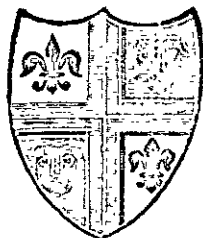


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EDITORIAL.

THE most pleasing feature of last term was the improvement in the quality of our football, and we offer our thanks and congratulations to Mr. Veale and our captain (C. S. Balhatchet) on the success which crowned their untiring efforts. Balhatchet was selected to keep goal for the A.F.A. Public Schools' team v. The Casuals F.C. on January 4th, and we are delighted to hear that his goalkeeping favourably impressed the critics.

Our Fives Courts are now finished, and we have started to play. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. R. W. Borley for the practical help he has given us with our building, and also those masters and boys who gave the successful theatrical performances recorded elsewhere, which benefited the fund to the extent of £25.

We would earnestly call the attention of all our O.S. readers to the letter published in this issue, asking for more old boy news. The ideal we aim at is to devote half of each magazine to the doings of present boys, and half to those of old boys. This can only be done if all old boys will help.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

A. W. Harding (c.) B. E. E. Miles (R.) G. R. Rousell (s.)
(The letter in brackets after each name denotes the "House.")

VALETE.

- C. S. BALHATCHET.—Form VI. Entered Sept., 1923. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1925. Prefect, Sept., 1926 (Head Prefect, Sept., 1927). Cricket XI., 1925, 1926 and 1927. Football XI. 1925, 1926 and 1927 (Captain, 1926 and 1927). Co.-S.M., Cadet Corps, October, 1927.
- A. S. BRADDICK.—Form IVA. Entered May, 1924.
- J. R. GALWEY.—Form VI. Entered May, 1924. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1926.
- R. S. GATEHOUSE.—Form IIIA. Entered January, 1925.
- F. E. GRAY.—Form VI. Entered Sept., 1923. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam. (with *distinction* in Mathematics), July, 1927. Prefect, Sept., 1927. Football XI., 1926 and 1927.
- S. H. HARDING.—Form V. Entered September, 1921.
- A. F. T. HILLIER.—Form VI. Entered Sept., 1923. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam. (with Honours, *distinguished* in Religious Knowledge), July, 1927.
- G. B. HISCOCK.—Form IVA. Entered September, 1923.
- R. J. MOODY.—Form IVB. Entered September, 1924.
- M. T. RICHARDS.—Form IVA. Entered January, 1925.
- L. C. RYALL.—Form V. Entered September, 1923.
- J. F. WHIDBORNE.—Form VI. Entered January, 1923. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1927. Cricket XI., 1927.
- E. W. WHITWORTH.—Form IVA. Entered April, 1920.

PREFECTS.

H. M. Gale (Head Prefect).

R. H. Kennedy. F. C. Imber. D. H. Tovey. R. M. Law. R. Light.

HEAD BOYS.

V. J. Adams. W. B. Alner. C. G. F. Hazell. D. A. Parham.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

Corinthians—C. G. F. Hazell.

Spartans—W. B. Alner.

Romans—V. J. Adams.

Trojans—H. M. Gale.

FOOTBALL.

The final order of Colours for 1927 was as follows:—C. S. Balhatchet (captain), F. E. Gray, W. J. Parsons, C. G. F. Hazell, D. H. Tovey, R. T. A. Millard, R. H. Kennedy, W. B. Alner, F. C. Imber, I. E. Tovey, F. J. P. Snook.

Mr. L. J. Cole, B.A., joined the staff this term as an additional master. We offer him a very hearty welcome.

FOOTBALL.

THIS season, the football was taken far more seriously than last; the whole team gave the impression that they were determined to avenge the terrible record of 1926, a spirit no doubt imbued by the six old colours. Certain drastic changes were made in the positions which these players had occupied; for example, C. S. Balhatchet was brought from goal to centre-forward, and C. G. F. Hazell from centre-half to right back. That these changes were advantageous was shown by the way the players acquitted themselves in their new positions, and also by the example they set, particularly that set by C. S. Balhatchet—a most valuable example of vigorous play, by which the whole school benefited.

Looking at the general criticism in last year's magazine, one realises that the faults there mentioned were to a large extent eradicated this season. The tackling was much keener, and rarely did one see "tackling backwards," in fact it was in tackling that one noticed the greatest improvement, not only in the 1st XI. but, more important still, throughout the school. Greater anticipation was shown, and attention to this important factor next year may make the side yet more successful.

There was far more keenness among the lower clubs, and all seemed to show in their games a desire to play harder and better football. If this desire is present, then we may indeed hope for future teams worthy of the school.

The first match of the season, against Blandford School, proved the easiest win that the 1st XI. had, and though the team did not play polished football, nevertheless they made up for this by the vigour they displayed, and during the second half completely outplayed their opponents.

Against Bournemouth, at Shaftesbury, although the visitors scored first, School led by 3-1 at the interval, and immediately after the re-start C. S. Balhatchet made the score 4-1. This lead they held until 15 minutes from the end, and then for some reason they went to pieces. It was no doubt mistaken policy to concentrate on defence; attack is the best form of defence, and had the team continued to play the normal game the rot would not have occurred. As it was, the visitors were allowed to score the three goals necessary to force a draw. It certainly was a disappointing result.

When Weymouth visited Shaftesbury on Nov. 26th, they had not been beaten for two years. In the first half play was very even, and at half time the score was 1-1. During the

second half School had nearly all the play, but could not score until two minutes from the end, when D. H. Tovey sent in a shot which one of the Weymouth backs deflected out of the goalkeeper's reach, into the net; so that School just won by 2 goals to 1.

As was to be expected, since Bournemouth managed to draw when they visited Shaftesbury, when they played on their own ground they managed to win. For one thing the ground was far faster than that at Shaftesbury, and for some time Bournemouth kept School in their own half, though they only led 1-0 at half time. In the second half they managed to score three more, against one—which C. G. F. Hazell scored from a corner kick.

The best game of the season was played at Weymouth, the whole team playing remarkably well. D. H. Tovey gave the School the lead, but F. J. P. Snook, C. G. F. Hazell and F. E. Gray had to work very hard to keep Weymouth out. C. S. Balhatchet scored from a centre by F. C. Imber, and W. J. Parsons from a pass from W. B. Alner. Then Weymouth obtained one goal but could score no more.

The greatest defeat was at the hands of the Hon. Artillery Co., A.F.C., who were kind enough to send a team down from London to give an exhibition of amateur football. For the first half an hour the School held their visitors very well, only conceding one goal. Then, however, the H.A.C. obtained three in quick succession. During the second half, weight and experience told, and the School could only score one, against 8 from the H.A.C. Though it was a heavy defeat, the lessons, if learned, were worth it. Never has such accurate passing been seen on the School ground, although conditions made good football very difficult. Similarly the examples of anticipation and position play can hardly be forgotten by either spectators or players.

The "A" team were unfortunate in only having one match—against Warminster, and this they won easily by 11-0. This game showed that there are some players coming on, who will, if they try, be a credit to the 1st XI. H. J. Shepard and J. N. Robertson both show promise, and E. H. J. Southon and L. J. H. Willis, if they exercise care and thought in positioning themselves, should become useful backs.

"UNDER 14."

Three matches were played during the term. The first match, against the Choristers at Shaftesbury, resulted in a win by 16 goals to 0. In the return game at Salisbury a slightly altered team only succeeded in winning 3-1. Against Warminster, at Shaftesbury, the score was 5-0 in the School's favour. Unfortunately the return had to be scratched.

There are several promising young players in this side. W. H. F. Gauntlett, in goal, who, though he had little to do, did what was required quite well; if he is to take his place in the school eleven he will have to learn to kick properly and clear to the wings. R. S. Balhatchet and C. F. Rowland at back, both played well; the latter, owing to his weight, causing some opposing forwards much worry. L. A. T. Dennis at centre-half played hard, and when he gains experience will be a very useful player; he must, however, learn to pass the ball without always stopping it. G. W. G. Buckland at left half was a good worker and passed well. Of the forwards, the two outsides were easily the best, E. M. Barrett on the right being a very hard and effective worker, and having a very distinct advantage in being able to centre with either foot. P. W. Bull on the left is good, and does not hesitate to shoot when the opportunity occurs. A. Brickell at inside left has fairly good ball control, but if he wishes to be a successful forward he must learn to pass.

RESULTS.

FIRST ELEVEN V. SCHOOLS.

Oct.	15	...	Home	...	Blandford Secondary School	...	...	Won	9-0
"	29	...	Away	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	...	Won	2-1
Nov.	9	...	Home	...	Bournemouth School	...	...	Drew	4-4
"	26	...	Home	...	Weymouth Secondary School	...	...	Won	2-1
Dec.	7	...	Away	...	Bournemouth School	...	...	Lost	1-4
"	9	...	Away	...	Weymouth Secondary School	...	...	Won	3-1

FIRST ELEVEN V. CLUBS.

Nov.	19	...	Home	...	Old Shastonians	...	...	Lost	2-4
Dec.	14	...	Home	...	Hon. Artillery Co., A.F.C.	...	...	Lost	1-12

"A" TEAM.

Oct.	26	...	Home	...	Warminster School	...	...	Won	11-0
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"UNDER 14" ELEVEN.

Nov.	2	...	Home	...	Choristers' School, Salisbury	...	...	Won	16-0
"	9	...	Away	...	Choristers' School, Salisbury	...	...	Won	3-1
"	12	...	Home	...	Warminster School	...	...	Won	5-0

WITH MASTERS.

Oct.	19	...	Home	...	Shaftesbury Wednesday	...	...	Lost	1-5
Nov.	30	...	Away	...	Shaftesbury Wednesday	...	...	Lost	4-5

CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

- F. J. P. SNOOK, *Goal*.—His display was somewhat erratic. He brought off quite a number of brilliant saves, but was not a safe catch. If he can overcome this fault he will do well, as he has excellent judgment with regard to leaving his goal to clear.
- C. G. F. HAZELL, *Right-back*.—An improved player, but takes some time to settle down. He still takes too long to recover after a tackle, but his play at the end of the season, particularly at Weymouth, showed that he is gaining experience as to position play.
- F. E. GRAY, *Left-back*.—Is slow in starting, yet when he gets there seems to succeed in his tackle. His kicking was somewhat erratic, but he places the ball to advantage.
- R. H. KENNEDY, *Right-half*.—A greatly improved player who tackles well, but is slow in getting rid of the ball, though towards the end of the season he overcame this to some extent. His passing was distinctly good.
- R. T. A. MILLARD, *Centre-half*.—A good worker and hard tackler. His chief fault lies in not keeping up sufficiently behind his forwards.
- W. B. ALNER, *Left-half*.—Played some splendid games, tackled well and passed with judgment; but seldom used his head.
- F. C. IMBER, *Outside-right*.—Was tried at inside forward, but in this position he failed through inability to shoot. On the wing, however, his speed served him well, and his centring was quite satisfactory.
- W. J. PARSONS, *Inside-right*.—On occasions he combined nicely with his outside man, but was not a successful shot and had rather a disappointing season.
- C. S. BALHATCHET (Captain), *Centre-forward*.—Though not a clever forward, his bustling tactics caused opposing defences much anxiety, and he seldom gave them any rest. His play improved vastly towards the end of the season.
- I. E. TOVEY, *Inside-left*.—He, also, was not exactly clever, but made up by the amount of work he got through. His two faults are lack of ball control and erratic shooting; when he overcomes these he will be a valuable forward.
- D. H. TOVEY, *Outside-left*.—Distinctly fast, and when he has the ball can be relied on to take it down the wing. Is inclined to centre the ball too far back. He certainly put more spirit into his play than last season.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

AFTER a splendid struggle, the games in the Senior competition resulted in a tie, the points being shared by the Corinthians and Trojans. We think the latter was slightly the better side, so that great credit is due to the Corinthians for their performance, which was mainly due to the splendid play of their backs and goalkeeper. The same two Houses were at the top of the Junior games, the Trojans just winning by one point.

The points thus gained for this year's Shield Competition are—Trojans *seven* (*four* for tie in senior, and *three* for win in junior), Corinthians *five* (*four* for tie in senior, and *one* for second in junior).

The individual results were as follows:—

SENIOR.			JUNIOR.		
Corinthians beat Spartans	...	4-0	Trojans beat Corinthians	...	3-1
" " Romans	...	7-1	" " Romans	...	4-1
" drew Trojans	...	1-1	" drew Spartans	...	2-2
Trojans beat Spartans	...	7-0	Spartans beat Romans	...	3-1
" " Romans	...	13-0	" drew Corinthians	...	3-3
Spartans beat Romans	...	6-0	Corinthians beat Romans	...	4-0

TROJANS.

The mainstay was the captain (C. S. Balhatchet), who held the team together remarkably well. The team was strong, and included six 1st eleven colours, but there was a weakness at back. The Junior team was disappointing; the forwards were good in mid-field, but their shooting was poor, and the backs were uncertain in their kicking.

SENIOR TEAM.—W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, R. M. Law, D. H. Sharp, H. M. Gale, R. T. A. Millard, R. H. Kennedy, F. C. Imber, J. G. Hoddinott, C. S. Balhatchet (captain), I. E. Tovey, D. H. Tovey.

JUNIOR TEAM.—S. T. J. Burr, R. S. Balhatchet, E. Combes, G. E. Alford, R. Light (captain), G. W. G. Buckland, W. Wakefield, P. D. Law, J. A. Wakefield, L. H. R. Simmons, F. J. Coningham

CORINTHIANS.

The Senior XI. played quite up to the standard of a good House team. It contained four School colours who all played well, especially F. J. P. Snook in goal, who saved the side time after time. All the four colours played in the defence except W. J. Parsons, and he had only moderate support from the other forwards. The Junior team did better than was expected, and were only defeated once. W. E. Thomas was always prominent in the forward line, and B. C. House played very well at centre-half.

SENIOR TEAM.—F. J. P. Snook, C. G. F. Hazell (captain), F. E. Gray, J. R. Galwey, G. B. Hiscock, J. F. Whidborne, F. E. Slater, R. J. Gray, W. J. Parsons, E. J. Baker, T. F. Andrews.

JUNIOR TEAM.—P. J. Hoskins, F. W. Coates, T. E. Thorne, J. W. Gardner, B. C. House, F. J. Hunt, A. P. B. Brown, E. M. Barrett, C. J. H. Galindo, W. E. Thomas (captain), F. A. Parsons.

SPARTANS.

Although only winning one match, several promising players were on view, and L. J. Willis, F. A. Chubb, J. N. Robertson and R. R. Matthews should form the nucleus of a good side in the future. At present the halves and forwards are much too slow and deliberate in their methods. W. B. Alner played well in every game, and is undoubtedly the most improved player in the school. The Junior team had no outstanding players; of a level lot, probably A. Brickell, J. Fancott and D. R. Young were about the best.

SENIOR TEAM.—R. R. Matthews, W. B. Alner (captain), L. J. Willis, P. F. Drew, F. A. Chubb, D. J. Hoddinott, J. I. Badger, E. W. Whitworth, H. I. Gray, F. H. Fletcher, J. N. Robertson.

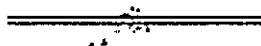
JUNIOR TEAM.—W. G. S. Holloway, M. C. Holmes, B. K. Johnson, A. W. Short, D. R. Young, S. H. Harding, G. C. Mitchell, R. A. Welch, J. Fancott (captain), B. Hoddinott, A. Brickell.

ROMANS.

All our matches were lost owing to an absence of weight and pace. There are several promising players in the House, especially L. A. T. Dennis, E. H. J. Southon, W. J. R. Dean and P. W. Bull; and in a year or two we shall hope to start winning House matches again.

SENIOR TEAM.—V. J. Adams (captain), A. S. Braddick, E. H. J. Southon, F. D. Hollick, L. A. T. Dennis, C. T. Rowland, W. J. R. Dean, M. T. Richards, L. C. Ryall, R. J. Moody, H. J. Shepard.

JUNIOR TEAM (selected from).—W. A. Sharpe, H. F. Friend, R. B. Shepard, H. B. A. Foot, W. Garne, W. J. Langdon (captain), W. G. G. Churchill, P. W. Bull, L. J. Farris, R. Heaton, H. J. Rideout, S. E. Dennis, B. G. Gyles, A. G. B. Gray.



CADET CORPS.

The following have been struck off the roll on leaving School:—Coy.-Sgt.-Major C. S. Balhatchet, Lce.-Corpl. J. R. Galwey, Cadets A. S. Braddick, J. F. Whidborne, F. E. Gray, E. W. Whitworth, L. C. Ryall, G. B. Hiscock, S. H. Harding, M. T. Richards and A. F. Hillier. They have all done very good work while in the Corps, and especially Coy.Sgt.-Major Balhatchet, whose keenness in all branches has always been very noticeable.

Physical Training and Company Drill (with arms) are the chief items in the work of the Corps at present.

Our strength is 98 of all ranks.

PROMOTIONS (dated Feb. 1st, 1928):—

To be Corporal—Lce.-Cpl. C. G. Hazell.

„ *Lce.-Cpl.*—Cadet R. M. Law.

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

LIBRARY.

We thank the donors of the following books:—

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Man in the Brown Suit" ...	Christie	... G. C. Tovey.
"Malcolm Sage, Detective" ...	Jenkins	... S. H. Harding.
"The Yellow Snake" ...	Wallace	... Dr. Martin.
"The Terrible People" ...	„	... V. Adams.
"Locomotives of the World" ...	Howden	... G. Hiscock.
"Far in the Forest" ...	Weir Mitchell	Mr. J. E. Cartwright.
"The River" ...	Eden Phillpotts	„ „
"The Caxtons" ...	Bulwer Lytton	„ „
"Hajji Baba" ...	James Morier	„ „
"Cranford" ...	Mrs. Gaskell...	„ „
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"Lavengro" ...	Geo. Borrow	„ „
"The Newcomes" ...	W. M. Thackeray	„ „
"Into the Highways and Hedges" ...	F. E. Montresor	„ „
"Alton Lock" ...	C. Kingsley	„ „
"The Gage of Red and White" ...	Graham Hope	„ „

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE President of the Society was C. S. Balhatchet, the Vice-President H. M. Gale, and the Hon. Secretary R. Light. These, together with Mr. Stewart and R. H. Kennedy, made up the committee.

A number of interesting motions were debated. Perhaps the two motions: "That the future of the world lies in the hands of the League of Nations" and "That this House would welcome a policy of Protection for Agriculture," provided the best discussions, but all were interesting. In the latter debate, masters were the principal speakers.

In spite of the interesting nature of the debates, however, and the enthusiasm of many of the members, there is still a large minority which appears to be willing to listen to the debates without taking any part in them. This is hardly fair. If the Society is to be a success, then all must help; there is always some fresh point of view to present. Let us have no more of those distressing silences when the President looks round appealingly and the members look at their boots.

The following motions were debated:—

October 7th, "That it is easier for an Englishman to learn French than for a Frenchman to learn English."—*Rejected.*

Proposed by H. M. Gale.
Seconded by R. H. Kennedy.
Opposed by J. R. Galwey.
Seconded by V. J. Adams.

October 14th, "That the climate of England is deteriorating."—*Rejected.*

Proposed by C. R. Breen.
Seconded by C. G. F. Hazell.
Opposed by D. H. Tovey.
Seconded by J. Fancott.

October 21st, "That professionalism in sport should be abolished."—*Rejected.*

Proposed by V. J. Adams.
Seconded by F. D. Hollick.
Opposed by J. F. Whidborne.
Seconded by E. W. Whitworth.

October 29th, "That speed and long distance trials are not of sufficient practical value to the motor industry to warrant their present popularity."—*Rejected.*

Proposed by L. H. R. Simmons.
Seconded by R. Light.
Opposed by F. Snook.
Seconded by E. H. J. Southon.

November 18th, "That the future of the world lies in the hands of the League of Nations."—*Carried.*

Proposed by D. H. Tovey.

Seconded by V. J. Adams.

Opposed by J. R. Galwey.

Seconded by R. H. Kennedy.

November 25th, "That country life is happier and pleasanter to live than town life."—*Carried.*

Proposed by J. F. Whidborne.

Seconded by W. J. Langdon.

Opposed by W. E. Thomas.

Seconded by V. E. Trump.

December 2nd, "That this House would welcome a policy of Protection for Agriculture."—*Carried.*

Proposed by Dr. Tovey.

Seconded by Mr. Minchin.

Opposed by Mr. Stewart.

Seconded by Mr. Coleman.

December 9th, "That the world derives more pleasure from jazz than from classical music."—*Rejected.*

Proposed by R. M. Law.

Seconded by D. H. Sharp.

Opposed by R. Light.

Seconded by M. C. Holmes.

On Nov. 11th, various members spoke for two minutes on a variety of subjects—

W. J. Langdon	...	"Is the standard of British sport declining?"
R. Light	...	"Is Conan Doyle a better detective author than Edgar Wallace?"
R. S. Hoskins	...	"A Martian's impression of the earth."
J. Fancott	...	"A Newspaper."
E. P. Haines	...	"Guy Fawkes."
F. Snook	...	"Draughts v. Chess."
Mr. Stewart	...	"The Encyclopedia Britannica."
F. W. Coates	...	"Cinema v. Stage."
J. F. Whidborne	...	"A broken Shoe Lace."
H. M. Gale	...	"Are we descended from Jelly Fish?"
J. R. Galwey	...	"Gossip."
J. W. Gardner	...	"Prize-fighting as a Decorative Art."

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

OUR usual Prize Distribution took place in the School Hall, on Thursday, Dec. 8th, when a number of parents and friends of the school were present. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. N. S. Lawrie, and we gladly take this opportunity of thanking her for her kindness in doing so. The charmingly practical address which she gave to the boys made us still more in her debt, and we hope it will be a pleasure to her to know that it was thoroughly appreciated by all who were privileged to hear it. We must also thank the many kind friends who gave prizes; we have never had a more delightful collection of books for distribution, and we are very grateful to all the generous donors.

The Chairman (Mr. R. W. Borley) opened proceedings by apologising for the absence of Mr. George Gordon, and then called on Dr. Tovey to give them a report of the School's activities for 1926-27.

Dr. Tovey said he was pleased to be able to report progress in nearly all directions of the school life. The Fifth Form took the School Certificate Examination, and eleven boys passed, one less than last year. While he frankly confessed the bottom part of the form was disappointing, that was set off by the four top boys passing with honours, a bigger number than they had ever passed from the Fifth Form before. They had distinctions in mathematics and religious knowledge. He was delighted once more to thank the staff for the splendid support they had given and were giving him.

He then said he would like to say a word or two about the school curriculum. It had been planned on broad lines suitable for the needs of a good all-round general education. That course lasted through Forms 3, 4, and 5, and when the boys got to Form 5 they took the School Certificate Examination. After that examination they were at liberty to specialise in any branch they liked. He was frequently getting letters from parents asking if their boys might drop this or that subject, and the reason was either that the boy was not good at that particular subject (generally Latin), or else the subject would not be of any use to him in after-life. With regard to the first reason, it was bad to allow boys to drop subjects merely because they were difficult or they did not like them. It was also bad for the boys in after-life, because they would not then be able to pick and choose. With regard to the other reason it was rarely that a boy of 13 knew what he was going to do when he left school. At the best he hoped to be something or other, and in these days of difficulty he was frequently up against rapid change. Therefore it was the duty of the School to provide for all these contingencies. One other reason was that a

school of that type could not possibly provide alternative courses for boys, for they had not a big enough staff, and no money to provide an increase. He therefore respectfully asked parents not to send him these requests, unless a boy was suffering from overwork or ill-health; when every consideration would be given. During the school year the games were unworthy of the School's reputation. It was a pleasure therefore to say that the present football team had done a great deal to restore their prestige. A pleasant feature was that no less than six of the team were day boys. The Fives Courts were almost finished, and they hoped to add Fives to the school games. The Cadet Corps was in its usual healthy condition, and they were now doing gymnastic work with excellent results. They had also started a debating society, and when he told them that they had already settled the farmers' difficulties and had told the League of Nations what to do and how to do it, they would see the advantage of such a society. It was an excellent thing for a boy to get up and say a few words. It would save many anxious moments in after-life and many a spoilt dinner. In conclusion Dr. Tovey thanked the governing body for their kind help so readily given. He had now completed 20 years headmastership of the school, and thanks to their unfailing support and encouragement his task had been made extremely pleasant, and he hoped not altogether unprofitable.

Mrs. Lawrie presented the prizes to the following:—

FORM PRIZES.

	Presented by—
VI. Form.—D. H. Tovey ...	Mr. C. Thomas.
V. Form.—D. A. Parham...	Mr. W. Shaw-Stewart.
A. F. T. Hillier ...	Mr. H. P. Barnitt.
P. A. Tucker ...	Mr. R. W. Borley.
IVA. Form.—J. Fancott ...	Miss Brown.
R. Cook ...	"Macklin" Prize.
L. H. R. Simmons ...	Mrs. Walter Shaw-Stewart.
IVB. Form.—V. E. Trump ...	Mr. A. Parsons.
A. E. Mayhew ...	"Macklin" Prize.
E. S. Adey ...	"Macklin" Prize.
IIIA. Form.—G. E. Alford	
R. J. Moody	
D. J. Hoddinott	
IIIB. Form.—W. J. Stone	
R. G. Lawrence	
R. A. Welch	
II. Form.—T. G. Hart	

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR GOOD WORK.

	Presented by—
V. Form.—J. C. Day ...	Mr. Rupert Williams.
V. J. Adams ...	Mr. G. H. Imber.
F. E. Gray ...	Dr. Tovey.
IVA. Form.—R. Light ...	Mr. F. Richards.
T. F. Andrews ...	Dr. Harris.
IVB. Form.—T. S. Tucker ...	Mrs. Burridge.
W. E. Thomas ...	"Macklin" Prize.
IIIA. Form.—R. J. Arkell	
IIIB. Form.—A. W. Short	

Mrs. Lawrie then addressed the boys and said that in all her school life she only gained one prize, and to the surprise of everybody that was for proficiency in religious knowledge. (Laughter.) That was a case of coming events casting their shadows before. (Renewed laughter.) She impressed upon the boys never to under-estimate the importance of their jobs, whatever they might be, but to take them seriously. Life could not be a playing ground for boys, and sooner or later they would have to go out into the world. The pessimists told them that this was a decadent age, and that the youth of to-day were of no use. She did not agree. The "good old days" they heard so much about were frightfully over-estimated. It was a case of distance lending enchantment to the view, and when they talked of the good old days they did not realise all the discomforts of that age. There was no doubt they were going forward, and things were far better now than in the good old days. The boys to-day must make up their minds to do even better than had been done. They must go forward to be quite sure they were not going backward. Having spoken with admiration of the School Cadet Corps and of the wonderful example of the Old Boys who died in the war, Mrs. Lawrie said she wanted to leave with the boys three mottoes. The first was that of the Rotary Club, which she hoped they would join when they grew up, "Service, not self." The second was Tennyson's lines "To strive, to seek, to find, but not to yield." Thirdly, she wanted them to have a place for ideals. It would be more comfortable to hitch their wagon to a star than to a G.W.R. locomotive, and they could all do like the village carpenter who became a great astronomer, "his feet among the shavings, but his head among the stars." The last motto then was that of the Flying Corps, "Through difficulties to the stars." (Applause.)

The Chairman, proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lawrie, and Dr. W. J. Harris who seconded, both spoke in warm praise of her effective and charming speech.

The Mayor proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Tovey and the staff. He spoke of the high standard which the school had attained by their energies, and said that places far away from Shaftesbury were aware that there they had a school of great reputation.

Mr. J. E. Johnson seconded, and the motion was heartily accorded, Dr. Tovey (in reply) reiterating his tribute to the unsparing help given by the Masters on all and every occasion.

Cheers for Mrs. Lawrie and the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

"FACING THE MUSIC."

ON Nov. 3rd, two performances of the above three-act farcical comedy were given, in aid of the Fives Court fund.

The success of the production could be gauged by the roars of laughter which greeted the various, and often very awkward, situations in which the principal actors became involved. "Mistaken Identities" was the theme—the many ludicrous mistakes arising through people of the same name living in the same block of flats.

Mr. L. P. V. Veale, as an innocent victim, had a really long and difficult part to play, and throughout he was very convincing, both in his lighter moods, and also when, through great anxiety, a note of tragedy crept in; an excellent interpretation. Mr. R. L. Stewart (as his friend) acted throughout as a splendid foil, and the gay light-hearted manner in which he laughed his way through the piece was greatly appreciated. The part of a self-satisfied detective, who, in his own estimation, was "ver-ry clever" was well done by Mr. W. D. Coleman—a good burlesque of the "stage" detective. Mr. R. B. Minchin, as a bluff elderly colonel, was always very amusing, and especially so when he had his eye on the "ladies." The interpretation of the role of a meek and timid curate, by R. H. Kennedy, was a real gem of comedy, and was always appreciated by the audience in a very marked manner. A. S. Braddick made a very stalwart policeman.

The "female" parts were very convincingly filled by J. R. Galwey, R. M. Law, F. D. Hollick and C. S. Balhatchet. They all "looked" their parts, both in dress and make-up, and the best testimony to their acting is that the audience actually forgot that they were boys.

The performers are to be congratulated on a performance which is probably one of our best productions. The stage-setting, thanks to Mr. Watmough and his helpers, was admirable. The play was produced and directed throughout by Mr. Ramshaw, to whom we owe our best thanks.

CAST.

Mrs. Ponting	...	...	...	C. S. BALHATCHET.
The other Mr. Smith's housekeeper.				
Rev. John Smith	...	...	...	R. H. KENNEDY
The Curate of St. Andrew's.				
Dick Desmond	...	...	...	Mr. R. STEWART.
The other Mr. Smith's guest.				
Mabel	...	...	...	J. R. GALWEY.
The Curate's Wife.				
Miss Fotheringay	...	...	...	F. D. HOLLICK.
Of the Bijou Theatre.				
John Smith	...	...	...	Mr. L. P. V. VEALB.
The other Mr. Smith (Racehorse owner).				
Colonel Duncan Smith	...	...	...	Mr. R. B. MINCHIN.
The other Mr. Smith's uncle.				
Nora	...	...	...	R. M. LAW.
The other Mr. Smith's wife.				
Det.-Sgt. Duffell	...	...	...	Mr. W. D. COLEMAN.
Of Vine St. Police Station.				
Policeman	...	...	...	A. S. BRADDICK.

The action of the play takes place in "The other Mr. Smith's" flat at 19, Mona Mansions, Kensington.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

THREE successful entertainments were given at School, on Dec. 19th and Dec. 20th. We are greatly indebted once more to Dr. Tovey and Mr. Ramshaw, to whom, in no small measure, the success of the programme was due.

This year the appearance of the stage was greatly enhanced by new curtains. The necessary adjustments entailed considerable labour and care, and Mr. Watmough, who was ably assisted by A. S. Braddick and M. T. Richards, is to be congratulated on his work of preparing the stage. We have also to render our sincere thanks to R. B. Dashper, who acted as accompanist.

In the musical part of the programme, the School Choir fully maintained its fine tradition, and gave us, first, an excellent rendering of "Far Away." The song was sung with admirable restraint and clearness, forming a happy contrast to

"The Noble Duke of York," an amusing and hilarious glee sung later in the evening.

Following this, C. S. Balhatchet, R. M. Law, C. G. F. Hazell and R. H. Kennedy gave a humorous concerted item entitled "Riddles." P. D. Law and D. R. Young then rendered, with considerable skill, a pleasing violin duet, "March in C"; both violinists show considerable promise, and they fully deserved the applause accorded them.

A monologue "Grandfather," full of quaint humour and quiet pathos, was finely performed by Dr. Tovey, and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. His encores formed two other delightful items. Following this, B. Hillier, whose return to our School platform was warmly welcomed, contributed "The Windmill," a fine song which he rendered admirably. He certainly has a fine voice, and we listened with keen delight to his encore, "The Stockrider."

A. S. Braddick, in giving us two delightful songs: "Turrible Shy wi' the Maids" and "A Farmer's Boy," showed us that he was quite familiar with the Dorsetshire dialect, whilst a most amusing concerted item, "The Tale of a Ford," and a very affective burlesque, "The Photographer," fully deserved the applause they received. A pleasing picture number, "Sampan," then followed, given by E. Combes, L. A. T. Dennis, W. G. G. Churchill and F. A. Parsons. It was a picturesque number, and the singing reached a high standard.

The first half of the programme was concluded by a humorous song to which Mr. Watmough had added some original topical verses. Ably sung by Dr. Tovey, the song gave us a most amusing interpretation of the many aspects of "The Land of Dreams."

In the second part of the entertainment a delightful farce, "A Little Fowl Play," was given. It was ably produced by Mr. Ramshaw. Mr. Stewart, who was on the stage for most of the play, gave a most amusing and convincing study of an impecunious author, whilst J. R. Galwey, as his wife, played a difficult part with great success. As Mr. Tolbooth, whose chicken had gone astray, Mr. Veale had a part which suited him admirably, and if his ability to telephone left something to be desired, his acting did not. S. E. Dennis, as Mary, gave us a delightfully "perky" servant, and blessed would be the household which possessed such an one. As "The Boy," L. H. R. Simmons had a somewhat small part, but he succeeded in giving an amusing and effective interpretation of it.

The programme was as follows:—

PART I.

1. GLEE "Far away" *arr. T. R. Jozé.*
The Choir.
2. CONCERTED ITEM "Riddles" *F. Wood.*
C. S. Balhatchet, R. M. Law, C. G. F. Hazell, R. H. Kennedy.
At the Piano ... R. B. Dashper.
3. VIOLIN DUET "March" (in C.) *Adam Carse.*
P. D. Law and D. R. Young.
4. MONOLOGUE "Grandfather" *M. Herbert.*
Dr. Tovey.
5. SONG "The Windmill" *H. H. Nelson.*
Mr. B. Hillier.
6. HUMOROUS SONG ... "Tur-rible Shy wi' the Maids" ... *D. Henty.*
A. S. Braddick.
7. CONCERTED ITEM ... "The Tale of a Ford" ... *arr. F. S. Wilcock.*
C. S. Balhatchet, R. M. Law, C. G. F. Hazell, R. H. Kennedy.
At the Piano ... R. B. Dashper.
8. PICTURE NUMBER ... "Sampan" *H. Gordon.*
E. Combes, L. A. T. Dennis, W. G. G. Churchill, F. A. Parsons.
9. BURLESQUE "The Photographer"
C. G. F. Hazell, C. S. Balhatchet, R. H. Kennedy, R. M. Law.
10. GLEE "The Noble Duke of York" ... *Byng Johnson.*
The Choir.
11. TOPICAL SONG ... "Land-o' Dreams" *G. Ellis.*
Dr. Tovey.

PART II.

"A LITTLE FOWL PLAY"

A Farcical Comedy in One Act.

(By Harold Owen).

CAST.

Gilbert Warren	...	...	...	Mr. R. L. Stewart.
Sybil Warren	...	...	...	J. R. Galwey.
Mr. Tolbooth	...	...	...	Mr. L. P. V. Veale.
Mary	...	...	...	S. E. Dennis.
Boy	...	...	...	L. H. R. Simmons.

SCENE:

Gilbert Warren's Study, 13, Balfour Mansions, Balham.

O.S. CLUB DINNER.

THE Sixth O.S. Club Dinner was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, on Saturday, Nov. 19th, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Ramshaw, our President for the year, was in the chair, and presided over a company of about seventy members, one at least of whom had been at school in 1878!

After a very excellent dinner had been served, a few essential toasts were honoured, and then to facilitate easy and informal social intercourse, the dinner tables were replaced by small tables, which were the centres of many happy groups of old schoolfellows, who spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening under Mr. Ramshaw's presidency. The humorous songs of Mr. A. H. Clegg and Dr. Tovey were very popular, and the other contributors to the programme were Messrs. B. Hillier, J. N. Wescott, W. Farley Rutter, Frank Johnson, Dr. Cheater, and J. W. W. Miles. Mr. Harold A. Roles, of Salisbury, kindly acted as accompanist.

Mr. George Young, proposing the toast of "The School," said that it was a great asset to the town and countryside, and as an old pupil he was grateful to it. He remembered the day when Dr. Tovey came to the school as the headmaster, and from that day to this he had retained their affection and confidence. When Dr. Tovey took over the headmastership there were between forty and fifty boys, and very few boarders. Now there were nearly 200 boys. That progress was a very great tribute to Dr. Tovey and the staff, and almost in equal measure to Mrs. Tovey, under whose care the boarders were as happy as in their own homes.

Dr. C. H. Tovey, responding, said it was a delightful compliment that an assistant master should be in the chair that evening. He (the speaker) was never tired of saying how grateful he was to all the staff for the splendid work they did, not only in the class-room, but in the many outdoor activities, which made up the corporate life of the School. He congratulated Mr. Tom Imber on being the fourth "Old Boy" Mayor of Shaftesbury, and expressed the pleasure it gave them also to see Dr. Cheater present that evening. The motto of the School was progress to the very best of their ability, but he was not going to bore them that evening with any details about the work of the School. The Cadet Corps had never been better, and he was grateful to Mr. Ramshaw for what he had done for it. In the past year, the most noticeable feature of development had been the starting of serious gymnastics.

under the management of Mr. L. P. V. Veale; and he believed they were having a great effect on the physique of the School. Last year was the poorest in games that he had known since he had been headmaster, but he was thankful to say that the football team had shown a welcome improvement, having won, so far, six out of nine matches, and scored 54 goals as compared with 13 against them. They were now building two fives courts, which would be ready for use next term, and when completed would challenge comparison with any school courts in the South of England. In other ways the School was very much like it was when they were there. The more they changed the more they were the same. They still thought they disliked Melbury pudding and they still bet in penny ices! He congratulated the Club on its splendid increase in numbers, and he hoped that in the future every old boy who felt he owed his School some debt of gratitude would make a great effort to come in and join them. There were two reasons for the existence of the Club. One was for the old boys to renew their School friendships, and the other was to keep the old boys in touch with the School. There was nothing personal to be got out of the Club, and if an old boy thought the Club was of no use to him because he got nothing out of it, frankly they were better without him. The School and the Club were bound together by indissoluble ties, and the School wished the Club the same measure of success as the Club wished the School. While there was such a great friendship and cordiality existing between the old boys and the School, he had no fear for the success of both.

Dr. G. W. Cheater, proposing the toast of "The Club," said it was a matter for congratulation that their membership and financial resources were still increasing, and he did not need to remind them of the whole-hearted and self-sacrificing energies of their Hon. Secretary (Mr. Minchin). It was due to him that they were in such a successful position as they were to-day, and they owed him a deep debt of gratitude. The members of the Club were to be found in parts of the world. The magazine continued to record their prowess in the field of sport, and when their joints became stiffened with age and prevented them taking part in sport, they gave vent to their superfluous energy by taking part in local politics or municipal administration. In that connection he congratulated Mr. E. Johnson and Mr. Tom Imber on once more becoming Councillors of that old and venerable borough, and the latter on a most successful year as Mayor. Continuing, Dr. Cheater paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. Pryce-Taylor (one of the four nephews of the late Headmaster, three of whom were killed in the war), and spoke of the usefulness of such a Club in keeping alive friendships of school-days.

The President, responding, said he had always felt that the Presidency should be held by an Old Shastonian or the Headmaster of the School, and the only claim he had to being an Old Shastonian was 24 years' association with the School. Alluding to the work of the Club during the year, Mr. Ramshaw said they had an excellent Committee, and the meetings had been well attended, but they wished they could have more support from the members themselves. The cricket tour fell through from lack of support, but Mr. Minchin was open to revive it if sufficient playing members would undertake to join the tour. The present membership was 273, and he felt they could turn the 300 mark if the members themselves assisted in the enrolment of new members. They had added 40 members during the year, almost all those who had left school, which constituted a record increase in any one year. He, on behalf of the gathering, offered congratulations and the hand of fellowship to the new members, and wished them every success. He would also give a bit of advice to them which he had found that evening in a cigarette packet: "Don't grumble if the lift in Success Mansions isn't working; try the staircase."

The toast of "Absent Members" was proffered by Mr. L. E. B. Johnson, who made an appeal to old boys to contribute more material to the "O.S." page of the magazine, which, he felt, would be a great help to the development of the Club.

The following members were present:—

Dr. C. H. Tovey, Mr. W. Ramshaw (President), Dr. G. W. Cheater, Messrs. R. W. Baker, A. J. Baxter, R. Bathurst Brown, G. W. Clarke, F. W. Clarke, W. J. Clarke, A. H. Clegg, C. W. Coaker, J. L. Cole, F. R. Crocker, F. B. Dare, J. E. R. Dean, C. Dean, W. Doggrell, J. J. Garrett, A. J. Garrett, R. Gatehouse, R. Geyton, T. A. Hayden, B. Hillier, F. Hoddinott, H. J. Hughes, G. R. Imber, J. G. Jeffery, E. Johnson, L. E. B. Johnson, F. E. P. Johnson, M. C. W. Johnson, D. G. Longmore, H. Martin, J. J. O. McMahon, J. W. W. K. Miles, S. Miles, J. W. Miles, A. D. Miles, W. C. Milverton, R. B. Minchin, K. G. Mitchell, J. A. Norton, F. E. Pickford, L. G. Prideaux, H. A. Roles, W. Farley Rutter, G. F. Simpson, W. J. Squire, A. T. Squire, R. L. Stewart, E. H. Stickland, R. H. M. Stirling, H. W. Tovey, K. Tucker, J. Tucker, L. P. V. Veale, A. R. Watts, A. J. Wescott, J. N. Wescott, J. S. Windebank, F. R. Woodcock, F. M. Woodcock, J. O. Woodford, P. Wyatt, B. G. Young, G. J. Young.

O.S. NEWS.

We offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes to the following old boys who have recently been married:—

Sept. 21st—R. C. Wyatt to Miss M. Boots.

Nov. 22nd—A. E. Ryall to Miss K. M. Lester.

J. S. Arnold is still engineering in Seattle, U.S.A. Dr. Tovey has had a long letter from him, and he says his chief recreation is mountain climbing. He is a member of the Washington Alpine Club.

We regret to record that W. T. Chandler met with a very serious accident a few days before Christmas. He was motor cycling at night from Bromsgrove to Birmingham, and ran into some loose horses coming out of a gate. He was found unconscious lying on the road, and was taken to Bromsgrove Hospital, suffering from a fractured skull and severe concussion. We are delighted to hear that he is now making good progress towards recovery.

P. A. Tucker has been articulated to a firm of auctioneers and estate agents at Cirencester.

W. F. Cole is still at Lydney; we hear he has joined a concert party as accompanist. His brother Eric is now in business at Newmarket.

Hearty congratulations to J. J. O. McMahon on the birth of a daughter.

Dr. Tovey has had a letter from Max Gardner; he still appears to like life in New Zealand.

O. R. G. Phillipson is now in Perak (F.M.S.), tin-dredging. He is enjoying his experience, and is still keen on motor-cycling.

E. A. G. Manton was home for Christmas, but has now returned to Paris. We are sorry to hear he has not been very well lately.

Brian Law is now an engineer in the Marconi works at Chelmsford.

G. B. Hiscock is a pupil in Messrs. Lister's engineering works at Dursley, Glos.

C. S. Balhatchet is articled to a surveyor in Bournemouth.

We regret to state that Eric Whitworth, who only left us at Xmas, has been very ill and has had to undergo a serious operation. When we last heard, he was making slow, but satisfactory, progress.

We were also very sorry to hear from A. C. Roberts that he had been on the sick list for twelve months. We are glad to hear he has made a good recovery and has been able to resume work.

E. H. Chandler has been playing hockey for the County side at Oxford.

L. L. D. Brett has left the caste of "The Garden of Eden," and is now with the Birmingham Repertory Company.

E. F. Jesse has been elected chairman of the Shaftesbury and Gillingham branch of the N.F.U. for 1928, and S. H. Holloway vice-chairman. We wish them both a pleasant year of office.

The School Sports are fixed for Wednesday, March 21st, and the Shield Sports for Wednesday, March 28th, at Wimborne. We hope to see a big entry for the old boys' race.

"OLD BOYS."

(By Admiral H. SEYMOUR HALL, President O.S.C.)

Three years ago, my youngest son sailed for New Zealand as one of a contingent of Public School Boys selected by the Government for employment on the land, with the assurance that if they could make good in the preliminary years, during which they would be assisted to acquire the necessary experience and become inured to the life, they would in time become owners of their own lands, and, if not wealthy, be at least very comfortably off. He was just eighteen years old, and it was with a very heavy heart that I let him go to that far-off Dominion where he knew no-one.

On arrival at Auckland, he found himself detailed to go to a certain farm, and presently his "boss" arrived to welcome him, and took him there by local steamer and car. A month later the first moment of relaxation came, and the farmer, his wife and my son, drove forty miles into the provincial town—centre of local industries, amusements and gossip—the wife to stay with her people, the "boss" and my son with his people, for the week-end. After tea, the men repaired to the "Club" (in this case the leading hotel), where they found all sorts and conditions gathered together to compare notes, and to inspect new arrivals. The "boss's" father naturally questioned my son as to his antecedents, commencing by asking what his colours were (he was wearing his Old Boys' Club tie). This led to his remarking in turn, "Oh! I was at Shaftesbury Grammar School, a place of which I don't suppose you have heard." "Good Lord!" said the boy, "why that's Dad's old school!" And so the conversation went on until the father realised he was indeed talking to a son of "old Hall," with whom he had been at school some forty years previously!

Now, here is the point I want to emphasize. If there had been an old Boys' Club in our time, to which we had continuously belonged, it would have been easy for me to look him up as a resident of New Zealand, and to have commended my son to his care. As things turned out, neither of us had been in communication since leaving the old school, and yet such was the strength of the old associations that he at once treated my boy as a son, placed all his experience at his disposal, and opened his house to him as a real "home" whenever he could come into the town.

[The old boy referred to is L. V. Haskell, who was at school from 1883—1886.]

The above coincidence in itself would be enough, yet, later on, it turned out to be a fact that the father of the farmer's wife had been at King's College, Cambridge, with one of my brothers! Truly, the world is small to those who move about it.

O.S. CLUB NEWS.

THE ninth Annual General Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 19th.

The President (Mr. Ramshaw) was in the chair, and the following members were present:—Dr. Tovey, Dr. Cheater, Messrs. A. J. Wescott (hon. treas.), R. B. Minchin (hon. sec.), W. Farley Rutter, R. H. M. Stirling, H. W. Tovey, R. L. Stewart, L. P. V. Veale, W. D. Coleman, F. M. Woodcock, K. H. Tucker, J. S. Windebank, J. L. Cole, J. N. Wescott, A. H. Clegg, J. O. Woodford, C. W. Dean, R. Bathurst Brown, E. H. Stickland, D. G. Longmore, E. J. Tucker, G. J. Brice, R. Geyton, F. Hoddinott, J. W. W. K. Miles, A. D. Miles, L. G. Prideaux, J. W. Miles, S. W. Miles, J. E. R. Dean, H. J. Hughes, J. J. O. McMahon, G. F. Simpson, L. E. B. Johnson, F. R. Coaker, T. A. Hayden, F. W. Clarke, Dr. Martin.

Annual Dinner.—After the minutes of the last General Meeting had been signed by the Chairman, Dr. Cheater proposed that the next Club Dinner should be held in London. This was seconded by Mr. H. J. Hughes, and carried unanimously. The date and place were left to the Committee to decide.

Election of President for 1927-28.—On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Wescott, Admiral H. Seymour Hall, C.B.E., was elected as our President for the ensuing year.

Election of Officers and Committee.—Mr. R. B. Minchin and Mr. A. J. Wescott were again elected as hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively, while the old committee was re-elected *en bloc*, with power to co-opt London members if any assistance was required for making arrangements for the London dinner.

Balance Sheet.—The Hon. Treasurer submitted a very satisfactory balance sheet, which was adopted without a dissentient.

Secretary's Report.—The Hon. Secretary stated the membership now stood at 273, an increase of 24 on last year's total. Several annual subscriptions had lapsed, but 40 new members had joined during the year, a record number for any year since the first of the Club's existence. There had been no cricket tour during the last season, but he sincerely hoped it would be revived in the near future.

List of Members.—Mr. Farley Rutter proposed that a new Club booklet be printed and issued to members, the old one being out of date and, in many respects, incomplete. (This is being done, and the hon. sec. is hoping that members will send him details of any alterations in their addresses).

Club Colours.—Mr. Minchin stated that, in accordance with instructions given him at the previous meeting, he had altered the arrangement of the Club Colours, and that the new ties, etc., would be ready on January 1st.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

All Club Colours must be obtained from Messrs. HINE AND PARSONS, 31, High Street, Shaftesbury, who are now our *sole agents*.

PRICE LIST.—Blazers, 38/6; Sweaters, 24/6; Woollen Mufflers, 6/- and 10/6; Silk Squares, 17/6 and 9/-; Silk Ties, 5/- and 2/6; Badges, 5/6; Caps, 7/- each.

NEW MEMBERS.

- C. Dean, Place Farm, Tisbury, Wilts.
- P. H. Ryall, 42, Gloucester Road, Trowbridge, Wilts.
- C. S. Balhatchet, Pembroke Hotel, Poole Hill, Bournemouth.
- A. R. Watts, 48, New Road, Southampton.
- A. P. Southon, 9, Victoria Road, Salisbury.
- F. J. Drew, Ponsonby Farm, Cann, Shaftesbury.
- R. C. Day, Twyford, Shaftesbury.
- G. B. Hiscock, Fernside, Long Street, Dursley, Glos.
- F. E. Gray, 32, Salisbury Street, Shaftesbury.
- J. F. Whidborne, Vennards Farm, Fordingbridge, Salisbury.
- T. M. House, Shatwell Farm, Yarlinton, Wincanton.

[All "changes of address" will be given in the new Club Booklet, which is now being prepared.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Shaftesbury,
20th January, 1928.

To the Editor.

THE "SHASTONIAN" AND THE "OLD SHASTONIAN CLUB."

Dear Sir,

We are anxious that the "Shastonian" should become of more personal interest to Old Boys, and that it should be the means of keeping them in touch not only with the School and its present doings, but also with each other, wherever they may be.

You, Sir, very ably keep all readers up-to-date with School news, but are at present unable to act as a link between the Old Boys themselves, because the latter have not yet acquired the habit of sending contributions to the Magazine, an action which we know you would welcome.

How much more alive would the Club become, and with how much more pleasure would the issues of the Magazine be anticipated, if letters and articles from Old Boys appeared regularly, describing personal experiences in various parts of the world and in different phases of life. If each Old Boy were only to contribute once a year there would be no lack of copy, of interest and entertainment to the Present Boys, and also of especial value to the contemporaries of each writer, in whose minds would inevitably arise recollections of and a comparison with their old schoolmate as they knew him and as he now depicts himself. Much interchange of pleasant correspondence and revival of old school memories might be the result.

We therefore earnestly ask that you, Sir, will permit and encourage all Old Boys to communicate with you from time to time, and that in the exercise of your discretion you will publish such contributions to our mutual benefit and edification, and in this way assist us to revive pleasant memories of our school days and school friends.

Yours truly,

H. SEYMOUR HALL (President 1928),
L. E. B. JOHNSON,
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