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EDITORIAL.

ALL our readers will be glad to hear that the plans for the new physical laboratory are being prepared, and there is every chance of the building being ready for use in September next. A site has been chosen between the chemistry laboratory and the road, and the boys are giving a helping hand with the clearing away of the shrubbery and the removal of many tons of soil.

The year 1936 will remain a memorable one in the history of the British Monarchy. The news of King Edward's decision to renounce the throne was received with feelings of deep disappointment and regret, but we loyally welcomed King George and wished him a long and prosperous reign. May it be a peaceful one, too!

Until the last few days of the term the health of the school was excellent. Then, unfortunately, three boys failed with scarlet fever, a misfortune which made it necessary to postpone our Christmas Entertainment and to break up a few days earlier than previously arranged. Thanks to immediate isolation we were able to prevent any spread of the infection, and no boy failed during the Christmas holidays.

The postponed production of "None but the Brave" was given on Friday and Saturday, January 29th & 30th. It was an excellent show, and the greatest credit is due to Mr. and

Mrs. Ramshaw and to all those masters and boys who so admirably played their parts. In fact, none but the brave could have kept so cheerful under such trying conditions. Parts had to be remembered during the holidays, and two members of the cast, Mr. Edmonds and G. R. Tucker, very kindly came down from Gloucestershire and Berkshire respectively, in order to fill their original roles. The "unkindest cut of all" was caused by the weather, for on the opening night many patrons living at a distance were prevented from coming, by the ice-bound condition of the roads. The prevailing epidemic of influenza also had a detrimental effect on the "gate," but we were able to hand over £10 8s. 2d. to the Library Fund.

We take this opportunity of thanking all those who, whether on the stage or off, worked so hard for the success of the entertainment, and also those who so generously supported their efforts. Our best thanks are also due to Mrs. J. A. Norton for the loan of some dresses, and to Messrs. G. E. Johnson & Son for some stage furniture.

On Friday, November 13th, we had a very welcome visit from the Rev. B. N. N. Woodard, who gave us a lecture, illustrated by some excellent lantern slides, on the work done by the Mission to Seamen.

Mr. Veale also showed us some of his excellent slides on November 21st.

Our best thanks are due to the Liverpool & London and Globe Insurance Co. Ltd., for the gift of a picture: "Commotion in the Cattle Ring."

Mr. Harry Johnson has again very kindly allowed us to use his excellent field for Rugby Football. We are most grateful to him.

Owing to the exceptionally early date on which Easter Sunday falls this year, it has been decided to hold the Dorset Inter-School Sports on May 5th at Weymouth. Our own Sports will be held on Wednesday, April 28th, and the Inter-House Sports on Saturday, May 1st. The Cross-Country race and the Mile and Half-mile races will be decided at the end of this term.

These arrangements are something in the nature of a precedent and are partly prompted by the early date on which the summer term opens (April 16th), and to the fact that there will be a combined Coronation and Whitsuntide holiday lasting from May 8th to the 18th.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

J. Crossfield (T). H. Mullins (R). J. A. Roberts (S).
K. Watts (C). M. A. Williams (R).

The letter in brackets denotes the House.

VALETE.

- S. G. BAKER.—Form III. Entered September, 1935.
W. F. CHAPMAN.—Form "Upper V." Entered September, 1931. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., December, 1936. Prefect, April 1934. Head Prefect, Sept., 1935. Football XI., 1934-35-36.
L. J. CHOWN.—Form "Lower V." Entered September, 1933.
R. F. C. COAKER.—Form "Lower V." Entered September, 1931.
W. H. DEAR.—Form "Upper V." Entered September, 1931.
T. E. DEAR.—Form "Lower V." Entered September, 1933.
R. F. DEAR.—Form III. Entered September, 1934.
K. J. R. FAWCETT.—Form IV. Entered June, 1934.
I. G. HEFORTH.—Form II. Entered January, 1935.
H. T. IMBER.—Form "Upper V." Entered September, 1930. Cricket XI. 1935-36. Football XI., 1935-36.
J. MACDOUGALL.—Entered September, 1935.
L. F. MILLS.—Form "Upper V." Entered May, 1930.
A. J. PALMER.—Form IV. Entered Sept., 1933. Football XI., 1936.
R. N. THRESHBR.—Form VI. Entered April, 1931. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1936.
G. R. TUCKER.—Form VI. Entered May, 1930. Passed Cambridge School Certificate Exam., July, 1934. Prelim. Exam. of Institution of Civil Engineers, October, 1936. Prefect, January, 1935.
C. H. WALKER.—Form III. Entered January, 1933.
D. A. W. WASLEY.—Form "Lower V." Entered September, 1933.
K. F. WHEELER.—Form IV. Entered September, 1934.

PREFECTS.

F. J. Green (Head Prefect).

W. G. King. C. R. J. Mitchell. C. G. St. D. Jeffries. H. J. Ford.
M. A. Tory. E. S. W. Dyke. J. W. Sully.
M. Tucker. R. W. Rowland.

HEAD BOYS.

In alphabetical order.

W. J. Burden. R. B. Chapman. R. E. G. Davies. J. R. Domoney.
G. A. Green. P. Nutbeam. J. W. Simpson. W. J. N. Warren.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

Corinthians—C. G. St. D. Jeffries.	Spartans—J. W. Sully.
Romans—W. G. King.	Trojans—F. J. Green.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Cambridge School Certificate (December):—

W. F. Chapman (Credits in History and Mathematics).

Preliminary Examination of the Institution of Civil Engineers:—

G. R. Tucker.

Royal Air Force Competitive Examination (November):—

W. J. N. Warren (placed 89th in a list of 1,254 entrants).

Mr. P. H. Edmonds left us at the end of last term, and his place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. T. B. Smart, B.A. of Sheffield University.

FOOTBALL.

THERE were few successful results from teams which, at the beginning of the season, seemed full of promise. The different teams played much better than the scores suggest. Mid-field play was usually as good, often better, than that of the opponents. Unfortunately there were no forwards in the school capable of sufficient positional play and shooting power to finish the sound work of good half-backs. In defence there was much uncertainty and a lack of first-time clearances. There was no apparent lack of keenness throughout the school. It was felt during the term that the introduction of more competitive games for boys who failed to earn places in the different School XI's would be beneficial. Some Form games were played and greatly enjoyed. An experiment was made in arranging House matches for boys under 14 years of age. The end of term approached too quickly for all these games to be played. The eagerness and the results shown promise the improvement of School Soccer.

The First XI. had six old Colours round whom to build a team. These were the full-backs, and two each in the forwards and half-backs. In the opening practice games the XI. appeared to be developing into a workmanlike side. The defence seemed sound, but lack of forward thrust foretold tiring games for the half-backs. In the School games the forwards failed badly. Shooting was left solely to the centre-forward, and he was obviously closely marked. The half-backs became overworked in sustaining the pressure on the opponents' goal, and a quick breakaway found the defence spread out and hesitant. A really dominating centre-half was lacking, although there was no shortage of good wing-halves. Many easy scoring chances were missed, and several simple goals conceded. Invariably the XI. had the measure of their opponents in mid-field, and an early goal would have brought

victory in a few games and a fairly successful season would have resulted. The whole side were unsparing in their efforts to reduce heavy adverse scoring; and in this they usually succeeded; but even these commendable efforts failed to alter the actual result of any game.

The individual play of several boys reached a high standard: H. T. Imber, essentially a wing-half, played well as centre-half, and was, perhaps, the outstanding member of the XI. C. G. St. D. Jeffries (the captain) and A. J. Palmer formed a capable understanding at full-back, positioned well, kicked a good length and placed their passes, yet neither cleared first-time consistently from the goal-area. H. G. Pearson was a success in goal; he made many splendid saves and proved very reliable. His place-kicking and clearances lacked strength, but in this he steadily improved in each game. The wing-halves were G. W. Glaze, W. F. Chapman and J. W. Sully. Glaze was the youngest player in the XI, steady and constructive, and he played well in every game. Chapman and Sully did much hard and valuable work in defence, and were untiring in their efforts. Of a poor forward line, M. A. Tory, the centre-forward, tried hard and was the only successful shot. In his play for the Masters' XI, he showed how dangerous he could be when given through passes, but he lacked support from the other School forwards. The wing-forwards, H. J. Ford and L. O. Barrett, occasionally promising, were usually disappointing. K. Tuffin, inside-forward, really a half-back, showed good ball control, but was too slow in his passes. Jeffries and Chapman also tried to fill the other inside position with a certain degree of success.

G. T. Bartlett, J. R. Domoney, C. W. Rooks, R. E. G. Davies and E. W. S. Dyke also played occasional games with the 1st XI. Of these, Bartlett was a steady and reliable wing-half, tackled well and fed the forwards. Domoney was perhaps the cleverest footballer in the school, but badly lacked weight and speed. Rooks, under 14 years of age, shows promise as either wing or centre-forward; he has pace, is a good shot, but lacks determination. Davies and Dyke each played once, and were capable reserves.

The SECOND XI were unfortunate in having some of their fixtures scratched owing to bad weather; but they may look upon the season as a successful one, winning two of the three games played. Their play was virile rather than clever, but all members played well, and played as a team. The only weakness was lack of finishing power, for many openings, the result of good football, were wasted in front of goal.

In goal, W. G. King was reliable, and took goal-kicks well. The backs, A. A. Higgins and R. H. Harding, were safe, displaying much agility in covering up an occasional mis-kick. The best division was the half-back line, where changes were rung on R. E. Davies, A. F. Watts, E. S. Dyke and M. W. Burge. The forwards were disappointing at times, but Domoney gave clever displays of ball control, C. W. Rooks and L. O. Barrett centred well, F. J. Green and G. E. Hine displayed vigour, and G. T. Bartlett proved the most versatile player.

Results:—v. Wimborne, won 5-2; v. Dorchester, lost 0-2; v. Old Boys, won 7-5.

"UNDER 14" FOOTBALL.

Played 6. Won 3. Lost 3.

This year we had a very young side, but everyone was keen and tried to play good football. In goal, K. F. Wheeler played in the first two games, and then lost his place to J. K. Miles who was rather safer. R. J. Ford and N. L. Streeter are very promising full-backs; they are fast, keen, intelligent and plucky, and should make good 1st XI. backs in a few years time. F. R. G. Spinney, R. B. Burrows and A. J. Sharman were hard-working halves, but were not very constructive. In the forwards, W. J. Trim was usually good on the right wing. W. C. Sutcliffe, who is fast and fairly heavy, was the most dangerous forward; he has a good shot when it comes off, but he must learn to combine and keep position. K. Milverton played quite well in the first two games, but was slow, and so T. M. Corson was moved from half-back (his proper position) and put at inside-right, where he showed good promise. R. N. Butter, at centre-forward, lacks confidence at present, but should make an excellent centre-forward next season. C. W. Rooks (the captain) who began at centre-forward and then went to his proper place on the left wing, never showed his best form until he was promoted to the 2nd XI. and then to the 1st XI. Still, it weakened the side considerably when he was absent, although R. L. Wareham, who took his place, played well. R. J. Ford, N. L. Streeter, A. J. Sharman, W. J. Trim, T. M. Corson, R. N. Butter, R. L. Wareham, will all be under 14 next year, so we are looking forward to a good season.

1st XI. RESULTS.

v. FOSTER'S SCHOOL, SHERBORNE, home, October 7th. Draw 2-2.—In the first half play reached a high standard. Against the run of play, School were soon one goal down, but Tory equalised with a brilliant effort and later added another goal. After half-time, Foster's equalised, and play became keen and exciting. Both sides missed several chances. Glaze and Domoney were outstanding for School.

v. BLANDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, home, Oct. 17th. Lost nil-6.—Against a strong wind School did well to hold Blandford to two goals in the first half. The inability of the forwards to hold the ball and develop an attack in the second half resulted in the defence being overworked and later overrun. Three goals were scored in the last two minutes. Imber, Chapman and Glaze, in the halves, played well.

v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL, away, Oct. 21st. Lost 2-10.—School were well beaten by a team who were much quicker on the ball, passed accurately and took their chances. The hard and flinty state of the ground unsettled the School, who once more failed to take several chances, and they were soon four goals down. The defence worked hard, notably Jeffries and Imber, but were unable to prevent further scores. Imber and Tory scored for School.

v. C. COATS' XI., home, Oct. 24th. Lost nil-5.—School should have won this game against a scratch side, but the forwards failed to show the least knowledge of position, passing and shooting. The defence suffered occasional lapses, although Pearson in goal was very reliable. Imber was a good centre-half, and repeatedly fed the forwards.

v. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away, November 14th. Lost 2-8.—A poor and disappointing game, in which the School had the better of the early play. Many simple chances were missed, and Wimborne snatched an easy goal, after which the School never recovered the initiative. The forwards completely fell away and the defence became ragged and hesitant. Tory scored two opportunist goals with good shots.

v. BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL, home, Nov. 18th. Lost 2-10.—School attacked persistently from the start. The passing of the backs and the centring of the wings was good, but against the run of play School were two goals behind at half-time. Immediately after half-time Chapman scored a good goal from a centre by Rooks, and for the next twenty minutes School continued to press but failed to score. There followed a collapse, and Bournemouth scored seven in the last quarter. Sandwiched amongst these was one for School by Tory.

v. BLANDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away, November 18th. Lost 3-6.—Playing with the slope, School attacked, but many chances were missed. Good saves by the opposing goalkeeper helped to keep the score at half-time to one goal, scored by Tory. School fell away and conceded six goals before the determined efforts of the team in the last few minutes brought goals from Imber and Ford.

v. DORCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away, November 21st. Lost 2-6.—At half-time School were unluckily three goals down. The XI. showed a growing weakness in both penalty areas. Mis-kicks presented adverse goals, and lack of shooting power in the forwards encouraged their opponents to throw all into attack. Three more goals were scored before Tuffin and Tory decreased this lead. Pearson and Sully played best for School, and Jeffries and Palmer tried hard to rally the side.

v. FOSTER'S SCHOOL, SHERBORNE, away, November 28th. Lost 4-6.—This game proved to be the School's best display of football. Jeffries moved to inside-left and greatly improved the attack. Good positional play and excellent shooting by Tory brought a lead of 3-2 at half-time. School then failed to press home their advantage and spoiled their play by robustness. This led to a goal from a free-kick to Foster's, and School never recovered the lead. Tuffin scored the fourth goal. Sully and Pearson were once more outstanding, and Imber played well.

v. OLD SHASTONIANS, home, Dec. 2nd. Lost 2-3.—School had only themselves to blame for this defeat against a team of ten in number. The game itself was scrappy with little constructive football. School were never together as a team, and were too slow to be dangerous in attack. Tory and Jeffries each scored for the School.

MASTERS' XI. v. SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE XI., home, Nov. 4th. Lost 1-8.—The Masters' XI. had the better of the first quarter, and Tuffin scored from a well-placed free-kick by Imber. The excellent play of the opposing wings was directly responsible for six goals, and only the untiring work of Mr. Edmonds, Jeffries and Palmer, kept down the scoring. Tory tried hard to break through, but the forwards lacked combination. The play of the side was enterprising, and deserved a reward of more goals.

Team:—Pearson; Jeffries; Palmer; Glaze, Mr. Edmonds, Imber; Mr. Cole, Davies, Tory, Tuffin, Mr. Veale.

MASTERS' XI. v. G. R. ROUSELL'S XI., home, Dec. 10th. Draw 3-3.—This was a strenuous game on a heavy ground. Although the opponents were much heavier, the Masters XI. stuck bravely to their task and weathered a particularly trying

period in the middle of the second half. It would be unfair to single out any individual player, but one calls to mind two glorious goals by Tory, a deft scoring touch by Mr. Holloway, the speedy dashes of Mr. Renton, and many splendid saves by Pearson.

Team:—Pearson; Jeffries, Mr. Veale; Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Caye, Mr. Cole; Mr. Holloway, Mr. Trevett, Tory, Imber, Mr. Renton.

CADET CORPS.

The following members have now left School:—C.S.M. W. F. Chapman; Cpls. G. R. Tucker, H. T. Imber; Cadets L. F. Miles, K. F. Wheeler, A. J. Palmer, K. J. Fawcett, D. A. Wasley.

As our average in the shooting for the King's Trophy was 80'22 points, we once again retain the Dorset Cadets Shooting Cup.

We are now organised into three Platoons, and are busy preparing for the new form of inspection, in which tactical schemes are now very important, as is also instruction of squads by N.C.O.'s and senior Cadets.

PROMOTIONS (1st February, 1937):—

To be *Acting C.S.M.*: Sgt. F. J. Green.

„ *Sgts.*: Cpls. L. O. Barrett, C. R. Mitchell.

„ *Cpl.*: Cadet W. J. Burden.

„ *Lc.Cpls.*: Cadets R. W. Rowlands, J. O. Sharman, H. Noyce, H. G. Pearson, W. J. N. Warren.

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

LIBRARY.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of the following books:—

<i>Title.</i>	<i>Author.</i>	<i>Donor.</i>
"Rugby Football"	D. R. Gent	J. A. Cole.
"Murder at the Coffee Stall"	Ben Rogers	R. B. Chapman.
"The Impregnable City"	Max Pemberton	"
"Call of the Wild"	Jack London	"
"Biggles in Africa"	W. E. Johns	Mr. Ramshaw

The following have been added to the Reference Library:—

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author.</i>
"A History of Europe"	H. A. L. Fisher.
"Some makers of the Modern Spirit"	(Ed. John MacMurray.)
"Democracy"	C. Delisle Burns.
"Victorian England: The Portrait of an Age"	G. M. Young.
"Le Romantisme Francais"	Lasserre.
"Etudes Litteraires" (19 s ^e me s ⁱ c ^l e).	
"Preface de Cromwell."	
"Oeuvres de Moliere."	
"Racine et Shakespeare."	

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Last term was a very disappointing one for the Debating Society. The membership and interest in its activities sunk to a low level. This was doubly regrettable since the two previous sessions of the Society had been so good and so keenly followed.

To remedy these failings, an extraordinary meeting of the Society was called, and the master on the committee summarised the position. In future, the Society would be known as the Literary and Debating Society. This added function would enlarge the scope and interest of its work, enabling debates to be varied with papers of a literary nature. It had been found difficult to find for each meeting four speakers for a debate among the existing Society. This could be remedied by having fewer debates and getting the co-operation of more day-boys if a suitable time was arranged. But the vital point was this: more effort and sustained interest was looked for in the members. The Society was founded for boys, its organisation was their job, and its success was their responsibility. If energetic work and interest was shown, then a flourishing and useful Society would result.

A new committee has been formed, and an interesting programme arranged. It is hoped that an account of real activity of the Society will be published in next term's magazine.

CHESS CLUB.

1936 has truly proved a good year for the Chess Club. By the end of the year it had been indisputably proved that chess was not just another passing craze. One can decidedly be proud of a club boasting nearly forty enthusiastic members and a well-earned silver trophy.

Owing to an unavoidable lack of funds, the Club decided to organise an entertainment to raise the money required for the purchase of a trophy. Although we had only a short time in which to rehearse, the evening was a great success. We take this opportunity of thanking everyone who assisted to raise the excellent sum of approximately two pounds.

The Club held its termly competition as usual, but owing to the number of entries we were obliged to organise two tournaments. J. A. Friend proved a good winner of the junior, but unfortunately the outbreak of scarlet fever resulted in the senior competition being left undecided.

C. R. J. M.

GEOGRAPHICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The Geographical and Biological Society had a very successful term, several members giving lectures which were both educational and interesting. The number of members was kept up, as many new boys joined to replace those who had left at the end of the previous term.

The first meeting was held in the Reading Room on the 16th of November, when new officers were elected. Members were then asked what type of lectures or talks they would like to hear, and Mr. Veale stated that he would arrange them if possible.

On Tuesday, October 22nd, Mr. F. R. Roberts entertained a very full meeting with a lecture on the laying and repairing of cables. We were very fortunate in having Mr. Roberts to give this most enjoyable talk on a subject of which little is known to the majority. After his lecture, the questions which were put to him showed that his audience had paid great attention to his words. He has promised to give us a lantern lecture this session, to which everybody is looking forward.

On the 3rd of November there was a meeting to listen to a lecture entitled "Across Canada." This lecture was illustrated by lantern slides kindly lent by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and containing some excellent views of the Rocky Mountains and their scenery.

The last meeting was held on Nov. 17th, when Mr. Veale gave a lecture on "Devon and Cornwall." This lecture was also illustrated by slides, which Mr. Veale had made himself, and was very instructive, as, having toured this region, he was able to bring out points which perhaps might otherwise have been overlooked.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

TROJANS.

With only three changes from last season, the Trojans were able to field two strong football teams, and both played with good understanding, to repeat last year's performance of winning all six games.

In the first two matches the weather conditions were unsuitable for good football, while the game against the Corinthians—which had been hailed as the match of the series—was unfortunately spoilt, as the whole of one form were unable to play. W. F. Chapman was again outstanding at centre-half with his strong tackling and kicking, and H. T. Imber continually beat his opponents with splendid footwork. H. G. Pearson had little to do in goal, but always appeared confident, while G. W. Glaze and F. T. Jennings played good football, the former being especially prominent with judicious ground passes. The forward line was skilfully led by M. A. Tory, whose shooting was very accurate, while H. J. Ford and K. Tuffin gave him valuable support.

C. W. Rooks and A. F. Watts were clever junior wingers, and their speed and ball control constantly harassed our opponents' defences. S. R. Walbridge created many openings for his inside forwards, and G. E. Hine and W. C. Sutcliffe, besides playing well in mid-field, scored most of the goals. The wing-halves, G. A. Green and R. J. Ford, were both strong in attack, while the whole defence was very solid and did not concede a single goal.

The following represented the Trojans:—

SENIOR.—H. G. Pearson; H. T. Imber, F. T. Jennings; G. R. Tucker, W. F. Chapman, G. W. Glaze; H. J. Ford, F. J. Green, M. A. Tory, K. Tuffin, A. J. Sansom.

JUNIOR.—J. K. Miles; R. B. Meaden, W. J. Miles (capt.); G. A. Green, S. R. Walbridge, R. J. Ford; A. F. Watts, W. C. Sutcliffe, G. E. Hine, K. R. Mead, C. W. Rooks.

The following deputised against the Corinthians:—

L. H. Noyce, H. S. Hine, J. O. Sharman, A. J. Sharman, W. J. N. Warren, P. B. Long, R. N. Butter, J. G. Pearson.

The following have been awarded House Colours:—

W. F. Chapman, H. T. Imber, M. A. Tory, H. J. Ford, G. R. Tucker, K. Tuffin, W. J. N. Warren, G. W. Glaze, H. G. Pearson.

F. J. G.

CORINTHIANS.

The football last term was a distinct improvement on that of the previous season. Although there were only four good footballers in the House, an all-round increased effort by the players overcame this deficiency. The boys who represented the House deserve praise for their keen attempts to improve, and though lacking in skill, their eagerness made each game a delight to watch. If this continues, then the Corinthians need have no fear for the future success of their House.

Palmer and Barrett, both members of the School XI., were the steady influence in the side. Palmer played throughout as a school back should, and he is to be congratulated for his fine effort. Lee, though far from being a good footballer, played untiringly, and his efforts did much to encourage the side. These players are not just outstanding individuals, but they represent the three classes of players of whom our team was composed. That they combined to make a surprisingly useful side is shown by the results.

The juniors did extremely well. They combined good football with that keen spirit which is so pleasingly apparent in the House. They were only beaten once, and then it was by a team that might easily have represented the School as a second eleven. The fact that there was only one boy who was over fourteen in the side, makes their victories all the more glorious and their defeat more easily described as a brilliant failure. The whole team deserves special mention, but as this is impossible, let it suffice to say that the rest of the House were proud to think that they were Corinthians.

A continuance of this improvement will see the House once more the proud possessors of the shield.

These boys have been awarded their House Colours:—

A. J. Palmer, L. O. Barrett, W. Hardy, C. R. J. Mitchell.

The following boys represented the Corinthians:—

SENIOR.—Jefeies, Palmer, Barrett, Lee, Hardy, Rowland, Burden, Bartlett, Wheeler, Coaker, Harding.

JUNIOR.—Mitchell (capt.), Burge, Spinney, Burrows, Milverton, Beck, Fawcett, Souden, Streeter, Hayter, Trim.

C. G. St. D. J.

SPARTANS.

The Spartans failed to win a point in the House Football this term, neither the seniors nor the juniors winning a match. The failure of the seniors was chiefly due to lack of combination and keenness on the part of some of the players. Of the players, J. R. Domoney at centre-forward was easily the best, but he did not receive sufficient support. D. W. Wasley, on the left wing, was rather slow at getting to the ball, but he gave some good passes to the centre. Praise must be given to A. A. Higgins, who saved many dangerous situations by his strong first-time kicking.

The juniors, this term, were much below the average owing to their lack of experience in the game, but there were amongst them some who show signs of becoming good footballers in the near future. J. A. Friend, T. M. Corson and S. J. Baker were undoubtedly the best players, but unfortunately Friend and Corson were unable to play in all the matches.

J. R. Domoney was awarded his House Colours.

The following represented the Spartans:—

SENIOR.—M. Tucker, A. A. Higgins, J. MacDougall, L. A. Templeman, J. W. Sully (capt.), S. W. Mawson, E. J. Foot, P. Nutbeam, J. R. Domoney, J. R. Richardson, D. W. Wasley.

JUNIOR (selected from).—I. Hepworth, R. Crofts, B. M. J. Vincent, R. Langford, T. M. Corson, B. Bealing, I. Tait, D. K. Rutter, T. Hall, S. J. Baker, D. Tait, C. Killington, J. A. Friend (capt.)

ROMANS.

The football season proved rather unsuccessful for the Romans; not one of us could secure a place in the School 1st XI., and we had to be content with three positions in the 2nd XI. It is unfortunate that talent is so scarce among the junior members of the House, so that our prospects for the future are not at all bright. Unless these juniors begin to take more interest in all branches of sport, our chances of ever regaining the House Shield seem very slight.

The senior team combined and played very well considering all things. E. S. W. Dyke and T. G. Hunt formed a good defence, while E. G. Sessions at centre-half played exceptionally well, holding up many attacks. In the forward line, R. E. G. Davies was outstanding, but unfortunately no-one could

offer him any support, and so we could never form any organised attack. In one game we were seriously disorganised owing to a large number of absentees, while in another the absence of two of the best members of the team led to our heavy defeat.

Talent in our junior team was almost entirely lacking; not one of them secured a place in the "Under 14" XI., although one, at least, should do so next season. P. Brooks was quite sound at right-back, while R. Macdonald in the half-back line played very well in spite of his diminutive size. W. F. Jacobs kept goal very well for one who has had little experience and less coaching in that difficult position. Once again our attack was negligible, and this undoubtedly contributed to two severe defeats.

House Colours were awarded to the following:—

E. S. W. Dyke, R. E. G. Davies.

The following represented the Romans in the House football:—

SENIOR.—W. G. King, E. S. W. Dyke, T. G. Hunt, R. B. Chapman, E. G. Sessions, J. W. Simpson, R. E. G. Davies, L. F. Miles, L. J. Chown, D. E. Coward, A. J. Elsworth.

JUNIOR.—W. F. Jacobs, R. J. Mullins, P. Brooks (capt.), R. Macdonald, R. F. Lodge, R. A. Head, R. G. Vining, G. H. Greenwood, G. C. Langdon, W. J. Jesse, R. B. Pike, T. Y. Wormald, J. W. Wormald.

W. G. K.

HOUSE FOOTBALL RESULTS.

SENIOR.

Trojans beat Romans ...	...	...	6—0
" " Spartans ...	...	...	7—1
" " Corinthians ...	...	...	5—1
Corinthians beat Romans ...	...	...	13—0
" " Spartans ...	...	...	8—1
Romans beat Spartans...	...	...	1—0

JUNIOR.

Trojans beat Romans ...	...	...	19—0
" " Spartans ...	...	...	18—0
" " Corinthians ...	...	...	3—0
Corinthians beat Romans ...	...	...	18—1
" " Spartans ...	...	...	16—0
Romans beat Spartans...	...	...	4—0

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

THE Annual Prize Distribution was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, Nov. 26th. The Chairman of our Board of Governors (Mr. R. W. Borley) presided, and was supported by the Mayor of Shaftesbury (Mr. C. J. Stretch). The prizes were distributed by Major T. W. Stallybrass, M.D., the Dorset County Medical Officer of Health, who was accompanied by Mrs. Stallybrass.

In his opening remarks the Chairman referred to the regretted loss by death of three Governors, Mr. J. E. E. Johnson, Dr. N. I. Townsend and Mr. A. R. White, all of whom took the keenest interest in the School and did everything possible to increase its usefulness and welfare. They had had a full-dress inspection of the School by the Board of Education, and the report given was most satisfactory. The Inspectors had paid great compliments to the Headmaster, Mr. Minchin, and to the masters and boys. They wanted money spent on the building of two more classrooms, a physics laboratory, changing rooms, etc., to bring the school up to-date in the matter of accommodation. When these were built the school would be second to none in Dorset, and he hoped that building operations would be commenced during the coming year.

In his annual report Mr. Minchin said: "This is the fifth report that I have had the honour to present on the occasion of our annual Prize Distributions, and I trust that, in view of the fact that my Governors have so recently received a detailed account of our work from the Board of Education, you will forgive me if some of it is repetitive.

Our numbers during the past year have ranged from 155 to 165, and at the moment are 160. All forms in the main school are very full, and we eagerly await the provision of the promised accommodation.

In the Cambridge Examinations held last July, W. G. King took the Higher School Certificate Examination and obtained a particularly good one. Taking 13 papers in English and French as his main group subjects, and in Mathematics and History as his subsidiary ones, he obtained the mark of "good" in five papers, the pass with credit in seven, and failed in one paper only. Two years ago I congratulated King on getting his School Certificate at the very early age of 14, and I congratulate him to-day on getting his Higher Certificate at the age of 16. This latter examination is usually taken at the age of 18, a fact which makes his performance particularly praiseworthy.

The results in the School Certificate Examination were not so good as they were in 1935, when 15 of the 16 entrants passed. I think perhaps that the absence of any second year pupils at the top of the form and my optimism in the matter of promotions were partly to blame.

Of the eight certificates obtained, those of E. Bartlett (nine credits) and of W. J. Burden and R. E. G. Davies (seven credits) were particularly good ones. Of these three boys, two are still too young to receive their awards from Cambridge, and cannot be presented with their certificates this afternoon. On the results of the examination Bartlett and Burden are excused the London Matriculation Examination.

G. R. Tucker, a boy in the sixth form, has also distinguished himself by passing, while still at school, the Preliminary Examination of the Institution of Civil Engineers, recently held in London.

A school should, I think, be judged by the careers of its Old Boys, and I am happy to be able to give you a short list of successes which have been achieved since November last.

J. E. Russell, after passing the London Matriculation, was accepted by the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School with a view to his entering the medical profession. E. J. Tucker, after 10 years in a Bank, decided to take up a similar career and has gone to Guy's.

W. H. J. Burt, who went from here to Mirfield College, has obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Leeds University. At Queen's College, Cambridge, R. P. Jesse obtained third class honours in his English Tripos, and is now reading Geography for his final. He has recently been elected to the captaincy of his College Cricket XI. for 1937.

G. N. Rawlings has recently been promoted to a Lieutenant Commandership in His Majesty's Navy, and J. M. Fuller is now a liaison officer between the War Office and the Admiralty. He expects to obtain his majority before Christmas.

These results, both internal and external, do, I think, prove that our school is doing valuable work in preparing boys for their future careers. If it were given the chance it could do more, but we are prevented by those parents who cannot be persuaded to look into the future, a future in which a vocational training only will not be enough. If those parents would leave their boys in the school so that they could do one—preferably two—years' work of a post-certificate nature such as is required for the preliminary examinations of the various professional societies and institutions, they would never regret it. Far too many of these boys leave school at

the age of sixteen, whether they have passed the school certificate examination or not. These boys go out into the world before they have completed the most impressionable and unsettling period of their lives, and, in many cases, before they have been privileged to hold a position of responsibility in the school.

There are parents, I know, who feel anxious about their boys' futures, and think that possible openings in the business world must be seized at once. This anxiety was, a few years ago, a natural one, but may I say that times are improving and that there is no necessity to harbour it now. During the past year I have received letters from firms in this neighbourhood asking me to find them suitable boys for their businesses. Many of them I have been unable to fill, but, thanks to the appreciated and kindly interest of several Old Boys and parents, I have been able to place, during the past year, five senior boys in posts with good prospects. To those Old Boys and parents I am most grateful.

With regard to our other activities, we had quite a successful cricket season, but our football is a little disappointing. This is not due to any lack of keenness in the upper school, but it reflects the result of the low age at which boys leave. Many of the team are very young and have to compete against boys two years their senior.

The Cadet Corps continues to play its important part in the non-academic training of the elder boys. I only wish that all parents would allow their sons to join it. If the word "pacifist" means, as I presume it means, a lover of peace and a detestor of war, then I am an ardent pacifist. But there seems to be a type of pacifism about, which is turning our youngsters into something that is not very British. This narrow outlook reacts very unfavourably on the boy; it makes him self-centred, unsociable, and unwilling to accept responsibility. The Corps stands for service, not military service, but the type of service which demands loyalty to one's King and Country, and the help of one for all and all for one.

Other school activities include the playing of fives in our excellent fives-courts, the formation of a thriving chess-club, a geographical association, debating society, play production, etc. May I ask parents to support our Christmas Entertainment which we are giving on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 16th and 17th. We are producing the well-known and popular play, "None but the Brave," and we can promise you a good laugh if you will come. The proceeds this year will be used for the purchase of some new books for the reference and fiction libraries, and, if funds permit, a new set of scenery:

You have all no doubt seen in the papers that the Board of Education want our time-tables to include at least three periods of physical training per class per week. The recommendation is an excellent one in theory, and if some generous benefactor will provide us with a full-sized gymnasium I will do all in my power to squeeze the third period in. At present it cannot be done, for this Hall has to be used for Art, Singing and Physical Training, and it would also mean a very heavy strain on the physique of the master in charge of the training if he were asked to take 21 classes per week. In a school where games are played three or four times a week, and unofficial games played daily, I feel that the need is not so pressing as it must be in those schools situated in London or in the larger provincial towns.

If a bill of clean health reflects the physical fitness of the school, then we are fit. Apart from a few cases of measles which occurred during the Christmas holidays, we have had very little illness during the year.

1936 has not, unfortunately, dealt so kindly with my Board of Governors. The loss of Dr. Townsend, Mr. Ernest Johnson and Mr. A. R. White is one which all regret very deeply. All three had the welfare of this school at heart, and we shall miss them.

Dr. Townsend was the school medical officer for a considerable number of years. He will be remembered by many present and past boys for his genial good humour and his care and encouragement in times of illness.

Mr. Johnson was an Old Boy himself, an original member of our flourishing Old Boys' Club. He had a great affection for his old school, and never tired of singing its praises and doing all in his power to help it along.

Mr. White was a Governor for a comparatively short time, but he was a very keen educationalist, one whose views were based on sound common sense and wide experience of the public services. He took a great interest in the school games, especially cricket, a game he himself played particularly well in his younger days.

All three gentlemen are sadly missed, and on behalf of the school I offer to their respective families our very deepest sympathy in the losses they have sustained.

Two of the vacancies have been filled, and I would like to take this opportunity to offer a very hearty welcome to Colonel H. S. Woodhouse and to our Deputy Mayor, Dr. Arnott.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you and your fellow Governors for the help and encouragement you

accord me. Never have I needed your help more than I do now, for unless we have a physics laboratory before the autumn of 1937, our science instruction cannot be carried on for School Certificate purposes. The need is an urgent one and I know you will not fail me.

To my masters I say "Thank you all" for the way you enter into the many and varied activities of the boys. The amount of clerical work we headmasters have to get through in these bureaucratic days is becoming a burden, and I now look upon my teaching periods as periods of relaxation rather than strain. Many responsibilities and extraneous duties have to be placed upon your shoulders, and I thank you for the loyal way in which you carry them.

To you, Major Stallybrass, I am more than grateful for your great kindness in coming here to present these prizes. We all, boys and masters alike, are proud to have you on our school platform. I have a premonition that you are going to ask me to inaugurate a termly medical inspection of the boys. If the majority of parents wish it, it shall be done, but I know of several headmasters who, having started it, regret the day they did so. They may of course be wrong, but they all affirm that it breeds a new mental disease commonly known as "body on the brain." Whether this is true or not, I do not know.

Finally, I wish to thank the Old Shastonian Club and all those ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly contributed to the prize fund. Without the help so readily given, an array of prizes such as these would not be available for distribution this afternoon. In some prizes I have sacrificed cover for contents, but in these cases the choice has rested with the recipients. When you boys look at them in years to come, may they remind you of your school days, the efforts you made to win them, and of the generosity of those public spirited donors whose names are inscribed within their covers."

Major Stallybrass, after having distributed the prizes and Cambridge certificates, said that times had changed and one had to be physically fit to stand the stress and strain of modern life. There was no doubt that school medical inspection had done much to improve the physique of the rising generation. There was probably a misunderstanding on the subject at this school. Ten years ago the matter was put to the school and the Board of Governors replied that the School Medical Officer lived next door to the school, and the boys had every treatment required.

School medical examination did not mean medical treatment, but a routine examination of every boy once a year.

An enormous number of defects were discovered; which could be put right. No-one with a knowledge of elementary schools would wish it to be done away with. Some headmasters may have said that they did not like it, but some of the headmasters of the largest schools in Dorset had told him how very, very valuable it was.

Dr. Stallybrass thought home work was essential, as the competition was so keen now-a-days, and the standard required so high. It was only for those who were physically unfit that home work was too much. Experiments were going on at present, which were showing that boys with a full period of physical training every day and less book work, were doing better at book work than boys who only had two periods of physical training per week. This showed that physical fitness was absolutely essential to a good book education.

Many children got too little sleep, and he thought there should be a strict rule prohibiting attendance at cinemas and such places of amusement during school term. Given physical fitness and a reasonable amount of sleep, home work should not upset an ordinary child.

Thanks were expressed to Major Stallybrass on the motion of Alderman Borley, seconded by the Mayor.

THE AWARDS.

The prizes were presented by Major Stallybrass to the following:—

FORM PRIZES.

Form VI.	...	...	W. G. King, H. J. Ford.
" Upper V.	...	...	E. Bartlett, W. J. Burden.
" Lower V.	...	...	C. G. St. D. Jeffries, B. R. Pike.
" IV.	...	...	M. Tucker, A. B. Cluer.
" III.	...	...	K. C. B. Field, E. A. Clarke.
" II.	...	...	R. F. Lodge, R. B. Burrows.
" I.	...	...	S. G. Baker, J. J. Foot.

SPECIAL PRIZES (for good work and progress)

Form Upper V.	...	R. E. G. Davies,
		E. Bartlett (Divinity Prize).
" Lower V.	...	W. J. N. Warren.
" IV.	...	E. J. Foot.
" III.	...	M. W. Burge, C. A. W. Killington.
" II.	...	D. W. Tait.
" I.	...	D. M. Godfrey.

Special Prize for best article made in the School Workshop—
G. D. Dèveceux.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

Higher School Certificate.—1936: W. G. King.

School Certificates.—1934 and 1935: H. J. Ford.

1936: E. Bartlett, W. J. Burden, R. E. G. Davies, D. H. Ryall,
R. N. Thresher, J. R. Domoney, N. H. Foot, G. A. Green.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE well-known farce, "None but the Brave," was given in the Memorial Hall on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29th and 30th. It was written by Bernard Merivale and Brandon Fleming, and produced at the Garrick Theatre, London, in 1926.

The slippery conditions of the roads on the opening night, combined with the prevailing epidemic of influenza, prevented many parents from attending, but those who were fortunate enough to witness the performance, thoroughly enjoyed it.

The play, which was to have been produced at the end of the Christmas term, lost nothing by the postponement. This was due largely to the fine work of the producer, Mr. W. Ramshaw, who handled his cast with great skill, and put on a play which could not have been surpassed.

Mr. G. Scalbert took the leading part, that of Lord Tankerdown, an unworthy representative of a family of big game hunters. Lord Tankerdown first appears as a scared bookworm and is bullied by his relatives. He suffers this until he thinks he has killed a man. He feels that now he is a man killer he is worthy of the name of Tankerdown, and immediately starts to assert himself over his interfering relatives. Mr. Scalbert brought out the contrast with an ease very rarely seen on the amateur stage.

G. R. Tucker, as Honoria Tankerdown, the aunt, deserves special mention. He used his height to great effect, and was always a dignified Victorian lady. The part of Honoria's husband, Sir George Tankerdown, was taken by Mr. Cole, who, without exaggerating, managed to get a great deal out of his "peppery uncle" part. Mr. H. R. Holloway, as Robert Tankerdown, Honoria's useless son, and Mr. A. R. Cave as Major Knapshott, the army man with a past, both added to the variety of the humour in the play.

As Blowers (captain of Lord Tankerdown's yacht), C. G. St. D. Jeffries was excellent in a part not easily played by a boy. His disdain for the insipid heir of a game-hunting father turned to blustering admiration when the former had drawn Paravento's blood. His removal of the supposed corpse led one to believe that such a procedure was nothing more than a daily routine duty.

A. B. Cluer as Bluebell Ayres, Lord Tankerdown's fiancée, looked charming. Her fear of the excitable and possessive Paravento contrasted well with her love for her chameleon-like Eric.

Mr. P. H. Edmonds as Broody, Lord Tankerdown's ex-pugilist manservant, and P. Nutbeem as Paravento, a prince in exile and a professional dancer, were exceptionally good. The former's facial expressions and dry remarks raised many a laugh, while the latter's expostulations and foreign accent showed him to be an actor of considerable promise.

W. J. Burden, as Robert's fiancée, made the best of a rather dull part and looked decidedly pretty. M. Tucker as a reporter, and E. S. W. Dyke as a footman, filled two smaller parts very successfully, and later in the play took the parts of two ruffians, members of the Malatesti Society. Mr. A. B. Renton as a detective, Mr. Veale as Colonel Melito, and G. D. Devereux as a policeman, completed a cast which contained no weak spot, and one which had cheerfully pulled its weight against a considerable amount of bad luck.

We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Edmonds and Geoffrey Tucker for taking their long journeys down to Shaftesbury and thereby enabling Mr. & Mrs. Ramshaw to produce the show with the original cast. We also thank all those who in any way helped to make the show the success it was. The proceeds, amounting to £10 8s. 2d., was allocated to the Library Fund.

CAST

(in order of appearance).

Broody (manservant—an ex-pugilist) ...	...	Mr. P. H. Edmonds.
Blowers (captain of the yacht) ...	...	C. G. St. D. Jeffries.
Footman ...	...	E. S. W. Dyke.
Mr. Smart (reporter)...	...	M. Tucker.
Lord Tankerdown ...	...	Mr. G. Scalbert.
Bluebell Ayres (his fiancée) ...	...	A. B. Cluer.
Honorina Tankerdown (his aunt) ...	...	G. R. Tucker.
Sir George Tankerdown (his uncle) ...	...	Mr. L. J. Cole.
Robert Tankerdown (his cousin) ...	...	Mr. H. R. Holloway.
Clementina Pearce ...	...	W. J. Burden.
Major Knapshott (Lord Tankerdown's cousin)...	...	Mr. A. R. Cave.
Paravento ...	...	P. Nutbeem.
Colonel Melito ...	...	Mr. L. P. V. Veale.
Inspector Mosely ...	...	Mr. A. B. Renton.
Policeman ...	...	G. D. Devereux.
Two members of the Malatesti Society	{	M. Tucker.
	{	E. S. W. Dyke.

CHESS CLUB CONCERT.

The Concert consisted of the play, "Ali the Cobbler," with the following cast:—

Ali	...	...	P. Nutbeem.
Said	...	...	C. R. J. Mitchell.
Fatema	...	...	F. J. Green.
Mustapha	...	...	R. W. Rowland.

Others taking part in the concert were C. G. Jeffries, R. H. Harding, W. G. King, J. K. Miles, R. Crofts, G. R. Tucker, Mr. Scalbert, A. J. Sansom (at the piano).

The concert was devised, produced, dressed, staged and run entirely by boys, no master helping in any way whatsoever except for one short turn: It is with the greatest pleasure, therefore, that we can record it as a great success in every way. The play was well done and greatly enjoyed, the singing lusty and cheerful, if not always very musical, and the receipts highly gratifying. Altogether it was a very jolly evening, and we hope that since the Chess Club showed how to put on a show without outside help, that others will follow their example next year.

The Chess Club wishes to thank very heartily all who contributed to their funds that night.

BITS AND PIECES.

VALENTINES.

Singing Classes.

Eftsoones they heard a a most melodious sound.

("Fairie Queene." Spenser.)

Sixth Form Essayists.

They lard their lean books with the fat of others' works.

("Democritus to the Reader." Burton.)

The Cadets.

As a duck with its eyelids, so he with his nose

Trims his belt and his buttons and turns out his toes.

("Through the Looking-Glass." Carroll.)

The Labour Corps.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.

(St. Matthew 9, 37.)

W. x. Kxng.

This senior-junior, giant-dwarf, Dan Cupid,
Regent of love-rhymes, lord of the folded arms,
The anointed sovereign of sighs and groans,
Liege of all loiterers and malcontents.

("Love's Labour's Lost." Shakespeare.)

A. x. Clxxr.

Like a man made after supper of a cheese-paring when a'
was naked, he was for all the world like a forked radish, with a
head fantastically carved upon it with a knife.

("King Henry IV., Pt. II." Shakespeare.)

P. Nxtxexm.

I's wicked I is, I's mighty wicked; anyhow I can't help it.

("Uncle Tom's Cabin." Stowe.)

The Prefect's Note-book.

All his faults observed,
Set in a note-book, learned and conned by heart.

("Julius Cæsar." Shakespeare.)

x. J. Cxxe.

He reads much,
He is a great observer, and he looks
Quite through the deeds of men.

("Julius Cæsar." Shakespeare.)

C. x. x. Mixcxexl.

He draweth out the thread of his verbosity finer than the
threads of his argument.

("Love's Labour's Lost." Shakespeare.)

SIXTH.

A NEW BOY'S SONG.

I'm but a little new boy weak,
When I am spoken to I speak.
I promised that I would be good,
Just as a little new boy should.

I never try to cheek or pout,
And if I do I'm not found out;
My lessons fill me with such awe,
I learn them every day still more.

And when to School I came at first
For learning I had such a thirst,
I meant to work, I meant to svot,
I meant to do—what I have not!

DANNY'S DREAM.

Young Danny was a little too fond of detective story thrillers, and made it a habit of hurrying through his home-work in order to read what was, for him, much more interesting stuff. Now it happened that on a certain day his master had been telling the class something (Danny was not quite clear about it all) of alliteration in verse. The English home-work had consisted of a passage in which the alliteration had to be noticed and its force explained. Danny did it and hoped for the best. The rest of the evening he gorged himself on his latest favourite, "The Clue of the Bloodstained Initials," with the result that in the middle of the night he dreamed of himself as a thriller poet composing lines that show a fondness for the macabre. The following are some of those written about a murderer:—

"Beneath the sheening shimmer of the stars
He crept and crouched. His foe, unfearful, slept
Serene. Foul murder filled the frightened air
With frigid fear. At last he heaved on high
His gleaming, glamorous glaive, and muttered
Mumblyngly coarse curses. Then he struck,
And struck again until the gruesome gore
Upsprang with sprightly spurt. The baleful blood
With blasting blight had almost blinded him."

THE SIMPLE LIFE.

No life is so joyful, happy and free
As the life of a lad living far from the sea
In a country district, a village, a farm,
And whose livelihood rests on the strength of his arm.
He cares not for jazz and the songs of the cities,
For he's quite contented with rural ditties.
He works with a will from morning till night,
And supper-time finds him still merry and bright.
When his humble meal has come to an end,
He sits by the fire with a faithful friend—
His sheep-dog, who stretches himself on the mat,
Dreaming, perhaps, of a fox or wild cat
Which the night before, during prowlings bold,
Had dared to attack some lambs in the fold:
The dog's eyes are closed as he dreams anew,
And he nods his head with a sigh or two
As his master gets ready to go up to bed
With the thoughts of another day's work ahead.
And the country boy thinks when the day is done:
"Tis a simple life, but a happy one."

R. E. G. D.

O.S. CLUB DINNER.

THE 1936 O.S. Dinner was held at the Metropole Hotel, Bournemouth, on November 7th.

Mr. R. J. Jesse, proposing the toast of "The School—Past and Present," said "I am sure the outside world might wonder why this club is such a great success. To my mind it is due to two special reasons. One reason is such meetings as we have to-night at which you can keep up old friendships, but the greater reason is that it is a token of love and gratitude to the school and its respective masters for what it and they have done for us to enable us to turn out good citizens.

With a membership of nearly 500 and with a treasury that the treasurer tells me is in a very flourishing condition, I want you to consider what we can do to further the progress of the school. There are several ways in which I think we could help. One in which every old boy and even parents could help is when you know of any friend or a friend of a friend that has a son reaching school age, put before him everything that you can about the school and tell him that it is the only place to send his son. I am sure that advice from a parent who is an old boy or whose son is an old boy, will carry more weight than anything else.

Another point I want to raise is to see, with the funds at our disposal, if we cannot make some real contribution towards a scholarship in whatever form the headmaster and Governors think fit. I am sure if there were a scholarship to a university, or, if that is too ambitious, for boarders, it would be a great inducement for parents to send boys to the school and at the same time we should be justifying our existence.

Before I move on to the present school I wish on behalf of the club and all its members to offer Mr. and Mrs. Minchin hearty congratulations for the way in which they are carrying on the school after, I hardly know how to express it, the wonderful way in which Dr. and Mrs. Tovey carried it on. It was no easy task to follow in such footsteps but we are thoroughly satisfied with the way Mr. Minchin is carrying on. There may be other farmers present who realise and have felt the depression we have just passed through. I believe it has had an effect on the number of boarders in the school. I am sure in these days of lack of discipline in a good many homes parents would be conferring a great benefit on their boys if they sent them as boarders, if only for a short period of their scholastic days. If they do not learn discipline at home or at school they will have to in after life. If parents have to make a sacrifice to send their sons as boarders it will prove to be

worth while.. I give you the toast of "The School, past and present."

Dr. C. H. Tovey, replying for the Past, said, "Mr. Chairman and old boys, I do feel I am in a false position in being here this evening. I have accepted the post of secretary until a younger man will come along and take my place. I haven't seen that young man yet. I am living too far from Shaftesbury for me to be a good secretary. I only hope I have not done those things I ought not to have done, and although I am perfectly certain I have left undone many things I ought to have done, I have the consolation of knowing that I am in very good company because several of our members have not yet paid their subscriptions!

I have had splendid assistance from Donald Parham, and should also like to thank the sub-committee in Bournemouth who have given me valuable help in arranging this dinner. You will notice the toast list is shortened and re-arranged and for that I take the entire responsibility. I had complaints last year that the speeches were too long and members had insufficient time given them to talk over old times, and this shortened toast list is my endeavour to meet their wishes. We don't want to "cuss" (or discuss) toast lists to-night, but I should like to say the subject is coming up for discussion at the annual meeting on December 2nd, and whatever your views are on the matter, if you will express them aloud on that date it may be possible to carry them out. I should like to make one small suggestion, and that is that the reply for the School should come before the Club.

Unfortunately, to my great regret, I have to finish on a sad note tonight. Death has robbed us during the past year of three members. Last March, Ernest Johnson, one of our oldest old boys, a man who retained a keen and abiding love for the school, was taken from us after a long illness. He was a governor of the school, and was our president the last time we held our dinner in Bournemouth.

Only a few weeks ago another ex-president, in Charlie Pearce, passed away quite unexpectedly and suddenly. He was one of my early old boys, was an original member of the club, and well known to all of us. He was one of the finest athletes the school has turned out, and was a sportsman in the highest and best sense of the term. When we arranged those jolly cricket tours of a few years ago, he was our star turn on the field and a charming companion off it. He was a member of our committee at his death, and all of us who served with him will miss his broad and sane outlook on life.

Lastly, we have lost Tom Hewer, who died in August after an operation, just before he was to be married. Tom was one of our younger old boys, and probably was not as well known to many of you. He had a charm and personality of his own, and the more you knew him the better you liked him. I had a letter from one of his contemporaries only a few days ago, in which he said "every one in this district is terribly upset at Tom's death. He was a fine fellow and one I shall never forget."

In conclusion, I am sure I shall carry you all with me when I offer on behalf of ourselves and our Club our very deep sympathy to all their sorrowing friends and relations."

Mr. Minchin, in replying for "The Present," said "I wish to associate myself with Dr. Tovey's expression of sympathy and regret on the great loss the Club has sustained by the deaths of Ernest Johnson, Charles Pearce and Tom Hewer. They are Old Boys whose places can never be filled. I regret I have to report a fourth loss, for I had the sad duty of attending the funeral of Sidney Cooke a week ago. Sidney was quite a young old boy, but his untimely death was not unexpected, a London specialist having given his parents little hope of any lasting recovery. To them I offer my deepest and sincerest sympathy.

In common with nearly all the boarding schools in the country, our school is finding some difficulty in securing boarders. In spite of this and of the prevailing fashion for small families, the school is full. There are 160 boys in it at present, and 140 of these are boys who have joined since 1932. This shows how quickly the various generations pass on. The school will always remember Dr. Tovey, and his influence is still bearing fruit. He was a unique headmaster, universally liked by all.

I am not feeling particularly old to-night, but it may surprise you all to know that I have completed a quarter of a century as a master in your school. During this time I have seen many changes, the greatest being, I think, in the boys themselves. Whether the change is for the better or not must be decided by their post-school careers. In some respects the change is regrettable, but the fault is not entirely the boys'. The claims of the motor car and father's golf clubs are partly to blame. Instead of learning many manly lessons in a knock-about scrimmage in the nursery or in the garden, boys of five or six years of age are becoming accustomed to the soft seats of cars or the cinema. I firmly believe that this lack of father's influence is one which boys miss, and that it is one which makes a schoolmaster's task a

heavier one than it was a few years ago. I mention this in the hope that some of you who are fathers will give your sons the benefit of your company and lighten the load of their masters later on.

Last term we had a general inspection of the school by the Board of Education. I am glad to tell you that the report of H.M. Inspectors was a very good one. They had very few complaints to make, and expressed themselves well pleased with the work and bearing of the boys. They told us that we urgently wanted some extensions and alterations of the buildings, and I am glad to say that a start is being made in the Spring by the erection of a physics laboratory. Two more classrooms and an extension of the library will be added later.

As far as the sporting side of the school's activities are concerned, I can report a good cricket season. Four centuries were made on the school ground, and the form shown was a distinct improvement on that of recent years. The football team is not a particularly strong one, but it contains a few individual players of outstanding merit. There is no lack of keenness, for out of the 160 boys in the school, no less than 153 play football.

The Cadet Corps continues its good work under the command of Cadet Major Ramshaw, who has devoted many years to its welfare. He has also done excellent work in connection with the stage productions, and will shortly be producing "None but the Brave" as our Xmas entertainment. I also want to take this opportunity of thanking all the masters for the loyal way in which they enter into all school activities.

At half-term last term, we welcomed to the school a very delightful little new girl in the person of my little daughter. I had hoped that "she" would have been a "he," but the female element predominates in my family.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I thank you for your very kind remarks about the school, and I thank you all for coming here this evening. These annual gatherings of Old Boys are always most enjoyable, and I look forward to seeing you all again at Shaftesbury in November next year."

Mr. K. S. Law proposed "Members Overseas," and said "I should like to congratulate Mr. Minchin on the arrival of the new girl.

I suppose I am safe in saying we now have representatives of the school in each of the five continents, and I suppose we are not unique in this, but the fact that the school is able to turn out fellows who are prepared to go to the ends of the

earth, I think is something to be proud of. Some of us have been lucky enough to go cruising on our holidays, and those who have will appreciate the thrill they experience when they first sight the shores of England again after a few weeks' absence abroad. You can therefore imagine the feelings of fellows who are returning after an absence of two or three years. You can also imagine their feelings when they read the message of greeting from us to-night, in their School Magazine.

Next Wednesday is Remembrance Day throughout the country, and I think it is only our duty that we should remember at this time those old boys for whom there is no return, who have reached their journey's end; and I ask you to raise your glasses to Old Boys Overseas, wherever they may be."

Those present included :—

A. E. Atkinson, R. S. Balhatchet, R. K. Brett, R. Charlton, F. W. Clarke, A. H. Clegg, L. J. Cole, W. J. Combes, L. Combes, D. P. Darrington, A. G. Dunn, H. G. Friend, C. A. Gardner, F. T. Gauntlett, M. F. Gricks, B. G. Gyles, A. W. Harding, J. M. Harding, T. G. Hart, R. Heaton, J. D. R. Hewer, H. R. Holloway, M. A. Holmes, W. G. Humphries, R. J. Jesse, E. F. Jesse, K. S. Law, N. H. Lock, J. W. London, A. D. Miles, J. W. W. K. Miles, J. W. Miles, F. G. Minchin, R. B. Minchin, D. A. Parham, W. Ramshaw, A. B. Renton, D. F. Ricketts, G. R. Rousell, G. Scalbert, R. G. Scott, E. J. Shepard, J. P. Snook, W. E. Thomas, C. H. Tovey, G. C. Tovey, C. Tozer, T. S. Tucker, L. P. V. Veale, M. G. Watton, A. J. Wescott, J. S. Windebank, F. G. B. Young, and five Guests.

O.S. NEWS.

The attention of Old Boys is drawn to the recent introduction of House Ties. These are now awarded to boys who do well in the inter-house competitions, and are presented by the House Captains. The ties bear the house colours combined with those of the school.

The House Committee have decided that any past member of a house is entitled to wear the house tie provided he won his school colours at cricket, football or athletics. Old Boys wishing to purchase a tie may obtain one from Mr. Minchin. The price is 2/6 or, by post, 2/8. Past members applying for a tie must state the house (*i.e.*, Roman, Corinthian, Spartan or Trojan), and the year in which they were awarded their school colours.

A. W. Harding played the part of "Crumpét" in "The Maid of the Mountains," produced by the Salisbury Amateurs early in February.

J. R. B. Pape has returned to England from S. Africa and is now living in London. He hopes to be with us at the next O.S. Dinner.

Brian Aylwin sailed from Southampton early in March on S.S. "Almanzora," bound for Brazil. He is in the Purser's office and expects to be away for a year.

BIRTHS.—F. E. Gray, a son (December).

S. J. Lawrence, a son (January).

WEDDING.—Jan. 20th, Henry G. Young to Miss H. Clarke.

Congratulations to A. J. Combes and W. G. Humphries, who are both engaged and hope to be married shortly.

Dr. Tovey has had a long letter from J. S. Arnold, who went to America shortly after leaving School about 18 years ago, and is now an engineer in Seattle, U.S.A. He seems to be enjoying life; his chief recreations are music and climbing.

A. F. Tinkler has left Southampton and is now in business at Kingston-on-Thames.

Jack Wilson is now in London on a shore job; he is working with the Navigators & Engineer Officers' Union, the chief organisation for officers in the Merchant Navy. We deeply regret to hear that his wife died very suddenly last July, and we offer him our very deepest sympathy; he had only been married for eleven months.

A. J. Sharp has left the Mercantile Marine, and now has a good post with the General Electric Co.

J. M. Fuller visited the school on November 15th. He is now attached to the Admiralty as a liason officer, and is expecting his majority at an early date. He was looking exceptionally fit and was as cheerful as ever.

We were very glad to see M. F. Gricks, S. H. Holloway and R. E. Hunt playing for G. R. Rousell's XI. on Dec. 9th.

N. H. Foot and E. H. Dibben looked in on Nov. 23rd. We have not seen the latter for a considerable time.

Mr. Minchin received South African Annuals from E. C. Mozley and H. E. Mitchell, at Christmas. The former also wrote a long interesting letter, depicting his life as a school-master in Cape Town.

J. P. Burden is now at Handsworth College, Birmingham. He is expecting to go abroad at an early date as a missionary.

G. J. Hiscock has left Iwerne Minster, and is now travelling for Shirley's Cake Co.

R. Geyton has been appointed to the inspectorate of Lloyds-Bank, Ltd.

H. T. Imber has joined a large engineering firm, in Coventry. He tells us that he means to play cricket regularly during the next season.

Maurice C. Holmes has passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. We congratulate him very heartily on his success.

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Bathurst-Brown paid us a very welcome visit on February 7th. The former is practising as a solicitor in Brentford.

W. G. King has been appointed to the High Holborn Branch of the National Provincial Bank Ltd.

We very much regret to record the death on Feb. 12th of S. H. Coombs, of Motcombe. He was involved in a cycle accident when riding from Shaftesbury to Motcombe, and killed instantaneously. To his sorrowing relatives we offer our deepest sympathy.

R. P. Jesse writes cheerfully from Cambridge. He is looking forward to the summer, when he will skipper the Queen's College 1st XI.

M. G. Jones is doing well in business in Parkstone. He has recently changed his address.

R. C. Emery finds life very interesting as a horticultural apprentice in Surrey. He is very keen on the work, but finds the bad weather very trying for the open-air part of his work.

J. A. Cole has written to Mr. Minchin a long and interesting letter from Cirencester. He still takes a very great interest in Rugby Football; and sees all the county matches he can.

D. H. Ryall has obtained a post with Messrs. Bowmaker, Ltd., financiers, of Bournemouth. M. G. Watton is with the same firm.

G. R. Tucker is now articled to Col. Hawkins, Borough Surveyor of Reading.

The Past v. Present Cricket Matches will be played on Saturday, July 24th, starting at 11:30 a.m. All Old Boys are asked to make a note of this date, and are heartily invited to play. Accommodation at the School will be available for all Old Boys coming from a distance.

O.S. CLUB NOTES.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The 18th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the School Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, at 5 p.m., with the President (Mr. R. J. Jesse) in the chair.

It was unanimously decided that the Club Dinner in 1938 should be held in Yeovil.

The following office-holders were elected for 1936-37:—

President—Mr. K. S. Law.

President-Elect—Mr. N. H. Lock.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. A. J. Wescott.

Hon. Secretary—Dr. C. H. Tovey.

Assistant Hon. Sec.—Mr. D. A. Parham.

Hon. Auditors—Messrs. M. C. W. Johnson & A. J. Combes.

Committee—Messrs. J. M. Harding, R. E. Hunt, R. J. Jesse,

M. C. W. Johnson, N. H. Lock, J. W. W. K. Miles,

R. B. Minchin, C. F. I. Phillips and R. H. M. Stirling.

Mr. W. Farley Rutter was afterwards co-opted.

Mr. F. L. Watmough was unanimously elected a Life Member of the Club in recognition of his long and valuable services to the school.

The Treasurer submitted a satisfactory balance sheet, and the Assistant Hon. Sec. gave the number of club members at 463.

Several items of general business were then discussed. It was decided that the new club booklets should be printed and distributed to members as soon as possible.

A letter from Mr. A. H. Clegg, on the subject of guests and speeches at annual dinners, was read. After discussion it was decided to take no action in the matter. (see Rule 8.)

A proposal that dinners held *away* from Shaftesbury should in future be held on a Wednesday, found little support.

It was decided to approach the School Governing Body, asking if the members would consider co-opting to their number a member nominated by the Club.

Finally, a long discussion took place on the question of presenting a Scholarship or Exhibition to the School. Eventually it was decided that the Club should give £15 per annum for this purpose, and it was left to the Committee to work out a scheme and report to the next General Meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a very interesting meeting.

The members present were:—

Messrs. F. L. Bridle, G. W. Cheater, C. Coats, L. J. Cole, W. J. Combes, D. P. Darrington, H. G. Friend, D. C. Garrett, M. F. Gricks, J. M. Harding, R. E. Hunt, E. F. Jesse, R. J. Jesse, M. C. W. Johnson, K. S. Law, P. D. Law, N. H. Lock, J. W. W. K. Miles, J. W. Miles, R. B. Minchin, D. A. Parham, C. F. I. Phillips, E. J. Pulman, W. Ramshaw, G. R. Rousell, W. Farley Rutter, H. B. B. Ryall, G. Scalbert, T. C. Tozer, A. J. Wescott, B. G. Young.

A new Club booklet has recently been posted to all our members. If any member has not received one, will he kindly let Dr. Tovey know as soon as possible.

The request of the Club for a representative on the Governing Body was favourably considered by the School Governors at a meeting held on December 14th, 1936. They decided to fill a vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Rupert Williams, by the election of our treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wescott, to take his place. We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. Wescott on his appointment, and feel sure he will prove a worthy representative of our Club.

NEW MEMBERS.

E. Bartlett	... Hayter's Farm, Moorside, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.
P. F. J. Buckland	... 9, Drayton Road, West Ealing, W. 13.
W. F. Chapman	... Pleck Farm, Ansty, Dorchester, Dorset.
R. Charlton	... National Provincial Bank, Swanage, Dorset.
R. C. Emery	... Negishi, Stoneyfield Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.
N. H. Foot	... Bookham Farm, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Dorset.
H. T. Imber	... The Ship Hotel, Shaftesbury.
D. H. Ryall	... Glasfryn, Woodside Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
R. N. Thresher	... Selworthy, 38, Ophir Road, Bournemouth.
G. R. Tucker	... The Home Farm, Ardington, Berks.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Will members kindly note that the undermentioned arrived too late for insertion in the new booklet:—

M. G. Jones	... Rosedale, Sandbanks Road, Lower Parkstone, Dorset.
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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following school magazines:—

Clayesmorian, Wimburnian, Yeovilian, Bournemouthian, Sotoniensis, Fosterian, the Halton Magazine and the Faraday House Journal.

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.