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Editorial.

WE have started the New Year with a very full School and a record number of Boarders (110).

We are glad to say our new Lab. and Class Room are now finished and in daily use. The Lab. is a very artistic building, and reflects great credit on our Architect. To complete our proposed enlargement scheme we still have to build a Class Room with dormitories over it, and the Memorial Hall. Whether it will be possible to do *all* this in the near future we cannot say until our financial outlook is a little clearer, but we do hope it may be possible to build the Hall this year. Thanks chiefly to the series of excellent concerts given by the School last term, nearly £60 was added to the fund, which now stands at £1,600; with just a little more help we should feel justified in making a start. May it soon be forthcoming.

We were delighted to see so many old boys here at the annual meeting of the O.S. Club in November. A very pleasant evening was spent, full particulars of which appear on another page.

School News.

NEW BOYS.

A. H. Batten	T. R. Hewer	R. J. Milverton	A. N. Targett
A. G. Egremont	B. Hillier	A. T. Squire	S. J. Warren
H. H. Gillingham	G. R. K. Johnson	H. J. Swanton	L. S. J. Wilcox
A. C. S. Harris	W. C. G. Milverton		

and, at Half-term III., 1920, C. F. Doggrell.

VALETS.

- P. AINSWORTH. Form III. Entered September, 1920.
 S. R. AYLBS. Form Lower V. Entered September, 1915.
 R. C. BARKER. Form Lower V. Entered September, 1915. Passed Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1918.
 H. W. C. BARKER. Form Upper IV. Entered September, 1918.
 A. H. CLEGG. Form Upper V. Entered April, 1918. Passed Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1918. Prefect, September, 1920.
 S. GULLIVER. Form Lower IV. Entered September, 1918.
 E. R. HANNAM. Form III. Entered January, 1919.
 R. G. W. HARE. Form Lower IV. Entered September, 1919.
 J. HISCOCK. Form II. Entered September, 1919.
 S. E. S. JOHNSON. Form Upper IV. Entered April, 1920. Football XI., 1920.
 F. A. H. MATTHEWS. Form VI. Entered September, 1913. Passed Camb. Prelim. Locals (II. Class Honours), July, 1916; Camb. Junior Locals, July, 1917; Camb. Senior Locals (III. Class Honours), July, 1919, and Camb. Senior Locals (I. Class Honours and *excused* London Matric. Exam.), July, 1920. Prefect, September, 1920.
 J. E. MELSOME. Form Upper V. Entered January, 1916. Passed Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1918.
 F. G. PARSONS. Form Lower V. Entered September, 1916. Football XI., 1919 and 1920.
 E. W. R. STRANGE. Form Lower V. Entered September, 1914. Passed Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1917. Prefect, September, 1920. Football XI., 1918, 1919, 1920 (Captain 1920).
 W. J. STRONG. Form Lower IV. Entered January, 1920.
 N. R. WHITE. Form Lower V. Entered September, 1918.
 M. W. WILSON. Form Upper V. Entered April, 1915. Passed Camb. Prelim. Locals, July, 1917. Prefect, January, 1920.
 J. O. WOODFORD. Form VI. Entered May, 1914. Passed Camb. Prelim. Exams., July, 1917 and 1918 (III. Class Honours, *distinguished* in Algebra); Camb. Senior Locals, July, 1920.

PREFECTS.

K. S. Law (Head Prefect).

R. W. Baker. D. L. Welman. H. F. B. Brown. W. A. D. Stimson.
 E. H. Simpson. W. J. N. Bolitho. W. H. B. Windebank.

HEAD BOYS.

F. J. Hitch. H. E. Mitchell. C. F. I. Phillips.
J. G. Swanton. T. A. B. Webb.

FOOTBALL.

The final order of merit for 1920 was as follows:—E. W. R. Strange (Captain), R. W. Baker, F. G. Parsons, H. E. Mitchell, W. A. D. Stimson, E. H. Simpson, S. M. Jones, D. C. Hindley, C. F. I. Phillips, D. L. Welman, S. E. S. Johnson.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

S. C. Bowley has passed the Examination of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. (*advanced grade*).

A. J. Baxter has passed the Preliminary Examination of the Royal Veterinary College.

PRIZES.

The following prizes were awarded on the results of the last July School Examinations:—

VI. and Upper V. FORMS.	{ F. A. H. Matthews (presented by Rupert Williams, Esq.)	
	{ R. W. Baker (presented by H. P. Barnitt, Esq.)	
	{ W. J. N. Bolitho (presented by the Misses Brown).	
	{ V. S. Gardner (presented by Mrs. Burridge).	
LOWER V. FORM.	{ J. F. Tozer	
	{ S. B. B. Webb. } "Machlin" prizes.	
	{ W. H. B. Windebank (presented by Dr. Tovey).	
UPPER IV. FORM.	{ W. J. Squire.	
	{ J. Combes.	
	{ R. W. Drake.	
LOWER IV. FORM.	{ E. A. G. Manton.	
	{ R. T. Attwater.	
III. FORM.	{ F. Case.	
	{ W. J. Strong.	
II. FORM.	{ E. H. Stickland.	
	{ F. J. Drew.	
I. FORM.	—H. M. GALE.	

Miss Doe and Mr. P. H. Stedman left us at the end of last term; we offer a hearty welcome to Mr. A. Tregenza, and Mr. H. Ridge, B.Sc., both of whom have joined our staff this term.

We deeply regret that, owing to ill-health, Sergt. Milner has been compelled to resign his position as Drill Instructor to the School, after 18 years service. An appreciation of his work for the Cadet Corps appears elsewhere, but we should like to take this opportunity of thanking him for all he has done for the School, and of wishing him a speedy restoration to his customary good health.

Football.

BEFORE writing the usual criticism of the elevens that represented the School in its various matches last term, we feel we must take this opportunity of making a few remarks on our football as a whole. Frankly speaking, its quality is not what it should be; whenever we watched any Club playing, we always felt that the football we saw was below the usual standard, and very rarely did we see any attempt at cleverness or initiative. Let us say at once that we have no fault to find with the keenness of the players, but rather with the dead level of mediocrity apparent in every Club. The same faults were visible everywhere, and in the first eleven, we could not help feeling that in some of our good years, only about four of the 1920 team would have found places. Unless some of our younger players show a vast improvement, the outlook for the next year or two is very poor. How is this state of affairs to be remedied? In the first place we would remind every player that if he wishes to improve he must take the game seriously, watch other players better than himself, and endeavour to practise what he sees them do. Again, if a player wishes to shine, he must learn to kick a ball with *either* foot in *any* position. How often did we see players neglect to kick the ball because it was not in an easy position? As a natural result, a good tackler was upon them, and of course they lost the ball. We cannot help thinking that this weakness—a weakness that makes good football impossible—is mainly due to a wrong idea of practice. We saw boys playing a rough and tumble game nearly every evening during the first half of the term, but we never saw boys take a football and practise kicking; until a boy is clever with his feet he can never worthily represent his School in a match. Where are the successors of Ted Scammell, Geoffrey Bowley, Pape, Arthur Miles, George Genge, and numerous other clever players we have turned out? We are perfectly convinced that there are several boys in the School capable of following in their footsteps, but they have not yet realised that success only comes to those that work hard to attain it. We trust these remarks will be taken in the spirit in which they are written. Our only object is to try to improve the *quality* of our play, for if an improvement is not forthcoming in the near future, we shall begin to despair of ever having sides again comparable with those we had when we had not half the number of boys to pick from.

The first eleven played nine matches, of which they won three and lost six. Their form was very moderate; they did a good performance in beating Sexey's School at Bruton, 4—1; but tarnished it by allowing Sexey's to beat them in the return

by the same margin, after a lamentably weak display in which they thoroughly deserved to lose. Their only other respectable performance was against King Edward VI.'s School, Southampton, when they put up a very creditable fight against a bigger and faster team. E. H. Simpson kept goal admirably, and is one of the best "keepers" we have turned out. R. W. Baker, at back, was the mainstay of the side; his tackling was superb, and without him we should hardly have won a match. D. C. Hindley, his partner, also tackled well, but is a very poor kick. W. A. D. Stimson was easily the pick of the halves; he is a splendid worker, but is lacking in some of the finer points of the game. H. E. Mitchell was much too slow for his position, and S. E. S. Johnson, although promising, is at present inexperienced. The forwards, except Strange, were too slow and deliberate in their movements, and they were not well together. S. M. Jones should do well another season: at outside right, he certainly improved as the season advanced; C. F. I. Phillips, the other outside, centred well, but was slow. E. W. R. Strange at inside right, and F. G. Parsons at inside left, both did well; the former is a finished player, and if he did more work would be good enough for almost any company; the latter, on the other hand, frequently tried to do too much, so that when the forwards broke away he was often found behind his halves! After a good deal of experimenting, the position of centre-forward was given to D. L. Welman; occasionally he did good work, but his passing was often at fault, and he must learn to shoot.

The "A" team won the two matches against Milton Abbas School, and were beaten by the Past (2nd). They were never well together, but were a team of hard workers. In H. B. Ford and J. Icke they had two very promising forwards, and W. J. Frayling, in goal, should one day be quite good. J. G. Swanton (back) and J. E. Melsome (half) were both useful, but lacked resource and pace. The team in the last match was:—W. J. Frayling (goal); J. G. Swanton and V. E. Duffett (backs); J. E. Melsome (Capt.), S. B. Webb and J. S. Pike (halves); T. A. B. Webb, H. B. Ford, J. Icke, R. C. Smith, W. H. B. Windebank (forwards).

The "Under 14" XI. was not quite as good as last season's, but it contained three good players (J. Icke, J. E. R. Dean and W. J. Frayling), while on his day O. R. G. Phillipson was little inferior to them, but is at present too inconsistent. Frayling and Dean saved their side times out of number; the tackling of Dean was very like that of Baker in the first team, and Icke is one of the few boys in the School who is not afraid to do the unusual. E. B. Brice was the pick of the halves, and the forwards were all quite useful. They played better in practice

games than in matches, and there is no reason, if they take the game seriously, why all five of them should not one day become good footballers. The best team was:—W. J. Frayling (goal); J. E. R. Dean and F. Hoddinott (backs); E. D. D. Brett, E. B. Brice and P. E. Coaker (halves); F. N. Windebank, O. R. G. Phillipson, J. Icke (capt.), A. R. Watts, and A. J. Coombs (forwards).

E. W. R. Strange, through no fault of his own, missed too many practice games, and so lost touch with his team. His own play was marked by skill and cleverness, and he was the most finished player on the side, but he did not always do enough work himself or give sufficient encouragement and advice to less experienced players. It is only fair to add that the 1920 team proved a very difficult one to select and arrange.

CHARACTERS OF THE SCHOOL ELEVEN.

- E. H. SIMPSON, *Goal*.—The find of the season. Made some splendid saves, ran out with judgment, and has a safe pair of hands. He always seemed to be in the right place, a characteristic of all good "keepers." His kicking off needs improvement.
- R. W. BAKER, *Right Back*.—A splendid tackler, a much improved kick, and always at his best in a good hard game. Should some day be a very good player. If at School will be next season's captain.
- D. C. HINDLEY, *Left Back*.—A vigorous but unscientific player. Has some good points, and his tackling is excellent; but his left foot kicking is very weak at present.
- H. E. MITCHELL, *Right Half*.—Tries hard, but is too slow for his position, and is poor with his left foot. Kept goal last season, and this is his best position.
- W. A. D. STIMSON, *Centre Half*.—Started at centre-forward, but in the latter matches played at half. Is a splendid worker, fairly fast, and a good tackler. Does not at present make sufficient openings for his forwards, and is too fond of kicking high.
- S. E. S. JOHNSON, *Left Half*.—With more experience will make a good player. Is a hard worker, and his passes are neat; but at present does not mark his outside man closely enough.
- S. M. JONES, *Outside Right*.—Improved considerably and centred well, but at present is not quite fast enough for his position. Very fair shot.

- E. W. R. STRANGE, *Inside Right*.—A good forward. Is a very quick starter, and dribbles close to his opponent before passing; made some beautiful openings for Jones. Very good shot, but was hardly as effective in matches as last season.
- D. L. WELMAN, *Centre*.—Is fast, but not clever enough with his feet for his position. Must learn to keep the ball closer to his feet when moving. Moderate shot.
- F. G. PARSONS, *Inside Left*.—A real good trier, but lacks pace and inches. Is rather too fond of passing in the air. A much improved shot.
- C. F. I. PHILLIPS, *Outside Left*.—Centres admirably, but is too slow and deliberate in his movements. A good shot with his left foot, but useless with his right.

SCHOOL ELEVEN.

Matches Played—9. Won—3. Lost—6.
Goals for—19. Goals against—24.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	Where Played.	RESULT.
October 20	Mr. R. B. Minchin's XI.	Home	2—4
October 23	R.A.F. (Records), Blandford	Home	1—2
October 30	Shaftesbury Town Reserves	Home	1—2
November 13	Sexey's School, Bruton	Away	4—1
November 17	Old Shastonians	Home	1—5
November 20	Wimborne Grammar School	Home	2—0
November 24	Blandford School	Home	5—2
November 27	Sexey's School, Bruton	Home	1—4
December 4	King Edward VI. School, Southampton ...	Home	2—4

DETAILS OF MATCHES.

S.G.S. v. Mr. Minchin's XI., home, Oct. 20th, Lost 2-4.—School's opponents included a number of Old Shastonians, and a goal was registered in the first five minutes through B. Watts. School soon equalized through Ford, and in spite of some good defensive work at "left back" by C. Pearce, Stimson managed to force a hard shot through L. Davitt's hands, and so secured the lead. B. Watts enabled our opponents to draw level after good work by J. Pearson on the right wing, and before half time the same player again beat E. Simpson with a hard low shot. In the second half School forced a number of "corners," but were unable to "convert" them, Davitt saving well occasionally. Watts secured his fourth goal for Mr. Minchin's XI. R. W. Baker at full back, and Simpson in goal, played very well for School, while Mr. Minchin, C. Pearce and B. Watts were the pick of their opponents.

S.G.S. v. R.A.F. (Records), Blandford, home, Oct. 23rd, Lost 0-2.—The Airmen kicked off and soon forced a couple of "corners," one being well cleared by Simpson. School then had a spell of pressing, and Parsons shot well at inside left, the ball going just wide. Ford next hit the upright with a hard shot which was well cleared. Faulty kicking by Swanton enabled the R.A.F. to open their score from a scramble in goal-mouth. Mr. Minchin, who had got through a lot of invaluable work at centre half, was next conspicuous for a good save in front of an open goal. There was no further score during this half. E. Strange and S. M. Jones worked very well, and Simpson was very safe in goal. In the second half School pressed for a time, and Strange missed an open goal. Our opponents, from a good corner kick, followed by a "scramble" in goal mouth, obtained a second goal. Corners forced by School were well saved by the R.A.F. keeper. Parsons and Ford at left wing did good work this half. It was a fine even fast game, the Airmen having slightly the better of the play in the second half. Undoubtedly the finest individual player was R. W. Baker, for School, who displayed excellent judgment both in defence and attack. Simpson in goal was always safe, but Swanton at full back was "shaky." Mr. Minchin played well at centre half.

S.G.S. (A. Team) v. Milton Abbas School, away, October 27th, Won 10-1.—Within a few minutes of the start the Blandford forwards pierced our defence and scored their only goal. This seemed to be an incentive to our forwards, and for the rest of the game they were much superior to their opponents. Icke scored our first goal, and Ford shortly added another from a good pass by Welman. Three other goals were scored before half-time—Icke, Melsome and Welman being instrumental. The second half was practically a repetition of the first, and five more goals were added, three by Welman and two by Icke. Our three inside forwards played a very good game, but the wings were weak. Welman's pace was invaluable, and Ford and Icke made good use of it. Of the defence, Simpson was always safe in goal, while Johnson and Hindley played good football.

S.G.S. (Under 14) v. Chorister's School, Salisbury, away, Nov. 10th, Lost 0-1.—A good keen game, in which both sides missed several chances of scoring. In the first half Salisbury scored after about 12 minutes play, and ought to have scored at least twice more. After change of ends we had all the best of the play, and did everything except score; twice an open goal was missed, and twice Icke had very bad luck with splendid shots. For us, Frayling kept goal well, and J. Dean was the pick of the backs, Stirling being too slow. Coaker

was the pick of the halves, and Icke and A. R. Watts of the forwards. Phillipson was good and bad alternately, and the two outsides did not make the most of their chances. This is the first time the Choristers have beaten us at football for several years, and we heartily congratulate them on their victory.

S.G.S. v. Shaftesbury Town Reserves, home, Oct. 30th, Lost 1-2.—School kicked off and immediately attacked; but Shaftesbury soon rallied and forced play to the other end. Following an unproductive "corner," the Town opened the score by a well-judged kick from Dennis. The play was poor throughout this half, and a cross wind did not help matters. At the opening of the second half School equalised, through Stimson, from a good corner kick. Shaftesbury, however, took the lead shortly afterwards. Baker, Parsons and Simpson were the best of the School team, and occasionally Phillips and Jones at the wings worked and centred well. Mitchell and Stimson did not shew to advantage.

S.G.S. v. Sexey's School, Bruton, away, Nov. 13th, Won 4-1.—School started down the slope and soon worried Sexey's keeper. Parsons scored our first goal, and after some mid-field play Ford added a second with an exceptionally good shot. School forwards did not combine well and got little help from the wing halves. Welman, making his first appearance at centre forward, secured our third goal after a good "run-through" from mid-field. The play in the second half was somewhat ragged on both sides. Parsons added our fourth goal, and just before time Sexey's obtained their only point through a faulty clearance by Simpson. Baker and Hindley at full back, and Stimson at centre-half, played well. Jones, Parsons and Welman were the best forwards.

S.G.S. (1st XI.) v. Old Shastonians, home, Nov. 17th, Lost 1-6.—The following strong Old Boys' team took the field: Goal, L. Davitt; backs, A. Miles and F. C. Innocent; halves, J. B. Pape (Capt.), W. Doggrell and A. Prince; forwards, S. Granger, G. Bowley, R. B. Minchin, J. Pearson and R. Wyatt. G. E. Atkinson took charge of the game.—Play was even at the start, but the O.B.'s soon began to press, and through well-judged kicking by Miles, Bowley was soon able to put his side "2 up." This was all the score during the first half. In the second half, Pearson scored once and Bowley twice, and a further goal came from a free kick. The Old Boys were never fully tested, for School played a slow game and only in the last quarter of an hour did they put in really good work, resulting in Strange scoring. Simpson, in goal, did excellent service, and Baker and Hindley at backs, and

Stimson at centre-half, were always working hard. Of the forwards, Parsons and Welman were perhaps the pick, but they could not make much headway against such a strong defence as Miles, Innocent and Doggrell. R. B. Minchin kept his forwards "on the go" very well, and the quintette were constantly testing Simpson. Davitt was very seldom called upon to handle.

S.G.S. (2nd XI.) v. *Old Shastonians*, home, Nov. 17th, Lost 5-8.—Played at the same time as the above mentioned match. The following O.B.'s turned out: M. Watts, R. N. Tayler, Hirst, R. Smith, W. Rowe, R. Mitchell, V. Duffett, H. Stainer; the team was completed with 3 "present" boys (J. Hitch, O. Woodford and Hesse).—School started well, and soon opened their score through Smith. The O.B.'s, though slow at first, soon equalized through Mitchell, then took the lead through Hirst. School then put on two goals in quick succession, one after a partial clearance of a corner. Half time, 4-2. In the second half the Old Boys reversed matters, adding 6 more goals, while School could only reply with one, through Icke. Duffett, Smith and Mitchell worked very well for the O.B.'s, and J. Hitch gave them good help throughout. For School, the backs were far too slow. Icke, Ford, Smith and Windebank worked very well in the forward line.

S.G.S. v. *Wimborne Grammar School*, home, Nov. 20th, Won 2-0.—In the early stages, Wimborne pressed, but threw away good opportunities of scoring through faulty shooting. For School, Strange, with a good shot, hit the cross-bar, but Parsons headed the rebound over. Wimborne's outside left—who was playing a very good game—now hit the upright, but was unable to score. Half time arrived with both goals intact. The second half became much faster as each side strove hard to get the lead, and even play resulted for some time. School gradually acquired the upper hand and opened their score through Parsons—a good individual effort. Mitchell sent in a good long shot which was cleared, and then from a good pass by Welman, Parsons obtained our second goal. Combination and ground passing were lacking throughout the game. On our opponents' side the full backs—especially the "left," and the left wing forward shared the honours. For School, Simpson was safe in goal, and the backs—especially Baker—did well. Of the rest, Stimson, Strange, Parsons and Welman were the outstanding players.

S.G.S. v. *Secondary School, Blandford*, home, Nov. 24th, Won 5-2.—School soon opened their score through Strange. Then Welman was conspicuous for a dashing run, but was beaten by the keeper. Good play by Jones on the right wing

resulted in a "centre" which was muddled, and we were "2 up." Blandford next were prominent and hit the upright, Simpson fumbling the ball. Our opponents' centre forward next scored a good goal, but before half time School replied with two more through Welman and Strange. In the second half Blandford pressed for some time, and good work was occasionally seen among the forwards, especially the right wing, and a good centre enabled them to score. Stimson got School's fifth goal by a long shot. School forwards all worked well and vigorously, and of the backs Baker and Stimson stood out prominently.

S.G.S. v. Sexey's School, Bruton, home, Nov. 27th, Lost 1-4. —We had previously beaten our opponents on their own ground, and it was only due to bad football that this match was lost. The ground was wet and the ball a bit greasy, but our forwards were very weak—especially Phillips and Welman. The only goal which we scored in the first half was due to Parsons, who put in an exceptionally nice shot from the left. Half time arrived with the score standing 1-2. Soon after the resumption of play, Strange missed an open goal, and several other opportunities were not taken advantage of. Sexey's secured two more goals, the last one owing to a mistake by Simpson. It was a very disappointing display of football, the forwards not getting back to help the defence. Baker, at back, got through an enormous amount of work, Johnson was the pick of the halves, Parsons and Jones were the pick of the forwards, while Strange occasionally showed bursts of his last year's brilliance.

S.G.S. (Under 14) v. Sexey's School, Bruton (Under 14), away, Nov. 27th, Draw 0-0.—A pleasant and well-fought game, each side striving hard to open the score. For School, E. B. Brice and Coaker were prominent halves, while the backs defended well. Frayling, in goal, was very noticeable for some fine "saves," and throughout defended well. The sides were very evenly matched.

S.G.S. (2nd XI.) v. Milton Abbas School, Blandford, home, Dec. 1st, Won 3-2.—The ground was very slippery, and a greasy ball made accurate kicking almost impossible. School opened the score through H. B. Ford, after good work by Melsome and Icke. The same player shortly added a second goal. Our opponents reduced the lead with a good high shot from the left wing. Before half time Ford obtained his third goal from Icke's pass—the ball proving too greasy for the keeper to hold. In the second half the play was much more even, each goal being visited alternately, and Milton Abbas obtained a second goal. For the visitors, the goal keeper was

the outstanding player, and won rounds of applause for good "saves" in a very muddy goal. The centre half also did a lot of useful work. For School, the forwards stood out well and kept up a good turn of speed, especially Icke, Ford and Smith; and they were well backed up by Melsome at centre-half.

S.G.S. v. King Edward VI. School, Southampton, home, Dec. 4th, Lost 2-4.—Anticipating a fairly easy win for our heavier opponents, we were agreeably surprised to see School lead off with a strong attack, which resulted in H. B. Ford scoring. Unfortunately for School, this effort was nullified by Mitchell mis-judging a centre from the Southampton outside right, the deflected ball putting Simpson at fault. Within a few minutes a second reverse followed—a good centre from the left wing being smartly headed into the net. Even play followed, both sides forcing corners. Then our opponents' centre forward, by a good individual run beat the defence once more and scored. School shooting was weak, and Parsons, who otherwise played a splendid game, shot over, when he had an open goal a few yards in front of him. Our opponents generally held the upper hand in the game by a small margin, but smart attacks by our very light forwards often saw the defence pierced. Phillips, Strange and Jones all got chances, but shot outside. Then, amidst great excitement, Stimson scored a good goal for us after good work by Strange and Jones. Southampton increased their lead towards the end from a free kick, and at the end of the game School was attacking strongly, but did not score. A fine open and fast game, in which the strenuous and bustling efforts of the School caused their opponents' play to appear somewhat ragged. School forwards got through a lot of real hard work, especially Ford, Parsons and Strange, while Stimson at centre half probably played his best game of the season, both in defence and attack. Our wing halves were too slow for their opponents, and although this threw extra work on the backs, yet they generally emerged quite successfully, Baker especially putting up a stirring defence. Simpson, in goal, was somewhat shaky, though he brought off one very fine "save" in the second half.

S.G.S. (Under 14) v. Choristers' School, Salisbury, home, Dec. 8th, Won 1-0.—Both teams were evenly matched, and the game throughout was keenly contested. The School forwards were distinctly good in mid-field, but in front of goal their shooting was lamentably weak. The only goal of the match was scored shortly before half time by Icke, after a clever piece of footwork. For the greater part of the second half School were pressing hard, and several conceded corners did not materialise. Windebank hit the goal post with a hard shot but Watts, Icke and Phillipson all missed chances. For th

School, Dean, at back, was conspicuous for his fine tackling, Frayling, in goal, was quite safe, Brice was the pick of the halves, and Icke was the best forward on the field.

S.G.S. (Under 14) v. *Sexey's School, Bruton* (Under 14), home, Dec. 11th, Won 3-2.—During the first half Sexey's had decidedly the best of the game, and, helped by weak tackling by our halves, obtained two goals—one of which Frayling could easily have stopped if he had stayed between the posts. Half time arrived without any further score. During the second half the School played much better and made a successful attempt to pull the game out of the fire. Phillipson obtained the ball in mid-field, and by means of a good individual piece of play, ran through the defence and scored. This put the team on their mettle, and another corner was conceded to them. From this, Dean, at back, sent in a long shot which passed just underneath the cross-bar, thus equalizing the score. Both sides now played to their utmost, and corners were conceded at each end. However, shortly before time we obtained the winning goal—one of the opposing backs heading into his own goal. For the School, Dean and Brice were the pick of the defence, and Icke, Phillipson and Windebank were the best of the forwards.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The House Matches, this year, as usual, were very keenly contested, and each team was enthusiastically and vociferously supported by its adherents. The Day Boys, on paper, were easily the best side, and why they didn't even win a single match is indeed a riddle. They possessed no fewer than five 1st XI. colours, and yet they were beaten by a team which did not include a single representative from the School team. This extraordinary fact is a very striking illustration of the prevailing mediocrity on the football field, and we hope that, next year, boys will do all in their power to remedy this fault by correct methods of practice and by taking the ball as it comes.

There was very little to choose between School House and Mr. Ramshaw's House. The former, perhaps, had the heavier team, and Stimson, their captain, was a better individual player than any the latter could produce. For the winning house, Stimson was a tower of strength, and Windebank and Hindley were also at their best. Phillipson and the brothers Webb were the pick of the forwards. For Mr. Ramshaw's House, Melsome worked extremely hard at half, Wilson and Swanton made a methodical pair of backs, Frayling was safe in goal, and Ford and Hitch were the pick of the forwards. For Vale

View and Dr. Blucke's, E. Simpson, Johnson, Mitchell, Welman and Icke were the most prominent. For the Day Boys, Baker, as usual, was very good, and Strange, Parsons and Smith were good at times. Jones and Phillips did not adapt themselves to the existing circumstances and should have done much better.

The following are a few details of the various games, given in the order in which they were played:—

School House v. Vale View and Dr. Blucke's.—A scrambling game in which very little good football was shown. After about 20 minutes, B. Webb kicked and ran between the opposing backs, E. H. Simpson came out to clear, but Webb got to the ball first and scored. During the second half, both sides had chances, but nothing more was scored and the School House won by 1-0. For the winners, Stimson did a lot of work at centre-half, and Hindley and Windebank worked hard at back; Law and E. Brice both tackled well, and T. Webb was the pick of the forwards. For the losers, E. Simpson in goal was good, but not quite at his best, and J. S. Pike kicked well at times. The halves were too slow, and the forwards were never together; most of them did useful work individually, but their passing was so poor that the opposing defence had little difficulty in stopping them.

Mr. Ramshaw's v. Day Boys.—A keen bustling game, in which the stronger team was beaten owing to its lack of combination. The winners, however, played to their utmost ability, and their success was undoubtedly due to Frayling, who made one exceptionally fine save. Half-time arrived with no score. The second half was practically a repetition of the first, neither side combining sufficiently well to make their attacks really dangerous. The winning goal was scored by Baxter, who put in a somewhat lucky long-range shot which Matthews should have saved. For the winners, Frayling, in goal, played a good game; Swanton and Wilson were sound; Melsome worked hard at centre-half, and Hitch, Ford and S. Ayles were the best of a light line of forwards. For the losers, Baker, Strange, Roberts and Parsons played well individually, but the whole team played too much on the defensive. Miracles do happen, even at football, but who would believe that four out of the five 1st XI. forwards could be kept at bay by Swanton and Wilson!!

Day Boys v. School House.—After a very hard game the School House won by 2-1. The Day Boys kicked off with the wind, and had decidedly the better part of the game during the first half. They could not score, however, owing to some excellent defensive football by Stimson and Windebank. The Day Boys' "wings" were both weak, and Strange in the

centre was always a marked man. Half time arrived without a score, but shortly afterwards Phillipson obtained a goal with quite a nice shot. The same player was again responsible for the second goal, scored from a centre by T. Webb at outside left. About 10 minutes before the whistle blew, the Day Boys again pressed, and Strange scored with a high long shot. This was the final goal of the match, and School House are to be congratulated on the stubborn fight they put up. Stimson played the best game of his life, and he was ably backed up by Hindley, Windebank and E. Brice. Phillipson, F. N. Windebank and T. Webb were the pick of a weak forward line. Baker played his usual sound game for the Day Boys, who would undoubtedly have done better if Strange had gone into the forward line with Parsons. Jones and Phillips were both poor considering the comparative weakness of the opposing defence. Roberts and Smith both played well, but the latter must try and keep the ball nearer his feet when dribbling.

Mr. Ramshaw's v. Vale View and Dr. Blucke's.—A very even game, won by the first named, who were rather a better balanced side. Nothing was scored until nearly half time, when Ford took advantage of hesitancy on the part of J. S. Pike, coupled with a poor clearance by Hesse, and scored the only goal of the match. During the second half both sides pressed in turn, but were unable to score. For the winners, Frayling in goal was safe, and Swanton and Wilson tackled well and cleared lustily. Melsome did a lot of work at half, and Ford was good in the front line. For the "United," Joe Dean gave a most energetic display at back, Mitchell was much above his form at half, and Johnson was in the picture all the time. The forwards were very ragged; all of them did good things at times, but they displayed no combination whatever.

Day Boys v. Vale View and Dr. Blucke's.—A very even game in the first half, the only goal being scored from a high shot from Bowley, which ought to have been saved. In the second half, the Day Boys had much the best of the game, but could not score owing to deplorably weak shooting. For the winners (who were without Welman), Mitchell, Johnson and E. H. Simpson (in goal) played a good defensive game, and Icke was the pick of a moderate forward line. Baker worked like a Trojan for the losers, and Strange and Parsons were good at times; it seemed to us that the team was not well arranged.

Mr. Ramshaw's v. School House.—Each of the above teams started with two victories to its credit, and the goal average was the same. As anticipated, the game was well contested and there was little to choose between the teams. The "Yellows" kicked off, with the wind, and Hindley and

Windebank were kept busy for a time, Ford being the most dangerous of the opposing forwards. The shooting was poor, however, and half-time arrived without a goal being scored. School House had the best of the game in the second half, but their shooting was also very weak, and there was very little combination among the forwards. Shortly before time Melsome elbowed the ball at a critical moment, and from the free kick Stimson scored—Frayling touching the ball *en route*. For the losers, Melsome worked hard at centre-half, Frayling was good in goal, and Wilson and Swanton were safe at back. For the winners, Stimson was a tower of defence, and also gave a lot of support to his forwards, of whom T. Webb, Phillipson and N. Windebank were the pick. E. Brice also showed great promise in the half-back line.

The following were the teams which represented their respective houses:—

SCHOOL HOUSE—*Six points.*

D. Pike (goal); Hindley, B. Windebank (backs); K. Law, Stimson, E. Brice (halves); N. Windebank, Phillipson, S. Webb, Woolston, T. Webb (forwards).

MR. RAMSHAW'S HOUSE—*Four points.*

Frayling (goal); Swanton, Wilson (backs); Brown, Melsome, Waters (halves); Baxter, Ayles, Hitch, Ford, Lawrence (forwards).

VALE VIEW AND DR. BLUCKE'S HOUSE—*Two points.*

E. H. Simpson (goal); White, Pike (backs); Mitchell, Johnson, Dean (halves); Bowley, Perrett, Icke, Welman, G. Simpson (forwards).

DAY BOYS—*Nil.*

P. J. Watts (goal); Baker, Duffett (backs); Woodford, Strange, Roberts (halves); Phillips, Smith, Parsons, A. Watts, Jones (forwards).



Cadet Corps.

The following N.C.O.'s and Cadets left last term:— Sergeants A. H. Clegg and M. W. Wilson, Cadets F. A. H. Matthews, J. E. Melsome, J. O. Woodford, N. R. White, S. Johnson, W. J. Strong and S. Ayles. The first five members were with the Corps for some considerable time, and always showed great keenness and did very good work.

The new recruits enrolled last term are—E. L. Hesse, C. W. Frayling, G. Ryall, J. Powney, L. Brett, R. J. Mansfield, M. G. Jones, E. Manton, F. B. Alcock, G. J. B. Brice, A. C. Roberts, R. R. Wyatt, W. J. Squire, A. R. Watts and C. F. Farris.

PROMOTIONS, Oct. 1st, 1920:—To be *Corporal*, L.-Corpl. W. Stimson; to be *Lance-Corporals*, Cadets T. Webb, F. J. Hitch, E. Simpson.

The Corps was inspected on October 5th, by General C. W. Thompson (Dorset County Cadet Commandant), who was accompanied by Colonel Rouse. At the close of the inspection Gen. Thompson, after complimenting the Corps on their smartness and work, spoke on the moral, physical, and national benefit of belonging to a Cadet Corps.

A Flag-Signalling Section (Morse) has been formed, and we are very grateful to Mr. Minchin for undertaking the instruction.

Every member of the Corps—both past and present—will regret to hear that Sergt. R. G. Milner has been obliged, through illness, to relinquish his post of Instructor. It seems impossible to believe that we shall be no more trying to carry out his smart words of command. Keenness and discipline were the great lessons he always insisted upon, and he should be justly proud of the result of his labours as testified by the Corps records. He has always remained a great favourite with Old Boys. The Corps will miss him greatly, and we trust that he will soon be "fit" again.

W. RAMSHAW (Capt.), O.C.

Christmas Concerts.

OUR usual Christmas Concerts were given on Dec. 15th, 16th and 17th—that on the 16th was a *matinée*—and were a great success from every point of view. The items were all well rendered, shewing abundant evidence of hard work and careful training, and, after paying a few expenses, a sum of £34 12s. 11d. remained to be added to our "War Memorial Fund." To all who contributed to our successful efforts we offer our grateful thanks, to the performers for their delightful programme, to Dr. Tovey and Mr. Ramshaw who superintended rehearsals and did the coaching, and to Mr. Watmough and his band of willing workers who built our charming stage. We feel also that a special word of thanks is due to A. H. Clegg, who for the last two years has been the life and soul of the comedy portion of our programmes; although he has now left us we hope to hear that he is still delighting other audiences in the same way that he has so often delighted us.

The chief feature of our programme was the large number of humorous items it contained; never has the School been so rich in boy comedians, and all of them in their different styles were quite good. We must confess that we miss the quartettes that have been such a prominent feature of our programmes in recent years. May the time soon come when we shall have the necessary talent to revive them.

The three glees were all well sung, and their selection illustrated three very different schools of music. It is difficult to say which we liked best; the light and shade of *Sullivan's* "The Long Day Closes" was charming, and equally successful was the attack and life in *Edward German's* "London Town," a glee which the performers evidently thoroughly enjoyed singing. We never remember hearing music better suited to words than in this latest effort of German's; the tune suits *Masefield's* rollicking words like a glove, and almost sings itself. "The Bells of Aberdovey," arranged as a duet, was charmingly sung by J. Icke and G. C. Bowley; their voices blended admirably, and they gave us a real musical treat. The quintette, "Now is the Month of Maying," was creditably sung, but the voices, although in tune, did not seem to blend quite happily. J. Icke sang "The Camel's Hump," and, needless to say, obtained an encore at each performance. He has been our soprano soloist for the last two years, and we take this opportunity of thanking him for all he has done for our School music, as we fear his voice will have broken before Christmas comes round again. F. W. Gibson was very clear and distinct in his recitation, and thoroughly deserved his encore. G. C.

Bowley is a really good boy pianist, as those who live in the neighbourhood of Upper V. Class Room can testify, but we feel he hardly did himself justice at our concerts, owing to the conflicting claims of a musical exam. which occupied all his spare practice time. Dr. Tovey was loudly applauded for both his songs, and as a second encore he sang "In 1950," a topical song for which some very clever verses had been written by Mr. Watmough. Mr. Ramshaw's song, "Criticism," was one of the successes of the evening, his sly dig at local politics being evidently much to the taste of the audience. A. H. Clegg sang "Seaside Posters" and "Nerves" admirably, and we think the latter is the best thing he has ever done. As an encore to the first named, he gave a very clever mock recitation, with W. A. D. Stimson as prompter; it was very well done and proved extremely popular. F. B. Alcock created roars of laughter with his trombone, but had Corney Grain been alive, we fear Alcock's burlesque would have turned his hair grey! T. A. B. Webb and E. H. Simpson were very good in their duet, "Simpletons," and thoroughly looked their parts! S. E. S. Johnson, W. J. N. Bolitho, F. B. Alcock and R. W. Baker sang the old catch "Would you know my Celia's charms?" Good as they all were (especially Alcock), they were better still in their encore, "Let's have a peal." This was introduced by an amusing dialogue in West country dialect, written by Alcock.

Included in the programme were three concerted items, all of which created lots of fun. The first was a clever skit on a visit to the Zoo, and A. H. Clegg as the harassed father, W. A. D. Stimson as the dude, and J. Icke, H. W. Tovey and F. W. Gibson as three noisy and cheeky children were all excellent. In "The Army A.B.C." the light comedy part was taken by T. A. B. Webb, and he was a great success; A. H. Clegg was an admirable foil to him, and W. A. D. Stimson and E. H. Simpson made the most of their more limited opportunities. The concluding item on the programme was a twenty-minutes burlesque, in costume, very cleverly arranged by Mr. Ramshaw, of a day trip to the seaside, and it kept the audience in roars of laughter. A. H. Clegg as the "missus," T. A. B. Webb as the henpecked husband, W. J. N. Bolitho as a "guard," and R. W. Baker as a West country "yokel," were all splendid. E. H. Simpson made quite a pretty "tripperess," and W. A. D. Stimson played another dude part with great success. A special word of praise must be given to F. B. Alcock and H. W. Tovey for their clever burlesque of a sea-side ventriloquial entertainment. We imagine that it was a very difficult thing to do, but the continual applause showed that it was quite to the taste of the audience.

The programme was as follows:—

PART I.

1. GLEE ... "Cherry Ripe" ... *E. Laud.*
School Choir.
2. SONG ... "Nerves" ... *Henty.*
A. H. Clegg.
3. QUINTETTE—
"Now is the Month of Maying" ... *Morley (1557)*
J. Icke, S. C. Bowley, S. E. S. Johnson,
F. B. Alcock and Dr. Tovey.
4. DUET ... "Simpletons" ... *H. Montague.*
E. H. Simpson and T. A. B. Webb.
5. SONG "Be always kind to Animals" *Corney Grain.*
Dr. Tovey.
6. DUET ... "The Bells of Aberdovey" ... *Welsh air.*
J. Icke and S. C. Bowley.
7. SONG ... "The old Trombone" ... *Corney Grain.*
F. B. Alcock.
8. GLEE ... "The Long Day Closes" ... *Sullivan.*
School Choir.
9. PIANOFORTE SOLO "Coin des Enfants" *Debussy.*
S. C. Bowley.
10. CONCERTED ITEM "The Zoo" ... *F. Gibson.*
A. H. Clegg, J. Icke, F. W. Gibson, H. W. Tovey
and W. A. D. Stimson.

PART II.

1. GLEE ... "London Town" *Edward German.*
School Choir.
2. SONG ... "Seaside Posters" ... *Hastings.*
A. H. Clegg.
3. SONG ... "The Camel's Hump" *Edward German.*
J. Icke.
4. CONCERTED ITEM "The Army A.B.C." ... *R. Low.*
A. H. Clegg, W. A. D. Stimson, E. H. Simpson
and T. A. B. Webb.
5. GLEE ... "Rolling down to Rio" *Edward German.*
School Choir.
6. SONG ... "Criticism" ... *Wood.*
Mr. Ramshaw.
7. ROUND ... "Would you know
my Celia's Charms?" *S. Webbe (1740)*
S. E. S. Johnson, W. J. N. Bolitho, R. W. Baker
and F. B. Alcock.

8. RECITATION ... "The Englishman" Anon.
F. W. Gibson.
9. SONG ... "Not exactly Original" ... Gillespie.
Dr. Tovey.
10. CONCERTED ITEM "Trip to Slopford"
A. H. Clegg, H. W. Tovey, T. A. B. Webb, W. J. N. Bolitho,
R. W. Baker, E. H. Simpson,
F. B. Alcock and W. A. D. Stimson.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

A somewhat similar programme was given on two other occasions during the term, once on the evening of the Old Boys' match, to an enthusiastic audience of past and present boys, and on Dec. 1st, at Tisbury, in aid of our War Memorial Fund. Both concerts were very successful, and as a result of our Tisbury effort we were enabled to hand over eleven guineas to our fund. We should like to take this opportunity of offering our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Powney, who not only made all the local arrangements for the Tisbury concert, but also most generously paid all expenses. We are extremely grateful to him for his kindness.

Library.

The following books have been presented to the Library since our last issue:—

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Young Pitcher"	Zane Grey	A. A. Edwards
"She Stoops to Conquer"	Goldsmith	Dr. C. H. Tovey
"Sir Roger de Coverley's Papers" ...	Addison	"
"The English Humorists of 15th Century"	Thackeray	"
"J. O. Jones"	Bell	Mr. P. H. Stedman
"Jack of St. Virgils"	Pyke	"
"Noble Deeds"	Michael	J. S. Foley
"The Three Musketeers"	Dumas	Miss Wightman
"Story of the Crusades"	"	"
"Monte-Cristo"	Dumas	"
"Naomi"	Webb	"
"Emperor's Candlesticks"	Orczy	"
"Driven into Exile"	A. L. O. E.	"
"Bath Comedy"	Castle	"
"That's a good Story"	Leigh	"
"Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar" ...	Burroughs	Mr. Ramshaw
"Crooked Trails and Straight" ...	Raine	W. B. Weare
"Fighting the Matabele"	Chalmers	"
"Jack Hardy"	Strang	"
"The Black Watch"	Cornford	"
"Story of the Guides"	Younghusband	"
"The Three Chums"	Ridley	"
"The World of Ice"	Ballantyne	H. C. Barker
"Westward Ho!"	Kingsley	"
"Across the Cameroons"	Gilson	F. A. H. Matthews

Old Shastonians.

THE Second Annual General Meeting of the Old Shastonian Club was held at the School, on Wednesday, Nov. 17th, 1920, at 5.30 p.m.. The chair was taken by the President (Dr. C. H. Tovey), the following members being present:—Messrs. W. Rainshaw, F. L. Watmough, J. A. Norton, A. J. Wescott, F. Woodcock, G. W. Cheater, R. B. Minchin, E. Johnson, R. W. Smith, R. G. Mitchell, E. G. Taylor, J. R. B. Pape, R. G. Scott, H. C. Stainer, D. Scammell, H. B. D. Weare, F. E. P. Johnson, V. G. Imber, J. J. O. McMahon, R. N. Tayler, G. E. Atkinson, W. Farley Rutter, F. C. Innocent, W. Rowe, M. G. Watts, G. E. Bowley, C. L. Hirst, J. Pearson, A. D. Miles, S. J. Granger, J. N. Wescott, W. C. Duffett, W. R. Alford, C. W. J. Barnes, W. E. Abbott, T. Barnes, A. J. Prince, R. C. Wyatt, S. H. D. Johnson, D. James, W. Doggrell, J. T. Hall.

Dr. Tovey and Mr. Minchin were re-elected to the offices of President and Honorary Secretary respectively, and Mr. Wescott was elected Treasurer in the place of Mr. R. H. Baker, who has left the district. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Baker for his services during the past year. The following members constitute the Committee for the current year:—Messrs. G. E. Atkinson, E. Johnson, W. Farley Rutter, G. W. Cheater, S. Burrow, E. B. Down, A. R. Tayler, J. J. O. McMahon, F. C. Innocent. Messrs. F. Woodcock and W. Farley Rutter kindly consented to act as club auditors.

In the absence of Mr. Baker, Mr. Minchin submitted the balance sheet, which was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The following rule was passed by the meeting and added to the Club Rules:—"Any member whose subscription is more than eight weeks in arrears ceases to be a member of the club until his subscription has been paid."

We regret that we have been unable to arrange matches in Devonshire for our 1921 tour. We have, however, written to other Clubs, and we hope to have a short tour on July 28th, 29th and 30th.

The first Club Dinner will be held in Shaftesbury after the Past v. Present Football matches, next November. Later on we hope to hold our annual dinners at various centres in the South of England, in the neighbourhood of which a fair proportion of Old Shastonians reside.

Owing to a large increase in membership and the changing of many members' addresses, we are issuing a second list of members. Will all members, who do not reside at the address

to which this magazine is sent, please forward their correct addresses to the Secretary as soon as possible.

On behalf of the members of the O.S.C. who were present at the School on Nov. 17th, we should like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Tovey for so kindly entertaining us. Our best thanks are also due to those masters and boys who gave us such an excellent concert in the evening.

It was with very deep regret that we heard, just as we were breaking up for the Christmas holidays, of the death of E. Whitley Baker, in Germany, from pneumonia. Dr. Tovey has written for particulars, but so far none have been received; but we shall hope to give more in our next issue. Whitley Baker was at School here from September, 1901, to April, 1905. He was only recently demobilised, and is the first member that our "Old Boys" Club has lost by death. The School has lost one of its most promising old boys, cut off in the prime of life, and to his sorrowing parents we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

We have recently heard from D. T. Sutton. He has started a Hockey Club in Ryde, and tells us he has had quite a successful season.

E. W. Peckham has entered Clark's College.

Joe Miles was married to Miss Canning on Dec. 8th, and they are now living at The Priory, Rockbourne, Hants. We offer them our hearty congratulations and all good wishes, and trust that Joe will take an early opportunity of bringing his bride to visit the school.

D. C. D. Ellerton has obtained his Rugby Colours at Blundell's School, as a forward.

Dr. Tovey has had long and interesting letters from L. E. B. Johnson, J. S. Arnold, L. H. Hendon and E. C. Mozley, who are all abroad. The last named has met Stanley Johnstone several times in Cape Town, and he tells us that Johnstone has recently married. So far, we have had no particulars.

Bob Borley has passed his medical preliminary examination, and is now a student at Guys Hospital.

Harold Tayler is at Reading University, taking the diploma course in Agriculture.

Percy Harding, who has recently been demobilised in Egypt, is now Colony Superintendent at Makwar on the Nile.

Will old boys please note that our School Sports will take place on Wednesday, March 30th, and the "Shield" Sports on our ground on Wednesday, April 6th.

The following Old Shastonians have joined the Club since our last issue:—V. G. Imber, D. James, F. A. H. Matthews, J. J. O. McMahon, Hugh Palmer, G. F. Pike, H. C. Stainer, E. W. R. Strange, W. J. Strong, N. R. White, M. W. Wilson, A. H. Clegg, Stanley Burrow.

Will any members of the O.S. Club who will be requiring badges for their blazers kindly apply to the Secretary *as soon as possible*, as he only has a limited number in stock? The price is 6/6.

All subscribers to the Magazine (except members of O.S. Club) should send their subscriptions to Dr. Tovey (2/6 for three numbers).

No copy of a Magazine will be sent to anyone whose subscription has not been paid IN ADVANCE.

A few back numbers are still on sale at 6d. each.