 wickets down, and although the early batsmen made moderate scores (Orr 8, Bown ii 8, Chaffey 6, Hodges 11), Eades (39) and Hedditch ii (19) later scored freely. Vincent took 6 for 38, Oakley 3 for 25.

In the *3rd XI* Competition, **St. Bede's** won both their matches ; St. Dunstan's won one, and St. Aldhelm's were twice heavily beaten.

July 2. St. Bede's 70, St. Dunstan's 41.

Bede's catching was sadly at fault and their bowling was good only intermittently (Axe 5 for 20, Hiscott 4 for 15) ; but it was mainly a ninth wicket stand (Cabell 10, Hix 7 not out) that brought Dunstan's total to 41. Bede's lost three wickets quickly, but went for the runs in business-like fashion. Only Axe (27) showed much batting form, but Hiscott (6), Norris ii (8) and Hallett helped to bring a victory, by four wickets, that seemed quite doubtful earlier on. (Parsons 3 for 11, Crane ii 3 for 15, Chubb 2 for 19).

July 9. St. Dunstan's 85, St. Aldhelm's 13.

Aldhelm's showed little ability with the bat, and wickets were cheap. (Parsons 6 for 0, Crane ii 2 for 3, Chubb 2 for 7). Without any dis-

tinguished batting, Dunstan's quickly made victory sure against bowling and fielding that were very mediocre, even for third elevens (Lane 26, Sprague 8, extras 22).
July 22. St. Bede's 77, St. Aldhelm's 5.

Aldhelm's batting was so poor that only three batsmen scored at all (Axe and Hiscott 5 for 2 each), and Bede's won at the beginning of the second over. (Guy 19, Durrant ii 7, Norris ii 21 not out, extras 18 ; Tucker 7 for 20).

Form match. June 3, IIIB 54(5), IIIA 32.

Against Kendall ii (6 for 5) and Axe (2 for 11), no batsman made more than 6 for IIIA. After losing 4 for 5, their opponents scored much faster and more confidently (Blackmore 24 not out, Axe 10, Ham 7 not out ; Hiscott 2 for 17).

The **Tennis** court was in regular use whenever opportunities were favourable. An interesting match against Lord Digby's School (June 19) resulted in a win by 44 games to 37 ; those taking part were Gregory and Kerr, Hounsell and Harris i, Gay and Russell. The return match, postponed through rain, was not eventually possible until the holidays ; less strongly represented, we lost, 35–46 (Gregory and Gay, Hounsell and Dunn, Sugg and Courtney). For both matches we were kindly entertained at Lord Digby's School.

Swimming began most promisingly at the very beginning of June, but was unfortunately interrupted almost at once through infectious illness among users of the Baths. Resumed three weeks later, it continued most enjoyably till the last week of term, when a further outbreak of illness locally caused the re-closure of the Baths and the inevitable cancellation, for the third year in succession, of the Swimming Sports which had been planned for the final Thursday. We are most grateful to the Headmaster of Sherborne School for allowing us the maximum of opportunities of swimming in this broken season. The following passed Tests in the limited time available : Test 6—White*; Tests 4, 5, 6—Norris i,* Grimes*; Tests 1 to 6—Glaysher*; Test 5—Baggs ; Tests 4, 5—Doble, Lugg ; Test 4—Harris i, Courtney ; Tests 3, 4—Coombs ii ; Tests 1 to 4—Trinkle, Henley ; Test 3—Harvey, Bungay ; Tests 2, 3—Frampton, Kerr, Fish, Luffman, Hann, March ; Tests 1 to 3—Churchill, Crane ii, Blackmore, Hix ; Test 2—Childs ; Tests 1, 2—Quirk, Walters, Aherne, Garrett, Lane, Oakley ; Test 1—Edwards, Stenhouse i, Trew, Stone i, Durrant i, Glover, Orr, Perrott, Tett, Kendall i, Stone ii, Hillier, Hallett, Parsons, Wilson. Thus 28 boys passed at least Test 1 for the first time, and altogether 84 tests were passed, among 46 entrants. House points for Swimming were : St. Dunstan's 9, St. Aldhelm's 7, St. Bede's 4. *colours

It was a cause of great satisfaction to boys and Staff alike that **School Dinners,** provided and cooked in the School's own kitchen, were able to be resumed within a week of the beginning of term, and that high standards of cooking and service have been consistently maintained.

About sixty boys, from Forms III to IVa (trained by Mr. W. Edward Wearden, F.R.C.O.), took part in the **Musical Festival** of the Schools of Sherborne (May 14) in the School Hall. The only disappointment was in the limited attendance of parents. By the kind invitation of Sherborne School, a party of boys saw a public performance (June 19) of '**Everyman,**' in the ideal setting of the School Courts, when C. L. A. White (Vb) was included in the Sherborne School cast as the trumpeter, and (July 1) a performance of '**The Clouds**' (Aristophanes) by the Balliol Players ; and (July 2), by a similar invitation from Sherborne School for Girls, another party went to see a dramatised version of '**Villette**' (Charlotte Bronti) performed by the Girls. All the Forms were able to visit (June 30) the **Road Safety Exhibition,** organised by the local Road Safety Committee. The School also provided three cyclists to take part, during the week, in an instructive demonstration, which also had its comic moments.

The indoor societies are seldom active during the summer term, but the **Stamp Club** spent a succession of meetings early in the term in the examination and distribution of the large consignment of over a thousand stamps, kindly sent at the end of last term by Mr. A. W. Mole, O.F., whereby the collections of all members, especially the beginners, were very appreciably improved. On another occasion a well-balanced discussion took place on specialisation.

The best feature in recent years of the competition in **Public Speaking,** for prizes given annually by an Old Boy, has been the choice of the Seniors of increasingly vital subjects, accompanied by a decided advance also in comprehensiveness of treatment and in style, and quite obviously in effort and thoroughness. A good standard was set again this year by VI and, relatively, also by Va. In the Junior section, however, the standard was only moderate. Prizewinners were Coombs i (Capital Punishment) and Tett (Camping). Others to be commended were Care (the Palestine Problem), Doble (the Romance of Sail, Pitman (Reconstruction in Dorset), Parker (Effects of the War on the British people), Harris i (the Problem of Germany), Kinghorn i (The Future of Coal Power), Trinkle (Control of the Atomic Bomb) ; Glover (The Evils of Professionalism in Sport). Not so good a standard was reached this year in the **Reading** Competition (for prizes given annually by the O.F.A.), in either senior or junior groups : there was, in most cases, too great a difference between the preparation of the set passage and the ability to read the unseen passage intelligently. The best seniors on the whole were Coombs i (the prize-winner), Care and Doble ; others who might be mentioned were Bennett, Parker and Trinkle. The general level of the Juniors was so low at the first attempt that the test was repeated a week later, with rather better results : the best reader was Hicks (IIIa), and others who acquitted themselves fairly among the remaining ten were Luffman and Orr (IVa[1]).

We are sorry to announce that, as a direct consequence of the serious injuries he received in a motor-car accident while on Home Guard duties during the War, **Capt. A. T. Brown,** M.B.E., has had to relinquish the appointment as P.T. instructor at the School which he has held since 1928. For eleven years he had to be content with far less favourable conditions than those enjoyed in the new buildings ; nevertheless he organised with the greatest success a voluntary evening gymnastic class, which became the foundation for the physical training and gymnastic displays of the last fifteen years. His .ndefatigable energy, as if he were possessed of the secret of perpetual youth, and his enthusiastic interest in his classes throughout this long period have been the admiration of several generations of boys and of all who have seen him at his work ; and we thank him for his readiness to throw himself into whatever activity arose. He will now be free to devote full time to his duties with the J.T.C. of Sherborne School. At the final assembly, when he received a presentation from the Head Boy on behalf of the boys, the Staff and several Old Boys, he gave us the characteristic assurance that he would be glad to give any help or service to boys of the School, past or present.

We regretted also to have to say good-bye to **Miss M. L. Blackmore** and **Miss D. Wilcoxson** (1944–47), both of whom, in addition to their classroom duties, have identified themselves fully with school activities of various kinds, especially dramatic productions, badminton and tennis. From the hands of their respective monitors (Kendall ii, IIIB, and Hayter, IVB), each received a book token to be transformed into a permanent reminder of their years with us, whence they carry our best wishes to their new posts at Gillingham G. S. and Ross-on-Wye G. S., respectively.

New appointments are : **Mr. J. Bogan** (D.L.C. Hons.), who, having completed his training in P.T. at Loughborough College after demobilisation from his war service with the Dorset Regt. in France and elsewhere, comes to us from Milbrook Modern School, Southampton. It is interesting to learn that he played for Dorchester G. S. against Foster's School in 1934, and that he knew Martin T. Guppy, O.F., both at Dorchester G. S. and in the Army ; **Mr. E. L. Maltby,** A.T.D., who was for a time with Mr. F. T. Coleclough (A.M. 1938–44) at the Birmingham College of Art. For the last six and a half years he has held a commission in the R.A. and in the R.I. Artillery, with a Sikh Regiment; and **Mr. T. P. Blythman,** B. SC. (Durham), who comes from Harrow County School for Boys and has had considerable experience of A.T.C. and A.C.F. activities as well as games. To all three we give a hearty welcome, hoping that they will spend many happy years among us.

With the arrival of Mr. Blythman, Physics will be introduced into the VI Form (H.S.C.) course as a main or advanced subject, to the great benefit of Science candidates. A **new course of work** will also be available for those who wish to spend a single year in the sixth form without preparation for any outside examination. To give fuller opportunities to all boys to take a regular part in games on the pitches available,

the experiment is to be tried next term of spreading **compulsory games** over two afternoons, Wednesday and Thursday. At present it is intended that Forms III and IVb shall play on Thursday, and Forms IVa to VI on Wednesday.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Geoffrey O'Hanlon, M.C., as **Chairman of the Governors** in succession to Canon J. P. W. Lovett ; and also to know that the latter's successor as **Vicar** of Sherborne is the Rev. S. Basil Wingfield Digby, M.B.E., son of the late Canon S. H. Wingfield Digby, who was both a Governor and friend of the School while Vicar of Sherborne, 1916–32. The new Vicar is no stranger to the School, having played, in company with his father, in some of our cricket games and matches fifteen or sixteen years ago.

Old Boys of recent years will share the pleasure of the present School in knowing that the Headmaster's son, who has been Head of School and cricket captain at Sherborne School, is going up in October to his father's College, Emmanuel (Cambridge), and that during the holidays he has gained his Dorset County Colts cap and played also for Dorset Rangers and Dorset County. With us also, they will wish to congratulate Mr. Welcher's elder daughter on passing her medical finals and becoming M.B., B.S., and Mr. Gibling's daughter on gaining a State Scholarship. During the holidays, P. W. Doble (Va), who was awarded a Dorset County bursary for the purpose, enjoyed a month's course at the Outward Bound Sea School, with the intention of entering the Merchant Navy later on ; and R. G. J. Lugg (Va) attended the Scouts' Jamboree in Switzerland.

The **Form Cup** (Mr. A. C. Meaker, M.B.E.) was won by IIIa, with IVa second, and the **Cup for P.T. and Gymnastics** (Mrs. L. Elliott) by Va.

House Points for the year are : St. Bede's 412, St. Aldhelm's 293, St. Dunstan's 265. *St. Bede's* therefore retain the Dingley Challenge Cup ; and other **House Cups** have been won as follows—*St. Aldhelm's:* Leweston Cup for Athletics, Junior Cricket ; *St. Bede's :* O.F.A. Cup for Sportsmanship, Senior Football ; *St. Dunstan's :* Junior Football. The Senior Cricket Cup is held jointly by St. Bede's and St. Dunstan's, and the latter retain the F. A. Cox Cup for Swimming from 1944.

Collections during the term were : Schools' Adoption Scheme (Save the Children Fund) £7 15s.; Servers of the Blind League (Daffodil Day) 11s. 11d.

The **Librarians** got to work at once on the first three instalments of 166 of the 254 books sent for rebinding during the past year and now being returned, and by persevering effort good progress was made with their reclassification and return to circulation. We **acknowledge** very gratefully gifts to the Library from Mr. W. H. Crabb, a Vice-President of the O.F.A. (Trevelyan's English Social History) ; Mrs. L. Elliott (Meiklejohn's History of Gt. Britain, and novels by Dickens, Buchan, and more modern authors) ; Mr. W. G. Hussey, O.F. (Creighton's Heroes of European History, and more than 250 copies in nine volumes

OLD BOYS' NOTES

O.F.A. Membership (359). Eleven members have joined or rejoined the Association. Life-membership remains **156**.

Reorganisation of Joint-Secretaryship. As Mr. Gibling has given notice that he must retire from the joint-secretaryship of the Association next February, it is requested that, as far as possible, *correspondence* may in future be addressed *to L. N. W. Kitzerow*, Cheap St., Sherborne, and all *payments to the Hon. Treasurer*, G. E. Batchelor, Oakley, Cold Harbour. Mr. E. Hulme has kindly agreed to succeed Mr. Gibling as joint-secretary on behalf of the School.

Additional donations to the **T. L. Hutchins Memorial Fund** have been received from W. H. Crabb (1896–00), C. E. Eason (1913–14), N. R. Hutchings (1914–18).

At a general meeting, held in the School Library on July 1, of those interested in the proposed revival of the **O.F. Dramatic Society,** an hour's profitable and wide-ranging discussion resulted in the appointment of a small Committee (G. C. Brett, chairman ; L. S. Ebdon, G. H. Chubb, J. M. Green, secretary) to explore the various possibilities suggested and report to a further general meeting on July 24. On the second occasion it was reported that 30 of those who had been communicated with were interested and keen to help, of whom 14 were probable actors ; and the meeting unanimously decided that the Society be reformed, and favoured the suggestion of a production in the same week as the School Play, with joint publicity—an ideal arrangement which would bring Past and Present again into the closest co-operation in dramatic, as in other, activities. A meeting will be called in late-September to make the necessary definite plans. Gratitude was expressed to the Headmaster for permission to use the stage and valuable facilities of the School ; and the following appointments were made : Chairman, G. C. Brett ; Secretary, J. M. Green ; Reading Committee (from whom the Producer will be selected), G. C. Brett, M. M. Welcher, E. Hulme, E. M. Fudge, several plays being suggested for their attention. Others present at the meetings were : G. Coombs (ex-Chairman), R. Gregory, L. N. W. Kitzerow, L. S. Ebdon, G. H. Chubb, E. P. Andrews, D. J. Childs, S. G. McKay, R. Gibling, as well as Mrs. Welcher and Mrs. Shelton. The balance in hand from pre-War days is £8 18s. 7d.

The O. F. representatives on the **O.F. and O.D. Dance** Committee, who hope to revive the annual dance during the coming winter, are G. C. Spiller (chairman), A. E. Lugg, C. H. D. Young, G. Elliott.

In perfect weather and the happiest of social conditions, the 17th **Summer Reunion** was held at the School on Wed. June 11, when 22 Old Boys were present whose periods at School covered the last 58 years :—(pre-1900) C. A. Lowman, H. J. Otton, G. E. Batchelor ; (1912–22) E. A. Burt, A. Coombs, D. T. Hodges ; (1920–30) P. W. H. Dike, B. J. Hamblin, L. J. Avery, J. H. Elliott, L. N. W. Kitzerow ; and, as welcome evidence that the War years have begun to recede, thirteen

from the last ten years—G. H. Chubb, W. J. G. Glover, D. E. J. Churchill, D. P. Thirlwell, J. H. S. Walker (Cadet, M.N.), and eight players. The O.F. team can thus be said this year to have been much more representative of youth than of age. We regretted that G. W. Payne (1916–21) and C. W. Gould (1920–22) were prevented by their farming duties from playing their usual part, and that C. E. Dike (1932–36), who had been responsible for collecting the team, could not be present ; but everyone was pleased that P. W. H. Dike, to whom so much of the success and enjoyment of the day is regularly due, was in his accustomed place as captain. The Headmaster's thanks to him, at the conclusion of a splendid lunch, were heartily endorsed, as also to B. J. Hamblin, to Mr. Miller, and to the ladies of the Staff and the masters' wives, led by Mrs. Miller, for their preparations and service at the meal. In reply, A. M. May thanked the Headmaster and the School, expressing the pleasure of the Old Boys at returning to meet one another, the boys and the Staff. Others present at lunch were Mr. G. O'Hanlon (Chairman of Governors), Mr. W. F. Henning (ex-Chairman), Mr. Aish. A message of greeting was received from Canon Lovett, who was away, and spectators included the parents of F. R. England (1913–15), P. G. Wood (1928–38), and J. E. Gillard (1934–39) who were not able to be present in person.

The cricket match resulted in a more than ordinarily decisive win for the Old Boys : they started modestly with 40 for 3 (A. T. W. Oxford 15, W. J. Carver 10), but E. A. Burt (27) and P. J. Tompkins settled down and doubled the score before lunch. The last-named, who reached 60, and B. J. Hamblin (36 not out) put on 60 in less than forty minutes afterwards, and the Old Boys declared at 164 for 4. For a time the School made a good struggle (72 for 4), but the last six wickets fell for five runs. In addition to one catch, D. R. Baker made three smart stumpings off the slow spinners of A. M. May, who took 5 for 2 in six overs ; M. W. Knapman captured 3 for 27, A. T. W. Oxford 1 for 1 ; R. J. Sherwin, W. J. Paulley and W. J. Carver also shared in the attack, but E. A. Burt and B. J. Hamblin were not called upon. In a second innings the Old Boys scored freely—59 for 3, in half-an-hour (W. J. Paulley 20, P. W. H. Dike 13—including his customary six, M. W. Knapman 12 not out). The umpiring was shared between Mr. Hulme, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Price.

Other **O. F. cricket matches.** By the initiative mainly of the brothers Gibling and Roger Johns, three matches were arranged for Old Boys against local teams during the holidays, the School ground and equipment being made available by the kind permission of the Headmaster. Apart from some interesting cricket and keen struggles, they were occasions for pleasant reunions among 30 Old Boys, of whom 18 played ; and they may well prove to be the forerunners of a regular series of holiday matches in coming years. Although many of O.F. cricketers are already attached to local clubs, there is probably sufficient talent and abundant interest to warrant the formation of an official O.F. cricket section, at least for the summer holidays.

Details of the matches played :—

July 31 (evening). *R. N. A. Hospital. Won*, 86–28.

Thanks mainly to L. J. Baggs, on leave from service in the East, who started with two wickets in his first three balls and took 6 for 14, and to A. T. W. Oxford (1 for 11) and B. J. Hamblin (2 for 3), the R.N.A.H., who were unfortunately unable to field their best side, were rather cheaply dismissed. A. T. W. Oxford (31) and R. J. Gibling put up 20 for the first wicket, and the match was won without further loss. Later, P. G. Wood (capt.) reached 21 and L. J. Baggs 20. Other players were R. H. Johns, back from the M.E., who kept wicket, M. W. R. Johns, D. R. Gibling, F. B. S. Poole, P. J. Smith, and J. R. Gregory, School cricket captain. G. H. Chubb was umpire, C. R. G. Treasure scorer, and spectators included Mr. Gibling, Mr. T. W. Gibling, Mr. Maltby, D. H. Farley, D. G. Guy and M. E. Trevett (R.E.). Including the present Head Boy, it was remarked that seven Head Boys of the School were present.

Aug. 5 (evening). *Sherborne Youth Club. Won*, 102–79 (8 decl.).

The Youth Club team was captained by A. T. W. Oxford, their leader, who helped to give them a good start with 25 out of the first 33 and took 2 for 24, and included also K. E. Toms (10) and D. E. J. Churchill (1 for 13), with D. P. Thirlwell as scorer. C. E. Dike took 4 for 16, B. J. Hamblin 2 for 16, E. L. Guy (R.A.F.) 1 for 27, and R. J. Sherwin also bowled. R. H. Johns was in good form behind the wicket. A sporting declaration encouraged the Old Boys to go for the runs : R. H. Johns (24) and C. E. Dike (18) helped to get 60 on the board for 4, when three wickets fell at the same total, whereupon B. J. Hamblin, capt., (15) and R. J. Sherwin (8) made victory sure by three wickets, with a few minutes to spare, and the game was continued to finish the innings. Other O.F. players were P. J. Tompkins, D. R. Gibling, P. J. Smith, F. B. S. Poole, J. R. Gregory ; G. H. Chubb was again umpire, M. W. R. Johns scored, and D. G. Guy, W. G. J. Glover, R. S. Webb (R.A.S.C.), Mr. Gibling and Mr. T. W. Gibling were spectators.

Aug. 23. *R. N. A. Hospital. Lost*, 71–112.

Fielding a much more representative team on this occasion, while the opening of the football season claimed some of our players, our opponents turned the tables decisively. They started freely with 44 for 1, but good bowling by B. J. Hamblin, capt. (6 for 39), and M. W. Knapman (3 for 35) slowed down the rate of scoring until the last two wickets added 28. J. W. Stickland, on leave from the R.N., took 1–5 and W. L. Baggs, of the School team, also bowled. F. B. S. Poole took two catches and R. J. Gibling was also prominent in the field. The Old Boys made a disastrous start (2 wickets for 1 in the first over), but C. G. R. Mintern, by a series of powerful drives, quickly scored 35 out of the first 38 for 3. M. W. Knapman later added 15 and M. W. R. Johns 10, but the remainder of the team contributed only 7. Others who played were F. B. Paulley, on leave from the B.A.O.R., P. J. Tompkins and R. J. Sherwin, and among spectators were Mr. Gibling, Mr. T. W. Gibling and W. G. J. Glover ; D. M. Courtney and M. H. Tompkins, of the present School, were scorers.

Births

July 5, 1946, to **D. K. Rowat** (1932–34), a daughter (Ruth) ; Feb. 9, to **H. F. M. Thorne** (1927–34), a son (James Martin), one of whose godparents was C. I. Connock (1929–34) ; May 3, to **L. A. Priddle** (1935–37), a son (Robert Harry) ; May 12, to **J. D. Ballam** (1932–37), a son (Paul) ; May 22, to **A. T. W. Oxford** (1937–43), a son (Clive Stewart) ; June 30, to **W. B. Ford** (1931–36), a son (Christopher John) ; in July, to **R. C. Rose** (1920–26), a son (Jonathen Richard Kingsley). We were pleased also to hear of the birth some time ago of a son to **G. W. F. Ashford** (1925–33).

Marriages

May 3, at St. Mary's Church, Stalbridge, **J. R. A. Rouse** (1936–42), Officer Cadet, Life Gds., to Hazel Patricia Cluett, Stalbridge ; June 4, at Holt Wood Methodist Church, **H. M. R. Shute** (1929–32) to Olive Hayter, Uppington Farm, Horton, Wimborne ; June 6, **K. F. Young** (1933–39) to Liselotte Elfriede Jacobi, Berlin ; at Fordington St. George, **W. R. Hewitson** (1911–20) to Mrs. Sylvia Mary Smith (*nee* Kellaway), Dorchester ; in June, **R. L. Helliar** (1929–34), W.O., R.A.F.; Aug. 1, at St. Joseph's Church, Guildford, **L. W. J. Lemon** (1936–40), P.O., R.N., to Maureen Patricia Tallant, Guildford ; Aug. 6, at Sherborne Methodist Church, **Gordon C. Rose** (1937–38) to Isabel A. Anton : M. F. A. Rose, P.O.(A), R.N., was best man ; Sept. 6, at the Parish Church, Upwey, **W. A. S. Westworth** (1935–40) to Nesta Symonds, Corton Farm, Upwey.

At the Universities. We now know of ten Old Boys in residence : (*Oxford*) **D. R. Gibling** (1932–40) and **R. J. Gibling** (1933–41) enjoyed some excursions on the river, some tennis, and the opportunity of seeing some representative University sport, as well as outdoor dramatic productions by the O.U.D.S. and other undergraduate groups. In a cricket match for the Balliol A.F.C. (of which he is now secretary) *v.* the Boat Club, R. J. Gibling made top score (40) and his brother umpired. They also shared, respectively, in an excursion to the Cotswolds by the O.U. Ornithological Society and in a week-end visit to the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford. After term, together with David Lovell, they spent ten days in otter-watching and fishing in S. Devon, and helped to organise and played in the O.F. holiday cricket matches. (*London*). They were pleased to meet **P. G. Wood** (1928–38) when he played for University College, London, *v.* New College ; unfortunately rain stopped the match after two wickets had fallen. His excellent season, from both individual and College aspects (his own best score was 69) did not hinder him from completing his terminal examinations well. On the day following his return, he watched the School's 1st XI match, and played in holiday matches for both the Old Boys and the Town C.C., before taking part in the opening matches of the Town F.C.'s season. **C. R. G. Treasure** (1932–40), who had highly successful results in his Intermediate B.Sc. examination, called at School as soon as he returned. He kept a typically neat and comprehensive score of the first of the Old Boys' holiday matches before going to Finland to spend some weeks at a lumbering camp. **H. J. Spicer** (1938–45) wrote immediately after term, when he had taken his subsidiary language papers (French and Italian)

to leave himself free to concentrate in his final year on his main subjects, especially Statistics, which he finds more and more entrancing. He had attended a series of interesting lectures on our post-War economic position and enjoyed opportunities of working on the College roof during much of the summer weather. Occasional outings by road into the Home Counties had been very pleasant. His Church Youth activities had included some open-air meetings. (*Nottingham*). **D. J. Childs** (1937–46) was a welcome caller at School and was in time to attend the O.F.D.S. second meeting between the end of his term and the completion of his Intermediate B.Sc. examination. (*Southampton*). **G. A. Sheppard** (1932–39) was similarly successful in his Inter B.Sc. (Economics), as was **D. R. Bullock** (1932–40) with the exception of one subject which he will have to take again. (*Aberdeen*). **G. W. Hoddinott** (1933–38) has now completed his year's special course. (*Reading*). After gaining a good Higher School Certificate and a Dorset County Scholarship from Dorchester G. S. last year, **A. W. A. Burt** (1939–41) began a course of agricultural science last October. In addition, **J. A. Fisher** (1941–46) has been attending Southampton University College all the year as a part-time student, while articled to the City Engineer, Salisbury.

Teachers in Training. **P. R. Badham** (1933–39), who has been at Dorchester Rd. T.C., Weymouth, since February, called while spending a week-end with G. H. R. Kendall (1914–16), when he met Peter Taylor, Frank Poole, Wilfrid Hussay, and talked of many other contemporaries. He was interested to discover later that, from an aeroplane which flew over part of the town while he was sitting in a private garden, David Lovell was taking photographs, one of which showed him and his friends comfortably ensconced in deck chairs. On a later visit, he met the brothers Gibling. He had already done some practice teaching in a Bournemouth school, and with his fellow-students had been busy preparing for an exhibition of the results of their researches into local conditions (work, nature, folk and history), carried out as part of their College course. **K. I. Fry** (1933–39) is at the same College. **N. W. J. Clarke** (1940–46) called at School after completing his second term at the School of Art, Poole : his course is now unfortunately to be interrupted by his call to the Forces. In his limited leisure he had enjoyed some swimming and rowing. We were pleased to hear of **R. F. Fox** (1939–46) at Loughborough T.C. through David Boroughs. **D. K. Rowat** (1932–34), when renewing generous support of the O.F.A., announced that, after 10 years with the Bristol Aeroplane Co., he was to begin a five years course at the West of England College of Art, Bristol, for the Art Teacher's Diploma, as he had always wished to do. He had been playing cricket regularly in the past two seasons for his office team. He hoped to visit the School again, perhaps on the occasion of a Reunion, and meanwhile sent good wishes to everyone there. **G. C. Rose** (1937–38), who has recently been teaching at Trent School, is entering St. Luke's T.C., Exeter, this autumn. **A. J. Coles** (1930–34) has now completed his year's course at Leavesdon T.C., Herts. **E. F. C. Mear** (1939–45) is to enter Borough Rd. T.C. this autumn. Still awaiting

vacancies in training colleges are : **R. G. Mitchell** (1926–32), at Shepton Mallet Modern Secondary School, who revisited Sherborne for part of his holiday ; and **A. J. Hunt** (1936–42), Sherborne Abbey Junior School.

Further awards and decorations. We learn with interest, if at a rather late date, that **Mr. E. Hulme** (A.M. 1929–), Capt., Pnr. Cps., was mentioned in dispatches for his services in Italy ; and that, in the King's Birthday Honours List, **L. G. Goddard** (1906–08), Divisional Surveyor, under the Hants. C.C., for Winchester since 1930, was awarded the M.B.E. He has had charge of 340 miles of road, and during the War was in control of the main Alton-Basingstoke road, accommodating the new aerodrome ot Lasham ; he was also for a time district surveyor for the Winchester R.D.C.

With the Forces. *New Entrants :* **L. M. F. Shannon** (1942–43) left Hele's School, Exeter, a year ago to join the R. Marines for twelve years' service, with the hope of a commission : he called at School to join the O.F.A. while on leave and staying with Cyril Mintern at Henstridge, where he resided during his days of evacuation. He had been enjoying plenty of sport, including rugby football. Expecting to be posted abroad before long, he left his good wishes for all who remember him ; **E. G. Pile** (1940–43), who has been a motor-mechanic with Donald Young (1908–11) for the past three years, called at School before beginning his military service in May ; **J. R. Henley** (1940–45), now in the R.A.F., was able to watch the Athletic Sports before he joined up ; **P. G. Hill** (1941–46), Tpr., R.A.C., did his basic training at Dorchester and was then posted to Barnard Castle for training as a wireless operator in an armoured car regiment and recommended for a commission ; **G. Hayward** (1941–44), having completed his initial naval training at Torpoint, is now at Devonport, training as a S.B.A.; **W. J. Carver** (1941–47), who played for the Old Boys at the Summer Reunion as well as in end-of-season matches for Stalbridge F.C., is training as a Writer in the R.N. At Torpoint he met Gerald Hayward, who was able to initiate him into some Navy ways. On an early leave he saw Ray Fox (when they played cricket against each other for Compton House and Yetminster), David Boroughs, Ted Guy, Bob Sherwin, and Fred Paulley, as well as Capt. Brown. He was organising a Mess football team, and had already played one game of rugby ; **R. D. Gay** (1939–47), R.N., called to join the O.F.A. before he left home at the end of the holidays. He hopes to enter Loughborough T.C. after his naval service.

(*Abroad*). Posted home from Singapore, **L. J. Baggs** (1937–43), Cpl., R.E., called at School just before the end of term. Since he left the Calcutta area, he had kept very fit and had enjoyed regular sport—boxing, cricket and football. He was able to watch his brother's bowling in the final School match and to play, with all-round success, in the first of the Old Boys' holiday matches. Accompanying him on his second call at School, came **R. H. Johns** (1937–43), Cpl., R.A.F., with a final home-

posting after service in Ceylon and more recently in the M.E. He took a prominent part, as wicket-keeper and batsman, in two of the O.F. matches before going to his new station in Cornwall. **D. J. T. Curtis** (1937–41) Cpl., R.E. (Survey), left Palestine in January for more pleasant conditions in Mombasa. Two months' leave allowed him plenty of opportunities of seeing everyone at School : he watched the Athletic Sports and played, in company with Alec Oxford and Bob Sherwin, in several of the early practices of the cricket team, in which his brother was, like him a few years ago, the wicket-keeper and a leading batsman. He had had abundant sport, including hockey as well as cricket and football. He had not yet been successful in getting into touch with Walter Ricketts, R.A.M.C., Nairobi. With him in Palestine and later in E. Africa was **P. A. Frampton** (1938–43), Cpl., who followed him closely home on leave, visiting School the day after the former's departure. He was present at Prize Day and on other occasions, and watched the A.C.F. unit, of which his brother is a member. From the East came **J. Card** (1933–37), Fl. Lt., with a home-posting for a time after nearly three years abroad, partly in Burma before the end of the War, and mainly in N. India, with a short period in the M.E. He was spending a few days with George Treasure, and was pleased to meet, among others, Philip Wood and the brothers Gibling, the younger of whom he last saw in Poona. While in the M.E., he also met Kenneth Courage. He had done little flying for some time, and had had very little cricket since 1945, though some hockey had been available. We were pleased to meet **R. L. Helliar** (1929–34), W.O., R.A.F., with his wife shortly after their wedding : he was then on leave from Italy. **F. B. Paulley** (1941–46), Dorset Regt., B.A.O.R., called, in company with his brother, while on leave from the Hanover district. An attack of fibrositis had kept him out of sport for a time, but he was able to play occasionally for Cattistock and in the last of the Old Boys' holiday matches ; and, in addition to those then present, had been pleased to meet Ted Guy, Ray Fox and Bill Carver. **J. Pettis** (1940–43), S.B.A., wrote from Singapore after an interesting voyage, including calls at Port Said, Aden and Colombo. Swarms of native bum-boats clustering around the anchoring ships, hordes of street vendors ashore, and a profusion of flying fish and porpoises here and there on the way, will remain among his memories. He sent good wishes to old friends. We hear that **G. W. Back** (1932–37), Sgt., R.A.F., has been in the midst of the disturbances in Lahore. It is probable that **G. P. Roger** (1943–45), Grenadier Gds., is by now in Palestine. We are very sorry to hear that **G. A. J. Stephen** (1929–33), Sgt., R.A.F., has suffered severe injury to one arm, necessitating his return home from Egypt. Recently demobilised are **K. A. A. Brown** (1918–22), son of A. A. Brown (1883–84), Stalbridge, who was a prisoner-of-war in Italy ; **F. K. Symes** (1934–39), Cpl., R.E., who has returned from Brunswick to his former post with Messrs. Sawtells of Sherborne, where his fellow-workers include Arthur Sweet, Philip Murphy and Peter Tompkins ; and **F. D. Nelson** (1933–39), L./Cpl., R.S., just back from Italy.

(*U.K.*). Others demobilised in recent months are : **L. J. Edwards** (1918–23), Sgt., and **R. Edwards** (1920–26), Cpl., R.A.F., who have rejoined their father in the family business ; **R. J. Sherwin** (1938–44), R.N., who has been keeping up his study of French in certain sixth-form periods at School, in preparation for his entrance in the autumn to Edinburgh University, where he took a six months' course (1944–45) under a R.N. scheme ; he took a very helpful part in many of the 1st XI cricket practices, was present at the Athletic Sports and Prize Day, and played for the Old Boys in the all-day match and in two of their holiday fixtures ; **A. G. Hann** (1935–40), Sgt., R.A.F., who has returned to the Sherborne Pharmacy, under E. A. Lush (1917–20) and with G. H. Chubb (1939–46) now also on the staff ; **M. F. A. Rose** (1934–37), P.O. (A), R.N., who completed seven years' service this summer, with a period in N. Ireland, and is for the present in civilian employment at the local R.N.A. Hospital ; **D. L. Dike** (1935–40), Sgt., R.A.F., who has resumed his banking duties at Dorchester, and has had an excellent cricket season both there and at Stalbridge ; **J. G. Treasure** (1935–40), A.C.C., who is now back in his father's business ; and **D. G. Guy** (1936–41), Sgt., R.A.F., who has returned to the local branch of Messrs. Boots, and who was an interested spectator of two of the Old Boys' matches. His brother, **E. L. Guy** (1940–46), R.A.F., fortunately then on leave, was able to play in one match, and when he called at School before the end of term also met Arthur Mattacks. **R. S. Webb** (1938–45), R.A.S.C., now stationed near Aldershot, also watched one of the evening matches ; as did **M. E. Trevett** (1938–46), R.E., who was also present, as a visitor, at the A.C.F. Camp near Osmington during his leave. Posted to a camp near Liss for clerical training, he took top place in his tests with over 90 per cent, and was also getting ahead well with his own correspondence course in physics. He had enjoyed some tennis, swimming and running as well as visits to neighbouring places and the Isle of Wight, and had at times shared in fire-fighting duties on adjoining heath land. He was sorry not to be present at Prize Day to receive the Sir George Pragnell prize in person. He saw Desmond Carne frequently, and had met on various occasions John Major, Roger Webb, Bernard and David Childs, Norman Rice, Richard Brewer and John Paulley, besides maintaining correspondence with Harold Spicer. Included in the Old Boys' team for their final holiday match was **J. W. Stickland** (1939–43), Mech., R.N.(A), who is now stationed within easy reach of home at Yeovilton, like **E. J. Tothill** (1939–44), W. Tel. **W. J. Paulley** (1939–46), L./Cpl., Dorset Regt., was posted early in the summer to Bulford Camp, where he is now on the permanent staff as a P.T. instructor. Before leaving the 28th Training Battalion in N. Ireland, he captained his platoon in the final of the Knock-out football tournament, which they lost by a goal after two periods of extra time. His summer leave fortunately allowed him to play for his home village of Cattistock and in the Old Boys' Reunion match, where he met many old friends, and to see his former House in their final and successful House match ; and he called again with his brother during a special short leave while the latter was

at home for a month from Germany. We were very pleased to receive visits from **D. J. Boroughs** (1941–46) while on a short holiday from Loughborough Engineering College, where he is taking a two-years course in general and civil engineering before returning to the R.E. as a candidate for a commission. In his primary Army training at Chichester, he had the satisfaction of passing out as champion recruit, and he has since gained his War Certificate B in the S.T.C. at Loughborough. There he has enjoyed a good deal of swimming, including a competitive visit to Derby, and hoped to see some of the Olympic Games competitors in training on the excellent running track and in the Baths. He often saw Ray Fox, and met a number of old friends in Sherborne, including Bob Sherwin, Michael Trevett and Aubrey Best ; and from **R. A. Collings** (1926–30), Lt., who is with the Portland Flotilla and was recently on Fleet exercises : he was interested to hear the latest School news and to enquire about many Old Boys and their careers. It was a pleasure also to meet again **F. R. Charlton** (1934–39), Capt., R.S., with his wife while he was on leave from Catterick, and **J. D. Frost** (1938–43), Grenadier Gds., now stationed at Pirbright. **A. L. G. Hutchings** (1924–32), Lt.-Commandr. Instr., is now at a R.N.A.S. station in Warwickshire, with his wife and family ; **J. R. Major** (1937–43), L/Cpl., R.E.M.E., who is able to be at home fairly frequently at week-ends, hopes to enter an agricultural college at the end of his military service ; **S. Pettis** (1942–43) is stationed near Yeovil, where he is training for the A.C.C.

At School. An interested spectator of the *Athletic Sports* was **J. A. White** (1891–92), whose two grandsons were prominent in the events, the younger being Victor Ludorum, and whose mind went back to an occasion on the Terrace, some fifty-five years ago, when he took five first places, two seconds and a third ; another valued link with the past was supplied by R. W. Foot (1886–90), who, remembering his own success in the 220 yards at the first School Sports, provided a special prize for that event this year, though he could not himself be present. **D. T. Hodges** (1917–21), **A. Coombs** (1916–22) and **R. Gregory** (1909–12), were all Judges, whose sons were much to the fore in the afternoon's programme : the first two were also at the Summer Reunion, as player and spectator respectively, and so were **L. J. Avery** (1926–31), referee at the Sports ; **J. H. Elliott** (1919–25) ; and **C. A. Lowman** (1888–90) and **H. J. Otton** (1891–93), who attended Prize Day in addition. Others who watched the Sports were **A. H. Sawtell** (1909–13) ; **C. J. Andrews** (1913–17), M.P.S., just then fortunately on one of his periodical visits to the town ; **G. R. Hallett** (1918–22), whose son is now at School ; **H. L. R. Hutchings** (1926–32), M.P.S.; **J. E. Gillard** (1934–39) ; **K. E. Toms** (1937–42) and **G. W. Frowd** (1942–46).

At *Prize Day*, **C. B. Brett** (1890–98) was among the Governors ; two prize-donors were present in **G. E. Batchelor** (1899–00), who was also at the Summer Reunion, and **H. A. Osment** (1936–43) ; and others who attended were **G. Coombs** (1914–20), father of the present Head Boy of the School, and Mrs. Coombs ; **W. R. Hewitson** (1911–20), just back from India, and **J. O. C. Hewitson** (1913–19), who were accompanied by their wives ; **E. B. G. Abbott** (1930–37) and his wife ; and **J. F. Hounsell** (1943–46).

Players and spectators at O.F. *cricket* matches on the School ground have already been mentioned ; and, in addition to D. J. T. Curtis, while on leave, and R. J. Sherwin more regularly, **A. T. W. Oxford** (1937–43) gave most valuable help through the term at the School nets, and **G. H. Chubb** (1939–46), like Philip Wood several years ago, undertook the coaching and supervision of one of the middle cricket groups : both were also at the Athletic Sports. Among the most frequent spectators of the School's cricket were **D. P. Thirlwell** (1940–43), who is waiting his call to the Forces, and **W. G. J. Glover** (1941–46), who was also often on the School premises as a Cpl. in the open platoon of the *A.C.F.*, like **P. J. Tompkins** (1941–46), Sgt., who lost no opportunity of returning to the School cricket ground to play. On particular occasions during the season we were glad to see also : **P. W. H. Dike** (1922–25), who shared in a couple of practices at the nets ; **Howard E. England** (1922–25), who watched part of a 3rd XI House match on the Terrace and took the opportunity of renewing his support of the O.F.A.; he has a bakery and confectionery business at Shillingstone, where his two sons are at present at School. Conversation about past years recalled cricket matches against local villages and Sports Days, on one of which he was junior Victor Ludorum. We were pleased to hear of his brother, Garthe (1926–28), who has a garage at Evershot and of his brothers-in-law, Walter, (1920), William (1921–23) and Giles Foot (1925–31), the son of the eldest of whom is now a boarder at the School ; **R. D. Brewer** (1939–42), who watched some junior cricket practices early in the term, while spending a week-end in Sherborne. He was all the more satisfied with his new post in London because it had a direct connection with the country's all-important export trade. He was able to get home to Amersham for week-ends. His younger brother, D. L. Brewer (1941–42), has a post in the City. Conversation included references to Jim Baggs (whom he last saw on the way to Singapore), Alec Oxford, Roy Farr, Desmond Curtis, Roger Johns, and John Rouse with whom he has kept up correspondence since school days ; **D. E. J. Churchill** (1942–46), who also played in one of the evening holiday matches ; and **P. J. Smith** (1939–43), who played twice ; he has given up farming to join the staff of Messrs. Saunders' garage : in addition to mechanical repairs, his duties sometimes take him on long journeys, as to London and Luton, giving him the opportunity of seeing more of England than before : he has been expecting for some time to be called to the Forces.

First visits to the new School, to see the many advantages we now enjoy, were paid by **F. R. Newlyn** (1894–99), who, after nearly seven years of evacuation in N. Wales, was now living again at home in Bromley on the return of his government department to the London area . His daughters are now both married. He had recently visited his elder

brother, E. G. Newlyn, in London ; he met W. F. Curtis while in Llandudno, and he saw W. E. Whatley from time to time ; and **R. A. England** (1912–13), who was accompanied by his wife and his daughter, who is teaching in Taunton. In his duties as a Hospital male nurse, modern electrical equipment and psychological treatment are proving of great benefit in a number of cases. A S.M. in the Guards in the 1914–18 War, he won the M.M. During the term came also **J. H. S. Walker** (1944–46), between his terms at Southampton Nautical School, now at Fareham ; **A. W. W. Mattacks** (1940–45), in a London branch of the Westminster Bank, who has already passed all five subjects of Part I of the Bankers Institute examinations, and who had been playing cricket and football regularly for the Sports Club of his bank ; he was due shortly to join the R.N. He had met Ted Guy and John Payne ; **A. W. Mole** (1940–44), who paid his promised call during the Certificate examinations ; he was happy in his horticultural duties in some big nurseries near Canterbury, where roses were a speciality ; his sister spends her holidays with him between her terms at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she is reading classics. He is still in correspondence with Harold Spicer ; and **R. J. Pearson** (1940–45), who was expecting soon to leave his farming duties at Lillington to join the Army. During the holidays two former librarians revisited the Library and called on a number of their old friends : **T. J. Warham** (1940–43), who stayed for a while with Philip Coombs and enjoyed some tennis on the School court. He had taken his Higher Schools, in Science and Mathematics, and was about to begin his service in the R.A.F., after which he is to enter Goldsmith's College for training as a teacher. We were pleased to see some further samples of the high standard of production of the Raynes Park County School Press, in which he has taken great interest and a regular part ; and **R. Tuffin** (1941–42), son of R. R. W. Tuffin (1907–14), who cycled over from Bristol : having gained his School Certificate, with six credits, he will now be starting his H.S.C. course at Cotham G. S., specialising in Science subjects with the intention of taking up pharmaceutical chemistry later on. He met Gerald Pitman, the sole remaining member in the School of the third form to which he belonged. Four past members of the Staff visited School during the term : **Mr. N. E. Winter** (A.M., 1900), who left shortly after the death of Mr. A. P. Irwin (A.M., 1884–00) to join the Staff of Kimbolton G. S. and was afterwards for many years at the Friends' School, Wigton, Cumberland. Now retired, he lives near Taunton. His colleagues at Foster's School were Messrs. Brewster, C. H. Robinson and Baker. Though on the staff for only two terms, he showed a wonderfully retentive memory in referring to many scholars, like W. H. Crabb, R. A. B. Gale, W. J. N. Burch, G. P. Cann, H. G. Tupman, the brothers Pearce, Read and Baker, as well as to residents in the town, to cricket matches on the Terrace, in which he took a prominent part, and to local tennis ; and he gave us hope of seeing him again ; **Mr. F. T. Coleclough** (A.M., 1938–44), on holiday with his wife and little daughter from Trinity College, Carmarthen, where he is lecturer in Art ; **Mr. D. M. Jones** (A.M., 1943–44), who accompanied the cricket teams from Gillingham G. S.; and **Miss G. Ainslie** (A.M., 1942–45), who was spending her Whitsun week-end in Dorset.

Other calls and meetings. We were very pleased to receive calls during the term from **H. J. Fooks** (1909–14), when he paid a day's visit with his wife to Sherborne and neighbourhood and saw a number of old friends, including Donald Young and Arthur Collings. His elder son, demobilised after long service in the East, has returned to banking, and his younger son is engaged in accountancy. He is already a grandfather. He and his wife had a pleasant outing recently with Alec Thorne and his wife ; and **R. T. F. Pike** (1929–35), former joint-secretary of the O.F.A., and now in a post under the Ministry of Transport at Bedford ; and during the holidays from **C. G. Meader** (1922–24), Stalbridge, when he renewed his support of the O.F.A. for several years ahead : he hoped to attend the service of induction of Edwin Curtis into his new parish (mentioned on a later page) in September ; and from **J. T. Symonds** (1917–21), Ashtead, with his wife and two young daughters : after twenty-six years' service, he has been appointed staff-manager of his firm of solicitors. Besides being a keen gardener, he devotes a good deal of time to Church work, being a chorister, bell-ringer, sidesman and altar-server, and now people's Warden. He was very pleased to read in the last magazine of old school friends like D. Hodges, D. Philpott, G. and A. Coombs, and C. J. Ring whose recent success in the intermediate examination of the Law Society was a matter for high congratulation. With great pleasure, too, we met **I. H. Oxford** (1925–30), who was about to open a local business as a sign-writer ; **W. S. Bater** (1929–34), sufficiently recovered from his illness to take an appointment in the Exmouth district as a milk-recording official at neighbouring farms ; he regretted that he could not get to the Summer Reunion this year ; **A. B. Jones** (1932–38), who had joined his father in his local haulier's business ; and **C. H. Hounsell** (1920–24), Yeovil, when he was spending a day in Sherborne. **R. K. Dibble** (1926–34), Pontypool, called on Leslie Kitzerow, who also saw **H. S. B. Cox** (1922–29), Jersey, when he was about to visit Italy, and **A. J. Brett** (1918–25), Ewell, who had already renewed his membership of the Association and regretted that his local visits had to be infrequent, though he found that the magazine kept him in touch with the news of many Old Boys. Marcus Johns met **A. R. Wilkins** (1933–37), who is now a district representative of one of the Ministries. Among others who have recently been on local visits was **W. B. Ford** (1931–36), with his wife and little son, while on holiday from the book-shop which he manages in Trafalgar Square.

Letters and Messages. **E. G. Newlyn** (1886–90), London, regretted that, although in very fair general health, he did not feel that he could make the effort to be present at the Reunion Dinner in October. Forwarding a gift to the School Library, **W. H. Crabb** (1896–00), Altrincham, remarked that it scarcely seemed four years since he retired

from teaching, for he had been happily busy all the time. He was then off to a visit to Anglesey. He referred to his daughter's course in Economics at Southampton University College, where she is in the same classes as Geoffrey Sheppard and Roy Bullock, and declared that when she was in their company she felt almost an O.F. herself. **W. E. Whatley** (1900–06) is now a member of the Committee of the Beckenham Photographic Society : when he developed some plates he had in hand from the winter, he hoped to find that he had at last taken some good snow photographs for which he had waited twenty years. He is still busy at leisure intervals with plans for further possible book publications. He had heard from W. F. Curtis and was expecting a visit from Fred Kennett. Two other Vice Presidents from whom we have heard lately are : **W. H. Salisbury** (1890–93), who was sorry he missed the Summer Reunion, and **J. W. Walden** (1896–98), who promptly booked a seat for the October Dinner. **L. G. Goddard** (1906–08), M.B.E., was pleased to think that, in spite of very rare visits to Sherborne, he had maintained contact with, and interest in the School up to the present time, when he is within about seven years from probable retirement from his duties as a District Surveyor under the Hants C.C. As a School Manager as well as an O.F., he was most interested in the educational changes now taking place, and hoped that they would never tend to destroy the pride in one's own School which he and his school-fellows had always felt. He mentioned that he was now a grandfather. **H. M. R. Shute** (1929–32), now married, still travels in Dorset for a firm of milking-machine manufacturers, and has recently been appointed to instal the milking-parlours —work which he finds interesting and which gives him the opportunity of seeing a variety of farms. His leg injury during the War still troubles him, but he got through the severe winter without having to give up. **H. F. M. Thorne** (1927–34) is now living at Woodstock. On demobilisation he enjoyed a holiday in Scotland before resuming his P.O. telephone duties at Oxford. When his baby son was christened in May—in the same font as Mr. Winston Churchill—he was very pleased to meet Ivor Connock (who came as a godfather) for the first time in ten years. He had not yet seen David or Robin Gibling, but he was glad to think that the P.O. Sports Club, for which he plays, had the use of the Balliol College playing-field during the long vacation. In Reading last year he met Mr. C. Brockway, former Dorset County cricket coach for Schools, who sent remembrances to those whom he used to train and see at Foster's School. Messages are also gratefully acknowledged from **G. A. L. Pearson** (1914–15), now managing a farm near Evershot ; **G. W. Payne** (1916–21), through a present Fosterian immediately after the Summer Reunion match, in which he had originally hoped to play again ; **W. G. Hussey** (1932–36), with renewal of his support of the O.F.A. and a thoughtful gift to the School Library ; **J. A. Montague** (1935–40), now a school teacher in Manchester ; and **Mrs. G. C. Wardale** (A.M., 1943–44), London, who, as a regular subscriber to the magazine, keeps in touch with the School and the Fosterians she knew.

From abroad. M. M. Betten (1912–19), Darjeeling, has, we fear,

had a rather difficult time on his tea estate since his return from leave, owing to serious drought as well as the generally disturbed conditions in India. **W. R. Hewitson** (1911–20) returned from tea-planting in Assam this summer, after 24 years abroad, and was married. We were very pleased to see him and his wife at Prize Day, in company with his brother and his wife. **L. F. Fox** (1907–11), Portugal, sent excellent news of his daughter, who gained her B.A. degree with first-class honours in History at McGill University, Montreal, and hoped to begin her M.A. course there shortly. He was keeping up his tennis and was also playing some cricket, for he organises matches for the Eastern Telegraph Co. Club in conjunction with the Lisbon Sports Club. He saw the English football team beat Portugal when they gave a fine display of the game. **J. R. F. Pearson** (1914–15) is still in New Guinea. We were interested to see, through his nephew, some photographs of his home there and of the present conditions among the natives of whose labour he is in charge. **W. A. Earle** (1937–42), Mounted Police, Rhodesia, had some particularly memorable experiences during the Royal tour : we were pleased to see some photographs of him, showing how much at home he is on his mount. We acknowledge a kind message also from **K. J. H. Courage** (1936–41), E. London ; and have been glad to hear again, indirectly, of **A. F. Wise** (1919–22), Bank of Montreal, Vancouver, whose two sons are now about eight and six years of age.

Special successes, appointments and service. We congratulate heartily **S. W. Scott** (1917–25), deputy-treasurer of the O.F.A., who is a member of the technical staff of Sherborne School, on gaining his M.A. (Lond.) degree in medieval and modern languages ; and **E. P. Andrews** (1926–34) on his recent success in the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, in spite of the interruption of his studies and professional experience by seven years of military service : we are very pleased also to hear of the success of **E. B. G. Abbott** (1930–37), within a year of his demobilisation, in a Civil Service (clerical) examination : as a result, he will shortly be leaving Sherborne for a higher appointment at Reading ; and of the new appointment of **K. F. Young** (1932–39) as assistant clerk to the Urban District Council of Leighton Buzzard, whither he is moving immediately with his wife. After a very successful audition, **E. M. Fudge** (1930–37), a member of the Amateur Players of Sherborne and former prominent actor on the School stage, has gained entry to the School of Drama, Bristol, and is relinquishing his Local Government post. We learn with pleasure that **E. B. Wise** (1919–25) has been District Surveyor for Christchurch for the past three or four years, and that he has two children. **G. W. Greening** (1900–03), who has been Headmaster of Stickland's School, Evershot, for 28 years, will be the recipient of hosts of good wishes when he retires at the end of the autumn term : excluding four years' service in the first World War, he has been teaching continuously since 1904.

All Old Boys, and especially those who have known him, will desire to offer their sincerest wishes to the **Rev. E. E. Curtis** (1918–24) on his appointment as Vicar of All Saints, Portsea, after three years as senior

curate in the parish of St. Mary's and priest-in-charge of St. Wilfred's Mission, since his seven years' service in Mauritius. The re-opening of a bomb-shattered parish inevitably presents many difficult problems, not least in the shattered lives of the people. Before entering upon his new responsibility, he and his family enjoyed a holiday at Buriton, where he took the Sunday duties during July. In delightful country at the foot of the S. Downs, he renewed his interest in the identification of wild flowers, studied the architecture of the local Church and the adjoining Manor House (where Gibbon wrote much of his 'Decline and Fall'), as well as many of the quaint old records in the churchwardens' accounts, and welcomed the opportunity in several neighbouring places, of sharing again in some bell-ringing. He sent kind remembrances to all old friends.

Further personal details. In the broadcast evening service on the national day of prayer, conducted by a member of the Christian Frontier Council, one of the speakers was a Dorset farmer—**R. J. Gray** (1915–21), Buckland Newton. **A. E. Lugg** (1916–21) was badly burned on the hands in helping to save an 'Enterprise' motor-coach which caught fire while it was being cleaned. We were sorry to learn of the serious fire which did extensive damage to the premises and equipment of **H. H. Willis** (1905–10) in September. **H. G. Swatridge** (1916–21), Police Sgt., has been transferred from Bridport to Sturminster Newton. **K. S. Gay** (1934–39) is now married. He is still in hospital in Bournemouth, but hopes to be out soon. His many friends will regret to know that **A. Coombs** (1916–22) has been unwell, and will wish him an early recovery. **F. R. England** (1913–15), now living in London, has a post in the City. **N. A. H. Courage** (1933–38), County Offices, Dorchester, now has a flat in Weymouth, and has been busily transforming a wilderness into a garden. **C. K. Hamblin** (1916–20) is now engaged in manipulative surgery. **G. Helson** (1941–43) has left Westlands Aircraft works for a motor engineering post in Plymouth. **R. W. Waltham** (1934–39) won three awards for Wessex Saddleback pigs at the Bath and West Show, and a first prize at Yeovil Show. **V. P. Baker** (1926–31) had a memorable holiday in Belgium, visiting friends he made during his Army service there. **C. Jarman** (1943–45) is now at Southend High School. **Members of the pre-War School Camps** will be interested to know that Mr. Ernest Lush, brother of the Headmaster, paid a visit to the School during the term, reviving happy memories of Ringstead and Putsborough ; and that we have had news of Ivars Malta of Latvia (1939), now a D.P. in the British zone of Germany, whose future is at present uncertain.

O.F.'s in Sport. After long service to Dorset cricket, both active and administrative, **G. H. White** (1886–88) has retired through ill-health from the treasurership of the Dorset County C.C. That his interest in the game remains, however, was clear from his presence at the County matches played in Dorchester and at a match in which one of his sons

captained the Dorset Rangers, for whom the Headmaster's son was also playing. The new County C.C. treasurer is **E. J. Freeman** (1916–21), who has had another high-scoring season, including 116 (in 63 mins.) for Dorset N.A.L.G.O. *v.* Devon N.A.L.G.O.; 101 not out, Sherborne *v.* Weymouth ; 56 *v.* Street ; 49 *v.* Yeovil ; 23 for Dorset Rangers *v.* Sherborne School. His brother, **D. P. Freeman** (1926–29) has been playing for Dorset (41 and 33 *v.* Devon, 26 *v.* Wilts) and has scored freely for Yeovil—67 not out *v.* Whiteheads ; 60 *v.* Frome ; 45 *v.* Sherborne. For Yeovil also, **B. P. Biggin** (1927) made 32 and 36 not out *v.* Sherborne. **A. T. W. Oxford** (1937–43) has had an excellent season ; his scores for Sherborne included 88 not out *v.* Shaftesbury G. S.; 73 *v.* R.N.A.S., Yeovilton ; 51 *v.* Whiteheads ; 50 *v.* R.N.A.H.; 41 *v.* Wessex Electricity ; 45 *v.* Street ; and he took 5 for 28 *v.* Survey T.C., R.E. Other Sherborne players have included : **D. R. Baker** (1940–46)—37 *v.* Wessex Electricity, 27 *v.* Sherborne School 3rd XI ; **M. W. R. Johns** (1933–39)—25 *v.* Herrison Hospital ; 4 for 24 *v.* Charlton Horethorne ; and against R.A.S.C., Houndstone, the leading scorers were all O.F.'s : **P. G. Wood** (1928–38)—58, **B. J. Hamblin** (1926–31)—35 (including one recorded twelve-hit), and **A. T. W. Oxford**—19. In recorded scores of other clubs, we have noticed the following : Stalbridge : **C. E. Dike** (1932–36)—47 and 4 for 7 *v.* Templecombe ; 25 and 3 for 17 *v.* Milborne Port ; 5 for 26 *v.* Marnhull ; 4 for 13 *v.* Bruton ; **D. L. Dike** (1935–40)—28 *v.* Marnhull, 23 not out *v.* Gillingham ; Henstridge : **A. C. Meaker** (1928–36)—18 *v.* Marnhull ; **C. G. R. Mintern** (1933–40)—17 out of 30 *v.* Horsington ; Yetminster : **H. A. S. Deane** (1918–20)—3 for 7 *v.* Sherborne Agriculturists ; Compton House : **D. H. Farley** (1934–40)—3 for 19 *v.* Western Gazette ; Holwell : **M. W. Knapman** (1939–42)—19 and 6 for 11 *v.* Stalbridge ; 15 and 4 for 13 *v.* Winfrith. Players for other clubs have included **E. A. Burt** (1912–15) for Cerne Abbas ; **G. N. S. Fox** (1934–39) for Leigh ; **F. B. S. Poole** (1934–40) for Compton House.

In addition to successes previously recorded, Stalbridge **Football** Club won the Shaftesbury League Championship : **C. E. Dike** (1932–36), as captain, was the recipient of the Cup at the final match. For the coming season, **P. W. H. Dike** (1922–25) has been re-elected chairman of the Club, **E. Pragnell** (1879) is a member of Committee, and **N. J. M. Pollard** (1932–37) is trainer. **B. P. Biggin** (1927) has been elected vice-captain of Yeovil Rugby F.C., and **L. S. Ebdon** (1920–28) is joint honorary secretary of the men's and mixed sections of Sherborne **Hockey** Club. **F. Perham** (1887–88) has again been a prominent playing member of the Sherborne **Bowls** Club.

The original O.F. Club : Through the kindness of P. W. H. Dike and E. Pragnell, we have seen a copy of the 1889 Report of the O.F. Club (inaugurated 1885), in the time of Mr. A. P. Irwin's headmastership. On August Bank Holiday, 1888, the Club won their cricket match against Sherborne Town, and held their annual dinner in the evening ; but the match between Past and Present (dating back to 1881) was not

played, owing to an epidemic at the School. In September 1888 the Club beat the Ravensbourne C.C. in London, and held a smoking concert the same evening as well as a London Dinner in the following January. Surviving members of the Club include C. B. Brett, F. A. Cox, E. G. Newlyn, G. H. White (all Vice-Presidents of the present Association), W. M. Andrews, S. E. Adams, A. A. Brown, E. Pragnell, A. T. Sawtell.

The **latest Old Fosterians** are : **M. M. Bennett** (1938–47), who hopes to take up his County Major Scholarship at London University after he has finished his military service ; **R. D. Gay** (1939–47), who hopes to enter Loughborough College for training as a P.T. instructor on the completion of his service in the Navy ; **P. B. Trinkle** (1946–47), who has returned to Wimborne G. S. since his father, P. Trinkle (1904–08), has now made his home in Wimborne ; **P. A. F. Frampton** (1942–47), **J. F. Norris** (1942–47), and **T. C. Hardy** (1941–47), who are taking up motor engineering ; **R. E. Harvey** (1941–47), who is farming at home until he is called for military service ; **R. E. Upshall** (1942–47), who has a clerical post in a Yeovil garage ; **E. H. Vining** (1945–47), **P. A. Diment** (1944–47), **M. J. Rose** (1943–47), who are farming at home ; **C. L. A. White** (1943–47), who has a clerical post at the local silk factory, and hopes later on to follow a musical career ; **D. J. Reed** (1945–47), who hopes to take a business post in Weymouth or district ; **R. M. Glover** (1943–47), who has won a County bursary to a Public School and will enter Clayesmore School in the autumn ; and **L. B. Compton** (1945–47), who has left the district and will be attending a school elsewhere.

New and rejoined members of the O.F.A.—A. J. Brett (1918-25), Ewell ; L. J. Edwards (1918–23) ; H. E. England (1922–25), Shillingstone ; R. D. Gay (1939–47), R.N.; T. C. Hardy (1941–47), Buckland Newton ; R. E. Harvey (1941–47), Mappowder ; D. J. Reed (1945–47), Osmington ; L. M. F. Shannon (1942–43), R.M.; R. E. Upshall (1942–47), Clifton Maubank ; E. H. Vining (1945–47), Sturminster Newton.