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Third number of the School Magazine published during the war.

"They conquer who believe they can." Virgil.

SCHOOL HISTORY.

The School Calendar is as follows:—

Wed., 1st May. Term begins.
Mon., 13th May. Whitsun recess.
Tues., 28th May. Old Boys' Meeting.
Mon., 17th June. Half-term.
Tues., 25th June. Old Boys' Meeting.
Wed., 3rd July. Sports Day. (Provisional date.)
Wed., 31st July. End of term.
Wed., 18th Sept. Christmas term begins.
Wed., 18th Dec. Term ends.

SALVETE.

No. 287. C. R. Thompson, Prep., St. Peter's.
No. 288. W. A. Gibbons, IVa, St. Augustine's.
No. 289. D. G. Finn, IVa, St. Peter's.
No. 290. T. W. Marshall, IIIa, School.
No. 291. F. E. M. Piper, Prép., St. Peter's.
No. 292. K. Reeves, Prep., St. Augustine's.
No. 293. E. G. Waterson, Prep., School.
No. 294. R. E. Ferrett, IVa, St. Peter's.
No. 295. B. L. C. Gray, Prep., School.

VALETE.

R. W. Westbrook, after 9 years with us, has left school to take an appointment with Messrs. Couchman, Estate Agents and Auctioneers. A boy who has excelled both in and out of school. Captain of St. Peter's, member of the First XI. both football and cricket, and several exams up to Senior College.

H. H. Mungham, after 7 years at school, is leaving to enter Messrs. Drake and Fletcher's Engineering Works. Member of the First XI.'s and vice-captain of School House. Several exams up to Senior College.

G. K. Reynolds, after 6 years at school, is going into Messrs. Weekes and Sons Engineering Office. A popular boy; vice-captain of St. Peter's and a fine athlete. Holds high jump record of 4ft. 11ins.

F. J. Adley, after 5 years in the school, is starting his career on the staff of Messrs. C. Hall and Co., Chartered Accountants, Earl Street. He has done well at school and obtained distinction in his Junior College exam.

The best of luck to these boys, all of their posts were recommendations from the school.

The Spring term just concluded has been one of the most difficult during the history of the school. Prolonged bad weather and illness amongst the staff and pupils has twice postponed the concert. Finally all our troubles were overcome and the concert took place on April 12th. A full account will be found elsewhere.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss M. Weeden, who comes to us from Worcester, and is assisting Mrs. Piper with the Preparatory, owing to its increase in numbers.

We are very proud of the achievements of the School Branch of the National Savings Association. Since its formation we have saved £113, and our weekly contributions are now about £3. Over 50 members belong. Old Boys and parents can join and we urge all to help this essential war effort. Mr. Bettle will be pleased to forward particulars.

We are also continuing to aid various charities, and the R.S.P.C.A. box, when opened at half term, contained 7/1½.

We have received a letter from Cadbury Brothers, who congratulate the school on its Magazine and were especially interested in the account of our visit to Bournville last year.

Where suitable we have made use of the Schools' Broadcasts during the term. These have been much appreciated.

Mr. Williams has been appointed a lecturer for the Ministry of Information.

During term it was noticed that a new game was being played by some of the smaller boys. We were intrigued by hearing one of the players say: "Now you must scuttle yourself." Upon enquiry we found that the new pastime is called "Nazis and Churchill." It appears to be a variation of the old favourite "Robbers and Cops."

During the Summer term we shall make the usual arrangements for swimming, and a special period will be reserved for us at the baths. An excellent opportunity for non-swimmers to learn now occurs. The school will pay the full tuition fee, and a badge is awarded to those who pass a simple test at the end of the season. Swimming is a splendid sport and may save your life. Last year 12 boys learnt. We should increase that number this time.

The library times have been changed to Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, and this has resulted in many more borrowings. R. Westbrook, F. Adley and C. Beale have acted as librarians.

The other great event of the Summer term is the Annual Sports. We hope to hold these as in previous years, and shall look forward to the co-operation of parents and friends in making this event the usual success.

No definite decision has been reached about the School Outing, but we feel that it would be unwise to take people from their homes in these troublesome times, and also that most of us would rather devote the expenses to national purposes.

Inevitable increases in the prices of paper and text books have occurred. We hope to avoid passing on these extra charges, but must ask all boys to avoid any waste. Some text books are secured second hand, and we try to select books which will serve for more than one form. Every effort is made to keep the cost reasonable, coupled with the use of efficient materials.

Lastly may we once again thank our advertisers for their loyal support. We fully appreciate their help and urge our readers to remember them when making purchases.

UPPER SCHOOL NOTES.

Mottoes selected during term were as follows:—

“It is better to do well late than never.” R. J. Fenner.

“Things ill got have ever ill success.” C. J. Beale.

“A coward dies many times before his death, a hero dies but once.” J. P. Thirkell.

Work during the term has progressed well in connection with the “Special Study Books.” We shall announce the prize-winners next term.

An experiment during term was made by introducing Physics into the Upper School Syllabus. The course has proved very interesting and we hope to retain this useful subject.

This year's work in literature includes the following:—“As You Like It,” Sheridan's “Rivals,” Doyles' “Sir Nigel” and Kipling's “Captains Courageous.” An excellent course of reading.

CONCERT.

The Ninth Annual School Entertainment and Prize-Giving of the Maidstone Commercial School was given before a full house at the Corn Exchange on Friday, 12th April.

The Principal, Mr. H. I. Piper, said that the event was more informal this year than usual owing to the war, but the school continued to attend full time and very effective air-raid shelters had been provided. The hindrances to their work had been due to illness among both staff and pupils rather than to war conditions. After thanking the staff he mentioned the school effort for the National Savings Movement and stated that over £113 had been collected by the school group since its start and that the present weekly total saved was in the region of £3. The highest membership was between 80 and 90 boys. He congratulated Mr. Bettle on his work as secretary.

During the year football coaching had been given by Mr. Woosnam, the old Aston Villa player, visits had been paid to several local industrial firms and also the Old Boys' Association had continued to function. Mr. Piper mentioned that one old boy of the school, Mr. E. Waters, had already fallen in the present war. Mrs. Piper very kindly distributed the prizes.

The entertainment was thoroughly appreciated and included items on the piano, accordion and drums by G. Reynolds and A. Barham. Miss Weedon gave a pianoforte solo and also directed the Percussion Band, always a popular item. Mrs. Piper accompanied B. Baker and A. Bolton in their solo performances on the bells. The performers in the band were T. Baker, N. Dexter, A. Bolton, M. Mitchell, B. Baker, K. Reeves, D. Swan, O. Burrows, A. Mayger, G. Smith, P. Chainey, E. Waterson, R. Thompson and F. Piper.

The Third Form gave a very colourful play, “The Dragon and the Stranger,” in which J. King, T. W. Marshall, E. Howard and M. Merritt took leading parts. The other players were J. Gladdish, B. Baker, R. Metcalfe, D. Gibbons, O. Burrows, I. Usher, C. Craig, D. Goble, A. Mayger, R. Green, A. Martin, D. Swan, N. Swan, J. Stearn and R. Clarke.

A delightful farce was given by the Fourth Form, entitled “The Secret Weapon,” in which a mysterious ray paralyses the professor's household just at the wrong moment. The performers were G. Cheeseman, J. Gibson, I. Ray, D. Ives, D. Percy, P. King, M. Sykes, A. Sheldon, E. Howard, W. Gibbons, C. Pantony and G. Wilkinson.

The Fourth Form also rendered a scene from Dickens' Oliver Twist, in which M. Sykes was Oliver, R. Clarke was Bumble, D. Brooker was Gamfield, P. King was Mr. Limkin and P. Smith was the Magistrate. Other characters were B. Fernig, G. Wilkinson, W. Gibbons, J. Gibson, J. Murray and J. Solly.

The Upper school gave two short skits, the first depicted “A Well-known Ministry, in 1950,” and included T. Lederer, H. Mungham, Mr. A. M. Williams and N. Pullen, while the other was a satirical picture of a leisure moment at a military station in India. The cast was as follows: Capt. Strange, G. K. Reynolds; Abdar, who spoke little English, C. J. Beale; Major McMothball, F. J. Adley; Col. Bygadsby, Mr. A. M. Williams; and Lieut. de Broke, A. V. Smith.

A more serious item was the scene from Henry VIII., played by the Upper school. F. J. Adley made an impressive and convincing Henry, R. Westbrook played the part of Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury with real feeling, while A. Smith made an adequate foil as the Bishop of Winchester. G. Reynolds portrayed the Lord Chamberlain with quiet dignity and H. Mungham was an efficient Cromwell. Other characters were C. Beale as the kindly Dr. Butts, J. Pearson as the Earl of Surrey, J. Barkaway as the Duke of Norfolk, R. Knight as the Lord Chancellor, A. Baker as the Duke of Suffolk, T. Lederer as the Assistant-Secretary, P. Gibbs and R. Shaw as Lords-in-Waiting and R. Fenner and R. Ferritt as Gentlemen-at-Arms.

The scenes made picturesque tableaux and for a moment the audience could imagine that they were back in the days of the Tudors.

The concluding item was a highly enjoyable burlesque in three rounds entitled a "Matrimonial Contest," in which Mr. E. G. A. Bettle and Mr. A. M. Williams as the happily-wedded lady and gentleman discuss family affairs over the breakfast table. G. Reynolds, the butler, was the referee, while P. Gibbs, lady's maid, and R. Knight, valet, were the seconds.

The entertainment was organised by the staff and the stewards were the members of the Old Boys' Association.

We should also like to thank and congratulate Mrs. Stanford for designing the effective costumes used in the "Dragon and the Stranger," and to Mrs. Williams for providing the costumes in Henry VIII. Lastly we are especially pleased with C. J. Beale, R. Shaw and R. Knight, who were Stage Managers and most efficient.

PRIZE LIST.

Public Examinations, College of Preceptors.—Senior: E. K. Leeves, 6 subjects; H. H. Mungham, 7 subjects; R. W. Westbrook, 7 subjects. Junior: A. V. Smith, 5 subjects; F. J. Adley, 7 subjects, distinction in English. Preliminary: J. P. Thirkell, 5 subjects.

London Chamber of Commerce, Handwriting Certificates.—Certificate Stage: E. K. Leeves, A. V. Smith, G. K. Reynolds. Elementary Stage: E. K. Leeves, J. P. Thirkell, A. E. Barham, C. J. Beale.

Pitman's Typewriting.—Intermediate Stage, 3rd class: G. K. Reynolds.

FORM PRIZES.

5th Form.—T. F. Lederer, Examination work (Christmas); D. G. Gosling, Class work (Christmas).

Upper 4th Form.—P. J. King, Class work (Easter); C. E. Davis, Examination work (Christmas); R. J. Knight, Examination work (Summer); R. J. Fenner, Class work (Summer); J. S. Gibson, Class work (Christmas).

Lower 4th Form.—G. C. Cheeseman, Examination work (Summer); J. E. Mayger, Class work (Christmas); C. A. Pantony, Class work (Christmas).

Upper 3rd Form.—B. D. C. Mills, Class work (Easter); J. Solly, Examination work (Summer); M. A. Sykes, Class work (Christmas); M. H. B. Metcalfe, Class work (Christmas); K. A. Herring, Examination work (Christmas).

Lower 3rd Form.—D. H. Swan, Class work (Easter); R. G. Barham, Examination work (Summer); C. R. Craig, Examination work (Christmas).

Preparatory Prizes.—B. O. Baker, H. A. Mayger, A. T. Martin, R. W. Clarke, A. Bolton, L. J. Leaver, P. N. Leaver, P. R. Chainey, N. E. Dexter, P. E. Macey, W. J. Manchett, M. F. Mitchell, M. D. Pearce, F. E. M. Piper, P. M. Herring, E. R. Herring, C. W. Smith, Tony Baker, J. H. Ware, M. J. Ware.

CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION PRIZES.

H. H. Mungham, Senior Model; P. H. Stearn, Junior Model; E. J. Howard, Aeroplane; P. J. King, Stamp Display; A. V. Smith, Senior Drawing; J. S. Gibson, Junior Drawing; R. J. Knight, Senior Mapping; J. Stearn, Junior Mapping.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

5th Form.—A. V. A. Baker, Class work (Christmas); N. L. W. Hartridge, Examination work (Summer).

Upper 4th.—R. A. Rawlins, Class work (Easter).

Lower 4th.—A. Sheldon, Class work (Easter); G. V. Wilkinson, Examination work (Summer); C. A. Clarke, Class work (Summer); P. N. Smith, Examination work (Summer); E. J. Howard, Examination work (Christmas); J. N. Still, Class work (Christmas).


Upper 3rd.—A. J. King, Examination work (Summer); B. D. Ives, Examination work (Summer); J. Stearn, Class work (Christmas); P. H. Stearn, Class work (Summer); J. M. Gee, Examination work (Christmas).

The complete list of holders of Challenge Cups is as follows:—

Sports Cups.—Senior Victor Ludorum, D. Smith; Junior Victor Ludorum, J. Thirkell and B. Fernig (jointly); Senior Swimming, A. Clarke; Junior Swimming, R. Marshall; Tennis Cup, E. Knott; Best Cricketer, D. Smith and A. Smith (jointly).

House Cups.—Sports, St. Augustine's, Captain, A. Smith; Cricket, School, Captain, A. Baker; Football, St. Peter's, Captain, G. Reynolds; Chess, St. Peter's, Holder, R. Westbrook; ; Champion, St. Peter's, Captain, G. Reynolds.

Individual Cups.—Chess Tournament, G. Reynolds; Business Subjects, H. Mungham; Captain's Challenge, G. Reynolds.



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FOOTBALL.

This term we have had many practice games which have been well attended by the keen boys.

We have not had many 1st XI. matches owing to the late fixtures and the poor weather.

22nd February.—St. Peter's versus School. St. Peter's were losing by 2 goals, scored by Bishop, when R. Westbrook came on the field and rallied his team, scoring 3 fine goals by himself. The final score was 4 goals for St. Peter's and 2 for School.

March 5th.—1st XI. versus Technical School. The 1st XI. lost a very good game by 4 goals to nil. The School team showed great keenness. Special praise should be paid to R. Fenner who saved some very fine and tricky shots.

March 7th.—St. Augustine's versus St. Peter's. This game was considerably one-sided. St. Peter's greatly missed their captain, R. Westbrook, and they lost 11 goals to nil. The scorers for St. Augustine's were J. Thirkell (4), F. Adley (3), N. Swan (1), J. Barkaway (1), A. Clarke (1), and A. Smith (1).

March 20th.—St. Augustine's versus School. We were allowed Wednesday morning off to play the last House Match. This was quite a good but one-sided game. The final score was 14 goals to nil in favour of St. Augustine's. Scorers were: J. Thirkell (4), F. Adley (2), Shaw (1), Fernig (1), Cheeseman (1), Pearson (1), A. Smith (4).

We had the great privilege of having Mr. Woosnam, the ex-Aston Villa player to coach the players of the School. His visits were very interesting and were appreciated by all. His last visit was especially liked when we had an enjoyable game. We shall remember and profit by his useful tips.

A. Smith, Captain.
J. Thirkell, Vice-Captain.

INDUSTRIAL GEOGRAPHY.

A VISIT TO "SOUTHERN SILICA."

Before conducting the school party on their tour, Mr. Gladdish proceeded to deliver a few explanatory words on silica bricks and their advantages.

Silica bricks originated at Beddington, in Surrey. The plant and the idea came from Germany many years ago, and production began on bricks which were in short artificial Kent

ragstone. Natural ragstone receives what is known as "earth fusion," whereas the silica brick derives the same benefit from a baking process.

The plant at Snodland is at present producing about 12,000,000 bricks per annum. Although it is capable of turning out anything from 18 to 20,000,000.

The white silica brick has no porosity, and thus excludes dampness. Also, when built into a wall, they provide a flush surface which provides no cavities capable of harbouring grit and insects. In view of this point they can be used for interior purposes, as they require no plaster top-coat.

And now, the red bricks. These contain lead oxide, and, instead of fading in use, they tend to darken. It takes roughly seven weeks to make one of these red bricks, but the actual production until they are ready for use occupies three months. Compare this with the ten and a half weeks required for a "white."

The plant presents a most compact and efficient appearance. The process of making a "white" is as follows. Sand and lime are fed into a hopper, which in turn passes on equal quantities of both to the pan mill. Here they are mixed and fed on to a rotary press. The material is here formed into bricks under a pressure of 100 tons per brick-face. The bricks are now baked in steam at 120 lbs. pressure.

The power for the plant is supplied by a three-cylinder marine diesel engine. Each cylinder produces 50 horse power, and the ultimate output is 161 h.p. at 250 revolutions per minute. The unit is water-cooled. The inspection of the latter concluded our very pleasant tour of the plant, and next the party enjoyed tea kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Gladdish.

H. Mungham.

A VISIT TO MESSRS. WINGETS OF STROOD.

On March 25th, a party of boys accompanied Mr. Williams on a visit to Messrs. Wingets of Strood.

First we were shown castings and moulds being made. The moulds are made of "commercial sand." After each casting the sand is crushed and then used again.

Castings are smoothed by emery wheels and pneumatic hammers, they are then cleaned by compressed air.

Enough pig-iron is melted at a time to fill all the moulds in the workshop. Samples are taken from every ladle-full. Before pouring, the scum has to be removed from the molten metal.

Next we were shown wheel-barrow being made. The process is as follows: Sheet iron is cut to shape, pieces to be bent are cut, rivet holes made, hand hammered into shape, riveted, strengthening band welded on, handles and wheels attached, and the whole painted ready for use.

Next we were shown a giant concrete mixer in the course of construction. It will produce 32 tons an hour. It will be used on big jobs. A conveyor feeds sand into a large hopper. The hopper will contain sand, cement and other materials. The drums for mixers were also made there. Emery wheels, guillotines and hack-saws are all mechanically driven. In the next shop small and large portable mixers were assembled. The small mixers are driven by Lister engines. The power is transmitted to the drum by chain and bevel-cogs. Grease caps are placed in every possible place.

Water pumps are also made. We were most interested to see a concrete pump being constructed. It will pump semi-liquid concrete 500 ft., and can raise it 90 ft. in doing so. All gear wheels are cut on the premises.

Just before leaving we were shown an excellent model of a road making mixer. It makes a road 11 ft. 6 ins. wide at the rate of three-quarters of a mile a day. A spreader and stamper are towed behind.

The thing that struck us most was the intense noise and the glare of welders.

R. J. Knight.

PRAGUE.

Prague, the former capital of Czecho-Slovakia is now again invaded by Germans. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe. It was always the capital of Bohemia, but once under King Ottokar I. it was the centre of a big empire, which included Hungary, Austria, parts of Germany and Poland. It was the seat of the Kings of Bohemia. Once it was part of Germany and then the German Kaiser was King of Bohemia. Its University is the oldest in Europe!

The oldest part of the city is the Hradschin. This is a flat hill in the middle of the town near the River Moldau, which flows through Prague. On the Hradschin is the old Kings' Palace, and the Cathedral of the holy Vaclav. King Vaclav I. is the patron of Bohemia. His English name is King Wenceslaus. He was a martyr and was murdered by his brother on the way to church.

As Czecho-Slovakia was a republic the President's Palace and offices were in the former King's Palace. There is a street along the wall which encloses the Hradschin called Goldmakers' Street, for there in the little houses, built into the wall the old Kings used to lock alchemists and keep them till they had made gold.

The Hradschin is the centre of the old town, which is full of historic buildings. One of them is the old Town Hall with the world-famous clock. The old University is near. Farther out from the old city lies the newer part of the town which has $1\frac{1}{2}$ million inhabitants.

Prague to-day is a modern city. Before the Germans invaded it it was always overcrowded, for it was much too small a capital for a state like Czecho-Slovakia, but now the Germans have made it capital of a Protectorate and soon Prague will be no more than a big provincial town.

T. F. Lederer.

CHESS.

CHESS CHALLENGE CUP.

The Chess Tournament in the Upper School was held as usual this year, and much interest was shown by the new boys promoted. The results were as follows:—In the first round Adley beat Barham, Gibbs beat Walker, Reynolds beat Pullen, Mungham beat Fenner, Beale beat Pearson, Smith beat Barkaway, Thirkell beat Baker. Byes, Knight, Shaw.

In the second round Knight beat Gibbs, Beale beat Mungham, Reynolds beat Smith, Thirkell beat Adley.

In the third round (Semi-Final) Beale beat Thirkell. Reynolds, bye.

In the fourth round (Final) Reynolds beat Beale (2 games to 1). An excellent tournament fought with keenness.

CHESS HOUSE CUP.

A Chess House Cup has been kindly presented by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Reynolds for which we sincerely thank them. The results are as follows:—School 43, St. Augustine's 33, St. Peter's 32.

We never remember a more successful Chess season. This was in part due to the adverse weather which kept us in school during many wet and snowy days, but also to the enthusiasm of R. Westbrook, our late secretary.

C. J. Beale.

MINES.

To picture the ordinary mine one must imagine a spherical or pear-shaped buoy, roughly three feet in diameter and containing between 250 and 350 lbs. of some violet explosive such as T.N.T. (trinitrotoluene) or amatol.

The explosive, together with the necessary firing batteries, occupies about half the interior, the rest being used as an air chamber to provide buoyancy. On the top of the mine, on the outside, are five or more leaden "horns" each about five inches long. Every horn contains a glass tube filled with a chemical mixture. A blow of 50 lbs. will crumple the leaden horn, which smashes the glass tube and releases the liquid. This energises the battery, the battery fires a detonator which causes the explosion.

Mines are generally laid in groups in certain pre-arranged positions, and are anchored by means of a wire mooring rope attached to a heavy sinker. The Germans also use floating mines. Mines are usually laid 150 to 200 feet apart, and mine-sweeping in its simplest form consists of towing a sunken sweep-wire either between a pair of vessels steaming abreast, or between a vessel and a torpedo-shaped buoy. The sweepwire is much the same size as the mine moorings and when the two come into contact the mooring slides along the sweep and is severed. The mine then floats to the surface and is sunk by gun or rifle fire.

The latest variant is the "Magnetic" mine. Laid on the sea bottom in fairly shallow water, a magnetic device causes it to detonate when a steel ship, herself a magnet, approaches within a certain distance. Sweeping of magnetic mines presents certain technical difficulties but there is every indication that these difficulties have been overcome. It is encouraging to think that there has never yet been a weapon invented to which mankind has not found an antidote.

A. M. W.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Despite many difficulties we were able to hold the Annual Dinner. Owing to the kindness of the Manager of the Royal Star Hotel the price remained the same and a thoroughly enjoyable evening ensued. The following account appeared in the "Kent Messenger":—

"Although 33 members are serving with H.M. Forces, nearly 40 Old Boys attended the 8th Annual Dinner and Reunion at the Royal Star Hotel, on Tuesday, February 6th. Mr. Alan Wood presided and welcomed members. Mr. F. Gilbert (vice-president) proposed the toast to Old Boys in H.M. Forces and absent friends. Sergeant B. Finn, R.A.F., in response, hoped they would all meet in more peaceful circumstances next year. Mr. Williams (hon. secretary) read letters of apology from absent members. Mr. W. E. Beale, a vice-chairman, proposed the toast to the school, deputising for Mr. Rand (hon. treasurer), who was suffering from influenza. He recalled that he and some of his friends were at the school nearly 40 years ago. He thought it a magnificent achievement that the school had continued all its activities practically normally since the war started, and congratulated Mr. Piper and the staff. Mr. H. I. Piper, Principal, in reply said he had carried on and the numbers continued to grow. Adequate A.R.P. provisions were made, and Mr. Williams and several boys were trained wardens. He was sure the older members would be glad to know that their examination results were better than ever, and the younger that the games were still up to standard. Mr. Woosnam, was acting as coach. Mr. V. F. S. Brett proposed the "Association and Officers." Mr. E. G. A. Bettle, a vice-chairman, replied. Mr. Hughes (hon. sports secretary) outlined future events. An entertainment followed, contributed to by Messrs. Hughes, Hooker, J. H. E. Piper, Williams, Vince and Sackree."

It will be noted that a new toast was introduced—the toast to the Old Boys in H.M. Services. We were very proud to have Sergeant Finn with us to respond. It is invidious to mention special items in the entertainment, but the dance of Hughes and Hooker in fancy dress will long be remembered.

Amongst the correspondence in connection with the Annual Dinner we received a letter from W. N. Hubble, who mentioned that he was at school nearly 50 years ago.

The Annual Meeting was duly held on January 30th. All the Officers were re-elected with the addition of F. E. M. Betts, who becomes the second auditor. The financial position was excellent and reflects the hard work of R. T. Rand, hon. treasurer. Mr. Wood continues as chairman.

We have already published a list of 31 names of Old Boys with the Forces. We have since received the following additions: 32, R. Norley, R.A.F.; 33, L. Morgan, Navy; 34, R. Anscombe, Royal Naval College, Greenwich, S.E.; 35, W. Beale, R.A.M.C.; 36, K. Whibley, R.A.F., Wireless; 37, H. S. Martin, R.A.F., Squadron Leader; 38, F. Tolputt, R.A.S.C. The complete list can be inspected upon application to the General Secretary at school.

At the February meeting we decided to ask Mr. V. F. S. Brett to become a Vice-President. Mr. Brett has always taken a keen interest in the Association and the School, and we are delighted to hear that he has acceded to our request.

We have received a letter from Leon Noakes, who congratulates us on the special Christmas card sent to serving members and says "the good wishes are among the neatest I have seen."

We have sent a donation of one guinea to the Comforts' Fund. This is quite independent of individual efforts.

A most successful dance was held at St. Nicholas' Hall, on Wednesday, April 24th. Great thanks are due to Mr. Rand and his committee.

We have received the suggestions of forming a debating society. Members interested should write to the Secretary.

Once again we say "thank you" to Miss Filmer for her great help with circulars and letters.

A. M. W. H. H.

Every effort will be made to maintain the Magazine in its present form during the war. We hope we shall be supported by all O.B's and friends of the School. Subscription 2/6, with O.B. membership 3/6. New subscribers welcomed.

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