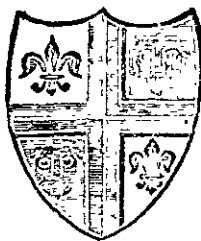


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EDITORIAL.

LAST term proved comparatively uneventful. The weather was cold and wet, and both our School and House Sports had to be postponed owing to heavy rain on the selected dates. We started playing Fives early in February, and it is evident that we have several boys who will soon be quite good at the game. We hope that in the near future some kind friend will come forward and give us a "Fives" Cup for annual competition.

We regret that, in spite of our appeal for more Old Boy news, very little has reached us, but we welcome an interesting article by George Cheater, on his recent visit to Switzerland.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

F. J. Austin (c.), V. S. Balchin (c.), W. F. Cox (s.), O. G. N. Harris (r.),
E. J. Hine (s.), J. L. Lyne (r.), E. S. Mitchell (r.), H. B. B. Ryall (r.),
and (at half-term) E. D. Cuff (c.)

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

VALETE.

- W. B. ALNER.—Form VI. Entered September, 1923. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1927. Football XI., 1927.
- F. J. CONINGHAM.—Form IVB. Entered September, 1923.
- E. C. DREW.—Form IVB. Entered April, 1927.
- A. L. T. DRBW.—Form "Remove." Entered April, 1927.
- H. B. A. FOOT.—Form IIIA. Entered September, 1924.
- H. M. GALE.—Form VI. Entered September, 1919. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1925. Passed London Matric., Jan., 1928. Obtained Scholarship at Faraday House, April, 1928. Prefect, Jan., 1927 (Head Prefect, Jan., 1928). Cricket XI., 1927.
- R. S. HOSKINS.—Form V. Entered January, 1924.
- B. C. HOUSE.—Form IVB. Entered April, 1921.
- R. J. JESSE.—Form IVB. Entered September, 1926.
- M. D. KIRKPATRICK.—Form "Remove." Entered September, 1927.
- J. W. LONDON.—Form V. Entered September, 1923.
- W. J. PARSONS.—Form V. Entered September, 1922. Football XI., 1926 and 1927.
- V. E. TRUMP.—Form IVA. Entered September, 1924.

PREFECTS.

R. H. Kennedy (Head Prefect).

F. C. Imber, D. H. Tovey, R. M. Law, R. Light, C. G. F. Hazell,
D. A. Parham.

HEAD BOYS.

V. J. Adams, F. W. Coates, J. C. Day, J. Fancott, F. J. P. Snook.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

Corinthians—C. G. F. Hazell.
Romans—V. J. Adams.

Spartans—J. Fancott.
Trojans—R. H. Kennedy.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

H. M. Gale passed London Matric. Exam. in January, 1928.

H. M. Gale was awarded an Exhibition of *thirty* guineas a year for two years, at Faraday House Electrical Institution.

CRICKET.

The following old Colours remain from last season:—D. H. Tovey (Captain), R. M. Law, W. J. R. Dean, C. G. F. Hazell, J. Fancott and J. G. Hoddinott.

Dr. H. Martin left us at Easter, and his place on the staff has been taken by Mr. J. B. Kennedy, B.A., to whom we offer a hearty welcome.

HOCKEY.

Owing to rather better weather conditions; our ground was a little faster than it was last year, but the centre of it was often much too soft for good hockey.

Three matches were played, two on our own ground, and one away. Results:—

February 4th ... v. R. Bathurst Brown's XI., Lost 0-2.

February 8th ... v. B. Hillier's XI., Won 2-1.

February 18th ... v. King Edward VI. School, Southampton,
Lost 2-6.

The first two matches were evenly contested, and in the last match at Southampton we were actually leading at half-time. In the second half, however, our opponents shewed far superior combination, and were all over us.

We have several very useful hockey players in the school, but still lack fast and clever forwards. C. G. F. Hazell, R. H. Kennedy, H. M. Gale, F. J. P. Snook and E. H. Southon are all good defensive players, while D. H. Sharp (in goal) played well in the first match. D. H. Tovey and F. C. Imber are quite useful wing forwards, and I. E. Tovey shewed distinct promise in an inside position.

Among the juniors, D. J. Hoddinott, B. Hoddinott, R. R. Matthews, E. J. Baker and B. G. Gyles were shewing good form, and should be valuable recruits to the first club next year, if they are all with us.

CADET CORPS.

The following Cadets have left school, and are therefore struck off the roll:—Corpl. H. M. Gale, Cadets W. B. Alner, F. J. Coningham, H. B. A. Foot, R. S. Hoskins, B. C. House, R. J. Jesse, V. E. Trump.

Our strength now is 88 all ranks.

The work last term consisted principally of Company Drill, Rifle Exercises and Physical Training.

At the conference for O.C.'s the date of the inspection of the Corps by General Berners was fixed for the afternoon of July 5th.

PROMOTIONS.

1st May, 1928: *To be Lce.-Corpl.*—Cadet F. W. Coates.

24th May, 1928: *To be Corporals.*—Lce.-Corpls. F. C. Imber and D. H. Tovey.

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

SCHOOL SPORTS.

OWING to the bad weather, the Sports which should have been held on Wednesday, March 21st, were postponed until Monday, March 26th; consequently it was not surprising that there was not quite such a large attendance as usual, though those who were present certainly saw some interesting struggles. Considering the amount of rain which had fallen, it was surprising that the track was in such good condition, and we were very lucky, for Monday proved to be the one fine day of a very wet week.

The champion athlete was F. C. Imber, who gained 27 points by winning the Steeplechase, Long Jump and Hurdles, in addition to which he gained second place in the Mile, Half-mile, Quarter, and Throwing the Cricket Ball, and third-place in the Hundred Yards. W. J. Parsons was the runner-up with 17 points, winning the Half and Quarter, and gaining second place in the Hundred Yards. In the "Under 14" championship, L. A. T. Dennis scored 26 points, winning the junior Hurdles, Long Jump, and Quarter-mile; he also came third in the Hundred Yards. H. J. Rideout was the runner-up, scoring 14 points, being second in the Steeplechase, High Jump and Long Jump, and third in the Quarter-mile.

The results, taken as a whole, were only moderate, though D. H. Tovey in the Hundred, F. C. Imber in the Hurdles, and W. J. Parsons in the Quarter, all returned fairly good times, and F. J. P. Snook did well to clear 4ft. 11ins., considering the state of the ground. The longer distances were very disappointing; the times for the Half and the Mile were far below the usual standard, and curiously enough, last year these two events were the best. Not only do we need to find runners for these distances, but we must also improve the standard of the Long Jump.

In the junior events, W. G. S. Holloway jumped very well to clear 4ft. 2½ins., and A. P. B. Brown returned a better time in the "Under 13" Hurdles than either of those returned in the "Under 14" or "Under 15." He shows promise as a coming hurdler. B. Hoddinott also did very well to win the "Under 14" Steeplechase. Considerable amusement was caused by the struggles of D. Young and G. C. Mitchell in their efforts to overcome one another in the Sack Tournament, and it was a long time before G. C. Mitchell managed to vanquish the former by rolling him out of the ring.

At the conclusion of the sports, Dr. Tovey thanked the donors of the many handsome prizes. He also expressed the great pleasure he had in welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress

(Mr. & Mrs. W. Milverton) to the sports, and in asking the Mayoress to present the prizes. After the prize distribution, the proceedings closed with three cheers for the Mayor and Mayoress, called for by the champion athlete.

We gladly take this opportunity of thanking the following ladies and gentlemen for their kindness in presenting prizes:—
The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. & Mrs. W. Milverton), Rev. N. S. Lawrie, Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Barnitt, Mrs. B. Brown, Miss Macdonell, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis, Mr. & Mrs. Gower, Mr. & Mrs. F. Wyatt, Drs. Townsend & Royal, Mr. & Mrs. G. T. Dean, Mr. & Mrs. Chesterfield, Messrs. J. B. Brown, E. J. Baker, E. E. Browning, T. W. Clarke, R. W. Drake, H. Gatehouse, T. Imber, E. Johnson, R. F. Maidment, A. F. Parsons, J. R. Parsons, J. T. Peach, J. W. Pearson & Son, J. B. Pryce, H. J. Sharp, F. J. Snook, E. F. Strange, C. J. Stretch, A. J. Wescott, F. Woodcock, F. W. Young & Son.

The detailed results were as follows:—

HUNDRED YARDS (Open).—1, D. H. Tovey; 2, W. J. Parsons. Time, 10 4-5 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS (Under 14).—1, S. T. J. Burr; 2, F. A. Parsons. Time, 13 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS (Under 12).—1, A. W. Harding; 2, S. V. Brickell.

HIGH JUMP (Open).—1, F. J. P. Snook; 2, W. E. Thomas. Height, 4ft. 11ins.

HIGH JUMP (Under 12).—1, S. V. Brickell; 2, R. J. Maidment. Height, 3ft. 6½ins.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (Over 12).—1, F. J. Coningham; 2, F. H. Fletcher. Time, 24 3-5 secs.

HURDLE RACE (Under 14).—1, L. A. T. Dennis; 2, W. G. S. Holloway. Time, 25 secs.

HURDLE RACE (Under 15).—1, R. J. Gray; 2, C. J. H. Galindo. Time, 21 4-5 secs.

HURDLE RACE (Open).—1, F. C. Imber; 2, W. E. Thomas. Time, 18 3-5 secs.

HURDLE RACE (Under 13).—1, A. P. B. Brown; 2, B. E. E. Miles. Time, 21 2-5 secs.

LONG JUMP (Under 14).—1, L. A. T. Dennis; 2, R. J. Rideout. Distance, 14ft. 10ins.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 12).—1, H. C. L. Mason; 2, L. O. Brooks. Time, 34 1-5 secs.

OLD BOYS' RACE (100 Yards).—1, F. V. Osborne; 2, G. Clarke. Time, 11 3-5 secs.

SACK RACE (Under 12).—1, R. J. Maidment.

QUARTER MILE (Open).—1, W. J. Parsons; 2, F. C. Imber. Time, 58 3-5 secs.

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—1, F. D. Hollick and W. J. Dean.

QUARTER MILE (Under 14).—1, L. A. T. Dennis; 2, F. A. Parsons. Time, 67 2-5 secs.

CRICKET BALL (Open).—1, R. H. Kennedy; 2, F. C. Imber. Distance, 83yds. 1ft.

HALF MILE HANDICAP.—1, I. E. Tovey; 2, D. J. Hoddinott. Time, 2 min. 24 1-5 secs.

SACK TOURNAMENT (Over 14).—1, G. C. Mitchell.

STEEPLECHASE (Open).—1, F. C. Imber; 2, R. J. Gray.

STEEPLECHASE (Under 14).—1, B. Hoddinott; 2, H. J. Rideout.

MILE (Open).—1, H. M. Gale; 2, F. C. Imber. Time, 5 min. 40 secs.

HALF-MILE (Open).—1, W. J. Parsons; 2, F. C. Imber. Time, 2 min. 26 3-5 secs.

LONG JUMP (Open).—1, F. C. Imber; 2, R. H. Kennedy. Distance, 16ft. 10ins.

HIGH JUMP (Under 14).—1, W. G. S. Holloway; 2, H. J. Rideout. Height, 4ft. 2½ins.

HIGH JUMP (Under 15).—1, R. J. Gray. Height, 4ft. 4½ins.

CHAMPION ATHLETE (Under 14).—L. A. T. Dennis.

CHAMPION ATHLETE (Open).—F. C. Imber.

DORSET INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

THE twenty-fourth Athletic Meeting of the Dorset Schools was held on the ground of last year's winners (Wimborne Grammar School), on Wednesday, March 28th. The weather cleared somewhat for the sports, but heavy rain the previous day, and on the morning of the sports, made the going heavy and treacherous, and in places water stood on the track. In spite of these unfavourable conditions, the contest proved very interesting and exciting, Blandford just winning by obtaining *eight* points to Wimborne's *seven*, Shaftesbury being third with *five*. Blandford and Wimborne each had an outstanding athlete, and they won seven events between them; our team was not quite good enough to win any event, but we obtained five second places with five different candidates, a record which augurs well for another year. At the present moment we are very short of sprinters, and we seem to have very few boys who have any idea of how to throw a Cricket Ball. Could not this latter defect be remedied during the Summer term?

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Blandford on their capital victory; by beating Wimborne they have brought the Shield half-way to Shaftesbury, and it is for our 1929 athletes to complete its journey!

At the conclusion of the Sports, the Shield was presented to the Blandford boys by General Poore, who congratulated them on their success, and addressed a few appropriate

remarks to all the competitors on the value of sport as a training for life.

We must not conclude without thanking the Rev. and Miss Allan for the very kind hospitality they dispensed to competitors and visitors after the sports, and we must also express our appreciation of the arrangements made by those responsible for the sports themselves. We offer to one and all our grateful thanks.

The points gained by the respective Schools were:—

Blandford	8	Dorchester	2
Wimborne	7	Parkstone	2
Shaftesbury	5	Weymouth	0
Poole	3		

Our team was as follows:—F. C. Imber (captain), W. J. Parsons, D. H. Tovey, F. J. P. Snook, W. E. Thomas, F. J. Coningham, H. M. Gale, R. H. Kennedy, and I. E. Tovey.

The following are a few details of the performances of our own candidates in the various events:—

HUNDRED YARDS.

Heat 1.—F. J. Coningham was well to the front at the half-way, but then lost ground, and finished a poor third.

Heat 2.—D. H. Tovey won by a yard.

Final.—Blandford won by two yards. D. Tovey finished strongly to take second place (by inches) from Wimborne. Time, 11 3-5 secs.

HALF MILE.—I. E. Tovey made the pace at the beginning. At the end of the first lap, W. J. Parsons was running 6th. Half-way round the second lap he had come up to 2nd place, but then fell behind and finished 4th. Time, 2 min. 20 2-5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—Thomas failed at 4ft. 8in.. Snook cleared 4ft. 10in. to take second place. The Wimborne boy won easily, beating the record with a jump of 5ft. 3½ins.

220 YARDS.—D. H. Tovey was drawn on the outside, and was beaten for second place by a yard. Coningham finished 5th or 6th. The Blandford sprinter was an easy winner. Time, 26 3-5 secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—R. H. Kennedy beat F. C. Imber at the first throw, and took second place. At the second throw, Imber took second place, but Kennedy immediately regained it. Neither improved upon his second throw, and both were beaten by Parkstone and Dorchester. Distance, 91 yards 2ft. 2ins.

QUARTER MILE.—W. J. Parsons was unlucky to be drawn ninth. At the first bend he was completely crowded out and was well behind at the quarter distance. Then he ran a splendid race and came up rapidly, but failed to take first place by about two yards. This was the most thrilling effort during the afternoon. Time, 61 secs.

LONG JUMP.—At the end of the first round, Wimborne led by a few inches, with Imber second and Kennedy third. Neither Imber nor Kennedy improved on his first jump, while Wimborne added a few more inches, so that Wimborne won easily, and Imber took second points for us. The jumping, all round, was very poor. Distance, 16ft. 11ins.

HURDLES.

Heat 1.—F. C. Imber was disqualified, having knocked off four hurdles. He appeared to lose his stride—perhaps because of the heavy turf—half-way.

Heat 3.—W. E. Thomas led all the way, and won by several yards.

Final.—Wimborne took first place by about two yards. Thomas ran a splendid race and gained second place for us by a foot. Time, 19 secs.

MILE.—H. M. Gale led for the first three-quarters of a lap, but at the end of the lap was running third, with Imber sixth. At the end of the second lap Gale had dropped to 4th, and Imber to 8th. After this neither was "in the picture." Time, 5 min. 18 2-5 secs.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Debating Society continued its debates for the first half of the term. The standard of speaking showed some improvement from the previous term. D. A. Parham and R. M. Law both spoke well; others prepared quite good speeches, but often their delivery lacked conviction. A convincing and forcible manner is essential to a debater.

H. M. Gale was president, and R. H. Kennedy vice-president. R. M. Law performed the duties of secretary very well, and D. H. Tovey and Mr. Stewart completed the committee.

The following debates were held:—

Jan. 27th: "That the writer has done more for the race than the warrior." (Rejected.)

Proposed by D. H. Tovey and W. J. Langdon.

Opposed by R. Light and C. G. F. Hazell.

Feb. 3rd: "That the Press is more powerful than the House of Commons." (Rejected.)

Proposed by W. J. Langdon and V. J. Adams.

Opposed by C. R. Breen and D. A. Parham.

Feb. 10th: "That horse-traffic should be abolished from all towns." (Rejected.)

Proposed by F. J. P. Snook and W. H. F. T. Gauntlett.

Opposed by F. D. Hollick and W. E. Thomas.

Feb. 17th: "That the best-seller gives more pleasure than the classic." (Rejected.)

Proposed by R. S. Hoskins and T. S. Tucker.

Opposed by M. C. Holmes and W. J. R. Dean.

Feb. 24th: "That a system of technical education should be substituted for the present system of liberal education." (Rejected.)

Proposed by R. M. Law and V. J. Adams.

Opposed by D. H. Tovey and D. A. Parham.

LIBRARY.

We are very grateful to the donors of the following books, particularly to Mr. & Mrs. Perrins Barnitt and Mr. Mothersdale for their generous gifts.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"William Cook, Antique Dealer"	Keverne ...	Dr. Tovey
"The Mystery of the Island"	... Kingsley ...	J. W. Gardner
"The Pothunters" ...	... Wodehouse	L. Combes
"Frank's First Term" ...	... Avery ...	J. C. Day
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"In Lion Land" ...	Douglas ...	"
"British Ferns and their Allies"	Moore ...	"
"The Canterbury Puzzles"	Dudeney ...	"
"Sketches in Natural History"	Atkinson ...	"
"First Steps to Batting"	Knight ...	"
"Sports and Pastimes of the English People"	Strutt ...	"
"In Birdland" ...	Pike ...	"
"The Ringer" ...	Wallace ...	"
"The British Legion" ...	Hayens ...	"
"In a Hand of Steel" ...	Creswich...	"
"Tales of Adventure in the Wild West"	Ballantyne ...	"
"Voyages of Discovery"...	Cook ...	"
"The Thicket of the Fray at Zeebrugge"	Westerman ...	"
"Tales of the Great War"	Newbolt ...	"
"Hypatia" ...	Kingsley ...	"
"Mammon & Co." ...	Benson ...	"
"Ironmouth" ...	Stanton and Hosken...	"
"Teddy Lester in the Fifth"	Finnemore ...	"
"Roger the Scout" ...	Strang and Lawrence...	"
"The Young Rajah" ...	Kingston...	"
"The Young Llanero" ...	" ...	"
"The Young Anzacs" ...	Bowes ...	"
"Round the World in Seven Days"...	Strang ...	"

ROMANS (*Yellow*).

Adams, V. J.	Garne, W.	Miles, B. E. E.
Ayles, J. H.	Gray, A. G. B.	Mitchell, E. S.
Aylwin, B. D.	Gyles, B. G.	Rideout, H. J.
Bartlett, N. M.	Harris, O. G. N.	Rivland, C. T.
Bull, P. W.	Hart, T. G.	Sharpe, W. A.
Churchill, W. G. G.	Haskell, L. S.	Shepard, H. J.
Cole, P. F.	Heaton, R.	Shepard, R. B.
Dean, W. J. R.	Hewer, J. D. R.	Southon, E. H. J.
Dennis, L. A. T.	Hollick, F. D.	Snazelle, L. O.
Dennis, S. E.	Jesse, R. P.	Snazelle, R. G.
Dibben, E. H.	Langdon, W. J.	Young, G. C.
Farris, L. J.	Mayhew, A. E.	Young, R. O.
Friend, H. F.		

SPARTANS (*Blue*).

Badger, I. J.	Garrett, G. B.	Mitchell, G. C.
Breen, C. R. O.	Garrett, R. S.	Mitchell, F. C. B.
Brickell, A.	Gray, H. I.	Rawlins, D. D.
Brickell, S. V.	Harding, R. J.	Reeves, J. W.
Burt, W. H. J.	Hine, E. J.	Robertson, J. N.
Cartledge, C. B.	Hoddinott, D. J.	Rousell, G. R.
Chubb, F. A.	Hoddinott, B.	Short, A. W.
Cook, R.	Holloway, W. G. S.	Stone, W. J.
Cordery, T. A.	Holmes, M. C.	Wales, C. A.
Cox, W. F.	Johnsqn, B. K.	Wales, J. B.
Drew, P. F.	Lawrence, R. G.	Welch, R. A.
English, E. E.	Lawrence, J. D.	White, A.
Fancott, J.	Mason, H. C. L.	Willis, L. J. H.
Fletcher, F. H.	Matthews, R. R.	Young, D. R.

TROJANS (*Purple*).

Alford, G. E.	Isgar, R. F. C.	Ryall, H. B. B.
Arnell, R. J.	Kennedy, R. H.	Sharp, D. H.
Balatchet, R. S.	Law, R. M.	Simmons, L. H. R.
Barnes, L. F.	Law, P. D.	Smith, A. R. V.
Bastable, W. J.	Light, R.	Smith, R. S.
Bastable, M. S.	Lodge, D. L. G.	Steele, A. J.
Bateman, E. J.	Long, S. E.	Thompson, C. G. S.
Brooks, L. O.	Lyne, J. L.	Tovey, D. H.
Buckland, G. W. G.	Meaden, R. F.	Tovey, I. E.
Burr, S. T. J.	Millard, R. T. A.	Tucker, T. S.
Combes, E.	Moore, H. H.	Wakefield, J. A.
Creeth, J. W.	Morgan, C. P.	Wakefield, W.
Guantlett, W. H. F. T.	Parham, D. A.	Woodham, G. H.
Hoddinott, J. G.	Pearce, G. W.	Young, F. G. B.
Imber, F. C.	Rogers, L. C.	

HOUSE SPORTS.

These sports, which should have been held on Saturday, March 31st, had to be postponed owing to the weather, and took place on the following Monday, which proved to be quite a nice dry day. All events were keenly contested, and the running and hurdling were both good; the jumping, however, was not up to standard; two Houses were severely handicapped owing to the fact that one of their team could not clear the minimum height.

For the third year in succession the Trojans won both contests. In the senior competition they obtained no less than 13 points out of a possible 14, the Corinthians being second with 8 points, the Romans and Spartans both failing to score a point. In the junior competition the contest was much more even; the points were—Trojans 8, Corinthians 7, Spartans 3.

The Trojans therefore gained 8 points and the Corinthians 4 points for the House Shield. These points, added to those won at Football, make the present position of the Houses as follows: Trojans 15, Corinthians 9.

The following are the Sports results in detail:—

SENIOR.

Steeplechase	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Corinthians
400 Yards	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Corinthians
Long Jump	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Corinthians
High Jump	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Trojans
Mile	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Corinthians
Hurdles	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Corinthians
Half-Mile (Team Race)	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Corinthians

JUNIOR.

400 Yards	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Trojans
Long Jump	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Trojans
High Jump	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Corinthians
Half-Mile	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Spartans
Mile	...	...	1, Spartans	2, Corinthians
Hurdles	...	...	1, Trojans	2, Corinthians

The following represented their Houses in one or more events:—

CORINTHIANS.

Senior—W. J. Parsons, C. G. F. Hazell, F. J. P. Snook, F. W. Coates, W. E. Thomas, R. J. Gray.

Junior—E. Thorne, T. F. Andrews, R. S. Hoskins, A. P. B. Brown, B. C. House, F. A. Parsons, E. S. Adey, A. W. Harding, C. J. H. Galindo.

ROMANS.

Senior—V. J. Adams, W. J. R. Dean, F. D. Hollick, H. B. A. Foot, H. J. Shepard.

Junior—H. F. Friend, L. A. T. Dennis, B. G. Gyles, H. J. Rideout, B. E. E. Miles, S. E. Dennis, R. P. Jesse, R. B. Shepard, W. Garne.

SPARTANS.

Senior—W. B. Alner, D. J. Hoddinott, F. H. Fletcher, L. J. H. Willis, R. R. Matthews.

Junior—J. Fancott, B. K. Johnson, W. G. S. Holloway, D. R. Young, P. F. Drew, I. J. Badger, J. N. Robertson, M. C. Holmes.

TROJANS.

Senior—H. M. Gale, R. H. Kennedy, F. C. Imber, D. H. Tovey, F. J. Coningham.

Junior—R. M. Law, L. H. R. Simmons, D. A. Parhami, R. Light, R. T. A. Millard, J. G. Hoddinott, S. T. J. Burr.

RANDOM JOTTINGS ON A VISIT TO SWITZERLAND.

TO enjoy a sojourn in Switzerland in winter, thoroughly, one should be physically fit enough to partake of all kinds of winter-sports in the day, then in the evenings be able to go to the various entertainments, balls, dances, etc., arranged for the delectation of visitors. Unfortunately, I was not in such a happy position, but for health reasons had to refrain from sports or the "light fantastic." However, in spite of such handicaps, my visit was quite interesting, and I enjoyed watching bob-sleigh of ski races, exhibition skating, ice gymkhanas, etc., held in weather unknown in England in winter-time.

As regards the spot visited, Montana, a few words of description may not be out of place. Montana is a small village situated 5,000 feet up in the Bernese Alps, looking south-eastwards across the Rhone valley towards Italy. It is reached by a funicular railway, the cars being pulled up and let down by means of a steel cable (somewhat after the manner of the cliff lifts at Bournemouth), the journey taking about 45 minutes from the valley. The village is a "station climatérique" i.e., a health resort, and is full of sanatoria and pensions catering for those who have lung trouble and need the dry cold air of the mountains. There are about a score of small shops which do a roaring trade in December, January, and February, but for the remainder of the year have a comparatively slack time. There is nothing cheap in Switzerland as the exchange is practically at par, and the people seem out to get all they can during the "season." However, they are not quite so openly grasping as the French, but they do nothing for nothing, and jolly little for a franc. The views from Montana are very wonderful. To the south-west, Mt. Blanc is visible ("Mount Blank" as the Americans call it), which, of course, is in France.

People who have not seen this mountain assume that it is a peak; on the contrary it is a range or "massif," consisting of a number of pointed peaks or "aiguilles" (each having its own name) rising to a flat-topped eminence. Apropos of Mt. Blanc, there is an interesting book by A. E. W. Mason, called "Running Water," which gives vivid descriptions of these "aiguilles" and the whole range.

To the south-east lies Italy, with Monte Leone (Lion mountain), the Simplon summit and Pass, and the Matterhorn. Between these are numerous Swiss peaks of various altitudes. All are covered to approximately 10,000 feet by pine trees;

these then gradually disappear, leaving the snow-covered rock rising up to 14 or 15 thousand feet.

Switzerland is the photographers' paradise; the atmosphere is so clear that the most inexperienced amateur can obtain good "snaps," with the result that almost everyone has a camera, and this year many baby-cine's were in evidence at the ice-gymkhanas.

An Ice Gymkhana is an amusing event, especially when fancy dress is worn. Everyone hopes for a sunny day, and, given this, one makes one's way to the rink where, for two francs, a seat is provided, and basking in sunlight which only Switzerland is blessed with at this season, one tries to recognise various skaters who, dressed as Marquises, Tyrolese peasants, Jockeys, Red Indians, etc., are disporting themselves on the ice. The first event, perhaps, is a "cigarette" race. At a certain spot in the course a number of plates are placed containing flour, in each of which a cigarette is buried. The competitors have to race to the plates, kneel down with hands clasped behind their backs, and fish out with their mouths a cigarette, and race to the tape. The M.C. says "One, Two, Three, go," and they race to the plates, all kneel with hands behind backs, and bury their faces in the flour. Miniature clouds, blown up by the breath, arise from each plate; then one, lucky enough to catch his cigarette by the tip, rises, his face covered in flour and makes off full speed for the "fin," followed by the others with faces liberally powdered white. Cheers (some ironical), clapping and laughter, accompany the whole proceeding; then the orchestra, consisting of violin, 'cello and piano, strike up a lively air, and we eagerly look forward to the next event.

This, perhaps, is "musical chairs" for ladies. In this, competitors have to skate around outside a circle in which chairs are placed, and when the music stops rush for a vacant chair. The orchestra starts and the skaters circle round, the music stops and a rush is made for chairs, one or two competitors fall, but jump up and seize a seat, none the worse for a spill. At last two ladies only are left—one German and one French; they circle round the one chair, the music suddenly stops, they rush for the chair, both reach it at the same time and sit half on and half off; the chair tips and slides on the ice, a struggle ensues, but neither leaves go. The M.C. rushes up, but is unwilling to interfere, therefore he strikes a middle course and says "Ladies, ladies," but the struggle still goes on. A happy idea now strikes the M.C., and he prevails upon the ladies to abandon the chair and suggests that the issue be decided by the spin of a coin. This is done, honour is satisfied, and the victor returns dishevelled but happy to her friends.

Interspersed between events are exhibitions of figure skating, dancing, etc., by well-known amateurs. These are usually champions or ex-champions of France or Switzerland, so that some remarkable skating is seen. The whole programme lasts about two hours, and every minute is as enjoyable for the spectators as for the competitors.

One day the proprietor of the pension, having business in Montreux, offered to take me with him in his car, and I gladly availed myself of the opportunity. As Montana is snow-bound all winter, he kept his car at Sierre, which is the town in the valley at the foot of the funicular. The day was gloriously fine, and, after the monotony of endless snow in the mountains it was a relief to see a dusty road, grass, and trees other than pines. The road, river and railway, run together along the valley, which is historically famous for being the route chosen by Hannibal and Napoleon when leading their armies across the Alps into Italy.

After two hours run, the lake of Geneva (Lac Lemán) was reached, the road at this point passing under the walls of the Chateau Chillon, made famous by Byron's poem, "The Prisoner of Chillon." The chateau is well preserved and open to visitors on payment of an entrance fee. It was the palace of the Dukes of Savoy until the Bernese captured it and converted it into a fortress. The hero of Byron's poem was Bonnivard, who was imprisoned in the dungeon there for many years, most of the time being chained to a pillar, which is still an object of interest to visitors.

Leaving the Chateau behind, Montreux is entered, and this is a residential town having a considerable English community. The climate is mild in winter and warm in summer, and good views are obtained, looking across the lake, of the mountains of French Savoy. Some of the English are permanent residents who prefer to live abroad rather than remain in England and pay income tax; others reside there for a portion of the year only.

We proceeded from Montreux *via* Clarens, along the lake side to Lausanne. This is a fairly large town of about 60,000 inhabitants, situated a little distance above Lake Geneva. It possesses a Cathedral and a University, also it is a good business centre with busy streets and fine shops. It was here, of course, that one of the post-war settlement conferences took place. After looking round the town we returned to Montreux, where we spent the night. Next morning we set out for Montana which was safely reached in the afternoon.

Of course one meets with certain customs in Switzerland which at first seem strange. For instance, a gendarme has the power to fine a person for a trivial breach of the laws

without recourse to a Police Court. Thus, supposing a motorist is exceeding the speed limit, which I believe is 50 kilometres p.h., and is stopped by a gendarme, the latter probably says "you are making 70 kilometres." The motorist denies 70 but admits 45. The gendarme says "we will say you make 60 kilometres and you must pay 10 francs." The motorist pays, is given an official receipt then and there, and the incident is closed. This, of course, is very summary justice, but it saves the time and trouble of attending a court.

Then there is the callous indifference to causing pain to animals, which seems indelibly ingrained in the minds of all continental people. Dogs and cows are harnessed to sleighs and carts containing loads quite out of proportion to the strength of the animal in the shafts; moreover, horses are beaten unmercifully and frightfully neglected.

Again, sanitation in the villages inhabited by peasants is extremely primitive. The upper rooms of the chalets or cottages are used as living rooms by the people, whilst the lower are simply cow-sheds, piggeries or stables; yet the whole is probably lit by electricity. Electricity is very cheap and plentiful in Switzerland owing to the abundance of water-power. The railways are practically all electrified, and huge electric engines pull trains along at a fairly high speed. It is a relief to cross the frontier from France into Switzerland, as the volumes of dense smoke poured forth from bad coal by the French locomotives cover everything with smuts, whereas in Switzerland the electrically propelled engines are clean and less noisy.

In conclusion, one may state that the journey itself to Switzerland, once the Channel is crossed, is easy, but the fuss and unseemly scramble that now obtains at embarkation and disembarkation owing to the antediluvian arrangements at the ports, is a disgrace both to English and French authorities. Moreover, when one returns to England, the officious and high-handed manner in which the Customs employees carry out the examination of passengers' luggage makes one regret having to enter the country at all, and I am sure is a strong deterrent to continental tourists visiting England. We are supposed to be a "Free Trade Country," but after one's luggage has been "swept and garnished" by the English Customs, one realises the fatuity of that expression. Nevertheless, in spite of such impediments, one looks back to the sunshine, clear skies and enjoyable moments experienced in Switzerland without regret, for passing through Kent with its lovely green meadows and blossoming fruit-trees, one realises the truth of the line of the poet who wrote "Oh, to be in England now that April's here."

G. W. CHEATER (O.S.)

O.S. NEWS.

We deeply regret to have to record the death of Eric W. Whitworth, on Wednesday, March 21st, after an illness of over three months duration. He left School shortly before the end of the Xmas-term, owing to ill-health, and later underwent a serious operation from which he never recovered. We offer our very deep sympathy to his mother and brother in their sad loss, and can assure them that we, too, will miss him very much.

The funeral took place at Bishopstone, Wilts, on March 24th. The School was represented by Mr. Minchin and the two senior Prefects (H. M. Gale and R. H. Kennedy); wreaths were sent from the School, Form IVA., the Spartans, and Mr. & Mrs. Ramshaw's House.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tayler on the long-continued illness of their little boy. We are delighted, however, to hear that he is now making progress towards recovery.

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

Feb. 15th—W. A. Drew to Miss Harris.

April 5th—G. E. G. Norton to Miss Davies.

„ 9th—H. C. Stainer to Miss Wyse.

„ 19th—L. W. Pike to Miss Genge.

June 4th—C. L. Hirst to Miss Mills.

We also congratulate L. B. Law on his recent engagement to Miss Shildrick; he is now an assistant engineer with the Marconi Company.

Dr. Tovey has had very interesting letters from Max Gardner, Geoffrey West and J. S. Arnold. They are all abroad, and appear to be doing well.

Our hearty congratulations to Gordon Ensor on becoming a qualified doctor. He is now Junior House Surgeon at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

We are sorry to hear that T. R. Attwater has been ill. He has been for a sea voyage round the Cape, and is now much better and back at work again.

The latest news from W. T. Chandler is very cheerful. He has now practically recovered from his serious accident, and hopes to be fit to return to the Bank in July.

Hearty congratulations to T. D. Osborne (who is at present in Malta with his regiment) on the birth of a daughter.

Maurice Wilson has passed the Final examination of the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute, and is now at Maidenhead.

F. E. B. Johnson sailed for Chicago on Feb. 29th. We hear he is quite happy and doing well, and we wish him every success in his new venture.

R. C. Keen has gone to Western Australia to farm.

A. E. Atkinson and his wife paid a very welcome visit to the School early in May. He is home on holiday from Burma, where he is in business with the Burma Oil Co.

Jack Brown has been home on leave from Tanganyika; he left again on May 11th, and we shall hope to see him back again in 1930.

H. M. Gale has made a start at Faraday House, and likes his work very much.

P. J. Southgate paid a visit to the School during the Easter holidays. He is now a classical master at St. Columba College, in Ireland.

Godwin Pratt is now in business at Bristol. He is in partnership with Mr. J. E. Kettle, and has opened up motor-cycle showrooms at 90, Stokes Croft.

Just as we go to press, we hear that Howard Spry has a daughter. Our hearty congratulations and best wishes go to him and his wife.

The Past v. Present cricket matches will be played on Wednesday, July 25th, starting at 11.30 a.m. Will any members of O.S. Club who would like to play, kindly send their names to Dr. Tovey before July 11th?

O.S. CLUB.

NEW MEMBERS.

- A. S. Braddick, Station Road, Gillingham.
 A. E. Atkinson, Burma Oil Co., Chauk, Magwe District, Upper
 Burma.
 A. Roberts, 29, East Street, Crewkerne.
 V. E. Trump, 22, Marlborough Road, Salisbury.
 H. M. Gale, 67, Holmleigh Road, Stamford Hill, London, N. 16.
 G. L. Cooper, 50, North Street, Wareham, Dorset.
 R. H. Hitch, Elkstone Manor, nr. Cheltenham.
 R. E. J. Richards, Chilhampton Farm, Wilton, Salisbury.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- W. T. Chandler, Inveresk, Hales Road, Cheltenham.
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 P. H. Ryall, Lloyds Bank, Trowbridge, Wilts.
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 M. W. Wilson, 35, Cookham Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

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