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This Club was formed in December, 1909, with the following objects :

- 1. To promote social intercourse among former Members of the School by organising meetings at suitable places and times.
- 2. By printing and circulating a Register of the names and addresses of all Members of the Club, to keep Members in touch with one another.
- 3. To arrange matters connected with Athletics, such as Cricket and Football Matches, and Prizes for School Sports.
- 4. Generally to maintain the connection between the School and its past Members.

"Old Boys" are invited to become Members immediately on leaving School. The subscription is 5s. annually, or on payment of £3 3s. 0d. an Old Boy becomes a Life Member of the Club.

Old Boys' Colours may be obtained from Messrs. Peace, Jones & Co., Ltd., or Messrs. Hull, Loosley & Pearce, Ltd., High Wycombe. The tie may also be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, or from Messrs. Bowring, Arundel & Co., 11 and 12 Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

The Annual Meeting is usually held in December. It is hoped that Old Boys will assemble in large numbers on such occasions as the School Sports and the Old Boys' Cricket and Football Matches, the Annual Dinner and the Annual Dance.

All who wish to join should apply to

Mr. W. J. BARTLE,

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Governors.

At a Governors' Meeting held in the Guildhall on January 14th, Major Coningsby Disraeli and Dr. L. W. Reynolds were again re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. While offering them both our hearty congratulations, we should like to record our great indebtedness to them for their long and valued service to the School.

We further congratulate Major Disraeli on his election to the distinguished office of High Sheriff of the County of Buckingham, and wish him every success in this new honour.

Alderman Owen Haines, J.P., who for several years now has been a most useful member of the Governing Body has been reelected a Co-optative Governor.

We congratulate Councillor W. H. Healey, J.P., Mayor of High Wycombe, on his recent election to the Chairmanship of the Bucks County Council Higher Education Sub-Committee.

We welcome to the Board of Governors Alderman R. A. Janes and Councillor A. J. Gibbs, who have been appointed by the Town Council as Representative Governors in place of the late Alderman Peace and the late Councillor Macdonald.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Alderman J. G. Peace, who passed away at his home in Easton Street, High Wycombe, at the advanced age of 92 years. There was no more familiar figure in the town of High Wycombe than he. Well known in business circles, he also was a most active member of the High Wycombe Corporation, and the highest civic honours had been paid to him. His extensive and varied interests, and his striking personality were no less conspicuous than his untiring energy in supporting all institutions that advanced the welfare of the town. He was first appointed a Governor of the School in March, 1898, and for the long period of 32 years he never failed to give his best service to the School. Length of years apparently had no effect on his energy and vitality, and even to within a short time of his death he took an active interest in the

School's development. Full of years and full of honours he passed away to leave with us a notable example of highest integrity and true citizenship. To Miss Peace and to the other members of his family we offer our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Headmaster.

The Headmaster wishes to thank the Old Boys for the great reception they gave him on December 13th, when he was their guest at the Annual Dinner which was held at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, W., and Mrs. Arnison joins him in thanking them for the beautiful presentation made to them both on that occasion.

Staff.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. E. C. Millington on his recent success in gaining the degree of Master of Science of London University.

Mr. C. F. Thetford who was formerly a member of this Staff writes an appreciative letter from Morley, where he has been recently appointed Headmaster of the Technical Institute. In sending his subscription to the Youens V.C. Memorial Fund, he says: "I do so with gratitude to the institution which was splendid in the training of young teachers. Most schools are considered to exist for their pupils, but the R.G.S. was also a fine place for a youngster to learn how to teach."

General.

We are sending a copy of the current number of the *Wycombiensian* to all Old Boys we can trace. Our object in doing this is to increase the membership of the Old Boys' Club which is deserving of enthusiastic support, and also to bring prominently to the notice of our Old Boys the Youens V.C. Memorial Fund.

In the *Wycombiensian* we endeavour to record all Marriages, Births and Deaths, also any distinctions won by Old Boys or any other news of interest concerning them. We feel certain that we have missed much information during the last few years, and we should be very glad to be notified of any interesting news in connection with our Old Boys. We should like to draw special attention to a separate article in this number dealing with the V.C. Fund, to which over 150 Old Boys have already subscribed. The total amount given or promised is now £643 10s. Od. We hope that every Old Boy will make the endeavour to subscribe to the Fund according to his means. We enclose the personal letter addressed by the Headmaster to Old Boys when the appeal was first issued.

The new School Buildings have been very much appreciated during the past term. The Junior School is now comfortably housed, the Day Boys have the advantage of a permanent Dining Hall, and the thoroughly well-equipped gymnasium is a great asset to the whole School.

The Raffety Essay Prize was divided between G. R. Ives and C. F. Palmer. The subject of the Essay was "Ancient Buildings and Monuments in High Wycombe with Illustrations in Black and White."

Visitors to the School will notice that the Tank, one of our land-marks which has rested in front of the School since 1920, has been removed. It was sold for $\pounds 20$ 5s. 0d., and this sum has been handed over to the Youens V.C. Memorial Fund.

We congratulate J. Burrows and A. H. Price on passing the Aircraft Apprentices Examination held in November. There were 881 candidates, of whom 398 were successful.

The School Play, an account of which appears elsewhere in this number, was in every way a complete success. The receipts were $\pounds 81$ 16s. 10d., the expenditure $\pounds 18$ 12s. 1d., and so the Games' Fund benefits to the extent of $\pounds 63$ 4s. 9d., a record, we believe, for a two nights' performance.

At Mr. Crute's Annual Concert held in Christ Church Hall on Saturday, November 22nd, the School Choir performed twice, and Blacklock sang a solo. Old Boys and others assisted at the piano On Friday, October 10th, the School listened with interest to an excellent concert given by the Village, Country Town and School Concerts party, which was touring the villages and Schools of Bucks, with the co-operation of the Bucks County Education Committee.

We congratulate the Guard of Honour on its excellent turn out and precision at the Armistice Day Service which was held in the School Hall on November 11th. The Guard was composed of : C.S.M. Barker, Sgt. Kyle, Cpl. Barnard, L/Cpls. Davis and Paice, Cdts. Barnes, Benyon, Earis, Kay, Shaw and Harte. The buglers were Cpl. Irwin and L/Cpl. Williams.

We congratulate the Officers Training Corps and the Hobby Club on their successful Summer Camps, accounts of which appear elsewhere in this number.

On Monday, December 15th, Stafford Webber, Esq., lectured to the whole School on "Punch." The lecturer, an expert on his subject, delighted his audience with his numerous drawings and cartoons, and also by his brilliant account of the work of the famous periodical.

1st XI. Football Colours have been :--R. Stone, D. D. Hutton, A. E. F. Hole, L. W. Cradwick, K. F. Burrows, A. W. Coventry, E. J. Earis, K. S. Hart, F. W. Essex.

2nd XI. Football Colours have been :--Cradwick ii, Barnard i, Housden, Reynolds i, Benyon, Spicer, Briggs i, Dickety.

Football Stockings have been :-Groom, Walker i, Bates ii, Emery.

1st XV. Rugby Colours returning are :-D. D. Hutton, R. G. Barnard, L. B. Barnes, C. S. Harte, R. S. Williams. 2nd XV. Rugby Colours returning are :--Davis, Shaw, Britnell i, Purnell, Palmer, Ballantyne, Stone i.

Rugby Stockings returning are :—Emery, Whittall, Essex, Thorn.

D. D. Hutton has been elected Captain of the 1st XV. with R. G. Barnard as Vice-Captain.

The Games Committee has been composed as follows :-President, The Headmaster; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Brand; Captain, R. Stone; Vice-Captain, D. D. Hutton; Committee: The Assistant Masters, K. F. Burrows, H. A. Anderson, L. W. Cradwick, A. E. F. Hole, R. G. Barnard, G. H. Housden, H. G. Tidy, R. B. Webber.

Prefects this term have been :--R. B. Webber (Senior Prefect and Head of the School), L. W. Cradwick, E. S. Paice, R. Stone, H. G. Tidy, R. G. Barnard, K. F. Burrows, J. L. Montague, H. A. Anderson, J. Barker, J. A. Harris, A. E. F. Hole, A. L. Irwin, D. E. Kyle, H. B. Langstone.

Sub-Prefects (Train) have been :-H. J. Cavey, J. Burrows, A. H. Price, W. E. Lyne, J. B. Shortland.

The following books were added to the Library this term :--

[&]quot;The Boy Electrician" (Morgan & Sims); "Modern Gramophones and Electrical Reproducers" (Wilson & Webb); "Isotopes" (Aston); "The Book of Electrical Wonders" (Ellison Hawkes); "The Mechanism of Nature" (Andrade); "England since Waterloo" (Marriott); "England under the Hanoverians" (Robertson); "England under the Stuarts" (Trevelyan); "Modern Europe" (Hasluck); "The Eastern Question" (Marriott); "Makers of 19th Century Europe" (Flenley); "Patriots of the 19th Century" (Malcolm

Smith); "Handbook for History Teachers" (Dymond); "Readings from the Smith); Handbook for History leachers (Dymond); Readings from the Great Historians," Vol. 6 (Ketelby); "In Bucks" (G. Eland), "Bucks Dialect" (Harman) and "The Citizen Soldiers of Buckinghamshire (Major-Gen. Swann) presented by Major Disraeli; "The High Adventure" (Jeffery Farnol); "Lost Endeavour (John Masefield); "The Judgement of the Sword (Maud Diver); "The Red Planet" (W. J. Locke); "The Hundred Days" (Max Pemberton); "History of the Royal Berkshire Regiment," 2 Vols. (F. Loraine Petre) presented by the R. Berks Regt.

The following left in July :--

- Arden, G. P., VU(B), Oxf. School Certif. (Matric. Exemption), entered 1923³, placed II.
- Atkins, G., IVA, entered 1927³, placed IIIL(A).
- Austin, S. E. G., VU(A), Oxf. School Certif., entered 1925¹, placed IIIL(B).
- Beale, R. C., VU(A), Oxf. School Certif., 3rd Cl. Hons., entered 19253, placed IIIL(A).
- Bedwell, H. J., VU(A), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A).
- Berry, L. F., IIIU(A), entered 1928³, placed IIIL(A).
- Bird, M. E. C., VB, entered 1924³, placed II. Cherrington, J. G., VU(A), Oxf. School Certif., 1st Cl. Hons., (Matric Exemption), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A).
- Child, M. V., VU(B), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(B). Coles, L. B., VU(B), L/Cpl. O.T.C., 1st XI. (Football), entered 1923², placed II.
- Coombes, C. R., IIIL(B), entered 1928³, placed IIL(B).
- Curtis, A. G., VU(B), entered 1924³, placed IIIL(A). Doubleday, J. M., VI., Prefect, Cpl. O.T.C., Oxf. School Certif., entered 1926³, placed IVA. Goodearl, E. F., VU(B), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(B).

- Grace, J. H., Vu(B), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(B). Harman, B. C., Vu(A), C.Q.M.S., O.T.C., Certificate "A," Oxf. School Certif., (Matric. Exemption), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A).
- Hunt, G. H., VU(B), Prefect, C.S.M., O.T.C., Certificate "A," 1st XV., Cricket Captain, entered 19231, placed IIL.
- Janes, R. E., VU(B), 1st XI. (Cricket), Oxf. School Certif., entered 19283, placed VB.
- Kelly, T. J., Vu(A), Oxf. School Certif., entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A). Kemp, F. W. J., Vu(A), Oxf. School Certif., 2nd Cl. Hons. (Matric. Exemption), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A).
- Lunnon, N. W., VU(A), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A). Packman, D. F., VI., Senior Prefect, 1st. XV., Oxf. School Certif., 2nd Cl. Hons. (Matric. Exemption), entered 1923³, placed IIIL(A).
- Paine, R. G., VU(A), Prefect, Oxf. School Certif., 2nd Cl. Hons. (Matric. Exemption), entered 1923², placed IIL(B).
- Parker, R. F. J., IVB, entered 1927³, placed IIIL(A).
- Pell, R. H., VU(A), Oxf. School Certif., entered 1925³, placed IIIL(B). Phipps, F. T., VB, entered 1927², placed IIIU(B). Poole, G. L., VB, 1st XV., entered 1924³, placed II.

- Powley, W. R., VU(A), Oxf. School Certif., entered 19253, placed IIIL(A). Pritchard, R. J., VU(B), entered 1924³, placed II. Rackstraw, G. W., VI., Prefect, Sergt. O.T.C., Certificate "A," Oxf.
- School Certif., entered 1924³, placed IIIL(A).

Rogers, H. G., VU(B), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A). Sinclair, K., VU(B), entered 1926¹, placed IIIL(B). Skues, V. W., VU(B), Prefect, Cpl. O.T.C., entered 1923³, placed II. Skull, A. N., IVA, entered 1928³, placed IIIU(B). Spriggs, M. H., VB, entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A). Stephens, J. S., VB, entered 1925³, placed II. Stone, L. T., VU(A), Oxf. School Certif., entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A). Swaney, A., VU(A), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A). Teek, A J., VA, entered 1926³, placed IIIL(A). Thomson, H. L., VU(B), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(B). Tilling, A. W., VU(B), Oxf. School Certif., entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A). Tompkins, H. A., VU(A), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A). Wapshott, S. E., VB, entered 1926³, placed IIIL(A). Williams, P. F., VU(A), entered 1925³, placed IIIL(A).

The following entered in September :--

Abbott, S. E., placed IIIL(A). Atkins, F. R., placed II. Baddeley, F. H., placed II. Bailey, J. W., placed IIIL(A). Baker, E. V., placed IIIL(A). Balls, A. S., placed IIIL(B). Bannister, R. J., placed IIIL(B). Barksfield, H. E., placed IIIL(A). Boddy, C. G., placed IIIL(A). Britnell, P. G., placed IIIL(B). Burnard, J. W., IIIL(A). Butler, A. R., placed IIIL(A). Coombes, G., placed IIIL(B). Copps, G., placed IIIL(A). Cubbage, M. S., placed II. Darvill, R. J., placed IIIL(A). Dawson, D. K., placed IIIU(A). Edwards, S. T., placed IIIL(B). Ellis, J. T., placed IIIL(B). Field, R. J., placed II. Fox, L. K., placed III.(A). Funnell, E. T., placed IIIL(A). Gibbs, A. C., placed IIIL(A). Giles, R. N., placed II. Gladwell, A. W. K., placed II. Gomm, T., placed IIIL(B).

Griffin, P., placed IIIL(B). Griffiths, A. J., placed IIIL(B). Hart, B. G., placed IIIL(A). Hitchings, R. G., placed IIIL(A). Hughes, D. W., placed IIIL(B). Jarman, N., placed II. Lucas, J. B., placed II. Morris, N. H., placed II. Morris, N. H., placed III. Oakeshott, K. R., placed II. Perfect, R. F., placed II. Plumridge, A. B., placed II. Plumridge, A. B., placed III.(A). Pogson, T. W. S., placed III.(A). Reeves, R. A., placed II. Richards, F. A., placed II. Ripley, E. L., placed III. Norger, J. V., placed III.(A). Savage, D. S., placed III. Sharpe, L. W., placed III. Sharpe, L. W., placed III. Stone, G. E., placed III.(A). Stone, G. E., placed III.(A). Weatherhead, P. H., placed III.(A). Weedon, K., placed III.(A). Whelan, W. R., placed III.(A). Winter-Taylor, H. C., placed II. Wood, J. W. J., placed III.(A).

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of The Royal Air Force Magazine, The Southwellian, and The Borlasian.

Numbers this term have been 326. Of this number 20 were boarders.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1929-30.

- LONDON MATRICULATION EXAMINATION :--L. W. Cradwick, S. T. Mealing, R. Stone, E. H. Wyatt. Exemptions : G. P. Arden, R. G. Barnard, K. F. Burrows, H. J. Cavey, J. G. Cherrington, C. C. Cradwick, F. R. Fisher, B. C. Harman, G. R. Ives, F. W. J. Kemp, T. B. Lane, J. L. Montague, R. G. Paine, L. P. Rogers, H. G. Tidy.
- OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE J. G. Cherrington, C. C. Cradwick, 1st Class Honours; *H. J. Cavey, §G. R. Ives, F. W. J. Kemp, T. B. Lane, R. G. Paine, H. G. Tidy, 2nd Class Honours; R. C. Beale, K. F. Burrows, F. R. Fisher, J. L. Montague, L. P. Rogers, 3rd Class Honours; G. P. Arden, S. E. G. Austin, R. G. Barnard, B. C. Harman, J. A. Harris, K. S. Hart, A. E. F. Hole, G. H. Housden, R. E. Janes, T. J. Kelly, R. H. Pell, W. R. Powley, G. W. Rackstraw, L. T. Stone, A. W. Tilling, C. A. Waller, Pass.

*Distinction in French. §Distinctions in English and French.

- OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS, CERTIFICATE "A":--J. Barker, A. E. F. Hole, G. H. Hunt, G. W. Rackstraw.
- R.A.F. APPRENTICES' EXAMINATION :-F. King (13th), A. W. Tubbs (62nd) out of 752 candidates.
- ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY'S EXAMINATION :--133 Honours, 120 Passes. Two Full Certificates (Honours in all 6 Divisions), A. W. Tubbs, C. A. Waller.
- ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION :-First Class, J. B. Shortland, P. F. Williams, and two sheets by various exhibitors.

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OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, JULY, 1930.

The following is a list of candidates who were successful last July, and of the subjects in which they passed "with credit" and in which they reached a "sufficient standard." In the following list, the subjects in which a "sufficient standard" was reached are printed in italics after the passes "with credit." The following percentages are interesting : Of the 10,669 candidates entered for the full Certificate 66.9 per cent. were successful and 15.09 per cent. were awarded Honours. Our percentages were 73.8 and 32.3 respectively.

- G. P. ARDEN-English, History, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
- S. E. G. AUSTIN-English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Drawing, French, Geography.
- R. G. BARNARD-English, History, Latin, French, Chemistry, Mathematics.
- R. C. BEALE-English, French, Mathematics, Physics, Drawing, Chemistry, Geography.
- K. F. BURROWS-English, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Geography, History, Latin, Physics.
- H. J. CAVEY-English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Geography, History, Chemistry, Physics.
- J. G. CHERRINGTON-English, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Geography.
- C. C. CRADWICK—English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, *History*.
- B. C. HARMAN—English, French, Mathematics, Geography, Drawing, *Physics*.
- J. A. HARRIS-English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, French.
- K. S. HART—English, History, Drawing, French, Mathematics, Geography.
- A. E. F. HOLE-English, History, French, Mathematics, Geography, Drawing, *Economics*.
- G. H. HOUSDEN-English, Mathematics, Geography, Drawing, *History, Chemistry*.
- G. R. IVES-English, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Geography.
- R. E. JANES-Geography, Drawing, English, French, Mathematics, Physics.
- T. J. KELLY-Drawing, English, History, French, Geography.
- F. W. J. KEMP-English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography.
- T. B. LANE-English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Geography.

- J. L. MONTAGUE-English, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Drawing, *Geography*.
- R. G. PAINE—English, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Drawing.
- R. H. PELL—English, French, Mathematics, Geography, Economics.
- W. R. POWLEY-English, French, Mathematics, Drawing, Latin.
- L. P. ROGERS-English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Geography.
- L. T. STONE—Drawing, English, French, Mathematics, Geography.
- A. W. TILLING—French, Mathematics, English, Chemistry, Drawing.

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O.T.C. NOTES.

The numbers this term have been the lowest for some years past. In July, 1930, 22 Cadets left, leaving 79 trained cadets in the Contingent. To this total must be added the September (1930) Recruits, who bring the full strength of the Contingent to 91 cadets. During the term some of the older boys have left, and it is feared that next term will find our strength about 80. It will be seen from these facts that there is a large percentage of the School eligible to join the Corps, but fails to support a School activity which helps to heighten our status and position among other schools in the country.

This Contingent has a great tradition for efficiency, and a War Record of which many a larger contingent might be proud. It is a pity that these hard-earned glories should be lost because of the lack of interest of the present boy who fails to realise the fact that he is a member of a School of such traditions, and that the School as a whole suffers just as greatly from his acts of omission as from his acts of commission. The establishment of the Contingent is 120. We therefore have places for some forty recruits.

Extract from the London Gazette :--

Second Lieutenant P. J. Osborn ceases to serve with the Contingent, October 5th, 1930.

This term Mr. C. E. C. Eastman has joined the O.T.C. He has served some five or six years in the O.T.C., both in the Junior and Senior Division and on more than one occasion has been a member of his school P.T. team in camp. This term Mr. Eastman has commenced the training of a P.T. Team which, it is hoped, will give a display on Speech Day and later compete in the Annual Competition in Camp.

Mr. Morgan is also assisting in the training of the Corps, and his service in the Leeds University O.T.C. is standing him in good stead now.

Three Cadets sat for Part II. Certificate "A" Examination in November. A large class of sixteen has been working for the Examination to be held in March, 1931. The remainder of the Corps has done useful elementary training in Drill, Weapon Training, Map Reading and Tactics.

On Armistice Sunday, November 9th, some sixty cadets paraded to Church with the Mayor of High Wycombe. Before the service in Church wreaths were laid on the Town War Memorial by all bodies attending the service. The Officer Commanding the O.T.C. placed a wreath on the Memorial in memory of the Masters and Old Boys of the School who were killed during the Great War. On Armistice Day, November 11th, the School remembered the Fallen at its own special service of remembrance. The ceremonial was the same as in previous years, and the Guard of Honour under the command of C.S.M. Barker was very smart and acted with almost guardsmanlike precision. C.S.M. Barker is to be congratulated on his guard.

With the New Year and with better weather, we hope to go forward with more interesting field work.

J.C.M.

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O.T.C. CAMP.

This year the Contingent was chosen to go to Tweseldown Camp in the Aldershot Command. Camp assembled on July 29th at Tweseldown Race Course, and for nine days we mingled with numerous other schools, all of us enjoying ourselves to the full. Lieut. John preceded the main body with an advance party, and by the arrival of the main body all was ship-shape and in order. Lieut, John doubled the appointments of Assistant Brigade Quarter Master and No. 1 Battalion Quarter Master, hence the abundance of stores and rations. We were placed in No. 2 Battalion commanded by Major G. Shaw Stewart, M.C., of the Coldstream Guards, to whom we are grateful for his lively interest and consideration for the whole period. Lieut.-Col. A. F. N. Thorne, D.S.O., M.C., of the Grenadier Guards commanded the Camp, and to him and his staff we are indebted for the excellent arrangements made for demonstrations in the field, and and our comforts in the Camp. The demonstrations this year certainly excelled anything seen in an O.T.C. camp before. Armoured Cars worked for us, the Cavalry played their part, Machine Guns and Light Artillery manœuvred another day, Aeroplanes did their share, and finally, the whole camp had the privilege of seeing the progress of mechanisation of the Army. the same exhibition shown for the Delegates to the Imperial Press Conference and since shown to the Imperial Conference, 1930. This was truly a wonderful show, and one can imagine the speed of future warfare after having seen the latest pieces of mechanical improvement in Tanks, Armoured Cars, Caterpillars and Austin Sevens for Signallers. Night operations were splendid. Cadets had to build the Kapok Assault Bridges, float them and then cross the canal by way of these bridges. The work was well done and so far as can be remembered, no one fell into the disused Aldershot-Basingstoke Canal. Off Parade, there was plenty to do. On the Tuesday we found Battalion Guard, and a very smart guard it was. Boxing events most evenings took up a considerable time. J. S. Stephens and L. B. Barnes entered. Stephens was beaten in his first bout after a good fight. Barnes won his bout and awaited the final with confidence. His opponent must have heard of his prowess, for he failed to appear in the ring. Barnes was therefore declared the winner of his weight. Sing-songs were a great success; the manner in which the officers of the Camp Staff performed their numbers on the last night goes to show the real and great interest which they had in the Cadets as a whole. Aldershot was only some four miles away, and a frequent service of omnibuses operated between the Camp and the Town. Many visits were made by Cadets who desired to enjoy a meal in one of those cafes for which Aldershot is well known. Sports on Sunday were well carried out, but no one from our contingent competed. This defect should be rectified in future years. On Wednesday, August 6th, Camp dispersed. We had had a splendid time and had learnt many things. Our pleasure would have been greater had the weather been kinder, but even the inclement weather did not greatly affect the morale of the cadets. Our thanks are due to those Officers of the Brigade of Guards who worked so hard on our behalf, and who made Tweseldown O.T.C. Camp, 1930, such an outstanding success.

> OFFICERS : Up to Standard. Lieut. J. E. John rendered extremely useful and good service to the battalion as Quartermaster.

DRILL : Fair.

FIELD WORK : On the whole good. Keenness and energy always evident.

General

TURN OUT : Fair.

CAMP LINES : Good.

GENERAL REMARKS : Contingent up to standard. All ranks showed keenness. Regular sergeant instructor proved of great assistance.

J.C.M.

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DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

The yearly effort on behalf of the Games Fund was this term transferred back to its former place in the Christmas Term. This year's programme contained three plays, and the general level of the acting was higher than in some recent years. The choice of plays seemed to please the audience, and the financial result was very satisfactory.

"Shivering Shocks" is explained by Clemence Dane, the author, as having been written "at the request of a Dramatic Society of schoolboys who demanded among other things a hero crippled in the War, crooks, pistols, a detective, no women or love-making, and a drunken man who stammers." Captain Dallas, V.C., the wounded hero, was adequately portrayed by King, and the comparatively small part of his servant Kysh was undertaken by McQueen who made the most of his opportunities. The Inventor. Granville Hughes, gave Irwin i a good chance of displaying unsuspected powers, and he gave a good representation of the somewhat eccentric genius who has become almost unbalanced by the knowledge that he is being shadowed by crooks anxious to steal his secret formula. The crooks were personated by Thorn and Shaw, both of whom did well, though the former had the better opportunities, and his change from a coaxing attitude to that of a desperate bully was skilfully effected. The detective who arrives on the scene disguised as a chauffeur under the influence of drink gave Leigh great scope to show what he could do.

The second item on the programme was the "Duchess of Bayswater" by A. M. Heathcote, and was produced by Mr. Milner. This was the Staff's contribution to the Bill. Mr. Bartle was distinctly good as the valetudinarian, Sir Jeremy Joles, who suffered as much from his dislike of trade as from his physical infirmities. Mr. Jones assumed the role of the Duke of Bayswater and added a distinct success to his record. Caryl Stubbs, the youthful millionaire was well represented by Mr. Bicknell, who was making his first appearance on the School stage. The part of the fair Kathleen (Sir Jeremy's daughter) was undertaken by Cubbage i, who looked the part so well that quite a number of the School did not recognise him and even thought he was a girl! The Duchess gave another opportunity to Blacklock, who added to the reputation he won last year. The way this small and youthful duchess dominated the stage while she (or he) was on was extraordinary. Sir Jeremy's attendant, Jenkyns, was competently undertaken by Mr. Milner, and he is to be congratulated on the production.

The last item was a one-act comedy by Gertrude Jennings and E. Boulton, entitled "Elegant Edward." This is another of the modern type of crook play and was also a great success. The super-crook who poses as "Mr. Treherne" whose flat he intended to rob, was in the hands of Paice, who gave a very clever interpretation of the part. The more ordinary type of criminal, Burglar Bill, gave Barnes a great chance, of which he availed himself to the utmost. Mrs. Treherne who was quite won over by the blandishments of the super-crook was yet one more opportunity for Blacklock to win the applause of the audience. The parts of the police, Sergt. Beckett and P.C. Hodson, were filled satisfactorily by Harte and Salmon. The nonchalance of Paice who, having escaped after taking the Duchess of Colchester's diamond necklace, came back to restore it because Mrs. Treherne was so pretty, and because the necklace was only a copy and not the real thing, was splendidly suggested, and the ingenuousness of Mrs. Treherne who said he should not have run such risks for her brought the play to a most successful conclusion.

Our thanks are due to Miss Arnison who made up those taking ladies' parts, to Mr. Grant and his assistants for the stage setting, to Messrs. Skull & Sons and Mr. J. C. Lane for the loan of furniture, to C. D. Bates who supplied the incidental music, to Mr. Brand who carried out, as usual, all the work of the "Box Office," and especially to the producers, Mr. Berry and Mr. Milner.

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THE YOUENS V.C. MEMORIAL FUND.

Most of our readers are now acquainted with the object of the Youens V.C. Memorial Fund which was opened at Armisticetide. The appeal issued by the Committee for $\pounds1,000$, the minimum required in the first instance to establish a School Scholarship to perpetuate the memory of Sec.-Lieutenant Frederick Youens, V.C., has produced a generous response, and over £600 has already been subscribed. A glance down the list of subscribers reveals the fact that the scheme has been fairly well supported by friends of the School and by the inhabitants of High Wycombe. We should like, however, to see on the list the name of every Old Boy of the School. The heroic deed of the School's gallant V.C. cries aloud for recognition, and no more fitting memorial could be found than a Youens Scholarship which will enable boys of the School to proceed to a University career. We feel confident that the scheme will enlist the whole-hearted support of those who received their education at the School and we should welcome subscriptions, large or small, but our chief desire is that every possible Old Boy should do his share.

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FOOTBALL.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

The Football Season was shorter than usual this year, the last match being played on November 1st. On the whole, the standard of play was well up to the average, though had the season

been extended to December, the team would doubtless have improved considerably. Of the seven matches played, 2 were won, 4 lost, and the match against the Masters' XI. was drawn. Our first fixture was with Amersham on their own ground. 4 goals were scored against us in a very short time, and we did well to finish only 2 goals down. Borlase in the next match defeated us on our own ground, but we struck winning form against Amersham and Aylesbury. We defeated Amersham by 3 goals to 1. and thus avenged the loss of the first match. Against Aylesbury the School team played its best football, and the score of 9 goals to 4 indicates our superiority. Things went wrong with us at Marlow, and we lost rather heavily. The Masters' match was unusually exciting. Right up to the last minute the issue was in doubt. No less than twelve goals were shared in this game in which both sides played attractive football. The Old Boys' match this year was most interesting. The game was keenly contested, and the School played really well against their more experienced opponents. R. E. Lacey appears to have lost none of those shooting abilities which he showed when playing for Wycombe Wanderers. He was always dangerous and played a great part in the Old Boys' narrow victory by the odd goal in 7.

The 2nd XI. played two matches only, and showed that there is plenty of talent available for next season. In the House matches, which were contested with the usual keenness and rivalry, West defeated House in the semi-final and East in the final.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL RESULTS, 1930.

1st XI. Matches.

Opponents.	God	ıls		Result.
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Oct. 1-Amersham G.S Away	3	5		Lost
,, 4-Borlase School, Marlow Home	1	3	•••	Lost
	3	1		Won
" 18—Aylesbury G.S Home	9	4		Won
, 25—Borlase School, Marlow Away	4	7	•••	Lost
, 28—The Masters' XI Home	6	6		Drawn
Nov. 1-Old Boys Home	3	4		Lost
Played, 7; Won, 2; Lost, 4;	Drawn,	1.		

2nd XI. Matches.

Oct.	4—Borlase S	chool,	Marlow						
			(2nd	XI.)	Away	14	0	•••	Won
	25—Ditto	,			Home			•••	

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House Matches.

Oct.	14-House (1st XI.)	v.	West	(lst XI.)	Won	by	West	3—2
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	29-West (1st XI.)					,,	West	3-1
,,	29—House (2nd XI) v.	"	(2nd XI.)	,,	••	•••	-

CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

- *R. STONE (Captain). Centre-half. Occupied this arduous position with conspicuous success, although originally a centreforward. Has captained the team well. Weight, 11st. 13lbs.
- *D. D. HUTTON (Vice-Captain). Centre-forward. A fine dribbler with plenty of speed. A strong shot with either foot. Weight, 11st.
- *K. F. BURROWS (Right-half). A natural footballer. Combines well with the forwards. Has good anticipation. Would make a good centre-half with more weight. Weight, 9st. 4lbs.
- *L. W. CRADWICK (Left-back). Reliable back with plenty of speed. A sound tackler with a quick recovery. Weight, 9st. 4lbs.
- *A. E. HOLE (Outside-left). Has formed a strong forceful wing with Benyon. Weight, 10st.
- A. A. COVENTRY (Right-back). A greatly improved player. Excellent tackler. Combines well. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 9st.
- E. J. EARIS (Goal-keeper). Has developed into a reliable custodian. Catches the ball well and has a strong kick. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 10st. 13lbs.
- K. S. HART (Inside-right). Has good footwork and combines well. Shooting weak. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 7st. 4lbs.
- F. W. ESSEX (Outside-right). Uses his speed to the best advantage. Should centre with more force. Has been awarded his colours. Weight, 9st. 2lbs.

BENYON (Inside-left). Plays best in the forwards. Shoots well. Weight, 10st. 5lbs.

REYNOLDS i. (Left-half). A natural footballer. Should be a very useful player next season. Weight, 8st. 7lbs.

* Signifies "Old Colours."

(Owing to lack of space accounts of matches have been omitted.-ED.)

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OLD BOYS' CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club has been postponed as it was inconvenient to hold it before the Dinner in Town. It will probably be held on March 7th. Notices will be sent to all members.

New Members in 1930 :--

Arden, G. P., Longcroft, Gerrards Cross.
Bonnett, K. D. J., Priory Avenue, High Wycombe.
Bartle, P. W., 14 Priory Avenue, High Wycombe.
Bunce, G. M., Oakcroft, School Lane, Gerrards Cross.
Goodearl, E. F., 93 Kitchener Road, High Wycombe.
Hunt, G. H., 504 Caledonian Road, Holloway, N.7.
Perfect, C. W., Totteridge Hill, High Wycombe.
Paine, R. G., Gerrans, Maltman's Lane, Gerrards Cross.
Sears, N., 55 Tower Street, Terriers, High Wycombe.
Seymour, G. V., Haldon, Milton Avenue, Gerrards Cross.
Skues, V. W., Foxdell Wood, Chalfont St. Peter.
Stretton, L. W., 36 Lancaster Rd., Dollis Hill, Willesden, N.W.10.
Waller, C. A., Farsyde, Manor Road, Penn.
Williams, C., P.O.Box 98, Port Elizabeth, S. Africa.
Wheeler, C. F., Grange Farm, Widmer End, High Wycombe.

Birth.

GARDNER.—On October 1st, 1930, at "Ditchingham," Flackwell Heath, to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gardner, a son (Philip John).

Marriages

EYLES-BRYANT.-On September 17th, at St. Nicholas Church, Pyrford, Lovell Thomas Eyles, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Eyles, to Violet Evelyn, elder daughter of the late Doctor and Mrs. J. H. Bryant.

KENNEDY—PLESTED.—On August 30th, at All Saints' Church, High Wycombe, by the Rev. R. A. Hendy, M.A., of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen, Frank, younger son of the late Mr. R. E. and Mrs. Kennedy, to Kathleen Lucy, younger daughter of the late Mr. C. Plested and Mrs. Plested, of High Wycombe.

SELWYN-BOMBACK.-On October 11th, at the Baptist Church, College Road, Harrow, by the Rev. J. C. Rendell, Edward W. H. Selwyn, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., D.I.C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn, of Desborough Park Road, High Wycombe, to Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bomback, of Kenton Avenue, Harrow.

SAUNDERS--GOODEY.-On October 31st, 1930, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lacey Green, Cecil J. Saunders, younger son of Mr. and the late Mrs. J. W. Saunders, of Lacey Green, to Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Goodey, of West Hendred, Berks.

Deaths.

PARKER.—On September 25th, after an operation, Frederick Henry, only son of Henry Gale Parker, of Bridge House, Baring Road, Beaconsfield, aged 28 years.

PEACE.—On Sunday, 16th November, at 90 Easton Street, High Wycombe, James George Peace, aged 92 years.

SMITH.—On November 8th, at a hospital in London, Marcus Cecil Forryan Smith, B.A.(Cantab.), aged 22, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Smith, of "Radcot," Chain Lane, Mickleover, Derby, formerly of High Wycombe.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

December 2nd, 1929-December 2nd, 1930.

Receipts.

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Magazine	Ann	ual Sul	oscripti	ion	 10	15	0			
Printing					 2	8	0			
Postage					 3	12	3			
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Sports					 1	1	0			
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Dinner (1929)				 			18	9	6
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V. A. Bennett (1919—1922) had a pleasant crossing in the *Franconia* on his way to take up his duties as Assistant Agent of the G.W.R. in U.S.A. and Canada. He remarks that the Americans were not slow in pointing out land-marks as they drew near the Hudson, and particularly the Statue of Liberty which he noted points toward England.

A. F. Caldwell (1917–1923) passed the Pharmaceutical Chemists' Qualifying Examination in the summer, and has been awarded the Pereira Medal at the recent competition for the Pharmaceutical Society's Council Prize. After leaving Wycombe he took a course at the Brighton Technical College, where he was awarded a medal and passed the Preliminary Scientific Examination in 1925. He then served three years' apprenticeship and on completing his period, returned to the College for the final course which he finished in July.

J. G. Cherrington (1925–1930) who some hoped would be returning to school to try for a scholarship, has gone into his father's business of manufacturing joinery, and is taking a course in Building Construction and Engineer Drawing.

F. J. Gardner (1915–1921) wrote congratulating the Headmaster on his 25 years of office, and considering what boys are, expressed wonder at his managing to accomplish it! He was "on duty" and so could not be present at the Dinner. He expressed gratitude for all that was done for him at School in the difficult time of the War; and he stated his intention of giving practical expression of his debt to the School by backing the Youens Memorial Fund to the best of his ability. He is papermaking at Glory Mills, the only mills in the British Empire making photographic paper, and he holds there a quite responsible position. He says that in pre-war days Germany had a monopoly of the above class of paper. The process of discovering how best to make it was slow and costly, but now the Wooburn paper seems to have given every satisfaction, for the mills have been working full time for several years. He is now the proud father of a boriny boy.

C. W. Jeacock (1915—1919) is now Headmaster of Victoria Boys' School, Chelmsford, of 200 boys and six assistants. It serves as Cathedral School and supplies boys for the choir. He is hoping that it will shortly be re-organised as a Senior School. We were pleased once more to get into touch with Jeacock, of whom we had lost trace for some years. F. W. J. Kemp (1925–1930) writes from Halton, where he and Beale have settled down comfortably, and has met his former school-fellows, King, Tubbs and Strange.

F. C. Lawrence (1926—1928) has been obliged to give up his proposed career as a Chartered Accountant as he has been attacked by tuberculosis. He has made good progress towards recovery and hopes to be discharged from the sanatorium before long. He is advised to lead an open air life and not in Lancashire. If any Old Boys should know of a suitable opening for a good, steady, intelligent fellow, the Editor would be glad to hear of it.

W. R. Powley (1925–1930) has begun work in the Wycombe Borough Sanitary Inspector's Offices.

G. W. Rackstraw (1924—1930) has begun work at Messrs. Broom & Wade's, where he finds himself in the company of quite a number of other Old Boys.

A. S. Saunders (1918-1923) wrote in November that he hoped to obtain a post with the Redline Petrol Company to work in the Wycombe District.

E. W. H. Selwyn (1914–1921), whose marriage is reported above, is now with the Kodak Photographic Company and finds that business hours start earlier than at either School or College. He is still engaged on "research" work, but of a different type from academic research. He makes the statement common to Old Boys when visiting the School that boys seem to have shrunk; but he did see a number who he thought ought to be policemen, he supposed they were Prefects who always as a class seemed to him to be unfairly large.

D. F. Packman (1923—1930) has been appointed to the Chemistry section of the Forestry Research section at Princes Risborough. He has joined the recently formed Risboro' Rugger Club.

M. C. F. Smith (1921–1923), whose death is recorded above, was a brilliant scholar. At school he was the only case of a candidate getting five Distinctions in the School Certificate Examination. When his people removed to Derby, he continued his success and obtained an Open Scholarship to Cambridge. He worked too hard, however, and did not give up for six months after he was seriously ill. We offer our deepest sympathies to his parents and friends. L. W. Stretton (1908—1912) is another Old Boy who has once more got into touch with the School through the Youens appeal, which he heartily supports. We were pleased that he was able to be at the Dinner.

Bobby "Fraser (1918-1921 and 1923-1925) writes from a P. & O. liner the S.S. Ballarat, en route for Fremantle : "Several things have happened since I wrote you two years ago, and I am now fourth officer in this ship. The main things which have happened have been pleasant, namely, last Christmas I was presented with a gold watch by Lord Inchcape for winning the Cadets' Journal and Navigation prize for the third time in succession. During the year before that, I was training in the Royal Naval Reserve and managed to win the Officers' Middleweight Boxing Championship, and I represented the ship at Hockey, Rugger and Cricket, and the Squadron at Boxing. About eight months ago I went up for my Second Mates' Ticket and was the only one successful out of about twenty candidates. It would seem that I am rather boastful about all these things, but really I am not. Rather do I feel that when writing to one's old School one should tell them all about oneself, because after all most of the glory, if you like to call it that, goes to the School. That is so in my case at any rate, as I went to the R.G.S. at the age of seven and had practically the whole of my training there. This is my first voyage as Fourth Mate, and things seem to be going all right at present. My job is to look after the baggage and to keep the 12-4 watch. Not a very strenuous task, but not very pleasant hours. In fact, in winter, turning out at midnight is definitely unpleasant. The ship is quite a fair size, being 13,000 tons gross tonnage and carrying tourist passengers to Australia via Suez. The fare is very cheap, so we usually get four or five hundred passengers each way. I am getting quite used to this Australian run now as I was a year in the Chitral on the same run before I went up for my ticket. I hope all is well at the House and the School and that you are having a flourishing time. I want to come down some time, but it can't be at the end of this voyage as we dock at Liverpool. Perhaps next time."

J. W. Chapman (1922—1928), whose family moved from Jordans to Berkhamsted about two years ago, writes : "I am sending a contribution to the Youens Scholarship fund, 5/- for each of my six years at School. I have never given anything to a better cause than that. I got a Higher Certificate in Chemistry and Physics with Maths. as a subsidiary in July." He says that he intends to try for an Oxford Science Scholarship in March. At Berkhamsted he won the open Cross Country Race and has been playing for the 2nd XV. He continues : "I am glad that you are playing rugger more. I somehow developed an intense antipathy to soccer which extended itself to rugger. If I had started on rugger, I might have appreciated it more as I do now. I suppose there must be considerable local prejudice against the idea, but I have no doubt that you will overcome that."

H. Johns (1919–1922) was awarded an Entrance Scholarship at the R.G.S. in September, 1919. In December, 1919, his family moved to the north and his scholarship was transferred to the Stand Grammar School, Whitefield, Manchester. Two years later he passed the Oxford School Certificate Examination with 2nd Class Honours and Matriculation exemption. In 1926 he enlisted in the Royal Marines and was stationed successively in Deal, Portsmouth and on the China station, where he served for two years in *H.M.S. Suffolk*. He has recently been promoted to the rank of Probationary 2nd Lieutenant and entered the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, on January 1st. The Royal Marines are a very efficient and distinguished Corps, and promotion from the ranks is rare, so that Johns' promotion is the more noteworthy. We congratulate him heartily and wish him every success in the career he has so well begun.

F. H. Parker (1917—1919). It is with deep regret that we record the death of F. H. Parker at the early age of 29. An operation was performed on him at a London Nursing Home in September, and the news of his sudden death came as a great shock to a large number of relatives, friends and acquaintances. Generous, open-hearted, and far more studious than most people imagined, he was well-known in the town and district, and very popular. We offer our sympathy to the family in their very sad bereavement.

W. T. Brindley (1910-1915) has again paid us a visit from Ceylon. Before leaving for home he was well at the top of the cricket averages with 63. In the previous season, when playing for Ceylon against Bombay, he with Major Brooke, made 82 runs in 52 minutes to win the match 10 minutes from time. The spectators were so enthusiastic that they carried Major Brooke and Mr. Brindley on their shoulders to the Governor of Ceylon. He played against Lancashire (the Champion County) at Old Trafford on July 16th, 17th and 18th for the Minor Counties, taking three wickets, and so helped his side to lead by 28 runs on the first innings. Besides turning out for Wycombe and the Bucks County XI. he played for such well known teams as Free Foresters, Incogniti and Frogs. His performance in the Old Boys' match appeared in our last number. He was chosen to play for the Club Cricket Conference (formed of all clubs in and around London) against the Australians at Lords on September 6th and 8th. In this game he bowled with such conspicuous success that he took five wickets for 71, Kippax and McCabe in one over. His score of 34 runs was the second highest in the first innings.

S. T. Theed (1914–1921) was in great form with the bat for the Wycombe Town C.C. last season. He made four centuries and finished at the top with an average of 47. He played for the Bucks County C.C. with two other Old Boys, L. G. Baker and W. T. Brindley.

A. G. Boorman (1916-1922), Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Dept., Nigeria, is now home on his first leave. He has been in Lagos for eighteen months. His leave extends until April.

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ANNUAL DINNER.

The Old Boys' Annual Dinner was held at "The Florence" Restaurant, Rupert Street, Piccadilly, W.1., on December 13th.

Mr. Arnison, in honour of the completion of twenty-five years as Headmaster, was the guest of the evening, during the course of which he was presented with a handsome cigarette box engraved with the School Arms and inscribed as follows : -" Presented to G. W. Arnison, Esq., M.A., J.P., as a token of appreciation by Old Boys of Wycombe Royal Grammar School, on completion of twenty five years' Headmastership, 1905—1930."

He was also given a case of Dunhill pipes and two beautiful handbags for Mrs. Arnison. A large number of Old Boys had subscribed to the fund, but only modest sums had been asked for, as the Committee wished that the Youens Memorial Appeal should not be prejudiced.

Close on a hundred Old Boys and Masters sat down to dine under the able Chairmanship of Major Coningsby Disraeli, and after an excellent menu had been done full justice to, and the loyal toast duly honoured, he called upon Major S. G. Stephenson, who was at School at the time of Mr. Arnison's appointment, to propose the toast of the evening.

Major S. G. Stephenson aptly and ably spoke to the following effect :- He first made an apology that it had devolved upon him to perform what was to him a very pleasant duty, one that someone had to undertake, and the fault was that of the Committee and Secretary that the lot had fallen to him. The chief reason why he had been asked to undertake the duty was that he was a boy at the School 25 years ago when Mr. Arnison was appointed. The selection of a speaker for such an occasion reminded him of a Punch cartoon; a number of men lined up for an identification parade and the sergeant saying to a formidable looking lady, "Now, Mrs. B., I think we have found your husband; pick him out." One of the line ejaculates "Blimey, Bill, I 'ope she won't pick me." He remembered that at school he had once moved in debate that "the human race was fast degenerating," and had drawn a most lurid picture of human nature. In a private interview, the Headmaster had pointed out to him the weaknesses of his somewhat pessimistic speech ; so even after the lapse of so long a time he felt rather apprehensive and nervous in his presence ; however, he was very sensible of the honour done him in being asked to perform this present task. He had further associations with the School, for his late father had been a Governor for many years after he had left. The School numbered about 56 boys in April. 1905, and to-day there were, he understood, 326. He and his contemporaries would, he knew, ascribe what might be termed the renaissance of the R.G.S. to the courage and determination of Mr. Arnison. The senior boys of his day had not exactly welcomed the advent of the new Headmaster, for it had meant the disruption of certain determined and fixed views they held, and incidentally the end of the finest jazz band Wycombe ever produced. At first they had been critical, but soon had learnt to appreciate new ways and a new corporate spirit. Influence was a thing most difficult to describe; it was very real, yet both intangible and indefinite. The influence of Mr. Arnison was an asset which boys took away from School with them ; it staved with them through life, and was a source of strength to them in their careers. He would seriously consider how much that influence had to do with Frederick Youens' V.C. and his inspiring record, for Youens had both worked and played with Mr. Arnison. Old Boys, some of whom had obtained academic distinction, others athletic, and others whose abilities were but equal to the average, would all bear tribute, for all had been taught to be proud of themselves and not to ape greatness. In their hearts they had a deep and abiding affection for their Headmaster. He could not allow the occasion to pass without a reference to Mrs. Arnison. It was difficult to estimate what she had been to Mr. Arnison in his plans and ideals. The Old Boys felt that they could not let such an occasion pass without marking it in a special way. He therefore asked Mr. Arnison to accept the gifts he handed to him as a token of their affection and regard, and to convey to Mrs. Arnison their tribute.

The toast was then drunk with musical honours.

In reply Mr. Arnison said : "As I look round this, to me. most interesting assembly of Old Boys, I am filled with varied emotions-pride in our School and its Old Boys, sorrow when I think of those gallant boys who would be with us now but for the years 1914 to 1918, and gratitude that it has been my fortunate lot to help guide the destinies of our School for so long a period. When I think of my 25 years in Wycombe I usually divide them into three periods, 1905 to 1914, 1914 to 1918, and 1918 to the present time. In those three periods great changes have of necessity come about. In 1905 our numbers were 56, and the School nestled in the shelter of the valley. Now we number 326, and the School is perched on a giddy eminence swept by every wind that blows. From 1905 to 1914 we were establishing our right to a larger place in the sun, from 1914 to 1918 we occupied it and we expanded, and from 1918 to 1930 we swelled and swelled like the frog in the fable until finally we burst into our new buildings last September. During all those 25 years, except the first two at the old School and the first two at the new, I have been engaged in solving the problem of putting a quart into a pint pot. Some of you will remember Classroom "A" at the back of Trinity Church, and the funny little rooms in the old house adjoining the School which were rented as Classrooms. During all my time here I have heard, I think, only one reproachful remark from a Governor. It was when I had been here 4 terms and our numbers had only increased by 7. However, two vears later he withdrew his remarks, for by that time our numbers had doubled. Now they are nearly 6 times the number in 1905. The mention of a Governor naturally leads me to say how deeply indebted the School is to its Board of Governors. It is sad to think that of the Board of seventeen who did me the honour of

selecting me, fourteen have passed away, among them some exceedingly good friends of the School and myself-I need only mention such names as George Wheeler, Dan Clarke, Alfred Gilbey, James Thurlow, Thomas Glenister, T. J. Reynolds, and quite recently J. G. Peace, for us to realise our losses. But we have still three of the original seventeen remaining to us. I mean our present Chairman, Major Coningsby Disraeli, our Vice-Chairman, Dr. L. W. Reynolds, and Bishop Shaw. We have been particularly fortunate in our Chairmen. Bishop Shaw was my Chairman and a tower of strength from 1905 to 1921, and since 1921 our very good friend Major Disraeli has occupied the Chair. Probably no one except myself really knows how helpful he has been and how devoted to the interests of the School. Of his generosity you are all aware. He gave us our School clock. he headed the list of subscribers to the Youens V.C. Memorial Fund with a donation of $\pounds 100$, he responds to every appeal I make. But still more valuable has been his unflagging interest, his readiness to preside at School functions, and his many informal visits. So we owe much to our Governors. And much also to the Staff, among whom very few have been "duds." Five have achieved Headmasterships, four others hold country livings. Some of you will remember our lady members, one of whom made one of our best known Old Boys captive of her bow and spear. Of our present Staff, fifteen in number, I must not speak at length, but I should like to congratulate Mr. Brand on his twenty-one years' service to the School (The Head was in error here. Mr. Brand joined the Staff in 1911.—Ed.) and Mr. Bartle who will shortly complete his thirty years at the School. And very much we owe to our Old Boys, but I shall be trespassing if I begin to talk about them, and I could talk about some of them for hours. And much we owe to parents, a frequently maligned but very longsuffering and loyal set of people. The Prefects too must not be forgotten (here the Headmaster drank the health of his former Prefects of whom some 35 or 40 were present). And very much do I personally owe to a most helpful and loyal wife, who, though always keeping herself modestly in the background, has been a continual source of strength to me, and with her practical Yorkshire common sense has so often assisted me with her advice, and been in every way a very real helpmate. May I now refer to one or two, may I call them, landmarks : 1906, New Head-1907, First Camp at Bisley. master and new Pavilion. 1908. House system established. 1909, O.T.C. and Old Boys' Club formed. 1911, First appearance in "Punch." 1912, The School's

only Wrangler (D. J. Watson). 1915, Move to hill-top. New School cost £21,000. 1917, The School's V.C. (F. Youens). 1920, £600 War Memorial (Tablet, photographs and Fives Courts). 1923, Four more acres bought for playing field. First M.P. for very many years. 1924, Freedom of the Borough conferred on five leading citizens, all connected with the School, namely, Lord Lincolnshire, Mr. Dan Clarke, Mr. J. G. Peace, Mr. Arthur Vernon and Colonel L. L. C. Reynolds. 1929, 11 acres of land bought facing Chadwick Street, and the land in front of the School acquired. The Old Boys' Rugger Club well launched. 1930, Additional buildings erected at a cost of nearly £7,000, the Tank demolished, and the Youens Memorial Fund initiated. Also in 1930 you will be gratified to learn that after years of patient waiting your Headmaster has been awarded his Rugger Blue-by the local Press. Few men can boast that they have obtained a Blue thirtythree years after going down from their University. My years in Wycombe have been very happy ones, and I have enjoyed them all except the War years. They were greatly saddened as periodically news came through of the death of some gallant Old Boy. Perhaps to a Headmaster who knows all his boys individually and well, and has seen them grow up from boyhood to early manhood, the sense of sorrow, of loss, and of the sad waste of young life is greater than in the minds of almost any other members of the community. Amid the sorrow there were of course many bright gleams-the courage and the self-sacrifice displayed, the honours won, and the final victory. In speaking of honours let me refer briefly to one in whose honour we are now establishing a Memorial. Many of you knew Freddie Youens, and those who did not know him will also be anxious that a worthy memorial should be founded in his name. Already more than a hundred Old Boys have subscribed to the fund which now amounts to over £500, and before the fund is closed I hope that almost every Old Boy will have added his name to the list. On occasions like this one is apt quite naturally to indulge in reminiscences and very pleasant it is to do so. But we must also look forward. Head and Assistant Masters come and go, but the School and its Old Boys go steadily marching on, and the Old Boys are the people who really count the most. In a School like ours there will always be something wanted. For instance, we now want the remainder of our playing field properly laid out, I should like to see some houses built for Masters, we want the approach to the School laid out and beautified, and we want a Swimming Bath. Some of these we may get in my time. Others may come later,

but you may take it from me that there will always be ways and opportunities for Old Boys to assist their School, and I know they will gladly do so. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I thank you with all my heart for the great reception and welcome you have given me, for the beautiful gifts you have presented to my wife and myself, and for the signal honour you have done me in inviting me to be your guest this evening."

The Chairman proposing the Toast of the Old Boys' Club first thanked Major Stephenson for the way in which he had spoken of Mr. Arnison. The form and spirit of the speech met the occasion and was full of the strong and peculiar affection which that assembly felt for their Headmaster. Regarding the Governors, he thought it unusual for a board of 18 to be unanimous, but in the 25 years he had not found a Governor really disapproving anything that Mr. Arnison had done or said. He had made it a good School, and the Governors had always supported him. It had been 25 years of progress, and their policy had been to back up the Head. He noted the healthy rivalry between boys in the School in their Forms and Houses, and also between Old Boys in their Rugger Club, and the Wycombe Hockey Club. He was pleased to see so many "Peachell" boys present, much water had flowed through the "Rye" since their day. The future of the Club should compare well with the past. The Club was founded when the School numbered 120. With the increased numbers of boys leaving there should be a large number of recruits each year to carry out into the world the qualities they had acquired at School. He was pleased at the response to the Youens Memorial Fund. Respecting the School itself, he wished someone would really establish the actual date that it came into existence, dates on crests, etc., were not always reliable. The task reminded him of a story he once heard. An elderly gentleman was so elderly that his acquaintances were curious as to his exact age, but could not find out. At length the ancient one passed away and they thought : "Now we shall find out how old he was." As the coffin was lowered necks were craned so that eyes might read the name plate, but alas! the old man's son was "near," and what they read was the brass plate from the door "T. Jones, Office Hours, 10-4." The Old School was proud to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the most successful Headmaster it had ever had. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. S. T. Theed and of the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. S. T. Theed in reply said that the toast was something like drawing a cheque to self and endorsing it. The Club formed

a connecting link between Old Boys and the School and brought them together at Dinners and Dances. Meetings of former schoolfellows reminded him of a yarn he had recently come across. Two exuberant gentlemen met and one said : "Hallo, old fellow, we last met in Nigeria, didn't we?" "Hardly," was the reply, "for I've not been there." "Nor have I. It must have been two other fellows." At such times as that dinner they began to realise that all were equal, the next fellow at table might be the prefect who had wielded a slipper in one's early days, and not far away the victim of one's own determination that rules are made to be observed. He well remembered a slipper used by H. Barrell when Head Prefect which somehow got into the periodical rummage sale and he often wondered whether it was redeemed or was destroyed in default. In one way he thought the Club could do more in the way of useful work. It could serve as an employment bureau. Old Boys might hear of vacancies and pass the information on to the School where probably there was a boy who had just left or on the point of leaving who could well fill the vacancy. He hoped the point would be brought up at the General Meeting. He thanked them most heartily for the way they had honoured the toast and for coupling his name with it.

The Hon. Secretary also briefly replied, but cut his remarks short in order that the musical part of the evening should not be further curtailed. He would here like to thank all members of the Committee and others who worked to make such a success of the evening.

A telegram and a cable from New York which had just arrived were now read out by the Chairman. The telegram "Heartiest congratulations, may your lum reek," was sent by Mrs. Tom Redington, whom many will remember better as Miss Janet Douglas, Mistress of Form II. The cable came from V. A. Bennett (O.B.) "Congratulations, we are proud of you and your success, which is an inspiration to us all. May the future grant opportunity to carry the name of School far and wide."

The Gwen Lewis Concert Party and Mr. C. Bolty, magician and conjuror, then provided a capital entertainment and shortly after 11 p.m. the company dispersed.

Guests present were : Major Disraeli (Chairman of the Governors) in the chair and Mr. Arnison ;

Old Boys :-- C. S. Abbott, E. G. Barnes, P. W. Bartle, J. R. D. Bushell, W. T. Brindley, J. D. Bavin, G. H. Baker, L. G. Baker, J. V. Britnell, A. Birch, G. D. Burch, G. A. Craven, N. H. Collinson, W. A. Child, J. W. Child, E. G. Edgerley, G. L. Eyles, J. Freeman, A. H. Fisher, G. E. George, F. W. George, F. H. Glenister, E. S. Griffin, H. S. Groom, Gl. Hastings, S. E. Hands, L. F. Harris, B. H. Hunt, G. H. Hunt, J. H. Hunt, E. A. D. Holmes, J. G. Hetherington, C. W. Jeacock, A. E. M. Janes, D. V. Kyle, A. C. Klein, N. F. Lay, T. Layne, D. G. Lear, C. A. K. Ludbrook, H. St. J. Larkin, R. B. Lightbody, R. W. Matthews, F. H. M. Meade, H. A. Matthews, G. H. Milner, T. K. McAusland, H. J. Nutt, J. C. S. Nutt, J. B. Nicholson, R. H. Norris, F. Payne, H. G. Page, J. W. Reader, J. H. Reader, V. G. W. Rogers, R. H. Rolfe, T. H. Redington, T. Robinson, E. J. Read, G. E. Stevens, A. C. Smith, S. G. Stephenson, C. A. Skull, T. L. Smith, D. W. Salmon, L. W. Stretton, T. M. Stanton, G. V. Seymour, W. H. E. Timms, J. W. K. Taylor, S. T. Theed, N. H. Theed, W. A. Thomas, F. R. Underhill, D. Vernon, D. J. Watson, D. A. Winter, W. E. Silsby, R. Wooster, L. F. Watkins, H. St. J. Youens.

Masters :--H. G. Brand, W. J. Bartle, A. M. Berry, P. L. Jones, J. E. John, W. N. Bicknell and C. E. C. Eastman.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from many Old Boys, most of whom subscribed to the Presentation Fund. Bishop Shaw and W. R. Butler, Esq., J.P., (Governors) also sent letters of regret.

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SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

A General Meeting of the Society was held on Friday, Sept. 26th, when the following officers were elected — Hon. Secretary, E. S. Paice; Committee: R. B. Webber (Lanternist), H. G. Tidy, J. A. Harris, C. F. Palmer. On Friday, October 3rd, E. S. Francis, Esq., gave a lantern lecture on "A Brief History of the Development and Use of Electricity." Mr. Francis showed interesting slides of the very early forms of electrical apparatus and told of the difficulties which had to be overcome by the pioneers of electricity. The progress of the electric lamp, and the machinery used for supplying the electricity was traced through its history, and the lecture was concluded with examples of the huge modern dynamos used for supplying the population with electricity.

On Tuesday, October 14th, a small party visited the works of the British Oxygen Co., Ltd., Wembley. The party was shown machines for the liquefaction of air, from which various constituent gases could be drawn off by taps. A specimen of liquid oxygen was shown to the party, and the theory of the manufacturing process was briefly explained. An interesting part of the process was the testing of the iron cylinders which were to contain the various gases. In conclusion the party was shown the machinery used for making nitrous oxide.

On Friday, October 24th, a Lecture and Demonstration on "Television" was given by J. J. Denton, Esq., A.M.I.E.E. (Hon. Secretary, Television Society). Numerous instructive slides were shown and practical demonstrations of the principles involved were given. The lecturer described the selenium cell and illustrated its use by causing an electric bell to ring under the influence of a beam of light. He also described the neon lamp and its use in television. He showed how by means of suitably perforated scanning discs the image of any object may be transmitted as an electric current and reproduced as a picture by using a suitable neon lamp and similar synchronised revolving perforated discs. The later developments of Television, Noctovision and Colour Television were mentioned, and the principles of each were described with slides. Mr. Denton concluded his talk by a kind offer of assistance to those who wished to take up Television as a hobby.

On Friday, November 14th, a lecture was given on "The Prehistoric Remains in the County of Bucks," by W. Bradbrooke, Esq. (late Hon. Secretary of the Bucks Archaelogical Society). The lecture was divided into several parts and dealt with such topics as earthworks, flint weapons and roadways. Specimens of many old flint weapons, some polished and others rough, were exhibited. This lecture was the more interesting from the fact that it was the first on this subject to be given at the School.

J. A. Harris addressed the Society on November 28th on "The Production of Asphalt, and Road-making." He mentioned various forms of bitumen occurring naturally in Utah and Trinidad. The Asphalt Lakes were fully described, and the methods of refining the crude asphalt illustrated by a number of lantern slides. Details were given of the methods of employing the asphalt in road-making, and slides were shown of various buildings on which asphalt has been used as roofing, or damp courses. Harris concluded his lecture by a brief summary of the advantages to be gained by the use of asphalt.

The term's activities concluded with a most enjoyable visit to the works of the Hayes Cocoa Co. on December 9th. On arriving at the works, the party was divided into three groups. Each group was shown the various stages in chocolate production, first the cocoa-pod, then the extraction of the beans, and from them cocoa powder and cocoa butter. Keen interest was shown in the processes involved in the manufacture of "fancy" chocolates. Another very interesting process was the manufacture of the boxes and cartons, and also the packing of the chocolates. After a most entertaining and instructive tour, the party retired to an adjoining hall where a very acceptable tea was provided.

E. S. PAICE.

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HOBBY CLUB, 1930³.

A General Meeting, at the beginning of the term, resulted in the election of the following :--Hon. Secretary, F. W. Essex; Hon. Treasurer, P. R. F. Britnell; Librarian, B. E. G. Wood; Committee: E. H. Sampson, A. A. Hunt, R. M. Purnell and W. F. Whittall. By the end of term membership had reached 150.

The first Lantern Lecture, on October 8th, took the form of a talk on the principles of Cinematography and how the "moving picture" is made possible. This was succeeded by a showing of Baby Pathé films (including the latest Chaplin) all rather small, yet clearly seen from every point in the room.

"Round the World in a Windjammer" was the title of a very delightful and entertaining lecture given on October 22nd, by Mr. Guy Eden, Editor of *The Navy* and one of the official lecturers of the Navy League. Born in Australia ,he gained his first experiences of life in a sailing ship when being sent to England to school. A few years later he returned by the same mode of transport. He described the rounding of the dreaded Cape, and told many stories of sailors' superstitions and other tales of the sea.

Mr. Watt, on October 26th, contributed to the series, and a large audience heard him relate "The Story of London's Underground Railways." This lecture, copiously illustrated by slides, dealt fully with the history and development of the railways, the construction of tubes, the working of lifts and trains, and the general management of traffic. Undoubtedly, for those present, future travel on the "Underground" will be invested with much greater meaning and interest.

On October 17th, for the second year in succession, a visit was paid to the Motor Show at Olympia. Once inside, the party of 40 dispersed and was quickly lost among the numerous stands. Besides the fascinating display of modern cars there was on view a collection of some of the earliest models, one of which had belonged to King Edward VII., and the oldest bore the date 1897. A new feature was a section devoted to motor boats and launches.

An excursion to Swindon to view the Great Western Railway works took place on October 20th. The party totalled 99. On reaching the works, visitors were conducted through the Carriage Shops. Here they saw timber in course of preparation and coaches in all stages of construction. Next, visitors passed through the Foundry, where great vessels full of molten and glowing metal were carried by within arm's length of one, on their way to the moulds. "Derelicts Yard," Engine testing house, Machine and Repair Shops were all visited in turn. Finally, and as a special favour, one of the latest "King" engines was available for close and detailed inspection.

Members' Papers were read on November 12th, and for a change, restricted to one subject. As a result various phases of Stamp Collecting were dealt with by F. R. Kay, F. E. J. Blomfield, P. W. Redway and R. S. Smith.

G.A.G.

HOBBY CLUB CAMP-BELGIUM, August, 1930.

The Journey, by F. W. Langley, IVc.

The 1930 camping holiday began with prospects quite equal to those of previous years. August 12th was a beautiful day and every boy happy and eager to know what Belgium would be like. Crossing from Paddington to Victoria, we left London at 10.30 a.m. in our reserved seats, baggage stowed above and below. Carrying of kit-bags and cases was, I suppose, the most arduous part of the journey, but it was not long before we dumped these on board the Belgian steamer Jan Breydel. Everyone was interested in the departure from Dover and watched the cliffs gradually fade away, before taking advantage of the sunshine, lying down and going to sleep on deck. On arriving at Ostend we immediately prepared for the customs formalities. In a large shed a uniformed officer came up and asked if we had anything to declare. As there was nothing he simply chalked the case with a cross and we were free. Outside the Customs a string of tramcars waited specially for us, and soon the whole party of seventy with about two tons of baggage was being conveyed for rather more than a mile along the coast to our destination at Breedene.

A Day in Camp, by M. M. Gardham, Va.

We rise from our snug beds about 7.30 and hurriedly change into shirt, shorts and shoes. We tumble out of the tents and hasten to join the queue standing, with plates and mugs, by the cookhouse and waiting for breakfast. Breakfast is served, a plate of porridge and a mug of steaming tea. This is quickly consumed by those with hearty appetites who rush back hoping for a little more. The remainder produce other plates and dust them in anticipation of the second course, bacon or sausages. Breakfast over the camp falls in to hear the day's announcements. Those detailed for fatigue-duty troop off to help the cooks, peel the potatoes, fetch buckets of water or run errands. The others rush to the sands usually for a morning bathe though some of the hardier spirits have already indulged in a refreshing swim before breakfast. We select a sunny, but sheltered nook, high up on the dunes and spend an hour exposed to the ultra-violet rays. Here the sand is very fine and easily blown into the eyes and it is better to wear goggles. We watch the endless stream of traffic passing the camp along Belgium's "Royal Road," and hear the shrill whistle of the electric trains on their way from Ostend to Knocke. From our nook we gaze inland. For many miles the flat country stretches away into the blue distance. Fields, windmills, tall trees in rows. brightly painted, quaintly-shaped houses, a vast expanse of sky fill the landscape. We hear a church bell tolling, an aeroplane droning overhead, merry sounds from below. Dinner time quickly arrives and the camp queues up again. "What's for dinner today?" Thick Irish stew followed by treacle pudding and plenty of it; or maybe, meat pies, with stewed pears and custard afterwards. Dinner finished, we rest awhile. Some visit Breedene or Ostend, while others prefer a game of rounders or cricket on the sands if the tide is out. Perhaps there is a treasure hunt, a modelling competition, sports, or some other kind of amusement organised for us. We may even spend a pleasant half-hour in searching for driftwood to bring home ready for the next camp fire. Thick bread and butter and jam for tea, an excellent meal to allay the appetites of boys living in the open sea-air. We walk again after tea, explore the old German forts and gun emplacements, and hunt for souvenirs of the Great War. After dark some signalling with our electric torches from one dune to another, and perhaps a visit to the Café on the way back to camp. So to bed after an invigorating and delightful day.

"Zeebrugge," by L. A. Cubbage, Va.

No one could resist the opportunity of spending an afternoon at Zeebrugge. The historic Naval raid of St. George's Day, 1918, brought fame to the little seaside village, known throughout the war as the locality whence German submarines set forth on their deadly missions. We admired the stately Memorial to the Fallen, and took a walk past the breach (now repaired) to the end of the Mole, where battered and twisted guns are still in position. A tram now runs the whole length of the Mole. The Museum was exceptionally well filled with relics, maps, models, photographs and records of the epic raid. Some of the sunken vessels are still visible at low water.

"Holland," by W. F. Whittall, Vu(a).

A trip to Middleburg on the island of Walcheren, in Holland, was planned for Thursday, August 21st, as it would be market day and all the country people, clad in quaint costume, would crowd in to sell their wares. A party of 24 set off early from camp. At the Dutch frontier the char-a-banc was held up by blue-uniformed police, who eventually permitted it to pass. The change of state at once became apparent, and we were struck by the amazing cleanliness of the peasants. Carefully tended gardens bright with flowers, doorsteps spotlessly whitewashed, beautiful lace curtains at the windows showing what industrious womenfolk can do. At Breskens we boarded the ferry steamer whose bows, like huge jaws, were lifted by means of a winch, to permit the quick embarkation of motor cars. On the opposite side of the broad mouth of the River Scheldt we reached Flushing and entrained for Middleburg. A typical Dutch town this, reeking of cigars smoked by men in baggy trousers, skull caps and Eton jackets covered with big silver buttons. All wear large pirate-like rings Women and girls were seen everywhere in in their ears. national costume-black dress, short-sleeved, and white linen head-dress plentifully ornamented with gold trinkets. Captivating little children—the miniature editions of their elders—stand about in groups and give the visitor the impression produced by the opening chorus of some comic opera! Unfortunately few snaps were taken owing to cloudy conditions. A guide conducted us through narrow streets, past a grand old 16th Century Church, to the square market place under some fine trees, where displayed were beautiful butter and eggs, brassware, cigars and cigarettes and wooden shoes.

"Brussels," by J. C. Ballantyne, Vu(a).

A small party spent a day at Brussels and Waterloo. Our route lay through Bruges, Ghent, Alost. The streets of Belgium's capital are lined with trees and large blocks of flats very like the residential quarter of London. We were shown the Town Hall, one of the most wonderful buildings I have ever seen, the Stock Exchange, the Mint, the Unknown Warrior's Grave with everburning light. Ascending 420 steps to the tower of the Hotel de Ville we were rewarded by an astounding bird's-eye view of Brussels at our feet. In the Panorama at Waterloo we saw a painting of the Battle. Then from the Lion Memorial on the summit of the mound it was easy to reconstruct the battle which took place there one hundred and fifteen years ago. The Duke of Wellington's bed, on which he slept the night before the battle, also some of the original flint locks were shown us. Truly another memorable visit !

"Ypres and the Battlefields," by G.A.G.

We were favoured with a glorious day for this, the most eagerly anticipated excursion of the holiday. Practically the whole camp stepped into three luxurious motor-coaches and sped away punctually at 9 a.m. The first stop was at Leugenboom, near Moere, in order to inspect "Long Max," a mammoth German gun, used for shelling Dunkirk 28 miles distant. It is one of fifteen similar pieces of artillery manufactured for the special purpose of bombarding England from across the Channel. Its dimensions are interesting-Length 58ft., Weight 751 tons, calibre 15ins., weight of shell 15 cwt., maximum range 46 miles. Mounted in a deep concrete emplacement and screened by wire netting from the observation of Allied Airmen, it killed by concussion its own crew of 50 Germans the first time it was fired ! All that remains of Houthoulst Forest are the shattered and rotting tree stumps. Here we saw a depot to which all live shells found in the surrounding area are brought for demolition. At Poelcappelle are seen Tank Cemetery and the graceful monument to Guynemer, the French air-ace who brought down 52 enemy aeroplanes. Here he was killed in the end. Passchendaele! Along the ridge we motored, realising what a commanding position it holds over the Ypres battlefields. In the distance Mts. Kemmel, Noir and Rouge were clearly visible. On the slope stands Tyne Cot, the largest of the British Cemeteries strewn along the old Western Front. In it lie 12,000 British soldiers, but inscribed upon the enclosing wall are 37,000 names of those whose graves are unknown, and who fought in that particular sector from August, 1917, to the end of the war. Another such host of 56,000 names is recorded on the walls of the Menin Gate. Standing bare-headed there among those beautifully planned and tended resting places one must be insensible not to experience the surging of emotions, not to hear the silent message. But let us reverently withdraw, humbler and kinder beings, resolving to prove ourselves heirs worthy of such heroism and selfsacrifice.

Ypres, of undying fame, was entered by the Menin Gate—a grand monument to the British Army which, for four terrible years, stubbornly refused to quit this place. The party dispersed to visit the ruined Cloth Hall, the newly-built Cathedral and the Museum. It reassembled at 3 p.m. at the Gate, and laid a large wreath of laurel leaves and poppies, beside hundreds of similar tributes. The wreath bore the following inscription: "In honoured Memory of Masters and Old Boys who fell in the Great War on the Ypres and other Fronts. From Masters and Boys of the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, August, 1930. *Forti Nihil Difficile.*"

Leaving Ypres and turning southwards a halt was made at Klein Zillebeke, in honour of Second-Lieut. F. Youens, an Old Boy who here performed the deed of valour which, at the expense of life itself, gained for him the Victoria Cross.

Hill 60! We stand upon sacred soil. Literally drenched with blood, it was one of the worst spots in the whole war, being taken and retaken as often as three times in a day. Retracing our steps we passed Shrapnel Corner, had a good view of the Ramparts, and re-entered Ypres by the Lille Gate. Travelling now towards Dixmude we spent a few minutes at Essex Farm, and at Steenstraate, where the French have erected a memorial to Belgian and French troops who perished in the first gas attack of the war, April 22nd, 1915. It was unveiled last year by the King of the Belgians. Numerous first line defences were pointed out, also "pill-boxes,"

dug-outs and gun positions. Dixmude where we stayed for tea, was totally destroyed but is now rebuilt. At Nieuport the party visited a trench system (left untouched) and inspected a large concrete shelter for munitions known as the "Rubber House." Many evidences of German occupation were seen on the final stage of the excursion from Nieuport to Camp.

The following Masters and boys were in Camp :--

Mr. Grant (Leader and Organiser), Mr. Brand, Mr. Jones, Mr. John.

- TENT I. Anderson, H. A. (Captain), Child, M. V., Grace, J. H., Thompson, H.
- Pritchard, R. J., Bonnett, J. H.
 TENT 2. Barnard, R. G. (Captain), Lane, T. B., Stone, F. R., Scarlett, L. H., Crome, R. F. Ray, P. F., Housden, G. H.
 TENT 3. Ballantyne, J. C. (Captain), Whittall, W. F., Capell, L. W., Walker,
- K. W., Coleman, F. S., Bates, S. H., Johnson, D. O.
- TENT 4. Bird, M. E. C. (Captain), Bird, S. M., Lyne, W. E., Ryder, F. W., Burgoyne, E., Bunce, J. R., Turner, G. P.
- TENT 5. Johnson, A. N. C. (Captain), Emery, R. F., Stevens, P. G., Langley, F. W., Lawley, R. C., Milner, E. H., Gardham, M. M.
- TENT 6. Blake, J. W. (Captain), Hammond, J. D., Lord, R. S., Hoffman, S. H, Parrott, F. G., Wingrove, F. A., Reynolds, F., Coombes, C. R. Williams, D. F. (Captain), Fabel, R. R., Milner, B. E., Stevens, A. C.,
- TENT 7. Stevens, H., Oakeshott, A. R., Black, I. S.
- TENT 8. Green, G. R. (Captain), Newman, A. G., Cubbage, L. A., Lee, H. H., Rose, T. J. A., Rose, W. T., Skipp, A. J., Beauchamp, G. A. TENT 9. Irwin, J. A. (Captain), Lance, A. C. E., Ryland, C. W., Seymour, B. B.,
- Seymour, E. J.

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METEOROLOGICAL NOTES.

Following a very hot August holiday, Autumn, 1930, advanced in almost imperceptible stages, the next six weeks remaining warm and moist. The rainfall totals for September and October were only 2.37 and 2.70 inches respectively. During the last ten days of October the average maximum temperature dropped from 60 degrees to 55 degrees, and ground frost made its appearance. This is always the signal for the artistry of nature to assume fresh guise. Throughout the long summer the trees are clothed in green, so that the other parts of sunshine-red (representing heat) and violet (with chemical energy)-are absorbed and used to transform inert materials into living tissue. At the first cold breath of winter, the green colouring matter is broken down into shades of brown, yellow or red, which reflect back the heat of the sunshine and thus temper the atmosphere. Devoid now of their driving power, the leaf-factories "close down" and fall, assisted usually at the end of September by the equinoctial gales which did not materialise this year. Partly on this account the process this time was a very long one, hardly completed till December, when a bitterly cold spell, at least 10 degrees of frost on the 9th, crumpled the last remaining foliage. As usual, however, November and December were wet months, but the rainfall this year amounted to only 4.53 and 3.25 inches, compared with 6.10 and 7.07 inches last year. Between these rainy periods England remained at the edge of the continental high pressure mass which Atlantic depressions failed to bridge, though they enshrouded the land in dense and sometimes frozen fogs.

S.A.W.

This list contains the names of two boys in each form who are most worthy of praise in the respective subjects :--

	FORM Vl.	SCRIPTURE Cradwick i (W)	MATHS. Tidy (H)	FRENCH Cavey (H)	ENGLISH Ives (W)	HISTORY Harris (W)	GEOGRAPHY	PHYSIC Paice (H)	CHEMISTRY Paice (H)	ART	ECONOMICS	
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	Vu(в).		Earis (W) Hutton (E)	Kirby (W) Irwin (H)	Kirby (W) Kyle (E)	Kay (H) Price (H)	Kay (H) Guttridge (H)	Davis (H) Kay (H)	Kay (H) Barnes (E)	Barker (H) Hutton (E)	Warrington (H) Kay (H)	
	Va.	Gardham (E) Revnolds (W)	Wood (W) Hunt (W)	Wood (W) Hunt (W)	Essex (W) McQueen (E)	Essex (W) Wood (W)	Gardham (E) Britnell (W)	Essex (W)	Carr (W)	Carr (W)	Johnson (H)	
	VB.	Howes (W)	Bunce (H) Humphries (H)	Bird (E) Bunce (H)	Lyne, J. E. (E) Hine (H)	Wood (W) Lyne, J. E. (E) Humphries (H)	Lyne ii (E) Line i (E)	Wood (W) Bunce (H) Hine (H)	Summers (E) Bunce (H) Hine (H)	Emery (E) Lyne ii (E) Cubbage (W)	Burrows (H) Ryder (H) Humphries (H) WOODWORK	
	IVA.	Johnson (H) Hoffman (H)	Stevens, P.G. (E) Robinson (H)	Robinson (H) Hoffman (H)	Robinson (H) Goulborn (W)	Robinson (H) Hammond (H)	White (W) Robinson (H)	Weedon (H) ewman (H)	Darvill (W) Randall (E)	Newman (H) Randall (E)	Weedon (H) Newman (H)	G
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	IVc.	Stevens,A.C. (W) Dalziel i (E)	Redgate (W) Dalziel i (E)	Justice (E) Sayer (H)	Dalziel i (E) Stevens (W)	Stevens (W) Ryland (H)	Dalziel i (E) Garland (W)		Stevens (W)	Delziel i (E) Stevens,A.C. (W)	Garland (W)	SS
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