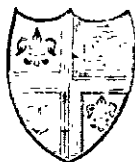


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EDITORIAL.

WE very much regret to have to call the attention of our readers to a letter, printed on a later page, addressed to Old Boys by Dr. Tovey. The news of his resignation will be deeply deplored by all connected with the School.

This is not the time to attempt an estimate of Dr. Tovey's great work for our School, or to express to him the admiration and affection with which we regard him. Such an attempt will be left to a later issue.

While deeply regretting his decision, we also fully realize that both he and Mrs. Tovey have thoroughly earned the right to enjoy a more restful existence. We can assure them that their great work here will never be forgotten, and that they will leave behind them a memory imbued with feelings of gratitude and love.

Our Football team, last term, met with only moderate success. We had three good players in R. S. Balhatchet, R. A. Welch and G. R. Rousell, while H. F. Friend made a much better goal-keeper than he looked like doing at the beginning of the season. Balhatchet and Rousell both played for an A.F.A. Public Schools' XI., in London, during the holidays, the former v. Cuaco F.C., and the latter v. Old Boys' League XI. (senior team); Balhatchet was honoured by being chosen to captain his side, and the play of both was favourably commented on in the London press.

The latter half of last term was spoilt by an outbreak of measles among the day boys; only one boarder fell a victim before the term ended, but several others unfortunately fell during the holidays.

We offer our hearty congratulations to IVB. on a delightful entertainment they gave us one Saturday evening.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

H. G. Friend (s.) R. S. Smith (r.), re-entered.

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

VALETE.

- H. K. CASE.—Form IIIA. Entered April, 1930.
 F. E. CROSS.—Form IVA. Entered September, 1929.
 C. G. DEAN.—Form VI. Entered September, 1926. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1931.
 H. F. FRIEND.—Form V. Entered April, 1925. Football XI., 1931.
 W. GARNE.—Form VI. Entered September, 1925. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1931. Cricket XI., 1931.
 B. K. JOHNSON.—Form VI. Entered January, 1923. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1928. Passed *Higher School Certificate Exam.*, July, 1931. Prefect, September, 1930 (Head Prefect, September, 1931). Football XI., 1929.
 R. F. MEADEN.—Form VI. Entered September, 1925. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1930.
 G. H. MELLIS.—Form IVc. Entered April, 1929.
 J. H. NORTHCOTE.—Form IIIA. Entered May, 1930.
 L. C. ROGERS.—Form V. Entered September, 1927.
 A. J. STEBLE.—Form V. Entered September, 1929.
 A. WHITE.—Form IVA. Entered September, 1927.
 R. P. WILTSHIRE.—Form VI. Entered September, 1929. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1931.

PREFECTS.

	R. S. Balhatchet (Head Prefect).		
B. G. Gyles.	A. P. B. Brown.	T. G. Hart.	M. F. Gricks.
	R. A. Welch.	R. S. Smith.	

HEAD BOYS.

B. D. Aylwin.	C. B. Cartledge.	J. D. R. Hewer.	R. A. Jeeves.
R. P. Jesse.	E. S. Mitchell.	H. H. Moore.	
	G. R. Rousell.	W. J. Stone.	

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

<i>Gorinthians</i> —R. A. Jeeves.		<i>Spartans</i> —R. A. Welch.
<i>Romans</i> —B. G. Gyles.		<i>Trojans</i> —R. S. Balhatchet.

FOOTBALL.

Our team for 1931 was made up as follows:—H. F. Friend (goal); G. R. Rousell and J. D. R. Hewer (backs); E. S. Mitchell, R. S. Balhatchet (capt.) and B. G. Gyles (halves); R. A. Jeeves and R. A. Welch (right wing), E. M. Barrett (centre), M. F. Gricks and P. W. Bull (left wing).

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS.

1st XI.

Wed., Oct. 14	...	Southern Amateur League	...	*Home—Lost	2—3
Sat., " 24	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Away—Lost	2—4
Wed., " 28	...	Bournemouth School	...	Home—Lost	0—3
Wed., Nov. 4	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Away—Draw	2—2
Sat., " 7	...	Old Shastonians	...	Home—Lost	4—5
Wed., " 11	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Home—Won	13—1
Sat., " 14	...	Taunton's School, Southampton	...	Away—Lost	2—5
Sat., " 21	...	Yeovil Grammar School	...	Away—Won	5—2
Wed., Dec. 2	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Away—Won	8—3
Sat., " 5	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Home—Draw	2—2
Wed., " 9	...	Bournemouth School	...	Away—Lost	1—2
Sat., " 12	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Home—Won	6—5

*With Masters. Won 4. Drawn 2. Lost 6. 47—37

2nd XI.

Wed., Oct. 21	...	Foster's School, Sherborne	...	Away—Won	2—1
Sat., " 24	...	Wimborne Gram. Sch. (2nd XI.)	...	Home—Won	4—0
Wed., " 28	...	Bournemouth School (Under 15)...	...	Away—Won	6—0
Wed., Nov. 4	...	Dorchester Gram. Sch. (2nd XI.)	...	Scratched	
Sat., " 7	...	Old Shastonians (2nd XI.)...	...	Home—Draw	4—4
Sat., " 14	...	Taunton's School,			
		Southampton (2nd XI.)	...	Home—Lost	0—4
Sat., " 21	...	Yeovil Grammar School (2nd XI.)	...	Home—Won	10—2
Sat., Dec. 5	...	Wimborne Gram. Sch. (2nd XI.)	...	Away—Won	3—1
Wed., " 9	...	Bournemouth School (2nd XI.)	...	Home—Lost	2—1
Sat., " 12	...	Dorchester Gram. Sch. (2nd XI.)	...	Away—Draw	3—3

Won 5. Drawn 2. Lost 2. 34—16

"Under 14" XI.

Sat., Oct. 17	...	St. Probus School, Salisbury	...	Home—Won	8—3
Sat., Nov. 28	...	Foster's School,			
		Sherborne (Under 14)	...	Away—Draw	1—1
Wed., Dec. 2	...	Foster's School,			
		Sherborne (Under 14)	...	Home—Won	4—1
Wed., " 9	...	St. Probus School, Salisbury	...	Away—Won	3—2

Won 3. Drawn 1. 16—7

With only three of last year's colours available, the prospects for 1931 were by no means bright; although four places were filled by boys who had had experience in the 1930 second eleven, only one of these was a forward, and as R. A. Jeeves was the only old colour left of the forward line, our attack was sadly lacking in experience.

The defence was certainly good and nearly always appeared to have the opposing attack well in hand, they were much quicker on the ball than last year; this advance was commented on by our first opponents, the Southern Amateur League, and was noticeable in every match with the exception of that against Taunton's School, Southampton. As both the

1st and 2nd XI. goal-keepers had left, it appeared as though it would be a very difficult matter to choose the best boy for this position, but H. F. Friend soon smoothed that difficulty, and played exceedingly well throughout the season; he unfortunately set a fashion which is very bad—he never attempted to kick the ball from rest, every time he made the back tap the ball to him, which meant that at every goal-kick, one of the backs had to expend energy protecting him, and in doing so to run the risk of injury; in fact, during the course of one match, injury actually did occur. This fault seems to have spread to smaller boys. G. R. Rousell and J. D. R. Hewer both tackled well, though the latter was quite a long time settling down. B. G. Gyles, R. S. Balhatchet and E. S. Mitchell were a very hard-working trio and were generally in form; it was particularly noticeable, however, on the two occasions on which R. S. Balhatchet had his off-days.

Unfortunately, the forwards were not good; they combined fairly well and in mid-field play were apparently on top. It was the lack of finishing power which spoilt them as a line, and with the exception of R. A. Jeeves on the right wing, none of them was able to put in a shot which would make a goal-keeper wish he had chosen another position; it was not that they lacked the strength to do this, in fact, they did it when shooting before a game, but when in a match they had the opportunity, then the occasion was too big and they were afraid, they either passed the ball for someone else to shoot or tried to go closer to obtain a better position which they never found.

Quite a number of boys were tried for the second team, and it is a difficult matter to choose eleven of them as representatives. C. D. Clarke kept goal for most of the matches, but on the occasions that H. B. Ryall took his place, the latter showed that he was almost as good; he was certainly more active, but Clarke's greater height and reach was the deciding factor. At the beginning of the season, R. J. Davies was partnered at back by A. W. Harding, and as a pair they showed considerable ability; however, the latter was moved to inside-forward, and E. J. Hine and C. H. Burrows were both tried in his place. E. J. Hine, though quite good in his tackling, failed to clear the ball sufficiently, so that C. H. Burrows finished as Davies' partner. G. W. G. Buckland, at centre-half, was the most consistent player on the side, his tackling is very good and he passes with excellent judgment, but when once he is beaten, he is inclined to turn round and watch his opponents making for goal, instead of going back to assist his fellow defenders; his slowness probably kept him out of the 1st XI. R. E. Hunt was tried as a half-back instead of an inside-

forward, and certainly this seems to be his proper position; he tackles well and he knows when to pass, holding the ball just sufficiently to draw an opponent before parting. The third half-back was sometimes E. J. Hine, and sometimes R. P. Jesse. The latter has a most awkward method of taking a chest-high ball, he seems to draw back and let the ball hit his arm, and it is really difficult for a referee to decide whether he should penalise for hands or allow it to pass as accidental; it certainly is not a deliberate foul, but it occurs so frequently that it shows lack of ability to draw the arm away. He can always be depended upon to play hard, and when he has a little more experience should be very useful. As in the first eleven, the forward line was the difficulty, only E. J. Pulman at outside-left was definitely placed; he seems to have a very good idea of the duties of a player in this position and with a little more weight and strength, coupled with experience of when to centre and when to cut in, he should prove an asset to any forward line. The remaining players who were tried in the forward line were too inconsistent to be said to have fixed positions. T. A. Cordery had an extended trial as centre-forward, his play in mid-field is good, but the nearer he is to goal the slower he becomes; he seems to think that slowness close to goal means a better chance of scoring; possibly, if there were no defenders, he could place a shot better by taking his time—so could most people; he must remember two things (a) being deliberate shows the defenders what he intends to do and they naturally move to defeat this, (b) he gives then more time to rob him. When he can overcome this he will be distinctly useful, for he has ability and good ideas as to the starting of an attack. H. H. Moore on the right wing is a much improved player, his chief trouble is taking the ball too close to the goal line before centring, consequently a lot of good work is wasted by his sending the ball behind. The following played as inside-forwards: A. P. B. Brown, R. Heaton, W. Garne and A. W. Harding. A. P. B. Brown should be useful, he has size and speed, but he appears afraid of hurting others and consequently does not go in as he should. R. Heaton is clever but ineffective in front of goal. W. Garne, though not clever, was frequently there when wanted—he did not hesitate to go in, and though his passing was not good, his shooting was very effective. A. W. Harding, really a back, was played inside-forward. He works very hard and before passing looks to see who is in the best position to receive a pass; he would do better to shoot more often. The following also played once each: C. A. Wales (goal), and N. E. Stevens (outside-left).

Probably the best game of the second eleven matches was that against Bournemouth School XI. ("Under 15.") The

whole team played quite well. R. J. Davies and A. W. Harding tackled so well that C. A. Wales, in goal, had little to do. The halves, of whom M. F. Gricks was the best, fed the forwards beautifully. P. W. Bull at inside-left was the marksman, scoring all six goals, while W. Garne, R. Heaton and T. A. Cordery all combined to make this possible. The game against Yeovil was rather one-sided, our opponents being decidedly smaller, and though they defended hard, weight and speed were against them. The games against Wimborne were fairly well contested, the second was a very creditable performance, the weather was all against good football; facing the wind, rain and slope in the second half with a lead of 3-1, we managed to prevent our opponents from scoring; this is quite a tribute to the defence. Against Taunton's School, Southampton, a poor exhibition was given, the match was played in drenching rain and conditions were certainly bad, but our opponents overcame these far quicker than we did. Of the forwards, only H. H. Moore showed any dash, while the halves, though defending well, gave very few passes to the forwards.

The football in the Junior clubs was better than it was last season, and there was plenty of competition for places in the "Under 14" XI. Three of the four matches played were won and the fourth drawn, after a very good game.

R. H. Tarrant and A. Dufosse each had trials in goal. Each shewed promise, but the former was slightly the quicker starter and cleared better. The backs were not clever, but they worked really hard and possessed weight. F. J. Austin and R. J. Friend played in these positions in the last match, R. Macdougall taking the former's place in the half-back line. J. F. Staddon, on the right, was easily the best half. He tackled well and fed his forwards in a way which augurs well for the future. R. Macdougall and R. J. Edwards put in a lot of hard work and tackled well, but their support to the forwards was limited.

In the forward line, the right wing was far stronger than the left. R. J. Gray (outside-right) and J. E. Russell (inside-right) combined excellently and displayed a good knowledge of the finer points of the game. If this pair will only grow, we shall have a very good right wing in some future 1st XI. The rest of the forward line were quite useful individually, but there was a sad lack of combination. C. H. C. Adams and D. Knapton scored several goals, and L. S. Burden will improve with added experience. In addition, there were several other players who, although not good enough to retain a regular place in the team, were generally noticeable

in some of the trial games. H. F. Whidborne, H. T. Imber, W. F. Chapman, J. M. Harding, K. H. Gordon, G. H. Mells, F. J. Huygens and J. D. Hawkins are all footballers in the making.

R. S. Balhatchet is to be heartily congratulated on the way in which he managed his team. He set a splendid example of keenness, giving his utmost until the final whistle, and unless some of the team leave at a very early age, he should reap the benefit of his work next season.

DETAILS OF MATCHES:

S.G.S. (with Masters) v. SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE, home, lost 2-3.—In ideal weather this game was played in as sporting a manner as it is possible to conceive, at a fast pace throughout, neither side giving any quarter. The School kicked off with the sun behind them and against a slight breeze; the League soon attacked and kept up the pressure, indeed, for a time the game seemed to be a succession of goal-kicks; on many occasions the S.A.L. forwards put just wide, due mainly to the fact that the School halves and backs never allowed them time to find direction or to steady themselves. After about twenty minutes, one of the School backs handled accidentally in the penalty area, but the S.A.L. most sportingly refused to take advantage of this, and put the ball gently into the goal-keepers hands for him to clear; this incident was typical of the spirit of the game. Just before half time the S.A.L. scored with a long shot which the goal-keeper failed to hold, and so crossed over with a lead of one goal to nil. On the run of play they were distinctly unluckily not to have a bigger lead. After half time the School improved and scored twice, the first goal coming from a shot by R. A. Jeeves, which the S.A.L. goal-keeper failed to gather; the second from a fine cross-shot by R. A. Welch. The S.A.L. then pressed hard, and in turn scored two more, giving them a lead of 3 goals to 2, which they held to the end. The School defence played splendidly, but the attack was not quite up to form.

SCHOOL TEAM.—Mr. Veale, G. R. Rousell, Mr. Williams, E. S. Mitchell, R. S. Balhatchet, Mr. Hey, R. A. Jeeves, Mr. Cole, Mr. Minchin, R. A. Welch, P. W. Bull.

S.A.L. TEAM.—Eames (Ibis), Olliffe (Old Parkonians), Melford (Lloyds Bank), Haymen (Lloyds Bank), French (Ibis), Nicolson (Cuaco), A. N. Other, Ash (Lloyds Bank), Smith (Merton), Roberts and Greeves (Ibis).

S.G.S. v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away, lost 2-4.—The School started the game playing up hill and with the sun in their eyes, and were the first to score, R. A. Jeeves putting through after 7 minutes play. Immediately after the restart, however, Wimborne brought the scores level, and five minutes

later they scored again, to lead by two goals to one, a lead they held until half time. Playing with the slope, the School should have managed easily, but were very unlucky in having R. S. Balhatchet injured; though he came on to the field again, he did not play up to his usual standard, and in a fast game the loss of one player is considerable. Wimborne scored two more goal before the School managed to score their second, again by R. A. Jeeves.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL, home, lost 0-3.—The School started against the sun and wind, and it was soon evident that they were playing a more clever side than themselves. The ball control of the visitors was distinctly superior; and though the School played with far more dash than they had exhibited in their previous game, they did not put the Bournemouth team off their game. The first goal came following a miskick by G. R. Rousell, the second about twenty minutes later, and the third came because the School stopped playing, thinking that an opponent had been hurt, thus two goals were practically given away. R. S. Balhatchet worked splendidly throughout the game and was ably backed up by B. G. Gyles and E. S. Mitchell. H. F. Friend, in goal, could not be blamed for any of the goals that passed him, and saved several shots exceedingly well. The rest of the team were not up to standard.

S.G.S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away, draw 2-2.—A very strong wind blowing diagonally across the pitch quite spoilt the game, making passing a very difficult matter. After about five minutes play, R. S. Balhatchet scored with a very long shot, the ball going well out of the goal-keeper's reach. Play was fairly even, H. F. Friend having quite a lot of work to do, on one occasion making a really splendid save. B. G. Gyles had hard luck with a shot which struck the upright, and it was not until thirty minutes had elapsed that the School scored again; this time R. A. Welch emulated R. S. Balhatchet's example. Just before half time the School were unlucky to lose M. F. Gricks through a damaged knee, and were forced to play the second half with only ten men. Very early in this half, Dorchester scored from long range, and after about twenty minutes, another long shot gave them the equalising goal. It is rather curious that all four goals were scored from shots about thirty yards from goal.

S.G.S. v. OLD BOYS, lost 5-4.—The Old Boys won the toss and had the advantage of a fairly stiff breeze. They were very soon on the offensive, and within one minute they had scored, the opportunity coming owing to a miskick of one of the School backs. The present boys then settled down and a

fast game started, the advantage being with the Old Boys owing to their weight, and after ten minutes the O.S. scored again. Seven minutes later, the present boys managed to reduce the lead through R. A. Welch, but after half-an-hour's play, J. Miles put the O.S. another goal up, so that at half time they had a lead of three goals to one. After the interval, the Old Boys pressed for a quarter of an hour, and scored two more goals, the last, the result of a free kick for hands against the School goal-keeper who handled outside the penalty area. For the rest of the game, the Present had the better of the exchanges, scoring three goals through R. A. Jeeves, R. A. Welch, and R. A. Jeeves again; though they worked hard, the O.S. managed to keep them from scoring the equalising goal, so that a fast game resulted in another victory for the O.S. by 5-4. For the School, H. F. Friend performed excellently in goal, saving many shots that a more experienced goal-keeper would have been pardoned for allowing to pass. All the defence were well up to form and in the second half the forwards were far more effective; it was a fresh arrangement of the players and they gave a better display, as a line, than had previously been seen this season.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD SCHOOL, won 13-1.—Played on a heavy ground and with a high wind; the School won the toss and had the advantage of the wind during the first half. They attacked immediately, but could not score until Balhatchiet, from long range, sent in a shot which gave the Blandford goal-keeper no chance. This seemed to break the spell and thereafter, until half time, the School scored no less than seven times, so that at half time the score was 8 goals to 0—scored by R. S. Balhatchiet 2, R. A. Jeeves 2, P. W. Bull 3, E. M. Barrett 1. After half time Blandford had more of the play, and after 7 minutes their centre-forward scored. This seemed to set the School off again and they scored five more—E. M. Barrett 2, P. W. Bull 2, and Welch being the scorers. The whole team played better than they had before this season, though the opposition was lighter and consequently could not put up such a good game as they would have done had the ground been less heavy.

S.G.S. v. TAUNTON'S SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON, away, lost 2-5.—The School won the toss and had the advantage of a slight wind. Taunton's kicked off, but our halves intercepted and sent our forwards to attack; the shot was cleared to our opponents' outside-left, who took the ball down the wing, centred, and a goal was scored. This is the second time that we have given our opponents an easy goal in almost the first minute of play. Following this reverse, the School played quite well, and for some ten minutes Taunton's were kept in

their own half. During this period of attack, practically all chance of scoring was lost by ridiculous long shots, over forty yards range, at an experienced goal-keeper! Occasional long shots by all means, but these must have either strength or guile behind them. Taunton's then took up the attack and before half time scored again. After the restart, Taunton's scored a third before we attacked. Our first goal was the result of the only attempt at passing by our forwards during the match; R. A. Jeeves received the ball and took it down the wing, E. M. Barrett received the ball, but was not allowed to shoot, so slipped it to R. A. Welch who finished off with a nice cross shot. Our second goal came after Taunton's had taken the score to 5-1. R. A. Jeeves received the ball on the half-way line, beat everyone for pace and went through on his own. The defence worked hard with very little rest, they were too slow for their somewhat older and taller opponents. The forwards lacked ball control and though the right wing, particularly R. A. Welch, worked hard, they could not finish.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away, won 8-3.— Played at Blandford on Wed., Dec. 2nd; conditions good, except that ground was somewhat heavy and grass wet, making the ball very slippery. The football never reached a high standard, in fact, there were more miskicks and bad passes than in any other match. S.G.S. should have scored in the first minute, but allowed Blandford to clear, that was through not shooting. After ten minutes, R. A. Welch scored for S.G.S., and two minutes later R. A. Jeeves scored a second. Blandford then got away on the left and reduced the lead almost immediately. R. A. Welch scored the third and just before half time R. A. Welch and R. A. Jeeves made the S.G.S. total five. With the last kick of the first half Blandford scored their second. Kicking up hill did not make much difference to the S.G.S. attack, though it took some time to settle down, and Blandford broke away after twelve minutes and scored, but before the end R. A. Jeeves, E. M. Barrett and R. A. Welch added to the S.G.S. total, so that the final score was 8-3. R. A. Welch and G. R. Rousell both played well, but there was far too much passing in front of goal, most of which went astray. P. W. Bull only gave his own inside-forward one-centre in each half; had he passed instead of trying to shoot, the score would have been higher, while E. M. Barrett on many occasions would have done better to have shot instead of passing.

S.G.S. v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, home, draw.— Played under very bad conditions, a high wind from one end to the other, combined with fine rain, made the ball very difficult to control. The School started with the wind in

their favour and were attacking most of the first half, forcing a number of corners, from one of which Gricks scored, heading the ball out of the goal-keeper's reach. A few minutes after this Wimborne attacked, and Friend, in saving a shot, fell before he could clear; three Wimborne forwards and Hewer raced for the ball, and though Hewer arrived first, his effort to put the ball out of play was just unsuccessful, the ball hitting the goal post and rebounding into the goal. Though the School attacked hard, they did not accept the chances they had, and at half time the scores were level, though they should have shown a three goal lead at least, P. W. Bull, E. M. Barrett and R. A. Jeeves just missing. The second half was much more even; though facing a strong wind, the School had quite as much of the game as Wimborne, and twenty-five minutes after the restart R. A. Welch put the School ahead. Seven minutes later, a long shot proved too far out of Friend's reach and entered the net to make the scores level. The rest of the match was fought out in very bad light and stronger rain. R. A. Jeeves, with the last shot of the match, had a chance of securing victory, but shot just wide.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL, away, lost 1-2.—This was an exceedingly good game, contested at a fast pace throughout, in which the whole of the School XI. gave a pleasing display. G. R. Rousell, at back, was particularly good and so was R. S. Balhatchet at centre-half. H. F. Friend, in goal, could not be blamed for the two Bournemouth goals and made three excellent saves. The forward line also gave their best exhibition, and on one occasion R. A. Jeeves managed to get to a ball which was fast going out of play; he centred and E. M. Barrett threw himself at the ball and had very bad luck in sending it just wide. Had there been more of this type of forward play during the early part of the season, at least two or three defeats would have been turned into victories.

S.G.S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, home, won 6-5.—The ground was very heavy and the ball slippery, which probably accounts for the numerous miskicks and bad passes. The visitors started off at a very fast pace, and the ball travelled rapidly from one end to the other. After 13 minutes a long shot by one of the visitors would in all probability have beaten H. F. Friend; G. R. Rousell realising this, did his best to head clear, but was not successful, the ball entering the net off him; a minute later, however, a shot going straight to H. F. Friend was again deflected out of his reach by the same player. Ten minutes later Dorchester scored a third. S.G.S. then pressed hard, and R. A. Welch reduced the lead; subse-

quent play was in mid-field until R. A. Jeeves receiving a pass on the half-way line, went through and scored with a beautiful cross shot. Dorchester were unlucky in that they had to play the second half with only ten men, a knee injury causing one of their number to retire. Immediately after half time R. A. Jeeves scored a similar goal to his first. Dorchester then scored twice to make the score 5-3 in their favour. After twenty-five minutes R. A. Welch reduced the lead, and five minutes later equalised; and shortly before time the same player scored the winning goal with a good shot from thirty yards range. The halves were all quite good, G. R. Rousell and J. D. R. Hewer were rather a long time settling down, and R. A. Welch and R. A. Jeeves were the most successful forwards, the latter causing the Dorchester defence a great deal of trouble.

CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

- H. F. FRIEND (goal keeper).—Kept goal very well indeed; showed good judgment in deciding when to rush out and clear. Must learn to kick the ball from rest.
- G. R. ROUSELL (right back).—A player who is fulfilling expectations; very quick to intercept passes, inclined to dribble the ball a little too much.
- J. D. R. HEWER (left back).—Very quick, but a little too impetuous; he started the season shakily, but improved greatly towards the end.
- B. G. GYLES (right half).—Very fast and a fearless tackler, but lacks ball control.
- R. S. BALHATCHET (centre-half).—An excellent pivot, a splendid tackler, and passes with judgment. He kept his team together in a very creditable manner.
- E. S. MITCHELL (left half).—A fearless and dogged tackler, passes well, but is a bad judge of a dropping ball.
- R. A. JEEVES (outside right).—The most dangerous forward of the line. Unfortunately he cannot play inside. Very fast and can shoot very hard, but is inclined to lose heart when things do not go quite right.
- M. F. GRICKS (inside right).—Passes very well, but has not sufficient dash for an inside forward. Has certainly improved.
- E. M. BARRETT (centre forward).—Knows what to do, and in mid-field does it; but in front of goal he lacks confidence to shoot. Would be much better if he were more selfish.

- R. A. WELCH (inside left).—Last year he played right-half, which is his proper position. An excellent tackler and very hard worker; if he would shoot more would be a very dangerous forward.
- P. W. BULL (outside left).—Quite a clever footballer, but is very inclined to hang back when opposed by a bigger player than himself.

CADET CORPS.

The following Cadets have been crossed off the Roll on leaving the School:—Lce.-Cpl. C. G. Dean, Cadets R. P. Wiltshire, W. Garne, H. F. Friend, F. E. Cross, L. C. Rogers, J. H. Northcote.

Another great loss to the Corps last term was our Sgt.-Instructor, Sgt. Mears (Dorsets), who in the short time he was with us, proved to be the most popular and efficient instructor any Corps could possibly possess. The Cadets marked their appreciation of his work by presenting him with a suitably inscribed silver cigarette case.

SHOOTING.

Last year we made our first entry for the King's Shield. Eighty-eight cadets fired (50% to count), and our average per Cadet was 65'172. No. 4 Platoon, 66; No. 1, 65'5; No. 2, 63'6; No. 3, 61'5.

In the S.M.R.C. Junior Winter Competition

"A" Team were 24th out of 33, totalling 653 (poss. 800)
 "B" Team " 14th " 21, " 623 (poss. 800)

Senior Team.	Junior Team.
Cpl. C. M. Wales	Cadet J. B. Wales
Cpl. E. M. Barrett	Cadet P. F. Cole
Lce.-Cpl. H. H. Moore.	Cadet H. F. Whidborne
C.S.M. A. P. B. Brown	Cadet G. C. Young

School Competition for Cadets who failed to score 60 or over in King's Shield Competition:—

1. Cadet R. P. Wiltshire	...	...	½-in. group
2. Cadet R. E. Hunt	...	...	1-in. group
3. Cadet H. F. Whidborne	...	...	1-in. group
4. Cadet E. J. Pulman	...	...	1-in. group

PROMOTIONS (1st Nov., 1931):—

To be C.S.M.—Sgt. A. P. B. Brown.

To be Sergeant—Cpl. R. S. Balhatchet.

To be Corporals—Lce.-Cpls. E. M. Barrett, H. Moore, B. Gyles.

To be Lce.-Cpls.—Cadets C. Dean, R. Jeeves.

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

LIBRARY.

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

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Wounded Name"	Broster	C. B. Cartledge
"With Clive in India"	Henty	A. F. Birch (o.s.)
"Winning his Spurs"	Henty	"
"By Conduct and Courage"	Henty	"
"Stories of King Arthur's Knights"	Rutley	R. B. Bruce
"Stories of Beowulf"	Marshall	"
"A Knight on Wheels"	Ian Hay	"
"The Vicar of Wakefield"	Goldsmith	"
"The Fortunes of Flot"	Purdon	R. Heaton
"The Fifth Form of St. Dominic"	Reed	"
"Told round the Camp Fire"	Cocoran	"
"Brandon the Bushranger"	Rowcroft	"
"The Stolen Cruiser"	Westerman	"
"The Trail of '98"	Service	"
"Mike"	Wodehouse	"
"King Solomon's Mines"	Haggard	W. Burt
"The High Adventure"	Farnol	Dr. Tovey

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The President of the Society was R. S. Balhatchet; the Vice-President, B. G. Gyles; and the Hon. Secretary, T. G. Hart; Mr. L. J. Cole and H. F. Friend completed the Committee.

The activities of the Debating Society were very heavily handicapped by the absence of a large number of its members, including several masters, who were engaged in concert work. Another, and unfortunately, ever-increasing factor, was the paucity of debatable material, and any suggestions would be welcomed by the Committee. Owing to these causes the speeches were not of a very high standard, lacking in both quality and quantity. There were only three debates which were as follows:—

October 17th, "That a 'Jack of all Trades' is better than a 'Master of one.'"—*Rejected*.

Proposed by C. G. Dean.
Seconded by C. B. Cartledge.

Opposed by T. G. Hart.
Seconded by H. F. Friend.

October 24th, "That Stamp-collecting is superior, as a hobby, to Cigarette-card-collecting."—*Rejected*.

Proposed by A. P. B. Brown.
Seconded by H. H. Moore.

Opposed by M. F. Gricks.
Seconded by T. A. Cordery.

November 28th, "That this House considers that the British Empire has passed its zenith and is on the decline."—*Rejected*.

Proposed by R. P. Wiltshire.
Seconded by C. A. Wales.

Opposed by W. Garne.
Seconded by A. W. Harding.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

ROMANS.

The results of the House Football were, for us, highly satisfactory; after the mediocre displays of previous years it was a pleasant change to draw for first place with the Trojans in the Senior matches. Even more gratifying was the fact that we won all the Junior games by a handsome margin, which promises well for the future.

Our Senior team, in all three matches, played together splendidly, the defence being exceptionally good. No praise is too high for J. R. Hewer and A. Gray, the two backs; many times they saved what appeared to be certain goals, and, indeed, chief credit for the defeat of the Corinthians is due to them. H. F. Friend was not over-worked in goal by any means, but when needed he always showed up in brilliant form. E. S. Mitchell was the best of the halves, and he did a tremendous amount of very valuable work. Without in any way detracting from his excellent performance, it should be said that he is not an ideal centre-half; he concentrates rather too much on the defence, and consequently does not give his forwards the opportunities they should have. The forward line, compared with the rest of the team, was weak. P. W. Bull was easily the best; he made many clever attempts to get away with the ball, but had a difficult task, as there was no one who could co-operate properly with him. The others seemed to lack dash, and the ball had a distressing habit of working over to the right wing, and remaining there till cleared by an opposing back.

Our Juniors gained three decisive victories, apparently having no difficulty in outplaying their opponents. They worked together well as a team, a pleasing feature considering how seldom this is the case in the Junior matches. C. D. Clarke and L. S. Burden were perhaps the best of a good forward line, while C. H. Adams distinguished himself at centre-half.

The teams were as follows:—

SENIOR—H. F. Friend, J. R. Hewer, A. G. Gray, B. G. Gyles, E. S. Mitchell, R. P. Jesse, T. G. Hart, W. Garne, R. Heaton, B. D. Aylwin, P. W. Bull.

JUNIOR (selected from)—R. J. Friend, D. C. Garrett, A. J. Courtney, K. H. Gordon, C. H. Adams, J. D. Hawkins, F. E. Cross, L. S. Burden, C. D. Clarke (capt.), P. F. Cole, W. C. Higgins, E. J. Hobbs.

B. G. G.

TROJANS.

On paper we appeared to have the weakest sides in both Senior and Junior, and seemed to have little chance of obtaining any Shield points at all from the football. This, however, proved wrong. In the Senior, we won two games and drew the third, thus creating a pleasant surprise by tying with the Romans for first place. Our Juniors, on the other hand, were less successful, as they only won one of their three matches. On the whole, however, we must be satisfied with the four unexpected Shield points which we obtained, and the Senior team is to be congratulated on a performance of which all Trojans may justly feel proud.

The outstanding feature of the Senior was the stubborn resistance put up by our defence. It defended magnificently, and although over-worked against some good forwards, only conceded one goal in all three matches. H. B. Ryall, in goal, saved many difficult shots and played remarkably well in every match, especially considering his size. Our backs, L. C. Rogers and G. W. Buckland, by their accurate tackling and first-time clearances, saved the side on many occasions. D. Knapton and A. Crocker, as half-backs, were brilliant in defence, but failed to give their forwards the necessary help to start them attacking. The forward line, with the little support it had, did far more than was expected of it. H. H. Moore and M. Wakefield, the inside forwards, especially deserve a word of praise, for not only did they score our goals, but they also gave valuable resistance to the defence when hard pressed.

After unexpectedly winning their first match, our Juniors failed to fulfil the promise of another surprise by being heavily defeated in their last two matches. But for a plucky display by our goal-keeper, J. Day, and our backs, A. J. Steele and B. B. Moore, our opponents would certainly have scored many more goals. A. J. Steele, in particular, played extremely well. W. F. Chapman was easily the best of the halves, while H. T. Imber and H. K. Case both did well upon occasion.

SENIOR TEAM.—H. B. Ryall, L. C. Rogers, G. W. Buckland, A. Crocker, R. S. Balhatchet, D. Knapton, J. N. Davey, H. H. Moore, N. E. Stevens, M. Wakefield, J. E. Russell.

JUNIOR TEAM (selected from)—J. Day, A. J. Steele, B. B. Moore, F. R. Isgar, D. P. Darrington (capt.), W. F. Chapman, H. T. Imber, K. Tuffin, K. N. Belbin, H. G. Hillier, F. T. Green, R. B. Bruce, H. K. Case.

R. S. B.

CORINTHIANS.

On the whole our football this season was not a very successful effort; in fact we may be compared with the Spartans last year. Although on paper we were well up to our usual standard of previous years as far as football is concerned, there is no doubt that we ought to have been more successful than the results show.

Our failure was mainly due to the lack of combination in the forward line. Although the defence fed us well, we managed sometimes to get as far as the goal area and then failed to score. It is quite possible that at certain periods of the game, when we needed the necessary goals, we seemed to get over-excited; or was it nervousness?

The match against the Romans proved the most exciting for us. The score was standing at 1-1 when the catastrophe happened. R. J. Davies, through no fault of his own, had the misfortune to handle the ball inside our own penalty area, so the Romans, taking full advantage of a penalty, were successful, in spite of the good attempt by Dean to save it. The match against the Spartans provided us with the only win. The defence are to be congratulated on their fine efforts throughout the game. Players deserving special mention are: M. F. Gricks at centre-half, the bulwark of the side; he often saved the situation. A. W. Harding and R. J. Davies proved to be stalwart backs. J. M. Harding, for his size and age, played pluckily throughout. In the forward line P. B. Brown and R. J. Maidment did some fine tackling, while E. M. Barrett could always be relied upon for a good centre.

The Juniors did exceptionally well, losing only against the Romans. The forwards were far superior to the defence. H. G. Cross at outside right must be congratulated on his good play; he is a very promising player. H. F. Whidborne and R. J. Edwards both did some useful work; G. R. Cole spurred his side on well; M. A. Holmes in goal was quite up to expectations, and we anticipate a fairly useful senior team next year.

However, let us not cry over spilt milk, as it were, but look into the future with more confidence, never forgetting the old saying, "Nothing succeeds like success."

The teams were as follows:—

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

JUNIOR.—M. A. Holmes, R. A. C. Farris, H. E. Hallett, F. D. Barrett, F. J. Austin, R. J. Edwards, H. G. Cross, J. A. Cole, G. R. Cole (capt.), H. F. Whidborne, A. Dufosse.

R. A. J.

SPARTANS.

The Spartans failed to gain a point in the House football this season, neither the Seniors nor the Juniors winning a match. Great performances were not expected from either team, but I must say that the luck seemed against us, for although the Senior lost their matches by two goals to nil, the games were all keenly contested. We were weakened by the loss of B. K. Johnson, who left us at half-term with two of our Senior matches still to play.

The weakness of the Senior team lay mainly with the goal-keeper and the forwards. The goal-keeper was our chief trouble, for C. A. Wales was by no means safe; R. H. Tarrant was substituted in the last match, but his lack of inches told against him, for he failed to save two shots which to a taller and stronger goal-keeper would have been comparatively easy. He is, however, to be commended for his plucky attempt. A. White and E. J. Hine, our backs, worked hard, but the latter is inclined to keep the ball too long before making a clearance. G. R. Rousell played splendidly at centre-half, tackling well and passing with precision; he was not well supported by the wing halves, however; they were too small to be effective. Of a weak forward line, T. A. Cordery was by far the most outstanding, but as there was no-one of any ability with whom to work, he was given very few chances to score. R. J. Gray played a plucky game on the right wing, but was often knocked off the ball by superior weight. He is the most promising of our youngsters; E. J. Pulman and J. F. Staddon also show promise.

Our Juniors, this year, were exceptionally small, and although they were beaten easily in all their matches, we need not look too pessimistically on the future. R. J. Harding and R. MacDougall stood out above the others; the latter shows signs of developing into quite a useful back. R. A. Brennen, P. A. Clements and A. H. Foote seem to possess a certain amount of natural football "instinct."

The outlook for the near future is not promising, but we hope that all Spartans will do their utmost in an effort to gain some points in the running and cricket.

The following represented the Spartans:—

SENIOR TEAM.—C. A. Wales, A. White, E. J. Hine, B. K. Johnson, J. F. Staddon, G. R. Rousell, S. V. Brickell, R. J. Gray, R. A. Welch, E. J. Pulman, T. A. Cordery, R. P. Wiltshire, R. H. Tarrant.

JUNIOR TEAM.—R. A. Brennen, R. J. Harding, R. MacDougall, G. H. Mells, G. F. Staddon, N. H. Foote, R. Stainer, P. Clements, J. B. Wales (capt.), J. H. Northcote, A. R. Tanner, J. L. Tait.

R. A. W.

The individual results were: as follows:—

SENIOR.			JUNIOR.		
Trojans beat Corinthians	...	2-1	Romans beat Corinthians	...	5-0
" " Spartans	...	2-0	" " Trojans	...	6-0
" drew Romans	...	0-0	" " Spartans	...	7-1
Romans beat Corinthians	...	2-1	Corinthians beat Trojans	...	10-0
" " Spartans	...	2-0	" " Spartans	...	4-0
Corinthians beat Spartans	...	2-0	Trojans beat Spartans	...	1-0

The points thus gained for this year's Shield Competition were:—Romans 7, Trojans 4, Corinthians 1.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

OUR annual Prize Distribution took place in the Memorial Hall, on Wednesday, Nov. 25th, with Mr. R. W. Borley in the chair. We are glad to say that the attendance beat even that of last year, and it was difficult to find sitting accommodation for all our visitors. We offer our grateful thanks to Sir Randolph and Lady Baker for coming to grace our proceedings. Lady Baker very kindly presented the prizes and certificates to the various winners, and Sir Randolph gave a splendid address to the boys on opportunity in the modern world, which was listened to with evident pleasure by visitors and boys alike.

After the proceedings terminated, a record number of parents and friends were entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. Tovey.

The Chairman of the Governing Body (Mr. R. W. Borley) said the gathering that afternoon again showed plainly how much the school was appreciated in the town and neighbourhood. He assured them that nothing was spared on the Governors' part to carry it on in the high state of efficiency which it had attained. Mr. Borley alluded to the regrettable cut in the salaries of the masters. That, he said, was a universal reduction, and was no fault of the Governors, who regretted it. They could only hope that when the financial crisis was over, they would be able to return to normal times.

Dr. Tovey, in his review of the year, said they had a full school, and their numbers had increased slightly from what they were last year. There had been a slight decrease in boarders, but this had been offset by an increase in day boys. The decrease in boarders was not to be wondered at in the financial state of the country, but he hoped that they had now a Government in power which would do something for agriculture. When agriculture prospered, Shaftesbury would prosper, and the School would thrive with it.

Continuing, Dr. Tovey said it was with pardonable pride that he could refer to the examination results of last July. In the Higher School Certificate Examination they passed one boy, and he was a little disappointed that they did not pass two. The one who did pass, however, did even better than was expected. In the School Certificate Examination, out of 24 candidates they passed no fewer than 22 (four of them in honours)—a bigger number than they had ever passed before. These bare figures did scant justice to the merit and the quality of those results. Three obtained distinction in mathematics, two in English history, and eight obtained the necessary credits to gain exemption from matriculation. Undoubtedly the most gratifying feature of these successes was the number of "credits" obtained. The 22 successful candidates averaged between five and six credits per head out of a possible eight. While the results in all subjects were good, those in English history, mathematics, and French were exceptionally so, and he doubted whether any school of their size in the country could show a better all-round result in quality and quantity.

EXAMINATION "FETISH."

Speaking of the School Certificate Examination, Dr. Tovey said he could not understand why some professional bodies and employers preferred the London Matriculation Examination, except possibly that it was an older examination. He wanted to stress the fact that the School Certificate was an equally good examination. It was a great mistake to make a fetish of the London Matriculation Examination, and decry the School Examination at the expense of it. It was not a better examination and was not intended to be. He thought that the time was not far distant when these examinations would be separated and each would serve its own purpose and its own purpose only. Continuing, Dr. Tovey said good examination results were only obtained by good sound teaching, and it was hardly necessary for him to add how much the School owed to its Masters. Dr. Tovey spoke of other aspects of the School's life, and in a word of thanks to the donors of prizes, said that while the School had such friends it could hardly be anything but a long and lasting success.

Lady Baker then presented the prizes and certificates to the following boys:—

FORM PRIZES.—VI. Form, B. K. Johnson and R. S. Smith. V. Form, W. J. Stone, R. P. Jesse (Divinity prize), and W. H. J. Burt. IVa. Form, R. J. Maidment, R. B. Hunt and W. J. Barnes. IVb. Form, D. J. Riggs, R. J. Davies & N. A. C. Brockway. IVc. Form, I. G. Hussey and E. J. Hobbs. IIIa. Form, W. G. King, H. J. Ford and D. P. Darrington. IIIb. Form, R. W. Stevens and J. W. Sully.

SPECIAL PRIZES (for good all-round work).—V. Form, R. A. Welch, R. G. Lawrence, L. F. Barnes & A. P. Bathurst Brown. IVa. Form, G. S. Spencer. IVb. Form, H. J. Edwards. IIIa. Form, A. Dufosse. IIb. Form, G. A. Green.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—B. K. Johnson.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—*W. J. Stone, *R. P. Jesse, *W. H. J. Burt, *R. A. Welch, P. D. Law, I. D. Maclurkin, R. G. Lawrence, L. F. Barnes, A. Brickell, A. P. Bathurst Brown, T. G. Hart, A. G. B. Gray, L. A. T. Dennis, S. V. Brickell, C. H. Burrows, P. W. Bull, E. Combes, T. A. Cordery, R. P. Wiltshire, C. G. Dean, R. S. Balhatchet and W. Garnc. (*Obtained Honours).

The Chairman voiced the thanks of the gathering to Sir Randolph and Lady Baker, and this was seconded by the Mayor (Mr. E. E. Browning).

Sir Randolph, in replying to this vote of thanks, urged the boys to realise there had never been a time when there was such an opportunity for them to use their abilities and rise to the top. He spoke of outstanding personalities in the realm of the army, politics and business, who began life humbly, without the advantages of wealth and position, and had taken the highest places to which they could attain. He particularly instanced the case of Sir William Morris, to whom, in his own Oxford days, he took his cycle to be mended in a small shop, and who was now the head of one of the greatest enterprises in the land. The opportunity was there for anyone with brains and ability. They were to-day living in an age of the greatest changes in many directions that the world had ever seen, and no-one could tell what the next few decades held in inventions and progress. One hardly realised how fast the world was moving, and what possibilities there were for inventive genius.

But apart from their own immediate daily task, said Sir Randolph, the youth of the country held in its hands the future of the country, and, what to his mind was an even bigger thing, the future of the Empire—one of the greatest forces for good which the world had ever known. It had reached a great stage of development, but those who thought clearly and deeply, hoped that it was not at its height, but that in the next fifty years it would go steadily onwards, pursuing a course for the progress and peace of the world. The heritage given to the younger men was to take their share in the development of this Empire, and strengthening here in England the bonds of Empire. Theirs was the task to see that the Empire became stronger and greater, and to see that it did not fade away in the height of its glory. They in that school had learnt loyalty to the body to which they belonged—one of the things which made their educational system perhaps better than that of any other nation—they had learnt team work and the art of

playing the game, and if they applied that same spirit in their work for the country and Empire, they would be doing a great thing.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Walter R. Shaw Stewart and seconded by the Rev. H. H. Coley, who both spoke in an appreciative manner of Mr. Borley's splendid work for the School:

SCHOOL THEATRICALS.

FOR our breaking-up entertainment on Dec. 17th and 18th, we produced the well-known farcical comedy, "The Private Secretary," a play in three acts (by Hawtrey). The proceeds were in aid of the School Scholarship Fund, and a "crowded house" at each performance showed its appreciation in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Veale, following up his last year's success as Lord Babs, again took the "name" part, and with an excellent rendering of that famous character, the Rev. Robert Spalding, kept the audience in roars of laughter. As the timid, bewildered little curate, very much overburdened with all his "goods and chattels," he proved a perfect foil to the blustering tactics of Mr. H. Williams in the part of the elder Mr. Cattermole. Mr. Williams' interpretation was extremely good. Mr. G. Scalbert as Mr. Gibson, tailor of Bond Street, gave a clever piece of characterisation of a man with a "longing to soar." Mr. Minchin, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Hey, all gave very good account of themselves, their acting being quite easy and natural. T. Hart and B. Gyles took minor roles quite effectively.

As regards the "ladies," the chief acting honours must be given to M. F. Gricks, who made a very convincing elderly lady with pronounced spiritualistic tendencies. R. S. Balhatchet, as a landlady, was very well received, and E. J. Pulman and F. J. Austin as "bright young things" put plenty of spirit into their work, especially when receiving a lesson from the bogus curate; they really looked very charming young girls.

The stage and settings, built under the leadership of Mr. Watmough, with E. S. Mitchell, E. Cross, M. A. Holmes, D. C. Garrett, E. J. Hine and A. Crocker as helpers, gave the School Hall the appearance of a real "little theatre," and we are very grateful to them, and to B. Gyles who acted as

electrician: His control of the stage lighting was very effective. Our thanks are also due to the Wessex Electrical Company for loan of equipment, and to Messrs. Johnson and Sons for some of the stage furnishings.

No account of our efforts would be complete without a grateful acknowledgment of all we owe to Mr. Ramshaw for his coaching, staging, and production of the piece. Only those intimately associated with him can realise the amount of trouble he took, and perhaps the best feature of a very successful performance was the extremely clever way in which the various scenes were adapted to our small stage. We offer him our sincere congratulations and hearty thanks.

The cast was as follows:—

Douglas Cattermole	...	...	Mr. L. J. Cole.
Mrs. Stead	...	...	R. S. Balhatchet.
Mr. Sydney Gibson	...	...	Mr. G. Scalbert.
Harry Marsland	...	...	Mr. C. G. Hey.
Rev. Robert Spalding	...	...	Mr. L. P. V. Veale.
Mr. Cattermole	...	...	Mr. A. H. Williams.
Knox	...	...	B. G. Gyles.
Miss Ashford	...	...	M. F. Gricks.
Mr. Marsland, M.F.H.	...	...	Mr. R. B. Minchin.
Edith	...	...	E. J. Pulman.
Eva	...	...	F. J. Austin.
John	...	...	T. G. Hart.

Producer—Mr. W. Ramshaw.

ACT I.—Douglas Cattermole's Chambers (morning).

„ II.—Mr. Marsland's Country Seat (the next morning).

„ III.—Mr. Marsland's Country Seat (the same evening).



OLD SHASTONIAN CLUB DINNER.

THE Tenth Annual Dinner was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, on Saturday, November 7th, and a very pleasant evening was spent among a large gathering of Old Boys. Eighty-five members sat down under the chairmanship of Mr. R. B. Minchin, the President for the year.

Those present were Dr. Tovey, Dr. Cheater, Messrs. A. J. Allard, S. C. Ayles, H. F. Bathurst Brown, R. Bathurst Brown, C. S. Balhatchet, S. T. J. Burr, A. S. Braddick, A. J. Baxter, S. C. Bowley, F. H. Buckland, R. K. Brett, S. P. Burden, L. J. Cole, W. J. Combes, A. J. Combes, A. H. Clegg, F. R. Crocker, G. W. Clarke, R. B. Dashper, W. Doggrell, J. E. N. Doggrell, W. J. Doggrell, A. T. Doggrell, J. Fancott, H. N. Gauntlett, F. T. Gauntlett, A. J. Garrett, J. J. Garrett, T. A. Hayden, B. Hillier, W. G. S. Holloway, R. S. Hoskins, G. J. Hiscock, C. G. F. Hazell, J. G. Hoddinott, T. J. M. House, R. J. Jesse, E. Johnson, M. C. W. Johnson, S. H. D. Johnson, K. S. Law, L. B. Law, T. S. Law, R. M. Law, P. D. Law, J. W. W. K. Miles, J. W. Miles, A. D. Miles, J. J. O. McMahon, R. G. Mitchell, J. A. Norton, C. F. I. Phillips, L. G. Prideaux, F. E. Pickford, C. E. Pearce, S. Robins, W. Farley Rutter, W. Ramshaw, P. H. Ryall, A. Southon, E. H. J. Southon, H. R. Sims, H. C. Stainer, W. J. Squire, E. H. Simpson, J. G. Swanton, E. H. Stickland, E. W. Strange, W. E. Thomas, D. H. Tovey, J. F. Tozer, L. P. V. Veale, J. H. Wescott, J. N. Wescott, G. C. H. Woolston, J. S. Windebank, F. L. Watmough, A. H. Williams, B. G. Young, H. J. Young, D. R. Young.

Mr. Wescott, the Honorary Treasurer of the Club, was unavoidably prevented from coming, and we also missed the attendance of the Yeovil and Cirencester contingents.

The handsome silver President's Cup, presented by Mr. C. D. Lazenbury, adorned the festive board and was much admired by those present.

Mr. Hugh Brown, proposing the toast of "The School," said that no flowery phrases and high-sounding compliments were needed, for the mere presence of so many Old Boys showed what the School and the Association meant to them all. He could not, however, conclude without reference to Dr. and Mrs. Tovey and the masters. No words of his could express the gratitude and appreciation they all felt for what they had done for the School and the Old Boys. Dr. Tovey was a friend indeed of them all, and it was an immense pleasure to them to feel that the Club provided a real link with the School.

Dr. Tovey, who was received with great enthusiasm, said he was very glad to be able to say that, in spite of the difficult days in which they were living, the School was managing to hold its own. There were, it was true, rather fewer boarders, but now they had a Government in power which, they hoped, would do something for agriculture, and when agriculture flourished that part of the country flourished, and the School would flourish, too. In the examinations this year, one boy passed the Cambridge Higher School Certificate, and twenty-two boys the School Certificate Examination. A great many of them had either distinctions or honours, or both, and every third boy got sufficient credits to be excused matriculation. That result, in quality and quantity, was better than anything they had ever had before.

Speaking of the cricket team, he said that Frank Gauntlett was one of the best bowlers the School had ever had, and his record of seven wickets for one run in a school match would probably never be beaten on the School ground.

Having spoken of the football team and the flourishing Cadet Corps, Dr. Tovey said he did feel that the School, in work and play, was in a thoroughly healthy position, and a very large share of the credit for such a state of affairs was due to the masters, who gave him such loyal and valuable assistance. Their salaries might have been decreased, but their efficiency had increased. Last year he told them he hoped to start a scholarship fund to enable boys of moderate means to go on to the University if they were clever enough. Owing to the prevailing monetary shortage, he had not dared to issue anything in the nature of a public appeal, but thanks chiefly to the generous contribution of the Club, he had been able to make a start and had just over £70 in the bank. He felt certain that when times were better, the fund would rapidly grow and get rid of what had been a long-felt want in the School.

Dr. Tovey welcomed the five Law brothers, and said that for the last fourteen years they had had one, at least, and generally more, of the Law family in the School, and the last one only left at the end of last term. They were all there that evening, and he congratulated them on establishing a fresh record for the Club. Dr. Tovey, continuing, said how delighted he was to support their President, who came to the School as a boy the same day as he (the speaker) came as Headmaster. That was twenty-five years ago, and, except for the war break, Mr. Minchin had been with them ever since. He could not say how much he had done for the School and the big part he had played in its growth and progress, but he never did a

better thing for the School than when, in 1919, he started the Old Shastonian Club. His energy was unbounded; nothing was too much trouble for the Club, and it was all done for love of the old School. He wanted to thank him publicly for all he had done for the School.

In conclusion, Dr. Tovey said: "Times are very difficult for many of you, but if you will take the advice of an old man, don't let your troubles get the upper hand: Treat them as you treated them in your school days. When 12 o'clock came you shut them up in your desks, went out in the field, and forgot them in glorious manly exercise. You looked forward to the holidays. In these difficult times look forward to the better times, which, I feel sure, before long will come to all of us."

Dr. G. W. Cheater proposed the toast of "The Old Shastonian Club," which, he said, had more members than it had ever had, and the financial and numerical success was chiefly due to the loyal work of their secretary, and now their president, Mr. Minchin. Dr. Cheater spoke of what the Association meant to them all, in binding the Old Boys together and giving old friends the opportunity of meeting together. It also gave them the opportunity of re-visiting the old school, and of accepting the welcome which Dr. and Mrs. Tovey alone knew how to extend.

Mr. W. Farley Rutter, replying, paid tribute to the great work of Mr. Minchin for that Association, and referred to the gift of the magnificent President's Cup. Continuing, he said that he imagined that a schoolmaster must be constantly on the watch to see what were the results of those toilsome efforts of schooldays. It was up to the Old Boys to show their appreciation of what they received in their schooldays, and to do that which would give satisfaction to those who gave them the privilege of a good education. Another thing they could do was to exhibit the team spirit. He was convinced that the Association had shown one thing, and that was that Shaftesbury Grammar School had inculcated in them the team spirit, its comradeship, and its good fellowship, things which the world needed demonstrating more to-day than ever. Mr. Rutter spoke of the need of a school song, and said that they became comrades in learning their letters and playing their games. They were comrades still, whether in that room or in countries far beyond the seas. The School made a common bond which they expressed and encouraged in forming that Association. "To our School and each other we will be loyal," concluded Mr. Rutter.

Mr. B. Hillier submitted the toast of "Members Overseas," and wished every success to all Old Boys; wherever they might be.

At the conclusion of the speeches, the large tables were removed and replaced by smaller ones. Old school friends were thus enabled to get in touch with each other; and many half-forgotten incidents of bygone days were recalled.

O.S. NEWS.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Alec R. Tayler, of Cold Aston, Gloucestershire, which took place with tragic suddenness on December 6th.

A member of the O.S. Club, he was a very keen sportsman and won his football and cricket colours while at school here from 1907 to 1909. Indifferent health, however, made it necessary for him to forego violent exercise of any sort, so he took to golf and soon became a keen and proficient player. He had just returned from a successful round on the Cotswold course at Stow-on-the-Wold, when he collapsed in the club house, and passed away before medical aid could be summoned.

The news of his death came as a great shock to a large circle of friends and relations, and we offer his brother and sisters our sincerest sympathies in their great loss.

We offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes to the following old boys on the occasion of their marriage:—

Oct. 27th—A. T. Doggrell to Miss M. K. Dunning.

Dec. 12th—F. J. Drew to Miss I. Cherrett.

Dr. Tovey has had interesting letters from J. Bathurst Brown, E. C. Mozley and J. H. MacLachlan. We congratulate Mozley on the birth of a second daughter, but why wasn't it a son! From the tone of all these letters we imagine that things are quite as difficult in the colonies as at home.

C. R. O. Breen has left Southampton and has gone to London; he is now with the Sidwell Advertising firm in High Holborn.

John Icke has been playing soccer regularly for Lloyds Bank 2nd XI., and occasionally for the 1st XI.

Douglas Tovey has been playing regularly for the Bank of England 2nd XI.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Frank P. Barnitt on passing the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

C. G. Dean is now taking a commercial course at Bourne-mouth Municipal College.

Dr. Tovey has heard from Bevis Miles, who is now in Canada. He is taking a course at a Business College at Hamilton, Ontario.

F. T. Gauntlett has decided to become a schoolmaster, and we offer him our best wishes for a successful career. He has secured a post at Deal School for the summer term.

Our hearty congratulations to H. C. Watts on the birth of a daughter last November.

Our congratulations to M. G. Jones on his engagement to Miss May Topp.

We have to thank Dick Payne for the following details of "Silver Fox Farming." If any boy (past or present) felt inclined to take up this life, Dick Payne would, we feel sure, be only too pleased to give him all the information he required.

"Silver Fox Farming, or 'ranching' as it is sometimes called, has risen in a little over fifty years to be the fifth largest industry in Canada. The pioneers of this branch of live-stock raising, in Great Britain, started the first farm in Scotland about twelve years ago, and now the industry is forging ahead rapidly.

Although it was thought at one time that the black fox was a distinct species, it was later proved that the animal is only a sport of the red fox. Charles Dalton, now Sir Charles Dalton, was the first man to breed the black fox 'true,' and he has deservedly reaped the benefits of his early perseverance. Eighty to ninety per cent of the inhabitants of Prince Edward Island, of which Sir Charles Dalton is now Lieut.-Governor, depend on the Silver Fox industry for their livelihood.

The industry in this country is run more or less on the same lines as it is in Canada. Both countries have an association at the head, and that in Great Britain is known as the Silver Fox Breeders' Association of Great Britain. Animals belonging to members have to be inspected by the official inspector before they can be registered or pedigreed, and those of sufficiently high standard to be used as breeding stock, have their identification marks tattooed on the ears, and are registered in the Association Stud Book.

Silver Fox Farming forms an ideal career for a young man who is about to start out in the world. Two points should be remembered—it is essential to have a sufficiency of capital, and also a thorough knowledge of the business of running the farm. First class tuition can be had on most established farms, and this is usually free to purchasers of stock."

CORRESPONDENCE.

[LETTER FROM DR. TOVEY.]

MY DEAR OLD BOYS,

You will, I know, be sorry to hear that I have sent in my resignation to our School Governors, to take effect at the end of next summer term. I feel the time has come when I should like to hand over the reins to a younger man, and I feel, too, that I cannot ask Mrs. Tovey to continue her active life here much longer, and that she thoroughly deserves a rest.

I look forward to 'the future' of our School with the utmost confidence. It is, I hope, built on sure foundations, and I am sure that your O.S. Club will help it to go forward, and will give the new Head Master, when appointed, the same whole-hearted support and assistance that you have always given me.

I shall hope to see many of you between now and next July to shake once more the hand of friendship, but, let me add, not to say good-bye, for I shall still hope to meet you all from time to time at some of our delightful O.S. gatherings.

I am, my dear Old Boys,

Yours as ever,

C. H. TOVEY.

O.S. CLUB NEWS.

The thirteenth Annual General Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, at 4.45 p.m., on Saturday, November 7th. The Chair was taken by the President, Mr. R. B. Minchin.

After the minutes had been read and signed, the following elections were made for the year, 1931-32:—

President, Mr. J. W. W. K. Miles.

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

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

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

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

ANNUAL DINNER.—Mr. H. R. Sims proposed that the next Annual Dinner should be held at Trowbridge, but the proposition secured no seconder. London, proposed by Mr. K. S. Law and seconded by Dr. Cheater, was defeated by Salisbury, which was proposed as an amendment by Mr. Jack Miles. The amendment was carried by 24 votes to 8. On the proposition of the Chairman, the time and place were left to the Committee to decide.

TREASURER'S AND SECRETARY'S REPORTS.—In the unavoidable absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Doggrell submitted the Balance Sheet which, considering the extra expenditure which had been incurred during the year—£25 to the Scholarship Fund and £9 12s. 6d. for the new Club Booklets—was considered highly satisfactory.

Mr. Minchin presented a short report in which he stated that the membership totalled 373, an increase of 22 on last year. He expressed the Club's gratitude to Mr. C. D. Lazenbury for the magnificent gift of the Presidents' Cup on which the names of all past Presidents had been inscribed.

He also said that a letter had been received from a well-known Old Shastonian asking whether it would be possible to establish, during these difficult times, a register of Old Shastonians needing employment or a change of employment, and also of those having employment to offer. It was felt, however, that no official register could be maintained, but that the Club would do everything in its power to put Old Shastonians in touch with each other.

CRICKET TOUR, 1932.

The following matches have been arranged :—

Date.	Opponents.
Friday, July 29th ...	The Deanery, Southampton.
Saturday, July 30th ...	The Royal Marines, Portsmouth.
Monday, Aug. 1st ...	Havant C.C.
Tuesday, Aug. 2nd ...	Bognor Regis C.C.
Wednesday, Aug. 3rd ...	Worthing C.C.
Thursday, Aug. 4th ...	Priory Park, Chichester.

Further information with regard to hotel accommodation, etc., will be given in next term's magazine. We do hope, however, that all O.S. cricketers will suitably arrange their holidays so that we can field a really strong side.

Dr. Tovey says that 1932 will be his last season's serious cricket, so, however much we may disbelieve him, we are hoping to field a side that will be worthy of a "skipper" to whom cricket and cricketers mean so much.

NEW MEMBERS.

- A. J. Steele, Somborne Park, Kings Somborne, Hants.
- C. G. Dean, Allerton, 25, St. Albans Avenue, Bournemouth.
- R. P. Wiltshire, Bank House, Bröckenhurst, Hants.
- A. F. F. Birch, Jesus College, Oxford.
- F. E. Cross, c/o Messrs. Chiesman Bros., High Street,
Lewisham, S.E.13.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- W. Wakefield, 36, Fairview Street, Cheltenham.
- A. T. Doggrell, Gasper Farm, Stourton, Zeals, Wilts.
- H. M. Gale, 5, Vimy Avenue, Hebburn-on-Tyne, Durham.
- G. S. Burden, Epworth House, Pontypool, Monmouth.
- R. Light, 8, Avenue Road, Weymouth.
- T. R. Matthews, 111, Elm Grove, Southsea, Hants.
- F. A. H. Matthews, 111, Elm Grove, Southsea, Hants.
- A. J. Sharp, c/o B.W.M.S., 'Shahibag' House, Witlet Rd.,
'Ballard Estate,' Bombay.
- H. B. Tuffin, "Chatsworth," 10, Monmouth Road, Dorchester.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the following School Magazines:—The Fosterian, The Bournemouthian, Sotoniensis, The Beaminster G.S. Magazine.

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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.