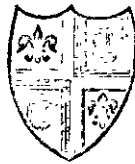


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EDITORIAL.

OWING to the early date on which Easter falls (April 1st), the present term will be a comparatively short one, and the school will break up for the Easter holidays after the Dorset Inter-School Sports on Wednesday, March 28th. Our own Sports will be held on Wednesday, March 21st.

With the exception of a mild epidemic of influenza at the end of November, our bill of health, last term, was a very good one. At the beginning of the present term, however, we had one case of scarlet fever, but were fortunate enough to prevent the complaint from spreading to other boys in the school.

Although we have had much stronger teams in the past, our 1st XI., last term, had a successful season and is to be congratulated on the great improvement made during the term. Rugger is being played this term, and many boys are becoming efficient. The "turn-out" of day-boys is a very pleasing one, and we shall soon have a 1st XV. capable of putting up a good performance in all departments of the game. Experience and knowledge of the finer points of the game are still required, due possibly to the fact that few boys in the school have had opportunities of seeing much first class Rugby football. On February 3rd an opportunity did present itself, and a party of thirty boys and masters made the trip to Bournemouth to witness the match between Hampshire and

Gloucestershire. In spite of the treacherous ground and an unpleasant east wind, the standard of play was excellent, and the game a most interesting one to watch. A first rate tea at Wimbörne on the return journey put the finishing touches to a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. Harry Johnson has again allowed us the use of his excellent field; and we are most grateful to him for his kindness.

Our best thanks are extended to R. H. M. Stirling for the interesting contribution he has made to this magazine.

It is with deepest regret that we record the death, on January 30th, of Mr. JOHN NORTON, of Boyne Villa, Shaftesbury.

Until quite recently, Mr. Norton was a valued member of our Board of Governors, and was always a great supporter of this School. His social and administrative activities in the town and neighbourhood were numerous, and on four occasions he held office as Mayor of Shaftesbury.

To Mrs. Norton, and to all members of his family, we offer our sincerest sympathy.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

J. A. Friend (s.)	G. D. Devereux (c.)	E. J. Foot (s.)
W. J. Jesse (r.)	P. F. Pike (r.)	J. G. Merry (s.)

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

VALETE.

F. J. AUSTIN.—Form "Upper V." Entered April, 1928. Prefect, Sept., 1933. Cricket XI., 1933. Football XI., 1933.

A. P. B. BROWN.—Form VI. Entered Sept., 1925. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam. (distinguished in Mathematics), July, 1931. Passed Army Entrance Exam. (Sandhurst), Nov., 1933. Prefect, September, 1931. Head Prefect, Jan., 1933. Cricket XI., 1931-32-33 (captain 1933). Football XI., 1932-33. Athletic team, 1931-32-33. Champion Athlete, 1933. Winner Inter-School Hurdles, 1932. Winner "Tovey" Shooting Cup and "Strange" Spoon, "Spry" Fives Cup and Sportsman's Cup, 1933.

- R. B. BRUCE.—Form "Lower V." Entered September, 1928.
- C. H. BURROWS.—Form VI. Entered Sept., 1927. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1931. Prefect, Jan. 1933. Cricket XI. 1932-33. Football XI., 1932-33. Athletic team, 1933.
- R. J. DAVIES.—Form VI. Entered September, 1926. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1933. Prefect, September, 1933. Football XI., 1933.
- A. DUFOUR.—Form "Upper V." Entered September, 1930.
- R. J. GRAY.—Form IV. Entered September, 1930.
- A. W. HARDING.—Form VI. Entered January, 1928. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1933. Prefect, April, 1933. Cricket XI., 1932-33. Football XI., 1933.
- W. C. H. HIGGINS.—Form IV. Entered April, 1931.

PREFECTS.

R. P. Jesse (Head Prefect).
 G. W. G. Buckland J. A. Cole J. R. Lawrence W. J. Barnes
 E. J. Pulman R. H. Tarrant J. M. Harding.

HEAD BOYS.

F. D. Barrett B. F. V. Bennett W. F. Chapman R. J. W. Edwards
 R. J. Friend J. D. Hawkins H. G. Hillier
 M. F. Murphy J. E. Russell.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

Corinthians—J. A. Cole. | *Spartans*—E. J. Pulman.
Romans—R. P. Jesse. | *Trojans*—G. W. G. Buckland.

EXAMINATION SUCCESS.

A. P. Bathurst Brown passed, in November last, the Civil Service Examination for entry to Sandhurst, where he is now in residence. He obtained 75th place in a list of 169 successful candidates.

We heartily congratulate Mr. A. H. Williams on his recent election to a Fellowship of the Royal Geographical Society.

Mr. C. G. Hey left us at the end of last term, and his place has been taken by Mr. L. C. Guthrie, B.A., of Durham University, to whom we offer a hearty welcome.

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS.

1st XI.

Wed. Oct. 11	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Away	Lost 2-6
Sat. " 14	...	Bournemouth School	...	Home	Won 3-2
Wed. " 25	...	Taunton's School, S'hampton	2nd XI.	Away	Lost 1-2
Sat. " 28	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Home	Lost 0-1
Wed. Nov. 8	...	Bournemouth School	...	Away	Lost 0-7
Sat. " 11	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Home	Won 7-1
Wed. " 15	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Home	Won 5-1
Sat. " 18	...	Old Shastonians	...	Home	Won 4-2
Wed. Dec. 6	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Away	Won 9-0

Won 5. Lost 4. 31-22

WITH MASTERS.

Wed. Nov. 1	...	Southern Amateur League	...	Home	Lost 2-6
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2nd XI.

Wed. Oct. 11	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Home	Won 7-4
Sat. " 28	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Away	Won 9-2
Sat. Nov. 11	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Away	Lost 1-2
Sat. " 18	...	Old Shastonians	...	Home	Won 4-2
Wed. " 22	...	Foster's School, Sherborne	...	Away	Won 4-3

Won 4. Lost 1. 25-13

"Under 14" XI.

Sat. Oct. 21	...	Foster's School, Sh'borne (Under 14)	Away	Lost 1-4
Wed. Nov. 15	...	Crévierne Gram. School (Under 14)	Away	Won 4-3
Wed. " 29	...	Taunton School, Somerset (Under 14)	Home	Lost 0-1
Wed. Dec. 6	...	Foster's School, Sh'borne (Under 14)	Home	Won 5-2

Won 2. Lost 2. 10-10

We were again fortunate to have the services of five of the team from the previous season; moreover, the players concerned were well spread over the field, so that all the new colours had the advantage of playing close to someone with experience.

As usual, the difficulty was that of making a forward line. Quite at the commencement of the season this appeared as though it would be a simple matter, but after playing well together in games, when the first match took place the chosen five put up a very poor exhibition, so that a considerable amount of shuffling about was necessary before the line was fixed.

We were unlucky to lose the services of C. H. Burrows soon after half-term. It was, however, fortunate that he was here for the match against the O.S. R. J. Friend, who took his place, did some good work, but he had not the decision that characterised everything that Burrows did; and Friend has

yet to learn that hesitation on the part of a goal keeper is fatal. J. M. Harding, who last year played left half, went to full back, and had as his partner F. J. Austin; they both played exceedingly well throughout the season, though Harding was the more reliable. G. W. G. Buckland started as centre half, but later—having a capable reserve in R. J. Edwards—he moved to the forward line, and A. W. Harding took the centre position, with Edwards on his right. R. P. Jesse completed the line; he is an exceedingly difficult player to pass, though he lacks the fine touch which would so frequently set the forwards in front of him on the way to goal.

J. E. Russell, as centre forward, improved as the season progressed, and definitely tried to keep his line together, but his passes were frequently too weak to reach the wings. A. P. B. Brown worked very hard, though at the beginning of the season fruitlessly; had he managed to produce the form he displayed against the O.S., he would indeed have been a valuable player. E. J. Pulman, on the wing, did good work, but his centres lacked accuracy; his partner, R. J. Davies, was the most robust member in the side, doing a tremendous amount of work in mid-field, though his finishing was not as good.

The Second XI. had a very successful season—losing only one match, and that to Dorchester 2nd XI. after they had previously beaten them by seven goals to four. R. H. Frearson and J. D. Hawkins both played sound games at back, though the former was generally some little time in settling down—probably due to nerves—however, the experience gained this season should enable him to overcome this failing next year. H. J. Edwards, R. H. Tarrant (captain) and W. F. Chapman formed a good line of half backs; the last named works particularly hard, but lacks ball control, and his passes are as yet far from accurate. Tarrant, in the centre, looked after his side quite well, and his encouragement was in part responsible for the results gained. H. J. Edwards has the makings of a useful half back, he tackles well and passes with judgment. R. J. Gray, D. Knapton, and L. S. Burden all had trials at outside forward, the former being the most successful. H. F. Whidborne at inside right, and J. A. Cole at inside left, both played well, and it is a pity that they are not going to take their places in the First XI. next year; they are both forceful players, though their shooting is not up to a very high standard. M. A. Tory, in the centre, was always trying, but generally he found himself marked by someone much bigger than himself; he shows promise, and when he grows he should lead the forwards well. C. H. C. Adams completed the line and combined very creditably with his partner; he improved considerably towards the end of the season.

Probably the best match that the Second XI had was that against Foster's School, Sherborne; it was a splendidly contested game, with the result uncertain until the final whistle. After being led by two goals the Shaftesbury team played a dashing if not accurate type of game, and were rewarded by drawing level at the interval. The second half was evenly yet strongly contested, with little accurate passing owing to the double handicap of a heavy ball and pitch. Among the hard worked defence Chapman stood out for his plucky display of virile football. Although the final goal was a lucky one, the team deserved this win by the resolute fighting back spirit, and readiness to take opportunities.

Their easiest victory was that against Wimborne 2nd XI., at Wimborne; the forwards played well together, and the defence was always on top. J. A. Cole and H. F. Whidborne in attack, and R. J. Edwards in defence, were big factors in this decisive win of 9 goals to 0. The two games against Dorchester 2nd XI. proved to be very even, each side winning once. Against the O.S. 2nd team the School 2nd XI. won by the same margin as the First. J. D. Hawkins and W. F. Chapman were at the top of their form, and J. A. Cole bustled very successfully. M. A. Tory was rather too small to hurl the O.S. goalkeeper into the net—still he did his best.

The "Under 14" XI. finished up all-square, winning two matches and losing two, scoring ten goals and having ten scored against them, and one might almost say that the result about describes the side; they were a very even team, it would be very difficult to pick any outstanding player. C. Coates, in goal, showed quite good judgment, though his clearances were not always to the wing. C. G. Jeffries was the quicker of the two backs, though B. B. Moore kicks a ball very cleanly indeed, at present he lacks power. J. R. Domoney and P. Buckland both played very well at half back; W. Glaze tackled well and passed well, but he was a trifle slow in getting back. G. S. Gibbings, M. G. Watton, M. A. Tory, A. R. M. Tanner, and A. J. Palmer made up the forward line; their mid-field play was quite good, but the finishing was not up to the same standard; there were some very nice bouts of passing, however, which shows that they knew what to do; the ability to do it will come with experience—at least we hope so.

Taunton's School, Somerset, again sent a side to play the "Under 14," and the game was very even; the score of 1-0 in favour of the visitors very fairly represents the play. C. Coates saved some good shots and could not be blamed for the one which beat him. P. Buckland and J. R. Domoney were good at half, though the latter did not keep up with play sufficiently. A. R. M. Tanner should have scored towards the end, but

unfortunately one of the forwards attempted to take the ball when in an offside position, and so spoilt a very good chance of equalising.

Against Foster's (Sherborne) "Under 14" XI. at Sherborne, Shaftesbury were the first to score, and prevented Sherborne from equalising until after half time. During the second half, however, Sherborne scored no less than four times. The Shaftesbury forwards attacked, but could not finish properly, and Sherborne won by four goals to one. In the return match, at Shaftesbury, the home forwards made amends for their previous poor display, the wingers being especially prominent, and the score of 5-2 is a fair reflection of the play.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15th, the "Under 14" XI. visited Crewkerne, and a splendid game was the result. With the score at three all, both sides were fighting hard for the decider, and with almost the last kick of the match A. R. M. Tanner scored it, so that Shaftesbury just managed to win by 4-3.

DETAILS OF FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

S.G.S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Dorchester on Wednesday, Oct. 11th. During the first half, Shaftesbury had the advantage of the sun and a fairly high wind; unfortunately they derived no benefit from either; in fact the latter was almost a disadvantage, for the passing was very bad, overkicking being the fault. At half time Dorchester were leading by three goals to one. During the second half play was more even; the combination improved, though not sufficiently to recover the ground that had already been lost. Towards the end, Burrows and Buckland both had to leave the ground, though this made no difference to the result, Dorchester deservedly winning by six goals to two.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL.—Played at Shaftesbury on Saturday, Oct. 11th. This was an exceedingly keen game, the ground was in perfect condition, and the weather just right. At half time the score stood at 1-1, but Shaftesbury were unlucky in that they were not leading by 2 goals to 1; on one occasion the Bournemouth goalkeeper was beaten, but the whistle had just sounded for a penalty for hands, and Davies, who took the kick, shot wide. Bournemouth scored their second goal with a long drive which hit the under side of the crossbar. The home side equalised, and about 5 minutes from the end scored a third from a mêlée in front of goal. The whole team played very well indeed, Burrows being particularly good.

S.G.S. v. TAUNTON'S SCHOOL (SOUTHAMPTON) 2nd XI.—Played at Southampton on Wednesday, Oct. 25th. In this match Shaftesbury had most of the play during the first half. The full backs and the halves maintained a firm grip on the moves of the opposing forward line, and at the same time plied their own forwards with many useful passes which, unfortunately, were never used to advantage. Eventually R. J. Davies broke through the middle and scored, but ten minutes later Taunton's right wing made the scores equal with a cross shot. The second half saw the School's forward line grow more ragged, and the backs tire, so that the opposition spent most of their time in our territory. There was very little good play on either side; for a few minutes Taunton's brightened and scored their second goal, after which the match tailed off to a tame finish.

S.G.S. v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Shaftesbury on Saturday, October 25th. Shaftesbury had to play against a strong wind during the first half, and the defence did very well indeed, Burrows being especially prominent. Wimborne scored following a free kick, their centre-forward—who was unmarked—received the ball and beat Burrows easily. During the second half Shaftesbury should have at least equalised, but the forwards were quite ineffective, R. J. Davies and L. S. Burden being the best of a very poor line; certainly J. E. Russell and E. J. Pulman had bad luck with shots which went just wide, otherwise the Wimborne goalkeeper had little to worry him, and they deserved to win on their superior forward play.

S.G.S. (with Masters) v. SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.—Shaftesbury won the toss and played with the wind; they immediately set up an attack, but two apparently easy chances were missed. The S.A.L. then took up the attack, and did not miss chances, scoring three goals very quickly. S.G.S. reduced the lead, but by half time the S.A.L. had scored again, and crossed over with a lead of four goals to one. The second half was a repetition of the first; the ball travelled from end to end very rapidly, but the School forwards were unable to drive home the attack, whereas the S.A.L. caused the home defence much anxiety, and finished up winners by 6:2. C. H. Burrows in goal, apart from one mistake, was excellent, and F. J. Austin and J. M. Harding are to be congratulated on their performances; the halves were not up to form, while the passes of the forwards were not hard enough, and too frequently they went astray. E. J. Pulman was the best of the boys in the attack.

S.A.L.:—W. S. Crabtree (Barclay's Bank); K. C. Hind (Nat. Prov. Bank), J. E. Rutherford (Barclay's Bank); J. Bidell (Midland Bank); R. W. George (Midland Bank), H. B. Slater (Merton); J. E. Cottrell (Norsemen), W. Thrower (Civil Service), R. F. Smith (Merton), B. D. Nicolson (Cuaco), H. A. Roberts (Ibis).

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL.—Played at Bournemouth on Wednesday, Nov. 8th. The pitch was very hard and dry, and the ball very lively, conditions which suited our opponents, who were faster and cleverer than our side. There was no doubt as to which was the better team, and only the resolute defence kept the score from reaching double figures. The forwards never really got going, and although the full backs and the halves played with great determination, they could not hold out against a forward line who were determined to avenge their defeat at Shaftesbury, and who finished up with seven goals to their credit without any reply from Shaftesbury.

S.G.S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Shaftesbury on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Shaftesbury, who had to avenge a defeat at Dorchester, very quickly settled down to their task, and the team played together better than they had done in any previous match; the backs were very sound, and the passing of the half-backs such as to give the forwards opportunities; these were accepted, and the match resulted in a win by 7 goals to 0.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Shaftesbury on Wednesday, Nov. 15th. After the improvement which was manifest in the previous match, a better exhibition was expected, instead of which there was a decided falling off in standard. This was the only match in which both the backs played badly; miskicks were frequent, and, what was worse, those concerned were extremely slow in recovery; had our opponents had a couple of faster forwards, it is very probable that the result would have been reversed. Since they did not accept the chances offered, we won by 5 goals to 0.

S.G.S. v. OLD SHASTONIANS.—Played at Shaftesbury on Saturday, Nov. 18th. It is many years since the present boys have beaten the O.S. The game is nearly always very close, but there is generally one or two goals margin in the favour of the heavier side. This season, however, each member of the School team seemed to find his best form. A. P. B. Brown was especially prominent; he scored two excellent goals, and was responsible for many dangerous raids on the O.S. goal. The boys were faster on the ball than their opponents, who were seldom allowed to get into easy positions for shooting, J. M. Harding and F. J. Austin covering Burrows very well. The ball travelled from one end to the other very quickly, and the result was always in doubt, the O.S. pressing very hard towards the end to reduce the score of 4 goals to 2, by which the School eventually won.

S. G. S. v. BLANDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Blandford on Wednesday, Dec. 6th. Shaftesbury were without J. M. Harding, and J. D. Hawkins who took his place played very soundly. Within a few minutes of the start, R. J. Friend allowed a high shot to bounce instead of catching it; the result was that one of the Blandford forwards had time to rush him. Friend managed to save his goal, but in doing so he was hurt and had to leave the field. F. J. Austin took his place, and although not quite orthodox, he managed to prevent Blandford from scoring. A. W. Harding played one of his best games, and so did R. P. Jesse, and it was to these two that Shaftesbury owes much of its victory. The ground was very slippery, and all players found it very difficult to control the ball. At half time the score was 5-0, and before the end Shaftesbury increased this to 9-0.

CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

- C. H. C. BURROWS (goal).—Played well throughout the season. His chief difficulty seems to be the judging of a high dropping shot.
- F. J. AUSTIN (right back).—A good fearless tackler with a fairly strong kick; his speed stood him in good stead, as he did not always position himself as he might have done.
- J. M. HARDING (left back).—Has excellent judgment of position play, tackles well, and parts with the ball to advantage.
- R. J. EDWARDS (right half).—A very keen tackler and passes the ball cleverly, though not always hard enough.
- A. W. HARDING (centre half).—A very hard worker who frequently dominated the play. Distributes the ball well. Had he kept closer to his forwards he could have seized many chances of scoring which were lost.
- R. P. JESSE (left half).—A very much improved player—in passing particularly. A very poor shot, but a difficult man to pass.
- A. P. B. BROWN (outside right).—His mid-field work was excellent, but his finishing poor; only once did he show his true form, and was then brilliant.
- R. J. DAVIES (inside right).—Like his partner, his mid-field play was distinctly good; a great trier, and in this respect an example to the others, which many followed.
- J. E. RUSSELL (centre forward).—Too small to be really effective; always trying to do something, but did not pass hard enough. Should be very useful next season.

G. W. BUCKLAND (inside left).—An excellent centre-half who sacrificed his own position for his side, and so improved the team considerably. A very useful shot.

E. J. PULMAN (outside left).—At the beginning of the season was slow in getting the ball down the wing, but improved this later. Is speedy, and put in some excellent corners.

CADET CORPS.

The following Cadets have now left us—C.S.M. A. P. B. Brown, Lce.-Cpl. A. W. Harding, Cadets R. J. Davies, F. J. Austin, R. B. Bruce, and A. Dufosse.

C.S.M. Brown has been in the Corps for more than 6 years, and has always done excellent work and made a thoroughly keen and efficient N.C.O., crowning his work by passing the "Sandhurst" Entrance Examination.

We retain the Dorset Cadet Shooting Cup, the competition being decided on the shoot for the King's Trophy as recorded in the last Magazine.

Our present strength is 76.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of Sgt.-Instr. Dacombe (P.S.I.) of the 4th Dorsets, and very useful progress has been made under his expert tuition.

PROMOTIONS (21st Jan., 1934):—

To be Sgts.: Cpls. G. W. G. Buckland and R. P. Jesse.

To be Lce.-Cpls.: Cadets J. A. Cole, E. J. Pulman, J. R. Lawrence.

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

LIBRARY:

The following books have been presented to the Library, and we are very grateful to the donors. It has always been the custom for boys leaving school to present one or more books, and by so doing to keep the library list complete and up-to-date. We sincerely ask Old Boys to honour the custom if they can possibly manage it.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Quest of Youth" ...	... Farnol ...	... A. W. Harding (o.s.)
"Peregrine's Progress"	... " ...	... "
"The Deemster" ...	... Caine... ...	... "
"A Son of Hagar" ...	... " ...	... "
"The Perils of Pekin" ...	... Graydon ...	... J. R. Lawrence
"Fortune Island" ...	... J. Westerman (o.s.)	(Purchased).
"Adventure Omnibus" ...	... Green ...	... "
"The Female of the Species" ...	... Sapper ...	... "
"Detective Omnibus" ...	... Punshon ...	... "
"The Jade of Destiny" ...	... Farnol ...	... "
"Adventures of Sherlock Holmes"	... Conan Doyle ...	... "
"The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes"	... " "	... "
"The Return of Sherlock Holmes"	... " "	... "
"His Last Bow" ...	... " "	... "
"The Case Book of Sherlock Holmes"	... " "	... "
"Four Square Jane" ...	... Wallace ...	... J. Day.
"Wings of Death" ...	... Gurdon ...	... "
"Three Men in a Boat"	... Jerome ...	... "
"The Wharton Medal" ...	... Bird ...	... D. P. Darrington.
"William in Trouble" ...	... Crompton ...	... "
"The Good Companions"	... Priestley ...	... Dr. Tovey.
"Prince of the Captivity"	... Buchan ...	... "
"The Way Beyond" ...	... Farnol ...	... "

To Mr. J. E. Cartwright, of Dudley, we extend our very best thanks for 52 volumes of Blackwood's Magazine for the Reading Room.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

ROMANS.

At the beginning of the term it appeared as if we were going to win the wooden spoon once again. However, contrary to all expectations we won the football competition by half a point from the Corinthians, who seemed invincible. We gained second place in the senior football, and first place in the junior. Our success was due to the spirit and keenness of every member of the House. This renewed spirit and vigour is good to see, especially amongst the younger members, who did exceedingly well. It must continue to increase, and then we shall win the Shield.

Our senior team played well to gain second place, beating the Trojans for the first time for many years. We put up a good fight against the Corinthians, who had six 1st XI. boys, whilst we had only two. We succeeded in frightening them if we did not beat them, and were the only House to register a goal against them. There was no individual responsible for our success; every member pulled his weight and formed an efficient part of a team full of spirit, pluck and dash. C. Coates, a natural goalkeeper, will be good when he has grown and has gained more confidence. R. J. Friend (the School goalkeeper) and J. D. Hawkins (the best footballer in the side) playing as backs, defended splendidly, and it was due to their magnificent efforts that we did so well. The two wing halves, C. H. C. Adams and W. C. H. Higgins, played well. The forwards were good in mid-field, but were weak in front of goal. L. S. Burden was easily the best of them; he scored all our goals.

Our junior team did even better than our senior team. On paper they were easily the weakest of the four teams, yet they remained undefeated. Here again the team succeeded through the remarkable spirit and dash of every member. The best footballers of a very promising team were D. H. Ryall, E. S. W. Dyke, P. Mottley, A. J. Coward and G. H. Allard.

We have made a good start in the House Competitions, and we must now increase our narrow lead by working harder than ever before. We have succeeded once against all expectations, and with the loyal support of every member we will do so again. The Shield is still waiting for our name to be inscribed upon it. Let us hope it will not have long to wait.

The following represented the Romans:—

SENIOR TEAM—C. Coats, R. J. Friend, J. D. Hawkins, C. H. C. Adams, R. P. Jesse, W. C. H. Higgins, M. G. Watton, B. F. V. Bennett, L. S. Burden, S. J. Allard, E. S. Stone.

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

R. P. J.

CORINTHIANS.

The Corinthians were fortunate in possessing a very strong senior football team, comprising no less than seven members of the 1st XI. and three of the 2nd XI. As may be expected we were overwhelmingly successful, winning all the three games by wide margins. The Romans were responsible for the only goal scored against us.

Of the senior team, the defence was exceptionally strong as it was the actual School defence. J. M. Harding and F. J. Austin, the two backs, although having little to do, carried out their work admirably. A. W. Harding played with untiring energy at centre half, and is to be congratulated on his performance; he received very able support from his wing halves, H. J. and R. J. Edwards respectively. In the forward line we were very unfortunate in being without the services of A. P. B. Brown (our enthusiastic House Captain) for two of the matches; F. D. Barrett, however, capably filled the vacancy. R. J. Davies proved an energetic leader of the forwards and was responsible for the majority of the goals. H. F. Whidborne and A. Dufosse combined well on the left wing. The fact that the demands on our goal keeper, C. H. Burrows, were very few and far between, enabled him to hand over his post to another in the match versus the Spartans, and assist the forwards, which he did very ably, scoring a goal!

The juniors did not do so well, as results show. However, this may be put down partly to the size of the team, the majority of which were very small. C. G. Jeffries, at centre half, proved himself a very capable and efficient captain, and managed to get his side out of many undesirable situations. D. M. Harrison, at left back, played very consistently, while A. C. C. Thresher was quite a reliable goal keeper in spite of his size. A. J. Palmer, W. J. Burden and L. O. Barrett all deserve special mention; and should be very useful in the near future.

Owing to the fact that six of the House's "leading lights" left us at the end of last term, we hardly expect to repeat the successes enjoyed by us in the past two years, but so long as we are able to maintain a spirit of true sportsmanship and the will to win, the Corinthians will soon rise to the top once more.

The following played for the Corinthians:—

SENIOR TEAM—A. P. B. Brown, C. H. Burrows, R. J. Davies, A. W. Harding, J. M. Harding, F. J. Austin, R. J. Edwards, H. J. Edwards, H. F. Whidborne, A. Dufosse, F. D. Barrett, J. A. Cole.

JUNIOR TEAM—L. O. Barrett, W. J. Burden, P. Dufosse, P. R. Gatehouse, W. Hardy, D. M. Harrison, C. G. Jeffries (captain), R. E. Mallett, C. R. J. Mitchell, A. J. Palmer, R. W. Rowland, A. C. C. Thresher, A. M. Turpin.

J. A. C.

TROJANS.

Our House continues to show promise; but it is a promise that shows a certain hesitation in materializing.

In higher circles J. Day's goal-keeping would be the despair of coupon fiends. An easy shot stood greater chance of beating him than a difficult one; he made some astounding saves at times. Moore and Chapman made a good pair of backs; the former is a good footballer, but rather light for house football, but Chapman, although his kicking was at times rather shaky, always tackled vigorously. Although rather small, H. T. Imber was undoubtedly a good half; he tackled well and without hesitation, and passed with great judgment. Davey and Bruce were both hard working, but also rather erratic. Russell was the best of the forwards, but had not sufficient support to enable him to play as well as he can. Tory suffered from the same handicap as Moore; had he another stone in weight our attack would have been much stronger. Knapton is a good footballer, but hardly played up to expectations. Belbin, on the other hand, always rose to the occasion, and played some very good football at times.

Our junior team was a disappointment. They had a good enough team, or rather the eleven "men" were good enough to have won all their matches. Instead, they only managed to beat the Spartans—and that not very convincingly. Individually they were good; Darrington played a captain's part with credit, and Green was a terror to most defenders. Hine, Tuffin, Buckland and Glaze were much on a par, the last named being a very solid player. H. G. Hillier was inclined to wander, but played well throughout. L. H. Noyce and A. J. Sansom both put their heart into things. The choice of a goal keeper was our most difficult problem, and it was not until our last match—v. the Spartans that H. G. Pearson was "discovered"; had he played in the two previous matches the results might have been different; as it is he will be invaluable in future football seasons. Tozer and J. K. Miles must not be blamed for the result of the first two matches however; the juniors failed through lack of combination.

SENIOR TEAM—J. Day, W. F. Chapman, B. B. Moore, J. N. Davey, G. Buckland, H. T. Imber; N. K. Belbin; J. E. Russell, M. A. Tory, D. Knapton, R. B. Bruce.

JUNIOR TEAM (from)—D. P. Darrington, J. K. Miles, T. C. Tozer, H. G. Pearson, F. T. Jennings, H. S. Hine, K. Tuffin, W. Glaze, L. H. Noyce, A. J. Sansom, P. Buckland, H. G. Hillier, F. J. Green.

G. W. G. B.

SPARTANS.

The football season of 1933 did not prove a very gratifying one as far as the Spartans were concerned, as we lost the three senior matches, and won, drew, and lost one each of the remaining junior matches.

However, we have good reason to be optimistic about the future, as there are some very promising juniors in the house; for although they lost one match, it was only by the odd goal in five. We finished the season by being last in the senior, gaining no points whatever, and drawing for second place in the junior with the Corinthians, thus gaining $\frac{1}{2}$ point towards the Shield.

Our senior team were not such a bad team as the final results indicate, indeed they were unfortunate in losing against the Romans and the Trojans, both matches being lost by the odd goal. In the match against the Corinthians, we were heavily handicapped by the injury to Gibbings, our goal keeper, who had been playing excellently until he was injured. Credit is due to Tanner and Frearson, the backs, who kept their end up admirably, while Lawrence and Tarrant both played consistently well at half back. Of the forwards Murphy and Gray were aggressive, but they were both rather light, and it was found that this handicap made a great difference throughout the side when opposed by heavier players. However, let it be said of the senior Spartans that everyone played his best, so at present we must hope for better luck next time.

Of our juniors, who did quite as well as was expected of them, the three inside forwards—Tait, Domoney and Clements—were very prominent, while all the half backs played well, especially Stainer, the captain of the side. Fortunately, our defence was distinctly good, and Emery, in goal, if he had been a few inches taller, would probably not have been beaten at all. However, what he did he did well, a remark which can also apply to the backs, Francis and Sully, whose weight and speed proved invaluable.

So it is with optimism that we view the Spartans' team of the near future, and it is hoped that we shall meet with more success next year, for it is about time the House Shield came our way once again.

The following represented the Spartans at football:—

SENIOR TEAM—G. S. Gibbings, A. R. M. Tanner, R. H. Frearson, J. R. Lawrence, R. H. Tarrant, N. H. Foot, G. J. Shute, R. J. Gray, E. J. Pulman, H. G. Friend, M. F. Murphy.

JUNIOR TEAM—R. C. Emery, J. W. Sully, S. C. Francis, E. Bartlett, K. G. Stainer, R. C. Cross, J. R. Richardson, P. A. Clements, J. R. Domoney, J. L. Tait, L. A. Templeman.

E. J. P.

The individual results were as follows:—

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

The points thus gained for this year's Shield Competition were:—Romans 6, Corinthians 5½, Trojans 1, Spartans ½.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

THE Annual Prize Distribution took place in the Memorial Hall at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21st. The Chairman of our Board of Governors (Mr. R. W. Borley) presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr. de Sélincourt, the Mayor of Shaftesbury (Councillor Mrs. E. M. Norton), and the Rev. N. S. Lawrie.

Among the large attendance of governors, parents and friends of the school, were Dr. & Mrs. C. H. Tovey, and very pleased we were to see them back amongst us. It must have been a strange experience for the former to witness the proceedings from the auditorium.

The prizes were presented by Mr. de Sélincourt, Headmaster of Clayesmore School, and we offer him our very best thanks for his kindness in coming over from Iwerne Minster for the occasion.

In his report, Mr. Minchin said that in accordance with the usual custom, the boys in the 6th and Upper 5th Forms were, in July last, entered for the Cambridge Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Examinations respectively. He was glad to say that the results were very good and that the certificates gained during the year were two-and-a-half times as many as those of the previous year. Three Higher School Certificates were obtained, the results in English being exceptionally good; while from the 5th Form ten candidates obtained School Certificates. In view of the low age of many of the entrants, he thought the results were very satisfactory.

One of the candidates, C. B. Cartledge, had obtained exemption from the Preliminary Examination in Dental Science at Birmingham University, and two others, P. F. Cole and H. G. Hillier, were excused the London Matriculation Examination. A third candidate, C. D. Clark, had, in June last, passed the Air Force Competitive Examination, securing

the 1st place in the Secondary Schools of Dorset, and the 81st place out of a total entry of 1,138 candidates—a very good performance.

Three other boys, W. G. Welch, L. F. Barnes and A. G. B. Gray were accepted for entry to King Alfred's Training College at Winchester; and W. H. J. Burt, who left school a year ago, had passed his Inter-Arts Examination at Leeds University.

Continuing, Mr. Minchin said that the past year had seen the introduction of a new scheme governing the admittance of "special place" scholarship holders. Like all new schemes, it had involved a considerable amount of extra work, but he did not think that it had in any way affected the rate of entry or had materially decreased the number sitting for the competitive examination.

The chief trouble at the present time was one which, he regretted to say, was universal—the difficulty in obtaining suitable occupation for boys leaving school. With the help of the Ministry of Labour and valuable assistance from many Old Shastonians, the trouble was being partly overcome. Frequent notices of vacancies for premium-paying pupils had been brought to his notice, but, in such difficult times, a vacancy of that sort was of little use unless the firm in question could provide employment after the years of apprenticeship had been served.

In speaking of the out-of-school activities, Mr. Minchin said the work in the Upper School reached a higher standard than did the games. The cricket season had been a disappointing one, but he thought that the Lower School was sufficiently full of talent to warrant an optimistic outlook for the future. The football eleven was more than holding its own, and contained several young and promising players who would form the nucleus of a good eleven next year. It must not be forgotten that many of the schools played contained three or four times their numbers, and one could not always expect to meet them on equal terms.

The Cadet Corps had enrolled 23 new recruits, and continued to thrive. It had been in existence for 18 years, during the whole of which time it had been under the command of Cadet Major Ramshaw, who had earned the esteem and respect of the many cadets who had been under his charge since the formation of the Corps in the summer of 1915. Mr. Minchin also congratulated Mr. Veale on his recent promotion and thanked him for his successful work in connection with the shooting, which had resulted in the winning of the Lucas Tooth Challenge Cup, competed for annually by the Cadet Corps of the County.

The health of the School had been excellent, and had borne full testimony to the healthy surroundings of Shaftesbury and neighbourhood. There had been no serious illness in the school during the past few years.

Continuing his report, Mr. Minchin said how glad he was to have that opportunity of expressing his deep sense of gratitude to the masters for their valuable help at all times, and for their willingness to help forward any movement which tended to further the welfare of the school. He was very sorry to say that Mr. Hey was leaving at the end of the current term in order to gain wider experience in a larger school. During his stay in Shaftesbury he had endeared himself to them all, and in wishing him future happiness and prosperity he wished to thank him for his valued efforts in the class-room and for the keen way he had entered into the school games.

In conclusion, Mr. Minchin expressed his gratitude to the Old Shastonian Club and to all those ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly given prizes. He also tendered his grateful thanks to Mr. Borley, all members of the Governing Body, and Mr. Kent, for the help and kindly sympathy he had received from them during his first year as Headmaster, and for their ready response to any request he had made.

In his address to the boys, Mr. de Sélincourt said there was a saying that the race was always to the swift. He most profoundly believed that the battle was always ultimately to the strong, but victory was not always indicated by tangible and visible prizes, but by something better and more enduring, the consciousness of a life lived really well. A man was the only judge of whether his life was well lived or not. The work of a schoolmaster was something most valuable and precious, especially to-day. Boys had, to-day, opportunities at school which those at school in the years immediately preceding the war did not have. They were expected to make a fuller and humaner use of their opportunities. They all knew the importance of scholastic success and success in examinations. They were the passport to good positions, and they were definitely a concrete label that they had done something at school. But they were not the most important things. First and foremost they came to school to learn to be men; to learn to take a real part hereafter in a troubled and distressed and labouring world. They had to keep their minds and spirits alive and keen, open to all the influences of good from books, from nature, from teachers, and from human friendships and human comradeships. They had to learn what was best worth having in the world and stick to it, and not be put off by any convention or unbelief.

The world wanted men and women who were alive and with the spirit of joy and adventure if they were going to face the big difficulties which confronted them with any sort of success. It was not the boy who was slow at his work or bad at games who was a drag on a school. The only sort of boy who was not doing his job was the boy who did not care. He urged them not to be lukewarm in any sort of job, but to do it with all their might, expecting to find it good, and they would find it good. Then when they went out into the world hereafter, they would be able to do the world some service, and he assured them that the world wanted it.

The Chairman and the Mayor (Mrs. J. A. Norton) were associated in a vote of thanks to Mr. de Sélincourt.

The Chairman having especially welcomed the late Headmaster (Dr. C. H. Tovey) and Mrs. Tovey, urged the boys not to be disheartened at failure nor elated at success, one being as bad as the other, but to try and atone for failure by harder endeavours toward achievement. He asked them to remember also that they were not only members of a community, but of the Empire. That entailed a great responsibility, and he urged them not to shirk it or to be afraid of it, but to accept it like men. As failure was often the incentive to success, he advised them also not to be afraid to try and improve upon what others were doing.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the visitors were entertained to tea by Mr. and Miss Minchin.

PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.—Upper VI. Form, R. P. Jesse and L. F. Barnes. Lower VI. Form, W. J. Barnes. Upper V. Form, C. B. Cartledge and H. G. Hillier. Lower V. Form, W. G. King and J. A. Cole. IV. Form, J. L. Tait and H. F. Whidborne. III. Form, E. Bartlett and R. C. Cross. II. Form, W. J. Burden and R. E. G. Davies. I. Form, G. E. Hinc and W. Riggs.

SPECIAL PRIZES (for good work).—Upper VI. Form, W. J. Stone. Upper V. Form, R. J. Davies (Divinity prize), and D. J. Riggs. Lower V. Form, G. R. Tucker. IV. Form, D. H. Ryall. III. Form, J. D. Hawkins and A. F. Watts. II. Form, J. R. Domoney and H. G. Pearson. I. Form, L. A. Templeman.

CAMBRIDGE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—R. P. Jesse, L. F. Barnes, and W. J. Stone.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—C. B. Cartledge, H. G. Hillier, R. J. Davies, D. J. Riggs, P. F. Cole, M. A. Holmes, A. W. Harding, A. T. White, R. J. W. Edwards, and C. D. Clark.

ENTERTAINMENT BY FORM IV.

THE CRIMSON COCONUT

(by Ian Hay).

The above play was presented on a Saturday evening last term, and had a very enthusiastic reception.

The chief part was taken by R. C. Cross, who gave a very fine performance as the weary old waiter. He was well supported by J. D. Hawkins as the detective, complete with false nose; A. R. M. Tanner, who played the part of old Mr. Jabstick with great force and gusto; E. M. Murphy, as the latter's charming daughter; M. G. Watton, as Madame Gliserinsky, and P. Mottley as her husband, all threw themselves whole-heartedly into their role of dangerous anarchists.

The play was produced by Mr. C. G. Hey; noises-off by N. H. Foot, and occasionally by T. C. Tozer; W. F. Chapman was the prompter, but was not needed.

It was preceded by that humorous dialogue, "The Hole in the Road" (by Seamark). R. H. Frearson took the part of the "toff," and J. N. Davey made an excellent navvy.

This was one of the most ambitious and most successful shows that have been put on at a Saturday concert, and it was thoroughly enjoyed.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

ON December 18th and 19th, Ian Hay's "Sport of Kings" was presented to appreciative audiences in the School Hall. The first tribute for the undeniable success of this play must be paid to Mr. Ramshaw, who once again shewed us what a magician he is as a producer. "The Sport of Kings" abounds in difficult entrances and exits, delicate situations and lines that require very careful handling, and the performance of each individual member of the caste is the reflection of Mr. Ramshaw's hard work.

The theme of the play is too well known to need recapitulation here; it suffices to say that its scope was fully explored by a cast which obviously derived great enjoyment from the humorous situations in which the play abounds.

Mr. Scalbert and Mr. Hey were an excellent pair as Algernon Sprigge and Sir Reginald Toothill, and their nonchalant worldliness provided a sharp contrast to the pompous

deliberateness of Mr. Veale as Amos Purdie; all three deserve the highest praise for their clever characterisation. Mr. Cole gave a correct representation of the butler Bates, while E. J. Pulman and J. A. Cole were cheery customers as Joe Purdie and Albert the bootboy. Other male parts were adequately filled by Mr. Williams as Panama Pete, Mr. Holloway as a Police Sergeant, and P. Mottley a newsboy.

The female parts were all very well acted. R. B. Bruce gave a restrained and skilful interpretation of the part of Miss Primrose, while F. J. Austin was convincing as the long-suffering Mrs. Purdie, and H. F. Whidborne was pert and pretty as Kate Purdie. J. R. Lawrence and G. Tucker were well cast as a cook and a housemaid respectively, and J. N. Davey made an adequately flamboyant barmaid.

The staging and effects were ably carried out by Mr. Watmough and his willing band of workers.

Thanks to the efforts of one and all, whether on the stage or behind the scenes, the sum of £24 was handed over to the War Memorial Fund.

CAST.

Algernon Sprigge	...	...	Mr. G. Scalbert.
Sir Reginald Toothill, Bart.	...	...	Mr. C. G. Hey.
A Barmaid	...	...	J. N. Davey.
A Newsboy	...	...	P. Mottley.
Dulcie Primrose	...	...	R. B. Bruce.
Mrs. Purdie	...	...	F. J. Austin.
Amos Purdie, J.P.	...	...	Mr. L. P. V. Veale.
Bates	...	...	Mr. L. J. Cole.
Joe Purdie	...	...	E. J. Pulman.
Katie Purdie	...	...	H. F. Whidborne.
Lizzie	...	...	G. R. Tucker.
Cook	...	...	J. R. Lawrence.
Albert	...	...	J. A. Cole.
Panama Pete	...	...	Mr. A. H. Williams.
Policeman	...	...	Mr. H. R. Holloway.

Producer—Mr. W. Ramshaw.

SCENES.

ACT I. Scene 1: The Bar at a Suburban Race Meeting.

Scene 2: The Library, Newstead Grange (early afternoon, three weeks later).

ACT II. ... The same (ten days later).

ACT III. ... The same (two hours later).

MADEIRA.

WE very often hear of artists being criticised in respect of landscapes or seascapes which they have painted in Southern climes. The average critic remarks upon the artificial blueness of the sea or the vividness of buildings as portrayed in these paintings, and wonders whether the colours have been exaggerated for the sake of effect. It is only after visiting these beauty spots which may have been known previously only from the hand of the artist, that one can fully realise the truthfulness of expression in such colours.

Madeira, the most important island of a group known as the Madeiras, is the most northerly of a larger group called the Atlantic Isles, and lies roughly 400 miles off the Moroccan coast of North West Africa.

If you are fortunate enough to approach the island in the early morning, you will be rewarded by a sight which will be difficult to forget. You will be thrilled by the beautiful colourings of both land and water, the ruggedness and red-brown tints of the cliffs, the ravines, and the brightly painted and red-roofed houses so evenly dotted on the slopes, and in the background the majestic mountains—from which the early morning mists may be seen slowly rolling away to show the peaks in all their grandeur.

Funchal is the capital of Madeira, which is now in the possession of Portugal, but once in the hands of the British—from 1807 to 1814. There is a romantic story about the discovery of Madeira. Two lovers, Robert Machin and Anne d'Arfet were escaping from England to France in the year 1370, when they were driven out of their course and wrecked on the island of Madeira. They and most of the crew were drowned, but their pilot, Morales of Seville, escaped and made his way to Africa. He made known the existence of this island to an explorer named Zargo, a Portuguese, who fitted out an expedition and took possession of it. Zargo's grave can be seen in the Church of Santa Clara, in Funchal.

The capital is a fine old town of 75,000 inhabitants, and is the main port of shipping for the island and a regular calling place for many of the passenger and cargo services to and from Africa, America and Europe. There are no trains with the exception of the funicular railway, and very few buses, the chief transport being carros or sledges drawn by bullocks, although cars and lorries of American make are quickly superseding the older methods of transport. Visitors may also make use of hammocks carried by two porters for exploring the mountains.

One of the most interesting journeys to make is to take either the funicular railway or to go by car up to Terreiro da Lucta, 3,300 feet above sea level, and overlooking the town of Funchal, and is reached after a somewhat nerve-racking drive up very steep roads having hairpin bends every 75 yards. Incidentally, the drivers are used to stopping suddenly on these gradients solely to frighten small children, who make a practice of throwing beautiful flowers in the cars and then follow, running along the hot roads on their bare feet until a coin is thrown to them.

From this point a wonderful view can be had of the town and harbour of Funchal, where large liners appear as minute objects in the bay. Between this point and sea level extend the vineyards and beautiful flower gardens showing as a blaze of colour. The most usual way of returning to the town is by means of sledges controlled by two natives dressed in their quaint sandals, white "ducks," white shirts, coloured waistcoats, and straw hats which very evidently have not known Luton! These sledges, made of basket wood and built to carry two or three persons, are used on a special mountain track built up in steps, so that the natives, when running down behind their loads, may jump from one step to another. These steps also prevent the sledge running away. The return journey by this method takes about 20 minutes as compared with 1½ hours by foot, the sledge providing a very amusing alternative to the car as a means of descent.

The islanders, unlike those of the Gran Canaries, are, with few exceptions, a community of beggars! The children are taught to beg from very early years, and many are maimed at birth so that they may beg for their families. In this sense the island is very backward, as these customs are still continued and allowed, and ample evidence of such practices is always near at hand!

As regards vegetation, the island is not thickly overgrown, pine trees showing above all others in the higher regions, and in certain districts the chestnut tree thrives. In passing, it might be remarked that the former are not indigenous to the island, but have been planted in wide areas for fuel and commercial purposes. Otherwise, the cactus or prickly pear is the most common plant on the island.

Madeira produces large quantities of grapes, but other fruit such as peaches, oranges, mangoes, figs, pineapples and bananas are grown, although the last named are not cultivated to any great extent, most of the supplies coming from Las Palmas and Teneriffe in the lower groups of Atlantic Isles. No mention of wine is necessary, for this is famous all over the world, made from both the white and black grapes.

Agriculture is a most interesting study in this island, for as it is of volcanic origin and mainly mountainous, there is very little level ground for the natives to work. It has therefore taken the islanders many years to prepare the ground before it has been fit for raising crops. The mountain sides provide a wonderful spectacle, similar to a honeycomb, as the smallholders have had to build up terraces, irregularly placed, each being about 60 feet by 30 feet, so that the rains may not wash down the mountain sides and destroy the crops, and also that the soil may be worked at less than an angle of 60 degrees! Here they grow vegetables, most of which are known in England.

In the summer months the rivers provide a curious sight. Near the fishing village of Camara dos Lobos, west of Funchal, a very long bridge spans the mouth of a wide river which has its source not many miles away, but at this time of the year the river bed has dried up completely. The bridge has been built very high to allow for a swift and deep river to rush into the sea, which shows the effect of a seasonal rainfall.

Madeira is very old-world compared with the islands of the Canaries group, which are of Spanish possession, possibly owing to its extreme mountainous character and restricted area suitable for cultivation, and it would be hard to surpass its rugged beauty, fringed as it is by cliffs which in some spots are nearly 2,000 feet high.

In conclusion, the climate is so equable with a mean annual temperature of 65° that for those in search of health and a warm even climate when England is plunged in fog and frost, there can be no better choice, lying as it does within only four days by boat from England.

R. H. M. STIRLING.



O.S. CLUB DINNER.

THE Twelfth Annual Dinner was held at the Grosvenor Hotel on Saturday, 18th November, subsequent to the Past v. Present Football matches and the Annual Business Meeting at the School.

The chair was taken by the President for the year, Mr. A. J. Wescott, and a record number of over a hundred members and guests sat down to a first rate dinner, admirably catered for by Mr. and Mrs. Browning, to whom our best thanks are accorded. The gathering was a very happy one and included representatives of nearly every year from 1880 to the present day.

Dr. Tovey was once more with us, and very delighted we were to see him and to hear "The Old Umbrella" again. May the latter never wear out nor the former omit to sing it on all future occasions.

The speeches were brief and well rendered. "The School" was proposed by Mr. John Icke, who said that S.G.S. had built up a reputation unsurpassed by any other school of its class in the whole country. To be worthy of being Old Shastonians, they should do their utmost to further its interests and try to impart into their work and play something of that spirit of honest endeavour, good sportsmanship, and good fellowship by which the school was so well known. He congratulated Mr. Minchin on the excellent examination results achieved during his first year as Headmaster, and on behalf of all Old Shastonians wished him and the School continued good luck and prosperity. He expressed his supreme pleasure that Dr. Tovey was again with them that evening, and said that Dr. and Mrs. Tovey, by their untiring efforts and supreme loyalty and affection, had built up a school of the highest integrity, and that the Old Boys were grateful to them both for the great kindness and consideration shown during their years at school, and for the interest which they continued to show in the welfare of each one of them after leaving school.

In replying to the toast, Mr. Minchin thanked the proposer for his very kind remarks and for his good wishes. The examination results, he said, were most gratifying. Three out of four candidates passed the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examination, and ten Senior Certificates were obtained, some of them by boys well beneath the normal age of senior candidates. With regard to the sporting activities of the school he felt that they were not quite up to the standard which he would like to see. The cricket team was a very moderate one, but the football xi. was improving, and, in view of the fact that both teams of Old Shastonians had been beaten that afternoon, he could not say very much. He would like to see a general improvement in the athletics, and felt sure that

he would not have long to wait as several of the younger boys were showing promise and would undoubtedly do well in the future if they could only stay at school until they were 17 or 18 years of age. The Cadet Corps continued to flourish, and was supplying an excellent medium for training in discipline and deportment, the attainment of which was only fully appreciated when boys went out into the world to fend for themselves.

In discussing the present and future welfare of the school, Mr. Minchin said that those present who were parents realised how very difficult times were and could sympathise with the difficulties which boarding schools had to face at the present time. He was optimistic enough to think that an improvement in the agricultural world was imminent, an improvement which was long overdue. The number of boarders had been maintained, and he had been cheered by hearing from one of H.M. Inspectors that Shaftesbury Grammar School had not suffered so severely as many other boarding schools had. The number of day boys had substantially increased and had reached the record number of 93.

In these days of economy he sometimes wondered how matters were arranged in the early days of the School's history. He had therefore delved into the records of the past and had discovered that in 1878 the expenses for the Xmas quarter totalled 17/6! (cleaning the school 7/6, coal 10/-). He only wished he could run the school as economically as that!

Finally, Mr. Minchin expressed his gratitude to the Old Boys for the loyal way they had supported the Club. The past year had seen a large number of annual members become life members, of whom the Club now contained 275, representing 65% of its total membership. With such a loyal body behind it, the School must be a lasting success.

In proposing the toast of "The Club," Dr. Tovey said "You are the living spirit of Shaftesbury Grammar School. See that the School continues to develop and goes on from strength to strength. You have in Mr. Minchin a man of high ideals and a man imbued with an intense enthusiasm for everything which concerns the School." "I implore you," continued Dr. Tovey, "to take your early enthusiasms with you in the rather weary world in which you are now living. I think this world requires more than anything else the spirit of comradeship. You, as a club, profess to be above everything else comrades, not only among those in this room, but others across the seven seas. The School is the link in the chain of friendship which binds you together. See that friendship, like love, is warm, and love, like friendship, steady."

Dr. Tovey spoke of the remarkable growth of the Club. He suggested that the time had come when they should form local associations, say, in London, Salisbury, Swindon, Bourne-

mouth, &c., which would be a great advantage to them when they wanted to discuss important questions.

The President, replying to the toast, said that the Club had a membership of 420, and funds of £500, with which they hoped to help the School in time to come. There were, said Mr. Wescott, few schools which could compare in situation, buildings and other possessions, with Shaftesbury Grammar School, and when they returned to more prosperous times, especially in agriculture, there was, he was convinced, a great future in store for the school. Mr. Wescott said that Mr. Minchin was continuing the hon. secretaryship of the Club, and he acknowledged on behalf of all the Old Boys, the splendid work which he had done for the organisation.

In a charming little speech, Mr. F. D. Hollick proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and expressed the Club's appreciation of the support accorded to it by many local gentlemen, some of whom had graced the gathering with their presence that evening.

Mr. E. E. Browning and Capt. E. J. Barrett suitably replied, and expressed their great pleasure at being present at such an enjoyable function.

The toast list having been completed, the dining tables were removed and ceremony gave place to informality. Songs were sung by Dr. Tovey and Messrs. B. Hillier, A. H. Clegg, J. Icke and A. S. Court. Messrs. H. R. Holloway and C. F. I. Phillips very kindly accompanied; the latter playing many popular songs, the choruses of which were heartily sung by the company present. At 11 p.m. "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought the evening to a close, and we dispersed through a typical Shaftesbury fog to our various destinations. The following members were present:—

Dr. Tovey, Dr. Cheater, Messrs. A. J. Wescott (President and Hon. Treasurer), R. N. Tayler (President-Elect), R. B. Minchin, W. Ramshaw, L. P. V. Veale, L. J. Cole, G. Scalbert, C. G. Hey, H. R. Holloway, F. D. Hollick, G. R. Rousell, W. E. Thomas, J. Icke, W. Farley, Rutter, J. W. W. K. Miles, J. W. Miles, J. S. Windbank, B. G. Gyles, T. G. Hart, A. P. Wiltshire, A. G. Dunn, W. G. S. Holloway, E. Southon, L. A. T. Dennis, S. E. Dennis, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, R. Bathurst Brown, A. J. Combes, W. J. Combes, H. E. C. Brickell, S. Robins, R. Heaton, R. A. Jeeves, W. F. Wightman, W. C. Milverton, B. Hillier, T. A. Mitchell, C. S. Balhatchett, R. S. Balhatchett, J. Milverton, R. G. Mitchell, R. J. Jesse, A. H. Clegg, M. F. Gricks, A. S. Braddick, J. H. Wescott, J. N. Wescott, G. W. Clarke, S. P. Burden, E. B. Brice, A. D. Miles, A. S. Court, F. B. Dare, W. Doggrell, F. C. B. Young, B. G. Young, C. G. F. Hazell, P. Law, A. T. Doggrell, A. Crocker, F. R. Crocker, L. Combes, T. J. M. House, F. W. Coates, T. S. Tucker, P. A. Tucker, E. M. Barrett, W. G. Tovey, G. B. Ryall, G. P. Ryall, F. E. Pickford, E. L. Hesse, W. J. Doggrell, J. E. N. Doggrell, A. J. Garrett, G. B. Garrett, R. S. Garrett, F. H. Buckland, S. T. J. Burr, M. C. W. Johnson, N. H. Lock, T. G. Lock, H. R. Sims, R. H. M. Stirling and E. H. Stickland.

[Apologies are offered for any errors or omissions in this list.]

During the evening the Hon. Secretary received an anonymous gift of 10/- towards the Club funds. Many thanks, Mr. Donor!

O.S. NEWS.

It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow that we record the loss of a very popular Old Shastonian—Billy Doggrell, of Semley—who died in the Shaftesbury Memorial Hospital on January 5th. His tragic and untimely decease was the outcome of an unfortunate accident on Dec. 30th, when the horse he was riding caught its feet in some wire and threw its rider.

Billy was at School here from 1912 to 1914. During the war he saw service in the Near East, and on his return to England he immediately joined the newly-formed Old Shastonian Club, and a more loyal and enthusiastic member it would be impossible to find. For the last six years he had been one of the Club's honorary auditors, and had helped to further its interests and usefulness in every way possible.

He was a very fine "soccer" player, but a damaged knee prevented his taking any active part in recent O.S. matches. He did, however, occasionally come on our annual cricket tours when business ties permitted.

He was a great sportsman who loved sport for the sake of sport. As a horseman he had few equals, and was never happier than when riding to hounds or at a point-to-point meeting, fear of any sort being entirely foreign to his nature.

The funeral took place at Cann on Jan. 8th, when a large company, among whom were many Old Shastonians, attended to pay tribute to one whose comparatively short life had been so full of love for his fellow men, and loyalty to every worthy cause.

To Mrs. Doggrell we extend our deepest sympathy in her great loss, a loss shared to the full by those of us who had the privilege of knowing her husband well.

R. B. Dashper is home from Cairo, where he has been stationed with the Royal Air Force. While in Egypt he spent two months in Khartoum and visited Luxor and Assouan. He also went across to Iraq and spent a week in Baghdad, visiting Diana and Suleymania. After his present leave expires he will be posted to Eastchurch, and hopes to be able to attend next year's 'O.S. Club Dinner' in London. When in Egypt he ran across R. H. Scadden, now stationed at Abu Sueir.

Peter Law and W. H. F. T. Gauntlett see quite a lot of each other, the former often turning out for a game of soccer with the Masters' XI. at Ewell Castle School, where Gauntlett is a master.

Michael Wakefield is in Barclay's Bank at Oxford. Dan Hoddinott is at the same branch. The latter is now vice-captain of Oxford City Cricket Club, and both he and Wakefield hope to play regularly during the coming season.

John Hewer is now at the Royal Veterinary College, Camden Town, busily engaged in biological research. He hopes to get some football with one of the College teams.

G. R. Rousell, who played back with Hewer in the "Under 14," 2nd and 1st XI. soccer teams at school, has now gone into business at Richmond.

In a long and interesting letter, E. C. Mozley sent us Christmas greetings from Cape Town. He continues to take the keenest interest in his old school, and retains vivid memories of incidents which occurred in 1906-07.

Many Old Boys will be very sorry to hear that Mrs. Pryce Taylor is not very well. Mr. Minchin heard from Mr. Pryce Taylor at the end of last term, when the latter was about to leave for Torquay, where he is spending the winter months.

Dr. Tovey recently received a long letter from H. E. Mitchell, who made such a lot of runs here in the summer of 1922. He is now with the Shell Co. of South Africa, Ltd., and finds his present occupation preferable to that of banking. He very kindly sent Mr. Minchin a most interesting South African magazine for Christmas.

Our very heartiest congratulations, and the best of good wishes, to the following Old Boys, all of whom have recently married:—

W. T. Chandler to Miss M. Churchley	... February, 1933
Max Gardner to Miss K. Knight	... August, 1933
E. H. Chandler to Miss K. A. Lloyd	... Nov. 20th, 1933
F. V. Osborne to Miss E. Helyar	... Nov. 30th, 1933
C. E. Pearce to Miss G. Cleveland	... Dec. 9th, 1933
C. Moore to Miss K. Sharp	... Dec. 18th, 1933
C. F. I. Phillips to Miss E. Sayell	... Jan. 14th, 1934
J. F. Tozer to Miss B. Hunt	... Feb. 10th, 1934

We also offer congratulations on their engagements, to—

A. G. Egremont to Miss Rowland.

H. G. Young to Miss H. Clarke.

J. H. McLachlan is also engaged, and is due home from Africa in June.

To Ronald Brown our heartiest congratulations on passing his Law Finals in November last.

Peter Brown did very well in his Army Entrance Examination in November, and is now at the R.M.C., Sandhurst. We congratulate him heartily on his success, and wish him good luck.

R. J. Davies has obtained a post with Messrs. Hobbs and Chambers, Auctioneers and Estate Agents, of Cirencester.

Max Gardner has bought a 100-acre dairy farm, near Hamilton, in New Zealand. He writes very cheerfully in spite of low prices and the general trade depression in the Antipodes.

Our felicitations on the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Toomer, of Broome Manor Road, Swindon, and to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clarke, of "The Four Winds," Cann, Shaftesbury.

In our last issue we inadvertently stated that a little daughter had been born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wescott. We have since learned that the newcomer is of the sterner sex, and we offer apologies for having stated otherwise. We have now booked him for entry as a new boy in 1943!

A. N. Targett and Jim Dean paid us a welcome visit on Sunday, Dec. 17th. It was a very great pleasure to see them again.

We were very sorry to hear that Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hyatt lost their infant daughter on December 8th. We offer them our deepest sympathy.

We very gratefully acknowledge the receipt of subscriptions to the School Prize Fund and General Fund from R. H. M. Stirling and John Icke respectively. Many thanks indeed.

At Jack Tozer's wedding on Feb. 10th, George Young was best man. The bride was a sister-in-law of Joe Dean, another O.S., so the Club was well represented.

Mr. Minchin has received a very interesting letter from A. L. Filley, who left school in 1911. He has now completed 23 years service in the Royal Navy, part of the time in China and the East Indies. In April he sails with the "Challenger" for a survey of some of the smaller islands in the West Indies and of the Labrador coast.

J. B. Brown is due home from Tanganyika in March. We very much look forward to seeing him while he is home.

Roy Drew is coming home from Canada for a short holiday in England. It is not unlikely that he has already arrived.

After many years in Canada, W. E. Ryall paid us a short visit a week or so ago. He seems to think that England compares very unfavourably with Canada, and he has now returned.

C. H. C. Burrows is somewhere in London, but his address is not yet to hand. We hope he will let us know how he is getting on.

R. B. Bruce has been successful in obtaining a very good post with the Singapore Trading Company dealing in shipments of spices, etc., from the East Indies and Straits Settlements.

F. J. Austin is now with Messrs. Chiesmans, of High Street, Lewisham. He came to see us on Feb. 10th, the day before he left for Town. Three other Old Boys are with the same firm.

R. E. Hunt and A. Dufosse are farming with their fathers at Iwerne Minster and Stalbridge respectively.

J. L. Lyne is still mining in Rhodesia. While on a recent holiday he looked up J. R. B. Pape in Bulawayo, and spent an hour or two with him.

W. J. Stone has entered the offices of Mr. C. Prideaux, of Motcombe.

As we go to press we hear that F. D. Hollick has just undergone an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to hear he is making an excellent recovery.

P. F. Cole is with Messrs. J. Sainsbury, Ltd., at Dorking, having decided that business holds out more chances of success than does agriculture.

E. W. Cuff is now first cashier at the High Holborn Branch of Lloyds Bank, Ltd.

Mr. Minchin has received a very welcome letter from George Whitworth, who is still with Messrs. Gilberts, of Swindon.

Guy Cole has given up farming and is now in business in London.

A very cheerful letter has just arrived from Ken Law, giving us the news that he is a proud father of a bonny boy. The news arrives just in time to enable us to send him and Mrs. Law our congratulations on the happy event.

O.S. CLUB NOTES.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

In order to save the rather heavy expense of publishing a new Club Booklet, a revised list of members with their addresses will be published in the June edition of "The Shastonian." The Honorary Secretary is anxious to make this list as up-to-date as possible, and asks all Members to let him know at once if their addresses have been altered or if the existing list is incorrect in any way. A new booklet will be published when the present stock is exhausted.

There are a few members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for September, 1933. Will they kindly do so as soon as possible, in order to save the extra work, worry and expense of sending out reminders. A considerable amount of extra work is caused by members forgetting to send notification of changes of address, with the result that magazines return through the post and the Club has to pay the double postage.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The 15th Annual General Meeting was held at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 18th, the President (Mr. A. J. Wescott) being in the chair.

The minutes of the 1932 meeting having been read, Dr. Cheater proposed, and Mr. E. L. Hesse seconded the proposition, that the next Annual Dinner should be held in London. The motion was carried and the Committee was asked to fix the date and make the necessary arrangements.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (1933-34).

President—Mr. R. N. Tayler, 105, Bath Road, Swindon.

President-Elect—Mr. J. W. New, 96, Cromwell Rd., London, S.W. 7.

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

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

**Hon. Auditors* (re-elected)—Mr. M. C. W. Johnson.

(*The late Mr. W. Doggrell was elected an auditor, and his successor has not yet been appointed).

The following Committee was elected :—

Messrs. G. W. Clarke, J. W. Miles, J. Icke, W. Farley Rutter, C. E. Pearce, C. S. Balhatchet, W. C. Milverton, A. J. Combes, and the late Mr. W. Doggrell.

The question of appointing a Joint Hon. Secretary to help Mr. Minchin was left to the Committee to decide.

Mr. Wescott submitted a most satisfactory balance sheet, especially in view of expenses which had been incurred during the year in connection with the presentation of Dr. Tovey's portrait to the School.

With reference to the presentation by the Club of one guinea to the Prize Fund, the meeting endorsed the action of the Committee in making it, and asked the newly-appointed Committee to consider what further help could be given in the way of prizes.

Mr. Minchin submitted a short report in which he stated that the membership stood at 421, an increase of 22 on the previous year's total. There had been, he said, no Cricket Tour during the past summer, but that one was contemplated in the summer of 1934. He expressed a hope that as many members as possible would support the tour.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

There was little to discuss under this heading, but after some consideration it was decided to restrict the attendance at the Annual Dinner to members only.

There is at the moment a large number of Club members resident in or around London, and it has been suggested that these members should decide on some rendez-vous and hold informal gatherings there on a particular day each month. If any London member would care to take on the secretarial duties of such a project, Mr. Minchin would gladly supply him with a list of members with London addresses.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

R. B. Dasher	... Vectis, Littlehampton, Sussex.
G. J. B. Brice	... Elim Lodge, Winchester Road, Bishops Waltham, Southampton.
E. H. Chandler	... "Trebarwith," Broughton Road, Banbury.
R. Heaton	... Hill View, 75, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.
R. G. Lawrence	... 33, Victoria Road, Bromsgrove, Wores.
H. R. Sims	... 82, Campbell Road, Salisbury.
E. L. Hesse	... The Limes, Hornchurch, Essex.
A. T. Doggrell	... Barber Farm, Swallowcliffe, Salisbury.
E. P. Hains	... 29, St. Paul's Road, Clifton, Bristol.
W. T. Chandler	... 269, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham.
C. E. Pearce	... 14, Burford Road, Salisbury.
L. J. H. Willis	... The Sands, High Street, Kidlington, Oxford.
H. F. B. Brown	... 6, Riverview Mansions, East Twickenham, M'dlesex
R. B. Brown	... 6, Riverview Mansions, East Twickenham, M'dlesex
H. E. Mitchell	... P.O. Box, 12, Petrusberg, O.F.S., South Africa.
C. Moore	... High Street, Stalbridge, Dorset.
S. J. Lawrence	... Cotswold House, Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Glos.
V. S. Gardner	... Waitetuna, via Hamilton, N. Island, New Zealand.
A. L. Filley	... "Donhead," 80, Merrivale Road, North End, Portsmouth.
P. F. Cole	... c/o Messrs. J. Sainsbury, Ltd., 12, High Street, Dorking.
R. N. Tayler	... 105, Bath Road, Swindon.
M. G. Jones	... 139, Ashley Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth
G. R. Cole	... 1, Grampian Gardens, Golders Green, N.W. 2.
G. L. Harding	... 560163 Station Flight, R.A.F., Duxford, Cambridge.

ADDRESSES REQUIRED.

T. R. Attwater
D. C. Hindley
G. Hemingway

E. W. Gocher
A. Jones

G. O. Genge
J. N. Robertson

NEW MEMBERS.

G. B. Garrett	...	Whitings Water, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury.
R. S. Garrett	...	Whitings Water, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury.
M. Wakefield	...	Barclays Bank, High Street, Oxford.
J. D. R. Hewer	...	18, Rochester Terrace, Camden Road, Camden Town, N.W. 1.
R. J. Davies	...	21, Ashcroft Road, Cirencester, Glos.
T. A. White	...	57, Salisbury Street, Shaftesbury.
R. B. Bruce	...	Petchys, High Laver, Ongar, Essex.
F. J. Austin	...	c/o Messrs. Chiesmans, High st., Lewisham, S.E. 13
A. W. Harding	...	Glen Feulen, Fowlers Road, Salisbury.
A. P. B. Brown	...	No. 3 Coy., Royal Military College, Camberley, Surrey.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following School Magazines:—

The Bournemouthian.

The Fosterian.

The Yeovilian.

The Winburnian.

All subscribers to the Magazine should send their subscriptions to Mr. R. B. MINCHIN (2/6 for three numbers).

No copy of a Magazine will be sent to anyone whose subscription has not been paid in advance.

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