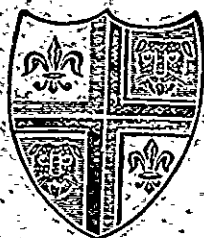


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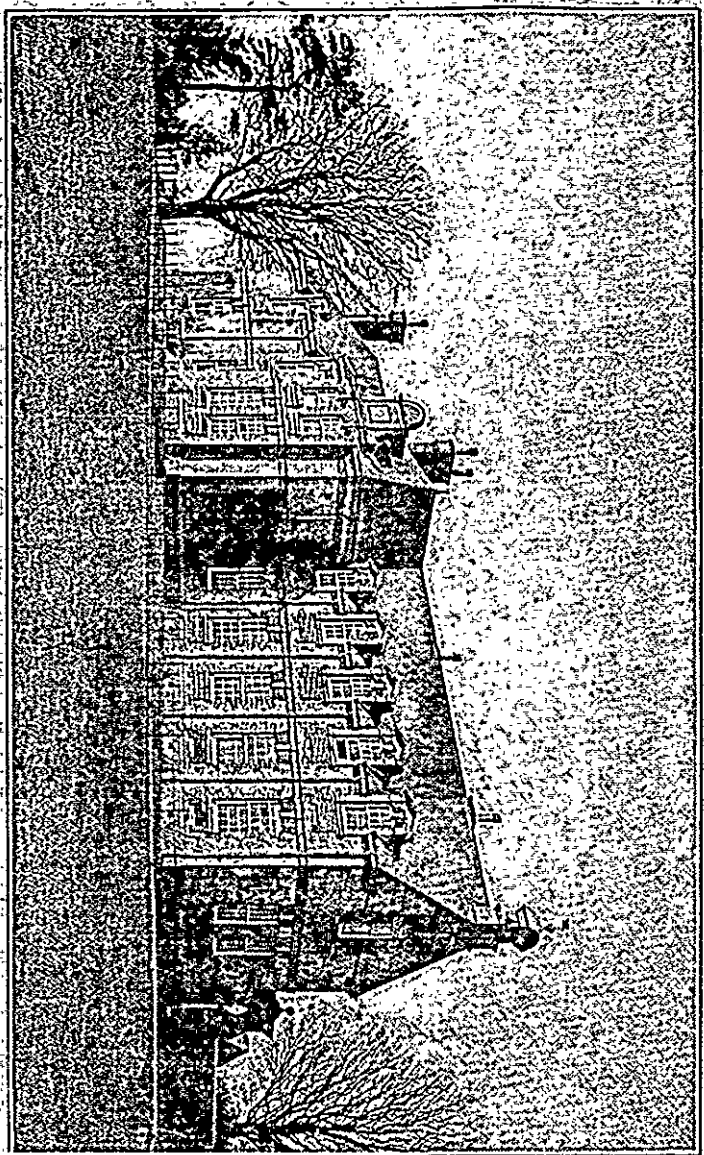
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NEW BOYS.

G. E. Bowley.	W. Doggrell.	G. T. Harris.
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VALETE.

E. R. BARNES. Form IV. Entered September, 1909. Cambridge Preliminary Locals, July, 1911.

A. L. FILLEY. Form VI. Entered September, 1908. Cambridge Junior Locals, July, 1910, and July, 1911 (Second Class Honours). Naval Artificers' Entrance Exam., October, 1911 (Second in England). Prefect, September, 1911.

H. JEFFERY. Form V. Entered Jan., 1906. Cambridge Preliminary Locals, July, 1910. Prefect, Sept., 1911.

H. J. RICKETTS. Form V. Entered May, 1908. Cambridge Preliminary Locals, July, 1910. Football XI., 1911.

E. J. SHEPARD. Form VI. Entered September, 1910. Cambridge Junior Locals, July, 1911. Cricket XI., 1911. Football XI., 1910, 1911.

J. W. SIMPER. Form IV. Entered February, 1911.

J. E. TOLLEMACHE. Form IV. Entered April, 1909.

PREFECTS.

A. D. Miles (Head Prefect), H. Robins, J. E. P. Strange,
F. G. Minchin, J. Riddey, E. Scammell.

HEAD BOYS.

E. F. Jesse, W. Jeffery, T. L. Jones, J. A. Tayler.

EXAMINATION SUCCESS.

A. L. FILLEY has succeeded in obtaining entry to the Navy as a Boy-Artificer. The competition was open to the whole of England, and Filley obtained *second* place among several hundred candidates.

FOOTBALL.

The following boys obtained their football colours for 1911, the final order of merit being as follows: A. D. Miles (captain), H. Robins, G. O. Genge, E. Scammell, E. J. Shepard, H. T. Hall, H. M. Ricketts, W. Jeffery, J. A. Tayler, L. A. Parsons, T. L. Jones.

GAMES FUND.

We have to thank Mr. E. J. Sharpe for a kind contribution of half a guinea to this fund. The two "pops" held last term realised respectively £1 8s. 4d. and 16/6.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.

We would call the attention of all our readers to the scheme on foot to raise £1,500 by public subscription for the enlargement of the School premises. A short account of the recently held Town meeting is given in this number and we hope that *everybody* will help us to obtain the sum required. Any contribution, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged, and subscriptions may be spread over three years.

May we ask all old boys, present boys, parents and friends to contribute to the fund, and so help forward a work that will materially increase the School's efficiency, and, we hope, add largely to its future prosperity.

Football.

WE hardly expected that the Football team of 1911 would rival the prowess of the 1910 Eleven, that went through the season without losing a match, and such proved to be the case. The loss of R. B. Minchin, C. E. Pearce, L. L. Welman, and A. R. Cox was severely felt, and their places had to be filled by players of less skill and experience. Still, we have no cause to be dissatisfied, for the team, although a young one, showed very promising form, and won a fair proportion of their matches, while they one and all displayed a keenness that made it a pleasure to play with them.

The programme differed slightly from that of last year, and a very welcome change was the addition of two very pleasant games with the newly-formed Shaftesbury Wednesday F.C. This Club has our very best wishes for a prosperous career, and we hope, from time to time, to be able to reinforce them with boys who have learnt their football at the School. We regret to say that Blandford County School have dropped their matches with us.

Our forward line played well in all matches. They lacked the weight and pace of last year's five, but they were far superior in combination, and their shooting was distinctly better. E. Scammell was the pick of them, he kept his wings well together, and was an indefatigable worker. H. Robins and G. O. Genge combined with him splendidly, and were always in their places to receive a pass; H. T. Hall was a great success for a new colour, and T. L. Jones on the other wing performed creditably in most matches. The position of outside left would probably have been filled by J. E. P. Strange had it not been for an accident which prevented him from playing during the latter half of the term.

The halves were three hard workers, but they were too light and clumsy for their positions. They defended very creditably, but lacked cleverness, and gave their forwards insufficient support; they none of them realised that a half-back must attack as well as defend. The two backs played splendidly and bore the brunt of the defence. A. D. Miles was the pick of them, his kicking and tackling being of a very high order, while E. J. Shepard proved that if he could be "ladylike" on the stage, he was by no means so on the football field! L. A. Parsons was fairly

good in goal, but not always dependable; he was very young for his responsible position, and should be much safer another season.

The "Under 14" XI. did not bear out the promise of last season. The forwards were uncertain, R. H. Baker and L. G. Prideaux being the pick; H. G. Watts, on his day, was good but too slow. S. Miles was the pick of a moderate lot of halves, and J. E. Tollemache and L. Digby both played well at times, but lacked skill in kicking. J. Pearson was a good goalkeeper, but was too small for the high shots.

We must congratulate A. D. Miles on the way in which he captained his side; his splendid play in matches and practice games had a most stimulating effect on the rest of the team. H. Robins, in the ordinary course of events, would have been captain, but he returned to school some weeks late, and then, in a most sportsman-like way, expressed a wish that Miles should continue to be captain.

SCHOOL ELEVEN.

MATCHES PLAYED—6. WON—2. LOST—4.
GOALS FOR—33. GOALS AGAINST—22.

Date.	Opponents.	Where played.	Result.
Oct. 14.....	Gillingham Grammar School	Away	Lost 2-5
Oct. 25.....	Foster's School, Sherborne	Home	Won 16-0
Oct. 28.....	Wimborne Grammar School	Home	Won 8-3
Nov. 4.....	Sexey's School, Bruton	Away	Lost 2-7
Nov. 18.....	Gillingham Grammar School	Home	Lost 2-3
Nov. 25.....	Sexey's School, Bruton	Home	Lost 3-4

SCHOOL ELEVEN (WITH MASTERS).

Nov. 1.....	Shaftesbury Wednesday F.C.	Home	Won 3-1
Nov. 11.....	Old Shastonians	Home	Won 9-3
Dec. 13.....	Shaftesbury Wednesday F.C.	Away	Draw 4-4

Goals (all matches).—Dr. Tovey 7, E. Scammell 19, G. Genge 11, H. Robins 5, H. Hall 4, J. Tayler 1, A. Miles 1.

SCHOOL ("UNDER 14") ELEVEN.

Oct. 11.....	Gillingham G.S. (Under 14)	Away	Lost 1-8
Oct. 19.....	Salisbury Choir School	Away	Won 6-0
Oct. 25.....	Blandford School (Under 14)	Away	Lost 1-4
Nov. 8.....	Gillingham G.S. (Under 14)	Home	Lost 4-5
Nov. 22.....	Salisbury Choir School	Home	Won 9-0

CHARACTERS OF THE SCHOOL ELEVEN.

- L. A. PARSONS (*Goal*).—Saved several good shots, but was too uncertain. Must learn to use his hands more and combine with his backs.
- A. D. MILES (*Right Back*).—Played splendidly throughout the season. Has always been a good tackler, and is now a fine kick in any position. Was the mainstay of the defence. Proved himself an excellent captain.
- E. J. SHEPARD (*Left Back*).—A very much improved player. Played back after the first match, and was a great success. Tackled well and kicked strongly, but is a trifle slow.
- H. M. RICKETTS (*Right Half*).—A good tackler and a very hard worker, but is too clumsy with his feet and did not help his forwards sufficiently.
- W. JEFFERY (*Centre Half*).—Is probably the most promising of the halves, but at present is too light and slow for his position. Played very well at back in one match.
- J. A. TAYLER (*Left Half*).—A vigorous and keen tackler, but lacks control of the ball. Marked his opposing wing forward very well.
- H. T. HALL (*Outside Right*).—Shewed plenty of dash and pluck, and combined very well with Genge. Centres well, and is a fair shot. Promising player.
- G. O. GENGE (*Inside Right*).—Played consistently well throughout the term. Is clever with his feet, and gave Scammell and Hall many beautiful openings. Much improved shot.
- E. SCAMMELL (*Centre*).—A dashing, speedy forward. Kept his wings well together, and displayed great energy and cleverness. A very cheery player who never gives up hope. Good shot.
- H. ROBINS (*Inside Left*).—A cool, calculating forward, with a good knowledge of the finer points of forward play. Combined very well with Scammell. Good shot.
- T. L. JONES (*Outside Left*).—Rather clumsy with his left foot, and is better on the right wing than on the left. Works hard, and will improve with experience. Very fair shot.

DETAILS OF MATCHES.

School v. Gillingham Grammar School, October 14th (Away). *Lost*, 2—5.—Shortly after the kick-off in this, our opening match, one of our opponents by a good individual effort, penetrated our defence and scored. Disaster followed again almost immediately through a similar piece of individual work. School now asserted themselves; and play ruled even for some time, culminating in a corner to us. This was exceptionally well placed by T. Jones, and G. Genge headed through. On resuming, our forwards again became aggressive, and some smart work by Scammell, Strange, and Hall, enabled the last mentioned to put us on level terms. In the second half Gillingham had the best of the exchanges, and by strong rushes were able to obtain three more goals. Throughout the game our opponents were slightly the better team, but forward passing on both sides was not very conspicuous. A. Miles, for School, gave a magnificent display of defensive work at full back, while Ricketts tackled very well at right half against a fast wing. J. Strange made a promising debut, working very well with Hall. In the centre position Scammell got through a lot of hard work in the first half, and he was ably supported by Shepard at centre half.

School v. Foster's School, Sherborne, October 25th (Home). *Won*, 16—0.—The School team was reconstituted for this match, and H. Robins and J. Tayler secured places in it. Foster's kicked off, and School attacked. Good work on the left by J. Strange and Robins enabled the latter to shoot; G. Genge secured from the clearance and netted. A good dribble by Scammell, and a well timed pass to Robins resulted in a second goal. At this point Strange had the misfortune to strain his leg severely, and retired for the rest of the game. Some good work by Tayler resulted in Scammell scoring our third goal. The same player soon afterwards netted twice in quick succession through good combination among all the forwards. The sixth goal fell to the foot of G. Genge after a nice run and opening made by Scammell. So far Foster's showed very feeble defensive tactics—the backs being quite unable to cope with our forwards. The second half proved to be a repetition of the first, and ten more goals were registered. Genge was responsible for three, chiefly through good centres from the left, while Scammell netted four, one being the finishing touch

to a good shot by A. Miles. A shot by W. Jeffery was forced through in good style by J. Tayler, while H. Hall secured two goals, one after both he and Scammell had struck the cross-bar. Foster's improved a little towards the end of the game. J. Tayler made an excellent debut, and H. Robins did some useful work, and kept up his last season's reputation for good centring. Scammell and Genge did practically as they liked with the opposing defence, and Hall, well fed by Ricketts, did some good work.

School v. Wimborne Grammar School, October 28th (Home). Won, 8—3.—Wimborne kicked off against the wind, but were soon on the defensive, and conceded a couple of corners. The second one was well placed by Jones, and in the ensuing scramble the ball entered the net off one of the defenders. Wimborne now forced play to the centre, but Jones broke away on the left, and W. Jeffery made a good opening for Robins to score. The attack was still maintained, the Wimborne backs finding great difficulty in clearing against the wind. Good work by Tayler and Scammell enabled Genge to score. The two last mentioned players continued to show excellent combination, and Hall did a lot of useful work at outside right. Our backs showed a tendency to kick too strongly with the wind. In the second half School worked up against the wind into their opponents' quarters, and Robins scored after some fine footwork on the part of Scammell. Wimborne now made a determined rush, and an excellent dribble by Lucas resulted in their first goal. Unfortunately he collided with the goal post, and was practically a passenger for the rest of the game. Good work on the right wing enabled Scammell to score, and soon afterwards the same player added another as a result of some combined work with Robins and Tayler. Another rush by the Wimborne forwards resulted in Chissel scoring. School forced a corner and Scammell scored. A third rush by Wimborne successfully pierced our defence. School again attacked, and Robins scored from a centre by Genge after the goalkeeper had made a gallant effort at clearing. All the School team played well, and our forwards made the Wimborne defence appear on the weak side. Scammell at centre kept his wings well and impartially fed. Genge was on the top of his form, and Hall played an excellent game at outside right.

School v. Shaftesbury Wednesday, Nov. 1st (Home).
Won, 3—1.—Mid-field play followed for some time after the kick off. School eventually worked into the Wednesday quarters. Good combination between Dr. Tovey, Hall and Genge, resulted in the last named beating Yates. The Town now broke away, and a good run by Hacker on the right enabled Bealing to score. School had the best of the following exchanges, and Yates was repeatedly called on to clear. We were not to be denied however, and Dr. Tovey netted after good work by Genge. Shaftesbury now forced a succession of corners which all proved abortive. In the second half School showed some good passing among the forwards, and Dr. Tovey, Scammell and Genge, all essayed shots which were wide of the mark. A good run by Robins and Scammell on the left produced an opening which Dr. Tovey took advantage of. This proved the last point of the game, which throughout had been an extremely pleasant, open, and clean exhibition of football. For School, Dr. Tovey at centre forward kept his wings continually on the aggressive, and the "insides"—Scammell and Genge—did excellent work. Hall showed to advantage in the first half at outside right. Mr. Minchin gave a good exhibition of half-back play, and fed his forwards very judiciously. A. Miles at full back kicked very powerfully and tackled well.

School v. Sexey's School, Bruton, Nov. 4th (Away).
Lost, 2—7.—School kicked off, and Scammell, Robins and Genge carried the ball straight through the opposing defence, and the last named player scored. This form, however, proved only a "flash in the pan," for Sexey's immediately began to attack, and excellent work on the left combined with good centring and shooting, enabled them to obtain no less than five goals. School forwards were unable to make any headway, and Sexey's keeper was seldom called on. In the second half a much better game was witnessed, but Sexey's soon scored through Parsons being too slow in clearing. School broke away, and good combination by Genge, Robins, Hall, and Scammell, enabled the last mentioned to score our second goal. Our opponents' centre forward immediately retaliated by an individual run, which culminated in a goal. This proved the last point of the match, and play ruled fairly even to the end. Our team as a whole was not nearly so fast as Sexey's, and, although "triers," our

halves were too light for their weightier opponents, and consequently our forwards did not get the necessary support. Miles at full back had an "off day." There was a decided improvement all round in the second half, and our right wing—Hall and Genge—showed to some advantage. Parsons effected a few good "saves," but too often failed to clear through slowness.

School v. Old Shastonians, November 11th (Home). Won 9—3.—The following Old Scholars turned out for this match: S. Robins (goal), J. Tapper and F. Buckland (backs), C. Hall, R. B. Minchin and P. Norman (halves), L. Spinney, B. Morgan, J. T. Hall, A. Bealing and G. Cheater (forwards).—The day proved extremely wet, but in spite of the adverse conditions some good play was seen. With Dr. Tovey at centre forward, some good combination resulted, and he, along with Scammell and Genge, was responsible for our score in the first half. For the Old Boys, Cheater made some good runs on the outside left, and goals were obtained by R. B. Minchin, B. Morgan, and J. Hall. School crossed over "one up," and in the second half kept the upper hand; H. Hall at outside right doing some very good work. Splendid passing was seen among all the School forwards, and the halves showed excellent "feeding" qualities. Further goals were obtained by Dr. Tovey and Scammell, and a shot by A. Miles from about the half-way line also beat the goalkeeper. Good work was done by the O.B.'s forward line, and our goal was often in danger—all the forwards in turn sending in good shots which, however, were not quite effectual.

School v. Gillingham Grammar School, Nov. 18th (Home). Lost 2—3.—School kicked off and play ruled even for a time, each goal being visited in turn. Gillingham scored first after a good individual dribble by Cleary. School strove hard to equalize, and some clever passing by Genge, Scammell and Robins, enabled the last-named to score. Play remained very even until almost the close of the first half, when, during an attack by School, good work on the part of Hall produced an opening which Genge did not fail to put to the best use. The opening stages of the second half saw Gillingham striving to bring the score level, and despite the excellent defensive work of all the School backs, Woodford beat Parsons with a fine dropping shot. The game now became very exciting,

each side endeavouring to secure the lead. Shots were sent in by Scammell and Genge, but were splendidly cleared by the Gillingham custodian. Numerous corners were forced by both sides. During the last ten minutes of the game our opponents' forwards combined very nicely, and the result was a good goal from Cleary. This proved the end, and Gillingham ran out winners by the odd goal in five. The School defence worked very hard, and Shepard was especially noticeable. Towards the end, lack of weight in our half-back line began to tell. Among the forwards Robins (in the first half), Scammell, Genge and Hall, worked well together, although they had to contend against a defence of no mean order. A good hard-fought game throughout, in which the result was a fair justification of the run of play.

School v. Sexey's School, Bruton, Nov. 25th (Home). Lost, 3-4.—The School entered the field without A. Miles (absent through indisposition); H. Jeffery took his place. We started well, and good work by Scammell and Robins gave the latter an open goal, but he shot over. Pressure was maintained and a corner forced; this was well cleared however. H. Hall was next conspicuous for a good run on the right, and his shot being muddled by the goalkeeper, we were "one up." Sexey's soon drew level by some dashing forward play. The rest of the first half was very even, good play being shown by both sides, and a succession of corners all proved unproductive. On the re-start Sexey's took the lead, Parsons only partially stopping a hard ground shot from the centre forward. School, however, replied by a fine shot from Scammell after Hall had made a good run and centre. As before, Sexey's immediately "topped" this score, and School now worked hard to draw level again. Good work by Genge and Hall on the right and Scammell in the centre enabled the latter to beat the goalkeeper. The excitement now became very great as the score stood "3 all." Just before close of play Parsons unluckily "carried" the ball, and from the ensuing free kick Sexey's very cleverly headed through. Although making strenuous efforts till the close, School were unable to draw level again. An extremely clean and pleasant game throughout, and great credit is due to the School for the excellent fight they put up with a weakened team, especially after they had been beaten so decisively in the former encounter. Scammell played a fine game, and was well

supported by Genge, Hall, and Robins. H. Jeffrey, for a recruit, did some good work, and Ricketts tackled well. Tayler was weak at centre-half, and was obviously not in his usual place. Shepard played a splendid game at full back, and was well supported by W. Jeffery.

School v. Shaftesbury Wednesday, Dec. 13th (Away). Draw, 4—4.—School kicked off and even play followed. Then the Town began to press and forced a corner; this was well placed and Morgan opened the score by heading past Parsons. The Wednesdays still had the better of the exchanges, and soon penetrated the defence again by means of a good shot. Some fine combination by the School forwards resulted in Dr. Tovey scoring our first goal. This was followed by some good work by J. Hall on the left for the Town. Half-time came with our opponents leading by 3 to 1. In the second half School showed much better football, and some fine passing by H. Hall, Genge, Dr. Tovey and Scammell, enabled the last-named to secure two goals in quick succession; bringing the scores level. Strenuous efforts were now made by both sides to secure the lead; this in the end fell to the Wednesdays, and for some time the School forwards were kept out. They were not to be denied however, and just before the close drew level; although both sides worked very hard till the close, this proved to be the result. The score was a just measure of the play. The Town were the better in the first half, and the School in the second. The game was a delightful one both to play in and to watch, and throughout was a fine exhibition of good clean football.

SCHOOL ("UNDER 14") MATCHES.

School v. Gillingham Grammar School (Under 14), October 11th (Away). Lost, 1—8.—A fairly even game was witnessed in the first half, Gillingham scoring twice, and Prideaux once—from a free kick. In the second half School fell to pieces, and Gillingham pierced the defence six times. Our forwards were fairly good in mid-field, but weak in front of goal; while our defence was very uncertain and much too slow for the speedy Gillingham forwards. Pearson, however, was a brilliant exception, and his clever goalkeeping was the most pleasing feature of our display.

School v. Choristers' School, Salisbury, October 19th (Away). Won, 6—0.—Although School early showed their superiority to their opponents, they did not readily settle down, and at half time had only scored once. In the second half the forwards combined beautifully, and goals were scored by C. Platt (2), H. C. Watts (2), R. Baker (1), and L. G. Prideaux (1). The forwards showed a great improvement in this match compared with their display against Gillingham, Prideaux and Baker being the best. The halves worked well, but kicked too hard; while Tollemache was the better of the backs. Pearson did not find much to do in goal.

School v. Blandford County School (Under 14), Oct. 25th (Away). Lost, 1—4.—After about twenty minutes play, Hemingway scored for us with a clever shot from a centre by Prideaux. However, this success was spoiled by Tollemache being unfortunate enough to put the ball through his own goal just afterwards. School pressed most of the first half, but no further score was registered before half time. The second half was very evenly contested, but Blandford made the most of their opportunities and scored three times, whereas School had innumerable chances which were thrown away through faulty shooting. Our forwards never seemed to get going. Prideaux played well in the first half, but was starved in the second. The defence worked hard, Tollemache giving an excellent display, and J. Digby and S. Miles did a lot of splendid tackling.

School v. Gillingham Grammar School (Under 14), November 8th (Home). Lost, 4—5.—A good game was anticipated, and we were not disappointed. School pressed, and a smart run on the left by Seymour resulted in H. Watts securing and netting with a good shot. The lead was not long maintained—a rush by the Gillingham forwards culminated in a goal. School again attacked and forced a corner, which was well placed by Prideaux, and H. Watts again scored by a well-judged shot. Gillingham came away strongly and Edwards scored, and soon afterwards Pearson was again tested, and a goal resulted through his failure to clear. A good run by Seymour on the left wing enabled Baker to score just on half time. As the teams crossed over "3 all," the game became very exciting and full of incident. Good work was seen on the right, and Prideaux scored by an excel-

lent cross shot after Baker and Seymour had tried in vain to find the net. The lead was soon reduced by the Gillingham outside right with a fine long shot. Both sides tried hard now to obtain the lead, and eventually the Gillingham centre forward broke through our defence and scored. This was the last score, and left School the losers by the odd goal in nine. A good, keenly contested game. In the first half Seymour tried hard, and H. Watts played very well. In the second half Prideaux and Baker were the pick of the forwards, and L. Parsons got through some good work at full back. L. Digby and S. Miles were very useful halves.

School v. Choristers' School, Salisbury, Nov. 22nd (Home). Won, 9-0.—The Choristers kicked off and even play followed. School forced a corner, but this was well cleared by the Salisbury backs. Towards the end of the first half School began to press strongly. H. Watts gave to Prideaux at the right moment, and the latter sent in a hard shot which just beat the keeper. This proved to be the only score in the first half. In the second half a good centre from M. Watts on the left was deflected into goal by one of the Choristers' backs. Shortly afterwards a well-judged pass by H. Watts enabled C. Platt to send in a hard shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. The same player almost immediately obtained another goal from a scramble round goal-mouth. School still kept up the pressure, and good runs and centres by Prideaux on the right enabled H. Watts and R. Baker to score. Still more goals came, two falling to C. Platt after good work by Baker and H. Watts. The final point was obtained by Baker. The Choristers' backs played a plucky game, especially in the first half. School forwards were all in good form, and S. Miles got through a lot of useful work at half back.



Christmas Entertainment.

OUR usual Christmas Entertainment was given on Saturday, Dec. 16th (Matinée), and was repeated on the following Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Judging from the hearty appreciation shown by the audience on each occasion, this was one of the best, if not the best, entertainment we have ever given. The stage looked exceedingly pretty, and well repaid the many hours of work which had been bestowed on its preparation. The scenery had been renewed and additions made to it, and our best thanks are due to Mr. Watmough, Mr. Ramshaw, and O. Ll. Williams, who was responsible for the excellent summer-house, and to H. Jeffery, H. G. Pratt and others for making the stage so truly artistic and pretty. Dr. Tovey and Mr. Ramshaw deserve the greatest praise for the successful training of the boys for their various parts, and Mrs. Tovey displayed the greatest taste in the "ladies" confections. We offer our sincerest thanks to all who contributed to give us so much pleasure and enjoyment both in the concert and also in the delightful play which followed.

The weather was certainly not all we could have wished it to be, but this did not prevent our numerous friends from appearing in large numbers, many coming from long distances, and the room was packed on each occasion. We regret that S. H. Holloway, owing to illness, was unable to take part on Monday and Tuesday. V. W. N. Bowles was fortunately able to fill his place, and certainly did it very creditably.

The first item on the programme was a very pleasing glee, "The Lark and the Nightingale," well rendered by Dr. Tovey, Mr. Ramshaw, H. T. Liversidge, V. W. N. Bowles and R. H. Baker. H. Robins then gave us a recitation, "The 11'69 Express," which was thoroughly appreciated and heartily encored. Robins, who appeared as a railway guard, gave a most realistic description of the terrible accident to the 11'69 Express—truly the most wonderful express which ever ran off the rails; the ease with which it was replaced was also wonderful. H. T. Liversidge and V. W. N. Bowles nicely rendered the duet, entitled "Spring," which followed.

Mr. Ramshaw, in his amusing song "I can never keep my trousers nicely creased," gave us an excellent idea of the difficulties of a dude in carrying out the duties of everyday life, while still bestowing the necessary amount of attention on his "unmentionables." The song proved a great success and caused hearty laughter. Dr. Tovey's rendering of "The Oldest Inhabitant" pleased the audience immensely. We always look forward with pleasure to a song from Dr. Tovey, and this is certainly one of his best; it produced a roar of applause.

In the plantation song, "It's gone," the woeful expressions on the performers' faces were exceedingly funny, and the audience demanded an encore, as did they also for the next song—"An Interrupted Song." Mr. Ramshaw's interrupters, H. Robins, A. D. Miles, and E. Scammell, appeared most successful in their interruptions until the end, when it was discovered that, in reality, there had been no song to interrupt. H. T. Liversidge favoured us with a solo, the "Shepherd's Cradle Song," which was followed by a very funny action song, "The Three Duffers." A. D. Miles, E. Scammell and G. O. Genge in their dunce caps caused great laughter and carried through their parts very cleverly. Dr. Tovey then gave us some idea of the startling changes we were to expect in our neighbourhood, and finally in our School, "In 1950." The concluding verses, for which we were indebted to Mr. Watmough, greatly pleased the audience. The song was an immense success and obtained vigorous applause.

"THE DUCHESS OF BAYSWATER."

After a brief interval, during which the scenery had been changed, the curtain rose on a pretty garden scene. Kathleen (E. J. Shepard) appeared, most becomingly attired in a white summer frock, and with a very fetching hat surmounting her fair hair, she looked quite bewitching. In the love scene in the summer house, and, indeed, all through the piece, she played her part in the most charming manner. As this was Shepard's first appearance on the boards, great credit is due to him for the way he played his part. The Duchess of Bayswater (H. Robins), as the mother of the Duke, was a somewhat older lady, but brimful of energy, and she assisted her son in the ablest manner in obtaining orders for the firm of Bayswater & Co. The Duchess had a very long and trying part, but she carried it through most successfully;

whether she was enlightening Sir Jeremy as to the business methods of the up-to-date aristocracy, endeavouring to obtain orders from him for the firm, or discussing pork pies with the Duke, her son, she was equally delightful, and both she and Kathleen thoroughly deserved the appreciation they obtained.

Dr. Tovey threw himself with great energy into the part of Caryl Stubbs, millionaire and adorer of Kathleen, and caused great amusement, particularly in the summer-house scene. Sir Jeremy, the valetudinarian father of Kathleen, who was strongly prejudiced against trade, and particularly "tinned meats," had a difficult character to sustain; Mr. Watmough, however, showed himself quite equal to the task, and we are convinced that he has never carried through a part more cleverly. His interpretation of the rôle of invalid, the manner in which he expressed his contempt for "trade," and, finally, the way in which he allowed himself to be won over to the alliance between Kathleen and Caryl Stubbs, of "tinned-meat fame," earned for him well-deserved applause.

The Duke of Bayswater and business-manager of the firm of "Bayswater & Co.," which seemed to sell anything from a ventilator to a pork pie or a patent bootlace-fastener, was a great success and caused great amusement. It was truly wonderful the business-like way in which this up-to-date Duke could reel off the various articles which his firm could supply at the shortest possible notice and with big discounts for cash, while the supply of circulars he possessed seemed inexhaustible. The part was admirably sustained throughout by Mr. Ramshaw, who has never appeared to better advantage. We must not conclude without mentioning Jenkyns (Sir Jeremy's obsequious attendant); the part, as played by A. D. Miles, was full of fun and caused much laughter—Miles is a born comedian. When arranging the endless array of bottles containing Sir Jeremy's physic, or supplying Sir Jeremy with "salts No. 2" when seized with an attack of prostration, Jenkyns was inimitable.

The whole performance reflected the greatest credit on all concerned. There was a complete absence of hesitation—and of the prompter, and it was clearly shown that no work or thought had been spared in order to render the entertainment a success.

The programme was as follows:—

CONCERT.

- 1 GLEE "The Lark and the Nightingale" *R. Somerville.*
H. Liversidge, V. W. N. Bowles, R. H. Baker, Mr. Ramshaw, Dr. Tovey.
- 2 RECITATION ... "The 11'69 Express" ... *R. Bagnall.*
H. Robins.
- 3 DUET "Spring" ... *H. W. Schartau.*
H. Liversidge and V. W. N. Bowles.
- 4 SONG "I can never keep my trousers nicely creased!"
Mr. Ramshaw. *H. Montague.*
- 5 SONG ... "The Oldest Inhabitant" ... *H. Brenton.*
Dr. Tovey.
- 6 PLANTATION SONG "Its Gone" ... *A. Scott Gatty.*
H. Liversidge, V. W. N. Bowles, R. H. Baker, Mr. Ramshaw, Dr. Tovey.
- 7 SONG ... "An Interrupted Song" ... *W. Rouse.*
Mr. RAMSHAW,
H. Robins, A. D. Miles, E. Scammell.
- 8 SONG ... "Shepherd's Cradle Song" *H. Somerville.*
H. Liversidge.
- 9 ACTION SONG "Three Awful Duffers" ... *E. N. Lewis.*
A. D. Miles, E. Scammell, G. O. Genge.
*Chorus—R. H. Baker, F. C. Blucke, R. Borley, V. W. N. Bowles,
J. Pearson, H. C. Watts.*
- 10 SONG "In 1950" *N. Jackson.*
Dr. Tovey.

THEATRICALS.

"THE DUCHESS OF BAYSWATER" (A Comedietta)

IN ONE SCENE,

By A. M. HEATHCOTE.

CHARACTERS:

SIR JEREMY JOLIS (a Valetudinarian)	...	MR. WATMOUGH.
THE DUKE OF BAYSWATER		MR. RAMSHAW.
CARYL STUBBS (a young millionaire—son of "Stubbs' Tinned Meats")	...	DR. TOVEY.
JENKYN (Sir Jeremy's attendant)	...	A. D. MILES.
THE DUCHESS OF BAYSWATER (Mother to the Duke)		H. ROBINS.
KATHLEEN (Sir Jeremy's daughter)	...	E. J. SHEPARD.

Place: The Hotsprings Hotel, Siplock, Derbyshire.

Time: The Present.

Prize Distribution.

① OUR Annual Prize Distribution took place on Monday, December 4th, with Mr. Mark Beaufoy in the chair. The room was well filled with Governors, Parents and Friends, and we were very fortunate in persuading Mrs. Beaufoy to come and distribute the prizes and Cambridge Local Certificates.

After the Chairman had read Dr. Tovey's annual report to the Governors, he called upon the latter to read the report sent from Cambridge University on the work done in the July examinations. Mrs. Beaufoy then distributed the prizes, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to her on the proposition of Mr. J. Burbidge, seconded by the Rev. N. S. Lawrie.

Mr. Beaufoy, in a very lucid and humorous speech, then explained to those present what the Governors were anxious to do for the School if the necessary funds were forthcoming. He referred to the splendid report of the Board of Education on the work and character of the School, and said that the time had now come when all who were interested in the School must express their local patriotism in pounds, shillings and pence, and see if they could not raise, at least, £1,500. It was not only to the people at the top of the tree that they wanted to look, it was the five shillings, ten shillings and pounds which they were anxious to see come trickling in. It was a sound democratic movement started for the benefit of the whole community, and he felt sure that the whole community, recognising the fact, would help the movement as much as they possibly could.

In reply to a vote of thanks to Dr. Tovey and the Assistant Masters, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Pinney, Dr. Tovey thanked his staff for the splendid way in which they had supported him during the past strenuous year, and then referred to the splendid records the School had achieved during the past year in work and play. He expressed a hope that the new buildings might be forthcoming, and said that, if they were, he had every confidence in the School having a long and prosperous career.

The proceedings closed with cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Beaufoy, Dr. and Mrs. Tovey, and the Masters.

The prize and certificate winners were as follows:—

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL CERTIFICATES.

SENIOR: J. E. P. Strange.

JUNIOR: A. L. Filley (2nd Class Honours), A. D. Miles, E. J. Shepard, J. Riddey, A. E. Atkinson, F. C. Blucke, F. G. Minchin, E. F. Jesse.

PRELIMINARY: V. W. N. Bowles (2nd Class Honours), J. A. Tayler, J. H. Edwards (3rd Class Honours), E. R. Barnes, E. Scammell, J. Pearson (3rd Class Honours), H. T. Liversidge, G. O. Genge, W. Jeffery, T. L. Jones, L. Digby, F. E. Pickford, R. H. Baker, C. H. M. Platt.

FORM PRIZES.

- VI. FORM—J. E. P. Strange (Presented by R. F. Glyn, Esq.)
- V. FORM—1, A. L. Filley (Presented by Rupert Williams, Esq.); 2, A. D. Miles.
- IV. FORM—1, V. W. N. Bowles; 2, J. A. Tayler.
- III. FORM—1, C. Jesse; 2, T. A. Sims.
- II. FORM—1, G. Hemingway; 2, L. G. Pike.
- I. FORM—1, L. H. Hendon.

SUBJECT PRIZES.

Macklin Prizes—

SENIOR ENGLISH AND WRITING—A. L. Filley and J. Riddey.

JUNIOR ENGLISH AND WRITING—E. R. Barnes and F. E. Pickford.

DIVINITY (Presented by The Misses Brown)—J. E. P. Strange.

HISTORY (Presented by Rev. G. H. Yarnall)—E. F. Jesse.

GEOGRAPHY (Presented by J. Burbidge, Esq.)—E. J. Shepard.

MATHEMATICS (Presented by Dr. Harris)—A. L. Filley.

SCIENCE—A. E. Atkinson.

FRENCH (Presented by R. W. Borley, Esq.)—F. C. Blucke.

LATIN—V. W. N. Bowles.

DRAWING (Presented by Mrs. Burridge)—A. D. Miles.

JUNIOR MATHEMATICS (Presented by Miss Dunn)—J. Pearson.

JUNIOR SCIENCE—E. Scammell.

JUNIOR FRENCH—J. H. Edwards.

GOOD EXAMINATION WORK—F. G. Minchin, H. T. Liversidge, G. O. Genge, W. Jeffery, T. L. Jones, L. Digby, R. H. Baker, C. H. M. Platt, L. A. Parsons, L. G. Prideaux.

SPORTS PRIZES.

BATTING (Presented by J. Grayson Smith, Esq.)—R. B. Minchin.

" (Presented by Games Fund)—C. E. Pearce.

BOWLING (Presented by Mrs. Tovey)—H. Robins.

FIELDING (Presented by C. A. Cox, Esq.)—E. Scammell.

SHOOTING (Presented by Dr. Tovey)—R. B. Minchin.

Proposed School Enlargement.

AT a public meeting held in Shaftesbury Town Hall, on Wednesday, January 24th, the Mayor (Alderman J. Burbidge) in the chair, it was decided to make an appeal for funds to enable the Governors to provide more class room and dormitory accommodation for the School.

After a few introductory remarks by the Mayor, Mr. George Gordon (Chairman of the Governing Body) gave a most interesting account of the School's history from 1718 to the present date. He next eulogised the good work being done by the School at the present time, and spoke of the recent report of the Board of Education as being one of which any school in the country might be proud. In conclusion he pointed out that the School had now outgrown its accommodation, laid stress on its value to the town and neighbourhood, and asked all its friends and supporters to give their generous financial support to the scheme proposed by the Governors.

Mr. Mark Beaufoy (Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body) next spoke, and explained fully the financial position of the School at the present time, showing that although the school was a "going concern" and paid its way, there were no funds available for additions or improvements. He quite agreed with those who said that £1,500 was a big sum of money to ask for, but asked all living in the neighbourhood to give according to their means, and to rally round and support the school in its hour of need. He mentioned that, if desired, subscriptions could be spread over three years.

Mr. F. W. Young expressed himself in sympathy with the Governors' proposals. He and his fellow tradesmen recognised the value of a growing school to the town and trade of Shaftesbury, and assured the meeting that he and all with whom he had had an opportunity of speaking would do their utmost to help forward the movement.

The Mayor next proposed the following resolution: "That this meeting approves the action of the Governors of the Shaftesbury Grammar School, and pledges itself to do everything in its power to raise the necessary funds." Speaking to the resolution the Mayor said that

if they all put their shoulders to the wheel he believed the money would be raised, and he thought that as long as they kept the School going and improving, so long would they retain the services of Dr. Tovey.

Mr. J. K. Rutter, in seconding the resolution, expressed himself as warmly in favour of the scheme, pointing out how necessary it was that new class-rooms should be provided without delay.

After Mr. Gordon had answered a few questions that arose out of the various speeches, he announced that the Governors proposed to form a committee, consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body, Mr. R. F. Glyn, and the Hon. Hugh Grosvenor, to collect subscriptions and do what they could to further the objects of the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, proposed by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Beaufoy, closed the proceedings.

The School Library.

The following books have been added to the Library. Our best thanks are given to those who have kindly presented them:—

BOOK.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Boy's Guide" ...	Archibald Williams...	A. L. Filley.
"Founders of the Empire" ...	Philip Gibbs ...	Dr. C. H. Tovey
"The New Broom" ...	C. Turley ...	"
"The School Mystery" ...	Ralph Simmonds ...	H. G. Bloom.
"Capt. Desmond, V.C." ...	Maud Diver ...	J. A. Tayler.
"The Gold Kloof" ...	H. A. Bryden ...	G. O. Mansfield.

Old Shastonians.

We are glad to learn that P. GENGE, who left the School in 1907, is doing well in Canada, where he now has a farm of his own. W. J. GENGE, his younger brother, who entered the Eastern Telegraphs Co., has now gone to their station in Cornwall.

S. G. LE COUILLIARD spent some time in the neighbourhood last term, and visited the School. We were very pleased to see him.

J. P. JEANS has left Bournemouth, and is now at the Crewkerne Branch of the Wilts and Dorset Bank.

N. J. TUNNINGTON, who has been with a firm of Chartered Accountants in Liverpool since he left the School, has passed the Intermediate Examination. This examination is by no means an easy one, and he deserves great credit for his success. We offer him our hearty congratulations, and also our best wishes for the final A.C.A. Examination.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death, at the early age of 15, of L. O. Jones, who attended the School from January, 1905, until Easter, 1909, when his family moved to Ringwood. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jones and the other members of his family in their bereavement.

