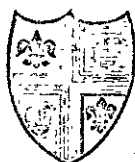


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EDITORIAL.

OUR Football team, last term, gave us a thoroughly pleasant surprise. Early practices led us to anticipate a moderate side, but the team improved out of all knowledge before the end of the term, and eventually proved themselves a better side than we have had for several seasons. We offer our hearty congratulations to L. A. T. Dennis and his team. Three of them were selected to play for A.F.A. Public School sides during the Christmas holidays; L. A. T. Dennis v. Merton and Lloyds Bank, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett v. The Exiles and The Bank of England, and D. R. Young v. Catford Wanderers and The Highways Club. We hear that the authorities were very favourably impressed with the play of Dennis and Gauntlett.

Mr. Douglas Beaufort visited the School on October 26th, and gave us a splendidly varied entertainment consisting of sleight of hand, musical sketches, funny stories, and ventriloquism. Two glees were also sung by the choir, two amusing concerted items were given by E. Combes, L. A. T. Dennis, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett and R. S. Balhatchet, and B. G. Gyles played two piano solos. The evening proved a very enjoyable one.

We wish to remind old boys that a fresh O.S. Club booklet with names and addresses of all members, is being prepared, and will be published before Easter. Any recent change of address should be sent to the Hon. Sec. *without delay*. Further particulars will be found under O.S. Club notes.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

G. H. Allard (R.)	E. F. Jesse (R.)	W. R. Talbot (T.)
A. J. Courtney (R.)	R. Y. Maclurkin (C.)	A. R. M. Tanner (S.)
P. Dufosse (C.)	I. D. Maclurkin (C.)	T. C. Tozer (T.)
N. H. Foot (S.)	W. L. Perret (C.)	M. G. Walton (R.)

(The letter in brackets denotes the "House.")

VALETE.

- R. J. ARKELL.—Form VI. Entered April, 1925. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1929.
- J. H. AYLES.—Form IVB. Entered September, 1927.
- E. J. BATEMAN.—Form IVA. Entered September, 1926.
- F. A. CHUBB.—Form V. Entered September, 1924. Cricket XI., 1930. Football XI., 1929 and 1930.
- W. F. COX.—Form IVB. Entered April, 1928. Football XI., 1930.
- E. H. DIBBEN.—Form IVB. Entered September, 1927.
- A. G. G. HARRIS.—Form IVc. Entered January, 1925.
- B. HODDINOTT.—Form V. Entered April, 1925. Cricket XI., 1930. Football XI., 1930.
- A. W. SHORT.—Form V. Entered September, 1926.
- R. G. SNAZELLE.—Form IVA. Entered April, 1927.
- E. P. SWANTON.—Form IVc. Entered September, 1928.

PREFECTS.

- L. A. T. Dennis (Head Prefect).
- W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, M. C. Holmes, B. K. Johnson, P. D. Law,
A. F. F. Birch, P. F. Drew, R. S. Balhatchet.

HEAD BOYS.

- A. P. B. Brown, E. Combes, B. G. Gyles, R. A. Jeeves,
D. L. G. Lodge, D. R. Young.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

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| Corinthians—A. F. F. Birch. | Spartans—D. R. Young. |
| Romans—L. A. T. Dennis. | Trojans—W. H. F. T. Gauntlett. |

FOOTBALL.

Our team for 1930 was made up as follows:—W. H. F. T. Gauntlett (goal); F. A. Chubb & W. F. Cox (backs); R. A. Welch, R. S. Balhatchet and P. D. Law (halves); R. A. Jeeves and B. Hoddinott (right wing), L. A. T. Dennis (centre), A. Brickell and D. R. Young (left wing).

We regret to say that Miss E. Crowe left us at the end of last term, after teaching the piano in the school for seven years. Her place has been taken by Mr. R. A. Rolleston Walker, L.R.A.M., to whom we offer a hearty welcome.

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS.

1st XI.

Sat.,	Oct. 4	...	Shaftesbury Athletic	...	Home—Won	2—1
Sat.,	" 11	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Home—Won	2—0
Wed.,	" 15	...	Southern Amateur League	...	*Home—Lost	4—5
Sat.,	" 18	...	Weymouth Grammar School	...	Away—Lost	2—4
Wed.,	" 22	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Away—Won	10—2
Sat.,	" 25	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Away—Won	16—0
Wed.,	" 29	...	Bournemouth School	...	Home—Lost	1—2
Sat.,	Nov. 1	...	Shaftesbury Athletic	...	Home—Lost	2—7
Wed.,	" 5	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Away—Won	7—0
Sat.,	" 15	...	Yeovil School	...	Home—Won	7—0
Wed.,	" 19	...	Old Shastonians	...	Home—Lost	4—6
Sat.,	" 22	...	Weymouth Grammar School	...	Home—Won	3—0
Wed.,	" 26	...	Bournemouth School	...	Away—Won	3—2
Wed.,	Dec. 3	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Home—Won	14—1
Wed.,	" 10	...	Taunton's School, Southampton...	...	Home—Draw	1—1

*With Masters. Won 9. Drawn 1. Lost 5. 78 31

2nd XI.

Sat.,	Oct. 11	...	Wimborne Gram. Sch. (2nd XI.)	Away—Lost	0—1
Sat.,	" 18	...	Lord Weymouth's School, Warminster	Home—Won	7—0
Sat.,	" 25	...	Wimborne Gram. Sch. (2nd XI.)	Home—Won	2—0
Wed.,	" 29	...	Bournemouth School (Under 15)	Away—Draw	2—2
Sat.,	Nov. 1	...	Lord Weymouth's School, Warminster	Away—Won	5—1
Wed.,	" 5	...	Dorchester Gram. Sch. (2nd XI.)	Home—Won	6—2
Wed.,	" 12	...	Foster's School, Sherborne	Home—Lost	0—4
Sat.,	" 15	...	Yeovil School (2nd XI.)	Away—Won	3—2
Wed.,	" 19	...	Old Shastonians (2nd XI.)	Home—Lost	3—5
Wed.,	" 26	...	Bournemouth School (Under 15)	Home—Won	4—2
Wed.,	Dec. 10	...	Taunton's School, Southampton (2nd XI.)	Away—Lost	0—1

Won 6. Drawn 1. Lost 4. 33 21

" Under 14 " XI.

Wed.,	Oct. 22	...	Cathedral School, Salisbury	...	Home—Won	3—1
Wed.,	Dec. 3	...	Cathedral School, Salisbury	...	Away—Won	4—1

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Altogether the School played 28 matches, winning 17, drawing 2, and losing 9, with a goal average of 118 against 54.

Season 1930 was certainly the most successful we have had for many years. In the early weeks of the term our prospects did not seem at all bright. As usual, there appeared to be some sound defenders, in particular the captain, L. A. T. Dennis, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett and F. A. Chubb; but no forwards except A. Brickell and M. C. Holmes. The latter, one of the previous season's colours, was unable to play for a month, and when he started he only played three matches

before he was unfortunate enough to break his leg, playing against Bournemouth School; this was a great misfortune, not only for Holmes, but also for the team, as he was by far the most energetic worker of the line. R. A. Jeeves and B. Hoddinott combined fairly well together on the right, and D. R. Young improved tremendously and made a useful partner to A. Brickell on the left. The centre-forward position was not finally filled until W. F. Cox came into the side as right back, allowing R. S. Balhatchet to move to centre-half, thus freeing L. A. T. Dennis to come into the attack.

The excellence of the results of the matches is due to the level standard maintained by the whole team, rather than to the brilliance of one or two players. The inside forwards were small, and their shooting lacked power; but they were backed up by three capable halves, who fed them with judgment. F. A. Chubb was very safe, and his partner, W. F. Cox, when he settled down to first eleven play, proved that he was worth his place in the team. W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, in goal, made very few mistakes, and was particularly good when most needed.

The second eleven had a very much better season than last year, when they only won one match and lost six. The defence was far superior to the attack. W. G. S. Holloway, G. R. Rousell and J. R. D. Hewer played together the whole season, and saved many awkward situations. Of the halves, G. W. G. Buckland in the centre was consistently good. B. K. Johnson was a little too nervous about the success of his side, and frequently left his own position of left half to help others, thereby causing a gap in the defence, of which opponents made good use. B. G. Gyles was unable to play for half the term, which was a great pity, as he improved with each game. The forwards were poor; the defence frequently set them going, but they did not manage to combine well, and hesitated to shoot until they had an open goal. Had they shot more frequently they certainly would not have lost their first match against Wimborne Grammar School 2nd XI., and probably they would have drawn against the Old Shastonians. Undoubtedly their best performance was against Taunton's School 2nd XI., Southampton, though they lost 0-1. Taunton's were a heavier side, and despite a re-arrangement of the team, the School 2nd XI. played splendidly, especially the defence, of which B. G. Gyles at centre-half was the pick; R. E. Hunt was our most dangerous forward. Against Bournemouth School "Under 15" side, J. R. D. Hewer and G. R. Rousell were our best defenders, while A. G. G. Harris, though not a polished player, scored two excellent goals, each time receiving the ball close to the half-way line; he kept it himself, and

partly by speed and partly by weight took it down to the penalty area and shot hard. A. P. B. Brown scored another, and G. R. Rousell the fourth.

The following played for the 2nd XI. in addition to those mentioned in the criticism: E. S. Mitchell (left half) is a fearless tackler and keen player, but at present he lacks ball control and constructive ability. P. Bull (outside left) is a clever player, probably the cleverest outside the 1st XI., but he shirks tackling and being tackled; when he overcomes his nerves he should be very useful; W. Wakefield and L. O. Snazelle as inside forwards, though at present the former appears as if he will make a better half back; L. C. Rogers and E. J. Hine as backs, and T. A. Cordery, R. J. Davies and R. Heaton as forwards.

Considering that the "Under 14" XI. had very few opportunities of playing as a team, it did well to win the two matches against the Cathedral School, Salisbury. It contained some very promising footballers in the making, who should one day make a mark for themselves in the first eleven.

The team was strong in defence, where C. D. Clark, in goal; and A. Crocker and E. J. Pulman, at back, could always be relied on to break up the opposing attack. Crocker found his weight invaluable, and E. J. Pulman is a natural footballer with a strong kick. The halves were very hard workers, but must learn to set their forwards going more often. R. J. Edwards and C. H. Adams, on the wings, played very well, and H. B. Ryall got through a lot of hard work. He must learn to control the ball more thoroughly, and to keep it on the ground when possible. The forwards were promising, but were not often together. This was partly due to the difficulty of getting a satisfactory centre-forward. R. J. Gray and J. E. Russell, on the right wing, were very good considering their youth and stature, but they were too light and small to be really dangerous. R. E. Hunt, at outside left, was quite good, and would have been far more effective with better inside forwards to combine with.

In the first match, J. M. Harding showed considerable skill, and it was unfortunate that illness prevented his participation in the second game. C. D. Clark played centre-forward at Salisbury. His weight and pace were decidedly helpful, but he was too much inclined to wander from his position. A. Dufosse kept goal in his place, and showed distinct signs of becoming proficient. F. J. Austin and G. R. Cole played in one of the matches. The former lacks ball control, while the latter was hardly heavy enough to make a good leader of the forward line.

We cannot conclude better than by heartily congratulating L. A. T. Dennis and the rest of the 1st eleven on their most successful season. L. Dennis showed his knowledge of the game in the way he advised and encouraged his team on the field, and of his duties in the way he organised the club football. It was due to his keenness and the backing he received from the other senior colours that the season went so pleasantly.

S.G.S. v. SHAFTESBURY ATHLETIC, home, won 2-1.—The first match was a very big task for the School, as their opponents were a much heavier side. However, they settled down, and by clever passing had quite as much of the game as their visitors, who relied far more on individual effort. B. Hoddinott scored for the School after 30 minutes, following a *melée*. Five minutes later, P. D. Law was unlucky to deflect a shot out of W. H. F. T. Gauntlett's reach. Midway through the second half, R. A. Jeeves drove a centre from D. R. Young low down into the left hand corner of the goal; this was all the scoring, the School, by resolute tackling, keeping their opponents at bay.

S.G.S. v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, home, won 2-0.—During the first half the School did nearly all the attacking, but could not score, the shooting being very bad indeed. After half time play was more even. D. R. Young scored first, and 25 minutes later R. A. Welch finished off one of the few attempts at passing with a good goal. In this game we did not show anything like the form displayed in the previous match.

S.G.S. (with Masters) v. SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE, home, lost 4-5.—Mr. H. A. Roberts very kindly brought a side down from London again this year, and a splendid game was the result. Considering the weather and the state of the ground, the football attained a very high standard. We were shown some beautiful short passing, the visiting forwards being very quick on the ball, and always in position for a pass; they quickly settled down and scored two goals, and just before half time Mr. Scalbert scored for the School. Soon after half time Mr. Cole equalised, following a free kick just outside the penalty area. Mr. Scalbert taking a pass from the left wing, put the School ahead; and Mr. Minchin, from a centre by D. R. Young, sent the ball beautifully along the ground into the left-hand corner of the net to score the fourth. The S.A.L. then pressed very hard, and scored three goals in the last half-hour, during which time rain fell heavily. We look forward to another match next year. All thoroughly enjoyed the game, and many picked up valuable hints on passing and positional play.

S.G.S. v. WEYMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away; lost 2-4.—The School won the toss and played down hill; the high cross-wind, light ball and slope made good football very difficult, and the game was a succession of "throw-on's." During the first half, R. A. Welch and M. C. Holmes scored; the latter player should have scored again, but over-ran the ball. During the second half Weymouth scored four times without reply from the School.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD SCHOOL, away; won 10-2.—In the first half we played very poor football; our opponents being much faster on the ball. During the first eight minutes, each side scored twice; but that was all until after half time. For the second half R. A. Jeeves changed from outside right to centre-forward, M. C. Holmes taking his place. The change was most effective, as with the new arrangement we scored no less than eight times without allowing our opponents to score once.

S.G.S. v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away, won 16-0.—The score is not a fair reflection of the play. Although our goal-keeper had little to do, the backs were frequently called on to break up Wimborne's attacks. The School soon settled down, and having the advantage of the slope, scored nine times in the first half, the efforts of B. Hoddinott and D. R. Young being especially good. During the second half Wimborne had a little more of the game, but the School managed to obtain another seven goals. The forwards all played well, the main improvement being that they shot whenever possible. L. A. T. Dennis was to a great extent responsible for this big score; he not only passed the ball into the wind himself, but inspired the rest of the team to do likewise; consequently our attacks had the wind behind them—a great factor when inside forwards are small.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL, home, lost 1-2.—It was during the first ten minutes of this game that M. C. Holmes broke his leg, and, considering this fact and that Bournemouth were a heavier team, we did very well to keep the score down to 1-2. At half time, we were losing 0-1, and after half an hour of the second half had passed, L. A. T. Dennis gave R. A. Jeeves a perfect pass from which he equalised. Five minutes later, however, the Bournemouth outside right broke away and put in a shot which gave W. H. F. T. Gauntlett no chance. The whole team played well, especially W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, F. A. Chubb, L. A. T. Dennis and B. Hoddinott, the last named having all the work of the right wing.

S.G.S. v. SHAFTESBURY ATHLETIC, home, lost 2-7.—The team were without B. K. Johnson, E. S. Mitchell taking his place at left half. The conditions were nearly as bad as possible, and, with a heavy ground, it is not surprising that the result of the first match was reversed. The School was not up to form, the forwards particularly poor, so that the defence were faced with a task which proved far too much for them.

S.G.S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away, won 7-0.—S.G.S. won the toss and played with a strong wind behind them, and at half time were leading by 5-0. The second half produced better football, owing to the fact that in order to make any progress, it was necessary to keep the ball on the ground. The halves all played well, with P. D. Law the best. The forwards combined nicely but took the ball too close to the goal before shooting, particularly in the first half.

S.G.S. v. YEOVIL SCHOOL, home, won 7-0.—Rain fell throughout the game and at half time we led by 3-0. Our halves dominated the play; of the forwards only B. Hoddinott and L. A. T. Dennis were up to standard, scoring five goals between them.

S.G.S. v. OLD SHASTONIANS, home, lost 4-6.—The O.S. put a strong side to play the 1st XI. and were too heavy and too tall, our small inside forwards being very handicapped for every corner and throw-on. The O.S. scored first, and it was some time before D. R. Young equalised, then A. Brickell put the School further ahead, and before half time L. A. T. Dennis scored a third. After half time, the O.S. pressed hard and for a time completely over-ran the School and scored no less than five times. Towards the end, play was taken to the other goal and L. A. T. Dennis scored our fourth. The game was always interesting, the School defence tackling very keenly, W. F. Cox in particular, at back, with R. S. Balhatchet and R. A. Welch at half back.

O.S. Team:—L. J. Willis, A. W. Miles and C. G. F. Hazell, F. J. P. Snook, A. J. Combes, W. E. Thorne, F. C. Imber, C. S. Balhatchet, G. F. Simpson, W. J. Parsons, D. H. Tovey.

S.G.S. v. WEYMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, home, won 3-0.—The ground was very heavy indeed; the School playing much better football, deserved to win. The whole of the defence played excellently, one save by W. H. F. T. Gauntlett being distinctly brilliant, in going out to catch a ball he slipped in the mud, but while falling he managed to punch the ball away from two Weymouth forwards, saving an otherwise certain goal.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL, away, won 3-2.—On a rain-soaked pitch the play was surprisingly fast. We scored first, through B. Hoddinott heading in a centre from D. R. Young, but before half time Bournemouth equalised. Soon after the interval the Bournemouth goal-keeper failed to hold a shot properly and L. A. T. Dennis took the chance and scored our second goal. Shortly after, R. A. Jeeves added a third, converting a pass from A. Brickell. Bournemouth attacked hard for the last quarter of an hour but only managed to score once. The whole team played really well, R. S. Balhatchet playing his best game of the season.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD, home, won 14-1.—We started with the wind in our favour and by half time had obtained a lead of nine goals. In the second half, R. S. Balhatchet went outside left, having received a nasty kick. This somewhat disorganised the forward line, but they managed to add five more before the Blandford left wing broke away and scored.

S.G.S. v. TAUNTON'S SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON, home, draw 1-1.—The ground was hard with a thin coating of mud on top, making it very difficult for the players to control the ball. Taunton's were the heavier team, but they settled down and throughout the match they mastered the conditions better than the School. Had the School forwards been more certain of their footing, they must have been two goals up in the first 5 minutes, D. R. Young and L. A. T. Dennis both slipping when they had the ball, with only the goal-keeper to beat. After thirty minutes even play Taunton's scored, and it was not until twenty-five minutes of the second half had passed that R. A. Jeeves broke away on the right and beating Taunton's goal-keeper, who ran out, put the ball past him into the empty goal. This was all the scoring, though Taunton's were pressing hard for the last five minutes. It was an exceedingly good game with not a foul on either side. For the School, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, F. A. Chubb, R. S. Balhatchet and R. A. Welch were particularly good, while G. R. Rousell, who took the place of W. F. Cox, gave a very creditable performance in an important match. This was the last match of the season and the performance of drawing with our much heavier opponents made a very creditable finish.

CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

W. H. F. T. GAUNTLETT (goal-keeper).—Kept goal admirably, and formed a splendid last line.

W. F. COX (right back).—A keen player, whose kicking, particularly with his left foot, improved greatly. He is very quick and anxious to learn, and with more experience should become very useful.

F. A. CHUBB (left back).—A natural player with an excellent knowledge of the game. Has height, and can use his head to great advantage; kicks well, but occasionally showed lack of dash.

R. A. WELCH (right half).—A hard worker who tackles and passes well; is a very promising player. Must learn to shoot occasionally.

R. S. BALHATCHET (centre half).—A really promising half, who knows the game and always plays it. His tackling and passing are excellent, but is a shade on the slow side. We hope for great things from him in the future.

P. D. LAW (left half).—Last year he played as a forward, but is a better half-back, and improved rapidly in later matches; his defence is his strong point.

R. A. JEEVES (outside right).—He improved considerably as the season advanced. Is rather a slow football thinker, and inclined to indulge in fatal hesitancy. A good shot, and should be very useful another season.

B. HODDINOTT (inside right).—Has very good ball control, and is a keen player; uses his head effectively, but is greatly handicapped by lack of weight and inches.

L. A. T. DENNIS (Captain, centre-forward).—Though he took up the position of centre-forward, his proper position is centre-half. He can use either foot equally well, and has a very sound knowledge of the game. As a forward, lacks the ability to shoot on the run. He made an admirable captain.

A. BRICKELL (inside left).—Has more ball control than anyone else on the side, but unfortunately spoils many of his passes by putting them knee high. An improved shot.

D. R. YOUNG (outside left).—Distinctly fast; centres fairly well, and takes his corner kicks accurately. Probably the most improved player of the side. Unfortunately is rather inclined to shirk a tackle; when he overcomes this he will make a good player.

CHARACTERS OF THE SECOND ELEVEN.

- W. G. S. HOLLOWAY (goal).—At times he kept goal very well, but is much too erratic. He far too frequently showed fatal hesitancy over leaving his goal to clear.
- G. R. ROUSSELL (right back).—A keen, fearless player, who, though on the slow side, tackled very effectively, and clears his lines as soon as possible; should do well.
- J. R. D. HEWER (left back).—As keen and fearless as his partner; has a useful turn of speed, but his kicking is not yet clean, this will come with experience. Is a very promising player.
- B. G. GYLES (right half).—A much improved player with no end of dash; his ball control improved with each game.
- G. W. G. BUCKLAND (centre half).—Shows a good knowledge of the game, and passes well. Is somewhat slow, and hesitates before tackling; should overcome both these faults as he gets bigger, and develop into a very good half back.
- B. K. JOHNSON (Captain, and left half).—A bustling player who lacks ball control, which quite spoils his constructive play. A good defender, but too inclined to wander.
- A. P. B. BROWN (outside right).—Fairly fast, and knows what is wanted; as the season progressed he came much nearer to performing his task. When he learns to centre and gains more ball control, he should be a very useful player.
- P. F. DREW (inside right).—Gave promise of being a distinct asset to the side, but did not maintain his early form. Shows nice position play, but hesitates too long over passing and shooting.
- E. M. BARRETT (centre-forward).—Originally a wing forward; has a fairly good idea of what is wanted, and is anxious to learn. Inclined to hesitate, and does not shoot often enough. A promising player.
- R. E. HUNT (inside left).—A player who tries hard, and with more experience should make a good inside forward.
- A. G. G. HARRIS (outside left).—Quite fast, and with his weight was an asset to the forward line. Lacks ball control, but when he shot, he shot hard.
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CADET CORPS.

The following Cadets left at the end of the Christmas term:—Cpl. F. A. Chubb, Cadets R. G. Snazelle, W. F. Cox, B. Hoddinott, A. G. G. Harris, E. J. Bateman, R. J. Arkell, J. H. Ayles.

In spite of the withdrawal of W.O. recognition, we have been able to keep up our strength at 100, having enrolled a large number of recruits during last term. Although Government rifles have been "called in," we still retain enough D.P.'s to carry on, and we intend to devote more time to shooting, having become affiliated to the S.M.R.C.

A County Committee of the National Cadet Association has now been formed to carry on the Cadet movement in Dorset, and Dr. Tovey and myself have been elected to represent the School on that body.

The "Lucas Tooth" Shield, which we hold, will probably be again up for competition among the Dorset Corps, but the nature of the competition has not yet been decided. The presentation of the shield was made by Lord Shaftesbury, on Speech Day, last November.

PROMOTIONS (1st Nov., 1930):—

To be Sergeant—Cpl. P. D. Law.

„ *Corporals*—Lc.-Cpls. M. C. Holmes, R. S. Balhatchet, B. K. Johnson.

„ *Lce.-Cpls.*—Cadets A. P. B. Brown, E. Combes, D. R. Young.

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

LIBRARY.

We offer our grateful thanks to Sister Emily Mabel, of Shaftesbury, for her kindness in presenting the undermentioned books to our Reference Library:—

TITLE.	AUTHOR.
"Tales of Old Japan"	... Lord Redesdale
"The Earth"	... E. Reclus
"The Ocean"	... E. Reclus
"The Universe"	... F. A. Pouchet
"Notes by a Naturalist on H.M.S. Challenger"	... H. N. Moseley
"Natural History Rambles in search of Minerals"	... D. T. Austed
"The Naturalist in La Plata"	... W. H. Hudson
"The Naturalist on the River Amazons" ...	... H. W. Bates
"The Dawn of History"	... J. L. Myres
"Chess"	... L. Hoffer
"Minor Tactics of Chess"	... Young & Howell
"The Principles of Chess"	... James Mason

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Debating Society, last term, gave evidence of pleasing signs of life and enthusiasm. This was largely due to the efforts of the President, Secretary, and Committee of the Society, and the principal speakers in the various debates. The same cannot be said of the ordinary members, who proved themselves too diffident to speak when the debates were opened to the House.

Praise is due to those speakers who tried to make speeches in preference to reading out essays. The activity and interest of a Debating Society depends upon the forceful and vivacious manner in which the speakers handle their material. This manner can best be attained by such a devotion of thought to a subject that only a minimum of notes is necessary. Unless exceedingly well done, the reading of an indifferent essay is a poor substitute for the pure efforts at speech-making, which are, after all, the object of a Debating Society. The motto of the Society should be to cultivate "ars loquendi."

The frequency of the debates since the start of the session has been a commendable feature. The following are the debates held last term:—

November 22nd.—"That Scientific Progress is tending to degenerate Man's Life and his Environment."—

Rejected 23—4.

November 29th.—"That Country Life is better than Town Life."—Carried 17—11.

December 6th.—"That this House deplores the entry of Women into Public Life."—Rejected 15—14.

December 13th.—"That Professionalism is tending to destroy the true element of Sport."—Carried 15—8.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

TROJANS.

A year ago our football had reached such a low ebb that it was pleasanter to reflect upon our former prowess than to view the existing state of affairs. Now we may face the present with a smile of satisfaction, and blot out the memory of 1929 as one effaces the recollection of any unpleasant happening.

To descend to actual facts, however: In the Senior Competition we were only defeated once, and that very unluckily; while our Junior team remained unvanquished throughout the series. As our Senior conquerors, the Spartans, were themselves beaten by the Corinthians, we were enabled to share the major points with these two houses, and with our Juniors taking full points, were successful in the competition as a whole.

When regarding the Senior team from the individual point of view, it is impossible to over-rate the worth of R. S. Balhatchet to the team. He was the inspiration of both the attack and the defence, and set a fine example to the team as a whole, of the value of perseverance. P. D. Law and E. Combes, his wing halves, gave him much valuable assistance; Law accomplished an enormous amount of work, and Combes, if rather slow, was very useful in the defence. Both the backs were on the small side, and in view of this, their performance does them credit. In a weak forward line, the outstanding personalities were W. Wakefield and H. H. Moore, the latter obtaining an invaluable goal for us against the Romans.

The Junior team played really well in all their matches, and their defeat of the Spartans, a much heavier side, does them great credit. H. Ryall, in goal, was successful if rather unorthodox. Of the two backs, A. Crocker attracted the more notice, while in the half back line D. L. G. Lodge was in a class by himself. R. J. Arkell led the forward line very well, and J. E. Russell and S. E. Long on his left, also deserve mention.

In conclusion, let us congratulate both teams. They have redeemed the disgrace of 1929 for us. Let us hope that this renaissance is a good omen for our future success.

The following represented the Trojans:—

SENIOR TEAM.—F. Gauntlett, G. Buckland, L. C. Rogers, E. Combes, R. S. Balhatchet, P. D. Law, A. R. V. Smith, H. H. Moore, R. S. Smith, W. Wakefield, M. Wakefield, N. E. Stevens.

JUNIOR TEAM.—H. B. B. Ryall, E. J. Bateman, A. Crocker, R. F. Isgar, D. L. G. Lodge (capt.), W. F. Jennings, H. T. Imber, D. Knapton, R. J. Arkell, J. E. Russell, S. E. Long.

W. H. F. T. G.

CORINTHIANS.

In the Senior House Matches the Corinthians were unexpectedly successful. We possessed but one first XI. colour; and the majority of our team were below second XI. standard. It was therefore a great surprise when, after beating the Romans 2-1, and losing to the Trojans 2-nil, we finished by defeating the Spartans, who were by far the strongest House, 1-nil; in what was perhaps the most exciting match we have played for some time. It is obvious that such a result could not be effected by individual effort, although R. A. Jeeves played a good game throughout the House Matches. It was the result of superior team spirit, and although it is impossible to pretend that we beat the Spartans by good football, yet I do say that our team played harder and gave more of their best than did our opponents.

The Juniors did not do quite so well; for they lost two matches and drew one. However, they are all young, and they had to play against much older and more experienced teams. This year our forwards were certainly the strongest part of the team, but as might be expected from the scores, it was the defence which had the most work to do. Dufosse kept goal very well, but he badly needs more experience. Among the forwards R. J. Maidment and G. R. Cole played well.

In the Senior team we had, as I said before, very few outstanding players. R. A. Jeeves played very well at centre-forward. A. P. Brown played well at outside right, although later we found it better to play him on the inside. R. J. Edwards only played in one senior match; although he is very young, he already shews great promise. A. G. G. Harris played at outside left and put in some very hard shots from time to time. C. G. Dean kept goal; and although he had never kept goal before this season, he did very well indeed.

The following played for the Corinthians:—

SENIOR TEAM.—R. A. Jeeves, A. P. Brown, A. F. F. Birch, A. G. Harris, M. F. Gricks, R. E. Hunt, C. H. Burrows, A. W. Harding, R. J. Davies, C. G. Dean, R. J. Edwards, E. M. Barrett.

JUNIOR TEAM.—G. R. Cole, R. J. Maidment, F. J. Austin, A. Dufosse, R. A. Farris, H. E. Hallett, H. J. Edwards, R. W. Rowland, H. G. Cross, C. R. Mitchell, P. R. Gatehouse, F. G. Coombs, W. F. Rawlins.

A. F. B.

SPARTANS.

This term was remarkable for the fact that we had more colours in the Spartan House than any house has ever had. Our Senior XI. consisted of no less than seven colours, and four members of the 2nd. XI.; in fact, almost a school-side; yet, we lost the football.

We were lucky to defeat the Trojans, D. R. Young scoring a "fluke" goal from a corner, which won us a match which was otherwise fairly equally contested, the final score being 1—0. The match versus the Romans proved the least strenuous, for we won 5—2. The last match of the series, that against the Corinthians, resulted in our downfall. They broke through in the early stages of the game and scored a goal. Then, for the rest of the game, they played a defensive type of game, which brought about our ultimate defeat, although we were pressing continually.

I have said that we had seven 1st. XI. colours playing; but this is wrong, for M. C. Holmes, one of our colours, had the misfortune to break his leg just before the House matches began.

However, although we had such a strong team on paper, on the field they were weak. We were too confident of victory to give much thought to team-work, and too much individual work spoilt the team. Praise is due to F. A. Chubb, the captain, who played well on every occasion; apart from him, one cannot mention a player who shone far above his fellows, for they all had their spasms of brilliancy. Yet the team could not pull together, and it was this lack of cohesion which lost us the House Football Competition in the Senior section.

In the Juniors, we had what seemed to be a strong team, yet they lost to the Trojans, a much smaller team. This, however, was their only defeat, for they won their match with the Corinthians, and showed some of the old form of the Spartans against the Romans, reminding us of our victory in '25 when the result was 19—0.

T. A. Cordery made a good captain, scoring most of our goals, and he had several promising youngsters in his team, notably R. J. Gray and J. F. Staddon.

In conclusion, it may be said that the result of the football last term was not a result which the Spartans could be proud of. With the team we had, we ought to have won easily, and the fact that we did not, gives a striking example of the lassitude which has crept into the Spartan House during the last few years.

SENIOR TEAM.—F. A. Chubb (capt.), A. Brickell, D. R. Young, R. A. Welch, B. Hoddinott, B. K. Johnson, W. F. Cox, P. F. Drew, G. R. Rousell, W. Holloway and E. J. Hine.

JUNIOR TEAM.—T. A. Cordery (capt.), R. P. Wiltshire, J. P. Burden, S. V. Brickell, C. A. Wales, C. B. Cartledge, E. J. Pulman, A. White, R. J. Harding, R. J. Gray and J. F. Staddon.

B. K. J.

ROMANS.

In failing to gain a point in the House Football, it may be said with justice that the Romans were unlucky. Two of the Senior games were evenly contested, and in the third we did not suffer an overwhelming defeat, and consequently the results are apt to give a false impression of our side this season.

Chief credit in the Senior team goes to the defence, and it was entirely due to their efforts that we managed to put up such creditable performances. Friend kept goal pluckily, but lacks experience, and this accounted for his leaving the goal when occasion did not demand it. J. D. R. Hewer played well, and his prowess leads us to expect great things of him next season. The half-backs were the mainstay of the side, and I congratulate them on the excellent example they showed to the rest of the team. B. G. Gyles is a hard-working footballer, who is extremely fast and never gives up trying. E. S. Mitchell, at left half, is not a natural player, but he made up for this by the amount of work he did. The forward line was the weakest part of the team. The forwards lacked weight, dash, and shooting abilities, and had we possessed forwards even of moderate standard, who could have turned the gallant efforts of the defence into goals, the results would have been more satisfactory. L. O. Snazelle and P. W. Bull were the best of a disappointing line. To come down to actual facts, we lost to the Corinthians by the odd goal of three. Our second defeat was against the Trojans, who scored the only goal just on time; a thoroughly enjoyable and sporting game. The Spartans beat us by four goals to two, after a splendid struggle. They were undoubtedly the superior side and deserved their victory.

In the Junior matches we lost hopelessly to the Spartans and Trojans, and drew with the Corinthians. We definitely had a poor Junior eleven, and our football outlook is therefore none too promising. C. Clark may make a useful goal-keeper, and R. P. Jesse may develop into a good half back, but apart from these two players the side appeared devoid of any future talent. Let us hope that this opinion may prove a false one.

Having failed to obtain a point in the football, our position this term is none too rosy. Let us hope, however, that all Romans will make a special attempt this term to renew our visions of winning the House Shield, which were to a degree shattered by our last term's failure.

The following represented the Romans :—

SENIOR TEAM.—L. A. T. Dennis, B. G. Gyles, H. F. Friend, E. S. Mitchell, J. D. R. Hewer, J. H. Ayles, P. W. Bull, L. O. Snazelle, R. Heaton, W. Garne, B. D. Aylwin.

JUNIOR TEAM.—C. D. Clark, E. H. Dibben, B. E. E. Miles, F. E. Cross, R. P. Jesse, T. G. Hart, A. G. B. Gray, E. J. Hobbs, P. F. Cole, R. G. Snazelle, C. H. C. Adams.

L. A. T. D.

The individual results were as follows :—

SENIOR.				JUNIOR.			
Trojans beat Corinthians	...	2-0		Trojans beat Corinthians	...	7-0	
" Romans	...	1-0		" Spartans	...	2-1	
Corinthians beat Spartans	...	1-0		" Romans	...	6-0	
" Romans	...	2-1		Spartans beat Corinthians	...	14-0	
Spartans beat Trojans	...	1-0		" Romans	...	8-0	
" Romans	...	4-1		Corinthians drew Romans	...	1-1	

The points thus gained for this year's Shield Competition were :—Trojans 5½, Spartans 3½, Corinthians 2½.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

OUR usual Prize Distribution took place in the School Memorial Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 25th, with Mr. R. W. Borley in the chair. This event created more than the usual interest, as we were fortunate enough to persuade the Earl of Shaftesbury to present our prizes; we had a record attendance, every available seat being occupied. We take this opportunity of thanking him most heartily, not only for coming to us, but also for his inspiring address which was listened to with the greatest pleasure by visitors and boys alike. We must also thank those ladies and gentlemen who presented us with such a splendid array of prizes.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by expressing his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering of parents and friends present. He spoke in glowing terms of the School's continued growth; hard work had made the school, and was the secret of all success in life. He urged those boys who had not won a prize that day not to be down-hearted, but to make up their minds to achieve success in the future.

Dr. Tovey said that in spite of difficult times the number of boys in the school continued to be quite satisfactory. He would not, however, be doing his duty to the Governors if he did not say how difficult it was to find parents who were able to send their boys to a boarding school. The spirit was willing, but the means were weak. He was afraid this difficulty was going to continue until they saw better times.

Speaking of the school work, he said he was a little disappointed that a few more boys did not pass the School Certificate Examination, but the boys who were successful did much better work, and the standard was of a higher quality than in the preceding year. Last year he deplored the fact that they had no Scholarship Fund to enable deserving boys to go to the University, but such a fund had now been started. He expressed grateful thanks to the kind friends who had promised help, and especially to the Old Boys' Club, who had given £25, with the promise of more. Dr. Tovey alluded to the question of day boys' home work, and said one of the great difficulties was to sustain that satisfactorily. He was afraid the advent of wireless and the popularity of the gramophone had much to do with it. He hoped that parents would see that a boy could get into a room and be quiet while he did his home work, and if there was any difficulty he suggested that he should come to the school and do his preparation with the boarders.

He then expressed his deep gratitude to his Staff during the year under review, for the valuable help they had given him. They were a very happy family, and they all had the welfare of the School very much at heart.

After a passing allusion to the success of the School Cricket and Football teams, Dr. Tovey expressed his pleasure at the success of the Cadet Corps in winning the County Lucas Tooth competition last July. He referred to the Government withdrawal of all recognition of Cadet Corps throughout the country, and said that he deeply regretted the step that had been taken. "If it is wrong," said Dr. Tovey, "for us to drill, it cannot be right for O.T.C.'s to drill. I can quite well leave the O.T.C.'s to take care of themselves, and I will merely ask why poorer boys should be deprived of a training in self-control, devotion to duty, comradeship, and the great physical advantages which a corps has to offer, while those who can afford the more expensive fees of a big public school are to continue to enjoy these privileges? Surely this is class legislation in its worst form, and not what we should expect from a Labour Government. Membership of our corps is, and always has been, entirely voluntary. I am not going to say for a minute that all boys join the corps because they like drill; they certainly do not. Some join because they feel they ought to support a successful school institution, others join because they feel a pride in wearing the King's uniform. We have decided to carry on our corps in spite of manifest restrictions and difficulties, and we have joined a new body called the British National Cadet Association, under the chairmanship of Lord Allenby, which has the

hearty support of the Prince of Wales and many of our leading Englishmen. We are going to face our difficulties in the hope that we may some day get a more sympathetic and a more just treatment from another Government."

The Earl of Shaftesbury then presented the prizes, and also the handsome Lucas-Tooth trophy. The prize-winners were:—

FORM PRIZES.—VI. Form, B. K. Johnson; V. Form, R. S. Smith, L. B. Derry, B. G. Gyles; IVa. Form, T. G. Hart, R. A. Welch, A. P. B. Brown; IVb. Form, W. J. Barnes, H. G. Hillier, F. R. Imber; IVc. Form, N. A. C. Brockway, F. E. Cross; IIIa Form; J. R. Lawrence, R. J. Edwards, H. J. Edwards; IIIb. Form, A. Crocker, D. C. Garrett.

SPECIAL PRIZES (for good all-round work).—V. Form, R. P. Jesse (Divinity prize), R. J. Arkell, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett (English prize); IVa. Form, C. H. Burrows, W. J. Stone; IVb. Form, H. F. Friend; IIIa. Form, R. A. Brennen; IIIb. Form, J. M. Harding, F. C. B. Mitchell.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—R. S. Smith, L. D. Derry, B. G. Gyles, R. P. Jesse, R. J. Arkell, M. C. Holmes, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, R. F. Meaden, P. F. Drew.

The Chairman and the Rev. N. S. Lawrie were associated in a vote of thanks to Lord Shaftesbury, and the former, recalling his lordship's visit to open the Memorial Hall, mentioned that with the exception of £300 the whole of the cost of the hall, £4,000, had been raised by Dr. Tovey, from entertainments and subscriptions and gifts from friends, without costing the Governors a penny.

In an address to the boys, the Earl of Shaftesbury said that the letters of the word "prize" stood for perseverance, resolution, industry, zeal, and enterprise, all of which were needed to gain merit and success. Perseverance was a virtue which he especially commended. Great works were performed not by strength but by perseverance. It was perseverance which enabled the British Army to win that tribute—the greatest ever given to any army in the world—from Marshal Foch: "The British Army is never so dangerous as in defeat." Lord Shaftesbury reiterated the Chairman's advice to those who had not won a prize, not to be down-hearted. "There is no reason," he said, "why you should not rise to great positions even if you do not achieve the success you want in your school life. Perseverance caps all the other virtues. It is irresistible, and all those who have it must in the end be crowned."

Lord Shaftesbury said that he wanted to say one word in praise of that excellent school, the valuable part it played in the educational arena, and the important position it held among the secondary schools of the county. The individuality

of a school depended chiefly upon the character, energies, and abilities of the teaching staff, and more particularly upon the personality of its academic Head. No-one, he thought, would question his opinion that in that school they had an exceptional Headmaster. Dr. Tovey had done wonderful things for that school, and as Head had made its individuality. In that respect he had been backed up by a very able and efficient staff. The boys, too, must be as good as any they could find to carry off the Lucas-Tooth Shield against the whole county. He was really satisfied about the excellent qualities of that school, and he thanked them for the privilege of presenting the prizes.

The audience warmly endorsed a motion of thanks to the Chairman, in proposing and seconding which Mr. A. F. Parsons and Mr. E. Johnson (governors) paid tribute to the work which Mr. Borley had done for the school.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

"LORD BABS."

Keble Howard's farce, "Lord Babs," was presented by the School on the 18th and 19th of December, and was witnessed by large and enthusiastic audiences, which showed their enjoyment by the great reception they accorded the production on each night. A sum of over £30 was realised, and was divided between the School Memorial Hall-Fund and the School Scholarship Fund.

The story of the play centres around the difficulties of Lord Drayford, who, to avoid a possible charge of manslaughter, simulates "mental regression"—a return to the mental state of infancy: hence the title of the play. The plot develops with a series of hilarious situations until the reasons for the adoption of the rôle of "Lord Babs" no longer exist.

It would be difficult to imagine anything more entertaining than this farce, which was interpreted by a cast which drew the utmost from the abundant material at its disposal. Criticism of such a production is invidious—the plain truth is that the play was an outstanding success.

The writer saw the players several times in the early days of rehearsals, and is qualified to speak of the time and trouble each of the cast devoted to mastering his part; while Mr. Watmough and his helpers were indefatigable in the work of stage erection. Everyone was determined that the production should lack nothing if hard work could achieve that end, and under Mr. Ramshaw's experienced direction the desired result was attained.

Mr. L. P. V. Veale, as "Lord Babs;" was a joy; he seemed to find the part a congenial one, and was obviously enjoying himself once he had discarded his grown-up personality and his "plus-fours." His infantile antics showed study of the subject, and his baby-walk and puckered face gave an excellent effect.

Mr. L. J. Cole, as Dr. Richard Neville, played the difficult part of a young doctor, who is alternately a conspirator and a grave medico. His interpretation of the part was a pleasing one.

Mr. R. B. Minchin was well suited to the part of a country gentleman. He achieved an amount of bounce and bluster in his speech and deportment, sufficient to make everyone glad when he is discomfited by the public revelation that it was his chauffeur who had been responsible for the accident which had been attributed to Lord Drayford.

L. A. T. Dennis made us forget his age in the part of Sir James Gumley, an elderly Harley Street specialist; and R. A. Jeeves gave a good account of himself as a Private Enquiry Agent.

The female rôles were played with equal understanding. P. D. Law, as Lady Sawbridge, was very much the "grande dame," and made effective use of tone and delivery. B. Hoddinott, although somewhat wooden in the part of Clara, contributed his full share to the success of the play, and M. F. Gricks, who was a sylph-like Lady Joan, displayed considerable knowledge of feminine traits in his scenes with Dr. Neville.

Mr. G. Scalbert took the part of Nurse Rounce, and with an accent that had kinship with Scotland, Wigan and the Yorkshire Moors, convulsed the audiences. The combined effect of red hair and aquiline grimness was fearsome. This was a screamingly funny character study.

The entire cast, which can congratulate itself on having given splendid entertainment, was as follows:—

CLARA	...	...	...	B. Hoddinott.
DR. RICHARD NEVILLE	...	...	...	Mr. L. J. Cole.
LADY JOAN	...	...	...	M. F. Gricks.
COUNTESS OF SAWBRIDGE	...	...	...	P. D. Law.
BASIL (Lord Drayford)	...	...	...	Mr. L. P. V. Veale.
MR. VILLIERS	...	...	...	R. A. Jeeves.
SIR HENRY BUCKBY, J.P.	...	...	...	Mr. R. B. Minchin.
NURSE ROUNCE	...	...	...	Mr. G. Scalbert.
SIR JAMES GUMLEY, M.D.	...	...	...	L. A. T. Dennis.

SCENE: The Smoke Room at Sawbridge Hall.

OLD SHASTONIAN CLUB DINNER.

THE Ninth Annual Dinner was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Swindon, on Saturday, November 8th. This was the first occasion that the Club had made Swindon the venue for its annual festivities, and the experiment was in every way successful. The Hotel Management served a most excellent dinner to an assembly of 73 members and guests, and a very happy evening was spent in renewing old acquaintances and friendships, and in talking over old times.

The sincere thanks of the Club are given to Messrs. R. N. Tayler and L. W. Toomer, who were responsible for all the local arrangements in connection with the dinner.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. D. T. Sutton, of Beaconsfield, and the following members were present:—Dr. C. H. Tovey, Messrs. C. S. Balhatchet, R. H. Baker, A. J. Baxter, G. E. Bowley, H. F. Bathurst Brown, R. Bathurst Brown, J. L. Cole, R. S. Cole, W. F. Cole, C. W. Coaker, R. B. Dashper, J. E. N. Doggrell, W. Doggrell, A. T. Doggrell, J. Fancott, R. Geyton, F. J. Hitch, B. Hillier, F. D. Hollick, R. S. Hoskins, T. R. Hewer, D. J. Hoddinott, F. C. Innocent, R. M. Law, J. J. O. McMahon, J. W. K. Miles, J. W. Miles, A. D. Miles, R. B. Minchin, F. G. Minchin, R. G. Mitchell, R. Preston, W. Ramshaw, P. S. Richards, S. Robins, W. K. Sankey, H. R. Sims, F. J. P. Snook, A. P. Southon, E. W. R. Strange, J. G. Swanton, R. N. Tayler, W. E. Thomas, L. W. Toomer, D. H. Tovey, K. H. Tucker, E. J. Tucker, P. A. Tucker, T. S. Tucker, J. F. Tozer, J. B. Walker, R. J. Walker, G. W. T. Whitworth, J. N. Wescott, A. J. Wescott, W. H. B. Windebank, G. C. H. Woolston, R. C. Wyatt, B. G. Young.

Members, who wished to do so, were allowed to bring guests, provided they were relations of past or present members of the School. We were delighted to have amongst us Messrs. R. F. Cole, N. Hoddinott, A. L. Hitch, J. R. Hewer, H. Miles, W. J. Minchin, T. S. Tayler, T. Burr & P. Williams.

It is worthy of record that Mr. Sidney Tayler had one son and four grandsons in the room, and we hope he will live long enough to bring a member of the fourth generation with him at some future date!

Mr. Wilson Tovey and Mr. Howard Tovey were unfortunately prevented from being present owing to the latter having sustained a serious motor accident earlier in the day. We are glad to state that he has made a good recovery, and has regained the use of his arm.

After the toast of "The King and Royal Family" had been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed the health of "The School," and said that he sometimes wondered whether they realised all that those two words implied. It was something more than mere education, because as they probably knew, one definition of the word "education" was: "What is left after you have forgotten everything you ever learnt." That that did not apply to Shaftesbury School was evident from the variety of successful careers of the Old Boys. Their school days were the foundation of their lives, and it was with just pride and affection that they looked back upon those times with a feeling of gratitude to Dr. Tovey and his excellent staff. There was one to whom they were in no less measure beholden, and that was Mrs. Tovey who, as they knew well, took such care and interest in each individual boy. When they realised to what extent the School had developed they got some idea of the energy and enthusiasm of everyone concerned in that School. A more important aspect of school life was the building up of character, for even in these days of high standards and keen competition, moral character was as great an asset as scholastic success. In the future when the present generation shouldered their inevitable responsibilities they would appreciate how lucky they were to have attended such a school as Shaftesbury. He urged them to make the most of their opportunities so that when they left school they could face life with the essential factors of courage and steadfastness. In the execution of their daily duties he hoped that those who were about to leave school would remember the fair name of Shaftesbury. He asked the gathering to drink to the continued prosperity and further development of the School, with an expression of their hope that it might be many years under the headmastership of Dr. Tovey.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and cheers for Dr. and Mrs. Tovey. Dr. Tovey first thanked them for the kind things that had been said about his wife and himself. He did not suppose for a moment that they deserved them all, but confessed that it was rather pleasant to be told that if they could not always please themselves, they could, at any rate, sometimes please others. He confessed that they were a little disappointed at the examination results last July, but he thought they had at the moment more promising boys in the School than for a long time past. Some of them might turn out in the near future to be brilliant. He had started a scholarship fund to enable boys of undoubted ability to go to the University. In these very difficult times, one could not make a personal appeal, and he did not propose to do so. Several kind friends had promised help, and he hoped by entertainments and other things to soon get something of the

sort going. His one hope, if he dared say so, was that when the scholarship was established, the Governors would call it the "Tovey" Scholarship, because he knew of nothing he would more desire his name to be perpetuated by, than by that. In sport and athletics, the School was distinctly on the up grade. They had had a few lean years, but last season's cricket team was the best since the war, and unless he was a bad judge, it would be still better next year. The football team was doing quite well, and had defeated one school by 16 to nothing. He had not heard that the Football Association had instituted an enquiry about doping!

Speaking of the School Cadet Corps, Dr. Tovey said they had again won the Lucas Tooth Shield for the best corps in the county. He had never seen a better school inspection, and he congratulated Capt. Ramshaw and all concerned on that success. The Government had seen fit to refuse any recognition to Cadet Corps in future, on what they were pleased to call, moral grounds. As a result, they got this absurdity, that, whereas they, as a school, could not drill, the schools they played at cricket and football could drill, simply because they had Cadet Corps before the war, and became O.T.C.'s. Looking round that room, he realised that the vast majority of them were members of the corps, and he could not see any suspicion of that blood lust which an over-anxious Government seemed so keen on preventing. Their chairman, that evening, was one of the Corps' original members, and when he looked on his placid and seraphic countenance, it was impossible to believe that his Corps training had done him any harm! They meant to carry on in spite of the Government. The Cadet Corps had joined a new Association, under the presidency of Lord Allenby, and they were hoping, in the near future, to get a Government which would give them a more sympathetic and just treatment.

Dr. Tovey expressed his appreciation to his masters for the splendid help they had given, and were giving, to the school. It had been said that if they wanted to judge a school, they should judge it by the character of its assistant masters. He asked for no better test. He hoped and believed they did know that he was grateful for what they had done. It was with them, as with him, a labour of love.

Continuing, Dr. Tovey congratulated the Club on its splendid increase of membership during the year, and he knew they would agree that that was largely due to the energy and keenness of their Secretary. The Club was the School's greatest asset, and he hoped the time would soon come when they would be asked to supply a member of the School governing body. They were living in difficult times, and

schools, and particularly boarding schools, were feeling the pinch. So far, Shaftesbury had managed to keep its end up very well, but he confessed things were getting increasingly difficult. It was not easy to find parents who could afford to send their boys away to school. The personal note counted for much, and he asked the Old Boys to impress upon parents that there was only one school in England they could send their boys to.

In conclusion, Dr. Tovey said that he was conscious that the School had not done all for them it should have done, but by their presence there, that evening, they had shown that they were grateful for what it had *tried* to do, and the School had, at any rate, imbedded deep in the hearts of all of them that priceless gift of friendship, which made them eager to foregather on occasions such as those and talk over the tales of bygone times. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their kind reception. "May you," he said, "have all the success in life that you desire, and may this chain of friendship, cemented afresh here this evening, bind the School and the Club ever closer and closer together as the years roll on."

Mr. J. R. Hewer proposed the toast of "The Club," and expressed his satisfaction at the big increase in membership. They had, he said, a great reputation to live up to. Dr. Tovey was a regular Peter Pan in sport and everything else, and set a wonderful example to them all. When he was thinking where he could send his boys, he was told that if Shaftesbury could not teach them to be scholars, it could teach them to be men and play the game. That was a great reputation to live up to.

Mr. R. B. Minchin was enthusiastically received on rising to reply. He said that during the year they had a record number of new members (57), bringing the total membership to 357. He expressed his great indebtedness to the Committee, and referred to the feeling of good friendship, cheeriness, and happiness which existed at the Annual Dinners. There was, he said, a need to-day of sporting Englishmen, and if they had more men of the Old Shastonian type, there would be a nicer and keener feeling about, and more chance of prosperous times ahead. It was a great pleasure to him to see so many members present that evening and, as long as they supported the Club in the loyal and enthusiastic way they did, he would always do everything in his power to further its interests and welfare.

The toast of "Members Overseas" was drunk heartily on the call of Mr. Bennett Young, who referred to the fact that the Old Country was to-day, in its trouble, looking to the Dominions to help her out. Overseas members—and it was a great pleasure to welcome at the School several of them

since the last dinner—had been so well grounded by Dr. Tovey in love and loyalty to Britain; that they felt certain they would do their best to help her in her hour of need.

And so ended a really happy evening, and our grateful thanks are due to those who helped to make it one. R. B. Dashper was in great form at the piano, while Dr. Tovey, D. T. Sutton, J. N. Wescott, and B. Hillier regaled us with some of their most excellent songs.

O.S. NEWS.

The following O.S. weddings have recently taken place:—

On Sept. 6th—P. G. H. Barter to Miss J. Emmett.

27th—T. R. Attwater to Miss C. Darnell.

On Jan. 30th—Jack Hitch to Miss Strang.

We offer them all our hearty congratulations and very best wishes. T. R. Attwater had the services of Archie Gardner (O.S.) as his best man.

We must also congratulate Dick Payne and W. A. Drew on the birth of a son, and S. J. Granger on the birth of a daughter.

And, finally, more congratulations to Ben Hillier, L. D. Brett and J. Bathurst Brown, each of whom has recently become engaged to be married.

Roy Drew is looking after a tobacco farm in British Columbia, about sixty miles from Vancouver. This is a new venture, and we wish him every success.

W. H. Green is now a medical practitioner at Corsham, so we shall hope to see him over here sometimes.

L. D. Brett has been stagemanager for a company playing a thriller, entitled "The Ninth Man," by Frederick Jackson. The company has been touring the South Coast, but the piece is now running at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London.

Alex. Townsend has recently been appointed Librarian of the Natural History section of the British Museum. We congratulate him on an appointment which we feel certain will prove thoroughly congenial to him.

We hear that A. E. Mayhew likes life in the R.A.F. He is in the E. & W. School, Cranwell, Lincs.

Eustace Hindley is now with the Mitchell Conveyor and Transporter Co., Ltd., of Holborn Viaduct.

We offer our very deep sympathy to W. Doggrell and his wife, on the sudden death of their little girl.

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Geoffrey West on his return to England from a long voyage.

We reproduce the following extract from the cricket article in "The Old Lady" (the Bank of England Magazine): "D. H. Tovey did not get many runs but is obviously a cricketer of class in the making. His fielding is very good, he has hands, that can't miss a cricket ball anywhere." Not bad for a first season!

We are pleased to hear that W. A. T. Samways is doing splendidly with Messrs. Petters, of Yeovil.

It is with great relief and pleasure that we record the splendid recovery of Howard Tovey from his recent serious motoring accident, which occurred last November, just outside Cheltenham. He was run into by another car (whose driver did not even stop!) and his own car was overturned, pinning himself and a friend underneath. Speedy help from a passing car, alone saved them from being burnt to death.

We were delighted to see Dick Payne last term for a few minutes. He is home on holiday from Malay, and has promised to pay us another visit later on.

J. Icke has been playing centre-forward for the N.P. Bank F.C. (2nd XI.), in London.

We are delighted to hear that Ben Hillier is doing a lot of singing in Winchester. He is also taking the part of "Mr. Goldbury" in "Utopia Limited," which is being produced early in May by the Winchester Operatic Society.

E. W. Gocher got into his College (Corpus) 1st XI. at Cricket, and into the 2nd XV. at Rugger. He also ran for the College in the Half and Two Miles.

Dr. Tovey has had a long and interesting letter from A. L. Filley who is now a Warrant Engineer, R.N., on H.M.S. Enterprise. He hopes to be home soon, and to see some of the matches on the O.S. tour.

J. L. Lyne tells us he has now started work as a mining engineer at The Cam and Motor Mine, Eiffel Flats, S. Rhodesia.

Mr. Minchin has recently heard from A. J. Sharp. He has just finished a series of voyages between New York and Buenos Aires, and has started to work in connection with the Technological Institute of Great Britain with a view to taking the Institute of Electrical Engineers examination.

Our congratulations to Ronald Brown on his getting a place in the Wiltshire "A" Hockey Team, at Chippenham, last November.

Just as we go to press, we hear that Dr. Tovey has received a very interesting letter from E. C. Mozley, in Cape Town. He gives a very interesting criticism of the English cricket side now touring S.A.

O.S. CLUB NOTES.

The twelfth Annual General Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, at 5.15 p.m., on November 19th. In the unavoidable absence of our President (Mr. D. T. Sutton), the chair was taken by Dr. Tovey.

The minutes of the last General Meeting having been read by the Hon. Secretary, and signed by the Chairman, the following elections were made for the year, 1930-31:—

President, Mr. R. B. Minchin.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wescott.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. B. Minchin.

Hon. Auditors, Messrs. W. Doggrell and R. Bathurst Brown.

Committee: Dr. C. H. Tovey, Messrs. Bennett Young, R. B. Brown, W. Doggrell, C. E. Pearce, J. W. Miles, W. Farley Rutter, C. S. Balhatchet, R. N. Tayler.

ANNUAL DINNER.—On the proposition of Mr. J. W. W. K. Miles, seconded by Mr. A. D. Miles, it was decided to hold the next Annual Dinner in Shaftesbury, on the day of the Past v. Present football matches, in November.

FINANCE.—A short review of the Club's financial position resulted in a determination to help the University Scholarship Fund, inaugurated by Dr. Tovey. A cheque for £25 was subscribed towards the fund.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.—The Hon. Secretary submitted a short but satisfactory report on the year's work, and stated that many annual members had taken advantage of the alteration in the Club Rules to become life members. The membership of the Club was as follows:—Hon. Members 10, Life Members 232, Annual Members 109. Total 351.

CLUB BOOKLET.—Owing to the last edition (1928) having been exhausted, it was decided to prepare and publish a new edition, early in 1931. (See important announcement on page 31.)

COLOURS.—Mr. A. J. Baxter, seconded by Mr. R. Bathurst Brown, proposed that the width of the stripes in the club tie should be altered. An amendment to the contrary was defeated by 17 votes to 9.

(N.B.—Until the present stock of ties of the old pattern has been exhausted, the material for the new tie will not be printed.)

A very handsome silver cup has been presented to the School by one of the original members of the Club, Mr. C. D. Lazenbury, of Bournemouth. In accordance with his wishes, the Cup will adorn the festive board at the O.S. Club Dinner, and will be engraved with the names of past, present and future presidents of the Club. The sincerest thanks of the Club are extended to Mr. Lazenbury for his very handsome gift, which will be a very great ornament, not only to our dinner table, but to the Memorial Hall, where it will find a suitable and appropriate home for the remainder of the year.

CRICKET TOUR, 1931.

The following matches have been arranged for next summer, and Mr. Minchin would be very glad to hear from those members who hope to come on tour:—

Date.	Opponents,	Time.
Thursday, July 30th ...	v. Ringwood C.C. ...	11.30 a.m.
Friday, " 31st ...	v. The Deanery, Southampton ...	12 noon.
Saturday, Aug. 1st ...	v. Dudley Wayfarers (at Ryde) ...	11 a.m.
Monday, " 3rd ...	v. Ryde C.C. ...	11.30 a.m.
Tuesday, " 4th ...	v. Havant C.C. ...	11.30 a.m.
Wednesday, " 5th ...	v. Bognor Regis ...	11.30 a.m.

The PAST v. PRESENT matches will be played at the School, on WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd.

NEW MEMBERS.

R. G. Snazelle	... Inglenook, Cornwall Road, Cheam, Surrey.
R. J. Arkell	... Whelford, Fairford, Glos.
S. T. J. Burr	... Ox House, Bimport, Shaftesbury.
A. G. G. Harris	... Stourton Caundle, Stalbridge, Dorset.
G. E. G. Norton (Rejoined),	High Street, Shaftesbury.
V. F. Pike	... New Road, Shaftesbury.
I. J. Badger	... No. 563629, Room 1, Block 10, C. Squadron, No. 1 Wing, R.A.F., Halton, Bucks.
E. H. Dibben	... Lymburghs Farm, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

A. D. Summers	... P.O. Box 1028, Johannesburg, South Africa.
P. R. Attwater	... Biddesdem Farm, nr. Andover, Hants.
T. G. H. Barter	... Knoyle, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent.
R. C. Day	... c/o Mrs. Hodges, 2, West Terrace, Sherborne, Dorset.
F. E. Gray	... 16, West Street, Yeovil, Somerset.
W. H. Green (Dr.)	... Corsham, Wilts.
G. L. Harding	... Block 4, Room 4, R.A.F., Martlesham Heath, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
E. P. Hindley	... 8, Gloucester Road, West Green, London, N. 17.
F. J. Hitch	... Combend Farm, Elkstone, nr. Cheltenham.
R. H. Hitch	... Bowling Green Farm, Cirencester, Glos.

N. J. Lawrence	... c/o Messrs Hobbs & Davis, Kelmscott, Lechlade, Glos.
A. D. Miles	... "Shaston," London Road, Marlborough.
E. J. Tucker	... Ashbury, Victoria Road, Cirencester, Glos.
J. P. Waters	... c/o Mr. J. Bright, Bossington, Stockbridge, Hants.
M. W. Wilson	... "The Mount," Ascerton Road, Sidmouth, Devon.
A. C. Townsend	... 2, St. Stephen's Mansions, Monmouth Road, London, W. 2.
W. H. Brown	... 67, Collingwood Avenue, Muswell Hill, London, N. 10.
T. S. Law	... 53, Boston Road, Brentford, Middlesex.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The new Club Booklet is being prepared for distribution early next month. Unless the Honorary Secretary hears to the contrary, the address given in the book will be the one to which this Magazine has been sent.

All alterations of address, and any inaccuracies in the last issue should be notified to him without delay.

We acknowledge with thanks, copies of the following School Magazines:—The Bournemouthian, The Fosterian, Sotoniensis, The Wimburnian, The Yeovilian.

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

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

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