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SCHOOL HISTORY.

The School Calendar is as follows:—

Thursday, 14th January.—Term begins.
Wednesday, 20th January.—Old Boys' Dinner.
Tuesday, 26th January.—Old Boys' Annual General Meeting.
Tuesday, 23rd February.—Old Boys' Meeting.
Monday, 1st March.—Half-term.
Wednesday, 24th March.—Concert and Prize-giving.
Thursday, 25th March to Wednesday, 31st March.—Easter Recess.
Wednesday, 14th April.—End of term.
Wednesday, 28th April.—Summer term begins.
Wednesday, 28th July.—Term ends.
Thursday, 16th September.—Christmas term begins.
Saturday, 18th December.—Term ends.

SALVETE.

The following new pupils were admitted in September:—

No. 187.—W. S. Burrows, Prep. (St. Augustine's).
No. 188.—J. K. Heyes, Prep. (St. Peter's).
No. 189.—M. Heyes, Prep. (St. Peter's).
No. 190.—J. Geering, Prep. (St. Peter's).
No. 191.—A. J. King, Prep. (School).
No. 192.—J. Solly, Prep. (School).
No. 193.—G. C. Cheeseman, IIIb (St. Augustine's).
No. 194.—J. P. Thirkell, IIIa (St. Augustine's).
No. 195.—V. C. T. Twinn, IIIb (School).
No. 196.—G. V. Wilkinson, IIIb (St. Augustine's).
No. 197.—R. C. Marshall, IIIb (St. Augustine's).
No. 198.—K. G. J. Fraser, IIIb (St. Peter's).
No. 199.—R. Foreman, IIIb (School).
No. 200.—R. W. Saunders, IIIa (St. Peter's).
No. 201.—P. N. Smith, IIIa (St. Peter's).
No. 202.—D. J. Froud, IVb (St. Peter's).

VALETE.

G. H. Goodchild, who left school in July to accept a post with Messrs. Hall and Co., Builders' Merchants, has had a distinguished school and athletic career. Since joining us in September, 1930, he has passed the College of Preceptors Examination, London Chamber of Commerce Certificate, Pitman's Shorthand Certificates, and the R.S.A. Book-keeping Certificate, several with distinctions. As Captain he has led St. Peter's House to the championship position, and has secured the Victor Ludorum Cup at three successive Sports Days.

E. G. Hughes, who has also gone into Messrs. Hall and Co.'s business, left in December after three years in the school, and secured his College of Preceptors and Pitman's Typwriting Certificates. He has been a prominent athlete.

K. Underwood, after four terms in the school, has gone to a seaside boarding school.

We wish every success to all these boys.

The school continues to be successful in finding positions for the great majority of those who leave. It cannot be emphasised too strongly how necessary it is for those who want good openings to possess certificates for a standard of general education, and for proficiency in typing and shorthand.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

The December results have been very gratifying. Pitman's Typwriting entries gave a 100 per cent. pass list, as follows:—Business grade, 1st class, R. D. Sackr e; Elementary grade, M. G. Higgins, J. H. E. Piper, W. Tucker, E. G. Hughes, R. T. Rand, F. E. M. Betts, all passed in the 1st class.

The College of Preceptors Certificates obtained were:—J. H. E. Piper, Senior, with distinction in Arithmetic; E. C. Austin, Junior, with distinction in Geography; R. D. Corke, Junior (only eight marks short of Honours); R. T. Rand, Junior; E. G. Hughes, Preliminary; P. J. Taylor, Preliminary. The termly shorthand examination was unavoidably postponed to the start of next term.

The number of outside public examinations passed shows a very healthy growth, as this record proves:—

1930	..... nil.	1933	..... 9.
1931	..... 7.	1934	..... 9.
1932	..... 10	1935	..... 15.
1936	..... 26.		

The annual exhibition took place on Friday, 18th December. We were glad to welcome so many parents and friends, many of whom paid their first visit to the new building. The following account is from the "Kent Messenger":

SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

A successful exhibition and open day was held by the Commercial School on Friday, when a large number of parents and friends took the opportunity of inspecting the spacious premises at The Elms, in which the school is now housed. Specimens of the excellent work done by the school, especially in the Preparatory Department, were on view and reflected great credit on both principals and staff for careful teaching and efficient methods. In judging the models and handwork, the Rev. Cooper complimented the boys on their ingenuity and accuracy, and emphasised the higher value of original over imitative work. The results in this section were: Handwork models—1, A. Barham (guillotine), 2, R. Saunders (chained Bible), 3, M. Betts ("Queen Mary"); display models—1, A. Baker (galleon), 2, D. Fraser and D. Froud (theatre), 3, P. Gibbs (estate); Mecanno working models—1, J. Piper (rope-winder), 2, R. Young (tractor and waggon), 3, B. Westover (rotating crane); non-working—equal 1, E. Leeves (bridge), and A. Seymour (liner), 2, J. Stott (tram-car); juniors—1, P. Stearn (bridge), 2, J. Solly (crane); assembly models—1, D. Smith (aeroplane); drawing section—1, E. Tomsett, 2, A. Reynolds, 3, P. Gibbs. An excellent display of stamps was also staged by the philatelic members and Mr. Coppen, who acted as judge in this section, gave the boys much helpful criticism and advice. The results were: 1, M. Betts, 2, S. Moore, 3, G. Griffin. The pupils in the Preparatory were entertained to tea by Mrs. Piper and gifts from a Christmas tree were distributed to the little folk.

We hear of many of our pupils in strange circumstances. We ought not, therefore, to have been surprised when we heard Tomsett's voice coming "over the air." Tomsett had won a painting competition, and the organisers had made a record of his voice and broadcast it from one of the Continental stations. We understand that in addition to the above fame Tomsett also had a bicycle. Good luck!

An enjoyable visit was paid by about 40 boys to see the screen version of the "Tale of Two Cities." Although one could find places in the film which differed from the book, the general adaptation was excellent, and the scenes showing the deplorable condition of the citizens of Paris, and the fall of the Bastille could not have been bettered.

Several very interesting letters have been exchanged between the S.S. British Petrol and the School. Extensive charts and photographs are displayed at School, and the Hon. correspondent has been given many questions for the Master Capt. Stott. We were very pleased to receive Christmas greetings from the ship, which were heartily reciprocated.

The usual collections have been made for the local hospitals and the R.S.P.C.A. The staff also participate in the weekly contribution scheme for the Ophthalmic Hospital.

We appreciated our first service under the Rev. Cooper on Armistice Day. The School was also glad to be able to sell a box of poppies on behalf of Earl Haig's fund. The usual end of term service was held, when we were again indebted to the Rev. Cooper, both for his seasonable and helpful address, and the beautiful church decorations. We shall be very pleased to see parents at any of our services.

Arrangements are going forward for the Prize-giving and School Concert. Details will be announced later. We hope to present an interesting and amusing evening's entertainment.

The School library has now been re-housed, and all boys are urged to join. C. Bincham is the librarian. Those who possess suitable books they no longer require can do a good turn by giving them to the collection.

Mr. Williams has been appointed a lecturer in Rhetoric for the London County Council.

CONCERT AT CORN EXCHANGE,
WEDNESDAY, 24th MARCH.
Book the Date.

UPPER SCHOOL NOTES.

Unfortunately our Industrial Geography Course had to be suspended this term owing to pressure of examination work. We hope to make up for it next term.

We visited the Maidstone Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Museum; and particularly enjoyed the fine selection of original water-colours; although some pictures in the "moderns" were rather confusing. The metal work was very interesting.

All the examination candidates and some others accompanied Mr. Williams to see a special performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at the Haymarket Theatre, on October 30th. Shakespeare can never be to the film what it is to the stage, but the production was masterly, and in the opinion of many is the finest film yet produced. A practically all-English cast, magnificent settings and costumes (historically accurate), and Shakespeare's words combined to give a moving version of the world's greatest romantic tragedy.

We have found time for two debates. Jazz v. Classical music was first debated, and resulted in a win for the up-holders of classics by 10 to 7.

The advantages and merits of Town and Country life were next hotly argued, and resulted in a draw, 10—10. We have now several good speakers, and many others in the making.

The Chess Club continues to flourish. We have now 9 sets, and can accommodate all the class at the same time. The Spring Term sees the Annual House Tournament, and also that for the Chess Challenge Cup.

We hope next term to be able to start boxing again. House points are also given for this useful and healthy pastime.

House points will **not** be awarded to the originators of the following:—

"Knock! Knock!" "Who's there?" "Fido." "Fido Who?"

"Fidon't send a card to you Christmas won't seem like Christmas!"

Or to:—"What is the difference between a riddle and two elephants sitting on a bun?"

"One is a conundrum, the other a bun under 'em."

FOOTBALL.

We have again been privileged to receive three visits from Mr. Stewart Davidson, the ex-Middlesborough and Scottish International right half-back. The teams have benefited much from his instruction, and all enjoyed his talks and demonstrations. On the last occasion that Mr. Davidson was with us we played a proper game, and Mr. Davidson played for each side one half. It was delightful to see the way he passed and tackled. The standard of play and general enthusiasm of the game has improved much since we have been able to use the Athletic Ground. In the matter of weather we have been less fortunate, and several matches have been cancelled.

SCHOOL v. LINTON BOYS.

This was a very one-sided game in favour of the School. Most of the play being in the vicinity of our opponent's goal. The Linton team occasionally broke through the School defence, and in the first half scored their only goal.

School, 13; Linton, 1.

SCHOOL v. MEREWORTH BOYS.

This game was almost a repetition of that at Linton, though our opponents played hard.

School, 10; Mereworth, 1.

SCHOOL v. WEST BOROUGH OLD BOYS.

This was undoubtedly the best game of the term. It was enjoyed by both teams, and played at a rapid tempo from the kick-off to the final whistle. Our backs and halves defended well, and prevented the Old Boys from scoring more than two goals. Our forwards attacked continuously though the passing was at times erratic.

School, 3; West Borough Old Boys, 2.

Amongst many games arranged at School, mention may be made of the Upper School v. The Rest Match. Hooker captained the Upper, and H. Gosling the Rest. This was a keenly fought contest, and Hooker at centre-half for the Upper School completed the hat trick, thus giving them the victory.

Upper School, 3; The Rest, 0.

HOUSE MATCH RESULTS.

School, 12; St. Peter's, 1.

School, 3; St. Augustine's, 2.

St. Peter's, 5; St. Augustine's, 1.

CRITICISMS OF TEAM.

J. Hooker, playing at centre-half, has proved a valuable and capable captain with good ball control, and has employed sound tactics.

E. Hughes, an excellent and reliable left back.

D. Bradley has worked hard as right half.

D. Fraser, has played well in goal.

P. Sackrée, plays with much fire, and is a useful winger.

D. Smith, plays well as forward.

R. Rand, never gives up hope, and is a good wing player.

H. Gosling, is becoming a useful member of the forward line.

R. Westbrook, promises well as a forward.

B. Westover, a good half-back.

A. Hunt, has done sound work as half-back.

Mr. Bettle and Mr. Williams have acted as referees, and we are grateful for their services.

J. Hooker (Captain).

E. Hughes (Vice-Captain).

SCHOOL SPORTS.

(Owing to pressure on our space in the last issue we were compelled to omit the following results.)

Prizes presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bossom, on Wednesday, 15th July, at the Athletic Ground.

100 yards, open.—1, G. H. Goodchild; 2, M. Higgins; 3, R. J. Randall. Under 14½.—1, P. Sackrée; 2, J. Stockbridge; 3, C. Larkin. Under 13.—1, G. Reynolds; 2, D. B. Smith; 3, C. Beale. Under 11.—1, A. G. Ellis; 2, P. Gibbs; 3, A. J. Taylor.

440 yards, Classes I. and II.—1, G. H. Goodchild; 2, E. Hughes; 3, J. Stockbridge. Classes III. and IV.—1, G. Reynolds; 2, R. Westbrook.

220 yards, under 14½.—1, G. H. Goodchild; 2, J. Hooker; 3, R. J. Randall. Under 13.—1, J. Stockbridge; 2, A. Hunt. Under 11.—1, N. G. R. Hogg; 2, D. B. Smith; 3, C. Beale.

80 yards, Classes IV. and IVa.—1, K. Fraser; 2, R. Marshall; 3, M. Heyes. 60 yards, Classes IV. and IVa.—1, K. Fraser; 2, R. Marshall; 3, M. Heyes; 4, P. Stearn. Half mile, open.—1, G. H. Goodchild; 2, E. Hughes; 3, D. R. Bradley. High jump.—1, G. H. Goodchild; 2, R. J. Randall; 3, M. Higgins and R. T. Rand, tied.

Long jump.—1, G. H. Goodchild; 2, E. C. Austin; 3, H. Parker.

Potato race, open.—1, J. H. E. Piper; 2, M. Higgins. Under 14½.—1, D. Fraser; 2, J. Stockbridge; 3, P. Sackrée. Under 13.—1, C. Beale; 2, E. Knott; 3, A. E. Barham. Under 11.—1, F. G. Griffin. Under 9.—1, J. Stott; 2, P. Stearn; 3, J. Heyes. Egg and spoon race, open.—1, T. Mercer; 2, S. Farman; 3, R. T. Rand. Under 14½.—1, A. Hunt; 2, D. Fraser; 3, P. Sackrée. Under 13.—1, J. Pearson; 2, R. Westbrook; 3, A. Baker. Under 11.—1, M. Heyes; 2, J. Stott; 3, P. Stearn. Under 9.—1, M. Heyes; 2, J. Stott; 3, P. Stearn. Obstacle race, open.—1, G. H. Goodchild; 2, M. Higgins; 3, F. E. M. Betts. Under 14½.—1, D. Fraser; 2, M. Froud; 3, B. Westover. Under 13.—1, C. Beale; 2, A.

Baker; 3, E. Knott. Under 11.—1, F. Lambert; 2, A. J. Taylor. Three-legged race.—1, G. H. Goodchild and J. Hooker; 2, C. Beale and D. Fraser; 3, R. T. Rand and C. Larkin. Slow cycle race, Classes I., and II.—1, R. D. Corke; 2, D. Fraser; 3, E. Hughes. Classes III. and IV.—1, C. Beale; 2, A. J. Taylor; 3, J. Stott.

Sack race, open.—1, J. H. E. Piper; 2, M. Higgins. Under 14½.—1, A. Hunt; 2, P. Sackrée. Under 13.—1, C. Beale; 2, A. Baker; 3, D. Colinese; 4, E. Knott. Throwing the cricket ball.—1, G. H. Goodchild; 2, R. D. Bradley. Tug-of-war.—1, Hughe's team. 100 yards consolation race.—1, J. Hooker; 2, D. Winder. House relay.—1, St. Peter's; 2, St. Augustine's; 3, School.

House points.—1, St. Peter's 264; 2, St. Augustines' 143; 3, School 135.

G. Goodchild won the Senior Victor Ludorum Cup, while C. Beale won the Junior Cup. St. Peter's House won the House Cup.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

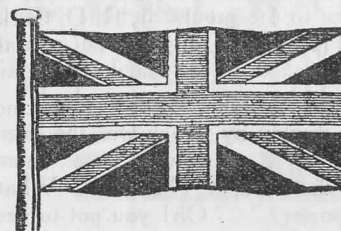
Ask the present day school boy what he knows of the Crystal Palace and he will tell you that it was the place to go to see the best fireworks. That it was made of glass, and contained side-shows and an Imperial War Museum.

The burning of the palace means little to him, but much more to us who lived in the shade of its walls, and who have heard our parents talk of it as housing the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park in 1851, later removed to Sydenham, 1854, and designed to be a great educational Museum of Art, Natural History and Ethnology. This unique building, a landmark for Londoners, was composed entirely of glass and iron, and consisted of a long and lofty nave intersected by 3 transepts of which the central one was 384 ft. long, 120 ft. wide, and 168 ft. interior height. It stood in 200 acres of ground, beautifully laid out. The building has been for many years a centre for concerts, flower shows, dog shows, etc.

It is recorded that once when a Choir Festival was in progress at which thousands of children were present, Lord Kitchener remarked: "Well, if the teachers can get all this army of children safely away without losing any, I'll take off my hat to them." Of course the teachers did. It's their job.

The writer remembers being asked on one occasion to report for a local paper the Brass Band contest, held in the Great Hall of the Palace. It was in the palmy days of the "Bess's of the Barn" and "Black Dyke" bands.

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Note book open and pencil poised the new reporter sat himself down at the Press table just below the players. Then the trumpets blared, the cymbals crashed, the drums rolled.

The shock nearly felled him to the ground but the veterans wrote on scarcely wincing. "I'm afraid I'm a bit too near for real enjoyment he thought as he picked up his pencil once again, but it's a grand row anyhow, and 'by gum' they can play!"

Greater than any firework display by Brock was the burning of this famous building. We ourselves were calmly journeying home reading the daily paper. "Hullo! What's wrong, where's the train going porter?" "Oh! you got to keep away from the Palace Station 'cos Palace is on fire, trains got to go round a bit!" What a sight met our eyes.

Flames in great tongues shot up in the air to be seen for miles. A thick haze spread round us, and an acrid stench came in with the smoke and set everyone coughing. Dense crowds gathered as if by magic and parked their cars by hundreds in the side streets! Fire engines raced to the scene, but could barely make their way through the people, and extra police had to be phoned for to keep the roads clear. Molten glass poured down the sides of the building and the two towers crackled ominously. The newspapers had it that one tower had fallen and the other was doomed, but next morning they were still standing sentinel over the wreckage below, and for days the firemen played on the flames which still kept a hold on the ruins.

Well! the Crystal Palace has gone! Londoners were proud of it. It was a link with Victorian times. No one knows what building will rise from its ashes, but the Palace as we knew it has gone for ever from our midst, and we deeply regret it.

Dr. "X."

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At the present time, as with wireless telephony, a comprehensive picture telegraph service encircles the earth. Incidents photographed in Australia may be reproduced in, say, New York papers the same day, even after having passed through London en route.

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The wonders of wireless make all these things possible so that, in an amazingly short time, we take them for granted, forgetting the miraculous ingenuity that has made them possible. One problem remains to be solved in this service, however, and that concerns coloured pictures. At present, only black and white or sepia prints can be handled. This is a matter chiefly for the photographers to solve first, however, because the art of colour photography is yet in its infancy. Already beautiful natural-colour transparencies (lantern slides) are easily made, but printing photographically in colour upon paper is only just becoming possible upon a commercial basis.

R. Rand.

CONCERT AT CORN EXCHANGE,
WEDNESDAY, 24th MARCH.

Book the Date.

ADVENTURE.

It was a stormy night, and the waves were tossing the boat which struck a rock, and was cut in two. I clung to the mast, and the sailors got into a boat. I shouted until I was hoarse, but still no one heard me, and I was left to the mercy of the waves.

Some time later the wind ceased, and some of the wood was floating. Then I saw a fishing vessel nearing me, I waved, and the helmsman saw me, and he threw me a lifeline. I caught hold of it, and I was pulled aboard and taken into a cabin where I fainted, as I was told later. The other men, I am glad to say, had reached land safely. I soon recovered.

F. G. Griffin, age 11.
3rd Form.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

THE SUN'S ENERGY.

Our scientists have estimated that every square yard of the Sun's surface radiates 75 thousand horse-power, and it is interesting to note that the nearest approach to this intensity found on our earth is 1,300 h.p. per square yard which is exerted on the piston area of the average motor car engine. In spite of his efforts, however, man has been unable to use this terrific energy radiated by the sun directly for producing power, except in a few plants in which sunlight is concentrated on boilers by means of mirrors. When we use coal and oil we are really using, indirectly, the sun's power, for these fuels were formed by the sun's activity centuries ago.

On a clear day in June, the amount of energy from the sun falling on the County of London is estimated as 352 million horse-power, or 88 times the maximum power developed by the Niagara Falls. The sun's rays carry approximately 3 million horse-power to every square mile of the earth's surface. Most of the sun's energy, however, streams away unheeded into space, and the planet's share of its energy is very small, the earth's share being only one part in 2,200 million.

THE AMOUNT OF WATER ON THE EARTH.

Again our scientists have been busy, and this time they estimate the amount of water on the earth. A fairly accurate estimate of the quantity of water contained in the seas may be obtained by measuring the area they cover and their depth. The five great oceans have a surface area of 142 million square miles, and average $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in depth, which equals about 331 million cubic miles. To this must be added the volume of water in lakes and rivers, bringing the total to 332 million cubic miles. Furthermore the quantity of water in the ground and in the atmosphere are added giving a grand total of 335 million cubic miles.

E. C. Austin.

DENMARK.

The connotation of Denmark to most people would be eggs, bacon and butter. And that is a very good summary of the activities of the Danish folk. It is a country famed for its intensive agriculture. With a poor soil fertility, much land water-logged, much heath, and some sandy waste, and with a summer shorter than our own, the Danes have transformed their country into one of the most prosperous in Europe. The people realised their difficulties early, and took steps to pool their knowledge and create institutions to help them. Thus the Royal Agricultural Society was formed in 1789. There are local Societies all over the country who advise their members on matters on breeding, plant culture, and maintain demonstration farms. In addition the farmers formed organisations for the purchase of seeds, fertilisers, feeding stuffs, for the grading of produce (legally binding), and for the marketing of products. So perfect is the scientific breeding that in a bacon factory visited by the writer, amongst thousands of sides of bacon, the length differed by only a few centimetres! The nature of the cultivation being individual the general distribution of land is amongst small-holders, and since 1899 small-holdings may not be amalgamated without permission.

A second factor which probably has resulted in this high and successful organisation is the educational system of the country. This rightly is the admiration of educationalists the world over. Denmark has had Elementary Education since 1814, and Bishop Grundtrig introduced High Schools in 1844. There are also special schools for adults which are attended in the winter months by the agricultural workers. All people speak at least one foreign language, and often two. One is usually English.

Football is very popular, and is played all the year except in the hottest months. There are no professional teams, but the standard is very high, and English first League teams which regularly visit Denmark, have much to do to keep their superiority. In fact, Denmark is very much like an English Colony. We take a great deal of their butter, eggs, and bacon, but they take all their coal from Great Britain, and the shops are full of articles made in England.

The towns are clean and attractive. Copenhagen possesses some fine buildings. It is also very healthy, standing facing the sea on three sides, and is a delightful place to spend a holiday. It is difficult to mention all the interesting things one sees, but the remembrance which is most firmly fixed in the writer's mind

is the multitude of bicycles. In Copenhagen the population is 850,000, and it is estimated that there are 550,000 bicycles. Standing on one of the many bridges of the city, he counted in five minutes, no less than 350—and then he missed some.

William the Silent.

ACHILLES AND THE TORTOISE.

Zeno, the Eleatic philosopher formulated a number of conundrums. We propose to give a problem from time to time, and a small prize will be offered for its solution. This one by Zeno is the paradox of Achilles and the Tortoise. Achilles runs a race with the Tortoise, and he can run ten times as fast as the Tortoise, but the Tortoise has 100 yards start. Then Zeno says "Achilles runs the 100 yards and reaches the place where the Tortoise started. Meanwhile the Tortoise has gone a tenth as far as Achilles, and is therefore 10 yards ahead of Achilles. Achilles runs this 10 yards, and the Tortoise is now a tenth ahead, i.e. one yard. Achilles runs this yard. Meanwhile the Tortoise has run a tenth of a yard, and is therefore a tenth of a yard in front. Achilles runs this tenth of a yard. Meanwhile the Tortoise goes a tenth of a tenth of a yard. He is now a hundredth of a yard in front of Achilles. When Achilles has caught this hundredth of a yard the Tortoise is a thousandth of a yard in front. Therefore," argues Zeno, "Achilles is always getting nearer the Tortoise, but can never quite catch him."

What do you think? Send your solution marked "Comp," to the Editor. Latest date, 15th February.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Our monthly meetings have been held on the last Tuesday in each month, and much useful business has been completed. We were privileged to debate once again with the members of the Church Institute on Thursday, 12th November, the motion being on International Affairs. Mr. Williams opened eloquently for the Association, and a spirited debate followed in which joined Councillor Martin, Mr. Piper, and many others. The Association's motion was lost, but this was hardly to be wondered at as we were in the land of the enemy. These functions are very enjoyable, and we should like to see more members taking part.

A dance was held on 18th November, at the New Inn. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present, but owing to the very bad weather, coupled with rival attractions, the attendance was somewhat poor. The "Rhythm Aces" band was much appreciated. We are also much indebted to Mr. Finn and Mr. Sturt for the prizes so kindly presented by them.

By the time the magazine is in the hands of our readers the Annual Dinner will have been held. A full report will be contained in our next issue.

The Association has elected Mr. H. Gilbert a Vice-President.

We were pleased to hear from F. Vidler, who is now working in Tonbridge.

Alan Baxter paid us another visit when home on leave. He has had further experiences which few of us would relish. His ship, "Atlantic City," was badly damaged in a gale in the Pacific, and was only just reached in time by powerful tugs and towed into Esquimalt Harbour with a serious list. He has revisited Russia and Japan. Esquimalt has the second largest dry docks in the world. In addition Alan visited that outpost of civilisation, Sackhalin. Coming home the boat's and Alan's troubles were not finished, for in the Thames estuary during another gale the ship lost an anchor (a mere six tons). We say in all sincerity, "Bon Voyage."

We were pleased to see T. Mercer recently when he called and spent a morning in School, and are glad to hear that E. Rowcroft has secured a position on the R.M.S. "Queen Mary."

We have elected more new members than in any previous year. May we urge all old members to pay their subscription promptly to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. George, 79 Douglas Road, or to the Hon. Secretary, 66 London Road.

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