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## SCHOOL HISTORY.

School Calendar:—

Wed. 26th April. Term begins.  
Tues. 16th May. Old Boys' Meeting.  
Sat. 27th to Tues 30th May. Whitsun recess.  
Mon. 19th June. Half-term.  
Tues. 27th June. Old Boys' Meeting.  
Wed. 5th July. Annual Sports Day.  
Fri. 28th July. End of Term.  
Wed. 20th Sept. Christmas Term begins.  
Wed. 20th Dec. Term ends.

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## SALVETE.

No. 249. N. E. Dexter, Prep., School.  
No. 250. J. S. Gibson, IVa, St. Peter's.  
No. 251. D. H. Goble, IIIa, St. Augustine's.  
No. 252. G. L. Bettle, Prep., St. Peter's.  
No. 253. L. C. Stone, IIIb, School.  
No. 254. H. A. Mayger, Prep., St. Peter's.  
No. 255. M. F. Mitchell, Prep., School.  
No. 256. J. L. Price, Prep., School.

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## VALETE.

Since our last issue three boys have left us. They are:—

K. Y. Noakes, who after 6 years in the school, has left to take up farming. He is a pupil on Mr. Thomson's farm at Aylesford.

H. Parker, who had 3 years in the school, took a clerical post in a printing office.

D. C. Jones, who had nearly 7 years in the school, now is on the staff of the Hollingbourne Rural District Council.

We continue to get applications for boys, but the demand exceeds the supply. Boys who have left school sometimes come back and ask us to remember them when we hear of vacancies. This is worth recollecting for we hear of vacancies for candidates up to 21 years of age, and of course these posts are more valuable than for boys just leaving.

The Examination results will be found in the Honours List under the account of the School Concert.

We are glad to announce that the School Branch of the National Savings continues to grow. During the Easter term £9 14s. 6d. was collected, making a total of £56 12s. 5d. since the movement was inaugurated. Mr. Bettle will welcome new members.

We have much pleasure in printing the following letter sent by Col. Harold Fletcher, of Drake & Fletcher, Ltd.

Dear Mr. Williams,

The essay written by one of your boys named Mungham was sent by me to Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., as I was under the impression they would be interested in it.

I have received a reply from the Manager of their Sales Promotion Department, copy of which is as follows:—

“I was very interested indeed to get the essay written by one of the lads from the Commercial School, and I am sending you, under separate cover a Vauxhall Blotter, to hand to him.

“I think that we shall probably publish this essay in the ‘News,’ because it is really a very fine one, and gives all the evidence of keen enquiry and good note-taking whilst he was on the tour.

“But would you kindly hand over the blotter to him, with our compliments and congratulations.”

The Vauxhall Blotter referred to is being sent you under separate cover, and I shall be very pleased if you will hand it to the boy in question with our own compliments as well as those of Messrs. Vauxhall Motors.

H. Fletcher.

Well done, Mungham, and many thanks to Col. Fletcher for making the visit possible.

The school has purchased a new radio set, and where possible some of the Broadcast lessons have been introduced. These lessons have been much appreciated.

We continue to collect for various local and national charities. The R.S.P.C.A. box contained 4/1 when last opened.

The three great events of the Summer Term are (1) The Outing, (2) Swimming and (3) the Annual Sports. Arrangements are going forward for the Outing and full details will be

announced later. Our special period for Swimming has been reserved by the Baths Committee, and we hope to have record numbers. The School will gladly pay for any boy who desires to have lessons in swimming. A badge is awarded at the end of term for those who can swim a length. With regard to the last event there is no need to comment on the popularity of the Sports. The Committee is at work devising an interesting programme. The usual appeal for the Prize Fund will be issued, and with your help we shall hope to repeat the successes of past years.

We should like to see more boys taking music during the coming term. Miss M. Henniker, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., M.R.S.T., will continue to direct our musical studies. Mr. Watts' special classes for book-keeping will also take place during the term.

We continue to receive interesting letters from our ship, the British Pride. We are indebted to Captain Stott for some excellent maps and pictures of Antwerp. We have collected and despatched several parcels of magazines, which we understand are much appreciated.

## UPPER SCHOOL NOTES.

Mottoes selected this term were as follows:—

1. Vincit Veritas, Truth Conquers (D. Gosling).
2. Suaviter in Modo, Fortiter in Re, Gentle in Manner, Firm in deed (D. Smith).

As an experiment two poetry competitions were held during term. Points were awarded for choice of poem and for delivery. R. Westbrook was successful on both occasions with poems by Richard Compton. An original poem from Westbrook will be found elsewhere.

Work has begun upon this year's scheme of literature, which includes “Twelfth Night,” Conrad's “Rover” and Doyle's “White Company.”

During the Christmas vacation a number of examination boys accompanied Mr. Williams to London to see “Midsummer Night's Dream,” at the Old Vic. During the morning a visit was paid to Shakespeare's Church in the Borough, full of Elizabethan remembrances—Southwark Cathedral. The party explored the district including Cheese Lane, the aroma from which still justifies its name. After pausing to watch the shipping in the “Pool” a pleasant hour was spent in the Armoury of the Tower of London.

Lunch was taken, and we then proceeded to London's most famous home of Classical Drama—the Old Vic. The production was a skilful blending of Shakespearean Athens with the Victorian music of Mendelssohn was most enthusiastically received. After the performance the party was allowed the unusual privilege of inspecting the stage and saw the extraordinary system of lighting and the mechanism of the flying ballet. We were grateful to a friend of the School who produced a big box of chocolates for our delight during the afternoon.

We learn that Perkin Warbeck took **refuse** in Bieulieu Abbey—the Monk's dustman ?

## ANNUAL CONCERT & PRIZE GIVING.

We are indebted to the "Kent Messenger" for the following account. May we take this opportunity of thanking Old Boys and all those friends of the School who worked so hard in front and behind the curtain to ensure success.

"The Concert Hall of the Corn Exchange where the event was held, was crowded with parents of pupils and friends of the School, and an excellent evening's entertainment was enjoyed, the star turn being the school percussion band under the direction of Mrs F. A. Piper, Joint Principal.

The prizes were distributed during a break in the programme, by the Mayoress, who was accompanied by the Mayor (Councillor Percy Brown).

Mr. Piper recorded a successful year in the school's indoor and outdoor activities, and said that 18 of their boys had secured 26 separate examination certificates. The Preparatory School was coming along very well now and they realised that it was in the preparatory department that they must lay solid foundations for the training which the boys would receive in their school lives.

Mr. Piper thanked the staff for their loyal and hard work.

Mr. A. Fraser, a Maidstone man now moved to Manchester, had presented to the school a cup for swimming to commemorate the fact that his two sons were scholars, one of them having just been accepted for the merchant service.

Another cup had been presented by Mrs. Westover for the best cricketer in the school.

The Mayor, after speaking to the boys, said he would delegate the duty of presenting the prizes to the Mayoress.

The Mayoress graciously presented the prizes and had a smile and word of encouragement for every boy.

Afterwards Mr. Piper thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for attending and the Mayoress was presented with a bouquet.

The Mayoress, responding, said that the harder they worked and the greater interest they took in life the greater the prizes they would bring home. True education was preparation for their work in life and teachers gained satisfaction and thankfulness from the successes of the boys.

Those on the platform for the prize distribution, in addition to the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. H. I. Piper and Mrs. F. A. Piper (Joint Principals) were Messrs. A. M. Williams, E. G. A. Bettle and F. W. Watts (indoor staff), Mrs. Haines, Miss L. Filmer and Miss M. Henniker (visiting staff).

### Prize List.

Honours list. London Chamber of Commerce Certificates.—Book-keeping (distinction) and English, F. E. M. Betts; Hand-writing, H. H. Mungham, W. F. Tucker, A. V. Smith, B. W. Westover, G. K. Reynolds, E. A. Tomsett, D. C. Jones.

College of Preceptors Certificates.—R. W. Westbrook, E. K. Leeves, H. H. Mungham with Distinctions.

Pitman's Shorthand Certificates (theory stage 1).—P. G. Anderson, H. H. Mungham, Miss G. Kelson.

Pitman's Typewriting Certificates (elementary 2nd class).—G. K. Reynolds, J. H. Stockbridge, P. G. Anderson.

Form Prizes. Upper.—D. B. Smith, Form VI., K. Y. Noakes, Form V.; N. W. Hartridge, 2nd Christmas Examination, Form V. Form IVa.—E. A. Barham, A. V. Smith, J. P. Thirkell, A. V. A. Baker, C. J. Beale. Form IVb.—P. J. King, R. J. Fenner, L. H. Walker, C. E. Davis. Form IIIa.—C. E. Davis, D. E. Percy, W. N. Swan, J. B. Stott, J. S. Murray. Form IIIb.—P. H. Stearn, G. E. Pickup, J. M. Stearn, D. G. Gibbons, P. N. Chambers.

Preparatory.—D. Avila, G. Bettle, D. Hughes, R. Johnson, B. Gray, D. Lumsden, D. Gray, A. Mayger, A. Bolton, F. Piper, P. Macey, J. Price, B. Baker, C. Craig, M. Mitchell, D. Swan, N. Dexter, J. Smith. Meccano Exhibition.—Special award, H. H. Mungham; Models, Class A, W. J. Solly, Class B, F. Adley, Class C, J. Stearn; Handwork, J. P. Thirkell; Airplane, R. Westbrook; Maps, A. Seymour; Drawing, E. Tomsett; National Savings' Colourings, B. Mills; Stamps, P. Gibbs, A. Smith and C. Beale.

School Certificates.—R. Shaw, C. R. Veitch, A. C. Clarke, J. W. Gladdish, D. Brooker, G. Cheeseman, R. J. Knight, A. J. Barkaway.

Cups.—Captain's Challenge Cup, R. W. Westbrook; Football House Cup, St. Peter's, Captain Westbrook; Cricket House Cup, School, Captain Leeves; Sports Victor Ludorum, Senior, R. Westbrook and D. B. Smith; Junior, A. V. A. Baker; Champion House for 1938, St. Peter's, Captain Westbrook; Chess Cup, R. W. Westbrook; Business Subjects, G. K. Reynolds; Best Cricketer, B. W. Westover; Swimming Cup, A. C. Clarke; Tennis Cup, R. W. Westover.

The programme was as follows:—

Accordion and drums, A. E. Barham, G. K. Reynolds. Baron Bold, the Smuggler, Third Form Play, the characters were G. C. Cheeseman, W. N. Swan, C. A. Pantony, C. E. Davis, R. Shaw, R. C. Marshall, J. B. Stott, B. D. Ives, R. A. Rawlins, J. W. Gladdish, P. H. Stearn, P. N. Smith, A. Sheldon, W. J. Solly, J. S. Gibson, J. J. S. Murray, A. J. Wright, J. E. Mayger, A. J. King, D. G. Gibbons, N. P. Chambers, J. Jack, L. C. Stone, D. H. Swan, R. G. Barham, J. M. Stearn, D. H. Goble, G. V. Wilkinson, D. N. M. Lumsden, A. K. Martin, C. R. Veitch, B. D. Mills, B. J. Fernig, produced by Mr. E. G. A. Bettle, at the piano, Mrs. F. A. Piper, M.R.S.T. Pianoforte Solo, G. K. Reynolds, pupil of Miss M. Henniker, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., M.R.S.T. The Percussion Band, with David Hughes (Conductor), David Swan (Soloist), Arthur Bolton (Soloist), Florence Piper, Bradbury Baker, Bernard Gray (Soloist), Jeffery Smith, Malcolm Mitchell, Gerald Bettle, Derek Gray, Douglas Avila, Roland Johnson, Alan Mayger, David Lumsden, Colin Craig, Peter Macey, Nigel Dexter, under the direction of Mrs. F. A. Piper, M.R.S.T. Accordion Solo, R. D. Sackrée. Twelfth Night, Upper School, F. J. Adley, R. W. Westbrook, H. H. Mungham, E. K. Leeves, G. K. Reynolds, H. N. B. Pullen, J. A. Mills, E. A. Tomsett, E. G. Knott, A. V. Smith, D. B. Smith, C. J. Beale, J. P. Thirkell, A. V. Baker. D. L. Gosling, produced by Mr. A. M. Williams, B.Sc.(Econ.)Int., F.R.Econ.S. Monologue, G. H. Goodchild. 'David Runs Away,' Fourth Form Play, dramatised from David Copperfield, A. J. Barkaway, P. N. Gibbs, A. C. Clarke, P. J. King, N. C. R. Hogg, P. A. Percy, produced by Mr. A. M. Williams, B.Sc.(Econ.)Int., F.R.Econ.S. Song, by Mr. E. G. A. Bettle. Fragmentary History, Upper School, The Return of the Crusader, G. K. Reynolds, D. B. Smith, A. V. Smith, R. W. Westbrook, E. G. Knott, A. M. Williams, J. A. Mills, E. A. Tomsett, J. P. Thirkell, A. V. Baker, devised by the Upper School. Accordion Solo, A. E. Barham. To-Night's the Night, E. G. A. Bettle, A. M. Williams.

Stage Managers, E. K. Leeves, R. W. Westbrook and G. K. Reynolds. Lighting effects by J. Irwin, Esq. The following gentlemen, members of the Old Boys' Association,

kindly acted as Stewards or in some other capacity, Messrs. T. C. George, W. R. Bradley, A. J. Wood, J. H. E. Piper, J. W. Beale, W. C. Gosling, E. Hughes, H. Hooker and R. J. Rand. Programme sellers, L. Walker, R. Knight, C. Twinn.

We were very pleased to receive the following letter from the Mayor.

Dear Mr. Piper,

I wish to express the appreciation and thanks of the Mayoress and myself for the most enjoyable time accorded to us last evening at the Corn Exchange.

We wish we could have stayed later.

Yours sincerely,

Percy Brown, Mayor.

## PREPARATORY NOTES.

The Christmas Exhibition of Work was poorly attended owing to severe wintry weather and will therefore be held at end of summer term.

This department has been promised a very fine toy (for use on wet days when outdoor playtime has to be abandoned) by a friend of the school who "greatly appreciated and enjoyed the Percussion Band" at the School Concert.

Great keenness in class about football and cricket. A. Bolton seems a promising batsman and quite an authority on the game amongst his class mates.

There is a desire among the five-year-olds to have a little garden plot in which to spend the time working thereon whilst older ones play their collective games. This is under consideration for next term.

A Garden Party for the Prep. Department will be held in July in appreciation of the hard work done by the little ones for Exhibition, Examinations and Concert.

## FOOTBALL.

The weather has been favourable for us this term and we have had a good number of matches. We even had two 1st XI matches on the same day.

The results of the matches played this term are:—

1st XI. 4th February, Bearsted, home, won 11-3. 4th February, Ditton, away, lost 12-0. 11th February, Technical School, away, lost 5-0.

2nd XI. 18th February, West Boro' Central, away, drew 1-1. 25th February, Loose, away, won 2-1. 11th March, Aylesford, away, drew 2-2.

1st XI. Goalscorers. D. Smith (9), A. Smith (7), W. Thomas (4), D. Gosling, E. Knott and R. Westbrook, 1 each.

2nd XI. Goalscorers. A. Smith (4), W. Thomas (2), E. Knott and E. Barham, 1 each.

House Results:—St. Peter's 20 v. St. Augustine's 0.  
School 4 v. St. Augustine's 2. St. Peter's 7 v. School 0.

R. Westbrook, Captain.  
D. Smith, Vice-Captain.



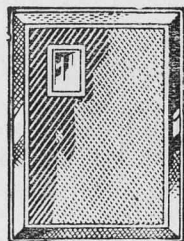
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## INDUSTRIAL GEOGRAPHY.

### "GYPROC," ROCHESTER.

On the 2nd of March a party of the senior boys accompanied by Mr. Williams, paid a very interesting visit to the Gyproc factory, at Rochester. Gyproc is fireproof board.

We were first taken to the overhead delivery railway which conveyed the gypsum to the storage plant in enormous hopper buckets.

The rock used in the factory comes mainly from the U.S.A. and Canada and roughly 5,000 tons were in store when we made our visit. It can be polished like marble when it is in a pure state.

From here the stone is taken on a drag to the drying plant where it is dried ready to be crushed into very fine powder.

After it is stored in huge "bunks" of curious design. They are slung from the roof in the form of the letter U giving much more carrying strength. Their technical name is "catenary" bunks.

From the storage the powder goes to a furnace, which is technically termed a "kettle" where, under the heat of between 300-400 degrees Fahrenheit, it is "boiled."

The timing of the "boil" is registered on a chart, enabling the operator to know the exact time to emit the liquid.

During the "boil" there has to be kept up a constant "stirring" motion which prevents the bottom of the "kettle" from burning out. If this motion was not continual the base, which is several inches thick would burn out in two minutes, as the heat of the fire is roughly 11,000 degrees Centigrade.

The plaster is then taken through water, and led on a belt to the rollers.

Here it is fed on to a sheet of cardboard-paper which forms the base of the "sandwich," and then taken through an intricate machine which evens the plaster out and folds the sides over.

As it travels along the rollers it is first marked with the firm's trade-mark and name of the factory, then cut and perforated alternately into various lengths according to the type of lath required.

Nearly at the end of its long journey it is dusted and then passed on to a "transfer."

This is a wide expanse of belts which transfer 3 sheets at a time from the rollers into the kiln where they are dried and hardened ready for use.

The passage through the kiln is in six divisions, one above the other so the rollers from the transfer to the kiln move up and down from division one to division six taking the strips alternately into the six divisions.

Our guide told us that the first equipment they had was all hand-operated and the operators were constantly dancing about varying the movements of the roller and transfer, but now the 400 foot roller is worked by three synchronized motors operated from a master switch, whilst the "lift" into the kiln is operated by ingenious mercury trip switches.

And so our pleasant visit came to an end by seeing the thousands of feet of this wonderful fireproof material being stacked ready for conveyance all over the country.

We were all given two samples of the board and the honour of having our names in the visitors' book.

Thus we bade adieu and prosperity to "Gyproc."

E. K. Leeves.

## THE MOON.

Long ago had sunset's rays  
Disappeared beneath the braes,  
Leaving only in their trail,  
A full moon, both dim and pale,  
Swimming in a wat'ry mist,  
Till a breeze its edges kissed  
And then, in a space of time  
T'was a blazing orb sublime.  
On its crust the frosty glare  
Showed the pearls implanted there.  
All around the pitch black night,  
With its stars that glittered white,  
Cloaked it like a purple sheet  
Specked with silver grains of wheat.

R. W. Westbrook.

## ATHLETICS.

This term a paper-chase was arranged. The chase started from Little Abbey Gate Farm, Tovil. Mr. Hartridge very kindly put a barn at our disposal for changing purposes.

D. Smith, G. Reynolds and E. Tomsett acted as hares and set a stiff course around Loose Valley for the hounds to follow.

Unfortunately the hounds lost the scent where the hares had doubled back on their trail.

The hounds arrived home to find that the hares had arrived, changed, and were now out looking for them on cycles.

D. Smith.

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## CHESS.

Easter is the great chess term, and we discovered unexpected chess talent in several boys.

In the House Tournament St. Peter's House came top with 45 points. School House was a close second with 40 points while St. Augustine's House was a bad third with only 10 points. Better luck next year St. Augustine's.

The competition for the yearly holding of the Chess Cup came out as expected with R. Westbrook winning it for the second year in succession, but two boys, C. Beale and E. Tomsett, must first be congratulated on gaining places in the semi-finals and final respectively.

The results of the Cup Tournament are as follows:—

1st Round.—D. Gosling beat H. Mungham; E. Tomsett beat D. Smith; E. Leeves beat N. Hartridge; C. Beale beat A. Baker; R. Westbrook beat N. Pullen; G. Reynolds beat J. Mills; E. Knott beat E. Barham; F. Adley beat J. Thirkell; Bye, A. Smith.

2nd Round.—R. Westbrook beat E. Leeves; C. Beale beat D. Gosling; G. Reynolds beat F. Adley; E. Tomsett beat A. Smith; Bye, E. Knott.

3rd Round.—E. Tomsett beat E. Knott; C. Beale beat G. Reynolds; Bye, R. Westbrook.

Semi-Final.—R. Westbrook beat C. Beale; Bye, Tomsett.

Final.—R. Westbrook beat E. Tomsett.

## A.R.P.

A small band of boys with Mr. Williams paid a short visit to the "Air Raid Precautions" exhibition held in the town a short while ago.

We were shown around the various stalls and intricate machinery was explained.

The stall with the greatest attraction was that of the A.R.P. accessories, such as sirens, lamps, masks, and fire equipment.

A shelter made by the Preston Hall industries was another great attraction.

Other stalls included fire extinguishers, ambulance equipment, and patent fire products.

E. K. Leeves.

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## R.S.P.C.A. LECTURE.

Mrs. Forbes, on behalf of the Junior Branch of the R.S.P.C.A., paid us a visit on February 24th. Her talk was very interesting and several hints for those who kept tortoises and dogs were well received and much appreciated.

It was more than a surprise to most of us when we learnt that 2,000,000 tortoises were exported from North Africa each year. Not long ago, however, an inestimable number died during the voyage but thanks to the R.S.P.C.A. transportation conditions are now vastly improved. We were warned by our speaker not to be fooled by the salesman who tells us that land tortoises remove slugs and other insect pests. This is quite untrue. Mrs. Forbes greatly stressed that tortoises should receive a wide variety of vegetables. Also despite the shell of a tortoise these animals are very sensitive and should be gently treated. Those who have tortoises should be careful to keep an eye on cracked shell, as the red ant is sometimes apt to crawl in and cause the unfortunate animal a lot of pain.

Discussing dogs, Mrs. Forbes suggested that "running chains" should be used more, as these afford the dog quite a lot of exercise even when it is chained.

Her lecture ended with an appeal for new members and though about one-fifth of the school were already ardent supporters of the movement, evident keenness was exhibited by many who had not yet joined.

R. W. Westbrook.



## THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

This has been a very busy term for the Old Boys. Our first big event was the Annual General Meeting on January 31st. The following is taken from the "Kent Messenger":—

"The annual meeting of the Commercial School Old Boys' Association, at the Commercial School, on Tuesday was attended by a large number, with Mr. Solman in the chair. The accounts, presented by Mr. T. C. George, and approved, indicated a better financial position than last year. Mr. H. I. Piper was unanimously elected president, and the other vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. J. W. Solman, who has been chairman since 1933, regretfully tendered his resignation from that post because his duties would not permit of regular attendances. Mr. Piper and Mr. Williams both expressed their gratitude to Mr. Solman for his services and commented upon his unflinching tact and courtesy. On the proposition of Mr. Solman, seconded by Mr. E. Bowler, Mr. Alan Wood was elected chairman. Other appointments were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Rand; assistant treasurer, Mr. D. Noakes; hon. secretary, Mr. A. M. Williams; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Hooker; sports secretary, Mr. E. Hughes; hon. auditors, Messrs. M. Betts and R. Entwistle. Mr. Solman was elected a vice-president. The Association also placed on record their appreciation of the great services of Mr. T. C. George, past treasurer, and Mr. B. Finn, sports secretary."

The following day was the Annual Dinner. This was the best attended and most successful dinner yet organised. We numbered 52 Old Boys ranging from those who had just left to those who departed in 1901! We were particularly grateful to the inspiring speech of Mr. H. Gilbert, who proposed the "School." We were also very glad to have Mr. V. F. Brett with us. The following is a brief report from the "Gazette":—

"The dinner took place in the Queen's Hall, Royal Star Hotel, 52 members attending. Mr. J. W. Solman presided. Mr. P. C. Allen, a vice-president, proposed the Association and Officers, referring to its continuous growth, and the untiring work of the President and Officers; Mr. A. M. Williams in reply, spoke of some of the activities of the Society and Mr. B. Finn, supporting, announced that he and Mr. George would give a cup for the champion chess player. Mr. H. Gilbert, vice-president, proposed the School, and Mr. H. I. Piper responding, said Mr. McCabe had based his teaching on three points, character, knowledge and health. He and his staff followed this precept. Mr. E. G. A. Bettle proposed the Old McCabians, and Mr. Bowler, hon. secretary football section, in reply, thanked his committee and players for the way they had stuck a difficult

job in a sporting way. Entertainment followed and included solos, a sketch by E. Hughes, H. Berry, J. Piper, R. D. Sackr e, R. Rand, G. H. Goodchild and A. M. Williams; and community singing led by H. Hooker and E. Hughes."

We have to record the following notes of our members:—

D. S. Edmed, who left school nearly four years ago, has recently emigrated to Australia. There are many boys still at school who recollect him as being fond of an outdoor life and it is not surprising that he has decided to take up farming. He will be pleased to hear from boys who knew him. His address is c/o British Settlers Welfare Committee, Box 21a, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

Mr. B. Finn has now left the town and is with the Royal Air Force in Buckinghamshire. Our very best wishes will also go with one who has done so much for the Association as Sports Secretary. Some of our happiest cricket matches were due to Mr. Finn. Good luck!

Mr. K. Whibley is now working at the Worthing branch of Hall & Co. We shall hope to see him whenever he is in Maidstone.

Members will be very sorry to hear that Mr. J. Birchall has been seriously ill. A letter was sent from the Association wishing him a speedy recovery.

We were pleased to receive visits from W. Tucker and H. Parker.

Once again we must express our grateful thanks to Miss Lilian Filmer and her School of Typewriting for all her help with the Association circulars. We appreciate her kindness very much.

Mr. Williams' negotiations with the Secretary of the Maidstone Chess Club have concluded very satisfactorily, and our section, which will use the Club's premises at the Royal Star, has been formed. Mr. P. G. Anderson will act as Secretary, and Mr. R. Rand as Treasurer. We hope this section will be of much interest and use to the Association as the Football section. It will begin its activities in September. Much useful business has been transacted at the monthly meetings and we hope to see a record attendance Tuesday, May 16th (please note change of date).

The Tennis Tournament is being organised by Mr. Hughes, and a special Old Boys' Outing is under consideration for the summer months.

## OLD McCABIANS FOOTBALL CLUB.

Since our last report, we have endeavoured to win a match, and we have at last succeeded—unfortunately it was a “Friendly.”

A few alterations in the team have been necessary, owing to our Goalkeeper (M. Langley) getting injured, and therefore unable to play.

H. Hooker, our worthy Treasurer, is a good Goalie, and excelled himself in the match against Lee’s Holboro’, at Halling.

From the number of people who have asked me if they can be signed on next season, it seems to me quite likely that a second team will appear.

This second team would, of course, be in a much lower division (if any), and it would fill the gap for the more junior members of the present team, by giving them a more regular game. If you, Mr. Reader, happen to be interested in the future football activities of your O.B.A. and would like to play for the Old McCabians next season, write and apply to the Hon. Sec., P. Bowler, 349 Loose Road, Maidstone.

As this is the last time I write as Secretary of the Old McCabians I cannot pass without commenting on the way the team have pulled together. We have had our “ups and downs” as all teams, especially in the first year are bound to, but thanks to the marvellous staying power of the players have always managed to turn out an eleven every Saturday. It reminds me of the story of the Postage stamp—it takes a licking, but sticks to the job till it gets there. Mr. R. L. Marshall, a Vice-President of the Association is a keen follower of our results and when in Maidstone he is a very strong supporter. Thank you, Mr. Marshall, we like your support.

With a “Here’s to the next time,” and don’t forget to apply now in order to avoid disappointment for next season,

I am, still, and shall be Old McCabian,

P. Bowler.

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