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Editorial.

Congratulations to Mr. F. B. Lerigo on his marriage. The wedding took place at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in the latter half of last Term, and we take this, our first public opportunity, of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Lerigo every happiness.

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The following alterations have been made in the list of Prefects and Sub-Prefects published last Term :—

N. J. Phillips has been made a Prefect; and the gaps caused by his promotion and by K. G. D. Crowhurst's leaving have been filled by the appointment of A. W. LeClercq and W. A. McLelland as Sub-Prefects.

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The standard of shooting on the miniature range is steadily improving, and every Term the totals obtained in the Inter-House Competition increase. We are still waiting, however, for someone to do better than the Headmaster's score of 95, which we believe is a School record for open sights.

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We regret that certain names were omitted from the list of those who obtained the General School Certificate last June, which was published in our last issue. They are: F. H. Denley, L. W. Luff, F. W. Street, and K. G. D. Crowhurst. We are pleased to add that since then K. G. D. Crowhurst and W. S. L. Smallman have passed the Matriculation Examination held in London in January.

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We wish to draw the attention of our younger Present Boys to an alteration in the award of prizes. Form prizes are still given, but, instead of the usual subject prizes, there are rewards for certain boys who have made a meritorious effort and yet have failed to obtain the highest places in their respective forms. This puts the possibility of winning a prize within the reach of everyone, since even those who are not clever may yet be industrious.

There are still a few special prizes, and in addition there are prizes awarded solely on the neatness of written work. There is keen competition for these latter, resulting in a very marked improvement throughout the School.

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This is a very short Term, and as we go to press little of it remains. The football programme is almost completed, and

the Entertainment is a happy memory. There are yet the Individual Boxing Competition, the House Sports, and the Steeplechase to be contested, and, before these lines are read, they will probably have been decided. We hope that ill-health, which we have escaped to a remarkable degree so far, will not spoil these important events.

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The Editor is occasionally asked to supply old issues of *The Farnhamian* by boys who wish to make their sets complete. This he is willing to do whenever there are copies available—in some cases only one copy of an issue is left, and this must be preserved for the purpose of record keeping. The price of each copy will be one shilling.

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We offer our most grateful thanks to Dr. W. S. Colman for the gift of a large number of books to the Library, both fiction and non-fiction, and to Sir Alexander Harris for numerous copies of the *Geographic Magazine*.

K. W. W. Bartlett has also earned the gratitude of all users of the Library by presenting a large parcel of books.

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We acknowledge the receipt of *The Suttonian*—the magazine of Sutton County School. It is proposed in future to make a regular exchange of magazines between the two Schools, and this should incite our own boys to provide the material to make *The Farnhamian* a fair “swop” for the bright and interesting publication of our friendly rivals.

Speech Day.

This annual public parade of the School took place on Wednesday, December 16th. For the second year in succession there was a crowded gathering in the Memorial Hall to hear the Headmaster speak of successes in games and examinations and of the progress of all those activities which go to make a complete school. Would that this function and others could be held in a hall under our own roof; but this is still a dream of the future.

Mr. A. M. Samuel, M.P. for the Farnham Division, presented the prizes—since then he has received a baronetcy—and we were very fortunate that absence of parliamentary duties enabled him to be present. At the very beginning of his speech he commended himself to us by proclaiming himself to be a Grammar School boy, and stating that he considered it a religious duty to do all he could for such a School. When he went on to speak of the material and aesthetic value of a pleasant-speaking voice, one felt that some of our younger members might well take a lesson from the speaker himself.

One wished that vowels might always have such loving treatment and consonants receive the respect which is their due.

Here is a list of the prizewinners :—

PRIZE-WINNERS.

FORM PRIZES.

Prep.—1, G. J. Over; 2, P. E. D. Elphick; industry, B. Teague.
 Form 1b.—1, G. S. Jones; 2, J. A. Heath-Brown; industry, E. G. Woodhatch.
 Form 1a.—1, J. W. Stoyke; 2, L. M. Roberts; industry, J. Wood.
 Form II.—1, L. W. F. Percival; 2, G. M. Elphick; industry, G. A. Bacon.
 Form IIIb.—1, S. S. Dawes; 2, G. R. Blower.
 Form IIIa.—1, A. J. Beard; 2, R. J. Sutton; industry, T. J. Pegg.
 Form IVb.—1, H. J. Chitty; 2, F. P. Ashton; industry, L. C. Holloway.
 Form IVa.—1, P. T. Patterson; 2, D. W. Taylor; industry, C. D. Barrow.

SUBJECT PRIZES.

Drawing.—1, J. M. Hazell; 2, C. D. Barrow.
 Divinity.—1, E. A. Sheppard; 2, T. R. Alston.
 Reading.—1, A. G. Morton; 2, R. M. Tatham.
 Manual.—1, A. A. Shephard; 2, J. A. Turnbull.
 Neat Written Work.—F. P. Ashton, R. Page.

EXAMINATION PRIZES.

L.V.—R.S.A. Junior Commercial School Certificate: L. R. Dowsett, W. H. Dimmock, K. G. Symonds (prox. acc.).

Va. and Vb.—General School Examination, London University—with exemption from Matriculation: T. C. Aldridge (Lat.*), W. N. B. George, J. M. Hazell, A. W. LeClercq, F. D. Longhurst, N. F. Lowry, W. A. McLelland, D. E. Mullins (Eng.), N. J. Phillips (Hist., Geog.), A. R. Rance (Maths.), R. Robins (Maths.), F. J. Salt, E. A. Sheppard, W. E. Styles (Maths.), R. J. Turner, E. J. Williams, G. A. P. Hern, I. C. Patrick.

* Subjects in which distinctions were obtained are put in brackets.

Also passed the General School Examination.—F. H. Denley, L. W. Luff, W. S. L. Smallman (Maths.), F. W. Street, D. Bentall, G. W. Comer, K. G. Crowhurst, R. J. Ridout, W. A. Smallman.

L.VI.—Matriculation Examination, London University: N. H. Patrick, A. R. Stay.

VI.—Higher School Certificate, London University: Group B: A. J. Hall (with distinction in written French, and special credit in oral French). Group C: L. J. Stroud. Group D: K. W. Bartlett (with exemption from Inter. Sc.).

After the prize-giving there was the customary entertainment, and the meeting broke up noisily, although not in disorder.

PROGRAMME.

French Recitation: A short scene from "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle." (Tristan Bernard).

An Englishman, ignorant of French, has come to Paris to find his daughter, who has eloped with a Frenchman. He sends for an Inspector of Police, whom he tries to interview with the help of the Hotel Interpreter—ignorant of English!

Mr. Hogson	...	...	...	...	W. N. B. George.
Interpreter	...	...	...	...	A. J. Hall.
Inspector	...	...	...	...	R. M. Tatham.

English: A scene from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Quince	W. N. B. George.	Starveling	A. R. Stay.
Bottom	D. E. Mullins.	Snout	I. C. Patrick.
Flute	H. S. North.	Snug	F. D. Longhurst.

Songs by the Junior Choir:

"Jerusalem"	...	...	...	...	Sir Hubert Parry.
"Now is the month of Maying"	...	...	...	...	16th Century Madrigal.

School Song.

God save the King.

Donors of Prizes: Prizes have been kindly presented by: C. E. Borelli, Esq., Dr. J. Hussey, G. E. Marindin, Esq., R. W. Mason, Esq., H. C. Minchin, Esq., R. Nares, Esq., J. C. Nicol, Esq., J. A. Patterson, Esq., R. Preston, Esq., R. D. Slater, Esq., Rev. Canon M. S. Ware, L. Whibley, Esq., J. W. Wright, Esq.

The Debating Society.

November 27th.—An impromptu debate was held. The first subject, "That the primitive man was happier than the modern," proved very attractive, and no fewer than eleven members had something to say. One member asked how people of to-day would like to go out in their bear skins in the shivering weather. In spite of this remark, the motion was carried.

The other subject, "That a ban be placed on all houses with names," proved less entertaining and less provocative. After a short discussion the motion was defeated.

December 11th.—Another impromptu debate was held. The first subject, "That tuck shops in schools be forbidden," did not offer much scope for comment, and only a short discussion took place.

The second subject, "That the bowler hat is a sign of degradation," called forth a certain amount of wit. One member declared a trilby hat after a month looks as if it had been on the dustbin—that's the sort he wears. Several commented on the dignity of the bowler hat.

The third subject, "That tipping should be abolished," brought us into the world of business. Many held strong views on this subject, and not a few gave the impression that they might have Scotch ancestors. All three motions were defeated.

January 29th.—Mr. W. S. L. Smallman proposed, "That sweepstakes should be legalised in England." He opposed sweepstakes on moral grounds, and for that reason was all in favour of legalising them. By this means they would lose their savour, and people would take little or no interest in them. Mr. I. C. Patrick, opposing the motion, held that sweepstakes were only a form of gambling.

Those who spoke on the motion were Messrs. North, Morton, Hall, Rumble, and Stroud. Although some very good points were raised, the subject was treated too narrowly. The motion was carried.

February 12th.—A very interesting debate took place. Mr. Morton proposed that "Prohibition is desirable in this country." In a carefully planned speech he showed how this country would be better off financially and morally if there was no alcoholic drink to be had. He also gave many examples to prove his statements. Mr. Hern opposed it on the grounds that as it was impossible it must needs be undesirable. A very lively discussion followed, in which Messrs. Rumble, Bartlett, Smallman, North, Tubb, Stroud and Brock joined. At the conclusion of an excellent debate the motion was defeated.

The Spring Term.

The Spring Term oft starts in the Spring,
Though strange—it is too true;
It's packed with work and games and sport,
A hundred things to do.

The game of football starts the year,
The glorious game of soccer;
'Tis time to get the boots and shirt
From out the cloak-room locker.

The concert spreads its wide appeal
To parents and to friends,
Who cheer the boys' dramatic art
Prompt as the programme ends.

The steeple-chase does soon approach,
For all a time of trials;
So on the day let's hope a stitch
In time will save four miles.

After which we have the boxing—
Bit roughish, don't you know!
Perhaps one gets an easy fight,
Perhaps a tough K.O.

Then come the House athletic sports,
When it is the habit
To wander round in natty "spikes,"
And feel a doggy rabbit.

And when the Term is nearly out,
Then shooting is of note;
House teams have then to get the bulls,
Or get their Captain's goat.

Thus the Spring Term endeth,
And holidays bring rest
To all those toiling masters
Who try with zeal and zest
To make some wretched school-boys
Work their very best.

W.S.L.S.

Football Results.

AUTUMN TERM.

Captain—K. G. D. Crowhurst. *Vice-Captain*—D. A. Murphy.

1st ELEVEN.

Played, 11; won, 5; drawn, 1; lost, 5; goals for, 40;
goals against, 36.

SURREY SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SENIOR CUP.

Oct. 10th.—Guildford Royal Grammar School, 6; F.G.S., 3.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; E. A. Sheppard and K. G. D. Crowhurst; D. A. Murphy, A. R. Stay and J. W. G. Wells; W. E. Styles, L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, E. J. Williams and W. J. Kingcome.

Oct. 24th.—Woking County Secondary School, 6; F.G.S., 1.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; A. J. Hall and K. G. D. Crowhurst; D. A. Murphy, A. R. Stay, and J. W. G. Wells; N. J. Phillips, W. H. Dimmock, L. E. Chapman, R. E. Stanley and W. J. Kingcome.

Nov. 7th.—F.G.S., 3; Guildford Royal Grammar School, 0.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; A. J. Hall and K. G. D. Crowhurst; D. A. Murphy, A. R. Stay, and J. W. G. Wells; W. H. Dimmock, L. E. Chapman, N. J. Phillips, R. E. Stanley and W. J. Kingcome.

Nov. 14th.—F.G.S., 1; Woking County Secondary School, 5.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; A. J. Hall and K. G. D. Crowhurst; D. A. Murphy, A. R. Stay, and J. W. G. Wells; L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, N. J. Phillips, R. E. Stanley and W. J. Kingcome.

FRIENDLIES.

Sept. 26th.—F.G.S., 7; Farnborough Secondary School, 0.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; N. L. G. Tubb and J. W. G. Wells; N. J. Phillips, K. G. D. Crowhurst and A. R. Stay; S. C. Stewart, L. E. Chapman, D. A. Murphy, R. E. Stanley and W. J. Kingcome.

Oct. 3rd.—F.G.S., 2; Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College, 3.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; K. G. D. Crowhurst and J. W. G. Wells; E. J. Williams, A. R. Stay and B. H. C. Crowhurst; S. C. Stewart, D. A. Murphy, L. E. Chapman, R. E. Stanley and W. J. Kingcome.

Oct. 17th.—Aldershot County High School, 3; F.G.S., 8.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; A. J. Hall and K. G. D. Crowhurst; D. A. Murphy, A. R. Stay and J. W. G. Wells; W. H. Dimmock, L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, R. E. Stanley and W. J. Kingcome.

Nov. 21st.—Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College, 5; F.G.S., 5.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; A. J. Hall and K. G. D. Crowhurst; N. J. Phillips, A. R. Stay and J. W. G. Wells; D. A. Murphy, L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, W. H. Dimmock and W. J. Kingcome.

Nov. 28th.—F.G.S., 6; Aldershot County High School, 2.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; A. J. Hall and K. G. D. Crowhurst; N. J. Phillips, A. R. Stay and J. W. G. Wells; W. J. Kingcome, L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, W. H. Dimmock and D. A. Murphy.

Dec. 5th.—F.G.S., 2; Eggar's (Alton) Grammar School, 1.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; A. J. Hall and K. G. D. Crowhurst; N. J. Phillips, A. R. Stay and J. W. G. Wells; W. J. Kingcome, L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, W. H. Dimmock and D. A. Murphy.

Dec. 12th.—F.G.S., 2; Old Farnhamians' Association, 5.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; A. J. Hall and J. W. G. Wells; N. J. Phillips, A. R. Stay and D. A. Murphy; W. J. Kingcome, L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, W. H. Dimmock and K. G. Symonds.

2nd ELEVEN.

Played, 9; won, 4; drawn, 2; lost, 3; goals for, 40;
goals against, 26.

Sept. 26th.—Farnborough Secondary School, 0; F.G.S., 8.

F.G.S.—G. A. Smith; B. H. C. Crowhurst and D. W. Taylor; R. Baldwin, R. J. Pesterfield and E. A. Sheppard; W. E. Styles, E. A. Thurston, W. H. Dimmock, E. J. Williams and E. Page.

Oct. 3rd.—Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College, 6; F.G.S., 3.

F.G.S.—G. A. Smith; A. J. Hall and D. W. Taylor; N. L. G. Tubb, E. A. Sheppard and D. H. Jarvis; W. E. Styles, R. J. Pesterfield, W. H. Dimmock, E. A. Thurston and E. Page.

Oct. 10th.—F.G.S., 2; Guildford Royal Grammar School, 0.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; R. Baldwin and D. H. Jarvis; W. S. L. Smallman, R. J. Pesterfield and K. G. Symonds; W. H. Dimmock, H. S. North, R. E. Stanley, G. A. Smith and E. A. Thurston.

Oct. 17th.—F.G.S., 8; Aldershot County High School, 1.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; R. Baldwin and D. W. Taylor; W. S. L. Smallman, E. A. Sheppard and K. G. Symonds; H. S. North, E. A. Thurston, R. J. Pesterfield, E. J. Williams and W. E. Styles.

Oct. 24th.—F.G.S., 3; Odiham Grammar School, 3.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; R. Baldwin and D. W. Taylor; W. E. Styles, E. A. Sheppard and B. H. C. Crowhurst; H. S. North, W. S. L. Smallman, R. J. Pesterfield, E. J. Williams and E. A. Thurston.

Nov. 7th.—Guildford Royal Grammar School, 6; F.G.S., 5.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; R. Baldwin and D. W. Taylor; R. J. Pesterfield, E. A. Sheppard and W. S. L. Smallman; H. S. North, B. H. C. Crowhurst, E. J. Williams, W. E. Styles and T. C. Aldridge.

Nov. 14th.—Odiham Grammar School, 2; F.G.S., 4.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; R. Baldwin and D. W. Taylor; R. J. Pesterfield, E. A. Sheppard and B. H. C. Crowhurst; H. S. North, W. S. L. Smallman, W. H. Dimmock, E. J. Williams and W. E. Styles.

Nov. 21st.—F.G.S., 3; Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College, 4.

F.G.S.—F. H. Denley; J. C. E. Vidler and D. H. Jarvis; H. J. Chitty, E. A. Sheppard and B. H. C. Crowhurst; H. S. North, W. S. L. Smallman, T. C. Aldridge, K. G. Symonds and W. E. Styles.

Nov. 28th.—Aldershot County High School, 4; F.G.S., 4.

F.G.S.—F. H. Denley; J. C. E. Vidler and D. H. Jarvis; R. J. Pesterfield, E. A. Sheppard and H. J. Chitty; H. S. North, B. H. C. Crowhurst, E. J. Williams, W. E. Styles and K. G. Symonds.

“UNDER 15” ELEVEN.

Played, 5; won, 3; drawn, 1; lost, 1; goals for, 12;
goals against, 7.

Nov. 12th.—F.G.S., 3; Farnham and District Elementary Schools, 0.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; P. J. Woods and D. W. Taylor; C. L. Larmer, E. A. Thurston and J. J. Parratt; C. G. Alexander, C. F. Woollaston, R. E. Stanley, W. M. Robertson and I. A. Ewens.

**Nov. 21st.—Archbishop Abbot's School (Guildford), 4;
F.G.S., 2.**

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; P. J. Woods and D. W. Taylor; J. A. Watling, E. A. Thurston and G. W. Allen; R. J. Page, C. F. Woollaston, R. E. Stanley, L. W. F. A. Percival and W. M. Robertson.

Nov. 28th.—King Edward's School (Witley), 1; F.G.S., 3.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; P. J. Woods and D. W. Taylor; R. J. Page, E. A. Thurston and C. L. Larmer; S. Wells, C. F. Woollaston, R. E. Stanley, G. W. Allen and W. M. Robertson.

Dec. 5th.—Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College, 0; F.G.S., 2.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; P. J. Woods and J. J. Parratt; R. J. Page, D. W. Taylor and C. L. Larmer; R. F. Symes, C. F. Woollaston, R. E. Stanley, W. M. Robertson and C. G. Alexander.

Dec. 12th.—Godalming County School, 2; F.G.S., 2.

F.G.S.—A. J. Hillyer; P. J. Woods and J. J. Parratt; R. J. Page, D. W. Taylor and C. L. Larmer; R. F. Symes, C. F. Woollaston, R. E. Stanley, W. M. Robertson and C. G. Alexander.

"UNDER 13" ELEVEN.

Nov. 7th.—F.G.S., 3; Frensham Heights, 1.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; C. L. Larmer and J. J. Parratt; D. M. Morgan, G. W. Allen and F. P. Clark; J. W. Clark, T. J. Pegg, D. Wilson, L. W. F. A. Percival and S. Wells.

Dec. 5th.—F.G.S., 1; Frensham Heights, 4.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; C. L. Merricks and D. G. A. Lambert; J. W. Clark, G. W. Allen and F. P. Clark; D. A. Harrison, A. L. Baber, S. Wells, D. Wilson and D. M. Morgan.

HOUSE MATCHES (Autumn Term).

Seniors.—Harding 2, School 2; Massingberd 5, Morley 11; Childe 5, School 2; Harding 4, Massingberd 1; Childe 1, Morley 6; Morley 3, School 0; Childe 4, Massingberd 0; Harding 1, Morley 6; Massingberd 2, School 1; Childe 1, Harding 3.

Juniors.—Morley 7, School 0; Childe 3, Massingberd 0; Harding 0, Morley 7; Massingberd 3, School 2; Harding 0, Childe 7; Harding 5, School 0; Massingberd 0, Morley 0; Childe 10, School 0; Harding 0, Massingberd 0; Childe 1, Morley 0.

Form Match.

As a result of a challenge issued by the L.Va., the VI. and L.Va. Forms met on the football field on the afternoon of December 22nd. Mr. Lerigo acted as referee. The Headmaster very kindly made the contest possible by allowing both Forms to make a welcome break from work. The teams lined up as follows :—

VI.—W. N. B. George; A. J. Hall and W. J. Phillips; E. A. Sheppard, A. R. Stay and W. E. Styles; H. S. North, W. S. L. Smallman, K. G. Crowhurst, F. J. Salt and E. J. Williams.

L.Va.—C. H. Hounscome; R. Baldwin and J. C. E. Vidler; P. J. Woods, R. J. Pesterfield and B. H. Crowhurst; K. G. Symonds, L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, W. H. Dimmock and E. Page.

The L.Va. won the toss and elected to kick with the wind. From the kick-off the VI. forwards attacked, but the L.Va. backs cleared well and set their forwards moving for a counter attack, which resulted in a corner. This kick gave Stewart the opportunity to shoot, but the ball slid over the bar. Play continued even, but scrappy, for some time, the muddy state of the pitch resulting in much inaccurate kicking.

After a good deal of mid-field play, K. G. Crowhurst attempted a long shot, which, however, Hounscome saved, only to be again severely tried by a shot from Stay.

The L.Va. forwards rallied with redoubled vigour, and Stewart put in a shot only to find George safe, Phillips eventually relieving the pressure with a good clearance. Half-time came

with the score sheet blank, and, although the football had not been brilliant, it was very clean.

Play being resumed, Phillips and K. G. Crowhurst exchanged places. The VI. then set up pressure, Williams just grazing the bar with a rising shot. From a subsequent free kick, K. G. Crowhurst almost scored with a drop shot which hit the upright and went out of play.

The L.Va. made another valiant but unsuccessful rally, as the VI. defence proved rather too strong for them. The game was rapidly drawing to a close, and it looked very much as if the match were going to end in a draw. K. G. Crowhurst, however, soon changed this aspect by scoring from a well-placed corner by North.

In the last few moments of the game, Phillips got into sparkling form and, going through the L.Va. defence on his own, put in a fine shot which made victory certain for the VI.

The VI. deserved to win in that, although their forward line did not get together so well as that of the L.Va., they undoubtedly possessed the better defence. Although the L.Va. lost, all who witnessed the match will agree that they did so in a really sporting spirit to a slightly better team.

A.G.M. and V.H.R.

Holidays and Letter Writers.

Please do not be misled by the title of this article. By it is not meant those select artists who employ their talent in writing plausible letters to addresses which they cull from lists of cross-word puzzle winners, begging and imploring the lucky ones to send them £4 10s. 9d. immediately as they have a consumptive wife and three crippled children whom they would like to take to the seaside for a rest. No; for, against ordinary principles, I have the strongest admiration for those who can fool the public by such devices. On the contrary, the writers referred to excite my most indignant anger. Their letters appear suddenly, and last for a month or so in the correspondence columns of the newspapers. The ordinary type of person who writes to the papers is bad enough; but the misguided simpletons who write silly letters condemning the length of school holidays are absolutely the limit.

Who or what starts this expression of opinions—for it cannot be called a controversy—cannot be discovered. Just as one day the streets are bare, while the next they are covered with hordes of shouting children ardently spinning tops or vigorously trundling hoops, so to-day the letter column in the paper is barren of topics, while to-morrow, lo! those hardy perennials, with their utterly useless sobriquets—"Victorian," "Father of Ten," "Octogenarian," "Pater Familias," etc., are with us once more, blasting us with their invocation against holi-

days. The burden of the letters is one long continuous grumble against schoolboys, and they show a surprising ignorance of the various things which interest a boy both in and out of school.

"Victorian" recalls the short holidays which he used to have, totally regardless alike of the fact that there are hundreds more things to do during the holidays now and of the equally true fact that in these days of fast living, crammed full of incident, "a little longer holiday is a wondrous thing." "Father of Ten," as might be expected from his pseudonym, complains "that during the holidays, in the time that elapses between his arrival at his home and his sallying forth again to see a man about a dog, he can hear neither the radio nor himself." His letter gives one the feeling that he has a barbarous soul, of the type that has made a fine art of eating peas with a knife or of "yodelling" songs without turning a hair. "Octogenarian" says much the same sort of thing as "Victorian," while "Pater Familias" follows almost word for word the so-called arguments of "Father of Ten."

Occasionally, however, a really original "nom de plume" catches the eye. Simultaneously, the thought of a possible new point of view strikes the mind. Instead of being viewed through a glass darkly, the world is suddenly seen through rose-tinted spectacles. The letter column is regarded almost affectionately; but the sudden disillusionment is enough to make strong men weep. The fellow with one bright idea says nothing that has not been said before—nothing worthy of his pseudonym.

In fact, the conclusion is reached that these letter writers have minds barren of any trace of originality; that they are the sort of men who, if one man pauses in the street to gaze long and searchingly at a Church steeple, would immediately stop and follow his example; the type who spend their leisure hours in the chimney corner of the local inn, mumbling over their tankards tales of long ago, and grumbling at anything fresh which fails to agree with their tastes.

And to think we will have to put up with them every year!

G.A.P.H.

Inter-House Boxing.

This year the Inter-House Boxing was separated from the Individual Championship; thus no individual titles were at stake, and a boy's win counted only for his House. Therefore, if two boys from the same House were in the final of a weight, the House scored the three points, but there was no fight. The different rounds took place on December 14th, 17th and 18th, and the referees and judges on the various days were Messrs. A. G. Davis and E. Robins, and members of the staff.

Points were scored as follows: 1 for entry, 1 for win in first series, 2 for win in semi-final, 3 for win in final. If an extra round was necessary the points were shared.

The House positions were : 1, Childe and Massingberd a tie, 50½ points; 3, School, 49 points; 4, Harding, 45 points; 5, Morley, 35 points.

RESULTS.

* After an extra round.

Class I. First Series: E. A. Sheppard (Morley), k.o. W. S. L. Smallman (Harding); R. J. Pesterfield (Harding) beat A. J. Hall (Childe);* V. H. Rumble (Harding) beat A. R. Stay (Childe).

Semi-finals: Rumble, a bye; Sheppard beat Pesterfield.

Final: Sheppard beat Rumble. (Hard-fought bout; Rumble longer reach, but Sheppard scored to body).

Class II.—First Series: D. A. Murphy (School) beat N. J. Phillips (Harding);* W. H. Dimmock (Harding) beat A. W. LeClercq (School); W. A. McLelland (Massingberd) beat J. W. G. Wells (Morley); B. H. Crowhurst (Massingberd) beat D. F. Wagstaff (School); W. J. Kingcome (Morley) beat B. A. L. Langridge (Childe).

Second Series: Kingcome beat Dimmock.

Semi-finals: Murphy beat Crowhurst; McLelland beat Kingcome.

Final: McLelland beat Murphy. (Hard hitting; Murphy smaller than opponent and unlucky to lose).

Class III.—First Series: P. J. Woods (Harding), a bye; J. R. Hoar (Harding) beat R. R. Bishop (School); H. J. Chitty (Morley) beat B. E. Allen (Childe); L. E. Chapman (Childe) beat W. A. Smallman (Harding); R. Baldwin (Childe) beat K. W. Bartlett (Morley).

Second Series: Chapman beat Woods.

Semi-finals: Chapman beat Chitty; Baldwin beat Hoar.

Final: No fight.

Class IV.—First Series: G. N. Franks (Massingberd), a bye; R. J. Patrick (School) beat A. S. Nutt (Harding); D. W. Taylor (Childe) beat G. W. C. Hartley (Harding); R. J. Ridout (Massingberd) beat A. J. Hillyer (Harding); F. R. Croucher (Morley) beat F. P. Ashton (School); A. E. Smith (Childe) beat A. Snewing (Harding); W. N. B. George (School) beat W. E. Styles (Morley).

Second Series: Croucher beat Franks; Taylor beat Patrick; Ridout beat Smith.

Semi-finals: Taylor w.o., Croucher scratched; George w.o., Ridout scratched.

Final: Taylor beat George. (Taylor was bigger and heavier than his opponent, but George stood up to heavy punishment very pluckily).

Class V.—First Series: C. L. Larmer (Morley), a bye; A. H. Smith (Childe) beat H. E. Cook (Harding); F. A. R. Wheeler (Massingberd) beat W. J. Evans (Childe); R. E. Stanley (Childe) beat G. F. Parker (Harding); R. J. Page (Massingberd) beat G. A. P. Hern (Harding).

Semi-finals: Stanley beat Larmer; Smith beat Wheeler.

Final: No fight.

Class VI.—First Series: F. J. Salt (Massingberd) beat D. K. Smith (Childe); S. C. Cooper (Massingberd) beat W. Rush (Childe); M. E. Handley (School) beat C. W. Clarke (Massingberd); G. M. Elphick (Morley) beat G. Blake (Massingberd); R. M. Tatham (Massingberd) beat R. A. Donald (Harding); D. T. Clarke (Massingberd) beat D. W. C. Jepp (School).*

Second Series: Handley beat Clarke; Elphick beat Tatham.

Semi-finals: Handley beat Salt; Cooper w.o., Elphick scratched.

Final: Handley beat Cooper (Handley won by quick rushes, in which he scored well with both hands).

Class VII.—First Series: R. D. Lucas (Massingberd) beat M. B. Margary (Childe); W. M. Robertson (Childe) beat R. R. Stewart (School); F. P. Clark (Massingberd) beat W. P. Wise (Childe); P. N. R. Greenway (Morley) beat F. M. Loughlin (Harding); F. T. Holmes (School) beat L. W. F. A. Percival (Childe); T. R. Alston (Massingberd) beat A. H. Greenfield (Childe); C. F. Woollaston (Massingberd) beat J. H. Trandell (Childe).

Second Series: Robertson beat Alston; Woollaston beat Holmes; Greenway beat Lucas.

Semi-finals: Robertson beat Woollaston; Clark beat Greenway.

Final: Clark w.o., Robertson scratched (owing to injury in semi-final).

Class VIII.—First Series: C. L. Merricks (School), a bye; A. L. Baber (School) beat D. G. A. Lambert (Massingberd); D. Wilson (Harding) beat M. E. P. West (School); H. de B. Brock (Massingberd) beat A. S. C. Garrood

(School); D. M. Morgan (School) beat R. B. Lewis (Harding); G. A. Bacon (Harding) w.o., G. P. Shandy (School) absent.

Second Series: Merricks beat Brock; Wilson beat Baber.*

Semi-finals: Bacon w.o., Morgan absent; Wilson beat Merricks (referee stopping fight in first round).

Final: No fight.

Class IX.—First Series: J. V. Hewes (Childe), a bye; J. W. Clark (Massingberd) beat G. W. Allen (Childe); C. D. Williams (Morley) beat H. J. Stratford (Harding); S. Wells (Morley) beat D. R. Coxall (School); A. F. Enticknap (School) beat E. A. F. Barker (Harding); K. D. Dalton (Harding) beat E. Davis (School); S. F. Menday (School) beat S. H. Mason (Harding).

Second Series: Hewes beat Wells; Clark beat Menday; Enticknap beat Williams.

Semi-finals: Dalton beat Hewes; Enticknap beat Clark.*

Final: Enticknap beat Dalton. (A very close fight; Enticknap scored with left leads, but Dalton put up a very plucky fight).

Class X.—First Series: F. D. Phillips (Harding) beat G. S. Jones (Massingberd); J. J. Lowry (Morley) beat J. A. V. Gabb (Massingberd); P. E. D. Elphick (Morley) beat S. C. Goldman (Massingberd); G. J. Over (School) beat F. H. S. Bridge (Massingberd).

Semi-finals: Over beat Lowry; Elphick beat Phillips.

Final: Elphick beat Over. (A close fight, but Elphick won through, making good use of his longer reach).

Shooting.

At the beginning of last Summer Term the F.G.S. Miniature Rifle Club decided to organise a team to fire matches against other Schools, and a good supply of rifles fitted with peep-sights and slings was obtained for the purpose.

So far the team has fired three matches, losing to the Old Farnhamians' M.R.C., but beating Rutlish School (Merton) and Sutton County School. In all three cases the standard of the shooting has been very encouraging.

RESULTS.

November 12th, 1931, v. Old Boys. Lost by 14 points.

OLD BOYS.				SCHOOL.			
H. Elphick	...	...	97	A. J. Hall	...	...	95
P. M. Taylor	...	...	97	B. D. Lee	...	...	93
R. M. Taylor	...	...	95	K. W. W. Bartlett	...	...	92
N. F. Lowry	...	...	93	E. A. Sheppard	...	...	92
R. L. Wells	...	...	93	K. G. D. Crowhurst	...	...	91
W. Elphick	...	...	93	A. G. Morton	...	...	91
			Total ... 568				Total ... 554
Counted out:				Counted out:			
L. J. Sherrington	...	...	92	A. W. LeClercq	...	...	89
H. Wilkinson	...	...	91	D. M. Jennings	...	...	82

December 4th, 1931, v. Rutlish School (Merton).

Won by 32 points.

SCHOOL.				RUTLISH.			
K. W. W. Bartlett	...	...	98	Shane	...	...	90
A. J. Hall	...	...	95	Brown	...	...	89
B. G. Barnard	...	...	90	Fytherleigh	...	...	88
B. D. Lee	...	...	88	Lawrence	...	...	87
A. G. Morton	...	...	88	Alexander	...	...	81
A. W. LeClercq	...	...	87	Stringer	...	...	79
			Total ... 546				Total ... 514
Counted out:				Counted out:			
K. G. D. Crowhurst	...	...	87	Williamson	...	...	78
E. A. Sheppard	...	...	86	Axe	...	...	60

February 5th, v. Sutton County School. Won by 88 points.

SCHOOL.				SUTTON.			
K. W. W. Bartlett	...	...	97	Ridout	...	...	88
A. J. Hall	...	...	97	Rodley	...	...	81
B. G. Barnard	...	...	93	Brigden	...	...	78
A. W. LeClercq	...	...	89	Southey	...	...	72
B. D. Lee	...	...	88	Catt	...	...	57
Total ... 464				Total ... 376			

INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING.

First Stage, December 21st, 1931.

1.—CHILDE.				2.—HARDING.			
A. J. Hall	...	...	83	B. D. Lee	...	...	79
A. G. Morton	...	...	79	A. Snewing	...	...	75
W. J. Evans	...	...	76	R. J. Pesterfield	...	...	73
F. W. Street	...	...	68	K. G. Symonds	...	...	67
A. R. Stay	...	...	62	W. S. L. Smallman	...	...	63
R. E. Stanley	...	...	62	G. W. C. Hartley	...	...	61
Total ... 430				Total ... 418			
(Counted out: T. C. Aldridge 56, B. A. L. Langridge 47).				(Counted out: W. H. Dimmock 57, N. J. Phillips 53).			
3.—SCHOOL.				4.—MORLEY.			
E. A. Drew	...	...	88	K. W. W. Bartlett	...	...	82
W. N. B. George	...	...	74	H. S. North	...	...	73
A. W. LeClercq	...	...	73	E. A. Sheppard	...	...	73
R. R. Bishop	...	...	62	R. J. Turner	...	...	67
D. A. Murphy	...	...	60	D. M. Jennings	...	...	51
F. P. Ashton	...	...	55	G. J. Knotts	...	...	46
Total ... 412				Total ... 392			
(Counted out: D. H. Jarvis 47, D. F. Wagstaff 42).				(Counted out: E. J. Williams 44, F. H. Denley 5).			

5.—MASSINGBERD.

B. G. Barnard	...	...	66
F. J. Salt	...	...	60
I. C. Patrick	...	...	59
B. H. Crowhurst	...	...	53
R. J. Ridout	...	...	43
W. A. McLelland	...	...	35
Total ... 316			

(Counted out: K. G. D. Crowhurst 33).

E. A. Drew (School) was awarded a spoon for the highest individual score in this stage.

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The School Entertainment.

The entertainment given this Term may well claim to be—indeed after the evening performance many expressed their definite opinion that it was—the best yet produced by the School. It was an advance upon its predecessors, in that, while the chief attraction in each part of the programme was still a play, variety was provided by monologues and instrumental

items, as well as by the Choral Society. The music filled in the spaces between the more important items, and tended thus to make the programme more continuous.

Both parts of the programme were opened by the Choral Society, who sang very harmoniously "The Golden Vanity," an old English song, and the well-known Irish tune, "Cockles and Mussels." Later they gave "The Grandfather's Clock" and "My Old Kentucky Home," repeating this last song in response to the applause.

They were accompanied by S. C. Stewart, who himself played "Moment Musical" and "Fauns of the Forest" on the piano.

R. J. Pesterfield gave an able rendering on his violin of Schubert's "Serenade" and Beethoven's "Menuetto in G." As an encore he played "Sanctuary of the Heart."

The first of the monologues, written by the Headmaster, and entitled "Mrs. Widderkin uses the Telephone," was given by G. A. P. Hern, whose portrayal of the old lady's first efforts with the instrument caused much amusement.

The other was perhaps the hit of the evening, and D. E. Mullins, who seems to have a natural gift for such parts, caused the audience to roar with laughter at his recital of "Owd Sam."

The first half of the programme was completed by "The Playwright," the plot of which was the Bacon-Shakespeare question, which has been so keenly debated. The outstanding character was Queen Elizabeth, and F. H. Denley deserves the heartiest congratulations on his portrayal of Her Majesty; he imitated her imperious manner and quick speech most admirably. Good support was given him by W. A. Smallman, as the Player, William Shakespeare, and H. S. North, as Bacon, the Queen's Counsel. The performance of these three held most of the attention of the audience, but mention must be made of D. W. Jepp, who certainly, in appearance, was the best female character in the show; also of W. J. Kingcome, as an old Seneschal, and R. M. Tatham, as a young varlet. The last of these took his part at very short notice, and carried out remarkably well a part which, though small, was difficult to act with conviction.

As its name suggests, "A Little Fowl Play" was a comedy, in entire contrast to "The Playwright." The chief role, that of a writer down to his last fourpence, was played by W. N. B. George, who, by his easy and natural actions and his confidence, once again proved his talent. F. P. Ashton played the part of his wife, and was another who achieved success in a female part. Some-one remarked afterwards what a nice lot of girls came from the School! D. H. Jarvis made the most of the character of Mr. Tolbooth, an old bachelor, on whose chicken the writer and his wife were about to dine, and who came to inquire, on their telephone, about its non-delivery!

W. A. Smallman was a good maid, and H. E. Cook an excellent choice for an errand boy.

Sincere thanks are due to the various masters and boys, who gave unobtrusive but invaluable help in many different ways. All the scenery was constructed in the school workshop, and Mr. J. P. Wildeblood designed and painted that which was used in "The Playwright." Mr. Lionel Smith provided wigs at a nominal fee, and the make-up of the players, which helped so much, was the work of Miss Aphra Henzell, Mr. Lionel Mitchell and Mr. Marshall Barnes.

A.J.H.

PROGRAMME.

PART 1.

1. Songs by the Choral Society—

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| i. "The Golden Vanity" | ... | ... | ... | ... | Old English. |
| ii. "Cockles and Mussels" | ... | ... | ... | ... | Irish Air. |

2. Pianoforte Solo—

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| "Moment Musical" | ... | ... | ... | ... | de Kouen. |
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S. C. STEWART.

3. Monologue—

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| "Mrs. Widderkin uses the Telephone" | ... | F. A. Morgan. |
| | G. A. P. HERN. | |

(The telephone has been kindly lent by the Post Office
Telephones Department).

4. Violin Solo—

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| "Serenade" | ... | ... | ... | ... | Schubert. |
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R. J. PESTERFIELD.

5. "The Playwright"—

A Heresy in One Act by Col. W. P. Drury, C.B.E.

CHARACTERS:

The Queen: F. H. Denley.	The Queen's Counsel: H. S. North.
The Player: W. A. Smallman.	An Old Seneschal: W. J. Kingcome.
A Young Varlet: R. F. Balfry.	A Maid of Honour: D. W. Jepp.

A Scene in The Gardens, Gorhamsbury, Herts.

A Summer's Morning, 1597.

Scenery designed and painted by J. P. Wildeblood, Esq.

Framework constructed in School Workshop.

PART 2.

1. Songs by the Choral Society—

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| i. "The Grandfather's Clock" | ... | ... | ... | H. C. Work. |
| ii. "My Old Kentucky Home" | ... | ... | ... | S. C. Foster. |

2. Pianoforte Solo—

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| "Fauns of the Forest" | ... | ... | ... | Haines. |
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S. C. STEWART.

3. Monologue—

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| "Owd Sam" | ... | ... | ... | Stanley Holloway. |
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D. E. MULLINS.

4. Violin Solo—

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| "Menuetto in G" | ... | ... | ... | Beethoven. |
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R. J. PESTERFIELD.

5. "A Little Fowl Play"—

A Farical Comedy in One Act by Harold Owen.

CHARACTERS:

Gilbert Warren: W. N. B. George.

Sybil Warren: F. P. Ashton.

Mr. Tolbooth: D. H. Jarvis.

Mary: W. A. Smallman.

Boy: H. E. Cook.

Scene: Gilbert Warren's Study, 13, Balfour Mansions, Balham, S.W.

Scenery constructed in School Workshop.

A Matter of Forms.

To the Editor of "The Farnhamian."

Sir,—I confess I am in a quandary. This is the way of it. Last week I applied for a bank account form "A," hoping to have it duly completed and sent in by the following day. However, despite considerable time spent in research, I am still unable to state my paternal grandmother's age by the end of the current financial year.

This, then, is my plaint: "Why must we be tormented by forms?" Is there anyone in this depraved condition we call civilisation who, so far, has had nothing to do with those works of the devil—forms; income tax, motor car, insurance, licences, rates, taxes and countless others, all containing heading, sub-headings, divisions and sub-divisions all enumerated, duplicated and elaborated by one of those people who delight in befogging their unfortunate victims, a Civil Servant?

Why cannot little Popsy-Wopsy be redeemed from the Dogs' Home without our having to set down endless information to be pigeon-holed by some elbow-patched, eye-shaded person who will employ it at some future date as evidence against us?

Why are we unable, in the cause of education, to listen to Jack Payne or Otto Siepmann without having converted butchers' delivery vans with poles and pieces of wire sticking all over them rolling up to the door and asking to see the entirely fictitious licence in respect of the aforesaid wireless set?

Why is it impossible to buy a house without signing a Kellogg Pact and Five Year Plan rolled into one? Even if we wish to furnish this acquisition, we are required to supply the names of our family grocer and window cleaner from antiquity and also to furnish the family history from the landing of the Romans. Finally we are requested, on a document marked very confidential, that every clerk in the shop can read, to show how many times we have been "detained pending his Majesty's pleasure." The latter presumably obviates any possibility of making off with a genuine Chippendale "abracadabra" or one or two whatnots.

However, despite all these uninteresting peregrinations, I confess I am in a quandary.

ERAM.

School Cricket Fixtures, 1932.

- April 30th.—1st v. Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College (home).
 2nd v. Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College II. (away).
- May 7th.—1st v. Old Farnhamians (home).
 May 14th.—1st v. King Edward's School (Witley) (away).
 2nd v. Eggar's Grammar School (Alton) (home).
 May 21st.—1st v. Aldershot County High School (away).
 2nd v. Aldershot County High School II. (home).
 May 28th.—1st v. Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College (away).
 2nd v. Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College II. (home).
- June 4th.—1st v. Farnham "A" (away).
 2nd v. Frensham Heights (home).
 June 11th.—1st v. Woking County School (away).
 2nd v. Odiham Grammar School (home).
 June 18th.—1st v. Guildford Royal Grammar School (home).
 2nd v. Guildford Royal Grammar School II. (away).
 June 25th.—1st v. Parents' XI. (home).
 2nd v. Eggar's Grammar School (Alton) (away).
 July 2nd.—1st v. Farnborough Secondary School (away).
 2nd v. Farnborough Secondary School II. (home).
 July 9th.—1st v. Old Farnhamians (home).
 2nd v. Frensham Heights (away).
 July 16th.—1st v. Woking County School (home).
 2nd v. Odiham Grammar School.

OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on Saturday, 12th December, the Headmaster presiding. Two Vice-Presidents (Mr. R. W. Mason and Mr. Wm. Stroud) were present, with some forty members.

The Membership Secretary (Mr. G. H. Bacon) reported a total membership of 319, a nett increase during the year of sixteen. Actually fifty new members had been enrolled, but thirty-four old members had been struck off the list for various reasons—chiefly non-payment of subscriptions. It was decided to issue in 1932 a special appeal to Old Boys to become members.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. C. N. Brooker) presented the Statement of Accounts—a somewhat imposing and complex statement—which was adopted. The Income and Expenditure Account showed receipts from subscriptions of about £60, with a balance of over £24, which would have been considerably more if members had kept up-to-date with their subscriptions.

The General Purposes Fund showed that the Association had expended about £14 on its various activities. The Life Subscription Account had now reached over £34; the Scholarship Fund, from moneys earned by the Insurance Bureau, totalled £119; and the Playing Field Fund had reached well over £500. The meeting expressed its gratitude to Mr. Brooker for his work in connection with the accounts, and especially thanked the Hon. Auditors (Messrs. E. Kempson and E. W. Langham) for the labour which the audit of such accounts entailed.

In connection with the Insurance Bureau, the President welcomed three representatives of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, who had come to the meeting to explain any matter in regard to the scheme, and to answer questions. Mr. G. Maxwell Aylwin (Hon. Secretary of the Bureau) reported that another successful year's working had just been completed, in spite of the money troubles under which most people had suffered. The fact that receipts, far from dropping, had made a substantial increase, suggests that the truth about Life Insurance was being realised, namely, that it is not an outlay at all, but merely a means of saving. At the close of the financial year the total money earned by the scheme amounted to over £180—£113 in cash and £67 accruing. The Royal Exchange Assurance Company had appointed a special representative (Mr. King) to the district, to call personally upon members of the Association and to promote business. He had already done a great deal of productive work, and had become a very popular figure in the district. Members could get in touch with him through the Guildford office of the Royal Exchange, or at the Bureau Secretary's office at 110, West Street, Farnham, which is available at any time for interviews or telephone conversations. Mr. Aylwin said that the further they got on with this scheme the more it proved a fine successful venture. They needed the goodwill of the whole Association, and it was good to know that several young members were making it their business to spread the idea among their fellow members. The more they interested themselves the more quickly would the magnificent goal at which they were aiming be reached.

The Headmaster, as Hon. Secretary of the Playing Field Committee, gave a report on the progress made. On the financial side he explained that £507 had been raised. Tenders had been invited from contractors, who, however, submitted estimates considerably beyond that figure. The Committee therefore had decided to carry on by direct labour. It was difficult to estimate with any degree of preciseness the exact cost of the undertaking, since everything depended on labour charges, which were hard to measure with any exactitude over a long period in conditions which might vary. But it was certain that from £100 to £200 more would be required. He felt very

strongly that this was not the time to embark on any more money-raising schemes which were designed to attract the outside public, as the Fête had done. But it was for members of the O.F.A., he suggested, to remember that the subscription list was still open, and that some such effort as a St. Patrick's Night Dance would be very helpful. He also reported that the Committee had been strengthened by the co-option of Messrs. A. W. Ball and J. G. Figg.

On the technical side, Mr. R. W. Cass (the Committee's Surveyor), who attended the meeting and had brought with him and passed round a plan of the ground as he conceived it would ultimately become, explained certain details and answered various questions. He was at pains to emphasise that the proposed level of the new field—one in eighty—would be advantageous for draining, nor would it spoil the field for purposes of cricket and football.

The Headmaster bore witness to the unremitting zeal and patience of Mr. Cass, and the meeting expressed by their hearty applause their keen appreciation of the service he was rendering.

Mr. Hugh Robins reported on behalf of the Entertainments Committee, and it was decided to arrange a St. Patrick's Night Dance in aid of the Playing Field Fund. It was also decided to hold a Saturday night dance at the end of January or beginning of February.

The Hon. Secretary of the Football Club reported fair progress in the Farnham and District League Competition (Division I.), and successes in the first rounds of the Runwick and Surrey County Junior Charity Competitions. The "A" team, efficiently and energetically run by Mr. E. G. Glynn, had made a most encouraging start to the season in the number of matches arranged and played. He also expressed thanks for service rendered to the Club by members of the Selection Committee and by Mr. A. W. Ball.

Mr. C. E. Jones (Hon. Secretary of the Cricket Club) gave a most encouraging report of a very successful season last summer. Financially, the Club had been more than self-supporting, owing to the zeal and keenness of its members. He expressed sincere thanks for the support he had received from the members, for the help given by Mr. L. E. Lord in arranging evening matches, and for the use of the School ground. He congratulated Mr. E. C. Patrick on being top of the batting averages, Mr. H. Wilkinson of the bowling, and Mr. J. Wing for the number of his catches.

The Miniature Rifle Club, Mr. H. Elphick (the Hon. Secretary) stated, had just begun its season, but more members were needed. All intending members would be welcome on the School Range on Monday evenings.

Mr. L. F. G. Wright reported on the very successful beginning of the Athletic Club last summer, the victory over Godalming A.C. being a particularly good achievement.

Mr. Wright also reported on the good progress made by the newly-formed Sports Club, an endeavour to co-ordinate the various activities of the Association and to make them independent of financial support from the Association's funds. A special feature was a "training evening" held in the School Gymnasium every Wednesday under a fully-qualified instructor.

The various officers of the Association were cordially thanked for their services, the President mentioning the splendid manner in which Mr. Sims had carried out his duties as one of the Hon. Secretaries of the Association.

Mr. C. N. Brooker was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. G. H. Bacon and J. E. Sims as Hon. Secretaries, and Messrs. E. Kempson and E. W. Langham as Hon. Auditors. The General Committee was elected as follows: Messrs. G. Maxwell Aylwin, A. W. Ball, H. Elphick, J. G. Figg, A. L. Fisher, C. R. Gibson, H. W. Hern, N. H. Hillyer, H. P. Joyce, L. E. Lord, E. C. Patrick, G. H. Ridout, H. Robins, S. G. Robins, L. J. Sherrington, C. T. Stroud, J. W. H. Stroud, F. O. Meddows Taylor, P. A. Vanner and R. L. Wells. The Hon. Secretary of the Sports Club (Mr. L. F. G. Wright) was by an amendment of the Rules made ex-officio a member of the General Committee.

The President reported that arrangements had been made to hold the Annual Dinner at the Bush Hotel, Farnham, on Saturday, January 16th, 1932.

A collection for the Runwick Charity Cup and Surrey F.A. Junior Charity Cup Funds amounted to £1.

PAST v. PRESENT.

On the afternoon of the Annual General Meeting, the customary Football Match between Past and Present was played. Past won 5—2. The Present started off in a sensational manner, Dimmock scoring practically straight from the kick-off. The Old Boys, particularly the forwards, appeared unable to get together. Stewart scored a second goal for the School, but Jack Kingcome made the scores level before half-time. In the second half, Kingcome added three more for the Old Boys. The School played especially well against their heavier opponents.

F.G.S.—W. N. B. George; A. J. Hall and J. W. G. Wells; N. J. Phillips, A. R. Stay and D. A. Murphy; W. J. Kingcome, L. E. Chapman, S. C. Stewart, W. H. Dimmock and K. G. Symonds.

O.F.A. XI.—N. H. Patrick; A. F. Swan and A. Harding; R. F. Baker, N. H. Hillyer and L. E. Lord; L. J. Sherrington, E. J. Warner, J. C. Kingcome, E. G. Glynn and F. O. M. Taylor.

THE DINNER.

This, the sixth of the new series, was held at the Bush Hotel, Farnham—and a very resplendent Bush it is now—on Saturday, January 16th. We seem to have reached numerical stability at these functions, for there were once more seventy-five members present. Those present were :—Messrs. L. G. Anderson, G. Maxwell Aylwin, G. H. Bacon, R. F. Baker, A. W. Ball, R. E. Bide, W. H. Blake, C. E. Borelli, F. L. Borelli, C. N. Brooker, J. W. Brooker, J. G. Caesar, D. J. Carter, C. J. Clapham, J. D. Clarke, H. Dawes, H. Elphick, W. Elphick, J. G. Figg, A. L. Fisher, S. F. Follett, A. W. Fry, A. T. F. Funnell, F. W. German, C. R. Gibson, L. A. Gibson, E. G. Glynn, H. W. Hern, N. H. Hillyer, F. A. Holloway, D. C. Horry, C. E. Jones, A. Kemp, E. G. King, H. E. W. Kirby, J. P. Lee, W. E. Loe, L. E. Lord, N. F. Lowry, C. H. Marett, R. W. Mason, F. A. Morgan, E. A. W. Morris, C. M. Mould, S. J. Parsons, E. C. Patrick, N. H. Patrick, H. E. Penrose, E. J. Pepler, J. Peters, L. N. Poole, H. F. Robins, S. G. Robins, E. G. Sherrington, L. J. Sherrington, L. G. Simmons, J. E. Sims, R. W. Small, F. W. Smith, J. H. Smither, C. P. W. Stroud, C. T. Stroud, J. W. H. Stroud, F. O. Meddows Taylor, P. Meddows Taylor, R. H. Meddows Taylor, G. T. Upshall, P. A. Vanner, R. B. Varey, H. M. Vere-Hodge, F. R. Wallis, R. L. Wells, S. D. Whetman, J. Wing, and L. F. G. Wright.

Here I must pause to consider what is the purpose of this article. It is true that the Editor has enjoined me to write about the Dinner because I was there, but not, alas! he. But does he want me to give a full account of the speeches? Perish the suggestion! Those who want that kind of thing either should have been at the Dinner or should get hold of a copy of the *Farnham Herald* dated January 23rd, where they will find a very accurate record of the speeches. Suffice to say here that the toast of the Association was in the young but capable hands of Eric Patrick, who made a good survey of the achievements and the aspirations of the O.F.A., and the response by Jack Sims, our cheerful, indefatigable Secretary, contained a crushing retort to the Old Boy who had resigned his membership because he thought—oh, most reprehensibly and wrong-mindedly!—that the Association was for the benefit of a local few.

Guy Aylwin proposed the toast of "The School," stepping in at the last minute to take the place of Clem Priestley, who had been prevented from coming by a serious illness. Aylwin was true to the tradition of this toast, for, though he disclaimed any pretensions to bufferdom, he managed to indulge in some charming reminiscences.

The Headmaster, in his reply, after expressing his disappointment that no representative of the Priestley family was present, paid sincere tribute to the Rev. Samuel Priestley's devoted work for the School. He also drove home Jack Sims'

point, and voiced the hope that, with the institution of the Sports Club, it would be no longer possible for anyone to say that the Association was being "milched" for the benefit of local sporting activities. He said a good deal more, but so did other speakers: *Vide F.H.!*

Does this sound too casual, Mr. Editor? I hope not. For the main impression of the Dinner which I want to convey in this brief account is its cheerful informality. The artists—let us be quite frank—did not give most of us what we wanted; and there is no doubt that we shall have to consider seriously what should be done in future to secure an appropriate entertainment. Certainly they worked hard enough, but there were apparently a good many people present who thought they could do better themselves. Hence a certain sound of revelry which might have given the enemy an occasion to blaspheme. However, no bones and no bottles were broken, and by eleven o'clock the Bush Hotel had been restored to that pristine quiet which no doubt was one of its chief attractions to Thackeray.

At the roll-call, R. W. Mason had the honour of being the oldest member present. In the little speech that he was prevailed upon to make, he expressed the hope that he would be Chairman of the Governors when the new Playing Field was handed over to the School. A very proper hope. We all share it.

Mr. William Stroud put in an appearance during the evening and was given a cordial reception. Furthermore, he actually addressed the gathering—much to everyone's delight.

There is nothing else to record, Mr. Editor. To sum up, it was a happy evening. Here's to the next! L.T.A.

MEMBERSHIP.

Since the last issue of the Magazine, the following Old Boys have joined the Association:—

D. Bentall (1926–1931), 15, Market Place, Bideford, Devon.

N. F. Lowry (1923–1931), "Trefeula," Lancaster Avenue, Farnham.

J. W. Mack (1923–1931), "The Orchard," King's Ride, Camberley.

J. W. Brooker (1924–1930), "Clifton," Edward Road, Farnham.

J. B. Marks, O.B.E. (1902–1907), "Denham," Hale Road, Farnham.

F. W. German (1922–1930), 79, West Street, Farnham.

N. H. Patrick (1921–1931), "Gwanda," Old Compton Lane, Farnham.

D. K. J. Kemp (1908–1909), "Pinchurst," Queen's Road, Alton, Hants.

W. H. Blake (1920–1923), 46, Downing Street, Farnham.

H. D. Huggins (1910–1911), P.O. Box 248, Bombay, India.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letters have been received by the Hon. Secretary of the O.F.A. :—

50, Sternhold Avenue,
Streatham Hill,
S.W.2.,
8-1-32.

Dear Mr. Bacon,—

Very sorry, but I'm afraid the list must go in with my name out of it. To be quite candid, I can't afford it, and even if I could I've no inclination to subsidise a few fellows playing football and cricket, which is about all the O.F.A. is. Also, the School Magazines are the worst of any I've read, which is saying a good deal.

I don't like to hurt anyone's feelings, but in many ways I'm disappointed with the School—retaliation, perhaps, for the School being disappointed with me! It's like the chicken and the egg—which started it?

Best wishes for the future, and for the past too, which I consider a very happy one really.

Yours sincerely,
ROY BRIDGER.

P.S.—If you print this I may join again, if you'll have me.

[We hasten to re-assure Mr. Bridger that no-one's feelings are hurt by his heavy censure. But in material things there is a different story to tell. The Secretaries have been put to a great deal of trouble in writing to Mr. Bridger for his subscription, and in posting the Magazine to him; while the Association has had to buy the copies sent to him and pay the postage on all these items. This has gone on for two years before he has had the courtesy to notify the Hon. Secretary that he has no intention of continuing his subscription.

As regards his attitude towards the O.F.A., we need only remark that there are dozens of Old Boys, in distant parts of this country, in Africa, in India, and on the high seas, who are glad to belong to the Association, so that they may have some link with the School which did so much for them and made their useful lives possible. They are glad to think that there *are* Old Farnhamians playing cricket in the fields of Farnham, 5,000 miles away it may be. They do not measure the value of the O.F.A. by what they get out of it.

The other criticism of this letter is directed against the Magazine. Accordingly, we have searched our records, and can find no trace of any article or contribution whatsoever from this correspondent, no attempt by him to brighten the dull lot of the readers of the *Farnhamian*. He is content to sit down and criticize. He has not even suggested

features which he has seen in these many other brighter and better school Magazines. Apparently he does not know that the chief business of an Editor is to edit; that it is the privilege of Boys and Old Boys to contribute what articles they can to provide relief from reports and statistics; and that it is the real joy of the Secretaries to collect and print news of Old Boys—if only they will send it. Alas! The Farnhamian still languishes for the breath of wit and the wealth of experience, which the Bridgers in the world might impart—and do not.—Ed.].

The Bungalow,
Upper Pinewood Road,
Ash,

24-1-32.

Dear Mr. Bacon,—

I have much pleasure in enclosing P.O. 5/- as my subscription to O.F.A., for the year 1932.

It is very pleasing to see from the School Magazine that the Association is making the progress it is. I value its existence greatly, as it is an everlasting link between us and the Old School.

Yours sincerely,
S. W. CASH.

"In Memoriam."

ARTHUR THOMAS SIMMONDS
(1908-1909),
26th January, 1932.

JOHN DUNNING CLARKE
(1929-1931),
8th March, 1932.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

A. J. Ryall (1924-1930) has gained London Chamber of Commerce Certificates in French, Book-keeping, Commercial Geography (Distinction), Arithmetic (Distinction), and Shorthand (70 words per minute for five minutes) (Distinction). He has been awarded the London Chamber of Commerce Prize for proficiency in Junior Arithmetic.

E. G. Marsh (1922-1926) is now working at the Head Office, G.P.O., Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, and hopes to remain there for some time.

A. F. J. Elmslie (1921-1923), Lieutenant in the R.A.S.C., was married on December 14th (Congratulations!), and sailed for Shanghai on December 21st, where he arrived on January 30th, in the midst of all the excitement there. He had a strenuous time for some months previous, undergoing so many courses and taking the Institute of Mechanical Engineers' examination, besides that of the Automobile Engineers. He passed both, and awaits election to both Institutes. His address is c/o O.C., Royal Army Service Corps, Shanghai, China.

H. W. Hern (1921-1926) is now at Bristol, where he is enjoying work "on the road"! Just what he wanted, he says.

H. D. Huggins (1910-1911) is at present on leave from India. He is manager of Messrs. Lipton, Ltd., Western India, and returns about the middle of April. His address is : P.O. Box 248, Bombay.

Rev. E. Hart (1899-1902) in a long letter setting out his various activities, says : "I don't suppose many of the Old Boys can say that they have been an engineer, a soldier, and then a priest." After leaving school he was training and working as an engineer at various electrical works in Southampton, Doncaster, and in Yorkshire. He enlisted in September, 1914, and was discharged in 1916. He then was with the Chesham Electric Light and Power Co. until 1920, and in the Ayr Electric Light Works until 1924. The next year was spent training for the Ministry, and from 1925-1930 he was in Canada, around the Gaspé Peninsula, and on the Magdalen Islands, where he had the experience of being frozen in and cut off from the rest of the world. He has been in Bristol for the last two years.

J. H. Cooke (1920-1927), Instructor Lieutenant, R.N., on board H.M.S. "Durban," South American Division, writes :—

"At Montevideo, November 21st.—Such a lot has happened to me during the last three months that it is difficult to know where to begin. We started from Chatham in September and have since been to Portsmouth, Gibraltar, Cape Verde Islands, Pernambuco, Bahia, Santos and Rio de Janeiro. All of this, of course, is quite new to me, and I am enjoying every minute of it. My job on board is to teach six midshipmen—anything from Spanish to nautical astronomy; in fact, I am getting quite a good hand at 'shooting' stars with a sextant, even when the ship is rolling. The disadvantage of the job is that there is nowhere in the ship set aside for a schoolroom, and so we have to make shift where we can. I invariably find that the Engineers have 'snaffled' my blackboard or that the easel is locked up in the 'after control.' Can you imagine conducting a class on the deck of a battleship steaming quietly along in the tropics? It's grand!

"I have plenty of 'soccer,' as the ship's company are very keen and have a pretty useful team. I am the only officer who plays, and I have a jolly good time. We have played some

very comic matches. At Gibraltar we had a match against a very good Spanish team, on a pitch of gravel and concrete; at Cape Verde Islands, against negroes, on a pitch of mud covered with six inches of loose sand, under a terrifically hot sun; at Pernambuco against a mixture of Portuguese and negroes on a grass pitch surrounded by native hovels and bamboos, the sun still very hot and vultures flying above the ground; at Rio against the English Club on a really fine grass pitch; and lastly, a match at Santos against the English Club, played at 8.30 p.m. by floodlight with a white ball. All of these matches were played in weather which in England we should have said was rather hot for cricket—pretty exhausting work, but it definitely keeps one fit.

“Life in port is pretty hectic—lots of official parties to attend, and unofficial ones too! By the time one has had a week of this, all one wants is to get to sea again for a little recuperation before hitting the beach once more.

“January 24th.—Since writing the last portion we have been to Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Falkland Islands, Punta Arenas, Ancud, and we are now at Talcuahno, the Chilean Naval Base.

“The various changes of weather we have had have been rather remarkable—from the tropics to the Falkland Islands, where one was surrounded by whales, seals and penguins. We went through the Magellan Straits and all the way up the Patagonian Channels to Ancud. This was quite the most interesting part of the whole trip—steaming along through narrow gorges and between islands; 300 miles without seeing the open sea. All the mountains were snow-capped, and we passed several very fine glaciers, one especially fine one about seven miles long and stretching right down to the sea.

“I am still playing lots of soccer and occasionally cricket, and my latest effort is rowing in the officers’ boat. I need some of this as I am getting very fat!”

A. G. LeClercq, A.K.C., M.Inst.C.E. (1895-1900), has had the honour of writing a Paper jointly with Mr. W. F. Stanton, B.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., which was read before the Institution on December 15th, 1931. We have had the pleasure of reading the Paper, which is much too long and too technical to print here. The subject is “The Improvement of the Port of Valparaiso and Extension of the Breakwater”—a difficult and important engineering work on which Mr. LeClercq has been engaged as Chief Engineer for many years.

COMMITTEES.

There may be Old Farnhamians who are not making full use of the Association’s activities through not knowing what official to approach. The following will provide a useful “Who’s Who.”

INSURANCE BUREAU COMMITTEE.

President, O.F.A. (The Headmaster); Chairman of Governors (Mr. R. W. Mason); Hon. Secretaries, O.F.A. (Messrs. G. H. Bacon and J. E. Sims); Hon. Treasurer, O.F.A. (Mr. C. N. Brooker); Messrs. D. J. Carter, J. Peters, L. F. G. Wright, E. G. Glynn, E. C. Patrick, H. Elphick and G. Maxwell Aylwin (Hon. Secretary).

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE.

President, O.F.A. (The Headmaster) (Hon. Secretary); Chairman of Governors (Mr. R. W. Mason); Hon. Secretaries, O.F.A. (Messrs. G. H. Bacon and J. E. Sims); Hon. Treasurer, O.F.A. (Mr. C. N. Brooker); Messrs. C. E. Borelli, J. W. Wright, G. Maxwell Aylwin, J. Meddows Taylor, R. L. Wells, J. G. Figg, A. W. Ball and R. W. Cass.

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE.

President, O.F.A. (The Headmaster); Hon. Secretaries, O.F.A. (Messrs. G. H. Bacon and J. E. Sims); Hon. Treasurer, O.F.A. (Mr. C. N. Brooker); Messrs. H. Robins, L. J. Sherrington, A. L. Fisher, E. C. Patrick, G. H. Ridout, A. T. F. Funnell, H. Elphick and H. W. Hern.

SPORTS CLUB COMMITTEE.

President, O.F.A. (The Headmaster); Hon. Secretaries, O.F.A. (Messrs. G. H. Bacon and J. E. Sims); Hon. Treasurer, O.F.A. (Mr. C. N. Brooker); Messrs. P. A. Vanner and N. H. Hillyer (Football); C. E. Jones and F. O. Meddows Taylor (Cricket); H. Elphick and R. H. Meddows Taylor (Rifle Club); L. E. Lord and L. F. G. Wright (Hon. Secretary) (Athletics).

FOOTBALL CLUB COMMITTEE.

Messrs. P. A. Vanner (Captain), N. H. Hillyer (Vice-Captain), L. E. Lord, J. E. Sims, E. G. Glynn and G. H. Bacon (Hon. Secretary).

RIFLE CLUB COMMITTEE.

Messrs. R. B. Varey, R. H. Meddows Taylor, H. Wilkinson, L. J. Sherrington, L. E. Furlonger and H. Elphick (Hon. Secretary).

O.F.A. ATHLETIC SPORTS CLUB.

Matches are to be arranged, as last year, with various Clubs, and it is hoped that this excellent activity of the Association will be well supported during the coming season. A regular practice evening will be arranged. The subscription is 2/6, and any member wishing to join should get into touch with the Hon. Secretary : Mr. L. F. G. Wright, Waterworks House, Darvills Lane, Farnham.

O.F.A. CRICKET CLUB.

A full fixture list has been arranged for 1932, and it is hoped that it will be possible to fit in some evening games. Additional gear has been purchased. Net practice will be held at the School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

The subscription is 5/-, and any members wishing to join should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. E. Jones, 1, Alexander Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, as soon as possible.

FIXTURES, 1932.

May 7th.—v. The School.

„ 14th.—v. Fleet II. (away).

„ 16th (Whit-Monday).—v. R.N. Barracks Officers (Portsmouth) (away).

„ 21st.—v. Holmdale (Camberley) (away).

„ 28th.—v. Farnham Gas Company (away).

June 4th.—v. Camberley St. Michael's (away).

„ 11th.—v. Godalming II. (away).

„ 18th.—v. Friary Brewery (Guildford) (away).

„ 25th.—v. Old Eggars (Alton (away).

July 2nd.—v. Thursley (away).

„ 9th.—v. The School.

„ 16th.—v. Farnham "A" (away).

„ 23rd.—O.F.A. Re-Union.

„ 30th.—v. Old Eggars (home).

Aug. 6th.—v. Farnham Gas Company (home)

„ 13th.—v. Thursley (home).

„ 20th.—v. Camberley St. Michael's (home).

„ 27th.—v. Friary Brewery (home).

Sept. 3rd.—v. Old Wokingians (home).

„ 10th.—v. Pirbright (home).

VARIA.

A most enjoyable dance was held at the Church House, Farnham, on Saturday, February 6th. About 80 were present.

The School Athletic Sports will be held on Wednesday, July 13th. Events for Old Boys will be arranged.

The School Swimming Sports will be held at the Farnham Town Baths on Monday, July 25th. It is hoped to arrange Old Boys' events if sufficient numbers are present.

The O.F.A. Re-Union will be held at the School on Saturday, July 23rd. It is suggested that the Re-Union takes the form of a Cricket Match (Ladies v. Old Boys), an Athletic Contest against another Club, and a Dance in the evening. Will all Old Boys please make a note of the date and a special effort to be present to make the Re-Union a success?

The Summer Term General Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, preceded by the customary cricket match, Past v. Present.

To fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. H. W. Hern from the Committees, Mr. D. J. Carter has been elected to the General Committee and Mr. L. G. Anderson to the Entertainments Committee.

O.F.A. Ties (2/6 and 4/6 post free) may be obtained from Mr. G. H. Bacon at the School.

O.F.A. Blazers are now available. The form of the O.F.A. Badge is at the moment under discussion.