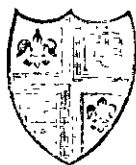


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EDITORIAL.

WITH the exception of one mild case of chickenpox, our bill of health last term was excellent. This term, however, we have not been so fortunate, the influenza epidemic being responsible for a considerable amount of illness which, for a short period, made our absentee list a long one.

Our Football team, last term, was a very successful one, and many of its performances reached a high standard. Two of its members, R. S. Balhatchet and G. R. Rousell, were selected to play for an A.F.A. Public Schools' XI. against the Midland Bank at New Beckenham on January 9th. From an eye-witness's account we heard that our representatives gave a very good account of themselves.

This term we are giving Rugger a trial, and many of the senior boys are becoming proficient. We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our best thanks to Mr. Harry Johnson for his kindness in allowing us to use his field. It is admirably suited to our needs, and without it our sporting activities this term would be considerably curtailed.

To the Lower Fifth Form we offer our best thanks for the delightful entertainment they gave us last term.

To Mr. & Mrs. Cole we offer our heartiest congratulations on the birth of a son and heir.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

V. J. Rawlins (c.) J. R. Domoney (s.) E. A. G. Hacker (c.)
C. H. Walker (r.) R. L. Sims (r.) F. H. Lewitt (s.)
D. W. Lewitt (s.)

[The letter in brackets after each name denotes the "House."]

VALETE.

R. S. BALHATCHET.—Form VI. Entered Sept., 1925. Prefect, January, 1931 (Head Prefect, Jan., 1932). Cricket XI., 1929-30-31-32 (Captain, 1932). Football XI., 1930-31-32 (Captain, 1931-32). Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1931.

N. A. C. BROCKWAY.—Form "Upper V." Entered September, 1928.

V. J. BURDEN.—Form IV. Entered September, 1928.

H. J. CROKER.—Form II. Entered September, 1932.

R. M. CROSS.—Form III. Entered September, 1931.

M. F. GRICKS.—Form "Upper V." Entered April, 1929. Prefect, Jan., 1932. Football XI., 1931-32.

T. G. HART.—Form VI. Entered September, 1926. Prefect, Sept., 1931. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1931.

A. W. PRITCHARD.—Form IV. Entered November, 1928.

G. R. ROUSELL.—Form "Lower V." Entered Jan., 1928. Cricket XI., 1932. Football XI., 1931-32.

H. C. STACEY.—Form "Upper V." Entered September, 1928.

N. E. STEVENS.—Form "Upper V." Entered September, 1928. Athletic Colours, 1932.

PREFECTS.

A. P. B. Brown (Head Prefect).

R. A. Welch, C. B. Cartledge, R. P. Jesse, J. D. R. Hewer, W. J. Stone, M. A. Holmes, C. H. Burrows, G. W. G. Buckland.

HEAD BOYS.

R. E. Hunt, L. F. Barnes, R. J. Maidment, A. W. Harding, M. Wakefield, F. R. Imber, R. J. Davies, J. B. Wales.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

Corinthians—A. P. B. Brown.

Spartans—R. A. Welch.

Romans—J. D. R. Hewer.

Trojans—G. W. G. Buckland.

ATHLETICS.

The following old Colour remains:—A. P. B. Brown.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Of the three candidates entered for the School Certificate Examination in December, the following were successful:—

G. W. G. Buckland (e, r, g, f, m, a).

C. B. Cartledge (e, r, g, f).

The letters in brackets after each name represent the subjects in which the candidate obtained "credit" marks: e—English, r—Religious Knowledge, g—Geography, f—French, m—Mathematics, a—Art.

A. C. Thresher has recently passed the Higher School Examination of the Associated Board, Royal College of Music, London, in pianoforte playing.

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS.

1st XI.

Sat. Oct. 1	...	Taunton's School, Southampton	...	Home	Lost 0-4
Wed. " 12	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Away	Won 5-0
Wed. " 19	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Away	Won 5-1
Sat. " 22	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Home	Won 8-0
Wed. " 26	...	Southern Amateur Lge. (Masters)	...	Home	Draw 3-3
Wed. Nov. 2	...	Bournemouth School	...	Home	Won 2-1
Wed. " 9	...	Old Shastonians	...	Home	Draw 2-2
Wed. " 16	...	Bournemouth School	...	Away	Lost 3-4
Wed. " 23	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Home	Won 3-1
Sat. Dec. 10	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Home	Won 13-0

Won 6. Drawn 2. Lost 2. 44-16

2nd XI.

Sat. Oct. 1	...	Taunton's School, Southampton 2nd XI.	Away	Lost 0-14
Wed. " 12	...	Dorchester Gram. School 2nd XI.	Home	Draw 3-3
Sat. " 22	...	Wimborne Gram. School 2nd XI.	Away	Won 6-2
Wed. Nov. 9	...	Old Shastonian 2nd XI.	Home	Lost 1-7
Sat. " 19	...	Foster's School, Sherborne	Home	Won 12-4
Wed. " 23	...	Dorchester Gram. School 2nd XI.	Away	Draw 2-2

Won 2. Drawn 2. Lost 2. 24-32

"Under 14" XI.

Wed. Oct. 19	...	Foster's School, Sh'borne (Under 14)	Home	Won 6-1
Wed. Feb. 8	...	Taunton School (Under 14)	Home	Lost 1-4
Sat. " 18	...	Foster's School, Sh'borne (Under 14)	Away	Won 4-0

Won 2. Drawn 0. Lost 1. 11-5

We were exceedingly fortunate to have the assistance of five very valuable players from last season; curiously enough they were all defenders, so that we again experienced our usual difficulty, that of building an attack. G. R. Rousell was tried at centre forward for the first match, which was also by far the hardest that we had, and it is not surprising that he failed to hold the line together; it is also probably a good thing that he did not, because for the second match a fresh arrangement was made, and one which was very successful. R. S. Balhatchet, who is really an excellent centre half, moved from that position to centre forward, and G. W. G. Buckland took his place; this was a decided improvement, and the same formation was kept for the remainder of the season. The only position in the defence which caused anxiety was that of goal keeper, for the boys who had played there last season for the Second XI. did not show sufficient improvement to merit an extended trial for the first team. We can consider ourselves extremely lucky that C. H. C. Burrows developed as he did, he was certainly the best "find" for many a season, and his powerful kick, of which he made full use, was

particularly valuable, for he thus relieved the backs from that senseless task of tapping the ball to him, and then keeping the opposing forward at bay. The two positions which proved the most difficult to fill were outside right and inside left; E. J. Pulman and C. D. Clark respectively had extended trials, but both just failed to make good; however, they will doubtless prove their ability next season. The problem was only solved late in the season by bringing in R. J. Davies on the wing, and moving R. A. Welch from half back to inside forward, with J. M. Harding filling the vacancy in the half line.

Great credit is due to the whole of the defence, for in nine matches they only conceded 13 goals, 8 of these being scored against them in the two games that the School lost. It is hardly fair to include the three goals scored in the game against The Southern Amateur League as the defence was not formed of boys alone, and the opposing forwards were of a different class from schoolboy forwards. C. H. C. Burrows effected many really good saves, and must have given considerable confidence to those in front of him; while they in their turn never allowed the opponents time to think what they would like to do. The half backs made a very sound line, and in addition to their work in defence, set their forwards going with some very nice ground passes; in fact the whole team kept the ball low throughout the season; except perhaps the forwards when shooting, and then, unfortunately, they were very inclined to balloon the ball. The approach work of the forward line was distinctly good, but in front of goal they appeared to hesitate too long or else to try and take the ball too close before attempting to shoot; R. S. Balhatchet was an exception, he always seemed to be on the look out for an opportunity; his policy was very successful, for he was responsible for more than half the goals scored; certainly the credit of some of these is partly due to others, but Balhatchet made many openings for his colleagues which were not accepted. Matches cannot be won unless goals are scored, and the policy of trying to dribble the ball through the goal rather than shoot, does not pay.

The weather was not particularly good, for although it was not necessary to scratch any matches, quite a number had to be played on very heavy pitches, and mist was the rule rather than the exception. At one period of the term it looked as though illness would spoil matters, but happily what might have proved an outbreak was confined to one case, which caused the cancellation of one match only.

The Second XI. did not give such a good account of themselves as the first, mainly because the inside forwards were not sufficiently enterprising.

H. B. B. Ryall hurt his hand at the beginning of the term, and this kept him out of the team for over a month. He shows distinct promise as a goal keeper; unfortunately he is not very big and has a very weak kick, so that although his actual saving of shots is good, a great deal of his value to the side is lost because he fails to clear the ball properly. C. B. Cartledge was a hard working captain, and though his foot work is not yet good, he improved considerably as the season progressed and his display for the first team against Blandford School was very creditable. J. B. Wales played in most of the matches; his kicking is quite good and he is also moderately fast, but his position play must be improved, and he must learn to tackle quickly and more strongly if he is to take his place in the First XI. next season. R. H. Tarrant was a hard working right half; at present his foot work is not clever, and this accounted for the number of times that his passes to the forwards went astray. Actually J. M. Harding was the centre half, but as he was transferred to the First XI. reference to his play is made there; F. J. Austin would have been the player to take over this important position had there been any more matches; he has a very good knowledge of the game and an excellent first time kick, moreover he tackles without the slightest hesitation, and should prove a very useful player next season. R. P. Jesse at left half is an exceedingly difficult player to pass; had he more ball control it is probable that he would have been a strong candidate for a place in the premier XI. The two wing forwards, L. S. Burden on the right and C. H. C. Adams on the left were consistently good; both have speed and know when to use it, but the former must be more careful to centre out of the goalkeeper's reach. M. Wakefield took Ryall's place in goal for the first two matches, but when that player came back he moved to his usual position—inside left. He passes well and his play in mid-field is good, but he lacks the power to finish off a movement, probably due to his anxiety lest he should fail to score. C. D. Clark and E. J. Pulman both played at centre forward and inside right, the former appeared more likely to develop into a shooting forward, but does not realise the importance of distributing the play, while the latter keeps the line together better, but hesitates instead of shooting; from the individual point of view no doubt he plays better at outside left. J. E. Russell was tried at inside right in two matches, and when he grows he should earn his place, but at present his lack of inches is too great a handicap. R. MacDougall is too slow; he has quite a good idea of the duties of a wing half back and an increase of speed should ensure a position next football term. R. J. Maidment, though a very hard worker, has so little ball control that most of his energy is wasted; while F. D. Barratt

improved sufficiently towards the end of the season to deserve a trial, in which he gave a very satisfactory account of himself; he is another boy who should be of assistance to the School later on.

The "Under 14" XI. were rather unfortunate last term, the bad weather necessitating the cancellation of one of their matches. This term, however, they have played two matches and have given evidence that the school is not lacking in promising material with which to build up future first elevens.

On the whole the defence was stronger than the forward line. A. Dufosse (in goal), and M. A. Tory and J. D. Hawkins (backs) played good football. Their position play was good, and their kicking, especially that of Hawkins, was above the average. In the half-back line we had the services of R. J. Edwards, R. McDougall, J. F. Whidborne and D. P. Darrington. Edwards had speed, but lacked much ball control; McDougall possessed good control and skill in passing, but was very slow in recovery. Whidborne and Darrington were excellent workers, and it was difficult to decide which was the better.

The forwards were quite good, but combined rather indifferently, and the shooting was a bit weak. R. J. Gray was decidedly good, and H. T. Imber shewed much promise. The latter was never at his best near goal, but in mid-field he was much better and often set his wing man going. G. S. Gibbings and M. F. Murphy, on the wings, were especially good in centring, and possessed speed. The latter must learn to tackle more robustly, and will then be quite good. At inside left we tried many candidates, of which F. D. Barrett proved to be the best. He has size and speed and should one day be good. M. G. Watton was also in the picture and shewed many signs of becoming a proficient player.

The first game that the 2nd XI. were called upon to play was against Taunton's School (Southampton) 2nd XI., and the result was quite as bad as was expected; they had to tackle a much bigger and faster side. Taunton's pressed the whole game, and could have won by an even greater margin. Owing to the heavy rain, only thirty minutes were played in each half. It is quite useless to attempt to pick out anyone as good or bad, for the match was no test at all. The second fixture, that against Dorchester Grammar School 2nd XI., played at Shaftesbury on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, was a very even game. In the first half S.G.S. scored twice against once by Dorchester, and the lead was deserved. The second half, however, was disappointing, for when we had a lead of three goals to one we should have been able to hold it, instead of

which we allowed Dorchester to fight back and make for them an excellent result—namely, a draw. To be two goals down away from home and then succeed in forcing a draw is a very creditable performance.

Against the Old Shastonians' 2nd XI., the School 2nd XI. were completely outweighed, as is only to be expected, but the Old Boys did not use their weight unduly, and the present boys should have lasted the game better than their opponents, but they did not; in fact there were more goals scored in the second half than in the first. C. B. Cartledge played hard the whole time; Ryall in goal saved well, but his weak clearances gave the O.S. chances of shooting before he could get back to his goal. J. M. Harding was the best of the half backs, while R. J. Davies never gave up trying and caused the O.S. defence a number of anxious moments.

The match against Foster's School, Sherborne, was won easily. Our forwards, notably R. J. Davies and C. D. Clark, were faster and heavier than our opponents, and broke through frequently. The whole team was quicker on the ball, and combined better than Foster's, who were rarely dangerous. Clark scored five of our goals, Davies four, Wakefield two, and Burden one. J. M. Harding at centre half was particularly effective.

The last match was played at Dorchester on a rain-soaked pitch, with rain falling most of the time, so that good football was out of the question. The team played well for the first half, the forwards taking whatever chances they had, and led by two goals at half time. Facing the wind and rain during the second half, S.G.S. lost their lead, but managed to prevent Dorchester from scoring a winning goal. C. B. Cartledge, R. P. Jesse and J. M. Harding were the pick of the School team. A draw justly represented the play, for both sides took advantage of the ground and slope to score goals in adverse conditions.

DETAILS OF 1st XI. MATCHES.

S.G.S. v. TAUNTON'S SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON. Home, lost 0-4. Played at Shaftesbury on October 1st.—The ground was very heavy, though actually there was no rain during the game. It was a pity that we had to play our hardest match first, but the trouble was that no other date could be arranged. We were beaten by a side that was superior in every department of the game, particularly in head work. They were a bigger and heavier side, yet they managed to keep their feet much better than we did. It is very difficult to find much to say about the forwards; G. R. Rousell tried hard but could do

nothing, the defence never gave up hope, and it was entirely due to their hard work that the score was kept as low as it was; R. S. Balhatchet was prominent the whole time, and C. H. Burrows saved many shots excellently.

[We have recognised for some time that we cannot expect to play on equal terms a school containing about four times our numbers, and probably owing to the result of the 2nd XI. fixture, Taunton's have agreed that it would result in a better match if our 1st XI. play their 2nd XI. next season. This is going to be arranged, and we hope that a more even game will result.]

S.G.S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away, won 5-0. Played at Dorchester on Oct. 12th.—Balhatchet lost the toss and kicked off with the wind and the slope in his favour. We soon set up an attack, but it was some time before any score was registered; after some good work by Balhatchet, who was playing centre forward, the Dorchester back in trying to clear a shot headed past his own goalkeeper. Within a short time Balhatchet scored again, but though S.G.S. kept up the pressure they could not add to their total before the whistle went for half time. It certainly did not seem that a lead of two goals was sufficient when set to face the wind and the slope, yet curiously enough, though the game became more even, S.G.S. seemed to be far more dangerous when they attacked than previously; the passing of the forwards was much more accurate, and the defence never allowed the home forwards to become dangerous. Balhatchet scored a third, and Pulman, fastening on to a rebound from a shot by Balhatchet, which struck the post, sent in a shot which gave the Dorchester goalkeeper no chance. S.G.S. kept up the attack, and C. D. Clark scored the fifth goal a few minutes before time. Until he was injured, G. R. Rousell was the better of the backs, but then J. D. R. Hewer improved and took quite a lot of Rousell's work off his hands; all the halves were good, though they kept a little too close to their forwards during the first half; while of the forwards Balhatchet was easily the pick.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away, won 5-1. Played at Blandford on Oct. 19th.—Playing with the slope, we very soon set up an attack from which C. D. Clark scored, shooting from what appeared to be an impossible angle; it was a goal which might be described as resulting from a magnificent shot; had he missed, however, he could have been justly blamed for not passing, because both of the other inside forwards were ready to help. Balhatchet scored the second and the third, the last following some excellent work by Buckland. At half time we were leading by three goals to nothing. Shortly after the second half had started, the S.G.S. defence

got themselves into an extraordinary tangle through leaving the ball for someone else to clear; the goalkeeper and the two backs were all to blame, the result was that Blandford scored their goal. Soon after this, Balhatchet received the ball from Buckland, and seeing that the Blandford backs were in a line, he went between them and scored with a shot that the goalkeeper let pass between his legs. Immediately after the re-start exactly the same thing happened, with exactly the same result, so that made the score 5-1, and this was all the scoring. S.G.S. were without J. D. R. Hewer and R. A. Welch; C. B. Cartledge and J. M. Harding taking their places, and both giving very creditable performances.

S.G.S. v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home, won 8-0. Played at Shaftesbury on Saturday, Oct. 22nd.—The ground was in a very wet condition, but luckily there was no rain. S.G.S. playing against the wind were soon on the attack, and within five minutes E. J. Pulman scored a very nice goal, the ball came across from the left, but owing to the treacherous ground the inside forwards missed it, and so did the defenders, but Pulman who had come in towards the centre somewhat, scored with a first time shot. Immediately after, A. P. Brown scored a second from one of Balhatchet's passes; for a little while play was more even, but before half time Balhatchet scored twice to give the School a lead of four goals to nil. The second half was a repetition of the first, the School having the upper hand the whole time, and A. P. Brown scored three goals and C. D. Clark one. The School backs defended so well that C. H. C. Burrows in goal was hardly troubled; M. F. Gricks played one of the best games he has ever played, showing excellent ball control under very difficult conditions, G. W. G. Buckland had very hard luck with one shot, and had the forwards accepted all their chances there is little doubt that the score would have been double figures.

S.G.S. (with Masters) v. SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE. Home, drawn 3-3. Played on Wednesday, October 26th.—The Southern Amateur League again very kindly sent a team to play against the School, and as usual a splendid game was the result. The weather was fine but the ground was very heavy. Mr. V. F. Davey very kindly came all the way from Taunton to referee the match, and our thanks are due to him for the efficient way he carried out his duties. The masters and boys who represented the School deserve every credit for the display they gave against a cleverer side, and earned the draw by their persistence and keenness. Our visitors gave their usual delightful display, and the spectators, boys and visitors thoroughly appreciated the game. C. H. C. Burrows kept goal magnificently, and Gricks scored a very good goal from

a distance of over forty yards. R. S. Balhatchet at centre forward was a constant worry to the visitors defence, and played well, as did G. R. Rousell and G. W. G. Buckland who covered a lot of ground in defence.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL. Home, won 2-1.—Played on Wednesday, November 2nd, on a very heavy ground. The two teams were very evenly matched, and the result was in doubt until the final whistle. The School's first goal came a few minutes before half time, R. S. Balhatchet went through on his own, the Bournemouth goal keeper came out to meet him, but Balhatchet slipped in the mud and only just managed to put the ball in the net. Soon after half time Bournemouth equalised, but R. J. Davies managed to convert a centre from E. J. Pulman to give the School the lead, which they held to the end. The Bournemouth goal keeper had a little more to do than C. H. C. Burrows, but both played splendidly, as did J. D. R. Hewer.

S.G.S. v. OLD SHASTONIANS. Home, draw 2-2. Played on Wednesday, Nov. 9th.—The School were unlucky to lose the services of J. D. R. Hewer from back, he twisted a muscle and had to go on to the wing where he was almost a passenger, and under the circumstances the School did very well to draw against a heavier and faster side. C. H. C. Burrows and G. R. Rousell played very well in the defence, while R. S. Balhatchet, who was marked by his brother, had the better of the duel. The School's goals were scored by R. S. Balhatchet and R. E. Hunt, the latter from a fine cross shot. A. P. Brown also beat Willis, but was offside.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL. Away, lost 3-4.—This was a very even game between evenly-matched sides. The Bournemouth inside forwards were better together than ours, and it was this superiority which decided the issue. This was J. M. Harding's second game for the 1st XI., and he acquitted himself creditably against bigger opponents. The team as a whole played well, with G. W. G. Buckland and G. R. Rousell doing well in defence, and A. P. Brown working hard in the forward line. R. S. Balhatchet, although leading the forwards with dash, was not as effective as he generally was.

S.G.S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home, won 3-1.—Played on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, under very nearly the worst conditions possible. There was a strong wind, the ground was very soft indeed, and to make matters worse rain fell during the second half. The School did not play good football, which was not really surprising, though the conditions cannot altogether excuse the shooting of the forwards—they even managed to put the ball over the bar from one yard

range, with no-one in the goal to beat. R. S. Balhatchet was the chief offender—probably because he shot the most. A. P. Brown scored the first goal, and about five minutes later Dorchester equalised. R. S. Balhatchet put the School ahead before half time, and added a third from a pass by A. P. Brown to finish the scoring.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD SCHOOL. Home, won 13-0. Played at Shaftesbury on Saturday, Dec. 10th.—S.G.S. were set to play with the wind for the first half, and though they were very soon on the attack they did not look as though they were going to score many goals. However, when they did start they kept at it, and before half time they had scored five, R. S. Balhatchet obtaining the first and the second, R. A. Welch the third and the fourth, and Balhatchet the fifth. Against the wind the School seemed to do better; at any rate R. S. Balhatchet had a field day, as he scored no less than eight goals in the second half, making his total for the game eleven.

CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

- C. H. C. BURROWS (goal).—Improved with each game, and at the end of the season was quite up to the excellent standard which we have had for the past few years.
- J. D. R. HEWER (right back).—Still somewhat impetuous. He seemed to make an excellent habit of playing his best when we had our most difficult matches. Has certainly improved.
- G. R. ROUSELL (left back).—As last season, a little too fond of holding on to the ball, but his position play and his knowledge of the game saved many anxious moments.
- M. F. GRICKS (right half).—An excellent tackler and has a very good idea of when to shoot; but would do well to think of transferring play to the opposite wing instead of always feeding his own.
- G. W. G. BUCKLAND (centre half).—Better in attack than in defence, lacking the necessary speed to get back. Passes excellently and with good judgment.
- J. M. HARDING (left half).—A promising player, somewhat on the slow side, but has a very good knowledge of the game, and is very hard working.
- R. J. DAVIES (outside right).—His footwork is not very clever, but he has a useful turn of speed, and never gives up trying; if he can improve his footwork should make a good inside forward.

- A. P. B. BROWN (inside right).—His mid-field play and his approach work, good; but his finishing is very poor, due to lack of ball control; consequently he experiences great difficulty in shooting.
- R. S. BALHATCHET (centre forward).—Played as a captain should in every match. He has splendid ball control. Occasionally his shooting was not up to standard, but he never spared himself, and was responsible for many goals that no-one else in the team could have obtained.
- R. A. WELCH (inside left).—He supported his captain splendidly, and though he did not score many goals, he was frequently responsible for the openings from which they were obtained.
- R. E. HUNT (outside left).—Is fairly fast and frequently caused anxiety to the opposing defence, though many otherwise excellent efforts were spoilt by his centring too close to the goal keeper.

CADET CORPS.

The following members of the Corps left at the end of last term:—Sgt. R. S. Balhatchet, Cpls. Gricks and Stevens, Cadets Rousell and R. M. Cross.

On "Speech Day," Genl. Stanley-Clarke (who was present to give away the School prizes) also make the formal presentation of the Lucas Tooth Shield, which had been won by the Corps as the result of the last Inspection.

We also hold the Dorset Cadet Shooting Cup—decided on the position in the Empire Shoot for H.M. the King's Trophy. The Corps shooting shows a very gratifying improvement as the following figures testify:—

1931	...	...	Average	64'272	~
1932	...	...	"	70	

Lce.-Cpl. C. A. Wales and Cadet A. Dufosse obtained "Empire Marksmen Badges," and Cadet J. B. Wales, "Empire First Class Shot."

PROMOTIONS (1st Feb., 1933):—

To be Corpls.: Lce.-Cpls. Welch, Cartledge, Buckland, Gray.

To be Lce.-Cpls.: Cadets R. P. Jesse, J. D. R. Hewer, R. J. Maidment, J. B. Wales.

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

LIBRARY.

The following books have been presented to the Library, and we are very grateful to the donors:—

TITLE.	AUTHOR.		DONOR.
"The Wonder Book of Electricity"	...	...	Mr. Minchin.
"Sir Percy hits back"	...	Orczy	M. F. Gricks (o.s.)
"The Scarlet Pimpernel"	...	"	"
"The Long Journey"	...	Jenson	R. M. Cross (o.s.)
"The Wolf Pack"...	...	Cullum	"
"Broken Horizon"	...	Burnet	"
"The Amiro's Ruby"	...	Westerman	(Purchased)
"In the Dragon's Mouth"	...	Macleod...	D. P. Darrington.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society, owing to a variety of causes, held only one debate last term, but the success of that one was ample compensation. The motion was:—

"That this House considers that the Press is more influential than the House of Commons."

T. G. Hart proposed the motion, and pointed out that the Press had a closer contact with the nation, and therefore its influence was more direct. He showed how newspaper agitation often drove the House of Commons into action and brought about reform.

The motion was opposed by M. F. Gricks, who stated that the House of Commons was elected by the people, and since its edicts were the voice of the people, it could not reasonably be contended that the Press had more influence than the legislative body. He defined a Press writer as one who could be "an unblushing liar."

C. B. Cartledge seconded the motion, and M. A. Holmes the opposition. The motion was carried by seventeen votes to five.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

CORINTHIANS.

The football season of 1932 found the Corinthians at the height of their form. We were undefeated in the senior competition, while our juniors were equally successful. This, indeed, is most gratifying, as is also the marked improvement upon last season's performance. It has, moreover, given us a very encouraging start in this year's House Competition.

Our first match, against the Spartans, was a very close and exciting game. At half time neither side had scored, but in the second half our efforts were rewarded by a goal fifteen minutes before the end. Against the Romans the first half was also very even. Our opponents were the first to score, but Davies equalised for us soon after. Throughout the second half we pressed hard, and were able to take the lead by two clear goals. Our final match, against the Trojans, was another very evenly contested game, and it was but a few minutes before the end that we scored the only goal of the match—to win. Owing to the fact that we had a rather light defence, we had to adopt the tactics of defending by attacking. These proved thoroughly successful as may be seen from the results. M. F. Gricks, playing at centre-half, was absolutely indispensable, and he must be congratulated on the fine way in which he kept the side together. Davies put untiring energy into his work at centre-forward, and he was admirably supported by Hunt on the left wing. Our defence was greatly strengthened by C. H. Burrows in goal, and J. M. Harding deserves special mention for his plucky display at right back.

Our juniors were exceedingly well led by H. F. Whidborne, who inspired the team by his splendid example. H. J. Edwards did some very good work at left half, while J. A. Cole at left back played steadily throughout. It is very pleasing to record that the whole team combined very well, and many talented players were in evidence.

The following represented the Corinthians:—

SENIOR TEAM—C. H. Burrows, J. M. Harding, F. J. Austin, R. J. Maidment, M. F. Gricks, R. J. Edwards, H. G. Cross, A. P. B. Brown, R. J. Davies, R. E. Hunt, A. Dufosse.

JUNIOR TEAM—A. C. C. Thresher, R. A. C. Farris, J. A. Cole, W. R. Rawlins, H. F. Whidborne (capt.), H. J. Edwards, P. Dufosse, C. G. Jeffries, F. D. Barrett, J. W. Burden, C. Mitchell.

A. P. B. B.

TROJANS.

Owing to lack of material from which to build a good senior eleven, our football results this season were not exactly brilliant, but were not entirely disappointing.

Generally speaking the seniors were keen rather than clever. One player alone showed consistently good form throughout the series. Balhatchet's value to the team cannot be over estimated. In addition to faultless defensive play, he was invariably the originator of our all-too-infrequent excursions into enemy territory. In all he played a true captain's part, and the Trojans are going to miss his leadership in the future. Not possessing a regular goalkeeper, we were lucky to have the services of M. Wakefield, who is really a forward. He saved us from many a tight corner, and could not be entirely blamed for any of the goals registered against us. Ryall at right back showed himself a safe kick and a fearless tackler. Chapman and Knapton stuck gamely to the thankless task of feeding a rather outclassed forward line. Of the forwards, Stevens and Russell were most dangerous. Stevens made full use of his speed, but his finishing was not always good. Russell is rather small at present, but has excellent ball control and knowledge of the game, and should do well in the future:

We may, however, find consolation for the shortcomings of the seniors in the promise of the juniors. Tory and Tuffin are both born footballers, while Moore and Imber also showed ability above the average. Day was a good last line of defence, and Green a constant danger to opponents. All members of the team pulled their weight, and are to be congratulated upon their enthusiasm.

SENIOR TEAM—M. Wakefield, H. B. Ryall, G. W. G. Buckland, W. F. Chapman, R. S. Balhatchet, D. Knapton, J. N. Davey, J. E. Russell, N. E. Stevens, D. P. Darrington, N. K. Belbin.

JUNIOR TEAM—J. Day, B. B. Moore, M. A. Tory, H. J. Hillier, K. Tuffin, W. O. P. Miles, H. T. Imber, F. T. Jennings, F. J. Green, R. B. Bruce, N. H. Noyce.

G. W. G. B.

ROMANS.

In the House football this year, it may be said that the Romans' senior team had a very successful season. We tied with the Trojans for second position in the senior, the Corinthians securing first place.

Chief credit in the senior team must go to R. P. Jesse, our centre-half. It was mainly due to his fine efforts that we

managed to put up such creditable performances, and he must be congratulated on the way he played. R. J. Friend, considering his lack of experience, kept goal exceedingly well, and should develop into a good goalkeeper. J. D. Hawkins at left back played well, and his prowess leads us to expect great things of him next season. The forward line was the weakest part of the team; it lacked weight and dash. C. D. Clarke, T. G. Hart and L. S. Burden were the best of a somewhat disappointing line.

In the junior contest we lost all our matches by the big margin of six goals to one. We definitely had a poor junior eleven, and therefore our football outlook for next season is none too promising. S. J. Allard, our captain, led his men with dash, and should develop into a good half-back when he grows, and A. J. Coward will make a good forward when he understands the game more. Apart from these two players the side appeared devoid of any future talent. Let us all hope that this opinion is wrong. Teams:—

SENIOR—R. J. Friend, J. D. R. Hewer, A. G. B. Gray, J. D. Hawkins, R. P. Jesse, W. C. Higgins, C. H. C. Adams, B. F. V. Bennett, C. D. Clarke, L. S. Burden, T. G. Hart.

JUNIOR (selected from)—S. J. Allard, P. F. Cole, A. J. Coward, W. J. King, M. S. Parker, J. E. J. Miles, K. J. U. Barnes, P. Mottley, M. G. Watton, G. C. Young, R. O. Young, D. H. Ryall, J. H. Allard, E. S. W. Dyke.

J. D. R. H.

SPARTANS.

For the first time for a whole year the Spartans have been able to raise a team which has not been hopelessly outclassed by the other Houses. Indeed, the four Houses have seldom been so evenly matched. To a large extent the failure of our senior eleven was due to the luck of the game, for in all our matches the ball had an uncanny habit of favouring our opponents. Our juniors, too, were unfortunate, but showed a welcome improvement on their previous efforts. Their victory over the Romans was most decisive, and they only lost to the Corinthians by a single goal.

Our senior matches were all hard fought and most enjoyable. Against the Corinthians we were narrowly beaten by the odd goal, whilst the Trojans registered a 2-1 victory over us, much against the run of the play. It was with the Romans, however, that luck really deserted us, for after five minutes, G. R. Rousell was so badly injured that for the remainder of the game he was practically *hors de combat*. G. R. Rousell captained excellently, and was by far the most capable player

in the team; we only realised his true value when we had to do without him. C. B. Cartledge and R. MacDougall, our backs, did an enormous amount of work; the latter's tackling is very promising, but he finds his lack of speed a great handicap. M. F. Murphy and J. F. Staddon stuck pluckily to their work, and by passing before they could be robbed of the ball, were most valuable to the team. Of the forwards, R. J. Gray was the most successful; his ball control made up for his lack of inches.

Our juniors were by no means good, nevertheless they were a distinctly improved side. H. G. Friend and S. C. Francis, the two backs, were the outstanding members of the team; the latter proved quite a "find." N. H. Foot worked strenuously at centre-half and fed his forwards well. K. G. Stainer and G. S. Gibbings were the best of the forwards; the latter has quite a powerful drive with his right foot. F. C. B. Mitchell also deserves mention for a useful performance in goal.

The following represented the Spartans:—

SENIOR TEAM—R. A. Brennan, C. B. Cartledge, R. MacDougall, R. H. Tarrant, G. R. Rousell (capt.), M. F. Murphy, R. J. Gray, R. A. Welch, J. B. Wales, J. F. Staddon, E. J. Pulman.

JUNIOR TEAM—F. C. B. Mitchell, H. G. Friend, S. C. Francis, R. C. Emery, N. H. Foot, F. T. Golledge, G. S. Gibbings, A. R. Tanner, K. G. Stainer, J. R. Lawrence (capt.), J. L. Tait.

R. A. W.

The individual results were as follows:—

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

The points thus gained for this year's Shield Competition were:—Corinthians 8, Trojans 3, Romans 2, Spartans 0.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

THE Annual Prize Distribution took place in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, with the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. R. W. Borley, in the chair. Many parents and friends of the school were present, and were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Miss Minchin. We are very grateful to General H. C. Stanley Clarke, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., for his kindness in coming to present the prizes on this occasion.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said that all who were connected with the school were very proud of it, and of the keen interest shown in it by the parents of the boys and everyone in the district. Since they last met, the number of boys had only decreased by one in spite of the bad times. This, he thought, reflected the greatest credit on the new Headmaster.

Mr. Minchin, reviewing the past year, said that the results of the July examination were not comparable with the exceptionally fine record of 1932, when 22 out of 24 candidates, four with honours, obtained certificates, but out of a comparatively small and immature form, six boys passed creditably, the majority being below the average age of all candidates throughout the county. He had one complaint to make about this examination: one boy obtained only one credit and passed the examination; another had no fewer than ten credits on individual papers, and never got a certificate. The former had a certificate on which was written his one credit. The other had no written proof of a really commendable performance. That candidate could never place before a would-be employer those ten credits, because the chances were that he would never have the opportunity of an interview, having failed to pass the examination. That seemed entirely unfair, and he hoped there would be some slight modification of the Group System, which, as it stood at present, meant that if a boy failed in English, French, or Mathematics, he failed in the whole examination.

Speaking of the Government's memorandum on school fees, Mr. Minchin said the fees of Dorset were to remain for the present at the same level. He sympathised with the view that parents who could afford to educate their children should do so without help from the State in these difficult times, but those who had not the means to do so need not fear that any of their educational facilities would be curtailed. What seemed a far more serious matter was the tendency to do away with the individuality of a school and to establish a vast

educational machine without a soul and bereft of sympathy, taking up its raw material and turning out a finished article for which there was little or no market value. If schools could work along individual lines they could do more to help boys into certain specialised professions and trades than at present. After mentioning that the school had had a very successful year in sport, Mr. Minchin said he would like to pay tribute to the great work done for the school by Dr. Tovey. His name would always be honoured and associated with all that was best and brightest in the history of the school which he had served so faithfully for twenty-five years.

Mr. Minchin then alluded to the great loss which the Governing Body of the School had sustained by the death of Dr. W. J. Harris and Mr. G. H. Imber, who had left many memories of kindly acts and deeds well done. He concluded by acknowledging the loyal and unstinted support given by the Masters of the School, and expressed his deepest gratitude to all those ladies and gentlemen by whose generosity alone could such a display of prizes be made possible.

General H. C. Stanley Clarke, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the prizes, and, addressing the boys, said those who were prize-winners had the great responsibility of setting a standard and of being pioneers in science and all forms of learning. The "also rans" had an equally great responsibility of working up to the standards of the prize-winners.

Continuing, General Clarke said the generation of their parents was trying to restore world-wide peace and prosperity, but would not finish the task. The boys of to-day would inherit it. Disraeli had said that the youth of the nation were the trustees of posterity, and he (General Clarke) did not think he could do better than by charging them with that trust. If they failed the Empire fell.

General Clarke expressed the pleasure it gave him as Commandant of Cadets in Dorset, to present the Lucas Tooth Shield to the Shaftesbury Corps, who had won it for the second year in succession. The competition was very keen, and the winners were all the more to be congratulated. He congratulated Cadet-Major Ramshaw on the Corps' high standard of efficiency. Remarking that he would like to see the numbers of the Corps a little larger, General Clarke emphasised that military discipline was only a collective form of discipline, and military training carried with it a spirit of adventure and the sporting spirit. The Cadet movement did not, however, teach militarism in any form.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to General Clarke, and this was seconded by the Mayor (Mr. F. R. Matthews) and warmly endorsed.

Mr. A. J. Wescott, as president of the Old Shastonian Club, then presented to the School a large portrait of Dr. Tovey, to be hung in the memorial hall. Mr. Wescott recalled the building of the original portion of the School in 1878, and incidents of his own school days. He said that in the "School Magazine" for 1907 he found these words: "We are confident that Dr. Tovey will successfully guide the destinies of this School, and win the confidence and respect of all connected with it." Everybody would agree that Dr. Tovey did that and much more. His knowledge of each individual boy in the school was remarkable, and his personality and principles made them loyal to him and the school. One of the finest things Dr. Tovey did was to establish the Old Shastonian Club, which had now 400 members. The Club had already contributed £100 to the Memorial Hall, and hoped to do a lot more for the school. Mr. Wescott concluded by testifying to the great part that Mrs. Tovey had played in the life of the school.

The Chairman accepted the portrait on behalf of the School, and the School Choir and two Junior Forms sang Parry's "England" and "Jerusalem."

The prizes, presented by General Clarke (who also presented the Lucas Tooth Shield to the Cadet Corps) were as follows:—

FORM PRIZES.—VI. Form, R. P. Jesse and W. J. Stone. V. Form, W. J. Barnes and G. S. Spencer. IVA. Form, M. A. Holmes, G. R. Cole and R. J. Davies. IVB. Form, W. G. King and G. R. Tucker. IVC. Form, J. L. Tait and H. F. Whidborne. IIIA. Form, E. Bartlett and R. W. Stevens. IIIB. Form, J. W. Burden and R. E. G. Davies.

SPECIAL PRIZES (for good all-round work).—V. Form, F. R. Imber, R. E. Hunt and R. J. Maidment (Divinity prize). IVA. Form, D. J. Riggs. IVB. Form, H. J. Ford, I. G. Hussey and J. A. Cole. IVC. Form, H. G. W. Cross. IIIA. Form, R. C. Cross and N. H. Foot. IIIB. Form, R. C. Emery and W. H. Dear.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—W. J. Barnes, G. S. Spencer, F. R. Imber, R. E. Hunt, R. J. Maidment and B. D. Aylwin.

XMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

ON December 15th and 16th, the Annual Dramatic Entertainment was presented before appreciative audiences, the play being Arnold Ridley's comedy-thriller, "Third Time Lucky." The proceeds, which were in aid of the School Scholarship Fund, amounted to £27 9s.

Mr. Veale gave an excellent rendering of the simple yet shrewd country Rector, who had the temerity to beard the suave blackmailer, Captain Crowther (Mr. Hey), in the latter's Mayfair flat. The polished villainies of Crowther and his foppish confrère Stanley Crofts (Mr. Scalbert) were an effective foil to the cruder rascalities of Burglar Bill Meggitt. The part of this husky housebreaker, who proved an unexpected ally for the bewildered Rector, was superlatively played by Mr. Williams. Quite naturally, the broad effects of Meggitt's scenes invariably evoked the most boisterous response from the audience. The house on each occasion rose to the rich melodrama in the turning of the tables on Crowther by the strange alliance of Meggitt and the Rector. But the laughter reached its climax when the burly jailbird, Meggitt, visited the Rector in the character of the gaitered and top-hatted Arch-deacon Chipping.

The part of the garrulous Housekeeper was skilfully played by R. S. Balhatchet, and R. B. Bruce acquitted himself remarkably well in the difficult female rôle of the Rector's rather "modern" ward. He looked quite a charming young girl, and seemed to get right inside his part.

The long-winded widow, Mrs. Scratton, and her sheepish "blood"-reading son Vincent, were played with real gusto by E. J. Pulman and J. A. Cole respectively—very creditable performances in each case.

Mrs. Gordon Startwright, a gushing parishioner, was adequately rendered by F. J. Austin, while T. G. Hart proved an efficient and unobtrusive man-servant to Captain Crowther.

A word of praise must be given to the stage-hands, H. B. Ryall, H. F. Chapman, N. H. Foot, J. E. J. Miles, C. Mitchell, J. N. Davey and P. Mottley, who put in long spells of work under Mr. Watmough's direction, both before and after the shows. To Mr. Watmough is the credit due for the scenery, the stage, and the various mechanical devices that were necessary for the play.

Messrs. Johnson & Sons earn our grateful thanks for providing some of the stage furnishings. Mrs. Ramshaw, as

usual, kindly gave her advice and help in the dressing of the female parts. Lastly, a debt of gratitude is owed to all the Masters and to Miss Minchin for the many ways they aided and made possible the production.

Mr. Ramshaw deserves the highest praise for a very able and most enjoyable production.

CAST

(in order of appearance).

Mrs. Clutterbuck	...	...	R. S. Balhatchet.
The Rev. Arthur Fear	...	...	Mr. L. P. V. Veale.
Mrs. Scratton	...	...	E. J. Pulman.
Vincent	...	...	J. A. Cole.
Jennifer Elling	...	...	R. B. Bruce.
Captain Crowther	...	...	Mr. C. G. Hey.
Gregg	...	...	T. G. Hart.
Stanley Crofts	...	...	Mr. G. Scalbert.
William Meggitt	...	...	Mr. A. H. Williams.
Mrs. Gordon Startwright	...	...	F. J. Austin.

Producer—Mr. W. Ramshaw.

Stage Manager—Mr. F. L. Watmough.

ACT I.—A Room at the Rectory, Stoke Fernic, Devonshire.
(Wednesday night).

ACT II.—A Room in Captain Crowther's Flat, Mayfair.
(Thursday night).

ACT III.—Same as Act I. (Friday afternoon).



OLD SHASTONIAN CLUB DINNER.

THE Eleventh Annual Dinner of the Old Shastonian Club was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Salisbury, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. In accordance with the custom at dinners held out of Shaftesbury, members were allowed to bring guests, and many availed themselves of the opportunity of doing so. The company was also honoured by the presence of the Mayors of Shaftesbury and Salisbury, Councillors E. E. Browning and J. S. Rambridge.

The chair was taken by Mr. Joe Miles, our President for 1932, and the following members of the Club were present:—

Dr. C. H. Tovey, Messrs. A. J. Allard, C. S. Balhatchet, A. S. Braddick, R. K. Brett, H. F. B. Brown, C. W. Coaker, W. J. Combes, A. J. Combes, A. S. Court, W. J. R. Dean, C. W. Dean, R. E. Dean, W. Doggrell, W. J. Doggrell, A. T. Doggrell, A. G. Egremont, J. Fancott, C. H. J. Galindo, C. A. Gardner, B. G. Gyles, C. G. F. Hazell, C. G. Hey, T. A. Hayden, E. J. Hine, F. D. Hollick, B. Hillier, H. R. Holloway, W. G. Humphries, R. A. Jeeves, R. J. Jesse, A. Jones, H. G. Kennedy, R. H. Kennedy, K. S. Law, L. B. Law, R. M. Law, P. D. Law, J. W. London, J. W. W. K. Miles, J. W. Miles, A. D. Miles, R. B. Minchin, T. A. Mitchell, R. G. Mitchell, C. E. Pearce, L. G. Prideaux, S. Robins, W. Ramshaw, W. Farley Rutter, W. K. Sankey, R. G. Scott, G. Scalbert, F. J. P. Snook, A. Southon, A. N. Targett, R. N. Tayler, W. E. Thomas, D. H. Tovey, J. F. Tozer, K. H. Tucker, P. A. Tucker, E. J. Tucker, T. S. Tucker, A. J. Wescott, J. N. Wescott, G. C. H. Woolston, W. Wightman, J. S. Windbank and H. G. Young.

Before the dinner, on the proposition of the Chairman, the members unanimously elected Dr. Tovey an honorary life member of the Club.

Following the loyal toast after dinner, the Chairman, in proposing "The School," said the dinners of the Club, when they were held occasionally outside Shaftesbury, went nearly as well as they did at Shaftesbury, but, personally, he was all for holding them at Shaftesbury, because it gave the Old Boys a chance of going back to the School. The School as he knew it when he went there twenty odd years ago was far different from what it was to-day, and they hoped it would go on improving. Welcoming the new Headmaster, Mr. Miles said he had the privilege of being at Shaftesbury Grammar School with Mr. Minchin. They all knew the excellent work he had done for the Club, and he ventured to think he would carry on the old School in the same way as it had been carried on under Dr. Tovey's headmastership for more than twenty years.

Mr. Minchin, in reply, said he felt that there was somebody in the room who ought to be in his (the speaker's) place. Dr. Tovey had made that speech for so many years that he felt a certain amount of diffidence and nervousness in making it. He would be the headmaster of a future generation, he hoped, but as far as the number present were concerned, he was not their headmaster; he was a fellow Old Shastonian, and he was very proud of it. They all knew what Shaftesbury Grammar School owed to the extreme ability, the genial disposition and the kindness of their former headmaster, Dr. Tovey. He (the speaker) could not possibly think of anything or any word of complaint that he had ever heard against Dr. Tovey. He had treated them all splendidly, and it was very sad to think that his career as headmaster was over. However, they must face the future with all the courage and determination possible. He (Mr. Minchin) felt extremely grateful to his former colleagues for the great help that they were giving him at the present moment. Taking over any school was rather a responsible task. Taking over one's own school was an even more responsible task. He felt that much responsibility rested on him, and he earnestly asked the Old Shastonian Club to give him as much backing as they could. The future of the School was assured if they, as the old boys' club, could give it a good word, and he knew that they would all do that. Mr. Minchin dealt with the School's recent examination results, its sporting activities and the progress of the School corps, under the able command of Major Ramshaw, and alluding, in conclusion, to the future of the School, he said he looked forward to it with confidence and optimism and with hopes that there were better times ahead.

Mr. C. Thomas proposed "The Club," and remarked that one could not mention the O.S. Club without thinking immediately of the father of the Club, Dr. Tovey, or without thinking of their hard-working efficient Secretary, Mr. Minchin. Referring to the value of such a club as that of the Old Shastonians in the maintenance of friendships, Mr. Thomas said that in such times as these they were doing a very worthy deed, and the influence of their Club was not only local and national, but it was imperial, and long might it remain so.

Mr. Kenneth Law, who responded, first thanked Mr. Thomas for his remarks and for his splendid hospitality, and added a word of appreciation of the staff concerned. Proceeding, he observed that there were present as guests the Mayor of Salisbury and the Mayor of Shaftesbury, an honour which the Club appreciated to the full. He had reason to think that in the borough of Shaftesbury there was a tradition that each Mayor should take an interest in the

School. Whether that was or was not so, the fact remained that they always had done so, and that by his presence that evening the present Mayor had shown that he was true to the tradition. There had been a big event in the life of the School this year. He referred to the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Tovey. When he heard the news he was not a little dismayed at the idea of returning to the School and not finding them to welcome him. He realised that a stranger might have been a "jolly good chap," and they would have given him a hearty welcome, but when it became known that "Bob" was to fill the vacant chair it was only natural that they should feel greater enthusiasm, and now—he believed it had not been done publicly before—on behalf of the Club, he very heartily congratulated the new Headmaster and assured him that he could rely on all the backing possible from the Old Shastonian Club. Mr. Law went on to refer to the formation of the Club after the War, in 1919, when Old Shastonians were coming back from all parts of the world, and he said the Club had been steadily increasing until to-day they numbered 400 members. During the last year 26 new men had come in, among them Mr. Wightman, who left the school in 1893, and whom they welcomed that evening. They were still increasing and seemed certain to continue to do so. He thought it was because they remembered the spirit of good fellowship which they shared at school, and which they were anxious to recapture if only for a moment in a world that was starving for the want of it. He ventured to suggest that if the spirit of fellowship and co-operation, such as animated that Club, were abroad in the world to-day, more than half its problems would not exist.

Proposing the health of the visitors and coupling with the toast the names of the Mayors of Salisbury and Shaftesbury, Mr. Farley Rutter said he knew that the Mayor of Salisbury was one who, in spite of the difficulties of civic office, had been able to carry with him throughout his term of office the utmost esteem and respect of all the citizens of Salisbury. With regard to the Mayor of Shaftesbury, he (the speaker) knew him very well. As Mayor he was a governor of their school, and they were very pleased to see him among them. Their presence and that of all the other guests was heartily welcomed.

The Mayor of Salisbury, in replying, said he was glad that their Club had chosen Salisbury as the place of that assembly, because there was a close connection between the School and the city of Salisbury. He had had the pleasure of knowing several Old Shastonians in Salisbury, and, if they were a fair sample of the men that Shaftesbury Grammar School turned

out, it must be a very good school indeed. He wished all success to the School and to the Club.

The Mayor of Shaftesbury, who also replied, said that the Grammar School was a great asset to Shaftesbury. Referring to the headmasters, he said he had had the honour and pleasure of presenting the freedom of the ancient borough to Dr. Tovey. Contrary to the suggestion already expressed, he considered they were doing the right thing in holding the dinner in different towns rather than always at Shaftesbury.

Although Dr. Tovey had expressed a wish that no speech should fall to his lot, he was called upon to speak, and he had an enthusiastic reception. He said that for the first time since he had attended the Old Shastonian dinners—he had not missed one—he was promised that he should be spared the ordeal of speaking, but he did welcome the opportunity of thanking the company for the reception they had given him. He always hoped to be amongst them more or less, but the time had come when they must forget him to some extent, and shower the bouquets on Mr. Minchin. He was the figure-head for the next few years, and he (Dr. Tovey) hoped that when he became a tottering old man it would be said of him that whatever he did for the School, the best thing he did was to find a successor. (Hear, hear.) Dr. Tovey concluded by suggesting that the company should drink to the health of the old boys overseas and unable to be present that evening, a suggestion with which all readily complied.

The speeches over, the large tables were removed and replaced by smaller ones, which soon became centres of groups of contemporaries, talking over old times and recalling many an amusing incident that, in many cases, happened all too long ago.

Songs were sung by members of the company, and when the time arrived for "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King," one felt sorry that such happy gatherings could not be held more frequently.

O.S. NEWS.

The attention of Old Shastonians is drawn to the fact that this number contains no article written by an Old Boy. There must be many whose varied activities, either at home or abroad, could provide material for an article which would be of interest to past and present boys. Any such article for a future magazine will be most welcome.

Douglas Tovey has recently represented the Bank of England in a "Fives" match against Cambridge University.

W. H. F. T. Gauntlett has left Deal and is now a master at Ewell Castle School, Ewell. He has charge of all the games and finds his time well occupied. He hopes to come down for the Past v. Present cricket match next term, and also on tour in 1934.

We were delighted to have a visit from E. D. Drew early in February. He has changed but little since he left school in 1915. His brother Roy is still in Canada, where he has been particularly successful as director of a flourishing company. In these days of trade depression this is cheerful news, and we offer him our congratulations.

R. S. Balhatchet is going into the catering business and is now getting first-hand knowledge at the Pavilion, Bournemouth. He can look back with justifiable pride on his school career. It is not given to many to be Head Prefect, Captain of Football (two seasons) and Captain of Cricket.

S. T. J. Burr, F. C. Imber and R. J. Gray have recently joined the local battery of the 94th Field Brigade, Royal Artillery.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. W. H. Hitch, of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. All five of his sons are Old Shastonians, and to them and their mother and sister we offer our deepest sympathy.

E. L. Hesse has also recently lost his father, and to him we send a similar message of condolence.

We regret to record the death of Francis G. L. Chitty, who was a boy at this school in 1893-98. In years past his father lived in Cann House, and, unless my memory fails me, was keenly interested in the work and progress of our local hospital.

P. F. Drew has obtained a post in a branch of the Westminster Bank in N. London. He says he is getting quite proficient in the use of the adding machine and pass-book typewriter.

E. S. Mitchell, D. R. Young, R. A. Jeeves and G. L. Harding have all paid us a visit this term. They all looked fit and seemed well satisfied with their respective berths.

Mr. Minchin has received long interesting letters from J. H. McLachlan, E. C. Mozley and John Lyne. All three are in Africa, McLachlan at Bulawayo, E. C. Mozley in Cape Town, and John Lyne at the Cam and Motor Mine, Eiffel Flats. From the tone of their letters one gathers that Africa is not without its trade depressions or its social unrest, but all three write optimistically and in true Shastonian spirit. McLachlan, in spite of the fact that he is busy working for his Institute of Chartered Secretaries Examination, manages to get some cricket. He says that the new radio station at Daventry is most popular, and that he regularly hears Big Ben and the English news each evening. John Lyne says that the heat in the mining area has been intense, and that he has often sighed for the cool "breeze from Melbury."

R. G. Lawrence is in London with the United Dairies, Ltd. If any Old Boy happens to be in the Paddington area, Lawrence would be very pleased to see him. The latter's address is given in this number.

N. E. Stevens is with Messrs Chiesemans, Lewisham, and A. W. Pritchard has secured a post with the Wessex Electricity Company.

E. A. G. Manton has left Paris and is now in New York, where he expects to stay for a year or two. If this magazine should reach him, we hope it will remind him of the fact that he has changed his address!

Our congratulations to Gordon Tovey on winning his Rugger colours at Peterhouse, Cambridge. We are looking forward to June 19th, when he has promised to bring a touring side to play us at cricket.

F. E. Cross is still with Messrs. Chiesman Bros., of Lewisham. When the O.S. dinner is held in London, he says he hopes to be present.

R. H. M. Stirling recently took the part of Tony Chute in "The Quaker Girl," presented by the Yeovil Operatic Society. He gave an excellent portrayal of this light-hearted character, and in no small measure contributed to the success of the show.

In view of the great difficulty in obtaining suitable employment, which some boys experience when leaving school, Mr. Minchin would be very grateful if Old Boys who can either offer employment or who know of a vacancy, would communicate with him without delay. By so doing they might render very great service to a fellow Old Shastonian.

O.S. CLUB NOTES.

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, Mr. Joe Miles being in the chair.

After the minutes had been read and signed, the following elections were made for the year 1932-33:—

President—Mr. A. J. Wescott.

President-Elect—Mr. R. N. Tayler.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. A. J. Wescott (re-elected).

Hon. Secretary—Mr. R. B. Minchin (re-elected).

Hon. Auditors—Messrs. W. Doggrell and M. W. Johnson.

Committee—Dr. C. H. Tovey, Messrs. G. W. Clarke, Jack Miles, Farley Rutter, C. E. Pearce, C. S. Balhatchet, C. Milverton, A. J. Combes, W. Doggrell.

ANNUAL DINNER.—Mr. J. S. Windebank, seconded by Mr. B. G. Gyles, proposed that Bournemouth should be the venue for the next annual dinner. As an amendment, Mr. M. W. Johnson proposed that the 1933 dinner should be held in Shaftesbury. The amendment was carried by a large majority.

In view of Mr. Minchin's increased duties and of the large membership of the Club, the meeting gave him permission to obtain some extra assistance when required.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER.—The President proposed the ratification by the meeting of the election of Dr. Tovey as an honorary life-member of the Club. The proposal was seconded by Mr. C. W. Coaker, and carried unanimously and enthusiastically.

BALANCE SHEET AND HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.—Mr. Wescott submitted a most satisfactory balance sheet, which was adopted without dissent. He pointed out, however, that, owing to the fact the Club's War Loan had been converted into 3½% Conversion Loan, the income in the future would be substantially decreased.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.—The hon sec., Mr. Minchin, submitted a short report in which he stated that the membership was now 400, an increase of 27 on last year's total. He said that the 1932 cricket tour was an unqualified success, the Club playing six matches against comparatively strong clubs on the South Coast, and meeting with defeat on one occasion only. The Rally in honour of Dr. & Mrs. Tovey was a particularly happy event in spite of sad thoughts of their approaching departure, and he congratulated and thanked the Club for the generous way it had supported the Presentation Fund. The appeal had brought in no less than £116 15s.

DR. TOVEY'S PORTRAIT.—It was unanimously decided to present to the School a large portrait of Dr. Tovey, to be hung in the Memorial Hall.

[An account of the presentation is in this Magazine.—ED.]

We regret that it is not possible to arrange an Old Shastonian Tour this next season. We are hoping to have one in 1934, and Mr. Minchin has already received a very hearty invitation from the Bognor Cricket Club to visit them again. The Royal Marines at Portsmouth have also written for a fixture.

Those members of the Club who have been on tour in previous years, may be interested to hear that Pirrie Park, Southampton, was put up for auction on Jan. 27th. No news of its present ownership has been received, nor have we heard that the changing room failed to reach its reserve price!

PROPOSED O. S. GOLF SOCIETY.—Mr. A. J. Combes, seconded by Mr. Jack Windebank, proposed that there should be an Old Shastonian Golf Society, with occasional matches and an annual meeting. It was agreed to call a small meeting of those interested, in order to put the society on a business-like footing.

[Will all members interested in the formation of this Society, please communicate without delay to Mr. L. Combes, The Firs, Fovant, Salisbury. He hopes to arrange matches during the Spring months, and would like to hear from members wishing to play.—EDITOR.]

The following match was played against the Old Boys of Bishop Wordsworth's School, last autumn. We apologise for its late appearance, but an account of it reached us just too late for our last issue.

Played at High Post, near Salisbury, on August 7th.

SINGLES.

OLD WORDSWORTHIAN.				OLD SHASTONIAN.			
R. M. Williams	...	...	0	A. J. Combes (3 & 2)	...	...	1
A. Maidment	...	...	0	J. S. Windebank (2 & 1)	...	...	1
D. H. Sims (5 & 4)	...	...	1	J. Combes	...	...	0
L. E. Lowe	...	...	0	J. W. Miles (4 & 3)	...	...	1
C. Roles	...	...	0	W. J. Combes (2 up)	...	...	1
G. N. Coles	...	...	0	L. Combes (1 up)	...	...	1
			1				5

GREENSOMES.

OLD WORDSWORTHIANS.		OLD SHASTONIANS.	
Williams & Maidment (8 & 6) ...	1	A. J. Combes & Windebank ...	0
Sims & Lowe (5 & 4) ...	1	J. Combes & Miles ...	0
Roles & Coles (4 & 2) ...	1	W. J. Combes & L. Combes ...	0
	<u>3</u>		<u>0</u>

Total Result:—Old Shastonians beat Old Wordsworthians by 5 matches to 4.

NEW MEMBERS.

At School.

1926-32 ...	E. M. Barrett...	"C" Coy., 2nd Battalion Dorset Regt., Portland.
1926-32 ...	T. G. Hart ...	Iford Bridge Hotel, Iford, Bournemouth.
1925-32 ...	R. S. Balhatchet	Pembroke Hotel, Poole Hill, Bournemouth.
1931-32 ...	R. M. Cross ...	Royal Arms Hotel, Commercial Road, Bournemouth.
1925-31 ...	R. F. Meaden...	Longcross Farm, Shaftesbury.
1924-29 ...	E. T. Thorne ...	2, Victoria Street, Shaftesbury.
1928-32 ..	G. R. Rousell...	St. Petroc, Penn Park, Yeovil.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

R. G. Lawrence	...	145, Ashmore Road, Paddington, London, W.2.
F. W. Clarke	...	7, Manor Crescent, Surbiton.
C. W. Coaker	...	20, Poole Road, Bournemouth.
J. P. Waters	...	Haven Court, Clarendon, Salisbury.
H. F. B. Brown	...	1A, Abbots Way, Southampton.
V. E. Trump	...	Cerne Abbas, Castle Road, Salisbury.
R. W. Drake	...	14, Howard Road, Newbury, Berks.
S. Miles	...	Piddleworth Farm, Houghton, Stockbridge, Hants
H. B. Tuffin	...	31, High West Street, Dorchester.
R. B. Dashper	...	No. 208 (Army Co-operation) Squadron, R.A.F., Heliopolis, Egypt.
D. R. Young	...	Cordelia House, Lewisham Road, Gloucester.
W. H. B. Windebank	...	26, Grosvenor Terrace, York.
W. H. F. T. Gauntlett	...	Ewell Castle School, Ewell, Surrey.
P. F. Drew	...	The Court House, Woodside Park, London, N. 12.

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