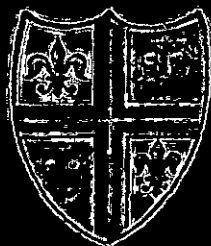


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EDITORIAL.

LAST term, we had our quinquennial dose of measles, and, as a result, our Football season was quite spoilt. The team, under the circumstances, did as well as could be expected; they had two capital halves in J. S. Windebank and E. H. Stickland, and an excellent goalkeeper in C. S. Balhatchet, while several other players shewed distinct promise.

We have to thank Mr. F. W. Windebank for the arrival of his promised "Bowling" Cup, and we are delighted to record the fact that the first name engraved on it is that of his son.

The sad death of Mrs. Minchin made it necessary to postpone our usual Xmas Concerts until February.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

C. B. Cartledge (s.) S. E. Dennis (r.) J. W. Reeves (s.)

(The letter in brackets after each name denotes the "House.")

VALETE.

- R. D. BALL.—Form IVA. Entered September, 1920.
R. CRABBE.—Form V. Entered March, 1923.
J. P. CROSS.—Form VI. Entered September, 1919. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1924 and 1925.
B. S. DAY.—Form IVB. Entered September, 1921.
G. L. HARDING.—Form V. Entered September, 1919.
G. R. K. JOHNSON.—Form IIIB. Entered January, 1921.
R. F. PRESTON.—Form IVA. Entered April, 1924.
E. H. STICKLAND.—Form VI. Entered September, 1919. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1924 and 1925. Prefect, April; 1925. Cricket XI., 1925. Football XI., 1924 and 1925.

R. H. M. STIRLING.—Form VI. Entered April, 1920. Prefect, January, 1924 (Head Prefect, April, 1925). Cricket XI., 1925. Co.-Q.M.S., Cadet Corps, July, 1925.

G. W. T. WHITWORTH.—Form VI. Entered April, 1920. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1925. Prefect, September, 1925.

J. S. WINDEBANK.—Form V. Entered September, 1921. Prefect, Sept. 1925. Cricket XI., 1924 and 1925. Football XI., 1923, 1924 and 1925 (Captain, 1925).

L. A. F. DOWDING (omitted from Term II., 1925).—Form II. Entered April, 1925.

PREFECTS:

E. A. G. Manton (Head Prefect).

A. J. Combes. H. G. Kennedy. A. H. Batten. R. B. Brown.
C. S. Balhatchet. A. C. G. Stehlik.

HEAD BOYS.

W. F. Cole. R. B. Dashper. C. A. Green. D. N. Hoddinott.
N. H. Lock. H. R. Sims. A. T. Squire.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

Corinthians—A. J. Combes.

Spartans—E. A. G. Manton.

Romans—R. E. J. Richards.

Trojans—H. G. Kennedy.

FOOTBALL.

The final order for 1925 was as follows:—J. S. Windebank (Captain), E. H. Stickland, P. Scammell, C. S. Balhatchet, A. J. Combes, A. T. Squire, A. C. G. Stehlik, R. E. J. Richards, D. N. Hoddinott, W. E. Loney. (Only ten colours were awarded).

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of Mrs. R. B. Minchin, on Dec. 15th, following a severe attack of pneumonia. The sad event cast a deep gloom over the School and Town, and we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Minchin and his little daughter. All who knew Mrs. Minchin had learnt to love her, and the School is much the poorer for her loss.

The funeral took place in Cann Churchyard; the service was conducted by the Rev. N. S. Lawrie and the Rev. F. W. Aldous, our School Choir being responsible for the musical portion of the service, with Miss Crowe at the organ. Beautiful wreaths were sent by the O.S. Club (tied with Club-coloured ribbons), the Masters, the School, the boys at Vale View, the domestic staff, and many relatives and friends.

FOOTBALL.

OUR 1925 Football season was marred, to a very great extent, by an unfortunate epidemic of measles, which necessitated a curtailment in our fixture list. This misfortune was followed by a long spell of frosty weather which, though undoubtedly good for clearing away germs, made the ground so hard that football was impossible. To add to our troubles, E. H. Stickland, one of our old colours, was prevented through indisposition from taking his place in the team until late in the season, and R. H. M. Stirling, who was a moral certainty for colours, had the bad luck to strain his leg so badly that he may have to refrain from playing the game again.

In spite of all these vicissitudes, we managed to put into the field a very fair School XI. The forwards were not strong, but they were always triers, and any delinquencies on their part were atoned for by the excellence of the defence. The halves were invariably good, and would have appeared even better if the forwards had been stronger. The backs, especially A. J. Combes, were good; and C. S. Balhatchet, in goal, was the best "keeper" we have had for several years. The team can have the satisfaction of knowing that they more than fulfilled expectations, and we offer our heartiest congratulations to Jack Windebank on his year's captaincy. He set a very excellent example of keenness and good sportsmanship, and we are very sorry to lose him. We sincerely hope he will get every opportunity of playing good football and cricket in the future.

The "A" team played in one match only, which they had the satisfaction of winning against a considerably heavier team. Considering that they had had little opportunity of playing together, they put up a very creditable performance, and we are glad to notice such a number of promising footballers in the middle school.

The "Under 14" XI., too, were seen on one occasion only, when they put up a remarkably good show against the Choristers. The team had its weak spots, it is true, but the School is full of promising footballers in the making, and, at the present moment, we can look forward to keen competition among the younger boys for places in the future School elevens.

CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

- J. S. WINDEBANK (Captain), *Centre-half*.—A very good school footballer, with an excellent knowledge of the game. Fed his wing forwards with judgment, but is not quite so good with his short passes. Is always in his place when attacking, but is rather slow in getting back during defensive work. A good shot, and an excellent captain.
- E. H. STICKLAND, *Right-half*.—A good bustling half. Has plenty of speed, and is quick on the ball. Fed his forwards well, and was a tower of strength to the defence. Very fair shot.
- P. SCAMMELL, *Centre-forward*.—Too small for his important position, but was an excellent worker. Did not combine very well with his inside forwards, but was always keen and alert. Very useful shot.
- C. S. BALHATCHET, *Goal*.—Quite the find of the season. Is quite a brilliant goalkeeper, and was always consistent. Uses his brains as well as his toes; and always clears cleanly. Should be able to take his place in any good team.
- A. J. COMBES, *Left-back*.—Started the season on the left wing, but went back to strengthen the defence. Developed into a very good 'back, but occasionally had an off-day. Kicks very well indeed, and has increased his pace considerably since last season.
- A. G. STEHLIK, *Right-back*.—A keen, hard-working footballer, who improved in every game he played. Is still somewhat slow in movement, but he was always in his place, and was usually good in anticipating opposing players' movements.
- A. T. SQUIRE, *Inside-left*.—An uncertain player of a somewhat nervous temperament. Played very well on occasions, and was then a prolific goal-scorer. Must try and bear inward when approaching goal. A good shot, and an excellent corner kicker.
- R. E. J. RICHARDS, *Left-half*.—Played well throughout the season, but must learn to grow. Marked his man very efficiently, and fed his own forwards with tact and judgment. A keen, conscientious footballer.
- D. N. HODDINOTT, *Outside-right*.—A disappointing player in a team, but was often good individually. Is still very slow and deliberate in his passing. When he overcomes these faults he will become quite good. A fair shot.
- W. E. LONEY, *Inside-right*.—Came into the team late in the season, and justified his selection. A good bustling forward, has good ball control, but does not give much assistance to his centre-forward. A useful shot.

Contrary to our usual custom, no eleventh colour was awarded. The following played in one or more matches, but although they showed distinct promise, their performances did not reach a high enough standard to justify a permanent position in the team:—W. J. Parsons, D. H. Tovey, H. G. Kennedy and R. H. Hitch.

DETAILS OF MATCHES.

S.G.S. v. Mr. R. B. Minchin's XI., home, October 28th, Lost 3-6.—Owing to our unfortunate epidemic of measles, no school could play us on this day, so Mr. Minchin very kindly got a team together to play us. Although beaten, the School played quite as well as we expected, and the game, especially in the first half, was well contested. In the second half, weight, and quickness on the ball by the opposing forwards, had their effect, and the School was kept chiefly on the defensive. Balhatchet, in goal, played an excellent game, and Windebank, at centre-half, was easily the best of the defence. The forwards were too small and light, and lacked a leader; but at times they played very good football. For Mr. Minchin's team, Mr. Veale was in excellent form, C. W. Coaker and G. W. Clarke showed much of their old prowess, and B. Hillier played quite well.

S.G.S. v. Blandford Secondary School, away, Nov. 4th, Won 10-1.—For the first few minutes of the game, our defence played very poor football, which resulted in Blandford getting a goal. Our forwards then started pressing, and a penalty kick enabled Windebank to equalise. For the remainder of the first half we had rather the better of the game, but our forwards, with the exception of Hoddinott and Parsons, were not playing well, and the halves were weak. A few minutes before half time, Scammell scored with a shot which should have been saved easily. During the second half our forwards woke up, and the halves improved, with the result that no less than eight more goals were scored—Scammell 3, Squire 2, Windebank 2, and Hoddinott 1. The forwards all played good football after the interval; Windebank was easily the best half, although Richards did many good things; the backs were not very clever; but Balhatchet, in goal, was quite safe. The last ten minutes of the match was played in the pouring rain, which somewhat spoilt the game from a spectator's point of view.

S.G.S. v. Old Shastonians, home, Nov. 14th, Lost 1-2.—Against a very fair opposition the team put up a strong fight, and showed that they were gradually getting together as a team. The forwards combined quite nicely, especially on the right wing, and Squire played very much better than he did in

the Blandford match. The halves, especially Windebank, did good work, but the wing halves were a bit slow and light for their more robust opponents. Combes and Stehlik played quite well; and Balhatchet, as usual, showed that he was a very competent goalkeeper. Our only goal was scored by W. J. Squire, at inside-left.

OLD SHASTONIAN XI.—H. G. Kennedy (goal); H. B. Spry, S. J. Granger (backs); J. W. W. Miles, W. Doggrell, D. C. Hindley (halves); M. C. W. Johnson, A. G. Egremont, R. W. Baker, J. W. Miles, S. Miles (forwards).

S.G.S. (Under 14) v. Choristers' School, Salisbury, home, Nov. 18th, Won 9-1.—A few minutes play sufficed to show that we were stronger than our opponents. After one or two failures to centre the ball properly, F. E. Gray, our outside right, scored two goals by somewhat lucky shots, and Milverton secured another easy one before half time. In the second half we had matters even more our own way, and six more goals were scored (Ryall 4, Baker 1, and Hiscock 1). The Choristers' centre-half played an excellent game, and it was his individual efforts which resulted in their only goal. The team played very well indeed, and showed great promise. Snook, in goal, did not have much to do; Alner and Sharp, at back, kicked splendidly; Hiscock was the best of a very hard-working line of halves, while Dean was the best of a bustling line of forwards.

S.G.S. v. Weymouth Secondary School, home, Nov. 21st, Won 5-2.—A very interesting match, in which our team played very excellent football against a heavier and faster team. For the first few minutes our opponents looked a winning side, but their forwards found A. J. Combes and A. G. Stehlik very difficult to pass, the former especially being in fine form. Our forwards then became aggressive, the good combination of the inside trio resulting in Scammell scoring with an excellent shot. Hoddinott added two more before half time, one being an admirable shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. Weymouth had considerably more of the game during the first half, but, thanks to our sturdy defence, we were enabled to change ends leading by the odd goal in five. During the second half we more than held our own; Scammell scored again, and a good corner by Squire enabled Windebank to head through our fifth and last goal. Weymouth were unable to score in this half, although Balhatchet had several shots to stop. The performance of the team was really creditable. Balhatchet and the two backs were quite good, Windebank and Stickland did yeoman service in the half-back line, while Squire and Scammell were the pick of the forwards. The wing forwards were too light and slow, and Hoddinott, while doing

excellent things on occasions, was not consistently good. Colours were awarded to A. J. Combes, A. G. Stehlik and A. T. Squire.

S.G.S. v. Bournemouth School, away, Nov. 25th, Lost 1-4.—School kicked off, with the wind, and it was soon evident that we were up against a tough proposition. The Bournemouth forwards were soon attacking, but their shooting at the start was not very accurate. On one occasion, however, an excellent shot was deflected by C. S. Balhatchet—a very brilliant piece of work. The play then became of a ding-dong character, but our forwards were not together, and the only shots put in consisted of a few optimistic "long-rangers" from Windebank. Half time arrived with no score. In the second half, our opponents' extra speed, weight, and ball-control, were soon felt, and our defence was defeated on four occasions. Our forwards broke away on one or two occasions, but they rarely looked dangerous. Hoddinott scored our only goal after Squire and Scammell had each made vain endeavours to do so. The most pleasing feature of the match was Balhatchet's goal-keeping; he was really excellent, and if it had not been for his efforts we should have been beaten by a greater margin. Stehlik was the better of the two backs, but they appeared very slow in comparison with the opposing forwards. Windebank, at half, was not at his best, especially when it came to defensive work, but Richards played quite a good game. Stickland got through a lot of work, and had a very difficult man to mark. The forwards were mediocre, and never got together. Our ball control was very poor, owing partly, of course, to the fact that the ball was always lively on their harder ground. The team, however, played very pluckily against a good school side, whose short passing was a very great pleasure to witness.

S.G.S. v. Weymouth Secondary School, away, Dec. 5th, Won 3-1.—On arriving at Weymouth we were surprised to find the turf extremely soft, as at Shaftesbury it had been so cold as to allow of skating. A strong wind blew straight down the field. Having won the toss, School elected to kick with the wind. In spite of this advantage, however, the first half was fairly evenly contested. Weymouth made several determined raids, but their shooting was very weak. Balhatchet, in goal, was very sound, and on one occasion saved what seemed a certain goal, by running out just at the right moment. School forwards, meanwhile, lacked cohesion, the wing men especially appearing to be unable to make progress, even with the wind behind them. Eventually, however, a Weymouth back mis-kicked, and Loney took advantage of it to shoot a good goal. Shortly afterwards Scammell took advantage of a similar mistake, to score a second goal with a very good shot

indeed. Then Windebank added a third, the ball slipping through the goalkeeper's hands. This ended the scoring for the first half. In the second half defeat seemed certain; yet we won by three goals to one. This is a tribute to the splendid goalkeeping of Balhatchet, and the determined way in which, not only the backs, but the whole team, stuck to their job in the face of heavy odds. School hardly crossed the half-way line, and were confined for a considerable part of the forty-five minutes to their own penalty area, yet Weymouth scored only one solitary goal. Hoddinott, Loney and Richards were awarded colours after the match.

S.G.S. v. Blandford Secondary School, home, Dec. 9th, Won 8-1.—Windebank won the toss for the School, and chose to play with the sun and wind behind him. Both sides took a long time to settle down, but after about twenty minutes our forwards managed to beat the Blandford defence, only to have the goal disallowed for off-side. However, this seemed to put heart into the team, and very soon afterwards Stickland scored from about twenty-five yards range. This was all the scoring till after half time, when our forwards, despite the wind, played much better football, and five goals were added (Loney 2, Scammell 1, Windebank 1, Hoddinott 1) before Blandford could score. After Blandford obtained their goal, Squire and Windebank both scored for School. Balhatchet had little to do in goal; what little he did have, however, he did quite well. The backs were both weak, Stehlik particularly; the halves were the best line of the team, and worked well throughout. During the first half the forwards missed many chances, but improved later.

S.G.S. ("A" team) v. Milton Abbas G.S., home, Dec. 12th, Won 4-2.—The Milton Abbas side was rather heavier than the home team, though not so well balanced, being unfortunate in having two rather small inside forwards. Kennedy won the toss, and set Milton Abbas to face a bright sun. The game opened in favour of the visitors, who caused the School defence many anxious moments, and Dare, in goal, had more work to do than the visiting goalkeeper. When our forwards did attack, however, they put more method into their work, and Hitch scored the only goal before half time. At the kick-off after half time, our forwards went straight down the field, and Hitch again scored. After that, even play ensued; then Milton Abbas beat the School defence. During an attack by our forwards, Hitch headed in, the goalkeeper fumbled the ball, and Ryall made certain. Milton Abbas then scored their second goal, and Kennedy completed the scoring from twenty yards—a very good shot indeed. The School defence was very good, and Cross, at centre-half, worked exceedingly hard. The forwards were fairly good, though the wing forwards were rather weaker than the insides.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

FINE, cold weather prevailed while these matches were being played, and morning frost made the grounds sometimes on the hard side. The Spartans, with six School colours, won very easy victories in both competitions, and nearly all their games were too one-sided to be really interesting. Still, both their teams played excellent football, and it will probably be many years, before we see their equals in House Football. The Spartans obtained *eight* points (*five* for Senior and *three* for Junior win), the Romans *three* (second in Senior), and the Trojans *one* (second in Junior).

The individual results were as follows:—

SENIOR.			JUNIOR.		
Spartans beat	Corinthians...	5—0	Spartans beat	Corinthians...	9—1
" "	Trojans ...	8—3	" "	Romans ...	19—0
" "	Romans ...	6—1	" "	Trojans ...	6—0
Romans "	Trojans ...	2—1	Trojans "	Romans ...	7—0
" "	Corinthians...	2—1	" "	Corinthians...	1—0
Trojans drew	Corinthians...	1—1	Corinthians beat	Romans ...	2—1

SPARTANS.

The Senior team was a very strong side, containing no fewer than six of the first eleven. Windebank was the best player on the side, and Squire was the pick of a good line of forwards. The Junior team was far heavier than any of its opponents, and contained players who, in any other House, would have played for the senior team. J. P. Cross, B. S. Day and Welch were the best players, and H. G. Young the most prolific scorer.

SENIOR TEAM.—J. S. Windebank (Capt.), E. A. G. Manton, E. W. T. Whitworth, A. G. Stehlik, P. Scammell, A. T. Squire, D. N. Hoddinott, W. E. Loney, R. C. Day, G. L. Harding and H. I. Gray.

JUNIOR TEAM.—J. P. Cross (Capt.), C. A. Green, H. G. Young, W. G. Welch, B. S. Day, W. B. Alner, R. E. Godfrey, E. W. Whitworth, G. J. Hiscock, J. N. Robertson and J. Fancott.

ROMANS.

The Romans did better than was expected, especially as Stirling was unable to play on account of leg-trouble. Stickland performed splendidly, and was admirably supported by Richards, Longmore, and P. H. Ryall. The Juniors were a weak side; but some of the members, notably Jim Dean, shew promise of better things in the future.

SENIOR TEAM.—E. H. Stickland (Capt.), R. E. J. Richards, E. W. Gocher, E. A. A. Foot, H. G. Gray, D. G. Longmore, P. H. Ryall, L. A. Dennis, R. K. Brett and H. C. Rebbeck.

JUNIOR TEAM.—W. J. R. Dean (Capt.), R. D. Ball, A. J. Allard, A. S. Braddick, N. S. Marsh, A. P. Southon, E. L. Cross, H. B. A. Foot, F. D. Hollick, M. T. Richards and J. I. Hughes.

TROJANS.

There was a lack of thrust about the Senior side, and they failed to win a match, although Balhatchet set them an excellent example. The Juniors, although small, played plucky football, but hardly did as well as was anticipated.

SENIOR TEAM.—*From*—C. S. Balhatchet (Capt.), H. G. Kennedy, R. E. Roberts, F. B. Dare, H. M. Gale, R. H. Hitch, H. B. Tuffin, E. J. Tucker, R. B. Dashper, D. H. Tovey, R. H. Kennedy, H. R. Sims, D. H. Sharp.

JUNIOR TEAM.—*From*—F. C. Imber (Capt.), R. Light, A. J. Mitchell, G. P. Ryall, I. E. Tovey, R. M. Law, P. A. Tucker, F. C. Coningham, R. L. Hale, J. A. Wakefield, J. G. Hoddinott, D. H. Sharp, H. R. Sims.

CORINTHIANS.

The teams were not as strong as usual; in the Senior the weakness lay in the forward line, which contained five players who tried hard, but were all too small for their positions. The goal-keeping, too, was only moderate. A. J. Combes, R. F. Preston and N. H. Lock, all worked hard. The Juniors also lacked good forwards, but the team contained a few promising players.

SENIOR TEAM.—A. J. Combes (Capt.), R. F. Preston, N. H. Lock, J. R. Galwéy, F. E. Gray, P. Wyatt, W. E. Thomas, T. J. M. House, R. J. Milverton, E. J. H. Baker and C. G. F. Hazell.

JUNIOR TEAM.—J. F. Whidborne (Capt.), F. J. P. Snook, G. B. Hiscock, J. Woolston, W. F. Cole, B. C. House, J. R. Dowson, S. R. Harris, F. W. Coates, R. S. Hoskins, R. J. Gray.

CADET CORPS.

The following have been struck off the strength of the Corps, on leaving School:—Co.-Q.M.Sgt. R. H. Stirling, Cpls. J. S. Windebank, E. H. Stickland and G. W. Whitworth, Cadets J. P. Cross, R. F. Preston, R. D. Ball, and G. K. Johnson.

We greatly miss the N.C.O.'s, who all had camp experience, and were always very keen and enthusiastic both in connection with the Corps and the Bugle Band. Co.-Q.M.S. Stirling did excellent work, and by his own example always got very good results, as was well shown by the praise bestowed on his platoon at the Public Schools' Camp. "Thoroughness in all branches of the Corps work" was his motto throughout the period in which he was Second-in-Command.

Corps work during last term centred chiefly on the training of the recruits, so that they might be absorbed into the Company.

In November, the Corps paraded at full strength for Armistice Service at Trinity Church, and afterwards, at the Memorial Cross, Cpl. J. S. Windebank and Cadet C. S. Balhatchet sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveillé."

PROMOTIONS (Jan. 20th, 1926).

To be Corporals—

Lce.-Cpls. A. J. Combes and H. Kennedy.

To be Lance-Corporals—

Cadets R. B. Dashper and C. S. Balhatchet.

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

LIBRARY.

We are very grateful to the following donors of books:—

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Great White South" ...	H. Ponting	Miss B. Ling
"The Seven Conundrums" ...	Oppenheim	C. S. Balhatchet
"Jacob's Ladder" ...	"	"
"Michael's Evil Deeds" ...	"	"
"Aaron Rodd, Diviner" ...	"	F. C. Imber
"Rules of the Game" ...	White, S. E.	G. R. Imber
"Tom Burke" ...	Lever	H. R. Sims
"Moths of the Limber-Lost" ...	S. Porter...	"
"Dick of the Fens" ...	M. Fenn ...	"
"The Haunted Room" ...	A.L.O.E.	"
"Watchers on the Long Ship" ...	Cobb ...	"
"The School across the Road" ...	Coke ...	"
"The Sea Hawk" ...	Sabatini ...	L. G. Lowther
"Behind the Beyond" ...	Leacock ...	"
"Nonsense Novels" ...	"	"
"The Valley of Ghosts" ...	Wallace ...	"
"Animal Life" ...	Yates ...	H. R. Sims

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

OUR Annual Prize Distribution took place in the School Hall, on Thursday, Nov. 19th, in the presence of a large gathering of Governors, parents and friends. We were particularly fortunate in persuading Mr. A. J. Woodroffe, Chairman of the Dorset Education Committee, to pay us a visit for the first time, and we gladly take this opportunity of offering him our very grateful thanks for making such a long journey to distribute our prizes. We also offer our thanks to the many friends of the School who presented prizes for distribution; we can assure them we very much appreciate their kind thought and generosity.

In the absence of the Chairman of our Governing Body (Mr. George Gordon), Mr. R. W. Borley (Vice-Chairman) occupied the chair, and he opened proceedings by calling upon Dr. Tovey to give us a summary of the year's activities.

Dr. Tovey said that whether judged by the increased numbers or by the better quality of their work, the School had made distinct progress during the year. Their numbers at the present time were 184 boys. They had never had more day boys, every boarder's bed was occupied, and there was a waiting-list long enough to fill the School until the end of the January term, 1927. Last July they sent in a big form for the Cambridge Local Certificate Examination, and no fewer than 21 boys passed, a larger number than the School had ever passed before. Three gained honours, two obtained distinction in religious knowledge and chemistry, six were excused the London Matric., and eleven were excused the entrance examination to Cambridge University. The great merit of the form was that it was a young form, the average age being just over 15, and one or two were not much over 14. Continuing, Dr. Tovey said the Governors were immensely pleased with the report of the Board of Inspection, and anyone reading it must have been extremely impressed by the high praise given to the Assistant Masters, not only for their work in the School, but for all they did for its corporate life. The report stated that it was a pity that there was no advanced work done in the School, but he was glad to say that since then, a two years' course of higher English and higher French had been started. He appealed to parents to allow promising boys to stay at school for those two years after they had passed the School Certificate Examination. The boy who stayed at school till he was 18 was going to make a better man of the world than the boy who left at 16. The character-building that went on during those two years was very important. The Inspectors also referred to the pressing need of a reference library, which was even more pressing now that they had started advanced

work. The Governors had decided to consider the matter at their next meeting. It was also felt that the School should have some fives courts, but these things could not all come at once. Dr. Tovey, proceeding, said a thing dear to his heart was the establishment of a small scholarship to enable boys to go on to the University, and although this might not perhaps be the moment to start it, he hoped it would be borne in mind. There were, of course, the Senior County Scholarships, but a number of the boys of that school were not eligible for those scholarships, as they did not live in Dorset. He was sure that there were boys who, with a little inducement in the shape of finance, could take good Honours Degrees, and cover themselves, their families, and their School with credit. (Applause). Dr. Tovey, in conclusion, touched on the lighter side of school life. The Cadet Corps was now in a flourishing condition; but the Cricket and Football teams were not quite so good as they would like to see them. He thought that at the moment the work of the School was better than its games. Last summer's Cricket team was disappointing; they had had two good batsmen in R. H. Hitch and J. S. Windebank, but a great deal of the cricket was below the standard of previous years. The Football team was on the small side, and lacked pace, but it contained some promising players. Mr. G. O. Genge, an old boy, had very kindly given a challenge cup for the best fielder of the year, and Mr. Windebank had also given one for the best bowler, in memory, as he expressed it, of the happy times his three boys had spent at the School. In conclusion, Dr. Tovey expressed his delight at Mr. Woodroffe's presence with them that afternoon. He remarked that he had come to a School in which masters, old boys and present boys formed one big happy family, imbued with a deep and abiding love for their School, and to a Town which was as proud of its School as any town in England.

Mr. A. J. Woodroffe then presented the prizes as follows:—

FORM PRIZES.

Presented by—

VI. Form.—M. C. W. Johnson	...	...	Mr. A. F. Parsons.
E. H. Stickland	...	...	Mr. R. Williams.
V. Form.—E. W. Gocher	...	...	Mr. R. W. Borley.
C. A. Green	...	...	Mr. H. P. Barnitt.
IVA. Form.—E. J. Tucker	...	...	Mr. G. H. Imber.
A. T. Squire	...	...	Dr. Harris.
IVB. Form.—D. A. Parham	...	...	The Misses Brown.
A. F. T. Hillier	...	...	"Machlin" Prize.
IIIA. Form.—J. Fancott	...	...	"Machlin" Prize.
R. H. Benjafield.			
IIIB. Form.—T. S. Tucker.			
A. E. Mayhew.			
II. Form.—J. A. Wakefield.			
G. E. Alford.			

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR GOOD WORK.

			<i>Presented by—</i>
V. Form.—	J. P. Cross, ...	...	Mr. C. Thomas.
	A. C. G. Stehlik ...	...	Mr. F. Richards.
	H. M. Gale ...	...	Mrs. Burridge.
	F. C. Imber ...	...	Dr. Tovey.
IV A. Form.—	D. H. Tovey ...	...	"Machlin" Prize.
IV B. Form.—	P. A. Tucker ...	...	"Machlin" Prize.
	V. J. Adams.		
	F. E. Gray.		
	J. C. Day.		
III A. Form.—	R. Light.		

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Woodroffe for his visit and kindly services. He said that the Governors and the townspeople generally were proud of their School, and did not lose sight of the fact that its success was due to Dr. and Mrs. Tovey, and the Staff.

The Rev. F. W. Aldous (Rector of Holy Trinity) seconded the vote of thanks, which was warmly accorded.

Mr. Woodroffe, who was enthusiastically received, said that he had always desired to see that School, which he had heard so much about. He had read the report referred to by Dr. Tovey, from cover to cover, and it was a splendid report. They had every reason to be proud of the School and of the excellent Headmaster, whose character had permeated the School and made it the success it was. The real worth of a school did not depend on its buildings—magnificent though Shaftesbury's were—but upon its character; and its character depended upon the individual members of it. The character of that School was founded on sound traditions. Tradition was that which told a boy what was bad form, what was the right thing to do, and what the School would and would not tolerate. Tradition differed from the authority of the Headmaster. His was the power of one over many. Tradition was the power of many over one. The boy who was an example of industry and upright honesty of purpose and intention was not only a credit to the school now. His example would remain a continuing credit to the school. The boys should have an honest pride in their School, because that was the right way to create the spirit of patriotism so necessary in these times. That School would stand as a very silent but a very real preventive against boys doing anything when they left school to mar its good name. What they learned in the playing fields, no less than in the class-rooms, strengthened their mental powers, and he believed the Headmaster had made such a success of that School because he had taken such a great interest in the games side. That was the secret of success, for games were a means of character-training, almost,

if not quite, as important as the work in the class-room. Energy was the soul of a great character, and the energy of the Headmaster had made that School a success. The boys must be careful not to let him down, but to endeavour to do still better in the future. Truthfulness was the basis of a fine character. Real success and real happiness depended not so much on the success they made of their own lives, as of doing service for others. Whatever they learnt was intended to make them of more service to those among whom they lived in after life. Education was the making of character. It taught them to appreciate God, to know themselves, to understand the age in which they lived, and thus be better equipped to serve the community. Continuing, Mr. Woodroffe said that many parents stinted themselves in order to educate their children, and he appealed to them not to spoil their sacrifices by taking their children away from school too soon. In conclusion, Mr. Woodroffe asked the Headmaster, to give the boys a half-holiday to celebrate his first visit to the School.

The Rev. N. S. Lawrie proposed a vote of thanks to the staff, and paid a high tribute to the work of the Headmaster and Mrs. Tovey, and of the assistant masters and their wives. He thought, he said, that when they were schoolboys they were not sufficiently grateful for the care bestowed upon them, but he reminded them of the cause they had to be grateful, particularly for the home life of the School and all that was done for their comfort and welfare.

The Mayor (Mr. F. R. Woodcock), who is an Old Boy of the School, expressed his pleasure at being present that afternoon and warmly seconded the vote of thanks.

Dr. Tovey, in reply, said he had already promised the Mayor to give the boys an extra half-holiday to celebrate his Mayoralty, and he would also give another as requested by Mr. Woodroffe.

Dr. and Mrs. Tovey afterwards entertained the parents and visitors to tea.

O.S. CLUB DINNER.

THE Fourth Re-union Dinner of the O.S. Club was held on Saturday, November 14th, at the Grosvenor Hotel, Shaftesbury, and the success of the evening was a tribute no less to the flourishing condition of the Club than to the pains to which the Hon. Sec. had, as ever, put himself, and to the excellence of the dinner provided. There was an attendance of between seventy and eighty, and in the regrettable absence, due to illness, of the Club's President, Dr. Cheater, the chair was taken by Dr. Tovey, who was supported by C. E. Pearce, the President for the current year. At the conclusion of the dinner the speeches were interspersed with a number of excellent songs and musical items, to which Dr. Tovey, Messrs. Wilson Tovey, H. Clegg, R. Johnson, J. N. Wescott, B. Hillier, and H. A. Roles contributed.

After the toast of "The King" had been drunk, the Mayor, Mr. F. R. Woodcock, rose to propose "The School." He reminded the gathering that he was an older boy than many of them. He could remember when the School was being built and he could look back upon his schooldays with the greatest possible pleasure. He also looked back upon his schooldays with a certain amount of regret, because he realised that if he had not been born too soon by about thirty years he would have been a pupil of Dr. Tovey and he would, to-day, have known a great deal more than he did. Since Dr. Tovey had been the headmaster the School had made strides that would have been unthinkable years ago. In his (the speaker's) day the average attendance was 40 to 45. To-day there were 109 boarders and the total scholars were 182. What did such a school mean to the town of Shaftesbury? He had heard it said many times that the School was an asset to the town. He agreed, but it was also one of the finest advertisements that Shaftesbury had ever had, because those boys came from all over the country. The greatest credit was due to Dr. Tovey for the way in which he had worked up the school. It was impossible, however, for a head to do all the work, and he was sure that Dr. Tovey himself would agree that a great deal of the credit for the success of the school was due to the staff. However good a man was he could not work alone, and there were some members of the staff who did not come into the limelight as much as others. Dr. Tovey got the boys through the examinations, arranged concerts, and sports, and got all the credit. But there was one who was not in the limelight, without whom it would be impossible for Dr. Tovey to obtain that credit, and that was Mrs. Tovey. With Mrs. Tovey there were two other ladies who worked hard in the interest of the school—Mrs. Ramshaw and Mrs. Minchin. A great many of

the old boys there that night were not married, and would not understand what he was going to say. "Let me tell you," continued the Mayor, "that when you do get married, those whom you now know as the weaker sex will become very much stronger." He (the Mayor) ventured to say that Dr. Tovey would not have attained the position he had but for the backing and the strong persuasion of Mrs. Tovey, who made him do what he ought to do. Proceeding, the Mayor said he was delighted to see that the school was keeping up the same traditions as in his day, that was, in the happy way they had of calling their fellow scholars by nick-names. He could remember a great many of his schoolfellows, not by their names, but by their nick-names. He would rather not say what his own nick-name was. Mr. Johnson would privately tell any of them who desired to know. But, however much those nick-names jarred on the boys at school, when they grew older they would realise that those nick-names were a mark of respect and affection for each individual boy.

Dr. Tovey, who, on rising to reply, was greeted with cheers, first of all offered, in the name of the old boys, the heartiest congratulations to Mr. Woodcock on having been elected Mayor of the Borough. They wished him a happy and prosperous year in the civic chair. Mr. Woodcock was the third old boy who had been Mayor of Shaftesbury, and there were one or two others on the Town Council who, they hoped, would follow in his footsteps. Proceeding, Dr. Tovey said he did not profess to have done more than anyone else for the school, but he yielded to no-one in his love for the school and his determination to do his best for it. He heartily agreed with what had been said about the assistant masters. There was an old saying that a man was judged by the company he kept. He (Dr. Tovey) asked for no better judgment than to be judged by the company of his assistant masters. He was also pleased to think that mention had been made of Mrs. Tovey, Mrs. Ramshaw and Mrs. Minchin, for they did, in their different ways, a great deal to promote the welfare of the school. The old boys knew them personally, and if not, they knew their husbands, and it was obvious that to choose such splendid husbands they must have an abundance of good sense, charm, and capability. Having referred to the regretted absence of the President (Dr. G. W. Cheater) through illness, Dr. Tovey passed on to speak of the work of the school. He said they had had a searching examination by the Board of Education, and the report sent to the Governors was extraordinarily gratifying. He thought he could say, without fear of contradiction, that every Governor, every Master, and every well-wisher of the School could justifiably be proud of that report. Last July they passed more boys in the School

Certificate Examination (the Senior Local) than ever before. When he told them that twenty-one out of 25 passed that examination, they would be able to appreciate the splendid nature of their achievement. The Football and Cricket teams had not been quite so good as in some other years, but there were, in the junior school, several youngsters of very great promise. The Cadet Corps was as flourishing as ever. They had a record number of cadets, and if they could, as he (the speaker) did, see them drilling, they would be as pleased with their smartness and all-round efficiency as he was. Proceeding, Dr. Tovey said how pleased he was at the representative gathering of Old Boys they had there that evening. The School had much to be thankful for, and nothing, perhaps, more than the Old Boys' Club, and their keenness and enthusiasm for the school they all loved. As long as he was privileged to be their Headmaster, he did not think he could do a greater work for the school's future than to foster that love and spirit and friendship which existed among them all. He was grateful to the officers of the Club for the splendid work they did on behalf of the Club, and for the support they were giving him in his efforts to increase the usefulness and improve the prestige of the school. They were living to-day in difficult times, and abroad in the world there was not that spirit of friendship which one would like to see, and which prevailed among the past and present boys of the schools. He would like to say that if any of them had their difficulties, he hoped the old school would be able to help them in as generous a way as they were helping their school.

Mr. Wilson G. Tovey, in proposing the toast of "The Club," appealed to all present to do all they possibly could to persuade youngsters leaving school to become members of the Club. In coupling the name of Mr. Minchin with that toast, he would like to express on behalf of all the old boys, their sincere gratitude to him for all the work he did on behalf of the Club.

Mr. Minchin, who was cordially received, said that the membership of the Club was now 243, an increase on last year of 22. He desired to thank the Treasurer (Mr. Wescott), and Mr. Woodcock and Mr. Rutter for the help they had given him, to his "recruiting sergeant," Mr. W. Doggrell, for whom nothing was too much trouble in getting new members, and to Mr. Scott also, a very active member. He (the speaker) was an old boy of the school himself, and he was proud of it. Shaftesbury School was, of its kind, second to none in this part of England, because their life in the school, their pleasant relations, not only with the Headmaster, but the relations between the boys and the old boys, all seemed to be of the

highest character. Mr. Minchin mentioned that Mr. E. Johnson had three sons present that night, and some of them would have to look slippy to beat that record. He looked forward to the time when they would have not only father and son, but grandfather, and son, and grandson. Personally, he thought that the first to achieve that, should be made an honorary member of the Club. Speaking of the athletic side of the Club, Mr. Minchin said that the interest this year was such that he thought they would have to finish with the Old Shastonian Cricket Club, but the promises he had received had influenced him to make the fixtures for next season. Those tours did an enormous amount of good, not only to the school, but to Shaftesbury itself. Although that was only the fourth annual dinner, the Club had been in existence since 1919. Altogether, 24 matches had been played, of which 15 had been won, five lost, and four drawn. He thought that was a record to be proud of.

Mr. W. Farley Rutter proposed the toast of "Absent Friends." He said that those who were present that evening had been privileged to renew the old comradeship of their school days, which had continued down to the present time, and would, he believed, continue to the end of their days. There were those, however, who were unable to share the privilege which was theirs, and he would mention particularly Dr. Cheater, who had brought fame to the school, and was at the present time stricken down by sickness, and Mr. Charles Phillips, who was suffering from typhoid, in Madeira. Their sympathy went out to those two old boys, whom they particularly remembered that night. Proceeding, Mr. Rutter said there was much to be said for a School song, something they could sing each time they gathered together, something that enshrined in word and tune what they felt they owed to the school, and what their school called them to. Many of the old boys were away in some of the outposts of Empire, and he felt that such a song would be a great asset and encouragement. They remembered specially at that time those whose names were on the Roll of Honour at the school. In referring to them, he would merely add that which appeared at the bottom of the roll of honour—"Their sacrifice is our example."

The toast, coupled with the names of Dr. Cheater and Mr. Charles Phillips, was drunk with enthusiasm, and the evening concluded with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

O.S. NEWS.

Our hearty congratulations go to Mr. F. R. Woodcock on his election as Mayor of Shaftesbury. May he have a very happy and successful year of office.

Dick Payne is now rubber planting in Malaya, and we are delighted to hear he is doing well. He still plays soccer and cricket, and hopes to be home on leave in 1927.

Dr. Tovey has heard from F. H. Hortor, who is in Johannesburg. He is most anxious to find out what has happened to Clovis Auperrin. Can any old boy tell us?

Jack Brown has arrived at Dar-es-Salaam, and seems to be favourably impressed with life in Tanganyika.

Congratulations to R. H. Baker, G. O. Genge, T. D. Osborne, J. Pearson, J. E. P. Strange and D. L. Welman, all of whom have recently become engaged to be married.

We are delighted to hear that George Cheater has very much improved in health as a result of his visit to Switzerland. He hopes to be home again shortly.

Our hearty congratulations to Bob Tayler and his wife on the birth of a son and heir.

Reggie Dean has left *H.M.S. Worcester*, and is now on his first voyage. When we last heard of him he was at Brisbane.

We are delighted to record the success of A. J. Baxter in the final of the R.V.C. Exam.

H. L. M. Patten is at Leysin, Switzerland. He is making an excellent recovery, and hopes shortly to return to the Channel Islands.

G. W. Clarke was married to Miss Turner, on Jan. 17th. We offer them our very best wishes for a happy married life.

R. S. Cole is at the Herts. School of Agriculture at St. Albans. A few days ago the building was partially destroyed by fire, but judging by a picture in the "Daily Graphic," he is still alive and well.

C. W. Coaker has been appointed to a Southampton branch of the N.P. Bank.

The School Sports will be held on Wednesday, March 17th, at 2.30 p.m. The "Shield" Sports will take place (probably in Poole Park) on Thursday, March 25th, at 2 p.m.

O.S. CLUB NEWS.

The seventh Annual General Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Owing to illness, our President (Dr. G. W. Cheater) was unable to take the chair, so Mr. Ernest Johnson, our ex-President, kindly deputized for him. The following members were present:—Dr. C. H. Tovey, Messrs. A. J. Baxter, W. J. N. Bolitho, R. Crabbe, F. R. Crocker, W. Doggrell, A. G. Egremont, S. J. Granger, T. Hayden, D. C. Hindley, S. H. D. Johnson, L. E. B. Johnson, M. C. W. Johnson, F. A. H. Matthews, J. H. McLachlan, J. W. Miles, S. W. Miles, J. W. W. Miles, A. D. Miles, R. B. Minchin, C. E. Pearce, F. E. Pickford, L. G. Prideaux, W. Ramshaw, H. A. Roles, W. Farley Rutter, R. G. Scott, J. B. Senior, H. C. Stainer, C. J. Taylor, W. G. Tovey, H. W. Tovey, P. J. Waters, A. J. Wescott, W. H. B. Windebank, F. N. Windebank and G. C. H. Woolston.

Before any business was transacted, the Chairman expressed, in a few appropriate words, the meeting's sympathy with Dr. Cheater on his illness, and regret that his indisposition would prevent his taking the chair at the Annual Dinner.

After the minutes had been read, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed. Mr. C. E. Pearce was cordially elected President for 1925-26, Mr. Wescott and Mr. Minchin were re-elected to the posts of Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively, and the old Committee were re-elected *en bloc* with the addition of Mr. McMahon to take the place made vacant by Mr. Pearce's election to the presidency.

The next Annual Dinner will be held at Salisbury, probably about the end of October.

Will some member, or members of the Club, submit (1) a design for our Club Flag, and (2) verses for a School Song?

The following matches have been fixed for our 1926 Cricket Tour:—

Saturday, July 31st	...	v. Dudley Wayfarers (at Ryde).
Monday, Aug. 2nd	...	v. Newport.
Tuesday, „ 3rd	...	v. Ryde.
Wednes. „ 4th	...	v. Shanklin.

Matches for Thursday, July 29th, and Friday, July 30th, are being arranged, probably against The Deanery, Southampton, and Ventnor, respectively.

We earnestly appeal to our cricketing members to make every effort to come on tour. We are anxious to run a stronger team this season.

NEW MEMBERS.

- R. S. Cole, The Coneygres, Quenington, Fairford, Glos.
 T. A. Green, Bedchester, Shaftesbury.
 J. P. Jeans, Arundale, Hambledon Road, Boscombe.
 M. C. W. Johnson, 48, High Street, Shaftesbury.
 L. G. Lowther, Harnham Bridge House, Salisbury.
 R. F. Preston, Sea View Hotel, Parkstone.
 A. C. Roberts, St. John's & All Saints' School, Eaton Street,
 Waterloo Road, N. Lambeth.
 E. H. Stickland, South Lynn, Gillingham, Dorset.
 R. H. M. Stirling, Langsyde, Sherborne Road, Yeovil.
 P. J. Waters, Lake, Salisbury.

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A few back numbers have been retained for sale at 6d. each.