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An Association of Old Boys of the Grangefield Grammar School, Stockton-on-Tees, formerly known as the Stockton Secondary School for Boys, and originally as the Stockton Higher Grade School.

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or to the :—

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*deceased.

YET AGAIN

Greetings once again to our family of Old Boys. It is pleasing to know how very many after the lapse of long years retain happy memories of the Old place and look forward to the publication of this modest record.

On January 24th, the Association will celebrate its fortieth birthday, a not unsatisfactory achievement in view of the difficulties encountered in the course of that period, which has witnessed the birth and deaths of very many similar ventures.

The School has now settled down in its new home at Grangefield, and growing pains seem to be easing. Examination results this year are as gratifying as in 1952, comparing very favourably with those of similar schools in the locality. Better facilities for out-door and out of school activities are already proving their value now that we have ample space for ourselves and are not condemned to share one inadequate building with the Girls' Grammar School and the Technical Institute. The achievements in sport are promising, especially in the Middle and Junior Schools, now that systematic coaching and training are possible. The junior forms now have their own very enthusiastic debating society, the Junior Forum; Chess enthusiasts can engage every day in a friendly encounter; the Senior debating society can conduct its affairs in the pleasing environment of a well-equipped library; the library itself is no longer a thing without a home, widely dispersed in odd cupboards in draughty corridors, stairways and unfriendly form rooms. We have now space in which to run both two school orchestras, and two school choirs, one meeting on Friday evenings and open therefore to Old Boys and adult friends of the school, whose help is warmly welcomed. Sports Day is now held on our own Grounds, and Old Boys matches take place within a few yards of our own school buildings. These advantages should yield remarkable dividends in the years to come. Drama also receives considerable attention.

THE PRESIDENT.

After three years devoted service to the Association as President, Mr. G. D. Little feels that the time has come when he must make way for a successor. The Association is loth to part with him. Like his predecessor, Mr. John Wilkinson, he has put in many arduous but enthusiastic hours on our behalf, and to his energies are largely due the fact that we have come through the difficulties of the post war years as well as we have. Mr. Little is a man of considerable energy and his efforts for us have been enthusiastically supported by Mrs. G. D. Little and by his mother, Mrs. F. Little, the latter an old and devoted friend of the School. Mr. Little, we are glad to say, is likely to "stay on" as Hon. Treasurer, and if rumour for once prove not a "lying jade," the Association will have every reason to consider itself very fortunate indeed.

WAR MEMORIALS.

After some delay attended by a certain amount of anxiety we are happy to report that the 1914-18 War Memorial has been set up in the new School where it occupies a prominent place on the south Wall of the Hall, filling the space between the two main entrances

The New Memorial to those who fell in the World War, 1939-45 has at last been erected, in a central position on the North Wall, above the platform, and opposite the 1914-18 Memorial. The Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony took place at 7-30 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, 24th September. A description of the Memorial, and Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony is given later in this year book. Incidentally, may we draw attention to the fact that the Memorial has not been erected free from debt. There remains a liability of about £12 and it would be a great relief if Old Boys who have not done so would send their contributions and help us to clear the debt by the end of the year.

AUTUMN ACTIVITIES.

As a result of the enthusiastic efforts of Messrs. G. D. Little, Councillor E. H. Brown, H. D. Hardie and E. H. Fieke, something resembling the work of a former "Engineering Section" has been revived this autumn, in the form of "Visits to Local Industry." So far one such visit has taken place under the aegis of Councillor Brown and Mr. Hardie, to Messrs, Furness Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Haverton Hill, on Thursday, 14th August. Three others complete the programme for this session, namely, to Messrs. Head, Wrightson and Co. Ltd., Teesdale Iron Works, Thornaby, on Wednesday, 27th August: to Messrs. Dorman, Long and Co., Ltd., Britannia Works, Newport, Middlesbrough, on Wednesday, 10th September (both sponsored by Mr. E. H. Feike); and to I.C.I. (Billingham Division) on Thursday, 18th September, sponsored by Mr. G. D. Little. It is regretted that notices could not be circulated throughout the Association because of the expense involved. Many Old Stocktonians, we know, would be interested. They are asked to inform the Secretary of the fact so that in due course they may be informed of any further events of a similar nature.

THE DINNER

was held on Thursday, December 20th, in Spark's Cafe. As has been the case for a series of years now, a good deal of the success of the function was due to the generous kindness of Mr. John Spark who treated us as very welcome guests indeed. About eighty-five Old Boys attended, under the presidency of Mr. G. D. Little, ably supported by our other two presidents, Dr. Kinnes and Mr. E. Baldwin. Our guests, Dr. M. P. Appleby, sometime Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, lately of the I.C.I., and now of the University of Durham, and Mr. G. J. Chetwynd, M.P., our local Member of Parliament, were both in splendid form, as were also Old Boy G. W. Wardell in reminiscent mood as a really "Old" Stocktonian in spite of his youthful spirits and Councillor E. H. Brown. Entertainment of a "professional" type, including a display of conjuring and a ventriloquial Act brought a splendid evening to a hurried close at 11 p.m just when we were warming to things. Requests have come from one or two out of town Old Boys for Friday as the best day for the Dinner. The matter is under consideration, but we have usually been compelled to choose Thursdays in view of the proximity of the Festive Season and the consequent difficulty of securing waiting staff and attendance.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1952

this year promises to be one of unusual importance in so much as notices have been given of motions to alter the rules of the Association. Of these notices one seeks to reduce the numbers of the committee, the idea being that a large committee does not make necessarily for efficient working. The second arises from the fact that with subscriptions as they were in 1913 it is almost impossible to keep things going. The suggestion is that annual subscriptions should be raised from 2/- to 2/6, and Life Membership from £1/5/- to £1/10/-. Both increases are very slight and indeed perhaps less than the situation demands. In any case, Old Stocktonian subscriptions will remain considerably lower than those required by comparable associations, whose figures seem never to be less than 5/-. May we have a good attendance, especially of those who feel they might be of service on the Committee.

The suggested rules will be found further on in this Year Book.

BADMINTON.

Old Boys who wish to play Badminton will be able to make use of the gymnasium for this purpose. Those interested should get together and form a Section for this purpose which should be represented on the Committee.

OLD FRIENDS.

During the year we have been visited in the new School by Mr. Baker, in Stockton for a brief spell, and Mr. Manners. Both were very fit and well but it is doubtful whether they were envious of our new quarters. Mr. Ball continues to flourish at Langholm. Mr. Bremner is recovered from the spell of indisposition that made us anxious a year ago. Mr. Watson was in Stockton and visited us just before our removal. From Malaya we received cheering news from Mr. Atkinson, and a few weeks before term end Mr. Stone dropped in on us on leave from the Gold Coast. Dr. Jones who left us last December has not allowed much time to elapse before looking us up once more. Apparently, even Waterloo and Seaforth have not charm sufficient to eclipse us completely.

In this number an attempt (unfortunately incomplete) has been made to date the names of Old Stocktonians which appear in these pages. This is in response to repeated requests. The difficulty of doing the task properly has for some time served as a deterrent, for the School records are not easy to trace right back to 1896, war time evacuation and subsequent removal back to the old building and now to Grangefield having effected some dislocation and misplacement. In addition, methods of entering admissions have varied surprisingly over the years. Hence, no dates can be given with absolute precision for one or two periods until further search brings to light the matter sought. The Editor will be glad if Old Boys will correct any errors they find and supply details which are wanting. At any rate, this is the beginning of a very desirable improvement. Figures indicative of century (!) are to be understood. Thus, 97-01 would signify that the person named entered the Old Higher Grade School in 1897 and left in 1901. A single figure indicates the date of leaving, date of admission being at the moment unchecked. Where the compiler has been compelled to draw on unaided memory, approximate suggestion of date has been made e.g. "ante 1913" means not at school after that date but in attendance at no great length of time before.

THE WAR MEMORIAL, 1939-45

takes the form of a Mural Tablet in panelled oak, with the School Crest carved at the head of the tablet in bold relief, and inscriptions and names of the fifty-two Old Stocktonians who gave their lives incised and gilded in gold leaf. The Tablet is placed in the middle of the north wall of the School Hall, over the platform, and opposite the Memorial to those who fell in the Great War, 1914-18. The inscription is as follows:—

ROLL OF HONOUR.

IN MEMORY OF OLD BOYS OF THIS SCHOOL WHO GAVE
THEIR LIVES, 1939-45.

J. V. Avery.	J. Davison.	L. Newton.
A. Andrews.	M. B. Dixon.	D. G. Patterson.
F. Blakey.	A. C. St. C. Dickie.	C. J. Plummer.
H. F. Booth.	P. B. Haile.	H. M. Proctor.
A. E. Brown.	N. Haynes.	S. Proud.
C. J. Bowen.	J. Harrison.	F. N. Rand.
D. Bryan.	R. Harrison.	A. W. Rutledge.
F. H. Bush.	C. Hill.	J. D. Smith.
F. Catchpole.	W. M. James.	L. B. Smith.
A. Cooke.	D. B. Lambton.	C. Snaith.
L. Cox.	L. Lawson.	R. Spooner.
R. J. Cherrey.	J. Lonsdale.	O. J. Summers.
R. K. Chambers.	A. L. McEwen.	C. H. Vickers.
G. B. Collins.	G. A. March.	F. C. Willans.
R. P. Carling.	D. C. Moore.	C. H. Willoughby.
S. Cossey.	E. Morton.	R. Woof.
D. Clark.	W. Nelson.	W. Holliday.

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."

ERECTED BY OLD STOCKTONIANS ASSOCIATION

The Ceremony of Unveiling and Dedication took place on the evening of Wednesday, 24th September. Considerable efforts had been made to establish contact with relatives and subscribers, but unfortunately the task proved impossible of completion as a result of the lapse of seven years since the end of hostilities and a host of difficulties which have harassed the Association this summer. Even so a very representative gathering took part in the ceremony, headed by the Mayoress of Stockton-on-Tees, the Mayor of Thornaby, the Town Clerk and Mrs. Haworth, the School Governors and the Headmaster. About 150 relatives of the fallen were present, contingents from the British Legion, the R.A.F. and the Women's Auxiliary Service, Old Boys, present Scholars and Staff and friends.

The Form of Service was drawn up for us and conducted by an esteemed Old Boy, the Rev. F. H. Britton, M.A., Vicar of Eighton Banks, and Chaplain to the Durham County Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' Associations, and the ceremony was deeply impressive in its simplicity and earnest sincerity. A most moving address was delivered by Mr. C. Rutledge of Middleton St. George, father of the late Flight-Lieut. A. W. Rutledge, before he proceeded to the Unveiling. After the Dedication by the Rev. F. H. Britton, wreaths were laid on the memorial by Master John Clark, son of the late Flight-Lieut. Denis Clark on behalf of the relatives of the fallen and by G. D. Little, Esq., President, on behalf of the Association. The singing was ably and reverently led by the school choir of fifty voices under the direction of Mr. B. R. White, B.A., our music master.

At the request of many who were present, it is hoped to print copies of Mr. Rutledge's address.

Among the distinguished Old Boys, whom we were glad to see at the Unveiling of the War Memorial were :

NORMAN WINN, J.P., now Headmaster of Newtown School and a Governor of our own Grangefield Grammar School.

HAROLD DODSWORTH, A.S.A.A., who after serving in the Offices of Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Chartered Accountants, at Middlesbrough, Newcastle and Darlington, is now Secretary to Messrs. Robert Stephenson and Co., Ltd., Locomotive Engineers, Darlington.

SUPERINTENDENT W. BUSH (now in charge of the Organisation and Training Department, Headquarters, Aycliffe) who, on leaving school, commenced to serve an apprenticeship as a draughtsman with Messrs. Richardson, Duck and Co. Ltd. at Thornaby, but who, later on, owing to industrial depression, joined the Durham County Constabulary and ultimately rose to the position of Chief Inspector of Police (for a time Superintendent) at Stockton.

FRANK POTTERS, Secretary of the great I.C.I. Chemical Works which is arising at Wilton.

TOM WHITING, F.I.M., Chief Metallurgist (Screw Division) at the firm of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefords (Midlands Ltd.), Birmingham.

ALDERMAN H. DRINKEL, Manager of the Building and Works Department, Stockton Co-operative Society, and now serving his second term as Mayor of Thornaby.

FRANK SAWDON, Secretary of the Chemical and Insulating Co. Ltd., Darlington and also a Director of the Darlington Insulating Co. Ltd. and of Messrs. S. T. Taylor and Sons., Ltd.

STAFF CHANGES.

Staff changes seem to be taking place more frequently now than of old and we regret to report that Dr. H. W. Jones and Mr. R. F. Laverick left last session.

The former, who was an assistant English master, was promoted to a senior post in a school nearer his home in Cheshire, and the latter after many years successful teaching, gave up the profession altogether and is now in business in Middlesbrough. We are indeed sorry to lose these two valued colleagues and we wish them all good luck and prosperity.

The arrival of four new masters falls to be chronicled. Mr. A. H. Holden joined us as assistant English master last January. Educated at Gravesend Grammar School, and King's College, London, he graduated B.A. with Honours. After research work for a further period of two years he was awarded his M.A.

Mr. E. Dixon, B.Sc., who joined the Physics department, was a pupil of Westfield Grammar School and a student of Durham University.

Mr. J. D. Shell, B.Sc., is a mathematician and was educated at Rutherford College and King's College, Newcastle.

Mr. B. Thompson, B.Sc., is assisting in the chemistry department and comes from West Hartlepool and like his colleagues is also a graduate of King's College.

We give these four gentlemen a hearty welcome and we are glad to note that they seem already to have settled down comfortably amongst us.

RUGBY.

OLD STOCKTONIANS v. SCHOOL, 1952.

The game between the Old Stocktonians and the School at Rugby Football was held on the last afternoon of the Easter Term, April 4th. It was preceded by a light-hearted one-act performance, in which some of the Staff played some of the School at a game which our reporter understood to be called Association. He was also informed that the latter won by a goal to nil.

It had appeared to be something of a rush to try to arrange a match for an afternoon in term, but the Old Stocktonians rose to the occasion strongly and produced a team which could show the School good Rugby combination.

The team was G. Lancaster, E. Turton, J. Brunt, R. Hosie, D. Brown, G. Jewitt, G. Griffiths, C. I. Ayres, T. Harding, M. Reeves, L. Lloyd, J. Addison, I. Brown, M. Sizer, and K. Jeffs. D. Featherstone was referee.

The Old Boys won handsomely, 26—6.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS.

SUMMER, 1952.

Certificate of General Education at Ordinary Level (five year candidates). (The figures after name indicate number of subjects in which successful).

V.A.: J. Archer (3), D. Bambrough (5), A. I. Barker (7), R. Barwick (6), C. Bell (9), T. P. Bellis (6), B. P. Brand (7), V. Brooks (7), J. R. Crowden (5), W. A. Davis (4), J. B. Dean (6), G. Dewison (9), D. L. Foulger (5), J. W. Franks (4), J. Gilliland (8), D. Graham (3), W. Howell (3), G. B. Kenyon (6), A. G. Maughan (1), J. W. E. Milner (9), A. Robson (3), P. Scott (1), A. P. Smith (3), D. Stobbs (3), W. H. Wade (2), J. B. Walton (5), M. Wilkinson (2), I. Williams (2).

V.B.: J. P. Candlin (8), P. M. J. J. Dee (9), M. C. Duncan (7), J. E. Hardwick (8), P. R. Helliwell (10), E. Holmes (8), J. E. Hutchinson (7), W. D. Kennedy (1), I. B. Laing (7), F. Lloyd (5), D. B. Maude (2), H. H. McEwen (4), D. Moses (5), D. J. Nash (6), E. Pinder (2), J. E. Restall (4), D. Rigg (4), J. B. Sharp (9), T. Shield (5), H. K. Slater (5), D. E. Stoddart (8), J. S. Stoddart (7), C. M. Swainston (5), J. W. Taylor (1), P. L. Williams (8), C. H. Willoughby (8), J. Wray (2), T. D. Yeats (6).

Vith Form candidates, subjects at Ordinary level added to earlier Certificate.

F. G. Hunter (Latin), M. Howard (French), D. Lewis (English), K. Murray (Latin), C. A. Raine (English, Art), D. V. Lishman (Geography), F. Nicholson (Physics), J. Peacock (Physics).

Vith Form (seven year Candidates, at Advanced Level).

R. E. Barnes (E.H.G.), M. Howard (E.H.), D. Lewis (Art), F. Ward (E.), C. Gardner (G.M.P.), D. V. Lishman (M.P.), J. Peacock (M.), R. D. Richardson (M.P.C.), H. Simpson (P.C.) D. Wanless (G.M.P.).
E. english, H. history, G. geography, M. mathematics, P. physics, C. chemistry.

Durham County Scholarships.

R. E. Barnes, C. Gardner, R. D. Richardson, H. Simpson, D. Wanless.

Durham County Scholarship, 1951 (omitted in error from last year book).

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C. W. KING MEMORIAL PRIZE.

Founded by Old Stocktonians to perpetuate the memory of C. W. King, M.A., Jesus College Oxford; and London, Assistant Master 1908-1946, and Senior English Master for 23 years. The prize, valued at about £1 10s., is awarded annually to the student gaining the highest marks in English Language and Literature combined in the Certificate of General Education — Ordinary Level (corresponding to the old School Certificate).

Prizewinners :

- 1948 : A. Osmund.
- 1949 : H. D. Glenwright.
- 1950 : R. D. Richardson.
- 1951 : N. Macdonald.
- 1952 : P. J. Williams.

G. G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL.

Founded by Old Stocktonians in memory of G. G. Armstrong, M.A., M.Litt., Armstrong College, University of Durham, Senior History Master, 1921-48. The prize is awarded annually for the best Historical Essay submitted by senior pupils, the winner also to hold for a year the Armstrong Memorial Cup.

Prizewinners :

- 1951 : D. E. Stoddart.
- 1952 :

Old Boys please note that a visitor's book is placed in the entrance hall of the New School in which they are asked to record details of news, appointments, etc., of others as well as themselves.

Note also this year marks the 50th birthday of Mr. Evan Baldwin's connection with the School. Enclosed sheet details plan for observing the event. Mr. E. Baldwin was one of the founders of the Association.

OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

This Fund, which was established in 1926, aims at rendering assistance to Old Boys who at any time find themselves in a state of embarrassment owing to a lack of cash.

Generally, this assistance is given in two ways :—

1. By a direct grant, e.g., in the case of protracted illness, etc.
2. By a loan, e.g., in order to help the recipient in the pursuit of a career, etc.

In the early years, frequent calls were made on the Fund and many Old Boys have not failed to express their appreciation of the assistance which it has been able to give them. Since the war, however, the calls have dwindled in number.

At the moment, the amount standing in the bank to the credit of the Fund is £402-14-9.

Old Boys, who wish to take advantage of the Fund, are asked to make application to the Headmaster (or one of the other Trustees), who will also be grateful for donations which other more fortunate Old Boys care to send him.

OLD STOCKTONIANS' ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED NEW RULES—to be considered at the Annual General Meeting in the School Hall, notice of which is enclosed with this issue.

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 Grange-field Grammar School, formerly known as the Stockton Secondary School for Boys, and originally known as the Higher Grade School. Past and present members of the Staff are also eligible.

3. The Officers of the Association shall be :—

- (a). Three Presidents, who shall be the present Headmaster, the Founder of the Association and an Old Boy.
- (b). Six Vice-Presidents.
- (c). A Treasurer.
- (d). A Secretary and Assistant Secretary.
- (e). An Auditor.

These together with twelve elected members shall constitute the Committee of Management.

With the exception of the present Headmaster and the Founder of the Association, all Officers and other members of the committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting which shall be held in the third week of October each year.

4. In committee seven shall form a quorum.

5. Members will be encouraged to form sections for specific activities, but must first obtain the approval of the committee of management.

6. The Annual Subscription shall be Two Shillings and Sixpence (2/6) payable on the 1st January each year. For the **first year** only after leaving school the subscription shall be 1/-.

In lieu of an Annual Subscription a Life Subscription of Thirty Shillings (£1-10-0) may be made.

All Life Subscriptions shall be paid into a separate account at the bank, out of which there shall be transferred annually into the General Fund 1/- in respect of each Life member.

7. The rules of the Association can be altered only at an Annual General Meeting, and then only by a two-thirds majority. All motions for any such alteration shall be submitted in writing at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

OLD BOYS HERE AND THERE.

J. A. ELLIOTT (51), now meteorologically disposed at Leeming R.A.F. Station, has been taking a training course in London by way of penance for opportunities so sadly neglected at school. He indignantly disclaims all responsibility for official forecasts emanating from Dunstable and broadcast by the B.B.C.

DONALD NEWELL (51) now learning draughtsmanship in Draper, Adelaide, S. Australia, finds that we are hard to forget, though he does not precisely state why.

HAROLD MONKMAN (20-24) has done well in London town since leaving the homeland after his first professional appointment with the late esteemed H. Tindall Sherwood, himself an Old Boy. He is now on the Board of Directors of Meggeson and Co. Ltd., who specialise in the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations, and has charge of new product developments for home and overseas markets. Old Boys of thirty years ago residing in the Metropolitan area are invited to get in touch with him at 38 Norbury Rise, Norbury, S.W.16 (Pollards 4131).

J. B. ELDERS (11-16), now a pharmacist at Luton, Beds., writes engagingly of days gone by. One is amazed at the number of Old Boys of his time now resident in the South Midlands and home Counties whom he has encountered and who are still recognisable in spite of time and its ravages — for R. E. B. Williams (H.M. Inspector of Taxes) and Eric Tremayne are both settled in Luton. Lt.-Col. Charles Funnell (perhaps the first in Stockton to build a wireless set, way back in 1912) is located in artistic surroundings in Chelsea, and Fred Johnson is H.M. Inspector of Taxes at Peterborough. Old Boy Elders remembers that the theme of a "new school" was in the air in the days of the first Great War, and is amazed to hear that the school in question is now an actual fact, and neighbour to the Grangefield Cricket Ground which can no longer be regarded as located in Ultima Thule.

W. G. HUME, an important personality in the National Agricultural Advisory Service, writes in commendation of the Old Stocktonians Office Staff—who invest him with the power of living in three separate houses all at the same time, and who ensure contact with him by addressing communications to him to a composite address including all three. The "staff," he thinks, is a girl with initiative.

B. W. FENNER has secured his place in the 1st crew of the Durham Amateur Rowing Club and rowed "Bow" in the County Eight which defeated Northumberland on the Tyne—as we might well expect.

CYRIL DAVIDSON, after twelve months service on the Flag Commander's Staff at Singapore is now serving on H.M.S. "Ceylon" in Korean waters.

No less than five Old Stocktonians are at the moment administering Tees-side Income Tax affairs. A. L. INGMAN is in charge of the Stockton Tax Office. L. W. Pennock, assisted by A. H. BEARD, is in charge of one of the two Middlesbrough Offices, and J. B. IONS and A. WILKINSON assist at each of the two Darlington Offices. At present under training are R. GARDNER (Middlesbrough), J. A. CATTERMOLLE (Stockton), and K. CLARK (Darlington), all of whom we confidently look forward to greeting as fully qualified Inspectors in twelve month's time. So we have been warned.

R. S. ATKINSON is now at Dorman, Long's, Middlesbrough.

E. BLACKBURN (R.A.F.), stationed a few months ago in Wiltshire, has trained as a Technician in the Radar section of the service, and by this time should be serving in Singapore.

The REV. ALBERT ROBINSON, after six years in the East End of Sunderland, and two in Darlington, finds work in a wide-spread agricultural parish no less full and varied than work in a densely populated town. He is Vicar of Kirkby Moorside.

H. TOMPKINSON (11-16) would like to make contact with any other Old Boy interested in Long Distance Pigeon Racing. He is an expert on Pigeon Fancying, famous nationally for both practical achievement with racing birds and for his regular contributions to the Pigeon Fanciers' Press. He began his career in the form room, with mice and sparrows released at finely calculated moments and promise and proficiency did not pass unrewarded by Mr. Prest who was not at all likely to be blind to the presence of a genius in his school, nor likely to withhold necessary encouragement.

JOHN F. ELLIS continued his research on organic fluorides at Durham University and has been appointed to a post under the Ministry of Supply.

Fleet Street has been invaded by T. C. COWIE, now on the editorial staff of the Daily Mirror. He has already encountered F. LAWS who for some years now has been on the staff of the News Chronicle. The London Press will improve.

A charming letter from CHARLES H. O'GRADY (20-27), who refers to himself as 16 stone of dull placidity, revives happy memories of days when ambitions could be infinite, boys could actually mis-pronounce words, and occasional suppression was regarded as proper in the form room, when the little darlings got somewhat elevated in spirits. The "repression" in O'Grady's case does not seem to have checked his rigour or stunted his genius if we are to judge from a varied and not undistinguished career in which a mere quarter of a century has seen him engaged in commerce in Stockton, a member of the Metropolitan Police, a Champion in the boxing ring, a Captain in the Guards and finally a successful business man privileged to display the Royal Arms over the doorway of his premises.

GEORGE S. JEFFREY (44-50) is farming at Eshton, Gargrave, as a preliminary to entering an agricultural college.

Dr. H. M. KING, M.P., six months ago, brightened the columns of the "North Eastern Weekly News" with a fascinating article on "Schoolboy Memories of an Exile" concerning Stockton as it was about 1909-14. His reminiscences inevitably were strongly coloured by memories of the School in Nelson Terrace and the remarkable people, young and not so young, who flourished there in those days, notably Mr. J. J. Prest, dignified and adept in the handling of the butter pat, and Daddy Bowry under whose direction the school building was every week-end scrubbed bright and shining for the week to come.

FREDDIE DIXON, whose achievement on motor cycle and car racing tracks delighted us during the years from 1920-35, is breaking new ground as a designer—in association with Harry Ferguson Research Ltd., a firm which builds tractors at Coventry and which has connections with the Standard Co.

Prizewinners under the Junior Advanced Scheme of Messrs. Ashmore, Benson, Pease and Co. include two Old Boys recently left, both of whom did remarkably well, gaining 95 per cent awards:—their names, K. McCARTHY and D. BERRY.

J. T. GIBSON, holder of Lloyd's Medal for Gallantry at Sea, is now sailing in home waters, between Seaham Harbour and Bournemouth, as an officer in the service of the National Gas Board.

D. M. McEWEN (43-50) after two years at the University of Nottingham, is continuing his studies at the Sorbonne. (University of Paris).

ROY STEWARTSON has returned to England after a year in the U.S.A. for the purpose of studying the American Steel Industry. He has no regret at returning to the Old Country although profoundly impressed by what is "colossal" in American methods of steel production. Much of his time is taken up travelling the country lecturing on his experiences. Last January, Tees-siders were privileged to hear him in Middlesbrough on the theme of "American Merchant Mill Rolling Practice." His letter to the old school was written while travelling from Sheffield to Workington. Incidentally his satisfaction at learning of our installation at Grangefield is tempered with the feeling that the "new buildings have brought their troubles." Who has been telling tales out of school?

GERALD FIRMAN (44-49) writes from Minden Barracks, Aldershot, where he has his training as an Instructor in one of the branches of Knowledge apposite to the work of the R.A.O.C.

P. H. GOODERICK, after graduating at the University of Cambridge, has proceeded to Bishops Hostel, Lincoln, where he is continuing his theological studies and pastoral training prior to ordination. In some respects he finds life in a Theological College strangely reminiscent of school.

From Leeds RICHARD HARRIS sends us a touching memento of days gone by in the form of a photograph taken at the Victoria Ground on School Sports Day in June, 1922. The little group of three consists of Philip Beard, who died some twenty-five years ago, Eric Mitchell, whose passing it was our sad duty to record in the last issue of the "Stocktonian" and Dick Harris himself. We should have liked to have reproduced the photograph in this issue. Perhaps it may be possible to do so next year. Older Old Boys we know would be gratified to have published photographic reminders of former happy days. Harris would be grateful if any Old Boy could forward him the address of the late Eric Mitchell's family. Since coming to Leeds he has met Chris. Hoggett, and C. A. Eden for the first time since leaving school.

HERBERT A. WAISTELL in Darlington, seeks information of D. J. O'B. Baird. Visitors to Darlington are apparently likely to catch a glimpse of the figure of an Old Stocktonian accountant there, to wit, FRANK SHUTT, not much changed except for the dignified accompanying circumstance of an umbrella.

WILFRED R. HUME, another Darlington luminary, made history by getting himself into the official crowd of V.I.P.'s. present at the opening of the new school. He attended as representative of the Darlington Rural District Council. What a boy!

HERBERT HALE, after roving round as a warrior in sundry places, found himself finally in a Staff job in London in 1944. Peace finds him still a Londoner, though no longer a fighting man, and a near neighbour of David Kirtley.

W. LOWES (33-37) sailed for New Zealand in the early summer

C. D. MIDDLETON (44-49) is now an electrical mechanic in the R.A.F. (Regulars) and is stationed in the North of Scotland.

Greetings and good wishes have also been received from A. W. WALTON (-) Lecturer and Demonstrator at the University of Leeds; ALFRED T. COLLETT (36-40) in great form at Darlington; R. E. LAMB (-) in similar bright heart at Fishburn, and one of the last Old Boys to drop in on us at Nelson Terrace before our removal, E. L. BEECH (45-49) now serving with H.M. Forces in Germany; THOMAS F. WOOD (45-49) in the R.A.F.; J. O. GREEN (-) in R.A.F. Also in the R.A.F. and both at Hornchurch, Essex are two former form mates in mischief GEOFFREY S. HORNER and DERRICK BALL (41-47), still inseparable as when travelling Stocktonwards from Eaglescliffe, disturbing the peace of S.S.S. and providing diversion for the Eaglescliffe contingent of the Boys Brigade.

D. W. TOWNSEND (-) has transferred himself from Stillington to Leeds, and advanced into the Field of Matrimony. Others who have ventured to the married state are ARTHUR W. WYNN (-) and KENNETH FURPHY (-). We wish them all good wishes.

Both ARCHER GREEN (-) Eaglescliffe, and the Rev. E. J. TINSLEY, (-), University College, Hull, are disturbed at the thought of being in arrears with their subscriptions to the Association. Would that many others were blessed with as warm a feeling for us.

The Public Libraries of the district seem to be staffed by an increasing number of Old Stocktonians; the doyen of Old Boy librarians is of course STANLEY KING, with T. GRAINGER as colleague, at the Stockton Library; Billingham Library is under the direction of LESLIE STILL, his staff including since September last NEIL MACDONALD (46-51). ANTHONY BAINBRIDGE (46-51) joined the staff of Middlesbrough Library later in the Autumn.

GEOFFREY HORNER (1941-47) whom we have already mentioned, is a veritable Mercury. He is now doing his bit, putting R.A.F. recruits through medical tests at Newcastle-on-Tyne—after periods of similar activity in Hull and Middlesbrough. Like other Old Boys he has become a married man since last we published the year book and we wish him well. This habit of getting married, by the way, suggests the need of a special section in our records, a section ventured on tentatively years ago, but abandoned in despair, since the marrying habit had become epidemic at that time.

MATTHEW DENHAM is one of the many Old Boys who married an Old Girl of the Secondary School, his wife once being known as Lucy Sawdon. He is now Director and Secretary of the Sinai Mining Co., Ltd., and has spent most of this year in Egypt.

ALAN CAPSTICK on leaving school in 1940 joined the staff of Lloyd's Bank. When the war came, he volunteered for service in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, was attached to the 7th Army, saw much service on the continent, and with the rank of Lieutenant, was mentioned in despatches. The war over, he attended a Business Course at Birmingham University and now holds the position of Deputy Manager in the paint works of Messrs Manders Bros., Wolverhampton.

TREVOR L. JAMES, M.I.H., now holding an appointment with Messrs. Samuel Gratrix Ltd., Plumbers' and Builders' Merchants, one of the new firms which has found a home in Stockton, spends his winter evenings in instructing Hardware students at the local Technical Institute.

DR. A. CRAWFORD is chief scientist to the North Western Division of the National Coal Board with headquarters in Manchester. His brother, T. A. CRAWFORD, is the well-known Stockton town councillor.

An Old Boy with an interesting job is D. R. WILLEY who is on the aeronautical staff of Messrs. Handley Page Ltd. About three years ago, Mr. Willey suffered an extremely serious injury in a cycle accident, from which happily he is now recovered.

Whatever their politics, we are sure that all Old Boys will join us in congratulating ERIC BROWN on his return to the Stockton Town Council at the last Municipal Elections. Councillor Brown, who among his other activities acts as publicity manager of the 'Masquers' a well-known and highly talented local Dramatic Society, is one of those quiet, likeable, modest men who prefer to do their best work behind the scenes.

Great honours in the Grocery world continue to fall to E. D. LOFTHOUSE, F.G.I., of Sedgefield. Elected President of the Stockton and Thornaby Grocers' Association in 1937, he was made a member of the National Council in 1942, was created President and Chairman of the North-Eastern Council of Grocers' Associations in 1949, and in 1951 was appointed a member of the National Parliamentary Committee meeting in London—one of 17 members representing 45,000 grocers. For a man, whose business premises are situated in a small country village, we consider that Mr. Lofthouse's success is quite outstanding.

In a letter, KENNETH MARTIN, B.Sc.(Eng.), Chief Engineer to the Player Branch of the Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd., whose writing is now much more legible than it used to be, tells us about his two boys, one of whom is training to be an engineer (like his father), and the other of whom is a tough nut (like his father). Kenneth speaks nostalgically of the good old days spent in Nelson Terrace and asks whether in view of the high sounding name given to the new school, he is an Old Stocktonian or a Grangefield Grammarian.

W. V. HARRIS, M.Sc., A.I.C.T.A., M.I.Biol., F.R.E.S., F.Z.S., after twenty-five years in the Colonial Agricultural Service, has recently retired, but, as Senior Principal Scientific Officer, will continue his 'Termite' research at the Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, British Museum (Natural History), South Kensington.

Mr. Harris appears still to have an itch to travel in "furrin parts" for within the last few months he has made motoring history in the hinterland of Aden, visiting many places with unpronounceable names which have hitherto been quite outside the reach of ordinary travellers. Under the title of "Armchair Biology," he has recently been giving a series of monthly broadcasts (East African station) while not long ago, while he was on holiday in England, we tuned in our wireless to hear him talk in most interesting fashion about "Ants." Among Old Boys whom he has met in East Africa are J. T. PURVIS, B.Sc. (Dept. of Agriculture, Tanganyika), who is himself soon to retire; JOHN T. GLEAVE, B.A. (Education Officer, Uganda), and J. SANDERSON, B.A., B.C.L. (British Council, Uganda).

LEONARD CLOSE, M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Chem.E., who is Manager and Director of Messrs. Associated Lead Manufacturers, Librex Works, Liverpool, after very distinguished war service, decided to enter municipal life and was in May, 1952, for the second time and

by a record majority, elected Councillor for the Central Ward of the Borough of Crosby. Mr. Close's son has recently obtained 1st Class Honours in Law at Liverpool University and will shortly proceed to London for his Bar Finals, while his elder daughter is Secretary to the Turkish Consul at Liverpool.

W. L. BOUCH, B.Sc., after spending five years in the Persian oil fields, went to Upper Burma in the autumn of 1940. Shortly after his arrival there, the Japanese invasion compelled him to send his wife and children to India, while he himself after helping to destroy the oil installations, made his way through Assam and ultimately joined his family in Bombay. In 1946, influenced by educational considerations, Mrs. Bouch brought her children to England, leaving her husband a grass-widower as he remains at present. Mr. Bouch is now an Industrial Consultant and Director of Messrs. Ibeon, Ltd., with headquarters at Bombay and has recently bought a house and eight acres of ground in Dorsetshire, where, when India is left far behind, he hopes to keep pigs and grow apples.

RONALD LUDBROOK, son of C. W. Ludbrook, Manager of the Construction Dept. of Messrs Ashmore, Benson, Pease and Co. Ltd., and himself an Old Boy, is the hero of one of the real romances of industry.

Serving his time at Ashmore's, he gave early signs of future greatness for he was twice awarded the "William Ashmore" Cup, a trophy presented every year to the best apprentice in the yard.

Later, his apprenticeship finished, he was the engineer-in-charge of repairs to gasholders in Liverpool damaged by the 'blitz' and of erection work in Travancore (India).

But his great triumph has come in the last five years when, as Resident Engineer, he has been in charge of the erection of the immense Sindri Fertilizer Factor, a project costing millions of pounds. Here he has had control of thousands of men and his tact and sympathy in dealing with native labour and in securing the whole-hearted cooperation of many different sub-contractors, together with his great responsibility have not only enhanced the already high reputation of a famous Stockton firm, but have gained for Mr. Ludbrook himself the warm admiration, satisfaction and gratitude of the Government of India as expressed by the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.

We can assure Ronald, who is still only 37 years of age, that all Old Boys are very proud of him.

G. W. WILKINSON, M.Sc., Senior Mathematics Master at a High School in Sheffield, laments the passing of "the old familiar places" in Stockton and speaking as one who always "loathed football" reminds us of the time when the dressing room of the now Grangefield Grammar School consisted of a cow byre in a field near Raby Road.

Mr. Wilkinson's son, a graduate engineer, is at present helping to check the design of a Radio Telescope, which is being erected for Manchester University, while his daughter is Assistant Cook at a University Hostel in Manchester.

As we go to press, we hear that ARTHUR WILKINSON, noted in an earlier paragraph as Inspector of Taxes at Darlington, has removed to Newcastle as Inspector (Higher Grade). For some time he has also taught Advanced Maths. to Engineering Students at Constantine College,

We are very concerned to hear of the long and dangerous illness of JOHN A. SMITH so soon after leaving us and at the beginning of a career of promise. May he soon be restored to health and vigour.

DENNIS LINFOOT, we are glad to hear, is recovered after a double misfortune of serious accident and illness. He continues his enthusiastic work in the Scouting Movement with conspicuous success and immeasurable usefulness. In it he is associated with at least two other Old Boys who find joy in worthwhile social service, J. SHORT (one of our Committee) and J. N. CHARLTON.

Finally, may we congratulate REX HAZELTON on a wonderful season as goalkeeper for Stockton A.F. Club.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND SUCCESSES.

- H. E. Allison, Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering with endorsement in Mathematics.
- N. S. R. Baillie, graduated as Forester, H.M. Forestry Commission, and appointed to Harwood Forest, Cambo., Northumberland.
- D. W. Baker, A.S.A.A., formerly Secretary-Accountant, now also Director of Thames Grit and Aggregates Ltd., and Associated Companies.
- T. A. Batty, (47-51), Second Radio Officer, S.S. Athenic.
- S. G. Beards, Manager of Lloyd's Bank, Harrogate.
- A. E. Bishop, now Director of a firm of Accountants, Port Royal, Quebec, Canada.
- P. Blake, B.Sc., Durham, King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- R. Blakey, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.
- W. L. Bouch, B.Sc., Industrial Consultant and Director, Messrs. Ibson, Ltd., Bombay.
- H. C. Bowron, Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- R. S. Breckon, Dip., P.T., appointed H.M. Inspector of Schools, Physical Training.
- D. T. Brown, B.Sc., London, with 2nd Class Honours, University College, Hull.
- E. H. Brown, re-elected Councillor for Hartburn Ward.
- H. J. Callender, Town Clerk of the City of Lichfield, Clerk of the Peace and City Treasurer, awarded M.B.E. for services to the organising Council of the Staffordshire Festival of Music and Drama.
- D. W. Charlton, B.Sc., Sheffield, 1st Class Honours in Geology, appointment with City and Petroleum Co. Inc., Calgary, Alberta.
- J. Charnley, B.Sc., Durham, appointed to the Staff of Regent Street Polytechnic.
- E. Clark, lately P.T. and Games Master, Dinnington County Secondary School, Sheffield, appointed Head Master of Brafferton Church of England School, Darlington.
- Lieut. Col. L. Close, M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Chem.E., elected Councillor for Central Ward, Crosby, by record majority.
- A. Cook, Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (endorsement in Theory of Structures).

- T. C. Cowie, appointed to the Editorial Staff of the "Daily Mirror."
- A. Crawford, Ph.D., M.Sc., F.Inst.F., M.Inst.M.E., Chief Scientist, North Western Division, National Coal Board.
- Councillor S. H. Curry, elected President of Stockton and Thornaby Rotary Club.
- L. Davis, F.C.I.S., A.M.I.E., appointed Secretary, Power Gas Co., Ashmore, Benson, Pease and Co. Ltd., Stockton-on-Tees.
- C. L. Davies, National Certificate in Commerce.
- R. Davies, National Certificate in Metallurgy.
- M. Denham, Director and Secretary of the Sinai Mining Co. Ltd.
- J. R. Ditchburn, National Certificate in Electrical Engineering with two Distinctions.
- F. J. Dixon, B.Sc., (Hons.), Manchester; lately Senior Master, Technical High School, Burton-on-Trent, appointed Headmaster, Oakwood Secondary Technical School for Boys, Rotherham.
- J. C. Downs, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (endorsement in Workshop Technology).
- Councillor H. Drinkel, elevated to Alderman, Mayor of Thornaby-on-Tees for second term.
- A. Eastwood, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.
- W. A. Eden, M.A., Liverpool, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., Director of Leeds School of Architecture, appointed Architect-in-charge of Historic Buildings to the London County Council and Lecturer at University College, London, with charge of Course for the Certificate in the Care and Protection of Ancient Buildings.
- Stanley C. Elders, (1907-12), Assistant Chief Draughtsman, Internal Combustion Ltd., Derby.
- J. A. Elliott (51), Meteorological Assistant, Air Ministry (Meteorological Office).
- J. Ellis, B.Sc., St. Cuthbert's College, Durham (1st Class Honours Chemistry), awarded Ph.D., and appointed Scientific Officer (Chemical Research), to the Ministry of Supply, Capenhurst, Cheshire.
- B. W. Fenner, Final Examination for the Woodwork Teaching Certificate of the City and Guilds of London Institute.
- J. Fenwick, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (endorsement in Workshop Technology).
- A. Fenwick, Higher National Certificate in Electrical Engineering.
- G. Foster, A.M.I.M.E., one of the team selected to visit U.S.A. to report on Iron and Steel Industry of America.
- J. S. Franklin, Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (endorsements in Theory of Structures and Workshop Technology).
- B. C. Gooderick, A.M.I.M.Coy.E., promoted Chief Engineering Assistant to Borough Engineer, Stockton-on-Tees.
- P. A. Gooderick, M.A., Downing College, Cambridge; Class II Hons. in Modern Languages Tripos; Class II Hons. in Theology.
- J. Goodier, M.A. Dunelm; Inter Sc. Lond., appointed Headmaster, Bowsfield Lane School, Stockton-on-Tees.
- C. Digby-Grant, Intermediate Science, Univ. London.
- C. A. Greenwood, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (endorsement in Workshop Technology and Principles of Electricity).

- N. Haile, B.A., Headmaster, Bishop Middleham Primary School.
- R. Harris, M.Inst.Gas.E., M.I.R.T.E., Group Distribution Engineer, North Eastern Gas Board, Leeds Group.
- W. V. Harris, M.Sc. Dunelm, A.I.C.T.A., M.I.Biol., F.R.E.S., F.Z.S. Senior Principal Scientific Officer, Commonwealth Institute of Entomology
- E. Hodgson, appointed Night Editor, Continental Daily Mail, (Paris).
- G. Horwood, Higher National Certificate in Electrical Engineering with Distinction.
- R. S. Hosie, B.A., Second Class Honours in English Language and Literature, University of Manchester.
- I. Howden, B.Sc., Engineering, University of London (Constantine College).
- J. Humble, appointed Sub-Editor to Hull Daily Mail.
- W. G. Hume, N.D.H., Horticultural Advisory Officer to the Worcester County Council (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries).
- R. W. Jones, G.I.Mech.E., Inspecting Engineer for South Western England, I.C.I.
- L. W. Jones, established Civil Servant, appointed Assistant Land Drainage and Water Supply Officer.
- D. S. Kirtley, promoted Senior Executive Officer, Inland Revenue, Edinburgh Area.
- A. M. King, M.A., Ph.D., London, re-elected M.P. for Southampton Test, 1951.
- A. I. Kirby, Scholarship award by Messrs. Head, Wrightson Ltd., for three years to Constantine College for Study of Foundry Practice and Technique.
- P. R. Larkin, National Certificate in Naval Architecture. Technical State Scholarship (Ministry of Education) tenable at King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- F. L. Laws, B.A. (Camb.), appointed Literary Editor, "News Chronicle."
- E. D. Lofthouse, F.G.I., member of the National Parliamentary Committee of the Grocers' Association.
- B. Laing, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.
- G. McIntyre, B.Com. (Dunelm), F.R.Econ.S., Mayor of the City of Durham.
- E. Middleton, Higher National Certificate in Electrical Engineering with Distinction.
- H. Monkman, A.C.I.S., Secretary-Accountant (1939), now also Director, Meggeson and Co., Ltd., in charge of new product developments for home and overseas markets.
- D. Newton, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.
- H. Outhwaite, elected President of the North-East District Council of the Retail Newsagents' Federation.
- P. B. Robinson, B.Sc., (2nd Class, Div. 1 Honours in Geology), University of Durham, appointed under Schlumberger of Latin America, International Petroleum Co., Ltd., at Talara, Peru.
- G. R. Robson, B.Sc. Dunelm, 2nd Class Hons. in Geology; appointed by Colonial Office Chief Seismological Observer, Windward and Leeward Islands, B.W.I.

- H. K. Rodgers, Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.
- J. B. Routledge, B.Sc. Durham (1st Class Hon. Electrical Engineering), King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- H. Rutledge, B.Sc., (1st Class Hons. in Geology), University of Durham; Ph.D., Edinburgh, F.G.S., sometime of H.M. Geological Survey, formerly Lecturer at University College, Nottingham, and lately Lecturer at the Grant Institute of Geology, University of Edinburgh; appointed Senior Lecturer in Geology, University of Sydney, New South Wales.
- J. Sanderson, B.A., B.C.L. Dunelm, late Political Officer and Director, British Council, Terehan; Director, Kenya, British East Africa.
- K. M. Scott, A.M.I.C.E., appointed Newcastle Manager of the Robertson Building Service.
- R. Simpson, F.H.A., Secretary of the Adela Shaw Orthopaedic Hospital, Kirbymoorside.
- M. G. Stewart, B.Sc., London, 1st Class Hons in Chemistry; A.R.I.C., formerly Research Student, St. Catherine's Society, University of Oxford; appointed Plant Manager, Messrs. I.C.I. Ltd., Billingham.
- A. Stoddart, Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering with endorsements in Theory of Structures and Workshop Technology.
- W. A. Stockdale, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.
- Rev. W. Suthern, M.A., Dunelm, Vicar of Hampsthwaite, Harrogate.
- J. H. Tinkler, R.S.M., R.E.M.E.
- H. Tompkinson, 2nd Prize out of National Entry of 5,000 in Young Bird Race (Pigeon) for the British Isles. Weekly contributor to the Pigeon Fanciers' Press.
- W. J. Thompson, Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering with three Distinctions.
- Sqdn. Ldr. C. B. Urwin, D.F.C., awarded Air Force Cross in the New Year's Honours List.
- R. I. Walker, appointed Hearmaster of the Aycliffe Diamond Jubilee School.
- A. M. Waller, National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.
- L. Walton, Manager of the Bournemouth branch of the National Provincial Bank.
- C. M. Wells, Intermediate Certificate in Industrial Management.
- T. K. Whitfield, B.A. Dunelm., Assistant Master, Grangefield Grammar School, Stockton-on-Tees.
- A. Wilkinson, promoted Inspector of Taxes, Higher Grade, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- D. G. Winn, Clerical Officer, Civil Service.
- A. W. Wynn, Inter. Chartered Institute of Secretaries; appointed Internal Auditor (Middlesbrough Division), Northern Gas Board.
- D. H. B. Gibbs, graduated B.Sc (Engineering).
- F. Walker, B.Sc. (Hons. in Physics), Bede College, Durham.
- J. A. Teasdale, Higher National Certificate in Naval Architecture.

HENRY NICHOLSON, M.Sc., F.C.S.,

Assistant Master—1905-47 ; Second Master—1941-46.

Honorary Treasurer, Old Stocktonians Association, 1922-1952.

Vice-President, 1916-1922.

The passing of Henry Nicholson on Friday, August 22nd, came as a sudden and stunning blow to Old Stocktonians and to the Association as a grievous loss beyond repair. He had been so long with us that we had come to regard him as an institution, a source of strength ever at hand and never so certain as in moments of real need.

Over fifty years ago he began his career as Schoolmaster in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of which city he was a native, and after the period of preliminary training required in those days, proceeded to Armstrong College. (now King's College) where he graduated B.Sc., with Distinction (the equivalent of what is now known as an honours degree). He was a Pemberton Scholar of the University of Durham, an envied distinction awarded for outstanding promise and achievement in Mathematics. Later he proceeded to the degree of M.Sc. and was elected a Fellow of the Chemical Society.

On leaving the University, he came to Stockton-on-Tees in September, 1905, as assistant Master of what was then the Higher Grade School where he remained for the remaining forty-two years of a teaching career richly successful and gratefully remembered by all who were privileged to pass through his hands. In 1906 the School became a "Secondary School" and for some years Mr. Nicholson shared the Chemistry and Mathematics teaching with the late Mr. J. G. Taylor and Mr. W. R. Ball. On the retirement of Mr. Taylor in 1925, Mr. Nicholson became Senior Chemistry Master and continued thus until retirement at the end of Easter Term, 1947. For five years he was also Second Master, to which position he succeeded Mr. W. Baker on the latter's retirement in 1941, when war conditions rendered a responsible position especially exacting.

Throughout the years, Mr. Nicholson was a stalwart of the School, and gave to it much more than distinguished achievements in the form room, however illustrious these were. In 1905 the School was a relatively new foundation; the intangible qualities which we call "tradition" and which give a school a soul, were making or to be made, and Mr. Nicholson was one of a little body of great men who remained over the years and laboured steadily and successfully to that end. In the form room his manner was quiet but firm, and pupils learnt that the best achievement follows from patient steadiness, devoid of flourish. Mr. Nicholson had no use for shop window methods. It must have been a source of great pride for him to realise how many of his former pupils are now pursuing distinguished careers in chemical research, some at Horwell and some on the staffs of several British Universities.

As a younger man he contributed much to the "social" life of the school, especially in the middle and junior forms, as will be gratefully remembered by those who took part or witnessed the dramatic performances and occasional vaudeville which enlivened the socials of those happy days, in which efforts he was associated with the late Mr. C. W. King, and Messrs. T. Welch, and C. F. Allan.

From its earliest days he was a vital supporter of the Old Stocktonians Association, being elected a Vice-President in 1916, an office he relinquished in 1922 in order to take over the burdensome work of Honorary Treasurer, to which he gave unremitting attention and devoted service over 30 years of the 39 of the Association's existence. Those years have known many anxious moments, but never did he falter. The severest crisis of course came with the World War, 1939-45, when association activities were severely curtailed, no committee could be formed since all of military age and older were called to the other service, and the income of the association was practically nothing. Alone he filled the breach, edited the bulletins we were able to produce as a substitute for the magazine, and joined with the willing service of one or two others in organising some reminders to Old Stocktonian prisoners-of-war that they were not forgotten.

He continued as Treasurer after retirement from school, faithful to the last, though there were ominous signs latterly that his health was a matter of grave concern.

He had, as we thought, made a good recovery from the serious illness which overtook him in the summer, only to be taken from us very suddenly on the morning of Friday, 22nd August.

To Mrs. Nicholson, his two daughters, and son Brian, we extend our deepest sympathy.

OBITUARY.

STANLEY G. WILLEY, along with his cousin, Robert Willey, was a Director of the old established firm of Messrs. J. W. & R. Willey, Ltd., Billposters, of Stockton. Married, but without any family, he was well-known and respected, and his death in July, 1950, caused deep regret among his many friends and business associates on Tees-side.

BARRY B. PREST, who was the youngest son of Mr. J. J. Prest, the first Headmaster of the School, after spending some months in the works of Messrs. Head, Wrightson and Co. Ltd, at Thornaby, joined the Mercantile Marine as an apprentice with the City Line and in due course worked himself up to the position of chief mate, meanwhile having obtained his Master's and Extra-Master's ticket.

Shortly after his marriage to Miss C. Deakin (herself the sister of two Old Boys, Alf and Sam) he accepted a job as stevedore at Dar-es-Salaam, East Africa, and later took up a similar but better job at Durban, Natal.

Still later, he acted as Chief Officer (sometime Captain) of the South African Training Ship "General Botha" and he was still in this position when he died in June, 1951, leaving a wife, a son, and two daughters to mourn him.

HARRY SAWDON served his apprenticeship with the Prince Line of Steamships and obtained his 2nd Mate's Ticket. It was while acting as 3rd Officer that he met with an accident in a gale, which resulted in the loss of his left leg.

Although incapacitated, he afterwards served as a Purser with the same Company, travelling in luxury liners between New York and Buenos Aires.

Later, he accepted an agency with the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society and endeared himself to all his clients by his friendly and sympathetic manner.

He died in January, 1951, leaving a wife, and a girl and boy of school age.

FRED THOMPSON was one of a large family of boys and girls, all of whom were ex-pupils of the Secondary School. Closely identified for many years with Messrs. Ashmore, Benson, Pease, and Co. Ltd., he accepted an appointment in 1949 in the Drawing Office of that firm in Melbourne and with his wife, went to join their grown-up son and daughter who were already settled in Australia. He died within a year of his arrival there.

As a conjurer, he was very gifted, and many Old Boys will recall with affection and regret the entertainment which he was always so pleased and proud to give them at the Annual Dinners.

LACHLAN McINNES was one of two brothers who attended the School in the time of the first Headmaster. A draper by trade, he carried the respect and affection of all who knew him. The last few months of his life were spent in hospital where he was treated for a complaint which even the specialists failed to diagnose. He died in November, 1951, leaving a widow, a girl aged 20, another girl aged 18, and a boy aged 15.

NORMAN JOSEPH WOOD, a pupil of the School 1928-32, left us to take up a career in the R.A.F. beginning as an apprentice in Aero-Engineering. From Halton he proceeded in 1936 to Cranwell and later to a year's service in Egypt. During the war he trained in Canada and returned to England with his Wings to serve as Pilot Officer in Coastal Command, rising subsequently to the rank of Flight-Lieutenant. After the War he saw service in India, returning to this Country in 1950 as Instructor in Manby Flying College, Lincolnshire. It was here that he met his tragic death on May 16th, leaving a widow, a daughter aged five and a baby son.



Corrections and Additions to Lists given in 1951 Year Book.

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- R. Counter 120 Wellington Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, M'sx.
- H. Dodsworth Woodford, Pierremont Road, Darlington.
- Ald. H. Drinkel 69 St. Paul's Road, Thornaby-on-Tees.
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- Rev. W. R. T. Marriott, B.A., M.P.S., 27 Carfield Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.
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- J. B. Routledge, B.Sc. Dunelm. 54 Sydenham Road.
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- A. E. Bishop (ante 23) ... 329 Morrison Avenue, Town of Mount Royal, Quebec, Canada.
- COON. E. H. Brown (31-35) 24 Linden Avenue.
- E. Clark (27-33) Vicarage Cottage, Aycliffe, nr. Darlington.
- F. R. Curry, B.Sc. (31-36) c/o 41 Vicarage Avenue.
- F. B. Elders, M.P.S., F.S.M.C. (11-16) ... "Dene Hollow," Houghton Regis, Beds.
- S. C. Elders (07-12) ... 182 St. Thomas Road, Derby.
- J. W. L. Gale, B.A. (28-34) British Council, P.O. Box 539, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.
- G. Gowthorp (24-28) ... 49 Yarm Road.
- J. P. Green 22 Penwortham Rd., Sanderstead, Surrey.
- J. A. Green (40-46) ... "Fargo," 197 Durham Road.
- H. Hale (27-31) 18 Grandison Rd., Worcester Park, Surrey
- R. Harris, M.Inst.Gas.E., M.I.R.T.E. "Glenholme," 7 Allerton Grange Vale, Leeds, 7.
- E. Hodgson (34-38) ... c/o 26 Craigweil Cres., (60 Rue de la Seine, Paris 6e.)
- H. W. Jones M.A.Cantab. Ph.D. Leeds (48-50 Staff) 4 Malpas Grove, Wallasey.
- D. S. Kirtley 11 Grosvenor Rd. (Temporary).
- N. Macdonald (46-51) ... 1 St. Edmund's Tce., Sedgfield.
- E. D. Lofthouse, F.G.I. Front Street, Sedgfield.

- F. Mason, F.B.O.A. ... 36 Madeira Ave., Whitley Bay.
- T.D.Oliver, M.Inst.Gas.E. 12 Red Lane, Appleton, Warrington.
- A. Osmund (45-50) ... 31 Sidlaw Road, Billingham.
- J. H. Pigg, F.C.A.,
A.S.A.A. ... c/o Bolton, Wawn & Co., 48 West Sunn-
side, Sunderland.
- R. Purnell (25-29)... ... Australia—address sought.
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18.
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A.M.I.M.M. ... Eastry House, Yarm.
- W. L. Wilson, B.Sc.,
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- G. H. Wood (12-16) ... 30 Primly Park Av., Alwoodley, Leeds.
- A. W. Wynn (36-40) ... 6 Renfrew Rd., Norton.
- C. Walton ... 45 Bishopton Lane.
- N. Carr ... 5 Weardale Cres., Billingham.
- John A. Smith ... 15 Zetland Road.
- A. Fenwick ... 85 Teesdale Ave., Billingham.
- D. H. B. Gibbs,
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- D. J. Hawes ... 1 Percy Street.
- F. Walker, B.Sc. Dunelm Front Street, Sedgefield.
- R. W. Williams ... 6 Mayfair Ave., Great Crosby, Liverpool,
23.

ORDINARY MEMBERS.

- S.Sgt. R. K. Aycliffe-
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- S. A. Browne, B.Sc.Lond. P.O. Box 79, Nairobi, Kenya, S.A.
- D. Buchanan ... 46 Coniston Grove, Acklam,
Middlesbrough.
- J. W. Chapman ... 30 St. Andrew Road, Bridlington.
- J. N. Charlton ... 139 Fairfield Road.
- K. E. Clark (45-49) ... 48 Grosvenor Road, Wolviston.
- Lieut.-Col. L. Close, T.D.
M.I.Mech.E.,
M.I.Chem.E. ... 81 St. Andrew's Road, Blundell Sands,
Liverpool, 23.

- R. W. Davies 40 Rydal Avenue, Billingham.
- E. Dixon, B.Sc. Dunelm.
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- J. Dumain 23 Nelson Terrace.
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Via Warrington.
- A. N. Foggin, M.Sc. ... 9 Beach Grove, Acomb, York.
- G. Foster Westlea, Roseberry Road, Norton.
- J. S. Franklin 12 The Green, Norton.
- E. Goodchild, B.A. Lond. 16 Albany Road, Norton.
- G. L. Harris 12 St. Bede's Road, Billingham.
- J. J. Henderson, A.I.S.A.
Sgt. J. Hewitt Police Station, Thornaby-on-Tees.
Staff.
- A. H. Holden, M.A. Lond. Staff.
- G. S. Horner, B.Sc. ... 15 Bells Ville, Gilesgate Moor,
Co. Durham.
- W. A. Hume 64 Whinfield Road, Darlington.
- W. G. Hume, N.D.H. ... 18 Elbury Park Road, Worcester.
- R. H. Hutchison
S.I.Mech.E. 35 Chatsworth Gardens, Wolviston.
- H. J. Hutchison 40 Stokesley Crescent, Billingham.
- H. F. Johnson (44-49)... 54 Central Avenue, Billingham.
- D. J. Johnston (46-50) 74 Cotswold Crescent, Billingham.
- R. W. King 13 Willowgarth, Scalby, Yorks.
- G. W. Lodge (46-50) ... 7 Briar Grove, Trimdon Village.
- J. Macdonald, M.A. ... 8 The Moorway, Tranmere Park,
Guiseley, Leeds.
- H. Mann Canny Nook, Fishburn.
- J. T. Marriot 107 Bishopton Road.
- C. D. Middleton (44-49) 17 Imperial Crescent, Norton.
- J. B. Nicholson Tees Villa, Aislaby, Yarm.
- R. Parsons 9 Buchanan Street.
- G. Reed 38 Grosvenor Road, Billingham.
- M. B. Rogers 20 Tweed Avenue, Thornaby.
- J. Salmon 11 Newlands Avenue, Cockton Hill,
Bishop Auckland.
- J. H. Sharp 1 Bishopton Road.
- J. D. Shell, B.Sc. Dunelm
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- D. B. Smith, B.A.(Manch) 28 Linrathen Gardens, Dundee, Angus.
- L. Stephenson (17)... .. 5 Eton Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.
- L. Stewart High Burswell Villas, Hexham.
- J. A. Teasdale 10 Station Terrace, Wolviston Road,
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W. C. Teasdale	3 Cumberland Grove, Norton.
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Rev. E. J. Tinsley, M.A., B.D. Dunelm	134 Victoria Avenue, Hull.
Fl.-Lieut. C. B. Urwin, D.F.C., A.F.C.	15 Central Avenue, Billingham.
H. Walker	1 Moorside Crescent, Fishburn.
K. G. Walker (44-50) ...	"Abbagarth," Mainsforth Road, Ferryhill.
R. Walker	1 Moorside Crescent, Fishburn.
R. I. Walker	"Abbagarth," Mainsforth Road, Ferryhill.
C. A. Willis	24 Imperial Avenue, Norton.
L. D. Willis	24 Imperial Avenue, Norton.

NEW MEMBERS, LEFT 1952.

J. Archer	68 Centenary Crescent, Norton.
J. C. Artley	Station House, Stillington.
A. Bainbridge	24 Lorne Street.
D. Bambrough	107 Stokesley Crescent, Billingham.
A. I. Barker	1 Kensington Road.
R. E. Barnes	27 Appleton Road.
R. Barwick	Ivy Cottage, South Road, Norton.
J. Bates	43 Greta Road, Norton.
S. Beamson	33 Sycamore Road, Fishburn.
V. Brooks	Drill Hall, Norton.
D. Coyne	6 Linden Avenue.
A. E. Clarkson	6a Cumberland Park, Dundonald, Belfast.
I. R. Crowden	Lynwood, Durham Road, Sedgfield.
R. L. Clayton	71 Dundas Street.
W. A. Davis	136 Pentland Avenue, Billingham.
J. B. Dean	6 Railway Terrace, Eaglescliffe.
M. C. Duncan	58 Cowpen Lane, Billingham.
D. L. Foulger	7 Eder Road, Norton.
G. Frank	2 Waverley Street,
J. W. Franks	19 Lucan Street.
C. L. Gardner	12 Kilburn Road.
C. R. Gibson	8 Albert Road.
D. Graham	38 Dundee Avenue.
I. S. Grant	7 Audrey Grove, Hartburn.
J. E. Hardwick	10 Hawthorne Ave., Billingham.
K. G. Heppenstall	105 Buchanan Street.
A. E. R. Holliday	6 Greylands Avenue, Norton.

W. Howell	...	...	41 Sycamore Road, Fishburn.
R. G. Hopper	...	...	Diamondvill, The Lane Sedgefield.
L. Jones	...	...	9 Hawthorn Avenue, Thornaby-on-Tees.
W. D. Kennedy	...	...	17 Mendip Road, Billingham.
G. Kenyon	...	...	8 Cleveland Avenue, Norton.
H. J. King	...	...	6 Crescent Avenue, Billingham.
A. Kitching	...	...	46 Daventry Avenue, Ragworth.
D. Lewis	...	...	26 Rothwell Crescent, Roseworth.
D. V. Lishman	...	...	"Fairways," Station Road, Sedgefield.
D. B. Maude	...	...	3 Crescent Avenue, Billingham.
A. G. Maugham	...	...	47 Albany Road, Norton.
P. McCarthy	...	...	21 Adderley Street.
H. H. McEwan	...	...	80 Norton Road.
J. R. Metcalfe	...	...	22 Southfield Crescent, Norton.
F. Nicholson	...	...	Tees Villa, Aislaby Road, Yarm.
J. Peacock	...	...	14 Westfield Terrace, Bishop Middleham.
E. Pinder	...	...	12 Hamilton Road, Primrose Hill.
C. A. Raine	...	...	12 Grosvenor Road, Billingham.
J. E. Restall	...	...	7 Sunnybrow Avenue, Billingham
R. D. Richardson	...	...	15 Conifer Crescent, Billingham.
G. J. Riddle	...	...	12 King's Terrace, Billingham.
D. Rigg	...	...	2 Park Road.
A. Robson	...	...	12 Station Road, Sedgefield.
P. Scott	...	...	9 Hume Street.
J. B. Sharp	...	...	11 Kingsley Road.
T. Shield	...	...	5 Leven Street, Haverton Hill.
H. Simpson	...	...	27 Richardson Road.
H. K. Slater	...	...	6 Sidlaw Road, Billingham.
A. P. Smith	...	...	19 Eton Road.
D. Stobbs	...	...	56 Bishopton Road.
D. E. Stoddart	...	...	11 Austin Avenue.
J. S. Stoddart	...	...	11 Austin Avenue.
C. Swainston	...	...	26 Weston Crescent, Norton.
W. H. Wade	...	...	11 Rugby Road.
J. B. Walton	...	...	10 Suffolk Street.
D. Wanless	...	...	Police Station, Port Clarence.
F. Ward	...	...	5 The Green, Bishop Middleham.
D. J. Whitehead	...	...	2 Mill Terrace, Thorpe Thewles.
I. C. Williams	...	...	40 Queen's Drive, Billingham.
M. T. Wilkinson	...	...	3 Webster Terrace, Wolviston Road, Billingham.
H. F. Wilson	...	...	3 Bishopton Lane Crossing, Stillington.
J. Wray	...	...	47 Cotswold Crescent, Billingham.
T. D. Yeats	...	...	19 Laneside Road, Hartburn.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1st January, 1951 to 30th September, 1952.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts				£	s.	d.
Carried forward	...	...	...	22	18	0
Receipts	...	...	...	100	16	0
				£123 14 0		
Payments						
Dinner, 1950	...	...	16 16 0			
Dinner, 1951	...	...	16 10 0			
Year Book (Bill- ingham Press and Postage)	...	...	48 10 0			
Envelopes (Baker)	...	...	5 11½			
W. H. Smith	...	...	5 0			
Writing Pad	...	...	10			
Stamps	...	...	1 0			
Balance				82	8	9½
Martin's	...	40 10 0				
Cash in hand	...	15 2½				
		41 5 2½		*41	5	2½

*Included £20/4/4 £123 14 0

War Memorial

Life Members' Account				£	s.	d.
Durham and Yorkshire Build- ing Society	...	...	...	218	16	6
Interest 31/1/51	...	...	...	5	9	0
Trustee Savings Bank	...	...	...	114	0	0
Receipts	...	...	...	18	4	2
Interest 20/11/51	...	...	...	2	17	5
				£359 7 1		

C.W.K. and G.G.A. MEMORIAL

				£	s.	d.
Brought forward C.W.K., G.G.A.	...	...	...	111	14	0
Receipts	...	...	...	10	6	
Interest	...	...	...	2	15	11

115 0 5

Less Payments for Prizes 2 12 6

£112 7 11

WAR MEMORIAL

Receipts			Payments		
£	s.	d.			
111	4	0	Mailes : Tablet	...	85 0 0
			Printing	...	2 5 0
			Stationery	...	1 0 5
			Gazette Advt.	...	18 9
			Postages	...	1 5 6
			Wreaths*	...	3 0 0
			Balance*	...	17 14 4
£111 4 0			£111 4 0		

*Included in Balance, General Fund.

G. D. LITTLE, Acting Hon. Treas.

N. E. GREEN, Hon. Auditor.

