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EDITORIAL

The past decade has been difficult for most of us, young and old, but let us hope that this year will see the beginning of an improvement in our situation generally.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death, on December 17th, 1948, of the Bishop of Salisbury, Dr. Geoffrey Charles Lunt. He took a great interest in this school and we well remember the one speech he delivered at our Prize Distribution in February, 1947. The School and the Diocese are all the poorer for the passing of such a fine man, one who loved God, his King, his Country and his fellow men. To Mrs. Lunt and to her family we offer our deepest sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

To Mr. Minchin we offer our sincerest sympathies on the loss of his mother who died on January 16th. She was ninety-three years of age and is survived by her ten children, the youngest of whom is 53.

The present system of external examinations by the Universities is to end in 1951. Few educationists in the schools and universities can see any sense in destroying the present system at a time when qualified masters are in short supply and buildings are quite inadequate to the demands being made upon them. Under the new system a clever boy must wait until he is sixteen years of age before he can take a "General School Certificate." Why should a bright boy be compelled to wait for the clock?

The Memorial Tablet, to be erected in the Memorial Hall in memory of the twenty-eight Old Boys who laid down their lives in the 1939-45 War, has been beautifully carved by Mr. Alfred Bowers of Bournemouth. It is ready for erection and dedication but it has been decided to wait until a new roof covers the Memorial Hall. The present one has never been entirely satisfactory.

SCHOOL NEWS

We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Scalbert on the birth of their second daughter.

Since our last issue, Messrs. P. J. Watson-Liddell, J. R. McNeill, J. E. Cawley and P. W. Knight have left for other schools and Messrs. J. T. Badham, M.A., S. W. Scott, M.A., M. J. David and G. F. J. Hartless, L.R.A.M. have joined the staff. We offer them a very warm welcome.

During the Summer and Winter Terms of 1948 the music was taken over by Mr. Charlton Burdon, the organist at Wimborne Minster. We thank him very warmly for filling a gap at short notice and for preparing the choir for the Nine Lesson Carol Service.

Mr. E. O'D Thomas, M.A., joined the staff in a temporary capacity for last Summer Term. His place has now been filled by the appointment of Mr. T. W. Sheppard, M.A., to whom we also offer a warm welcome.

Mr. Minchin has received a long and most interesting letter from Mr. Brown who has settled with his wife and family in Portland, Oregon. He has left the scholastic profession and taken up accountancy.

The school will break up for the Summer Holidays on Tuesday, July 26th. Boarders will travel on the 27th.

TERM I. 1948

NEW BOYS.

A. R. Baker (C), M. W. L. Malone (C), R. M. Kemp (S), W. J. M. Richards (R) D. M. Kent (T), J. M. H. Bloor (T).

Prefects :— R. Hall-Smith, (Head Prefect), B. A. T. Bleach, D. W. Drew, M. J. Drewitt, T. S. Godfrey, R. B. Harburn, D. G. Hawkyard, R. L. Judd, D. M. Kirby, P. Mattocks, J. Mayman, P. G. Ross, K. E. Town, R. J. R. Vernon, D. Williams, D. T. E. Youngman.

Head Boys :— S. K. Burrow, M. J. Cole, J. R. Eede, N. J. Flower, J. Handscombe, W. J. Slade, D. G. C. Stubbs, R. Woodhouse.

VALETE.

J. F. Duggan	....	Form III.A	Entered September, 1945
J. C. Mullins	....	Form V.B.	Entered September 1943. Cert. A, Part I.
M. J. Woodham		Form III.B.	Entered September 1944. "Davies" Mile Cup, 1948.

TERM II. 1948.

NEW BOY. H. Fisher (C).

Prefects :— R. Hall-Smith (Head Prefect), B. A. T. Bleach, D. W. Drew, M. J. Drewitt, J. R. Eede, T. S. Godfrey, R. B. Harburn, R. L. Judd, D. M. Kirby, P. Mattocks, J. Mayman, P. G. Ross, D. G. C. Stubbs, K. E. Town, R. J. R. Vernon, D. Williams, D. T. E. Youngman.

Head Boys :— S. K. Burrow, R. E. Chamberlain, M. J. Cole, N. J. Flower, J. Handscombe, E. W. Hayter, W. J. Slade, R. Woodhouse.

VALETE.

A. B. Attwood	Form IV.A.	Entered September, 1944. Cert. A, Part I.
J. M. Brickell	Form IV.B.	Entered April; 1942. Cert. A. Cert. T.
R. E. Chamberlain	Form V.A.	Entered May, 1943. Cricket XI, 1947. Sergeant. Cert. A. Cert. T.
D. D. Chorley	Form V.B.	Entered April, 1944. Cert. A, Part I.
J. R. Eede	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1946. Prefect. Cert. A. Cert. T. School Cert. 1947 and 1948.
L. Fanner	Form IV.B.	Entered September, 1943.
R. S. Ferris	Form IV.B.	Entered September, 1945.
T. S. Godfrey	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1944. Prefect Football XI, 1946 and 1947. Colours 1946. School Cert. 1948.
R. B. Harburn	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1944. Prefect. Cricket XI, 1947 and 1948. Colours 1948. Rugby XV 1946. C.Q.M.S. Cert. A. School Cert. 1947 and 1948. "Tovey" Shooting Cup, 1947.
D. G. Hawkyard	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1945. Cert. A. Cert. T. Prefect. School Cert. 1948.
E. W. Hayter	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1942. Cert. A. Cert. T.
M. F. Hayter	Form III.B.	Entered September, 1946.
P. H. Johnson	Form IV.A.	Entered September, 1944.
R. L. Judd	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1943. Prefect. Cert. A. Cert. T.. Sergeant.
D. M. Kirby	Form V.A.	Entered January, 1940. Football XI 1947. Cert. A.
M. W. L. Malone	Form III.A.	Entered January, 1948.
W. A. Matthews	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1943. Cert. A. Cert. T. School Cert. 1948.
P. Mattocks	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1939. Prefect. Cricket XI 1947 and 1948. Colours 1948. Football XI 1947. Sergeant. Cert. A. Cert. T. "Tovey" Shooting Cup, 1948.
D. A. C. Miller.	Form II.A.	Entered September, 1942.
G. J. Ralph	Form IV.B.	Entered January, 1945. Cert. A., Part I.
C. F. Roberts	Form V.B.	Entered May, 1943.
W. J. Slade	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1944. Cricket XI, 1947, 1948. Colours 1948. Football XI 1947. Cert. A. School Cert. 1948.
J. Springall.	Form IV.B.	Entered January, 1944.
D. A. Thomas	Form IV.B.	Entered January, 1944.
R. F. Toogood	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1943. Cert. A.
W. D. Tozer	Form II.B.	Entered May, 1945.
R. J. R. Vernon	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1940. Prefect, Cert. A. Cert. T. School Cert. July, 1948.
D. Williams	Form V.A.	Entered September, 1939. Prefect. Football XI, 1947. Cert. A. School Cert. 1947 and 1948.
G. H. Wright	Form IV.A.	Entered September, 1943. Cert. A. Cert. T.

TERM III, 1948.

NEW BOYS.

<i>Corinthians</i>	<i>Romans</i>	<i>Trojans</i>	<i>Spartans</i>
J. Webber.	B. G. Johnson.	D. S. Pike.	T. W. Squire.
J. D. Imber.	R. G. Hyde.	S. T. Moody.	M. J. Hallett.
R. A. G. Stainer.	R. G. Quick.	R. M. Humphries.	R. R. Hall.
G. D. Johnson.	J. A. Forward.	A. J. Newman.	T. R. L. Williams.
R. F. Coombs	D. Coward.	B. D. Long.	A. J. Miller.
A. M. White.	J. Coward.	D. Woods.	P. M. Toms.
B. M. Thorn.	R. A. Ovenden.	K. J. Sanger.	P. J. Alford.
D. W. Davidge.	A. C. Jones.	R. H. Orman.	A. Bennett.
J. W. Edwards.	B. Ridout.	R. G. Stöckley.	W. A. Barnett.
	N. T. Rutter.	A. J. Power.	A. G. Ambrose.
			M. J. Burt.
			E. N. Farris.

Prefects :— R. Hall-Smith (Head Prefect, B. A. T. Bleach, S. K. Burrow, M. J. Cole, D. W. Drew, M. J. Drewitt, J. Handscombe, J. Mayman, P. G. Ross, D. G. C. Stubbs, K. E. Town, R. Woodhouse, D. T. E. Younman.

Head Boys :— M. V. Ashford, A. R. Baker, R. Bennett, I. C. Dunstan, N. J. Flower, L. A. S. Marchmont, M. R. O'Moore, D. J. Stanley, I. R. Stuckey, D. P. White.

VALETE.

N. P. Chave.	....	Form IV.A.	Entered Term III, 1944.
D. G. H. Crocker	....	Form V.B.	Entered Term III, 1942.
M. J. Drewitt	....	Form V.A.	Entered Term III, 1942. Cricket XI 1947 and 1948. Prefect. Cert. A. Cert. T. Sergeant.
B. Follett.	....	Form V.B.	Entered Term III, 1943. Cert. A. Part I.
W. J. Gooding	....	Form II.A.	Entered Term III, 1945.
J. A. T. Hood	....	Form VI.B.	Entered Term III, 1946. Cert. A. School Cert. 1948.
B. H. Kent	....	Form V.B.	Entered Term II, 1943. Cert. A, Part I. Cert. T.
M. J. Poole	....	Form IV.A.	Entered Term III, 1947.
G. Sanders	....	Form V.B.	Entered Term III, 1943.
T. A. Shrapnell	....	Form III.B.	Entered Term III, 1947.
D. G. C. Stubbs	....	Form VI.A.	Entered Term III, 1946. School Cert. 1947. Prefect.
K. E. Town	....	Form V.A.	Entered Term III, 1940. Prefect. Cert. A. Sgt. "Davies" Mile Cup, 1947.
A. K. S. Vincent	....	Form V.B.	Entered Term III, 1946. Football XI, 1948. Colours, 1948.
P. R. Westgate.	....	Form V.B.	Entered Term II, 1945.
D. T. E. Youngman	....	Form VI.A.	Entered Term III, 1940. School Cert. 1946. Higher School Cert. 1948. Prefect. Cricket colours, 1947, Cricket XI, 1947 and 1948. Football XI, 1946, 1947 and 1948. Football colours, 1946. "Sportsmans" Cup, 1947.

WINNERS OF CUPS, Etc.

1948.

"Johnson" Batting Cup	....	....	R. Hall Smith.
"Windebank" Bowling Cup	....	....	D. P. White.
"Genge" Fielding Cup	....	....	J. Mayman.
"Daniel" Under 14 Cup	....	....	M. E. Doggrell.

WINNERS OF CUPS—continued

"Dennis" Tennis Cup	....	....	D. Williams.
"Spry" Fives Cup	....	....	P. G. Ross.
"Tovey" Shooting Cup	....	....	P. Mattocks..
"Rousell" Football Cup	....	....	M. Prynn.
"Sportsmans" Cup	....	....	L. A. S. Marchment.
"Davies" Mile Cup	....	....	M. J. Woodham.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION RESULTS:

1948.

H.S.C.

D. T. E. Youngman (F*, E, 1)

The asterisk denotes a pass at advanced standard.

S.C.

S. K. Burrow	....	(e.lg. E.Lt. h, G, M, a.m, GS.)
D. W. Drew	....	(E.lg. e.lt. r.k. G, F, A.)
J. R. Eede	....	(E.Lg. E.Lt. R.K., H, G, F, gs.)
T. S. Godfrey	....	(e.lg. E.Lt. G, F, M, gs.)
J. Handscombe	....	(e.lg. E.Lt. r.k., h, g, l, F, M.)
R. B. Harburn	....	(e.lg. r.k. g, L. F, M, GS, A.)
D. G. Hawkyard	....	(e.lg. e.lt. h, G, F, M, gs.)
J. A. T. Hood	....	(E.Lg. E.Lt. G, m, gs.)
W. A. Matthews	....	(E.Lg. e.lt. f, m, A.)
P. G. Ross	....	(E.Lg. E.Lt. r.k. F, M.)
W. J. Slade	....	(e.lg. E.Lt. r.k. h, G, F, M.)
D. J. Stanley	....	(e.lg. E.Lt. r.k. g, f, m, GS.)
I. R. Stuckey	....	(E.Lg. E.Lt. h, G, F, M, GS.)
R. J. R. Vernon	....	(e.lg. E.Lt. r.k. h, g, F, m, GS, A.)
D. Williams	....	(e.lg. E.Lt. F, M, a.m.)
R. Woodhouse	....	(E.Lg. E.Lt. r.k; G, F, M, A.M., GS.)

The letters in brackets after each name represent the subjects in which passes were obtained. A capital letter denotes the 'Very Good' or 'Credit' standard.

E.Lg.	English Language.	F.	French.
E.Lt.	English Literature.	M.	Mathematics.
R.K.	Religious Knowledge.	A.M.	Applied Mathematics.
H.	History.	GS.	General Science.
G.	Geography.	A.	Art.
L.	Latin.		

CADET CORPS

The strength of the Cadet Corps is slightly down on the numbers of a year ago; the main reason for this seems to be the lack of day boys. It is worthy of note that 66% of the boarders are in the Corps but only 17% of the day boys are cadets.

The Certificate A results for last year were the best we have ever had. Twenty-two took Part I and fourteen Part II and all passed. In the Signals Classification Test, eleven out of twelve were successful.

Poor weather and lack of transport made full bore shooting difficult and the day on which the Alamein shoot took place could not have been much worse. However, at Bisley, the team in the

Watts Bowl Competition got down quickly and put into practice all they had been told, with the result that they won the bowl by seven points—219 against the 212 scored by the 3rd Cdt. Bn. Beds. and Herts. Regt. 'A' team. C.S.M. Smith received the bowl from the hands of Field Marshall Montgomery, G.C.B., D.S.O., who congratulated the team on its success.

Twenty Cadets went into camp at Bordon from July 27th to August 6th. The first part was very hot indeed, while rain and plenty of it cooled us off towards the end.

The Corps has now gone over to the Combined Cadet Force and our new shoulder titles should be available very shortly.

SCHOOL SPORTS

RESULTS.

Senior.

Cross Country	1	M. Woodham	2	K. E. Town	3	P. G. Ross.
Mile	1	M. Woodham	2	K. E. Town.	3	P. G. Ross.
Half-Mile	1	K. E. Town	2	P. G. Ross	3	J. R. Eede.
100 yards	1	J. Mayman	2	R. B. Harburn and M. R. Prynnne.		
120 yards Hur.	1	P. Mattocks.	2	R. B. Harburn	3	J. R. Eede.
440 yards	1	M. R. Prynnne	2	K. E. Town	3	D. M. Kirby.
High Jump	1	R. B. Harburn	2	R. Hall Smith	3	G. J. Ralph.
Long Jump	1	R. B. Harburn	2	D. Williams.	3	J. R. Eede.
Cricket Ball	1	R. B. Harburn	2	J. Mayman.	3	M. Woodham.

Champion Athlete : K. E. Town, 18 pts.

Runner up : M. Woodham, 16 pts.

Junior.

Cross Country	1	A. J. Coward	2	J. W. Hunt.	3	G. Butt.
100 yards	1	A. J. Coward	2	J. Collins	3	M. Doggrell.
84 yds. Hurdles	1	C. Evitt.	2	P. T. Adams.	3	J. Hunt.
440 yards	1	A. J. Coward.	2	G. Butt.	3	O. C. Salisbury.
High Jump	1	R. M. Kemp	2	A. J. Coward	3	J. T. Green.
Long Jump	1	B. R. Streeter.	2	M. Doggrell.	3	A. J. Coward.

Junior Champion : A. J. Coward, 30 pts.

Under 12's.

100 yards	1	M. E. Breeds.	2	P. Barrett.	3	W. Tozer.
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CRICKET

For the 1st XI, this was one of the most successful seasons of recent years; not only did they win the majority of the matches, but the cricket was in the best school tradition. The School was fortunate in having seven players of previous 1st XI experience, around whom an eleven was soon formed. Although no-one in this eleven could be consistently relied on to make a good score, a respectable total was reached in nearly every match.

D. P. White deserves special mention because of his accurate bowling, which he maintained throughout many overs. In the first

two matches, he had excellent averages and never once faltered during the season.

The most exciting match of the year was that against Canford at home. The 1st XI could not recover the form they had shown when away and, with nine wickets down, still needed ten runs to win. White, the last man, joined Marchment 'at the wicket and soon, although it seemed an age, the match was turned in the School's favour, and the tension relieved.

The "Under 14" eleven excelled themselves this season. M. E. Doggrell, the captain, was a good all-round player, capable of making a good score and then following it up with bowling of unusual speed, for a boy well under fourteen years of age. It is to him that most praise is due for a very successful season, during which no matches were lost. He was well supported by D. J. Jeffrey, who had several good innings, and E. Revill, who could be relied on to use the ball to the best advantage.

This year the masters had their most representative team since 1939, having to call on the services of five boys only. This eleven lost only one match, that against Shaftesbury Town. The most exciting game was that against Bournemouth Sports' Club, at home, when the Masters XI were dismissed for 40 but succeeded in getting their opponents out for 38.

The 'A' XI did not have a good season, for they lost the only match in which a definite result was reached.

The "Under 14½" eleven were equally unfortunate. Two matches ended in drawn games, when only one wicket of the opponent's side remained standing, and in the third, they collapsed badly when Doggrell failed to make his usual good score.

Characters of the Colours

R. H. SMITH (*Captain*) has matured as a batsman; his strokes all round the wicket have greater crispness; his cover shots are good; alert field; used good judgment as captain.

J. MAYMAN. His batting still too aggressive in the sense that he has no defence; once set, can score quickly; very good field and successful fast bowler.

D. T. E. YOUNGMAN. A fair all-round cricketer, good for some runs in an emergency and keen field; his bowling did not develop because of a faulty run-up.

P. MATTOCKS. Made some useful scores as opening bat; can strike the ball hard in driving, which is his best stroke; defence sound; very good field.

D. P. WHITE. A very very promising medium-fast bowler, with a fine easy action; immaculate in length and speedy from the pitch; a tail-end batsman good in an emergency; fair field.

R. B. HARBURN. A cautious opening bat; has a good eye but little power in his strokes which go generally to mid off or mid-on; useful change bowler of the fast left-handed type; fair field.

W. J. SLADE. A fairly aggressive left hander, strong on the leg side and fair in driving; on his day a good left-arm slow bowler: somewhat casual in the field.

L. A. S. MARCHMENT. When his defence has improved, will be a good batsman; has a good eye and makes the bat meet the ball at every stroke; keen in the field.

M. J. Drewitt, wicket-keeper, N. L. Friend and B. A. T. Bleach completed the XI and A. E. Mullins, R. E. Chamberlain, P. G. Ross, R. L. Judd and D. Williams were given trials.

RESULTS.

		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI.	....	12	8	1	3
Masters XI.	....	7	4	2	1
"A" XI.	....	3	0	2	1
'Under 14½'	....	3	0	2	1
'Under 14'	....	6	5	1	0

FOOTBALL

On the whole, the School has had a most satisfactory season. It was apparent at the start of the season that at least the team could command speed, and when this was harnessed to a good understanding, we enjoyed considerable success.

The defence played well in nearly every match, Johnson, Mullens and Youngman being a sound last line and White a dominant figure at Centre-half. The Wing-halves Hall-Smith and Cole found the task of running with a fast forward line, and getting back to help the rearguard, somewhat fatiguing, but contrived to link the two sections well. In the front line, Prynne, Mayman and Marchment were most effective, but all developed a good understanding and cohesion.

The first two matches of the season, against Mr. Cordery's XI and Fosters School were lost by 5—2 and 5—4. In both games the forward line was ineffective and the defence overworked. The first win of the season came with a visit to Lord Weymouth's G. S., where we scored 8 goals to their nil. Blandford G. S. gave us our second win when we won by 3 to 1. We then received a set back in the form of an 8—1 defeat by Bournemouth School. In this game the school felt the lack of weight and inches, being overrun, in the second half, by bigger and stronger opponents.

The next seven matches were all won, Shaftesbury Youth Club being beaten 9—1, Gillingham G. S. 6—2, Old Boys, 6—2, Lord Weymouth's G. S. 20—0, Fosters School 5—4, Mere Youth Club 5—3, and the same team, at Shaftesbury, 18—2. The defeat of the Old Boys was of particular merit, Prynne's shooting being outstanding in this game.

Possible over confidence was dispelled by two consecutive losses. Blandford beat us 9—3 and Bournemouth 1—0. The

match at Bournemouth is worthy of note, in that the team displayed tenacity and grit by fighting back against much heavier opponents. We were defending for the greater part of the game, but the team showed great determination, and with a little more steadiness might even have drawn.

The season ended on a happy note with the defeat of Wimborne G. S. by 10 to 3. Congratulations to R. Hall-Smith on a good season of Captaincy and to Barrie Bleach, who acted as linesman with unflinching good humour and judgement.

Characters of the XI.

D. T. E. YOUNGMAN, *Goal*. Has had a good season. His handling has been sound, but he must learn to follow the game even when his goal is in no apparent danger.

B. D. JOHNSON, *R. Back*. Strong tackling and sound positional play enabled him to overcome a natural inability to turn quickly. His kicking was at times wild.

A. E. MULLENS, *L. Back*. A natural games player who has had a good, if uneven, season. His great enthusiasm has been known to lead him out of position.

R. HALL-SMITH, *R. Half*. A hardworking wing-half and Captain. His determined tackling and intelligent distribution became a constant source of inspiration to the team. An attacking player, yet managed to assist the defence, with great effect, all season.

D. P. WHITE, *C. Half*. His unfortunate accident marred an excellent season. Strong heading, kicking and tackling made him a dominant figure in many games.

M. J. COLE, *L. Half*. A strong defensive player, whose doggedness and tenacity off-set the more speedy work of Hall-Smith very well. His kicking was at times weak.

M. R. PRYNNE, *R. Wing*. Fast, and a good shot with either foot, he has had a very good season. Should guard against a tendency to kick and rush.

A. K. S. VINCENT, *I. Right*. A useful forward who found the pace a little too hot in some matches. A good shot with his right foot, he has scored some good goals.

J. MAYMAN, *C. Forward*. A much improved player whose unselfish distribution held the forward line together. Has scored some good opportunist goals, but should improve his heading.

L. A. S. MARCHMENT, *I. Left*. A constructive forward whose accurate passing to either wing, contributed greatly to the speed of the attack. His heading has been excellent but his shooting weak.

M. PARRY, *O. Left*. A capable player who centres and shoots well. Developed a regrettable tendency to return upon his tracks. Must learn to get the ball across to his Centre-forward when hard pressed.

P. G. Ross, *C. Half*. Proved to be a capable deputy for White. His passing and kicking were good but his tackling a little weak.

The 'Under 14' XI was this year well below the standard of the previous two seasons. Only three or four positions were filled by players with some natural football ability. The others tried hard but were too clumsy in their efforts to effect good combination. Therefore it is not surprising that they lost most of their matches.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI. ....	....	16	10	1	5
'Under 15' ....	....	2	1	1	0
'Under 14' ....	....	7	1	2	4

HOUSE REPORT, 1947-48

As in former years the keynote of the competition for the House Shield was "keenness," and great enthusiasm was shown all round. The eventual winners, the Romans, got away to a good start by winning the football, and further consolidated their position by coming second in the Athletic Sports: the Junior Romans had the added distinction of coming first in every event, for which much of the praise must go to A. J. Coward. The Corinthians after gaining second place in the football faded right out of the picture, and with the Trojans, helped to push on the winners. After a none too convincing start in the football, coming third, the Spartans made amends by winning the sports and, in the next term, the cricket as well, thus taking the lead. However, the Romans replied to this by winning the tennis with commendable ease and skill, and so came one point ahead of the Spartans. Excitement was at fever pitch for the last and deciding event, the swimming, and although in this event the Trojans came into their own for the first time, winning it, they were too far behind to have any effect on the final result. Fortunately for the Romans they took to water more easily than the Spartans, and so won the House Shield for the second year running.

We congratulate D. W. Drew, A. J. Coward and L. A. S. Marchment on being awarded their Roman House Colours; N. L. Friend, his Corinthian Colours and R. L. Judd, his Spartan Colours.

ENTERTAINMENTS, Etc.

For many years, the Christmas entertainment was the only attraction at the School open to the general public but latterly the people of Shaftesbury have had the further pleasure of being able to attend "The Nine Lesson Carol Service" and "The Combined Choirs Concert."

This year the Christmas Play was "See How They Run," a rollicking farce by Philip King. It was grand fun and every member of the cast played with a will and deserved the gusts of laughter and rounds of applause that re-echoed through the Memorial Hall. The stage set and lighting were most attractive and the masters and boys who helped to present the show, under the direction of Mr. Scalbert, can rest assured that their efforts were highly appreciated.

"The Nine Lesson Carol Service" was again held at Holy Trinity on December 10th. The programme was the same as in previous years but was none the less pleasing. It is a great pity that there is not more room in the church, for many more would come to enjoy the service, were they able to be accommodated. Miss Kathleen Drake trained the High School Girls and Mr. N. Charlton Burdon, organist of Wimborne Minster, had charge of the Grammar School boys.

At the beginning of the Summer Term, Dr. R. Johnson paid us another visit to conduct the Combined Choirs of the Shaftesbury Secondary Schools. Dr. Johnson is doing great work in stimulating an interest in singing in North Dorset. This year, too, girls from the High and Modern Schools gave selections on Recorders.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The club, which numbers fifty, has had quite a successful year, although the programme was somewhat curtailed, owing to unavoidable cancellations. We hope for better luck next year.

The funds amount to just over thirteen pounds — the highest yet — and give hopes of a wider range of visits next summer.

Activities have ranged from films and lectures from the Central Office of Information, to visits to Burden's Nurseries, Mere, and the Foxhound Kennels, Motcombe, culminating in a very successful visit to the Royal Counties Show, Salisbury. Incidentally, it was at the latter that the club came second in the inter-county stock judging contest. Special praise is due to R. N. Miller, who won fourth prize in the individual stock judging contest.

Last summer the club bade farewell to four very keen and helpful members, these being J. R. Eede, J. R. Vernon, R. L. Judd and D. M. Kirby. We should like to express our thanks to them for their invaluable work and wish them the best of luck for the future.

Last, but not least, thanks are due to Mr. R. B. Minchin, President, and Mr. H. M. Lowe, Chairman, for their very kind co-operation and useful advice.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

After several years of inactivity, the Debating Society was revived at the beginning of Term I, 1948. At first, the seniors

were rather self conscious, and it was difficult to get them to speak, but as the term wore on, more confidence was shown and some interesting debates took place.

The debates were held in the Library after tea on alternate Saturdays throughout the term. Although on occasions the football results on the wireless were a serious rival to the debates, a general enthusiasm was shown throughout the school.

LIBRARY

We are grateful to those who made gifts of books to the Library but, owing to shortage of space, we are unable to acknowledge the gifts individually. Our English Reference books have suffered some wear, tear and losses, and we should appreciate it if any Old Boy could supply us with Hudson's "Shakespearean Characters," Mrs. Jameson's "Shakespearean Heroines" and McKenzie's "Outlines of English Literature."

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Contrary to our usual custom, last year's Prize Distribution was held during the Summer Term (June 30th).

The Chairman of the Governing Body (Mr. W. Farley Rutter) presided and was supported by the Mayor (Councillor S. S. Moore) and by Mr. R. W. Borley and the Governors. He opened the proceedings by extending a very warm welcome to the Headmaster of Canford School (Mr. J. W. Hardie, M.A.) who had very kindly consented to present the prizes that afternoon.

Mr. Rutter said that he had never presided at a Speech Day before and his first duty was to pay his tribute to the work of the retiring Chairman, Mr. R. W. Borley, whom he was very pleased to see with them that afternoon. He had given great and long service to the school and they were indebted to him for it.

The Education Act of 1944 had completely changed the outlook upon education in this country. It was a landmark in the development of education but between the plan outlined on paper and the ultimate achievement of that plan there was much readjustment to be made. It needed a lot of improvement before he could feel at all easy as to the position in Shaftesbury Grammar School or in other similar schools.

As an Old Boy and as the parent of Old Boys he had a great respect for the school and also for the vocation of schoolmaster. He assured his hearers that the Governors were working in the very best interests of the future of the school and he asked all present to support them in the fight they were making for voluntary aid.

To the parents, he expressed the hope that they would remember

that the home background of every boy in the School made a tremendous difference to the school itself, and he appealed to the masters and boys for that close collaboration, which would enable the latter to develop their characters along the right lines, and to choose things which were good and beautiful — good music, good literature, good manners, etc. He concluded by quoting from a school song :

Self forgetting, self denying,
Keep the torch of truth from dying,
Keep the flag of honour flying
For the School.

After expressing his gratitude to Mr. Borley for his long and appreciated service to the School as Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Minchin gave a brief review of the year's successes and activities. All the candidates for the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examination had passed and he appealed to parents to allow their sons to stay at school for the additional period needed for success in this examination. Far too many were leaving when they had passed the School Certificate Examination. Thirteen boys had been successful in the latter examination. The school had been moderately successful in the sports field and he congratulated the Cadet Corps on its keenness and efficiency. The Watts Bowl had again been won at Bisley, a performance of which they could be justly proud.

After he had presented the certificates and prizes, the Headmaster of Canford School congratulated the winners on their successes and expressed his pleasure at being asked to present the awards. He said that a school such as Shaftesbury Grammar School was of very great importance to society because a school was society's method of perpetuating itself. It was the way society chose to pass on its way of life and to hand on to the rising generation its inheritance of skill, beliefs and values. The business of education was apt to get wrapped up and lost in facts and figures but it remained fundamentally what it had always been — the personal task of older people bringing up younger people. If we failed to pass on our heritage of Christian culture and faith — that Christian heritage of western civilisation which Englishmen had fought two major wars so recently to preserve — we had failed in our duty and neglected a sacred trust.

To the boys present that afternoon he would say two things. Firstly, "Do grow up." A very large number of people never did so and he had quite often thought what fun it would be to see people, for one day only, wearing the clothes of their mental age. A much respected citizen might be wearing rompers or a sailor's suit. He urged them to accept life and everything it offered them. Secondly he would say "Respect yourself." Self-respect was a great treasure and he advised boys not to take it away from themselves or to allow anyone to do so by telling them that they were a type or a grade. Be a full person and respect yourself and other people.

The proceedings terminated with three hearty cheers for Mr. Hardie, called for by the Head Prefect, and with the singing of the National Anthem.

FORM PRIZES.

VI.	D. I. Ross.	IIIb.	R. J. R. Rebbeck. B. H. Pike.
Va.	M. J. Cole. B. A. T. Bleach.	IIa.	O. C. Salisbury. H. G. B. Gooding.
Vb.	I. R. Stuckey. R. Woodhouse.	IIb.	R. B. Upton.
IV.	M. J. Hallett. B. R. Roost.	I.	C. G. S. Janes. W. J. B. Gooding.
IIIa.	R. W. S. Law. S. P. Coombs.		

SPECIAL PRIZES for Good work and Progress.

Divinity Prize presented by Rev. H. H. Coley — B. A. T. Bleach.

Music Prize presented by the Headmaster — D. J. Stanley.

Form Va. M. D. Quartermain. Form IIIa. T. H. S. Jones.

Form Vb. S. K. Burrow. Form IIIb. L. C. Dibben.

Form IV. D. Williams. Form IIa. D. J. Winskill.

O. S. NEWS

BIRTHS.

April 29th, 1947.	To Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Watts, a son.
June 9th, 1947.	To Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Lawrence, a son.
Nov. 24th, 1947.	To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harding, a son.

MARRIAGES

March 27, 1948.	R. G. Harding to Mrs. H. M. Pattenden.
June, 1948.	G. S. Spencer to Miss Brenda Souden.
June 19th, 1948.	T. G. Hunt to Miss Peggy Miles.
July 3rd, 1948	W. J. Burden to Miss Mary Coward.

We congratulate E. H. Stickland on his installation as Worshipful Master of the King's Court Lodge, Gillingham, on November 16th in succession to Worshipful Brother T. A. Hayden, another Old Shastonian. We wish him a happy year of office. Three of his officers are Old Shastonians.

Ian Ross, now commissioned in the Royal Artillery, is training young gunners at Oswestry. He has visited his old school on several occasions since he left in July 1947.

Charles Hunt has written a most interesting letter to Mr. Minchin. He and his father now farm the Manor Farm, Knight's Enham, Andover. He was Chairman of the Romsey Young Farmers' Club before leaving Kings Somborne.

Michael Drewitt has started a three-year course at the Brixton School of Building.

Brian Hanley is still at Sydney University where he has gained "Blues" for Soccer and Cricket. His father, who for several years has been in charge of the audit of Commonwealth accounts at Australia House, has now returned to Sydney.

Our congratulations to Peter Gordon on getting his commission, Oswald Pledger (1896-98), now living at 262, Jarvis Street. Toronto, has written to Mr. Minchin for a school badge. He has now retired.

Much to his disappointment, our late President (R. J. Jesse) was unable to attend the O. S. Dinner held in October. He was in hospital but we are glad to hear that he is better.

Duncan Vaughan took part in the Olympic Relay Race to Torquay. He has obtained his commission in the Gunners and is now stationed at Newport (Mon.).

H. R. Hayward, now stationed at Cheadle Hulme in Cheshire, has applied for entry to the Regular Royal Air Force as a pilot.

An enjoyable concert, given by the Gillingham Round Table Singers, including Miss Phyllis Lumb and Jack London, in aid of the Shaftesbury Branch of the British Legion on November 19th, was a great success. It was good to hear Jack's baritone voice again.

G. S. Spencer has been organist and choirmaster at Iwerne Minister since 1944.

Paul Hopper is now at Faraday House. He passed his W.O.S.B. at Catterick but had to leave the army owing to his asthma.

T. S. Godfrey has obtained a post in the Middlesex County Council offices in Westminster.

W. A. Matthews is training to be a draughtsman and designer at Messrs. Thornycrofts works in Basingstoke.

John Miles is still with his regiment in Germany. He recently had the responsibility of taking out to his battalion its regimental colours.

G. H. Wright has gone to the Army Apprentices' School at Harrogate.

Mr. Minchin has received several interesting letters from John Mattison and Roy Helliwell. The former is serving as an officer in the R. A.C. near Suez and the latter with G.H.Q. Signals Regiment in Singapore. Roy expects to return to England shortly.

Miss Buckland has sent an interesting newspaper cutting to Mr. Minchin. It was written by Mr. B. H. Norton and published in the "*Three Shires Advertiser*" on January 4th, 1908. It refers to the old Bluecoat School which was founded by William Whittaker in 1630. In those days work started at 7 a.m. and Mr. Robert Roberts, the headmaster, had no staff to help him. There were about forty boys in the School.

Stephen Walbaum writes a most interesting letter from Buenos Aires. He wants to return to England but expects to join his father's firm in Chile.

Michael Hillkirk is in the Middle East. By a strange coincidence he has become John Mattison's wireless operator.

H. Gladdis, whose father at one time resided at the School House, Fontmell Magna, retired from the headmastership of East House Boys' School at the end of August. He had been a headmaster for thirty-six years. He entered this school in May, 1900.

To John Cossins we offer our deepest sympathy on the recent loss of his mother. John rowed for Bryanston at Henley last summer and did very well. His eight were successful against Westminster, Merton, Winchester and Pembroke but were beaten by Eton in the final.

We heartily congratulate George Brooks on winning the Commandant's Cup at Arborfield where he was captain of his school shooting teams. When he wrote in September he was stationed at Colchester.

Peter Isgar is doing well in the Army in Germany. His father has left Donhead and is now in business in London.

Derek Pike has been taking a practical course in forestry on Mr. Rolf Gardiner's estate at Fontmell Magna. He hopes to take a university course later.

Mr. Minchin met Keith Gosling when in Camborne last August. He is getting on well at the School of Mines there.

Martin Corson has recently met H. S. Hine, E. G. Sessions and R. P. West. Hine and Sessions were at the Middlesex Rugby Finals.

After a spell at the War Office, Arthur Tanner, who won the M.C. at Anzio beach landing, gained his Parachute Wings and has since been serving in the Middle East and Germany.

Eric Charlesworth writes very cheerfully from Kingston in Jamaica where he is stationed with the 2nd Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment.

To Jim and Jack Combes, we offer our deepest sympathy on the death of their father. Mr. Combes was a very keen sportsman in his younger days and we remember the keenness with which he played a round of golf on the South Wilts Golf Course or watched a cricket match at Bemerton. Few could surpass him in the art of shooting and fishing.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Stuart Strange. To Mrs. Strange and to Derek we offer our deepest sympathy on the loss they have sustained.

Mr. Minchin has recently heard from John Foley who left school about twenty-six years ago. He still lives at Swanage where he takes an active and lively interest in the National Young Life Campaign.

Alan Rothery has temporarily left Fordingbridge and is a farm pupil of Mr. H. J. Street, cousin of A. G. Street. We are glad to hear that his father has recovered from his recent illness.

An interesting letter was received from A. L. Filley in November. He is now a member of the Engineering Staff of Jas. Williamson & Sons, Ltd., of Lancaster, after serving in the Royal

Navy for thirty-six and one third years. He served at sea for three years of the first war and the whole of the second without experiencing a single hit or casualty in, or on, his own ship.

Tony Watts, after waiting eighteen months, managed to find a house at Kenton, Middlesex, where he and his wife and child have comfortably settled in. He is only a stone's throw from Wembley Stadium but was unable to get in for the Olympiad. His brother, Geoffrey, who has recently taken a two years course in Mechanical Engineering is living with him and soon expects to be employed by G.E.C.

E. W. Bestow had arranged to attend the Dinner but his College Cross Country Trials were moved back to the 23rd, so he had to forego his trip to Shaftesbury.

A. J. Sansom, although he was unable to attend the Dinner, as he was on duty in R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, sent his excuses in a long and interesting letter. He returned to England last March after a two year and four months commission in the Far East and Pacific. When he completes his twelve year engagement in 1951, he and his wife hope to settle in New Zealand.

Joe Trevis is now a Lieutenant in the R.N.A.S. His invitation to the Dinner, he says, must have followed him to every Naval Air Station this side of Suez, but he hopes to see us all in October, 1949.

Frank Cliff, who is at Northampton Engineering College, London University, has been collecting O. S. News on his own account. He bumps into "Jasper" Franks at University College and learns that "Ducky" Knott is out of the army and attending an engineering course at Borough Road College. He intimates that "Enoch" Bestow is doing fine at Bartlett School of Architecture, and "Ghandi" Lowman, whom he met on Hampstead Heath, is studying for the Chartered Surveyors Examination at the Polytechnic, Regent Street.

Ian Stratton, on his "demob" leave from the R.A.F., called at the School on the first night of the Christmas show. He intends to enter the Church and was going to Cheltenham for an interview.

E. J. Pulman has graduated at Cambridge and is now taking a theological course at London College of Divinity, Ford Manor, Lingfield, Surrey.

Keith Jones also graduated at Cambridge in June and, after a term as student teacher at Luton Grammar School, has returned to Cambridge to take his Teacher's Diploma.

J. A. Franks last year passed with honours in Part I of his L.L.B. London and hopes to take Part II in June, 1949.

Owing to the insurmountable difficulties encountered in raising a representative side, the Old Shastonian Cricket Tour, arranged for the last week in July and for the first week in August, has been cancelled.

The Past v. Present Cricket Matches will be played on Saturday, July 23rd, starting at 11.30 a.m.

O.S. DAY, 1948

O.S. Day opened as usual with a football match between the Old Boys and the 1st XI. This was won by the Present Boys who played very good football in scoring six goals to the Old Boys' two. After the game, the company were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Minchin and there followed the Annual General Meeting, a report of which appears on a later page.

In the evening a pleasant, if somewhat quiet dinner, was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, and among the Old Boys there were some who could claim to be the oldest. They were Mr. F. Strange, who entered the School in 1893, Mr. S. P. Burden, 1894, and Messrs. W. H. Armitage and Bennett G. Young, who both entered in 1895.

The President, Mr. W. H. Armitage, welcomed the members to what was to him a "Jubilee Dinner" as it was in 1898 that he attended a dinner of Grammar School Old Boys, many years before the formation of the Old Shastonian Club.

Mr. R. S. Thompson proposed the toast of the School and spoke of his many happy associations with it not only as a member of the governing body but as one who had played cricket against masters and boys. He appealed to Old Boys to support the School whole heartedly and to make their voices heard in the affairs of the School for they had every right to safeguard those intangibles which were so precious to them all.

Mr. Minchin in reply said there was a lot that he could say but he did not wish to be controversial on a joyous occasion. The School had had a quiet but successful year but it had been a year full of difficulties, especially through staff changes. Dr. Tovey also replied in a speech of urbane charm.

In proposing the toast of the O.S. Club Mr. W. Farley Rutter likened the Old Boys' Club to the Olympic Torch. It kindled the flame of comradeship at the School every year when they returned. He commended to them the motto "Self-forgetting, self-denying, keep the flag of truth a flying." Mr. Rutter also commented on the fact that the changes in the educational formula in recent years made for more public and less personal control.

O.S. CLUB NOTES

The Annual General Meeting, 1948, was held at the School on Saturday, 23rd October.

Election of Officers.

President : Mr. R. E. Hunt.

President Elect : Mr. W. J. N. Bolitho.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. L. J. Cole.

Assist. Hon. Secretary : Mr. D. A. Parham.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. Marshall Johnson.

Committee : Messrs. W. H. Armitage, W. F. Rutter, R. B. Minchin, R. J. Jesse, T. A. Hayden, J. W. W. K. Miles, L. P. V. Veale, M. A. Tory, T. A. Cordery, D. S. Vaughan.

Annual Dinner. It was resolved that the Annual Dinner be held at Shaftesbury on October 22nd, 1949.

Committee Changes. On the proposal of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Minchin it was resolved that Rule 2 be amended to read "That the Committee consist of the President, Ex-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting; five to form a quorum, Members of the Committee to retire annually but may be re-elected."

On the proposal of Mr. Veale it was resolved that the last sentence of the Rule be amended to read, "Three members of the Committee to retire annually and not to be eligible for re-election."

On the proposal of Mr. W. F. Rutter, seconded by Mr. J. W. W. K. Miles, it was resolved to ask the Committee to bring to the next Annual Meeting a recommendation as to the members of the Committee to retire.

Greetings to Absent Friends. Mr. Rutter proposed that a post-card signed by members present at the Dinner might be sent to Members unable to attend.

It was resolved to pass the suggestion to the Committee.

Cloth for Blazers. On the suggestion of Mr. Minchin it was decided to ask the Committee to consider whether the Club should buy cloth for Blazers.

An Additional Social Meeting. On the proposal of Mr. J. W. W. K. Miles it was resolved to ask the Committee to consider whether a Social Meeting of members should be arranged in addition to the Annual Dinner.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Minchin for their hospitality was proposed by the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Armitage, and carried unanimously.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- G. I. Adcock, Lower Blandford Road, Cann, Shaftesbury.
 F. D. Barrett, 16, Frome Road, Trowbridge, Wilts.
 Stanley Burrow, The Cross, Berwick St. John, Wilts.
 W. G. Burden, 'Greenacres,' Mere, Wilts.
 F. W. Clarke, H.Q., R.B. Oldenburg, 821, H.Q., C.C.Q.(B.E), B.A.O.R.
 C. W. Coaker, 'Lulworth,' Newlands, Sherborne.
 W. J. Coombes, Griffins Wood, Epping, Essex.
 T. M. Corson, 14, Edgerley Gardens, Cosham, Hants.
 L. Derry, 145, Southern By-Pass Road, Botley, Nr. Oxford.
 W. A. Drew, Milton Terrace, Milton, East Knoyle, Wilts.
 A. G. Egremont, Westover Farm, Nr. Andover.
 R. C. Emery, 11, Deans Road, Mersham, Surrey.
 A. L. Filley, 4, Cavendish Road, West End, Morecombe, Lancs.
 H. I. Gray, 100, St. Lawrence Avenue, Worthing.
 F/Sgt. Harding, G. S., No. 42, A.M.M.Q. Church End, Lyneham, Nr. Chippenham, Wilts.
 S. H. Harding, "The Bungalow," Foyle Hill, Cann, Shaftesbury.
 C. G. F. Hazell, "Wernferig," Nant-y-Derry, Nr. Pontypool.
 B. Hillier, Lloyds Bank, Northwood, Southampton.
 T. G. Hunt, "Toredos" Wood Lane, Tywardreath, Far, Cornwall.
 J. W. W. K. Miles, Wick Down Farm, Broad Hinton, Swindon.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS—continued

- W. O. P. Miles, 'Downlands,' Sunshine Estate, Swanage.
 E. J. Fulman, "Horsepools," France Lynch, Nr. Stroud, Glos.
 E. E. Romans, 23, Grafton Walk, West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire.
 A. J. Sansom, 8, Vernon Road, Copnor, Portsmouth.
 A. J. Sharp, 37, Darnar Road, Fulham, London, S.W.6.
 J. W. Simpson, 19, King's Park Road, Bournemouth.
 A. R. V. Smith, 13, Hughes Road, Hayes, Middlesex.
 A. F. Watts, 57, Chapman Crescent, Lindsay Drive, Kenton, Middx.
 K. F. Wheeler, 5, St. James's Road, Shirley, Southampton.

NEW MEMBERS.

- R. E. Chamberlain, 223, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.
 D. G. H. Crocker, Seniors Farm, Marnhull.
 M. J. Drewitt, 127A, Seabourne Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth.
 J. R. Eede, 'Burbush House,' Burley, Hants.
 L. H. Fanner, "The Flat," Charlton, Shaftesbury.
 B. Follett, Chapel Farm, Berwick St. John, Wilts.
 R. T. G. Gray, Church Lane, Shaftesbury.
 T. Hall, Cross Farm, Berwick St. John, Wilts.
 R. B. Harburn, 'Shangri-la,' Ibbett Road, Ensbury Park, Bournemouth.
 D. G. Hawkyard, 'Half-way Hotel,' Parkstone, Dorset.
 B. T. Heal, Woodnead Road, Axminster.
 J. A. T. Hood, Lower Bull Hill Farm, Alderholt, Fordingbridge, Hants.
 R. L. Judd, 'Clovelly,' Butts-Ash, Hythe, Southampton.
 D. M. Kirby, High Street, Tisbury, Wilts.
 P. Mattocks, 'Myrtleberry,' Nr. Lynmouth, N. Devon.
 J. C. Mullins, Home Farm, Charlton, Shaftesbury.
 J. B. Phillips, Repton Waste Farm, Bretby, Burton-on-Trent.
 G. Sanders, Frith Farm, Wincanton, Somerset.
 W. J. Slade, The Firs, Hardings, Gillingham, Dorset.
 D. G. C. Stubbs, Central Y.M.C.A., Colston Street, Bristol, 1.
 D. S. Vaughan, Officers Mess, 56 H.A.A. Regt., R.A., Newport, Mon.
 R. J. R. Vernon, Maddoxford Farm, Nr. Botley, Hants.
 D. Williams, 7, Parsons Pool, Shaftesbury.
 D. T. Youngman, 8, Stanley Road, Hastings, Sussex.

May Annual Members be reminded that their Subscriptions for 1948-49 have been due since last July? Please send them to L. J. Cole, St. Rumbold's House, Shaftesbury, Dorset.