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EDITORIAL.

IT is with the deepest regret that we record the death of Mrs. Pryce Taylor, wife of Mr. Pryce T. Taylor, who was the Headmaster of this School from 1893 to 1907. Mrs. Taylor had been in failing health for some considerable time, and succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia on January 13th.

Those Old Boys who were at school in those early days will remember with gratitude her many acts of kindness, and with them we extend to Mr. Pryce Taylor our deepest sympathy in the great loss he has sustained.

Last term, from a health point of view, was a particularly good one, our sick-room being very rarely occupied. The weather was particularly kind to us during the first two months of the term. December, however, brought with it very different conditions which persisted until the New Year.

The breaking-up entertainment was a great success, and enabled us to hand over to the War Memorial and Scholarship Funds the sum of £20. To all who worked so hard, either on or off the stage, to ensure its success, we offer our grateful thanks.

The Rugger XV. this term shows considerable promise. The pack is a great improvement on last year's, but pace is lacking in the three-quarter line. Unfortunately a case of mumps among the boarders has interfered with our fixture list. Last year a single case of scarlet fever had a similar effect, so our team has had few opportunities of comparing

its prowess with that of other schools. The keenness and enthusiasm for the game in the Upper School is decidedly pleasing, and the standard of play has greatly improved.

To Mr. Harry Johnson we again extend our grateful thanks for his kindness in allowing us to use his splendid field.

On October 22nd we had another welcome visit from Mr. Lugg, who gave us a very interesting lecture on "The Merchant of Venice."

To R. P. Jesse we offer our best thanks for his contribution to this Magazine.

SCHOOL NEWS:

NEW BOYS.

R. B. Chapman (R.) I. G. Hepworth (s.) J. A. Gray (T.)
L. H. Smith (c.)

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

VALETÈ.

V. V. ESCH.—Form I. Entered September, 1934.

R. E. MALLETT (Half-term).—Form IV. Entered September, 1932.

J. G. MERRY.—Form I. Entered January, 1934.

C. P. N. PELLING.—Form IV. Entered April, 1934.

E. J. PULMAN.—Form VI.—Entered September, 1928. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Examination, July, 1934. Prefect, January, 1934. Cricket XI., 1934. Football XI., 1933-34. Athletic Team, 1934.

N. C. RIDEOUT.—Form II. Entered September, 1932.

R. H. TARRANT.—Form "Upper V." Entered April, 1931. Prefect, Jan., 1934. Cricket XI., 1934.

PREFECTS.

J. R. Lawrence (Head Prefect).

J. M. Harding. W. F. Chapman. R. J. W. Edwards. J. E. Russell.
M. F. Murphy. G. R. Tucker. F. D. Barrett.

HEAD BOYS.

(In alphabetical order.)

L. S. Burden. D. P. Darrington. J. N. Davey. H. J. Edwards.
R. H. Frearson. F. J. Green. J. D. Hawkins. W. G. King.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

Corinthians—J. M. Harding. | *Spartans*—G. S. Gibbings.
Romans—J. D. Hawkins. | *Trojans*—J. E. Russell.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Name.	Examination.
N. C. Rideout	... Preliminary Examination of the Royal Schools of Music. Passed with distinction.
V. V. Esch	... Entrance Exam. to Christ's Hospital (Horsham).

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS.

1st XI.

Sat. Oct. 6	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Home	Lost 3-6
" " 20	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Home	Won 11-1
Wed. Nov. 7	...	Bournemouth School	...	Home	Won 4-3
" " 14	...	Old Shastonians	...	Home	Lost 4-7
Sat. " 17	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Away	Lost 3-6
Wed. " 28	...	Bournemouth School	...	Away	Lost 1-5
Sat. Dec. 1	...	Blandford Grammar School	...	Away	Won 3-2
Wed. " 5	...	Dorchester Grammar School	...	Home	Won 5-2
Sat. " 8	...	Wimborne Grammar School	...	Away	Lost 3-11

WITH MASTERS.

Wed. Oct. 31	...	Southern Amateur League	...	Home	Lost 3-10
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2nd XI.

Sat. Oct. 6	...	Wimborne G.S. 2nd XI.	...	Away	Lost 1-5
Wed. " 24	...	Foster's School, Sherborne	...	Home	Lost 1-2
" Nov. 21	...	Dorchester G.S. 2nd XI.	...	Home	Won 6-1
" Dec. 5	...	Dorchester G.S. 2nd XI.	...	Away	Drew 2-2
Sat. " 8	...	Wimborne G.S. 2nd XI.	...	Home	Lost 1-3

"Under 14" XI.

Wed. Oct. 10	...	Foster's S., Sherborne (Under 14)...	...	Away	Lost 3-4
" " 17	...	Crewkerne School (Under 14)	...	Home	Won 14-0
Sat. Nov. 10	...	Crewkerne School (Under 14)	...	Away	Won 7-0
Wed. " 28	...	Taunton School (Under 14)	...	Away	Won 3-1
" Dec. 12	...	Foster's S., Sherborne (Under 14)...	...	Home	Lost 2-3

Unfortunately one can hardly describe the football of 1934 as anything but unsatisfactory, that is, if one is to be guided by a comparison with the results of other years. When, however, one takes into consideration the fact that no less than three of the first eleven were playing in the "Under 14" team the previous year, it does to some extent explain matters. All honour to the three who proved themselves better than any others in their respective positions, but one cannot help feeling that the older and stronger boys should be playing for their School.

Several very valuable lessons can be learned from the season's play, and it is up to future players to profit by them; it is in order that this may be rendered more easy that a rather severe criticism is attempted here.

First of all, in two or three matches the policy was wrong; a number of players paid far too much attention to the man and not enough to the ball, and one of the worst offenders in this respect was one of the previous season's "Under 14" team. In the match against the Old Shastonians, for example, to see J. E. Russell charge a player of the size of A. J. Coombes was—well, to say the least—ridiculous. Only a very experienced player can hope to give away five or six stone in a

shoulder charge, and his experience tells him to avoid that type of play if possible; courageous perhaps, but not very sensible. As is only to be expected, this form of play led to bad passing; a player who goes for the man instead of the ball loses sight of the latter, and consequently does not give an effective pass even if he is lucky enough to touch the ball.

Secondly, lack of speed; this was particularly apparent in the match against the Southern Amateur League. We were again favoured by their visit, and had an exhibition which it is to be hoped did us good. We were soundly beaten in a match in which J. M. Harding played a remarkable game; with his partner he had an enormous amount of work to do, and it would have been excusable had he not lasted out the match, but by his clever positional play he saved himself so that he was as good at the end as he was at the beginning. C. Coats, in goal, saved many shots which might easily have beaten older boys. Whilst not detracting from his exhibition in the least, this seems a suitable place in which to mention an often neglected side of goal keeping—place kicking. When the S.A.L. forwards attacked and put the ball behind, they had to go back about thirty yards, this being the average extent of Coats' kick, so that their next move to get the ball back to Coates' goal was thirty yards, while the S.G.S. forwards had to take the ball about seventy in order to reach their opponents' goal. The reverse was not the case, the S.A.L. goalkeeper reaching the half-way line practically every time. There seems to be an idea among young goalkeepers that greater distance is achieved by picking the ball up after the back has tapped it to him, but there are two points to be remembered in this connection; it puts the back who has to tap the ball out of position, and the flight of the ball is much higher than from a direct kick, so that the opposing defence has more time to go towards the forward who is waiting for the ball and so make it more difficult for him to do what is wanted.

Actually at the beginning of the term it seemed that the team would, as it were, pick itself, but as it turned out this was not the case. There were present at school four of the 1933 team, J. M. Harding, E. J. Pulman, R. J. Edwards and J. E. Russell, of whom J. M. Harding was appointed captain. Contrary to experience, it looked as though the forward line would give least anxiety; J. E. Russell was expected to remain in the centre, having E. J. Pulman and E. S. Stone on the wings, with L. S. Burden and F. D. Barrett as the inside forwards. The trouble started in the centre. In 1933 J. E. Russell had two powerful inside forwards, and consequently had no need to wander in search of the ball, but this year he attempted to do too much and in doing this was frequently out of position,

so that he changed places with L. S. Burden after E. J. Pulman had been tried in this important place. F. D. Barrett started the season very promisingly, but did not maintain this promise; A. R. M. Tanner played one very good game as an inside forward, but flattered to deceive so that finally G. H. Allard was selected. E. S. Stone was another player who went off, and badly too. This was a pity, because Stone has a very strong kick, and can on occasion put in an excellent shot. However, after an extended trial he had to give place to G. S. Gibbings, who, when he had overcome his nervousness, was good. The left wing gave no trouble; E. J. Pulman and J. E. Russell both proved their worth.

Goal keeping is always an ordeal, and considering his age, C. Coats came through the season with credit. It would be unfair to the rest of the team to say that he inspired them with confidence, but his experience this year should be invaluable to him next. We had to start the season without J. D. Hawkins, and R. H. Frearson who took his place, worked hard. C. G. Jeffries showed that he was not afraid of work and improved greatly. R. J. Edwards, J. M. Harding and W. F. Chapman formed a good line of halves. The outsides, however, did not succeed in their constructive play quite as well as they might have done, being rather too obvious in their movements, Chapman particularly so. The forwards failed as a line owing to the tendency of the insides to hang back. They certainly have a duty to mark their man, but when once the ball has been passed to an attacking forward they must exert all their running power to be ready to turn the centres which come across into the goal. E. J. Russell was seldom up enough, preferring to hang back so that he was only just inside the penalty area, and there he waited for a bad clearance; from these he frequently scored; in fact most of his goals were scored from about this spot. Such bad clearances should be left to the half backs, that is the one reason why they follow up an attack, and J. M. Harding and R. J. Edwards were both capable of dealing with them.

J. M. Harding and E. J. Russell both played in the games organised by the Amateur Football Alliance for boys during the holidays. Harding played against the Midland Bank, one of the few matches which the boys managed to win, and Russell played against the Old Colfeians. R. J. Edwards would have played, but he was unable to make the journey.

2nd XI.

The second eleven, though not exactly successful as far as winning matches were concerned, were by no means disgraced, for in five matches they only gave away thirteen goals, and the

members of the defence are to be congratulated. G. N. K. Belbin in goal, was only slightly inferior to C. Coats; he has a better kick, but is slow in getting down to the low shots. J. N. Davey and R. H. Frearson both worked hard at back; the former is very handicapped in that he is quite unable to kick a ball with his left foot. As a line the half backs were good; R. H. Tarrant in the centre, frequently set his forwards going with judicious passes, setting his side an excellent example. H. T. Imber was rather nervous on occasions, but his positional play was good, and he should prove a very sound player next year. D. P. Darrington tackled well, and passed with judgment. The two outsides were the best of the forward line. M. F. Murphy performed very creditably when called upon to deputise for E. J. Pulman in the first eleven. E. S. Stone was inclined to try to shoot from impossible angles, so spoiling some of his work. M. A. Tory in the centre, has an excellent idea of what to do with the ball when it comes to him, but he must learn to move quicker to it; he gives very nice passes to his wings and is capable of putting in a most unexpected shot. The inside forwards worked very hard in mid-field, but were lamentably weak in front of goal.

Quite a number of players had trials in the second eleven, G. N. K. Belbin, R. C. Emery and F. J. Green were tried as goal keepers; the first named proved to be the most successful. R. C. Emery is as yet small for this position, but he shows distinct promise. In addition to J. H. Davey and R. H. Frearson, F. D. Barrett and A. R. M. Tanner played back, but both of them were put towards the end of the season into the forward line. Tanner tries hard, but lacks ball control and consequently does not make a clever forward; he is, however, a bustling player and in this way makes his presence felt. The half-back line, composed of D. P. Darrington, R. H. Tarrant and H. T. Imber, was distinctly good. A. J. Palmer and H. J. Edwards who also played, did so creditably, and next season when most probably their services will be required regularly, they will find the benefit of the games they played. M. G. Watton, A. J. Coward and A. Ford all show promise as forwards, the last in particular.

"UNDER 14."

After the first match the "Under 14" team developed into a workmanlike and enthusiastic side. Tory at centre forward, played with great vigour and used his speed to good effect. His shooting with either foot was good, but he depended too much on openings made for him by the other forwards. Domoney, after playing very well at centre half against Foster's School, went to inside right and greatly strengthened the attack. He is an intelligent footballer, but rather inclined

to keep the ball too long. At inside left, Burden was quite good and on occasions shot well. Hardy should develop into a very good right wing, while on the left Barrett's only weakness was in giving the final pass. Tuffin at centre half was sound; he knows how to position himself and hold the forwards together. The wing halves, Bartlett, Davies and Glaze, were hard working and persistent. Jennings played in every match at left back, and was usually good; he is very fast and keen, and when his kicking improves he should be extremely useful. The other back, Palmer, while inferior in positional play, has a good kick and was quite effective.

The most pleasing feature of the season's play was the complete unselfishness of the whole side. Often, a forward, with a good chance of scoring himself, passed to some other member of the side who was in a better position to shoot.

The results fairly reflect the ability of the side. We fully deserved our three wins, but Foster's School played better football to beat us twice.

DETAILS OF FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

S.G.S. v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Shaftesbury on Saturday, October 6th. The School were without J. D. Hawkins, and R. H. Frearson played his first match for the First Eleven. S.G.S. were slow in settling down, and allowed Wimborne to get the upper hand. Though the play was fairly even, the S.G.S. forwards could not force home their attacks and Wimborne won by six goals to three.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Shaftesbury on Saturday, October 20th. There was no scoring for some time in this match, but when it began it continued at a pace. S.G.S. were the first to score; then, after Blandford equalised, Shaftesbury scored ten more. J. E. Russell could do nothing wrong, scoring no less than seven times. As can be imagined from the score, the School halves had complete control of the game, plying their forwards with excellent passes.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL.—Played at Shaftesbury on Wednesday, Nov. 7th. In this match the School team played better than in any other. The defence were quicker on the ball, and the passing among the forwards showed a distinct improvement on that previously seen. C. Coats saved two shots in excellent manner, and the backs and half-backs seldom allowed a Bournemouth forward to steady himself for a shot. J. M. Harding was particularly good, and J. E. Russell

was excellent in attack, while L. S. Burden was untiring in his efforts and successful with his passes. The result was a fair reflection of the game.

S.G.S. v. OLD SHASTONIANS.—Played on Wednesday, Nov. 14th. The present boys were opposed to a fairly heavy side of Old Boys, and it was in this match in particular that the wrong policy was most noticeable. At half time the score was 4-1 against the School, and then it looked as though the result would be much worse than it was. However, early in the second half the present boys made very determined efforts and scored twice, and with the score at 4-3 their efforts increased, but they were unable to obtain the equalising goal. When the O.S. scored a fifth the School seemed to lose their grip on the game and allowed the O.S. to increase their lead, so that they finished up winners by seven goals to three.

S.G.S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Dorchester on Saturday, Nov. 17th. The game was more evenly contested than the score would suggest. Unfortunately, S.G.S. were again slow in settling down and allowed Dorchester to obtain a lead of three goals. This lead they were never able to reduce. J. M. Harding played his customary hard game, while in the forward line L. S. Burden and E. J. Pulman were good. The final score was 6-3 in favour of Dorchester.

S.G.S. v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL.—Played at Bournemouth on Wednesday, Nov. 28th. The game resulted in a win for the home team by six goals to one. S.G.S. found the dry ground very different from their own, but Bournemouth School must have experienced the same difficulty on Nov. 7th. The state of the ground may partially explain why the passes were always going astray, but players should have overcome this after a few minutes, but they never succeeded in so doing. The defence was fairly good, R. J. Edwards and J. M. Harding being very good; but the forwards were definitely bad. C. Coats had the misfortune to put his finger out, though this had no effect on the result. In fact, when he went to outside right he went nearer to scoring a goal than anyone else had done, for the goal which stands to S.G.S. was off one of the Bournemouth defenders.

S.G.S. v. BLANDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Blandford on Saturday, December 1st. This was an evenly-contested game, very different from that played at Shaftesbury. The ground was very sticky and both sides found it difficult to control the ball. J. M. Harding in the centre was again excellent, but the halves were passing too hard for the forwards, not realising how difficult it was to move quickly.

L. S. Burden tried very hard, but in nearly every case their back got to the ball first. M. F. Murphy and G. S. Gibbings on the wings both played quite well, but the latter was too nervous and passed when it would have been better had he taken the ball further down the field. The Blandford goal-keeper was in excellent form, saving three shots magnificently.

S. G. S. v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Shaftesbury on Wednesday, Dec. 5th. The result was a win for Shaftesbury by five goals to two. Shaftesbury settled down much more quickly than in previous matches, probably remembering the three goals which Dorchester scored against them when the match was played at Dorchester. The defence was very sound in this game, the backs being both very good and covering one another splendidly. L. S. Burden and G. S. Gibbings were always on the look out for openings, and they were splendidly backed up by G. H. Allard and J. E. Russell. M. F. Murphy was better in the first than in the second half.

S. G. S. v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Wimborne on Saturday, Dec. 8th. In the first half S. G. S. pressed hard, but were unable to round off some neat forward movements. Wimborne scored first, but a good pass from J. M. Harding enabled J. E. Russell to equalise. Gradually the superior weight and cleverness of Wimborne told, with the result that we lost 3-11. L. S. Burden and J. M. Harding scored the other goals for the School, the latter playing throughout in his usual, spirited fashion.



CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

- C. COATS (goal).—He did not improve as much as could be expected; lacks confidence; he made some excellent saves and with another year's growth should develop into a very useful player.
- C. G. JEFFRIES (right back).—Possesses a strong kick, but is inclined to take the man when he should go for the ball; he should also try to get rid of the ball to better advantage. He never gave up trying and definitely improved as the season progressed.
- J. D. HAWKINS (left back).—A strong fearless tackler with a useful idea of positional play; rather on the slow side.
- R. J. EDWARDS (right half).—Has a good knowledge of the game and is a difficult player to pass; he could, however, make more use of the ball when passing.
- J. M. HARDING (centre half and captain).—He is a better back than half back, but there was nobody to take this difficult position which he filled with great credit. He has a sound knowledge of positional play, and set a splendid example to his team.
- W. F. CHAPMAN (left half).—Pays too much attention to the man. He is a very difficult player to pass and, if beaten, he soon gets back to tackle again.
- G. S. GIBBINGS (outside right).—Lacks the experience to know when to pass and when to take the ball himself; this should come; has plenty of speed and centres well.
- G. H. ALLARD (inside right).—His mid-field play is good; he passes well, but is a poor shot.
- L. S. BURDEN (centre forward).—He distributes the ball well and has a very useful shot, but his lack of ball control is a handicap.
- J. E. RUSSELL (inside left).—Has splendid ball control, which, unless he is careful, will spoil his value to a side as he is inclined to hang on to the ball. Has a good knowledge of the game, and is a useful shot.
- E. J. PULMAN (outside left).—Is decidedly fast and uses his speed to advantage. When the opportunity comes he can put in an excellent shot, but must not overdo this.

CADET CORPS.

The following Cadets have left School—Cpl. E. J. Pulman and Cadet Pelling.

The chief item of interest since our last issue is the result of the shoot for the King's Trophy.

We obtained an average of 73'4, and were placed 29th out of 54 Corps who competed. Two Cadets secured the distinction of being classified as Empire 1st Class Shots, and were awarded badges. Of Platoons, No. 3 were the most successful, averaging 76'18. Based on the results of this competition, we once again secure the Shooting Cup (Lucas Tooth) for Dorset Schools Cadet Corps.

The Public Secondary Schools Cadet Camp will be held this summer at Hunstanton, on the Norfolk Coast. We hope to raise a contingent.

PROMOTIONS (1st Oct., 1934):—

Sgt. J. Lawrence to be Acting C.S.M.

To be Cpls. : Lce.-Cpls. F. D. Barrett, Hawkins, Mottley.

To be Lce.-Cpls. : Cadets Murphy, Green, Frearson, Chapman. Mr. Guthrie has received a commission as 2nd Lieut. in the Corps.

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

LIBRARY.

The following books have been presented to the Library since our last issue, and we are very grateful to the donors.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Mystery Book" ...	Thomson ...	R. L. H. Barnes.
"Spook Stories" ...	Benson ...	P. Mottley.
"The Ghost Book" ...	Asquith ...	"
"The Endless Furrow" ...	Street ...	Mr. Minchin.
"Country Days" ...	" ...	"
"Land Everlasting" ...	" ...	"
"Goodbye Mr. Chips" ...	Hilton ...	"
"My Odyssey" ...	McLaren ...	J. L. Tait (O.S.)
"The Safety Curtain" ...	Dell ...	J. R. Lawrence.
"The Watchers" ...	Mason ...	"
"The Valley of Bells" ...	Whitelaw ...	"
"The House of Rothschild" ...	Browne ...	"
"Only an Ensign" ...	Grant ...	J. E. Russell.
"The Motor Scout" ...	Strang ...	"
"Blackie's Boys' Annual" ...	" ...	"
"The Empire Annual for New Zealand Boys" ...	" ...	"
"Robin Hood and his Merry Men" ...	" ...	"
"Three Joskins at St. Jude's" ...	Goodyear ...	D. P. Darrington.
"Carrotty Broom" ...	Neill ...	"
"Robbery under Arms" ...	Boldrewood ...	"
"In the Steps of the Master" ...	Morton ...	Dr. C. H. Tovey.
"Tiger Standish" ...	Horler ...	Mr. Ramshaw.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

DESPITE the calls made upon the services of some members of the Debating Society by the end-of-term play and other entertainments, the Society flourished well last term. The Hon. Secretary was at times in the usual difficulty of securing speakers, but that is no exception to the rule that the office of hon. secretary is no sinecure. Perhaps it is characteristic of boys to wish to speak when it is not allowed, and refuse to do so on fit occasions: this was indeed true last term, and human nature is of slow change. However, verbose instincts are apparently aroused by controversial subjects: evidence of this was shown by lively comments—again, why so rare?—when the house was invited to give its views.

The President of the Society was J. R. Lawrence; the Vice-President, E. J. Pulman; and the Hon. Secretary, G. R. Tucker. These, together with Mr. H. R. Holloway and J. N. Davey, comprised the Committee.

The following debates were held:—

Oct. 13th.—“That fox hunting as a sport, is cruel and unnecessary: and should be abolished.”—*Rejected*.

Proposed by R. C. Cross.

Opposed by D. P. Darrington.

Seconded by P. Mottley.

Seconded by T. C. Tozer.

Oct. 27th.—“That newspapers have done more to ruin the sporting qualities of our national games than any other factor.”—*Rejected*.

Proposed by M. G. Watton.

Opposed by G. S. Gibbings.

Seconded by P. R. Gatehouse.

Seconded by A. R. Tanner.

Nov. 10th.—“That boys and girls should be educated together.”—*Carried*.

Proposed by Mr. A. R. Cave.

Opposed by Mr. L. C. Guthrie.

Seconded by E. J. Pulman.

Seconded by J. N. Davey.

Nov. 24th.—“That international rivalry in sport is a menace to goodwill between nations.”—*Rejected*.

Proposed by W. G. King.

Opposed by R. J. Edwards.

Seconded by E. S. Stone.

Seconded by J. M. Harding.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

ROMANS.

The football season of 1934 proved rather unsuccessful. We had four 1st XI. colours in the senior team, but the rest, except one 2nd XI. boy, were very poor. The remainder, unluckily, spoiled the openings made by the 1st XI. colours, and all the hard work was sometimes in vain. However, they all tried hard.

The senior matches proved that the team played well individually, but were unable to combine. L. S. Burden was one of the best players in the team; he worked hard in every game, and, with the untiring efforts of E. S. Stone, he was able to save the team in many a crisis. Coats in goal played remarkably well, saving some marvellous shots, and deserves much praise. K. Barnes at right back played well, but was inexperienced, although he tried hard. The forwards were very disappointing and missed many good chances. It must be said that they were very small, but they ought to have scored more goals. G. H. Allard was easily the best, and tried his utmost to keep the forward line together. M. G. Watton is a player who, when he is older and bigger, should make a good inside forward; he now lacks size and experience.

Among the juniors there was no one outstanding. D. H. Ryall in goal saved many fine shots, and was worthy of his place. The backs were fairly sound; they were E. F. Jesse and E. S. Dyke; but they will have to learn more about the position to become good players. Of the halves, W. King (captain) played well and led the team with much spirit. Esch, although very young, played with much vigour. We were unfortunate in losing him at the end of the term. R. E. Davies and E. J. Chown were easily the best forwards. Chown in particular deserves much praise, as he scored many goals and worked very hard.

Both teams worked with great zeal, but did not snap up easy chances as they should have done.

SENIOR TEAM.—J. D. Hawkins, L. S. Burden, E. S. Stone, G. H. Allard, C. Coats, M. G. Watton, K. H. Barnes, R. O. Young, D. F. Ricketts, E. S. Dyke, A. J. Coward.

JUNIOR TEAM.—W. King (capt.), D. H. Ryall, R. F. Sessions, E. F. Jesse, P. Mottley, E. J. Chown, V. V. Esch, D. E. Churchill, D. E. Coward, R. E. Davies, W. F. Jacobs. Also played—A. J. Ellesworth.

SPARTANS.

The two teams which represented the Spartans this term, were, as they have been in previous years, strong in the seniors, while the juniors seemed to make little progress in gaining the House any points.

The senior team combined very well, and the players in all positions stuck to their task with the utmost keenness. Of the team, it can be safely said that E. J. Pulman was by far the best player on the side, while A. R. Tanner was a constant danger to the opposing teams. Although each match saw us with a fresh goalkeeper, R. C. Emery was the best of the three. M. F. Murphy played there once, but he was of better value on the wing. R. H. Frearson played well as a back, and saved some very nasty situations, which might have proved fatal to the House.

The juniors this term were much below average, owing to their lack of experience in the game, but there were amongst them some who showed a small amount of talent, which we hope will materialise in the near future. A. A. Higgins and E. J. Foot played consistently throughout the matches, whilst P. A. Clements and E. Bartlett also deserve mention.

But in spite of the efforts of these players, the juniors failed to gain us a point. So it is hoped that in the future the juniors will do their utmost to pull their weight and combine with the seniors in following the fine example of those who have gone before them, by once again having the name of the "Spartans" engraved on the shield.

SENIOR TEAM.—R. C. Emery, R. H. Tarrant, R. H. Frearson, E. Bartlett, J. W. Sully, M. F. Murphy, G. S. Gibbings, A. R. Tanner, J. R. Domoney, E. J. Pulman (captain), D. Waseley.

JUNIOR TEAM.—J. R. Richardson, N. H. Foot, E. J. Foot, R. C. Cross, K. Stainer, P. A. Clements, L. A. Templeman, J. A. Friend, A. A. Higgins, P. Nutbeem, T. R. Dear.

G. S. G.

CORINTHIANS.

The Corinthians gained only one point from the Inter-House contests of the 1934 football season, and this was won by the junior team. The senior XI. was very disappointing, as it only managed to draw one match, but the junior XI. showed fine promise. They won two of their matches, coming second in the junior competition, which, as they were easily the youngest team of the four Houses, augurs well for the future.

The senior team lacked co-operation, which was hardly to be wondered at when the team is considered individually. The team contained three 1st XI. colours, with five players under fourteen years of age, and the latter's lack of experience was

a severe handicap. A. C. C. Thresher played pluckily in goal, but his lack of height was a great handicap. C. D. St. G. Jeffries was a tower of strength at left full back, his tackling and kicking being invaluable. His partner, D. M. T. Harrison, also did good work, but he will improve considerably when he acquires more experience and confidence. Of the half backs, R. J. W. Edwards was easily the most prominent, and deserves the highest praise for the way in which he not only defended, but also fed his forwards. The wing halves, R. W. Rowland and A. J. Palmer, defended well. Of the forwards, F. D. Barrett, L. O. Barrett and W. Hardy, deserve special mention. F. D. Barrett, the inside left, was responsible for many strong attacks being set up by the forwards, and his younger brother supported him well. W. Hardy, the outside right, possesses speed and enough tricks to best his man.

The junior XI. was ably captained by H. J. Edwards, who was a tower of strength, whether defending or attacking, at centre half. The backs, A. E. Snook and T. W. Souden, were erratic, but saved many dangerous situations. C. R. J. Mitchell played consistently well at left half. All the forwards did good work; G. T. Bartlett has the making of a fine footballer, as have also W. J. Burden and A. M. Turpin.

The average age of the Corinthians at the present time is easily below that of any of the other Houses, and so there is little cause for worry over the rather disappointing football results. There are many natural footballers in the House, and when they are a little more developed we shall again win the football competition.

The following represented the Corinthians:—

SENIOR.—A. C. Thresher, D. M. Harrison, C. G. Jeffries, R. W. Rowland, R. J. Edwards, A. J. Palmer, W. Hardy, J. M. Harding, P. Dufosse, F. D. Barrett, L. O. Barrett, J. H. S. Lee.

JUNIOR.—R. P. Gatehouse, J. A. E. Snook, T. W. Souden, P. Pelling, H. J. Edwards (capt.), C. R. Mitchell, G. T. Bartlett, R. F. Coaker, W. J. Burden, A. M. Turpin, J. C. Beck, V. J. Rawlins.

J. H. M.

TROJANS.

The football term of 1934 saw the Trojan flag flying high before the term ended. After a long period at the bottom of the list we once more reached the top, and so won the football with a total of 6½ points. Every Trojan is to be congratulated on a very fine show of keenness and sportsmanship.

In previous terms, during the past year or two, it has always been the juniors who have done the best. But this time there was a complete *volte-face*, and the seniors displaced the juniors from their position. As a team the seniors played

extraordinarily well, and it was pleasing to see plenty of accurate passing. We won two of our three matches and drew the other. Each time the score tells its own story—that is, a hard-fought game. Each member of the team played a hard game, and it was through each man “doing his bit” that we won. M. A. Tory was the chief senior goal-scorer. He played in the centre and was a continual danger to our opponents. Chapman at centre-half worked hard and more than once saved us. Our one difficulty was to find a senior goalkeeper—what goalkeepers we had being too small. But this was soon solved when N. K. Belbin played in that position; his height served him in good stead and he speedily improved, and should one day—if he quickens himself up—be a really excellent goalkeeper. Our senior halves were excellent, Tuffin at times displaying amazing form, while H. Imber was always consistent. Ford and Sansom played well on the wings, particularly Ford. Of course it goes without saying that Darrington at right back played well in all games.

The juniors deserve every bit of praise they get, but I am certain that had they been quicker on the ball they would have won the match against the Romans. They were ably led by G. R. Tucker, who set the side a good example, and one the side were pleased to follow. W. Jennings was the most outstanding of the juniors. He is an excellent back with a good kick, and tackles hard and fearlessly; he should go a long way as a back. Meaden, his partner, was also good, while H. Pearson has the makings of a goalkeeper. P. Buckland was the chief goal scorer, and was easily the best of the forwards. His speed and dribbling often baffled his opponents. C. Rooks on the left wing was good, and his speed beat his opponents. K. Walbridge was only just inferior to Buckland; he is a good player who tackles fearlessly and passes well. The rest all played well, and we look to them to make a good senior side in the future.

Thus our term of glory came to an end, and we can only hope for more glory in the following terms. I am sure that if everyone is as keen on athletics and cricket as they were at football, we shall soon see the Trojan name once more engraved on the shield.

The following represented the Trojans in the House football:—

SENIOR (selected from).—J. K. Miles, N. K. Belbin, D. P. Darrington, J. E. Russell, K. Tuffin, W. F. Chapman, H. Imber, A. Sansom, F. J. Green, P. Buckland, M. A. Tory, J. N. Davey, H. Ford.

JUNIOR.—H. Pearson, W. Jennings, H. R. Meaden, G. Tucker, W. O. P. Miles, W. J. Miles, T. C. Tozer, P. Buckland, C. W. Rooks, K. Walbridge, G. Hine.

J. E. R.

The individual results were as follows :—

SENIOR.			JUNIOR.		
Trojans	beat Corinthians	2-1	Trojans	beat Corinthians	5-3
"	" Spartans ...	2-1	"	" Spartans ...	2-1
"	drew Romans ...	1-1	"	lost Romans ...	2-6
Corinthians	" Romans ...	1-1	Corinthians	beat Romans	5-3
"	lost Spartans ...	0-3	"	" Spartans ...	11-2
Spartans	beat Romans ...	2-1	Spartans	lost Romans	1-2

The points thus gained for this year's Shield Competition were :—Trojans 6½, Spartans 3, Romans 2½, Corinthians 1½.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

THIS annual event took place in the Memorial Hall on Friday, Nov. 23rd, when the prizes were distributed by the Earl of Radnor. The chair was taken by the Mayor of Shaftesbury (Alderman R. W. Borley, Chairman of the School Governing Body), who was supported by the Rev. N. S. Lawrie (Vice-Chairman), the Rev. H. H. Coley, and the Headmaster. A very large number of parents and friends were present.

The Mayor opened the proceedings by offering a very hearty welcome to his Lordship, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering present. He spoke of the encouragement afforded to the Governors and to the staff of the School by the knowledge that they had the confidence and co-operation of the parents and boys, a confidence that was also shared by the town and neighbourhood of Shaftesbury.

In presenting his third annual report, Mr. Minchin said that he thought the past year, from an educational point of view, could be considered a successful one. In the July Cambridge School Certificate Examinations, with a much younger form, the school had secured the same number of certificates as it had done the previous year, namely, ten. He was unable to report the acquisition of a list of honours and distinctions for the simple reason that the Cambridge authorities had for some unknown reason thought fit to discontinue their awards, the mark "very good" being the highest form of praise obtainable.

In addition to the ten Certificates gained by the Upper V. Form, R. P. Jesse (Form VI.) secured a particularly good Higher School Certificate with high marks in all the ten papers set. He had gone up to Queen's College, Cambridge, with no less than four certificates—two "School" (1930-31) and two "Higher School" (1933-34), a performance without

precedent in the history of Shaftesbury Grammar School. Jesse's success substantiated the theory that the boy who played well, worked well, for he was a keen participator in all out-of-school activities.

Continuing, Mr. Minchin said that the chief feature of the successes in the School Certificate Examination was the extreme youth of the candidates, three of them being only fourteen years of age. Three boys, W. G. King, E. S. Stone and G. R. Tucker obtained exemption from the London Matriculation Examination. A special word of praise was due to King, who obtained six credits and passed in Spoken French.

During the past year, Peter Brown had passed his Army Entrance Examination and had gone to Sandhurst; G. W. G. Buckland the London Matriculation Examination, and J. M. Day the Bank Entrance Examination. J. L. Tait had secured the first place on the scholarship list at Wellington School, and had secured an award of £60 per annum. The workshop had also had its success, R. C. Emery obtaining the first prize in the junior handicraft section of the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Agricultural Show with a very cleverly constructed model of the Lord Mayor's coach.

Mr. Minchin said he had spoken at length on the question of examinations because he realised their importance in days of limited opportunities and high educational standards. A boy with a School Certificate, or, better still, a Higher School Certificate, undoubtedly stood a better chance of attaining success early in life, no matter what profession or trade he entered. There was a tendency, he thought, for boys to look upon the Certificate Examination as the last rung in the educational ladder, but he reminded them that qualities such as perseverance and mental concentration must be cultivated far beyond the stages of their school examinations. That that was being done by many who had left the school was amply proved by the recent successes of many Old Shastonianians. During the past year two Old Boys had passed the final of the Law Society's Examinations, and another the Pre-Medical Examination of the Royal College of Surgeons.

There was, he said, in scholastic and parental circles, a good deal of controversy as to what should be included or excluded from a school curriculum. Compared with those in existence many years ago, the present curriculum was a wide one and had reached the stage when any new subject must necessarily be substitutional rather than additional. Two minor alterations had been made, the introduction of physics into the middle school and some book-keeping into the post-certificate form.

With regard to the school games, he confessed to being a little disappointed; but some allowance must be made for the low average age of the first elevens. The agricultural depression also had an adverse effect in that it removed from the school, at the age of fifteen or sixteen, boys who, in normal times, would stay until they were eighteen years of age. They thus left before they had reached their best form.

The cricket XI. of 1934 was a distinct improvement on that of 1933, but the standard of play was mediocre. The football XI. was holding its own, but did not shine as a team, although it contained good individual players. The general turn-out on Mondays and Thursdays was excellent, for out of the 165 boys in the school no less than 157 played football.

The Cadet Corps, in spite of a certain amount of mild opposition from those who fondly imagined its activities threatened the peace of Europe, continued to flourish. Twenty-two recruits had been enrolled that term, and he felt sure that those who had witnessed their marching on Armistice Sunday would agree that they were rapidly becoming proficient. To the growing boy the training received in the Corps was invaluable, and he could assure parents that it made boys self-reliant and able to issue and to obey an order. Surely those qualities were as essential to his future career as those derived from his school studies.

With regard to numbers, Mr. Minchin said he was glad to be able to report an increase of fifteen on the previous term's total. The increase had been most marked in the number of day-boys, but the number of boarders had increased too. The class-room accommodation was being taxed to its utmost, for in two class-rooms of limited size, there were no less than 70 boys, leaving no vacancy for other entrants. He expressed a sincere hope that, in the near future, some extension of the present buildings could be considered. The changing rooms too, were very overcrowded and inadequate.

Mr. Minchin then paid tribute to the work of the masters, and thanked them for the many hours they gave in the supervision of such activities as the Cadet Corps, Games, Theatrical Productions, Concerts, School Choir, Debating Society, Magazine, etc., and acknowledged the great help they were giving him.

He said the School owed a great debt to the Mayor and to the Board of Governors over which he had the honour to preside. He thanked them very sincerely, and expressed his gratitude to the Old Shastonian Club and to all those ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly given prizes or contributed to the prize fund.

By the passing away of Mr. Walter Shaw Stewart and the retirement through illness of Mr. Kent, the School had suffered a severe loss. Both gentlemen were great supporters of Shaftesbury Grammar School and would be sadly missed. To Mr. E. N. G. Arkell, Mr. Kent's successor, he extended a very hearty welcome.

Mr. Minchin concluded by thanking Lord Radnor for his great kindness in coming there that afternoon, an honour which the School greatly appreciated.

Addressing the audience, Lord Radnor said examinations undoubtedly were a proof of the education that was being offered at a School. There was no question about it that the Shaftesbury Grammar School stood high among other schools. It was true that the harder one worked the more chance one would have of winning prizes, but neither at school nor later in life were there enough prizes for everyone. In fact, there were very few who got, if he might so put it, the visible prizes. It did not mean that they need give up hope of giving themselves satisfaction. Everyone should be his own severest critic. If they set themselves a high standard and reached that standard, they attained a satisfaction which was very likely far above the satisfaction which they might get from a prize. They would have done their very best, and the self-satisfaction of that high standard must be their reward.

He had found in life that there were far too many people who hesitated to say or to do something, even though they knew it to be right, until they had found out whether other people approved of what they proposed to say or to do. That led very often to uncertain action, to indifferent results. He found more and more that it was desirable to say and to do straight out what they knew to be right without waiting for the approval or disapproval of anyone.

Approval and applause were not nearly so important as respect. If they earned respect they would go a long way. All of those boys would in due course have to go out into the world. They would all have a job to do. It would entail getting the means to live in the way in which they wished to live, but that was not all. They would be citizens of this country, and what the country wanted more than anything else was people who would do their job honestly and well.

Hearty thanks to Lord Radnor for his attendance were proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Rev. N. S. Lawrie.

After the ceremony the visitors were entertained to tea by Mr. and Miss Minchin.

PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.

Form VI.	...	...	R. P. Jesse.
Form V.	...	...	H. J. Edwards and W. G. King.
Form Lower V.	...	...	J. L. Tait and J. M. Harding.
Form IV.	...	...	E. Bartlett and R. C. Cross.
Form III.	...	...	W. J. Burden and R. E. G. Davies.
Form II.	...	...	W. F. Jacobs and T. E. Dear.
Form I.	...	...	R. Crofts and N. C. Rideout.

SPECIAL PRIZES (good work and progress).

Form Upper V.	...	...	R. J. W. Edwards, E. S. Stone, G. R. Tucker.
Form Lower V.	...	...	R. H. Frearson (<i>Divinity prize</i>).
Form IV.	...	...	J. D. Hawkins.
Form III.	...	...	J. R. Domoney.
Form II.	...	...	W. C. Riggs and E. J. Foot.
Form I.	...	...	P. T. Rutter.

CAMBRIDGE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

R. P. Jesse.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

H. J. Edwards, W. G. King, E. S. Stone, R. J. W. Edwards,
G. R. Tucker, H. J. Ford, J. R. Lawrence, J. E. Russell,
E. J. Pulman, and D. P. Darrington.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

"The Cheerful Knave" (by Keble Howard) was presented in the School Hall on December 17th and 18th, to appreciative audiences. This light-hearted comedy, despite a rather weak plot, made merry entertainment. Its success was largely due to Mr. Ramshaw's excellent production: as usual, his wide experience as a producer of comedy brought out all the capacities of a good cast.

Mr. Scalbert, as the Cheerful Knave, gave polished acting in a well-thought-out performance. His urbanity and roguish witticism, and ability at all times to make professional use of anyone who befriended him, were cleverly proportioned, and made him a likeable character.

Mr. Veale gave us experienced acting in the part of Lord Bacchus, but it appeared to be an uncongenial part. Full credit to him for a sterling performance which made the love element as realistic as the amateur stage can do.

J. Lawrence, as the stately Lady Bacchus, made us feel that she and Castle Bacchus were one: all ideas which smacked of modern democracy, in particular, a freer mixing of classes, were beneath the contempt of this formidable owner of a stately mansion. Only a young lady of great pluck would dare to enter this august dwelling, and use her skill to captivate the young lord. D. P. Darrington, with this necessary pluck and skill, made a captivating Joyce Dartnell, and played the part so convincingly that she deservedly won the hand of Lord Bacchus, without wrecking the stately mansion or making Lady Bacchus think that the England, as she knew it, had departed for ever.

Mr. Cole gave perhaps the best piece of character acting, for subtlety and conviction, as Mr. Runningpole—a village indispensable, as magistrate, news-reporter and upholder of local tradition and dignity. It was a good "character" part, but the incongruous elements of an insufferable bore, needed skill and experience: it was excellently played.

All of the smaller parts were individually well acted. P. Mottley, as Mrs. Hamp, was a truly Spartan household-supervisor. G. Tucker as a "tweeny" would never lack a job, and R. Tarrant was an oak-panelled footman with Castle Bacchus in his bones. J. Davey has a flair for impossible "characters," and his Miss Pinto achieved that negative excellence. A. Tanner was realistic as a policeman which only the county villages can produce.

We thank Mr. Watmough and his hard-worked squadron for the able lighting and stage effects, and especially for the

redesigned scenery which was universally praised. We also thank Mr. Johnson for the loan of a settee, and Mrs. Ramshaw for her valuable assistance in dressing the "feminine" members of the cast.

CONCERT AND PLAY.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17th.

The first half of the programme consisted of "Concerted Items" by members of the Sixth Form, and Prefects. E. Pulman and J. Russell shewed that they have quite pleasant voices, which they could use to good effect. The humorous songs were old favourites and were greatly appreciated. J. Lawrence wrote an amusing sketch, "Television;" the mixed and distorted words and visions proved very amusing: we all know now how to prepare a "Melbury."

The items were as follows:—

THE PARSONS OF PUDDLE.

E. Pulman, G. Tucker, J. Russell, W. Chapman.

SONG: OLD FATHER THAMES."

J. Russell.

THE RINGERS.

W. Chapman, J. Russell, E. Pulman, G. Tucker, P. Darrington.

SONG: "THE DRUM MAJOR."

E. Pulman.

TELEVISION (J. Lawrence).

J. Russell, G. Tucker, R. Tarrant, P. Darrington, W. Chapman.

HUMOROUS SONG: "THE EGG."

E. Pulman.

DERRY DOWN DEY.

W. Chapman, G. Tucker, E. Pulman.

Accompanist: Mr. Holloway.

"A COLLECTION WILL BE MADE" was presented by boys of the Middle School. P. Nutbeem gave a successful characterisation as the Rev. Cuthbert Cheese. His facial expression and eccentric mannerisms earned applause at his every entrance. P. Mottley as Comte de Martel made a dashing figure as the villain. His French accent was most effective. G. Gibbings, in the part of Paul Roget, proved an able partner in crime. R. Rowland made a pleasing presentation as Maître d'Hotel in his first rôle. A. Tanner as the turbulent Colonel Anstruther was very explosive. Mrs. Anstruther was played by M. Watton, and R. Sessions proved an efficient waiter and messenger boy. The play was produced by Mr. Cave.

"FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF CAMBRIDGE."

THE popular Press and the Cinema tend to create a false idea of student life in the older Universities. The work and behaviour of the normal student are not news, and only a rebellious attitude of mind, or the exceptional incidents in a rag are reported. Throughout the year the journalists are ever ready to give prominence to the sporting activities of the Universities; during the Michaelmas term, rugby and soccer seem to be the only interest of the students; during the Lent term, hockey and rowing; and during the Easter term, cricket. To the uninitiated and thoughtless reader this gives an impression that is far from the truth.

Most students go up to Cambridge with a desire to work and with the fullest knowledge that in these days of stern competition only the best qualifications will give them their opportunity in the professions or in business. There are still some students who have more money than is good for them, and it is these who most often seek the evanescent pleasures of a gay life, and at times attract impecunious freshmen to their evil ways. As one black sheep does not give the colour of the whole flock, so this minority group does not characterise the whole student body. The average student is as normal, sane, and healthy a person as any in the country, but sometimes he is perhaps a little eccentric in his dress, and sometimes a little unbalanced in his political ideas.

The preceding paragraphs have been written as much for the abolition of the writer's preconceived impressions as for the destruction of any such impressions held by the reader; but it is now time to report actual first impressions.

To the schoolboy who becomes a University freshman, the most noticeable thing is that there is no compulsion to work. At School the master is the driving force, but at the University the only impulse is from the student's own sense of responsibility. There are lectures, which the majority attend, more particularly in their first term; but when they have attained the dignity of seniors they absent themselves, or only attend those which they feel will be of value to them. This, however, often means more work in private reading and study.

The next impression is physical. After the healthy breezes of Shaftesbury, the damp, unhealthy weather of Cambridge proves relaxing; a great inclination to drop off to sleep at odd times is irresistible. The only cure for this is some form of exercise. In Cambridge, opportunities for it abound. These include soccer, rugger, rowing, golf, boxing, cricket, and many other activities. The rugger is of a very high standard, while the soccer is on a level with that of the best amateur teams.

Unfortunately there seems to be a lack of team spirit in most of the college games that are not cup matches, and consequently the games are often dull.

The University soon inspires the thought that contact has been made with the World. A university career is a kind of preparatory school for the battle of life. A University is a miniature World in which all the types to be found in later life are met, and in which life is carried on in a similar way to that of the great University of the World. The mode of living at Cambridge is what the schoolboy always dreams that at school should be, but work, in larger quantities, has still to be done. Toleration is the one law, and thought and action are free within the strongly defined limits of a book of University Regulations upheld by the dignity of the Proctors, and administered by their sleuth hounds--the "Bullers."

The three years at Cambridge promise to be very happy and enjoyable. They can teach the lesson of what the World is like before venturing into it to earn a living, and the student can feel he has become a link in the chain that connects the storied past with the wonderful future.

R. P. JESSE (O.S.)

O.S. CLUB DINNER.

THE 13th Annual Dinner of the Old Shastonian Club was held on Saturday, November 3rd, at the Florence Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus. Mr. R. N. Tayler presided, and with him at the top table were Mr. A. J. Wescott, Admiral H. Seymour Hall, C.B.E., Mr. J. W. New (president-elect), Mr. R. B. Minchin, Dr. C. H. Tovey, Mr. Ramshaw and Mr. H. B. Spry.

The Chairman, proposing the toast—"The School," said he must admit that when the Club was started it was his ambition that at some time he might be president. The members had paid him that great honour this year and he appreciated it. When he first went to Shaftesbury Grammar School many years ago the boys formed a very small party. There were only 27 boarders. From that time the school started to expand. Dormitories were built, class-rooms were added and playing fields enlarged. That was largely due to the untiring efforts and devotion of Dr. and Mrs. Tovey. But the financial prosperity of many people in the latter period of the war was succeeded by the financial depression, and progress was hampered. Many people who would have liked to send their sons to Shaftesbury found that the state of the exchequer would not allow them to do so. He thought this

was a time when the Old Shastonian Club could help. Members should do all they could to persuade people to send their boys to the school.

Like the old bad penny he was constantly turning up on the doorstep of the school and he always received a welcome, as he was sure they all did whenever they visited it. To most of them Dr. Tovey was their headmaster, but when the sad day came for him to retire, the governors, search where they would, could not have found a better successor than Mr. Minchin. To those who went to the school so often, as he did, it was obvious how well the present headmaster was doing his job. Many boys now at the school lived near him, and whenever he asked one of them when he came home at the end of term how he had got on, the invariable reply was "Fine." That spirit among the boys, coupled with recent successes in examinations, said more than any words he could utter for the way in which the school was conducted. On the sports side, whether in cricket or football or athletics, he was glad to find that the boys, whether they won or lost, were true sportsmen.

Mr. R. B. Minchin, replying to the toast, said it was six years to the day since the Club last met in London. Then he had not the responsible position he now held. However, on the occasion of the Old Boys' Dinner he felt somewhat irresponsible, and it was a day to which he looked forward and enjoyed to the full. If he might be allowed first to refer to the work of the school, he had to report that having obtained ten certificates last year, they repeated the performance this year and got ten more. In addition, two boys went in for the Higher School Examination, and one got a very good certificate. One boy had gone to Queen's College, Cambridge, at the age of 18, with two School Certificates (in 1930 and 1931) and two Higher School Certificates (in 1933 and 1934). If any member of the Club could beat that record he would like to meet him. As they were probably aware, the chief trouble at the present day was to keep boys at school long enough. So many left exactly at the age of 16 or even a few months earlier. It made the work a little difficult. Of the ten who passed the Certificate Examination last term, only three were old enough to obtain the Certificate from Cambridge, and three were actually only 14 years old. That was a performance distinctly above the average.

Another boy, in the lower part of the school, secured a scholarship at Wellington School, and although they were very sorry to lose him, they congratulated him very heartily. R. H. Kennedy and R. B. Brown had passed the Law Society's final examination and were now fully qualified solicitors.

Peter Brown had passed into Sandhurst, and was now well on the way to becoming a general. Peter Law had obtained the L.D.S. Diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons. To all those he was sure the members of the Club would send congratulations, with best wishes for success in their careers.

On the subject of sport, Mr. Minchin said he felt that modern boys were not quite so keen nor so proficient as the members of the Club were when they were at school. They were keen up to a point, but it seemed to him that present-day sport was marred by people thinking that if they read the Saturday evening paper and knew the football championship list by heart they could call themselves sportsmen. His firm belief was that a sportsman was a man who played the game for love of the game, and did not care the proverbial 'two hoots' for the result. The school games, however, were not bad. They could face schools two or three times the size of Shaftesbury and give them a good game. Two schools at least had reason to remember Shaftesbury this year, because they were beaten 14-0 and 11-1 (cheers). On other occasions the school had been beaten, and they enjoyed those games, too. Rugby was played now in the Easter term. It was very popular among the senior boys, but not quite so popular among the juniors, apparently because they had not really understood the game. Whether they would go on with the game in future he could not say. Two members of the Club represented their counties in cricket during the past season—Gordon Tovey for Dorset, and J. B. Senior for Oxfordshire. For two successive seasons the Club had provided the golf champion of Wiltshire—A. J. Combes in 1933, and L. W. Toomer in 1934.

In conclusion, Mr. Minchin said there was a certain sadness for him that evening, because he was afraid he would have to give up a post of which he was very fond, that of Secretary of the Club. He had held it for a long time—fifteen years—and had seen the Club grow from one member to its present membership, but now he must ask them to think about a successor. The Club was a great asset to the school and he wished it continued prosperity.

Dr. Tovey, who also replied to the toast, said they had heard about the present time at the school from the headmaster. Modesty forbade him to say anything about the past, but he would like to say a few words about the future. Of one thing he was quite certain. The Governors did absolutely the right thing when they appointed Mr. Minchin as his successor. When he had visited the school he had been delighted to see that things were on the upward grade. There were two or three things he would like to see at the school:

The most important thing in his opinion was to get a scholarship at one of the universities. In his later years he started a fund for the purpose, but the financial depression brought it to a standstill. Mr. Minchin had added to the fund several sums as the result of entertainments, and he knew that he also felt that the school could not quite take the place it ought to take until they could tell parents that a boy might win a scholarship to a place of higher education. If members of the Club could help in any way to achieve that object they could not do better service. What was wanted was sufficient money to invest so that the interest would take a boy to a university—not necessarily Oxford or Cambridge—if he was fit for it.

There were many other things the school wanted. He knew Mr. Minchin wanted class rooms and a tuck shop, and he would add one other thing—a good pavilion. He did not mean a place out of which you walked and made a duck and then walked in again and took off your pads. There should be a pavilion with changing rooms for both the visiting and the school teams, and shower baths. It would not be very expensive, and it would be an enormous help to the school. If Mr. Minchin started a fund for it he would be glad to head the subscription list, and also to leave a small sum of money for it in his will. He was going to suggest that those present that evening should do the same, but they all looked so very healthy that he was afraid there was not much hope in that direction.

Admiral H. Seymour Hall proposed the toast—"The Club." He said that such a gathering inspired one with a sense of pride. It took him back 54 years to his first term at the old school. He noticed from the list of members that seven men who were at the school in the years 1880-85 were members of the Old Boys' Club. When they considered that the total number of boys in the school at that time was between 55 and 65, and that there were only 9 boarders, that was rather a good percentage.

He remembered being caned by the headmaster on the night of his (the speaker's) arrival, a memory he did not cherish so keenly as the occasion on which he got an apology from the examiner. The examiner noticed that for the first time in three years he had not got full marks for arithmetic, so he set to work on the examination paper himself and found he could not do it within the time limit.

When he went to the school it had been built only a couple of years, and he was proud to see how it had grown. When he went down to Shaftesbury a few years ago and saw the extraordinary expansion of the school, and saw the *esprit de corps*, he found it a very heartening sight. He did not know of any school which had come to the top as Shaftesbury had

done. They knew perfectly well that it could not have happened if it had not been for the headmasters, and he was sure they would all agree that a great debt was owing to Dr. Tovey and Mr. Minchin for the way they had carried on the traditions of the school.

Mr. J. W. New (president-elect) in response, said he was glad to know that next year when he was going to undertake a more serious task, the gathering would be held at Shaftesbury. Although he could not go back so far as Admiral Seymour Hall, he had pleasant memories of the school in two centuries, for he went there in 1897 and left in 1904. We were living in very fast times. He remembered how the boys rushed from the playing fields to see the first motor car pass the school. Since then there had been tremendous developments in wireless and in flying, and only that morning there was a letter in "The Times" suggesting that the globe might be encircled in a day. Quick movement affected the outlook of the young people now coming along, and if they did not seem quite so good on the football field it might be because they had more things to occupy their time and thoughts.

The statistics of the Club were extraordinary. At the present time the membership was 436. There were 284 life members, 141 annual members, and 11 honorary members. There had never been any drop in membership since the Club was started, and there had never been an adverse balance. As a business man he regarded that as satisfactory. If some of them had had his experience they would look on it as marvellous.

Mr. D. T. Sutton, proposing the toast—"Members Overseas," wished them success, and suggested that at future gatherings they might welcome old boys who landed on the playing fields at Shaftesbury in their Puss Moths or D.H. Comets from distant parts of the Empire.

About 11 o'clock the party linked arms and sang "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, and so ended a very pleasant evening.

The following members were present:—

E. W. Bennett, C. S. Balhatchet, R. S. Balhatchet, H. F. B. Brown, R. B. Brown, A. P. B. Brown, J. G. Buckland, R. B. Bruce, F. W. Clarke, R. S. Cole, G. R. Cole, W. J. Combes, R. B. Dashper, A. G. Dunn, J. J. Garrett, F. T. Gauntlett, R. Geyton, B. G. Gyles, C. G. F. Hazell, E. L. Hesse, M. A. Holmes, H. Seymour Hall, T. R. Hewer, F. D. Hollick, J. Icke, K. S. Law, R. M. Law, P. D. Law, R. H. Kennedy, R. B. Minchin, J. W. New, W. Ramshaw, S. Robins, W. K. Sankey, A. J. Sharp, G. F. Simpson, H. B. Spry, D. T. Sutton, R. N. Tayler, C. H. Tovey, D. H. Tovey, K. H. Tucker, E. J. Tucker, T. S. Tucker, A. J. Wescott, J. H. Wescott, J. O. Woodford, B. G. Young.

O.S. NEWS.

Hearty congratulations to E. C. Mozley on the birth of a son. He already has two daughters, so the arrival of a boy must have been extremely welcome.

E. P. Hains is doing well at the Royal West of England Academy of Architecture, Bristol; he is top of the third year students, and hopes to take his R.I.B.A. Intermediate Examination this summer.

R. H. Tarrant is at Torquay in a fruit business.

We are delighted to hear that E. H. Chandler still plays "rugger" for Banbury.

J. N. Lyne is now with the Imperial Tobacco Company at Moasa in S. Rhodesia. We hear he much prefers this to mining. He spent a month's holiday recently by having a sea trip to Mauritius and back.

John Fancott is sitting for his Chartered Accountants' Final next May. All power to his elbow!

A. E. Atkinson has returned from Burma and has bought a motor business at Southbourne. We wish him every success in his fresh venture.

A. S. Court is a member of the Frome Operatic Society, and has recently played two small parts in "The Vagabond King." He is also a member of a local Dramatic Club, and has recently taken the part of Richard Coaker in "The Farmer's Wife." We are delighted to hear that he hopes to be married ere long.

Mr. Minchin has had a long letter from Peter Woolston, who is very actively engaged in Boys' Club work in Bourne-mouth. He very kindly sent a copy of the Club's magazine, of which he is the editor.

Percy Jesse writes cheerfully from Cambridge, where he has been successful in getting a place in the 1st "soccer" XI. at Queen's. He has been in strict training for the "Cuppers."

L. F. Barnes and R. A. Welch are in their last year at Winchester, and hope to secure teaching posts in the autumn. Good luck to them! The former ran across M. A. Holmes when he visited Ryde to run against the Ryde Harriers.

We are sorry to hear that John Icke has recently lost his mother. We offer him our sincerest sympathy. He also had the misfortune to break his wrist when starting his car, and has been away from the Bank for several weeks.

W. J. Barnes is playing rugger for the Fawley XV. He likes the life in the Agwi Oil Refineries, and is getting on well.

We are very glad to hear that E. J. Pulman has made a good recovery from his operation for appendicitis. We heartily sympathise with him because his illness prevented his taking a part in "The Cheerful Knave" last December, and also his inclusion in the 1st XI. photograph.

Freddy Dare has given up farming and is now in partnership in a motor business at Reckleford, Yeovil. We offer him our very best thanks for the books he so kindly sent to the School Library, and we apologise for omitting to record his gift in last term's magazine. He recently won the Oxford Cup for the best performance in the West Hants Car Club Trials. In a letter he suggests that an Old Shastonian Tennis Club should be formed and matches played this next summer. [Will those interested please communicate with him at Boundary Farm, Halstock, Yeovil.]

J. L. Tait writes very happily from Wellington. The whole school went to see the rugger match between Somerset and Cornwall at Taunton, and he very much enjoyed it.

John Cole has entered the firm of Messrs. Henry Cole and Co., of Cirencester.

In a recent copy of the Bournemouth *Echo* there appeared under the heading of "A Versatile Sportsman," a eulogistic account of Cecil Balhatchet's performances for the Bournemouth Rugger Club and the Incogniti Cricket Club. At the annual dinner of the latter club he was presented with a clock as a memento of his services. He is now at Havant, but manages to turn out for the Bournemouth Rugger Club in the majority of their matches.

To J. H. McLachlan we offer our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of his marriage to Miss D. I. Thornton, of Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. The wedding took place on December 11th last.

We also offer similar felicitations to Charlie Dean, who was married to Miss Dugdale on November 24th.

Our congratulations to Geoffrey West on the birth of a son and heir.

Visits to the School have recently been made by Godwin Pratt, J. Icke, A. E. Atkinson, J. Day, R. P. Jesse, and R. H. Heaton.

Mr. J. Kennedy, who was a master here in 1928, is making a name for himself as a popular tune composer. "The Teddy Bears' Picnic," "Play to me, Gipsy," and "Isle of Capri" are a few of his popular successes.

H. G. Hillier has recently joined the staff at the Shaftesbury Post Office.

A. F. F. Birch is now with the British International Pictures, Ltd., Elstree, as assistant to the maintenance engineer. He finds the job interesting, and hopes soon to pass on to Sound recording or camera work.

O.S. CLUB NOTES.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The 16th Annual General Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 14th, at 5.30 p.m., with the President (Mr. R. N. Tayler) in the chair. After the minutes of the 1933 meeting had been read and signed, Mr. J. S. Windebank proposed, and Mr. J. W. Miles seconded the proposition, that the next Annual Dinner should be held in Shaftesbury. This was carried, and the date was left to be decided by the Committee.

It was also decided to fix the venue for the 1936 Dinner in view of the fact that a President Elect was to be chosen. On the matter being put to the vote, Bournemouth received the greatest support.

Election of Officers (1934-1935):—

President—Mr. J. W. New.

President-Elect—Mr. R. J. Jessc.

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

Hon. Secretary—Dr. C. H. Tovey.

Assistant Hon. Sec.—Mr. D. A. Parham.

Hon. Auditors—Messrs. M. C. W. Johnson (re-elected) and A. J. Combes.

The following Committee were elected:—

Messrs. R. B. Minchin, W. F. Rutter, J. W. Miles, B. G. Young, J. S. Windebank, R. S. Balhatchet, J. Icke, C. F. I. Phillips and C. E. Pearce.

The resignation of Mr. Minchin from the post of Hon. Secretary was received with regret, and he was thanked very heartily for the services he had rendered to the Club.

The Chairman made sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. W. Doggrell, who was formerly one of the Hon. Auditors and a staunch supporter of the Club.

Mr. Wescott submitted a most satisfactory balance sheet, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Minchin presented a short report shewing that the membership was 436, comprising: Life—284, Annual—141, Honorary—11.

Mr. W. F. Rutter submitted a Declaration of Trust as to the income of the Club, and a resolution was passed to enable this to be carried into effect.

Mr. Wescott proposed, and Mr. Joe Miles seconded, that a small entertainment committee should be formed to be responsible for the musical programme at the Club Dinners. The meeting agreed that if this were possible it should be done.

Mr. Jesse proposed and Mr. A. H. Clegg seconded the proposition that the rule concerning guests at the annual dinner should be amended to read as follows: "That the committee have the power to issue invitations to Club guests on special occasions." This was duly carried.

The members present were:—

R. N. Tayler (in the chair), W. F. Rutter, R. B. Minchin, M. C. W. Johnson, W. Ramshaw, G. Scalbert, C. Milverton, C. F. I. Phillips, A. H. Clegg, L. J. Cole, J. W. W. K. Miles, A. J. Combes, J. S. Windbank, J. W. Miles, C. E. Pearce, G. W. T. Whitworth, A. J. Wescott, R. J. Jesse, M. F. Gricks, R. S. Balhatchet, B. G. Gyles, T. G. Hart, P. W. Bull, T. A. Cordery, I. G. Hussey, P. Ryall, E. Hine, B. G. Young, F. G. B. Young, D. A. Parham.

The Annual O.S. Dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at the Grosvenor Hotel, Shaftesbury. The O.S. Football matches will be played the same day.

NEW MEMBERS.

S. V. Brickell	...	Ivy Cross, Shaftesbury.
R. A. C. Farris	...	Llanreath House, Shaftesbury.
W. A. Sharpe	...	c/o Messrs. Senior & Godwin, Sturminster Newton.
R. H. Tarrant	...	2, Park Crescent, Torquay.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

A. E. Atkinson	...	"Esperanza," Cellars Farm Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth.
C. B. Cartledge	...	122, Church Rd., Moseley, Birmingham.
F. Fancott	...	22, Clarendon Rd., Redland, Bristol 6.
F. T. Gauntlett	...	Taunton House School, Stanford Avenue, Preston Park, Brighton.
J. L. Lyne	...	c/o Imperial Tobacco Co., Moasa, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.
B. G. Ryall	...	Higher Farm, Rimpton, Somerset.
G. W. T. Whitworth	...	Browndown, London Rd., Marlborough.
A. F. F. Birch	...	"Ulex," Furzehill Rd., Boreham Wood, Herts.
J. A. Cole	...	Queen's Gables, Cirencester.
J. G. Buckland	...	27, West Way, Edgware, London.
H. Godwin Pratt	...	30, Fairfield Rd., Bristol 6.
R. H. Tarrant	...	2, Park Crescent, Torquay.

ADDRESSES WANTED.

Dr. Tovey would be very glad if any old boy would supply him with the addresses of any of the undermentioned members:—

G. E. Atkinson
G. Hemingway
D. C. Hindley

A. Jones
J. J. D. McMahon
A. E. Mayhew

J. R. B. Pape.
A. W. Robertson
J. N. Robertson

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The Fosterian.
Sotoniensis.
The Winburnian.
The Yeovilian.

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

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