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A year ago the first Committee meeting of the session was held at a time when trenches were being hastily contrived in all sorts of open places, gas masks were being assembled through the hours of night, and not a few of our members finished the day's work with a spell of watchful duty near a reservoir or a gas works. A few mad days and we had returned gratefully to what we had come to regard as "normal" existence, and we as an association were able to add a further happy session to the roll of its twenty-five predecessors.

And now for a second time in our relatively short history we have to adapt ourselves to war conditions; and our chief thoughts must be of those who have already left us for the sterner things in the life of the forces. To them we send a message of good cheer and kind remembrance. We earnestly look for the time, we hope not very distant, when they will be back with us again, to repair the threads so rudely and unkindly broken.

At present we have definite information only of the following. We put down all we know, leaving out service addresses as being reliable only for a short period. Instead, the home address is given where we know it. Old Boys on the "home front" might make it a point of honour to adopt one of these lads. Letters we know would be gratefully received, an introduction is not necessary, and the results all round would be incalculable.

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Our first item of school news must be to announce that in December, Mr. H. Watson will leave us for what we hope will prove to be, for Mrs. Watson and himself, a long and happy retirement, even though begun in days so anxious and unpropitious. Years ago he was a member of the early staff of the school when he and Mr. F. J. Upton divided between them the responsibility for the manual instruction. He left us to take over the charge of handicraft instruction under the Stockton-on-Tees authority, but returned in January, 1930 as Mr. Upton's successor. Since then he has always been ready and anxious to contribute from his special abilities and skill to the success of school enterprises whether in or out of the school room. Roman soldiers in need of swords of correct shape and temper had only to seek the help of Mr. Watson and the job was done. From the manual rooms came ever reliably in seasons of need Italian daggers, Elizabethan lanterns, cuirasses and basinets and lots of other tackle suitable for occasions historic and histrionic, as also articles essential to the well-being of other departments of the school. And on more than one occasion the manual room has served as a dressing station for Stocktonians suffering from schoolboy wounds and bruises, not to mention an occasional scald or burn. On Sports Days, Mrs. Watson was one of the faithful band of ladies who devoted frenzied hours to the labours of the refreshment department, and who remained ever charming, cheerful, and patient in spite of the troubles and trials inevitably waiting for those who seek such strenuous forms of doing good. We shall miss them both and hope that they will carry away with them to Bedford as happy memories of us, as we in Stockton shall retain of them.

Mr. E. H. Mann whom we welcomed a year ago as successor to Mr. Barracrough on the Staff is now on active service in France. From him we have received cheerful letters. He has early been promoted Captain. On this rapid promotion we offer him our warm congratulations and would send the best wishes and kind thoughts of all left behind in S.S.S.

From Mr. Robert Roger we have received a letter full of happy memories of his friendly association with us and the old school over the governing body of which he presided so long and so well. Though Stockton cannot claim the beauty of Surrey he often likes to linger in memory over the scenes once so familiar. To Mr. and Mrs. Roger we send our greetings and good wishes. We too cherish very happy memories of them.

Many Old Stocktonians and friends will be delighted to know that Mr. Taylor has made a splendid recovery from the serious illness which he had at the end of last year. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are never happier than when talking of old times and old Stockton friends. We send them our kindest thoughts.

Greetings too, to Mr. and Mrs. Eden, who for a time at least have left their beautiful home at Welwyn, for Neston by the banks of the Cheshire Dee, where they are staying with their son, Mr. W. A. Eden, lecturer in Architecture in the University of Liverpool.

Our athletic activities again call for jubilant comment. For the second time in three years we have carried off the three Cups—the Inter School Trophy (a hard fight with Barnard Castle and splendidly won by convincing margins over the four remaining schools), and the Weatherhead, won for us by A. Barker, and the Railway Centenary cups. When we completed the “treble” in 1937 we quite believed that years might elapse before we should experience again that thrill,—and the years proved to be only twenty months. Our team put up a splendid performance in support of the remarkable achievement of H. Rutledge who appeared for us in no less than five events, came first in Long Jump, High Jump, and Hurdles, broke a record with a high jump of 5ft. 4½ins., and brought us 18 points of our total of 39.

Not the least pleasure of the Summer Evening at Darlington apart from the triumph was the presence of so many of our boys from school and not a few old boys, and their hearty approval of the efforts of their fellows in the team. The Skerne must have trembled between its banks at our shouts of victory. When shall we witness another such occasion, and produce another champion like Rutledge? Rugby flourished once more and our last season even capped its predecessor. The Cricket season too gave us reasons for pride, though in its successes a shade less glorious than the outstanding season of 1938. Again we had our Old Boys' match to wind up the summer term and the school year in fitting fashion and to stimulate a fervent desire for the next of the series.

Academically 1939 has surpassed any we have known so far as sixth form work and achievement is concerned, the result being really brilliant. Very few schools ever carry off six County Exhibitions in a year. The average indeed is three, and only once before have we been able claim such a high number of successes, namely in 1927. This year County Exhibitions of

£80 per annum for three years have been won by W. R. Heathcote, D. C. Moore, R. T. Shields, P. Twiddy, G. C. Watson, and G. D. Wing.

Four university scholarships were captured in addition, namely, a Pears scholarship to Durham, by G. D. Wing, a Derby Scholarship to Liverpool by P. Twiddy, a Sedgefield Exhibition by J. Bell, and a Scholarship to Manchester by C. Kendall. The total for the year then is ten, a record, and one of which we are very proud.

If we also consider J. Seddon's splendid success in the Civil Service Clerical and General Competitive Examination in which he came out 5th in the country out of 7,159 candidates, a record for the school, we may feel that the past year has been a remarkable one.

A great regret has been that the fifth forms did not entirely back this up with a result comparable with that of the 6th—their result being not quite of the quality we have learnt to expect in recent years,—or perhaps we should in justice say that while V Sc. did quite as well as usual, V m proved the disappointment. This we deplore. A slightly better result from that one quarter and we should have been able to assert outstanding achievement all round without any qualification whatsoever.

Our magazine appears this year in an attenuated form for reasons as obvious as regrettable. Even so we are already aware that its appearance will be warmly welcomed, and perhaps the more so as its reduced proportions are a symbol of the days and times during which it has been produced. For the same reasons we are compelled to restrict our activities. The General Meeting had to be abandoned in the early autumn. We are carrying on with the Old Committee though already its numbers are reduced by the call to service and soon others will follow. Of the older members most are already busy in forms of auxiliary service and free time is as limited as light in the black-out.

To compress other reports.

The 21st Annual Dinner took place in the Queen's Hotel, on December 30th, and proved a right jolly evening. We had a splendid gathering of youngsters, older lads, and the middle-aged, and in Dr. Appleby and Major A. E. W. Salt, two rare guests who insisted on being at ease with us and who contributed in no small measure to the atmosphere of informality which we have come to regard as essential on these occasions. Both our guests spoke as Old Boys to Old Boys and since by good fortune they had both spent their boyhood in the same corner of Staffordshire and Warwickshire and attended local schools similar to ours, the presence of each stimulated the other to reminiscences and character sketches, each capping its predecessor, in their humour and vividness a delight and refreshment to hear. Two old boys contributed a large share to the entertainment, namely, Messrs. F. Thompson and J. R. Fawcett, an ideal we have often set ourselves but never before achieved. We have always believed that we had among our members artists capable of doing better for us than what we have been compelled to seek elsewhere. We have reasons for believing that there are many more comedians, vocalists, conjurers, and workers of black-magic

among our members and hope when next we return to normal that they will shed their modesty and not wait till some accidental circumstance leads to their being collared. The evening passed all too quickly despite an early start and we were robbed of half of Mr. Thompson's wizardry and at least two of Mr. Fawcett's songs by grudging time, as well as of much of what Major Salt wanted to tell us and a turn by Mr. Vin. Brown and a young partner he brought specially for us. We were cheated too of the time honoured "Blackbirds" for which our old friend Inman had travelled all the way from Welwyn. All these things are much to be regretted: but there were fine consolations. Mr. Wilkinson, our President, was in excellent fettle, saw that no time was wasted between whiles, presided with his own happy knack of stimulating the friendly atmosphere of the function without in any way prejudicing the dignity of the chair and did a magic act of his own by combining two speeches in one,—and an excellent one too with no signs of tags or rents to disclose the fact that he had to think quickly to suit unexpected circumstances; the Headmaster again fulfilled the time honoured duty which falls to him remorsefully year by year, with brevity and point and a touch of novelty which the nature of the task allotted to him must make it difficult to achieve. Mr. J. T. Gleave speaking for the Old Boys was lively, witty, good humoured, reminiscent in a taking way, and as becomes the President of a University Union, wholly admirable; Mr. E. B. Shields our guest of a number of years, always warmly welcome, always willing and indeed by this, quite one of us, added considerably to the gaiety of things, even though at the expense of the Committee, who by the way, actually seemed to enjoy the libellous story he alleged against them about a wretched goose. The fact that other Old Stocktonians believed that story serves only to prove how expert Mr. Shields is at invention—not how credulous we are. Fifthly, our old friend Albert Walker arrived, unexpectedly and late, and what happened in his quarter of the room you must learn from others if you were not near enough to enjoy it yourself. It is a pity we can not share him out all round on these occasions.

The Annual Dance held on January 5th was a great success too, we delight to record. The numbers were as usual, and no financial embarrassment accrued. Mr. Frank Baker yet once again worked like a horse at the hard work necessary for its success, backed by a hardy band of ticket sellers, to whose labours we are heavily indebted. All who attended agreed that they had enjoyed themselves. The fact that our numbers are never excessive seems to be very much appreciated by those who prefer room to dance in to a huge crowd. "Competitions" were held in true Marwood style and the extent to which decorous old boys entered into the spirit of them was very revealing. Only one withdrew, and that furtively, from the floor when told along with other competitors to remove his coat. Malicious rumour asserts that there was a rent down the back of this Old Boy's waist-coat the explanation of which can be gathered from the contour of the buttons down the front of that garment, and the fact that he has worn it for a quarter of a century.

To Mr. Frank Baker we are debtors for the dances of many years past. Now that there is a Mrs. Frank Baker too, we must offer congratulations and the earnest hope that before them lies a future of happiness unqualified.

The London Reunion, organised once again by George Mantle, was held very successfully on December 3rd at the "Aldwych Corner". The bill of fare is thrilling reading as also the list of the hearties who clamoured for admission. We mere provincials gasp, and ask whether they did really eat all that and if so what kind of a day's work was perpetrated in sundry Government Offices, and science laboratories after the ensuing dawn. We have no record to hand of detailed proceedings other than those hinted above,—still it is very clear that a very full time was had by all, if they started at the beginning and worked meticulously down to the last full stop—which last two words states concisely both reason and result.

A similar assembly to the above took place in January, locally, in Morgan's Cafe—the annual winter feast of "VI R"—organised by James Humble of happy memory. The names of most of those concerned are included in the list which honours our opening pages. It is pleasing to learn from one of them that they are trying to maintain Old VI R contacts now they are sundered.

In February we held a reunion for younger members in the Toc H Hall. The supper was substantial and homely, the gathering excellent in numbers and high in spirits, the entertainment hilarious, noisy and honest, and the amount of furniture broken commendably modest. The delight in games was such that there was little call for melody. For the success of the evening our thanks are especially due to G. W. Bailey and A. D. Williams, who put in some hard work for weeks before and planned out the devices which stimulated the fun and kept it going. It was a happy thought to invite the 6th form to be present as guests. We were glad to have them with us, and think that they were no less pleased to meet us.

Sporting distinctions won during the year by boys at school.

- H. Rutledge, 1st in High Jump and Long Jump, for Darlington Harriers at Inter-League Meeting.
- F. Gowland, G. C. Watson and G. D. Wing in Synthonia Harriers Team.
- G. C. Watson and G. D. Wing. Synthonia 1st XI Cricket.
- C. Urwin included in the Durham and Northumberland Water Polo team against Yorkshire at Leeds. Synthonia Water Polo Team.
- G. C. Watson, G. D. Wing, and J. V. Avery. Durham Junior Colt Trials.
- A. Capstick, D. Jeffels, D. C. Moore, B. Nicholson and R. Parsons, won three years free membership, Stockton Cricket Club.
- A. T. Collett, played in Durham County Junior XV against Northumberland and Cumberland.
- W. I. Morrow, played in Durham County Junior XV against Northumberland.

Poor Children's Treat.

This has become so much a traditional rite that we have grown almost resentful of changes in the established order of things. Even so we were presented with a number of surprises on this occasion, beginning with a mammoth Christmas tree the like of which can never before have been persuaded through the portals of any building bearing a roof. The labour of arraying it in lustrous glory must have called for something in the nature of acrobatic feats on the part of those who performed it—and there were no casualties reported.

The children too were not exactly of the traditional calibre—one select group declaring themselves not fond of ham sandwiches and preferring instead the less substantial titbits of the banquet. This delinquency however was more than made up for by a much more numerous contingent who would gladly have gone on till a later hour, and who might have conceivably have devoured the tables as well. Tea, too, was quaffed in nobly generous quantities, and after the necessary pause incidental to the change to the other chamber, digestion proceeded peacefully under the spell of Will Fleet's magic,—uninterrupted for once by comments on how the tricks were done.

Shyness still seemed to be the prevailing characteristic of the little crowd, who were surely the easiest we have ever had to control as well as the easiest to amuse. The orchestral part of the show was provided by our band of two pianos, performance limited to this unique occasion in the year, which managed miraculously to play in the same key most of the time and were as often together as not. The most meritorious portions of their show were unfortunately obscured by sounds of youthful voices at last declaring themselves, shattering sounds from Mr. Shepherd's chair leg, directed at the stage floor, not the heads of the pianists, and quavering notes of age emanating from Mr. Knowles' whiskers. Circumstances unfortunately robbed us of some of our most revered managers of mirth, but a hasty recruitment accompanied by swift changes in costume, overcame the difficulty and carried us through, bruised, but unbeaten.

Star performers among the kids themselves were singularly rare, and we thought longingly of days when tap dancers, siffleurs, and low comedians tumbled out in goodly numbers. One small boy volunteered a stave of the National Anthem on the piano, but at the second note declared himself vanquished—our piano being not like the one at home.

Later, Mr. Punch's stick was as vocal as had been the chair leg of Mr. Shepherd—its frequent use meeting with considerable ill disguised approval. How Mr. Fleet's puppets retained their pristine colour and healthy symmetry is a mystery, their sufferings in good causes being so solid and resounding.

Then followed the lucky draw, its serene course as ever disturbed by the obtuseness of sundry adult helpers who will persist in drawing preposterous numbers and claiming prizes on the strength of their impertinence. Such claims as they made were very rightly and somewhat rudely waived aside and the prizes went to their proper recipients. To end a grand night, Santa, our fourth in the true line, arrived rather youthful in figure but as benign as ever, and symbolising in his smile the spirit animating the crowd of old boys on whose generosity the success of these evenings depends. Long may they flourish.

Old Stocktonians' Cricket Match.

The second cricket match between the Old Stocktonians and the present members of the School was held on July 21st at the Grangefield ground. As though by some special arrangement, it was the only fine day thereabouts and we again enjoyed a seat in the sunshine and a full afternoon's cricket.

Few Old Boys beyond the team could make it convenient to be present, so that it has not yet become the re-union we should wish. If there is sufficient support, the meeting could be turned into a summer counterpart of the Annual Dinner. When the School moves to its new quarters it will be convenient enough to adjourn across the road for a tennis match or tournament, with bowls or croquet for the elderly, and a flannel dance or concert to conclude the evening. Already an extension of the cricket to a second match, with a team composed of past and present boys against some invited eleven, has been proposed. Much can be done if there is any encouragement.

The match this year was a triumph for bowlers and fielders rather than batsmen. In neither was the School side inferior, but, after a very promising start, they failed to reach the modest total of 74, made by the Old Boys, and lost by 10 runs. Owing to injury it was thought T. D. Olver would be unable to play. He turned out in order not to disappoint us, and consequently twelve were played on each side.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. Baldwin for making the arrangements, and, indeed, for making the match possible. We appreciate, too, the way in which the Old Boys gather a team and make a game of it, although circumstances may be against them.

OLD BOYS.

Hill, c. Watson, b. Wing	...	...	...	9
Milburn, c. Rutledge, b. Wing	...	...	...	0
Beaumont, lbw. b. Rutledge	...	...	...	0
Gilbert, c. Kendall, b. Wing	...	...	...	15
Porter, lbw. b. Wing	...	...	...	5
Sharp, c. Rutledge, b. Wing	...	...	...	0
Coates, b. Wing	...	...	...	4
Sutherland, b. Wing	2
Olver, not out	17
Callender, b. Applegarth	0
Lodge, b. Wing	5
Extras	10
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			Total	74

Wing, 9 for 25. Rutledge, 1 for 10. Applegarth, 1 for 17.

SCHOOL.

Capstick, b. Sharp	14
Kendall, b. Sutherland	...	...	...	...	0
Twiddy, b. Beaumont	...	...	...	...	27
Watson, c. Gilbert, b. Milburn	...	...	...	...	10
Wing, c. Gilbert, b. Milburn	...	...	...	...	2
Kelley, b. Milburn	...	...	...	...	2
Rutledge, c. Olver, b. Milburn	...	...	...	...	0
Applegarth, c. Milburn, b. Sutherland	...	...	...	...	4
Moore, lbw b. Beaumont	...	...	...	...	0
Barker, c. Coates, b. Milburn	...	...	...	...	1
Happer, b. Beaumont	...	...	...	...	0
Nicholson, not out	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	3

Total 64

Sutherland, 2 for 11. Sharp, 2 for 1. Milburn, 5 for 10.
Beaumont, 3 for 2.

Old Boys' Successes.

- R. Archer, Art Master's Certificate, Part 1.
 J. V. Avery, appointed to Barclay's Bank, Houghton-le-Spring.
 D. E. Bailey, Intermediate C.I.S.
 W. R. Ball, B.Eng., Liverpool, Research Electrician, Air-ministry.
 J. Beaumont, B.Sc., Durham, with 2nd Class Honours in Physics.
 A. E. Bishop, B.A., Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.
 H. Bulman, Higher Nat. Certificate, Mechanical Engineering.
 D. G. Burton, Nat. Certificate in Mechanical Engineering with Distinction.
 E. Clark, Physical Training Instructor, Dinnington Modern School.
 K. B. Crosby, 1st Year Finals, Kelham College.
 R. Dedman, D.C.C. Agricultural Exhibition of £80 per annum for three years.
 P. M. K. Embling, B.Sc. (Eng.) London, with 2nd Class Honours.
 W. Emmett, Nat. Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.
 T. Farr, B.Sc. (Eng.) Durham, Chief Erecting Engineer, Angora, Turkey.
 E. H. Fieke, Inspector to Lucas Ltd., Birmingham.
 W. E. Fletcher, Nat. Certificate in Mechanical Engineering, with three Distinctions.
 E. S. Fordy, Appointment under Stockton-on-Tees Education Committee.
 J. W. L. Gale, B.A. London, with 1st Class Honours in French.
 W. Greenacre, Architect to Blackpool Corporation.
 H. G. Hale, Graduate of Institute of Structural Engineering.

- F. W. Harvey, Intermediate Science, London University.
 L. Hodgson, Nat. Certificate in Commerce.
 R. D. Johnson, Inter. Assoc. of Cert. and Corporate Accountants.
 T. Jones, B.A. London with 2nd Class Honours in History.
 Appointed to Accountants Dept., R.A.F.
 J. S. Kean, Nat. Cert. in Mechanical Engineering.
 T. H. Lloyd, Ph.C.
 G. A. Ludbrook, Nat. Cert. in Mechanical Engineering.
 G. Marshall, Graduate of Institute of Electrical Engineering.
 H. G. Miller, M.B., B.S., Durham, House Surgeon, Great
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 C. Moore, Final Part 1 Assoc. of Cert. and Corporate Accountants.
 R. Pearson, Inter. C.I.S.
 H. C. Reed, A.S.A.A., Accountancy appointment, Rio de Janeiro.
 G. A. Roper, Inter. Part 1, Inst. of Costs and Works Accountants.
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Old Boys Here and There.

Two years ago W. V. Crierie was elected to the Stockton County Council, and began what we trust will be a career of many years of useful work for his fellow citizens as an administrator of the town's affairs. Last April he was installed as President of the Northern Council of the Federation of Meat Traders, an honour seldom conferred on one who can still claim to be young in years. In these strenuous days both these offices will claim exacting terms of their holder; but we know that in Coun. Crierie they will be fulfilled with zest and steady efficiency.

From A. E. Shields we received a thrilling account of the adventurous trip to India by 'road' to which we referred a year ago. We regret that detailed comment is not now possible. Events from the near East onward would provide ample incident for exciting fiction. As it is we cannot forbear allusion to the deserts as we have pictured them and now paradoxically crossed by motor bus services, the generous help afforded our adventurers by Afghan lorry drivers, touched by civilisation but unspoilt by it, and the greatest paradox of all, a tale of endless mishaps endured on the fine roads of India after what should have been the worst stretch of the journey was accomplished.

After seventeen years Mr. John Spark has resigned from the office of treasurer to the Stockton branch of the League of Nations Union, a cause to which he has devoted considerable patient and unremitting effort. His loss to the Stockton branch will be difficult, indeed impossible to repair.

J. T. Gleave's Presidential address to the Durham University Union Society last Autumn was printed late last year. It was a distinguished performance well worthy of preservation in a permanent form, and in its acuteness and wisdom strange reading in these days which are witnessing the unfortunate fulfilment of most of his predictions.

Those members of our association who are engaged in the writing of novels are disappointing us who wish to read them, too severely. The addition of one lone chapter in the course of twelve months may without extraordinary exaggeration be fittingly described as a somewhat dilatory method of procedure. If they do not mend their manners we shall be severe.

Dr. H. G. Millar before returning to us from John Hopkins University, Baltimore, seems to have succeeded in leaving there a Stocktonian impress very gratifying to us. It is no light honour to be asked to give the annual address at the Alumni dinner of a great American University, a task demanding tact as well as wit and wisdom. He hopes to proceed to Cambridge at the conclusion of his term at Great Ormonde Street and we extend our warmest wishes for the successful outcome of an experience which will bring him into contact with the greatest living English physician.

A. S. Ayre somewhere up Tees Valley is maintaining for us in the lower reaches ample supplies of water, pure, fresh and not excessively burdened with chlorine. He has silenced complaints from Darlington about the presence of tadpoles in the local supply. So long as they restrict themselves to Darlington area we shall not worry unduly.

Brian Berry has been shaking loose leg on the Riviera. If rumour is not a lying jade he narrowly avoided being taken for Alexander Korda. We also hear stories of visits to the Casino but these we refuse to believe for Brian simply is not built that way. Like many another of us he is now developing a faculty for seeing in the dark, but we are glad to say he has so far seen nothing too terrifying on his lonely beat.

Stocktonians simply cannot be induced to stay at home and engage in quiet deflection. E. J. Tinsley we learn spent a portion of his vacation in Rumania at Sinaia at a summer school of Rumanian and British students. A fuller account of what must have been a memorable experience would have been welcome.

C. H. Vickers is very, very busy turning out aeroplanes or something of the kind. He is apparently grown into a colossus. His footprints are used as emergency shelters and his chest measurement can not be squeezed into the compass of this account without excluding other matter.

Ernest Bryan's conscience is hurting him. At *last* he realises that he was a troublesome kid at school. At *last* he realises that his handwriting was not and is not superlatively good. And now in sorrow he confesses that his Knowledge of English Syntax might have been improved. We are glad to note this change of heart. We always knew there was Good in the lad.

Tom Olver writes familiarly and chirpily and steadfastly refuses to rid his mind of a foolish and unauthentic story about an Old Boys' dinner in musty days long past.

J. A. Tuck tells us he is not yet in love. That may be so, but has he ever reflected that he ought to be? He could cultivate the tender passion and still remain faithful to us.

Kenneth Parkinson we regret to hear has been compelled by pressure of business to resign his Commissionership in the Scout Movement. This comes after sixteen years. We happen to know how good an influence he has exerted in that grand cause and how much the work meant to him, and hope that the breach may not be for all time.

C. B. Urwin, now in the C.I.D., Birmingham, is getting about and seeing life from novel angles. Already a few months have brought him a wealth of varied experience, to which allusion could not very properly be made at this time.

F. Laws is now providing intellectual uplift as art critic to the columns of the News Chronicle in addition to coruscations in those other journals with which he is familiarly identified. He appeared in the role of lecturer at the 1939 Exhibition of the Artists International Association and is engaged we understand on a fair sized volume to be published by the Oxford University Press. We hear also stories of B.B.C. engagements,—so that means buying the Radio Times as well. Freddie, you are expensive.

When last we heard of J. H. Nicholson and D. Brookfield they were both working in the same house, a Government house. Even so, such is the pressure at which these gentlemen labour that in the space of eight months they met only three times, and on each occasion had time only to recognise each other in passing—so they say.

Two of our younger members have been acquiring local fame in drama, F. L. Mills and W. Lowes. Since they do not seem to have any intention of mending their ways and are reputed to be superior to the requirement of a supporting cast they can consider their fate sealed. To the next dinner they come in peace or in pieces.

F. W. Bowen is developing a pretty taste in note paper. We can pick out a letter of his from the darkest corner of the next room, and have had to install special black-out shutters. He has descended to bridge drives and has won prizes at these functions. We trust that he will resist darts, now that the third line of defence is mobilised and in action. Incidentally he has discovered the hiding place of R. Raper whom he describes

The under 14's did so well that they were entered for the Durham County Schools Cup. They made their way to the Final by defeating Sunderland Schools 9—0, and Wellfield 8—3. In the Final they went down narrowly to South Shields at Westoe. This, our first season with a fifteen consisting of beginners only, promises well for success in future years.

The season was memorable not only for these successes but also for evidence of a real awakening of the Rugby spirit in the school, as apparent in the crowds which supported the home and not-so-far away matches. This spirit Mr. Baker and Hall did much to encourage, and it is perhaps true to say that it healthily pervaded other departments of school activity.

Cricket, 1939.

Both First and Second teams had full fixture lists once more this season and both enjoyed much success. The list and results will be found below.

As can be seen, the First eleven was generally victorious, with sufficient setbacks to provide the glorious uncertainty, which is the spice of the game. Our losses were, as a rule, due to unaccountable lapses on our part, rather than absolute superiority on the part of our opponents.

Our attack was in many ways the strongest part of the team, not only for its individual worth, but also because of its variety. We had two swing bowlers in Wing and Applegarth, a fast leg-break bowler in Rutledge, an excellent slow left-hander in Barker and two stock off-break bowlers in Happer and Watson.

Unlike last year, there have been no outstanding batsmen of the quality of Avery, but the burden has been shared more equally among the team. Nevertheless the first eleven reached its highest total in the present records by scoring 187 for 7 wickets at Great Ayton.

The great feature of this season has been the growth of a real cricket spirit, with No. 11 talking as glibly of away-swingers and batting against the break as Mr. Morris himself. Being limited to a short time for our games it often happens that only half the team bats and that very few changes can be made in the bowling. Despite this—and it is to the credit of those from the lower half of the team—there has been no failure in interest during the whole season. The outlook for next year is not bright, but some of the younger members of the side will be staying and we shall hope for the best.

Our second eleven is to be congratulated on winning all its school fixtures. Three games were lost against local sides, but these were not official matches. As before D. Smith made an able and cheerful captain. They have shown that there is plenty of cricketing ability in the lower part of the School, and on this we shall rely next year.

We can say with justification that this year has marked a still further step towards making this a really strong cricketing school by its successes and spirit of keenness.

FIRST ELEVEN.

		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
May 6	H	M'bro St. Mary's	W	45 for 2	44
13	A	M'bro High School	W	101	51
20	A	West Hartlepool	L	35	109 for 5
27	H	Guisbrough	D	56 for 4	110 for 6
June 3	A	Acklam	L	62	63 for 9
10	A	Great Ayton	D	187 for 7	101 for 3
24	A	Wellfield	W	79 for 5	39
July 8	H	West Hartlepool	W	67	22
15	H	M'bro High School	D	121 for 5	42 for 9
21	A	Old Boys	L	64	74
22	A	Henry Smith's	W	67 for 6	65
24	A	Sedgfield	W	118 for 8	77

SECOND ELEVEN.

		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
May 13	H	M'bro High School	W	44	35
20	H	West Hartlepool	W	111	21
27	H	Richard Hind	W	46 for 6	45
June 3	H	Hugh Bell, M'bro	W	53 for 7	50
10	H	do. do.	W	100 for 8	47
17	H	St. Mary's	W	108 for 7	17
July 8	A	West Hartlepool	W	66	53
15	A	M'bro High School	W	125	63

FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES.

BATTING.

<i>Batsman</i>	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
Kelley	6	2	36	83	20·7
Wing	12	3	41 n.o.	161	17·9
Rutledge	7	2	34	78	15·6
Watson	12	0	60	169	14·1
Capstick	12	0	33	168	14
Twiddy	12	1	27	147	12·7

BOWLING.

<i>Bowler</i>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Runs per Wkt.</i>
Applegarth	37·1	9	77	14	5·5
Wing	111·4	32	213	38	5·6
Rutledge	74·1	21	151	24	6·2
Barker	39	5	139	13	10·7
Happer	26	10	48	4	12
Watson	24·2	6	67	2	33·5

RECORD.

Played 12; Won 7; Lost 3; Drawn 2.

In the Day's Work.

It is indeed well that the marking of examination papers is sometimes enlivened by a little unconscious humour. On their English paper our Scholarship Candidates this year were told about "Jack", who was well known to the human inhabitants of a village, who trotted down the village street, and who liked to get out on to the moors where there were other swift-footed creatures. The candidates were asked if they could identify Jack and the reasons for their opinion. Such answers as "a ruffian", "the village idiot", "the village postman" were rather pointless. Distinctly more sinister were the estimates of two people: "Jack is the son of the Lord of the Manor—because he does no work", and "Jack is the village parson—because the other inhabitants are human"!

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Other interests of our young people were revealed by the candidate who opined that "a man who studies the stars" would be called a "a film director", and those precocious young men who, asked to complete "Darby and", unhesitatingly wrote "Darby and Oaks". But perhaps the most intriguing answer of all was one which was found on a General Intelligence paper. The question (simple enough surely) asked: "What letter is in Thursday and not in Saturday"? and the very subtle answer was "Littlewood's"!!

Old Stocktonians' Association.

Revised October, 1929.

1.—The name of the Association shall be the "Old Stocktonians."

The "Old Stocktonians" aims at continuing friendships and preserving that spirit of comradeship which ought to exist among those who have been educated at the same school. These aims are to be achieved by means of social, recreative, and educational pursuits.

2.—The Association shall be open to the Old Boys of the Stockton Secondary School and of the late Higher Grade School. Past and present members of the staff are also eligible.

3.—The government of the Association shall be vested in three Presidents, six Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries and a Committee of sixteen, together with the Secretary of each sub-section.

(a) The present and retired headmasters shall be Presidents ex-officio. The third shall be elected annually.

(b) All the other officials shall be elected annually.

(c) A member holding any office shall be eligible for re-election in the following year, in the same or any capacity.

(d) In Committee seven shall form a quorum.

(e) The Committee shall have power to co-opt any member or members at their discretion for the time being for any particular purpose.

4.—The Committee shall have power to refuse membership to any applicant for admission or to ask any member to resign (after investigation by the Committee and confirmation by a general meeting), whose conduct they consider such as to militate against the welfare of the Association.

5.—Each Section shall be self-governing and self-supporting. The Committee, however, shall have power to grant financial aid to any section.

Each Section shall submit its programme to the General Committee for approval.

6.—The Annual Subscription shall be one shilling for the first two years after leaving School—after that it shall be two shillings—payable to any member of the Committee, before January 1st. In lieu of an Annual Subscription, a Life Subscription of twenty-five shillings may be made.

7.—These Rules shall be altered only at the Annual General Meeting, and then only by a two-thirds majority; all motions of such alteration to be in the hands of the Secretaries four days before the date of such meeting.

8.—The Annual General Meeting shall be held in September or October.

9.—The Financial Year shall end on the 31st December.