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GILBERT GLEDDEN ARMSTRONG

1921 - 1948

LAST December, on the eve of Speech Day and shortly before the end of the Winter term, the school suffered a sudden and tragic blow: Mr. Armstrong, Senior History Master and one of the most widely known of our stalwarts, was so severely injured by a 'bus while cycling home from school, that he died soon afterwards without regaining consciousness. We say, advisedly, one of the best known of our stalwarts, and we might well have added, one of our most liked and respected masters. For Mr. Armstrong had not only been in this school since 1921, and thus must have had thousands of boys pass through his hands, but he had, in abundance, those qualities of character, those little personal fads and fancies, even those little idiosyncrasies, which inspire respect and retain affection.

Behind his somewhat fierce appearance he had a heart of gold and his somewhat gruff voice could not make one forget the kindness and the kindliness of his nature. The present writer knows of many cases where his ready and generous help, done quietly and unostentatiously, made him friends who will never forget that help. There must indeed, be many an "Old Boy", who gratefully recalls such an instance.

His interest in the school and in all its functions was deep and sincere and he never spared himself on its behalf, either in his actual work and duty as a master or in his furtherance of its general welfare. He was, too, enthusiastic not only in his own subject, but also in his love of scholarship and books and literature; so it is that the school has lost an excellent teacher and a zealous and inspiring friend. News of his tragic death must have caused dismay and sorrow in the hearts of many people both in this country and beyond the seas. Those of us still in the school lament the loss of an able colleague and a good friend and our united sympathy goes out to his widow and his children. "Sic itur."

OURSELVES

THE STOCKTONIAN" appears again after an interval of eighteen months and can therefore claim no right to be regarded as a year book. The information and news, however, is as complete as we can make it.

Delay in publication is readily explained by the fact that the Association can only undertake the venture as and when funds permit, and the subscription being modest, our funds are always slender and correspondingly unassuming. Added to this, social functions have not always been carried out without loss.

The Dinner and the Social, the latter held conjointly with the Old Girls' Association, were indeed both decided successes, and to Mr. Hilary Bulmer much gratitude and congratulations are due for the considerable access to our funds resulting from his Christmas venture on our behalf.

On the other hand, the Dance and a trip to Whitby both involved us in considerable loss and any loss has a crippling effect on any Association such as ours.

It would appear that in future we should be ill-advised to indulge in a varied assortment of social frolics. Our membership is theoretically a huge one — 1,400 we are told; but adequate circularisation of such a multitude is a physical impossibility if it is to be indulged in frequently; and the cost of one set of communications in the year is about as much strain as our pockets will endure.

It seems that a Dinner and a Social such as I have mentioned will succeed but nothing more under present circumstances.

Thanks to the loyal effort of a Vice-President, Mr. G. Little, some of the deficit on the Dance was wiped off. To him we owe very warm thanks.

ANNUAL DINNER

The dinner was held on Friday, 10th December, 1948, and as a result of the generosity of Mr. John Spark, we were royally entertained at a very modest charge. Over 85 Old Stocktonians responded to the call and the gathering was a richly assorted one including Old Boys of all years right back to 1896. It was a thrilling experience once more to see and hear Mr. E. Scholes, the first President of the Association, after an interval of thirty-five years. His speech to the toast of the old school was rich in memories of old Higher Grade days, and the events of Association history, and roused a similar nostalgic vein in other speakers, notably our President, Mr. John Wilkinson, who once again presided, and with his usual quiet humour and charm, over the time-honoured functions, disclosing incidentally how much the butter-patter has contributed to the making of great men.

Major Bansall as the guest of honour could scarcely indulge in reminiscence over a school known only to him from its old boys, but he tried to convince us that his own schooldays had been no whit less a fragrant source of happy memories than our own — and we pretended to believe him. Speeches concluded with an effort by Mr. Brooke, deputising for the Headmaster, unfortunately the victim of indisposition. By this time the frivolous, not to say indecorous note was becoming painfully apparent and, since nobody seemed to want to know what happened to him in his schooldays in view of what he had done to them in theirs, the President called a timely halt to proceedings that we might adjourn to another place to be entertained with song and mirthful stories primarily by Mr. Bernard Gooderick, who proved to be in invincibly good form and voice. He was very ably supported by Mr. Sierwald, brother of an old boy, whose tenor songs gave great delight.

The less serious minded among us insisted on the customary quota of high spirits, including "Blackbirds", and a jolly evening came too soon to a close. Gedling travelled all the way from town to be with us, nor was he the only old boy whose presence had involved him in a long journey and considerable expense.

A GREAT LOSS

Over later plans a shadow was cast by the lamented death of our old friend, Mr. G. G. Armstrong, on the 14th December. He had joined the Committee at the beginning of the session and worked for the Association with boundless energy and enthusiasm, especially as a member of the Social Sub-Committee. His loss has proved irreparable.

CONJOINT SOCIAL

The Christmas Social was necessarily abandoned. A very successful Social conjoint with the Old Girls' Association was held in the school in January. Thereafter came the Dance, a failure as we have said, and a projected summer trip. This latter proceeded no further than preliminaries, since it promised to develop into a further serious drain on our depleted funds.

What of the immediate future?

WAR MEMORIAL

First then, it is surely time that we proceeded more energetically with the project of a War Memorial. It is suggested that this might take the form of a Garden of Memory in the precints of the new school building, and that the County Council should be approached on the matter. Another suggestion is that since under present day conditions, there seems to be no real need for a Benevolent Fund, many years having elapsed since the last call on it, its funds should be diverted to provide a nucleus for the War Memorial. These matters will be discussed at the next General Meeting. If you have any ideas on the subject, will you please take steps to see that they are placed before the meeting.

Meanwhile, may we consider the War Memorial Fund as now in being?

AN APPEAL

The Committee are appealing also for contributions to a memorial to the late Mr. G. G. Armstrong, whose devoted service over twenty-six years to school and boys meant so much to the character of the school as we knew it.

Subscriptions to the above funds should be sent to either Mr. Munday or Mr. Brooke at the school, or to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Nicholson, 44 Osborne Road.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Information and news items for our next issue are eagerly sought. It is clear from the letters that we receive that Old Boys derive real pleasure from such news as we are allowed to send out in our little book — even in the strange world of to-day. We lament the fact that Old Boys during the past year, seem to have developed a shyness which is surely exceedingly to be regretted. Please take up your pen and write and let the rest of us share the thrill of your achievements and success.

Finally, a word of kind remembrance and good wishes from the Old School — altered inevitably by the inexorable decrees of time since the days of peace brought new problems and anxieties, but still the Old School, with one member still on the staff who first joined it in 1910.

OLD FRIENDS NOW RETIRED

In the spring we were cheered by a visit from Mr. Ball. More recently Mr. Watson could not resist denying the charms of Bedford that he might breath the more pleasing odours of Nelson Terrace. Mr. Allan continues to testify to the health giving properties of Saltburn air, though he confesses that at eighty-six he can scarcely undertake the journey to the old town. Messrs. Baker and Nicholson both seem to have found a new youthfulness in retirement. Their interest in the Association remains as keen and alert as ever, with Mr. Nicholson a perennial treasurer and Mr. Baker an evergreen member of the Committee. Mr. Bremner in retirement has found it impossible to leave us unwatched for any lengthy periods and seems to find a special satisfaction at looking us out at those times when we are likely to regard the day's work as something of a trial. Now Mr. Manners joins this happy band of those privileged to gaze at us from a unique angle—and to chuckle when we feel more disposed to frown.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

As we go to Press, we have received the very unwelcome news that Mr. John Wilkinson finds it impossible to continue as Old Boy President of the Association, a position which he has filled with distinction, ungrudging and conscientious service and devotion over a period of twelve years. Mr. Wilkinson has always been a busy man, and recent developments in his own profession have very considerably added to burdens and responsibilites far from light. His professional duties demand that he should be often out of town. To the Committee the news that Mr. Wilkinson was contemplating retirement from the Presidency came as something of a blow, though lightened somewhat by the thought that he might be persuaded to continue his help and service to us as a Vice-President.

After two years' hard work in the burdensome office of Secretary, Mr. L. Bell finds that he must relinquish office in view of pressure of business and the compelling voice of personal affairs. This step is much regretted. To Mr. Bell the Association owes a deep debt of gratitude for the courage with which he stepped into the breach in 1947, and for his work over two difficult years.

Secretarial matters are for the time being in the hands of a former Secretary, Mr. T. B. Brooke.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET

A School match was arranged for July 19th, 1948, on the Stockton C.C. ground. Some difficulty is found in these days in raising a team, but Mr. Baldwin succeeded in gathering a side much too strong for the School:

W. Gilbert (Captain), M. Sutherland, J. Gillespie, H. Shields, J. R. Thomas, A. Thompson, G. Horner, C. Banner. Mr. Stone and T. H. Turner were lent by the School to complete the side. As has become usual, the School played twelve men.

Batting first, the Old Boys scored 170 for 3 wickets, Allan Thompson reaching 106 not out, the fielding helping him to some extent. J. R. Thomas obtained 34 not out and M. Sutherland 24. Against this large total the School batted, with some enterprise and much hope, and succeeded in making a draw when they had reached 110 for 10 wickets. J. Middleham made quite a stylish 52, with many attractive strokes behind the wicket, and K. Tiffen reached 24.

There were more Old Boys among the spectators than we have had before. There is, one supposes, always bound to be some element of luck in the numbers who can turn out, but may we hope fon a further increase?

In 1949 the match was arranged for Monday, July 18th, but the players available on the previous Thursday had reached only five. It might have been possible to raise eight, but no more seemed to be in the offing, and the game had to be cancelled. There were also complications arising from the Girls' Sports to influence the decision.

It seems as though we have arrived at something of a turning-point in Old Boys' games. Post-war conditions are preventing us from raising a team. In 1948 Old Boys of Middlesbrough High School offered us a game for which we arranged a team of strong potentialities, but the date proved to be too near the holidays and so the fixture was never completed. As in Rugby, this is a line which can be exploited and perhaps be made a small source of income as well as a social occasion for the Association. But the main problem at present is to arrange for further School games. Some are able to arrange their own time or are allowed the time without difficulty, and we have always depended on students to some extent. Thursday is the only day when there is anything of a general holiday, apart from Saturday. Would this be a suitable time? It may not be possible to get the Stockton ground.

Mr. Baldwin would welcome guidance and anybody who sees a chance to help might make contact with him.

OLD BOYS' RUGBY

Two games have been played in each year between the School and the Old Boys. All except the first have been won by the Old Boys, though in the Easter game of 1949 J. Brunt gave them a surprise by dropping a goal from more than 30 yards in the first few minutes and the School held the lead temporarily. K. Boothman has captained all the sides and has become the sole veteran to have played in all games.

New Year's Day and Easter Monday seem to have become the most convenient dates, though both exclude some players. These, therefore, are given as the days in the Association's Calendar.

Some time shortly we hope to entertain the Old Boys on the new ground off Oxbridge Avenue, but that is not likely this next season.

In 1948 we arranged an evening match with Old Boys of Middlesbrough High School, on the strength of promises direct and by proxy of a really formidable side. It was a cold, windy evening and eight turned up. The game was remarkable, for, with the aid of a player or two borrowed from the High School we won 15-12, after being down 0-12 at half-time.

A suggestion for another game was made in 1949, but fortunately no word had been sent to the High School, for, when the time came, everybody had forgotten about it.

These matches can be arranged, but they must be in the hands of the Sports Section of the Association, with a responsible selection committee drawn from all years.

STAFF CHANGES

In July, 1948, a very well-known and very well-liked figure took his departure greatly to our regret, not indeed, at full retiral age, but none the less after a long and arduous term of service in and to the School: for Mr. Bremner, Senior Physics Master, came here in 1919, so that he had laboured amongst us for some thirty years. He now has the satisfaction of knowing that he has left behind him a lengthy record of solid and triumphant achievement, and that knowledge must rightly be to him a source of real gratification; for it is not given to everyone to have the quiet inward solace of duties well and truly performed, of tasks fully and faithfully accomplished.

Mr. Bremner is fortunate, too, in having good health in which fully to enjoy his well-earned leisure, and we in school are fortunate in that he can, and does, still come to visit us. Old ties are, therefore, not too widely and abruptly sundered, and old friends are not being parted. All of us, both inside and outside School, unite in wishing him and Mrs. Bremner many long years of busy and happy idleness.

We were glad to welcome to the Physics Department, Mr. Dennis. That he has happily settled down amongst us is clearly shown by the fact that soon after his arrival he was led to contemplate another change in his circumstances, perhaps the most momentous change a man can make. In other words, by the time this number of "The Stocktonian" appears in print, Mr. Dennis will be married, and you, dear reader, will gladly join us in offering to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis our hearty good wishes and congratulations.

Another departure which has to be recorded is that of Mr. Hughes. He came to us from Middlesbrough in June, 1945, and besides teaching principally French, he gave us great help with the School Orchestra, for he is a fine violinist. It was, therefore, a matter of much regret, so far as we were concerned, when in December, 1948, Mr. Hughes was offered a senior post in Constantine College, although we naturally congratulate him on his promotion. Middlesbrough is, however, not very far distant and we know we can still rely on him for help from time to time with our orchestra.

Mr. Hughes' departure was followed in January, 1949, by the arrival of Dr. H. W. Jones, who graduated B.A. and M.A. at Cambridge University and later took his Ph.D. degree at the University of Leeds. Dr. Jones is not only a scholar; he is also of great value in the sports field and it is clear that he already feels at home with us where his abilities are showing excellent results.

Another new-comer we were glad to welcome in January, 1949, is Mr. Cable, History Master, who had also taught History in Withernsea High School. It is pleasant to realise that he and the school generally quickly established such a pleasant and cordial relationship, that it is sometimes difficult to remember how comparatively short a time he has been with us.

Mr. Atkinson, who succeeded Mr. Nicholson, of happy memory, in September, has seen war service in the East. The glamour of that part of the world has clearly exercised so deep an influence upon him, that after only a short sojourn in Stockton, he yielded to it and went off with his wife and child, household goods and chattels, to begin an entirely new life in Malaya. Reports tell that he and his family are enjoying life and that everything in their garden is lovely.

It was found extremely difficult, however, to find an adequate successor; difficult but not surprising, for it is notorious that well-qualified Science Graduates now obtain posts which are much more lucrative than any which the teaching profession can at present offer. During the interregnum (a new Chemistry expert arrives next September) we were extremely fortunate to enlist the services of Mr. T. R. Bell, who for so many years was Senior Chemistry master at Hartle-pool Henry Smith Grammar School, until his retirement, and from whose expert eye no chemistry examination paper can hope to hide any secrets. We are indeed grateful to him for so gallantly and efficiently holding the fort.

And finally we come to the approaching retiral of yet another stalwart, yet another member of the "Old Brigade": Mr. Manners, we regret to inform you, feels that, as he will have completed twenty-seven years in this school by the end of the session, besides putting in eleven years elsewhere, it is time to call a halt. During all these years he has, day in and day out, been teaching to reluctant pupils, the perversities of French irregular verbs, the mysteries of the subjunctive mood, the intricacies of French syntax, etc. He has decided, therefore, that since he has been lucky enough to withstand that long term of hard labour and still to enjoy excellent health, he deserves a respite. Mr. Manners is, no doubt, perfectly correct in his decision and we certainly wish him very many long and happy years during which he can "cultiver son jardin". We shall not be surprised to learn that he, suborned likely enough by Mrs. Manners, appears as first prize winner at all the local flower shows: all power to his elbow and his spade, say we!

At the same time, we cannot refrain from expressing our deep sense of sorrow at his going. Like Mr. Bremner, Mr. Nicholson and so many others of the past, he was one of the solid pillars of the school. However, he also will be able to look back with pride and satisfaction on a long innings well played, and to know that while he is finished moaning over such things as the faulty agreement of French past participles, he has by no means "finish'd joy", and we rejoice to add that he will be able to give us an opportunity of welcoming him with open arms whenever he chooses to look in upon us.

May his visits be long and many!

SPEECH DAY

What would doubtless have been an exceptionally interesting Speech Day took place on the 16th December, 1948, in the Jubilee Hall, Stockton, under the Chairmanship of Alderman T. A. Westwater. But the cloud of sorrow caused by the sudden death of Mr. Armstrong—to which we refer on another page—inevitably cast a dark shadow over the proceedings. All musical items had to be cancelled; no choir could have trolled forth "Rolling Down to Rio" with any degree of conviction, nor could the School Orchestra, which was to have made its first public appearance after a long twilight, have played with anything like the necessary élan, a fiery Russian Trepak—although it might have rendered the "Keltic Lament", which also figured on the programme.

Yet despite the melancholy atmosphere, cheerfulness kept playing in, due entirely to the racy humorous and somewhat unorthodox address of the Speaker, Professor Hutchings, Head of Department of Music, Durham University.

It is not easy to summarize his address, and, indeed, it was not an "address" in the usually accepted sense of the word, especially with reference to a solemn Speech Day. Much rather was it a breathless series of wise-cracks, thunderbolts of denunciation, lightning flashes of sarcasm against all manner of dull and stolid heresies, of numerous biographical anecdotes which yet pointed many a shrewd home-thrust at complacency and hyprocisy. He began by insisting that his audience should rise to its feet and do "arms upward stretch": "Push the roof off its supports!" he shouted, and we all did our best to please him. Then followed the above-mentioned wise-cracks, jokes, condemnations, admonitions, and so-forth, all of which might be correctly, if briefly, summed up in the words "Do right, fear neither man nor Devil and live, not just exist!"

The ovation which Professor Hutchings received was ample witness to the appreciation which he so heartily invoked and so fully deserved, for his talk was easily one of the liveliest, shrewdest and most interesting, which the old Jubilee Hall can ever have heard.

In his report, the Headmaster referred to the sad loss the school had so recently sustained in the death of Mr. Armstrong. He also detailed various staff changes, notably the retirement of Mr. Bremner, of which more details are offered elsewhere.

He went on to say that the school was in a healthy condition and that its various activities were thriving.

Examinations and scholarships were again very satisfactory and he expressed his gratitude to the masters and his congratulations to the boys on the results of a very successful year's endeavour.

At the same time, however, he emphasised what he took to be a grave danger which Secondary Grammar Schools all over the country were facing at the present moment. Conditions of educational service by fully trained men and women were such that the supply was rapidly and disastrously diminishing. Instead of that first-rate secondary education for all, which was being so warmly and proudly anticipated, he forsaw that unless drastic changes and improvements were quickly made, the lowering of general standards in every sphere of Education, a steady and remorseless drying-up of the sources of necessarily higher qualified hons. graduates for Grammar Schools and a consequently grave falling-off in the quality of university students, were inevitable. Ony the sons of the rich, whose parents could afford to send them to the best and most expensive class of public school in which conditions, amenities and financial and social status were fair and adequate, would be able to benefit from a fit and proper Secondary School Education; all the others would be fobbed-off with the second best and make-

Why, for example, asked Dr. Kinnes, should the authorities consider the state of children's teeth four or five times more valuable than the state of their minds? A head containing a good set of teeth is doubtless a precious possession, but, he added, surely equally precious is a head containing a well-trained brain.

In conclusion, the Headmaster congratulated the office bearers of the Old Boys' Association on their enthusiastic and effective labours, and on the numerous activities they were successfully pursuing.

It was, he said, a source of great pride to be able to say that the Association had been a steady and constantly growing enterprise ever since its formation in 1913.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE - 1948

- 5 M.: Blakey, R.; Briggs, J. R.; Carter, J.A.; Charlton, J.M.; Dodds, A.; Duff, J. E. (V.G. in Eng. Lang.); Hughes, R.; Jeffrey, G. S. (V.G. in French); Jeffs, K.; Johnson, H. F. (V.G. in French); McEwen, D. M. (V.G. in Eng. Lang.); Middleton, C. D.; Robinson, P.; Smith, J. A.; Walker, A. J. (V.G. in Geography); Walker, K. G. (V.G. in Physics); Williams, T. M.
- 5 Sc.: Addey, J. V.; Armstrong, J. R.; Bantoft, J.; Croft, V. (V.G. in Maths., Physics, Chem.); Dee, P. G. (V.G. in Geography); Din, J. R.; Draycott, F.; Dumain, J. A.; Evans, R. M.; Grant, C. D. (V.G. in Physics); Hough, L.; Jewitt, G. R. (V.G. in Eng. Lang., French); Knags, H.; Laing, B.; Law, A. (V.G. in Eng. Lang.); Lopthorpe, K.; McKenna, T.; Mills, A. (V.G. in Maths., Physics); Osmund, A. (V.G. in Eng. Lang., Physics); Pallister, A. (V.G. in French, Maths.); Pickler, J. B.; Smith, R.; Spring, K.; Stephens, L.; Thornton, R. (V.G. in Maths., Pysics); Turton, E. (V.G. in Physics); Wilkinson, M. N.

Our Juniors in 1949 played more matches than any other team, for Mr. Wright entered them for the local schools' league. P. O'Neil and Evans have qualities in their own particular lines and E. G. Reeves looks like becoming a stock bowler, but it cannot be claimed that the teams as a whole have won much glory. The first two played for the Stockton boys, who share the County Championship with Sunderland boys.

Taking things generally, the teams are not so good as they ought to be, with the facilities they have. It might give some incentive if the Association, or cricketers among the Old Boys, could find it convenient to revive the old custom of presenting a bat for 50 runs in a match, or, what might be better, 250 runs in a season.

Clifford Hill House Cup: 1948—Brown—J. Brunt. 1949—Green—M. A. Welsh.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

June 19th, 1948, at the Stockton Cricket Ground

These were much spoilt by rain and much of the jumping and hurdling had to be cut out. No records were made, but there was some good running in the juniors' events.

D. Stoddart, one of our famous twins, and Pindar shared the Junior Championship. The Middle was won by F. Nicholson, a fine sprinter as a Rugby wing. C. Beadle was Victor Ludorum. Green won the House Championship with 47 points.

June 17th, 1949, at the Stockton Cricket Ground

This time the weather really did favour us, for the sports were held in the fine weather of early summer, and the only disadvantage was a chilly breeze. One new record was made by Newell in the 220 yards Junior. The Relay with the Grammar School, possibly the last or next to last, was a most exciting race, J. O. Tarren pulling off a win in the last lap, after some determined running by F. McLellan and R. Hosie.

It is noteworthy that several of our runners were among the winners at the Billingham Sports in July.

The Junior Championship was won by Newell, the Middle by Hansen, and Tarren was Victor Ludorum. Brown just managed to beat Blue for the House Cup, with 38 points to 361.

ATHLETIC SPORTS — RESULTS

Seniors, 1948

100 Yards:-

Tarren; Pearson; Beadle. 11.3 secs.

440 Yards:-

Scott; Beadle; Pearson. 57.3 secs.

Half-Mile:-

Jeffs, Beadle, Thornton. 2 mins. 12.8 secs.

Mile:-

Beadle; Thornton; Angel. 5 mins. 30.2 secs.

High Jump:-

Allard; Beadle; Pybus. 4 feet 81 inches.

Long Jump:-

Tarren; Pearson; Williams. 18 feet 4 inches.

Seniors, 1949

100 Yards:-

Tarren; McLellan; Nicholson. 17 feet 41 inches.

440 Yards:-

Jeffs; Turton; Tarren. 58 secs.

Half-Mile:-

Jeffs; Hosie; Jewitt. 2 mins. 18.2 secs.

Lynn; Jewitt; Turton. 5 mins. 26 secs.

High Jump:-

Fenby; Tarren, Brunt. 4 feet 10 inches.

Long Jump:-

Tarren; McLellan; Nicholson. 17 feet 41 inches.

Hurdles:-

Angel; Tarren; Hosie. 19.3 secs.

Middle, 1948

100 Yards

Nicholson: McCorkell; Featherstone. 12.4 secs.

220 Yards:-

Featherstone; McCorkell; Wanless. 30.9 secs.

Middle, 1949

100 Yards:-

Garthwaite: Hansen: Tate. 12.6 secs.

220 Yards:-

Tate; Garthwaite; Hansen. 27.9 secs. High Jump:-

Stephens; Raine; Hansen. 4 feet 5 inches.

Long Jump:-

Hansen; Gillson; Raine. 15 feet.

Hurdles:-

Hansen; Stephens; Raine. 12.9 secs.

Junior, 1948

80 Yards:-

Stoddart, J.; Pinder; Stoddart, D. 11.4 secs.

High Jump:-

Stoddart, D.; Dewison; Pinder. 3 feet 71 inches.

Long Jump:-

Pinder; Kenyon; Candlin. 13 feet 41 inches.

Junior, 1949

80 Yards:-

Newell; Hodgson; McCarthy. 11.4 secs.

220 Yards:-

Newell; Hodgson; Dickenson. 30.6 secs.

High lump:-

Dickenson; Hodgson; Barker, M. 3 feet 11 inches.

Long Jump:-

Porritt; Newell; Illingworth. 12 feet 101 inches.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE - 1948

Scott, G.; Brown, D. T.; Brunt, J.; Hind, J.; Pearson, K. H.; Thornton, L. J.

(All awarded County Scholarships)

Leters of Credit awarded to:

Foulger, R. (History, French); Goodman, J. H. (French, Physics); Hislop, A. (Physics, Chemistry); Short, J. (Maths., Physics, Chemistry); Waterman, C. G. (Physics, Chemistry).

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE - 1949

- 5 M.: Addison, J. (V.G. in French); Atkinson, R. S.; Bird, N. (V.G. in French); Briggs, J. R.; Clark, J. B.; Clayton, R. T. (V.G. in History); Firman, G.; Gardner, C.; Glenwright, H. D.; (V.G. in Eng. Lang., French); Goodchild, J. S.; Hislop, A.; Hoggett, P.; Jeffries, A. E.; Jones, L. (V.G. in French); Lancaster, G.; Nishman, D. V. (V.G. in Maths., Physics); Manistre, R.; Middleton, C. D.; Piercey, H.; Riddle, G. J. (V.G. in Eng. Lang., French, Latin, Maths., Physics); Tarren, J. O.; Ward, F. (V.G. in French); Wood, T. F.
- 5 Sc.: Anthony, B.; Ayres, C. J. (V.G. in Maths.); Berry, D.; Bryan, C.; Campbell, W.; Featherstone, P. W. (V.G. in Eng. Lang., French); Gills, R. W.; Harbron, A.; Harland, K. (V.G. in Eng. Lang.); Henderson, W.; Husband, T. W.; McCorkell, W.; Merryweather, A.; Newton, W.; Nicholson, G. W. Pearson, R.; Runs, N. J.; Simpson, H.; Smith, M.; Stockdale, G.; Tiffen, K.; Turner, T. H.; Woodall, G. C.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE - 1949

Charlton, G. W. (Dist. in Geog.); Hosie, R. S.; Arthur, B. E.; Balmford, D. C. H.: Broadbent, G.; Brunt, J.; Lloyd, L.; Matson, K. (Dist. in Physics); McLellan, F. A.; Oliver, D. O.; Robinson, R. N.; Rutter, E. R.; Sawyer, P. M.; Sherris, C.; Walker, G. O.; Welsh, M. A.

(All except Oliver, D. O., awarded County Scholarships.)

Letters of Credit awarded to:

Dee, P. G. (Geography, Physics, Chemistry); Turton, E. (Geography, Physics, Chemistry).

SCHOOL RUGBY - 1948-49

The second half of the 1947-48 esason was no real improvement on the first, in spite of the heroic efforts of L. Thornton, the Captain, but eventually a match with Stockton 2nd was won quite hand-somely.

Our Juniors, however, developed into quite a useful side and provided a County player in D. Berry.

The season 1948-49 began even more disastrously, but improved after Christmas. R. Hosie was Captain and R. Angel Vice-Captain. Towards the end of the season a game with Billingham 3rd was won and other matches showed that our scoring potentialities had increased, though the backs never settled into a strong combination.

For the 2nd and under 15 teams there was measurable success. The former beat all the schools they met, except one, at least once, while the latter had a very good season up to Christmas, but were handicapped by ailments afterwards. In W. McCorkell they had a player who, besides playing at stand-off for the County, took part in a Northern trial and looked as though he was heading for a junior international's colours when he was injured and prevented from playing for the rest of the season.

The other junior teams had a poor record, although there are some promising players.

SCHOOL CRICKET - 1948-49

In 1948 the team was led by D. T. Brown, with J. Middleham as Vice-Captain. It may be distinguished as a season when the batting did not equal that of 1947, though Middleham played two or three useful innings, and where the lamentable feature was the bowling. In previous seasons we had produced one outstanding, and several useful, batsmen, and we always had bowlers capable of taking 40 wickets, though nobody reached that total in 1947. Alas, 1948 produced only J. Brunt, a reliable slow-medium bowler, but in certain conditions he could succeed only in keeping down the runs. Except in the Old Boys' match, there was usually some good fielding. The work of Brunt in the slips and of Tarren in the outfield was very attractive.

Played Won Lost Drawn 15 3 7 5

In 1949 J. Brunt was Captain and M. A. Welsh Vice-Captain. It was a very mediocre season, with a rather small team on the average, better in its parts than that of 1948, more cricket-like in its appearance and strokes, but lacking in stamina and with no batsman of Middleham's calibre. Nobody scored 50 runs in a match or 100 runs in the season, the first time since 1944 we have failed in this way. Perhaps the fiery nature of the wickets and the small size of the team had something to do with this, but it was largely due to unenterprising or casual batting that failure came. The bowling was handicapped by the vagaries of M. Smith, who heads the averages. Brunt took 4 wickets in 5 balls at Sedgefield, including a hat-trick in his effort. He had several other successful days, but he did not reach 30 wickets for the season, and only occasionally was there another sufficiently reliable bowler to hold the other end for several overs. The fielding was patchy, occasionally brilliant, but more often unreliable both in the air and on the ground. Harding took his bumps behind the wicket and stuck it out: he stumped three and there was a fair proportion of "run-outs".

Played Won Lost Drawn 12 3 7 1

The Second XI in 1948 had a better season than the first, R. Marriner making useful progress. The Junior teams sometimes distinguished themselves, and had one or two useful players, though they did not always live up to their potentialities.

In 1949 the Second usually gave a good account of itself, except when players had to be withdrawn to fill vacancies in the First. Dee has made a very painstaking captain, trying to study his bowlers and making his team into a unit.

with a little help from the 2nd and 3 Sc., made a missing the Roman Wall on July 18th. The weather was not settled to the fell at intervals, but the company manfully sweated its made crass from Cawfields to Housesteads, displaying much and intelligence in their appreciation of the Roman engineers the schemes of defence. It was remarkable to find the Science are borned with their Latin, but the solemn young man who may be sufficiently as the meet for more study of the language by our scientists. The second ded with a coach-journey along the Wall to Portgate, the more down Dere St. to Corbridge. A jolly sort of day, with the usual jolly sort of noise!

YOUTH HOSTEL TOURS

mat season suggested a Youth Hostelling walking tour in the Easter season suggested to the idea soon became widely popular, and it proved to make arrangements for three parties at Easter, with an outing during the preceding half-term holiday.

Each of the parties visited our nearest hostel, Westerdale Hall, whose wardens, Mrs. and Miss Wolliscroft, made us so welcome, and many times. But it was not long before we spread our fledgling wings further afield. At Whitsuntide we visited Swaledale and Wensterder, and in August a party of twenty boys spent a week in the Lake District — in characteristic Lake District weather!

In all, 99 boys of the School became Y.H.A. members during the mean there were eight school walking tours, and a constantly increasing number of boys made independent explorations, on foot or awheel. Hostelling in 1949 has continued on similar lines; in addition to revisiting the North Yorkshire Moors and the Lake District, we have seen something of Upper Teesdale and Weardale, and in August we spent ten glorious days exploring the Pennine moors and dales, in perfect weather, over ideal walking country, and with frequent opportunities for bathing, scrambling, surveying the scene, meeting and conversing with new people, and all the other delights which contribute to the variety and richness of texture of a hostelling holiday.

Increasingly, boys who have obtained some experience of hostelling as members of school parties—and others, too—have made independent tours, singly or in groups of two or three. Areas visited by boys of the School in this way during 1949 include the Pennines, the Lakes, the North Yorkshire moors and coast, East Anglia, North Wales and the West Country. We have not yet penetrated the fastnesses of Scotland; that remains an ambition.

Our experience has not been purely topographical. We have learned something of the arts of looking after ourselves, both indoors and out, and of mixing with other people, both friends and strangers. We have made friends of each other, we have shared thrills, difficulties, and achievements, and we believe that we have upheld the good name of the School wherever we have journeyed. We are glad to note that many of the first form boys are anxious to join in our activities, and we hope that they will maintain the same tradition in the future.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Another attempt was made to revive this once flourishing Society in the Autumn Session of 1948. Mr. Armstrong presided over two debates. For the first time also our new film-strip projector was used by Mr. Dennis to show pictures of "Roman Britain" and "Beautiful Britain", while the new film projector showed a film of life in South Africa as the basis of a talk by Mrs. Snyman. On another occasion we heard an expert account of recent excavations at Corbridge, given by Mr. M. G. Lumsdon, who had himself taken part in the work. In the Spring term we debated the motion "That professionalism ruins sport", and later on an exceptionally interesting talk was given by Mr. D. Whitney, works manager of the "Evening Gazette". Those who heard it were invited to visit the works and see for themselves the processes and machines described in the lecture.

SCHOOL MUSIC

Fewer meetings were held in the last session than of old; but greater variety surely made amends. A welcome newcomer was Mr. Burdon, violinist and directer of the local Light Symphony Orchestra. Our old friends, Messrs. L. Knox, R. Robinson, A. Melia and J. Cooper once again generously yielded to requests for help with programmes alluring and excellently rendered.

The Musical Festival and Competition for the House Musical Cup took place in December. Entries from some Houses were disappointingly few and discouraging to the boys responsible for organising the effort of their Houses. The staitened accommodation available in the school building for practice may in part be responsible for poor preparation. It is possibly equally true that boys are nowadays less willing to help themselves and lacking in the spirit which makes for success—a deplorable state of affairs. The Cup was won by Brown House.

At the end of Spring term our tiny band of schoolboy, master and Old Boy instrumentalists found themselves reinforced by a formidable body of adult players, professional and amateur. The orchestra thus constituted numbered 35 players and was able to present a programme of no mean quality. The principal item was Saint-Saëns' "Wedding Cake", in which F. MacLellan of the VIth sustained the very onerous solo piano part with some distinction considering its concerto-like difficulty.

Organised visits were paid to Middlesbrough to hear the Hallé Orchestra and to Durham to hear Brahms' "Requiem".

DRAMA

Pupils have been privileged to see first-class performances by professional performers on several occasions, notably the Glynde-bourne Players in Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion", Bax's "Immortal Lady" and a dramatised version of Chaucer's "Pardoner's Tale". Two very notable occasions have been performances in French by French actors of Molière's "L'Avarre", and more recently "Le Médecin malgre lus".

CROSS COUNTRY

1948—Times for the School Cross Country this year fell below former levels. Ernest Lynn, of 4M., beat all the Seniors, even without his handicap allowance. The first three home were all juniors, Bradley and Piercey being in the same form as Lynn, but they won on their handicap.

An Inter-school Cross Country, on pre-war lines, at Acklam Park saw our runners beaten by Coatham, Middlesbrough High School and Darlington Grammar School. The only school below was Acklam.

The House Cup was won by Green House.

1949—The School Cross Country was little improvement on the previous year in times. Lynn again was first, with B. Ellis second and Carrigan third. Green won the House Championship again.

We also had runs with individual schools, being beaten twice by Coatham and once by Middlesbrough High School. The last was a reasonably good race; 37 points against 41, but at Coatham our running was a complete fiasco. At home we did very much better.

In the Inter School at Acklam (Sandy Flatts) Coatham again won, and this time we were last, Acklam, Middlesbrough High School, Darlington being second, third and fourth. E. Turton, however, came in second and gave us a minor compensation for the wholesale defeat of the team. His Cross Country work steadily improved during the year and this was a well deserved personal triumph for him.

SWIMMING SPORTS

(Monday, 10th October, 1948, in Billingham Baths)

As in Athletics there was nothing outstanding and no records were broken. The three who tied for the championship belong to the 5th and 4th and there is difficulty in getting a sufficient number of competitors for House events.

Length under 13:Illingworth; Hardwick; Mountford. 29.7 secs.

Length under 14:—
Aitchison; Elstrop; McClaren. 25.8 secs.

Length under 15:— Wanless; Tate; McCorkell. 24.7 secs.

Length under 16:— Husband; Tate; Smith, A. 23.8 secs.

Length over 16:-Knaggs, M.; Husband; Grant, C. D.

Neat Dive:— Middleton.

Learner's Breadth:- Kenyon; Illingworth; Copeland. 8.5 secs.

Three Lengths:— Tate; Wanless; Knaggs. 92.2 secs.

Length Backstroke:— Balmford; Welsh; Harding. 28.9 secs. Junior Length:-

Wanless; Tate; Aitchison.

Senior Lenth:-

Knaggs; Husband; Tate.

Squadron Junior:-

Green; Blue; Red. 111.9 secs.

Squadron Senior:-

Green; Blue; Red. 106.9 secs.

Champion Senior:-

Knaggs, M.; Husband, F.; Tate. 7 pts.

House Championship:-

Green, 37; Blue, 13; Brown, 11; Red, 5.

TENNIS

1948—The Tennis Club is now organised as a part of School Games by Mr. Stone, and matches are played with other schools. We have not been very successful with these but managed to win four.

In the Inter-schools contest for the Granville Cup at Newcastle we enjoyed ourselves, even if we did not triumph.

The School Tournament led up to a keen match in the Final between M. A. Welsh and J. Brunt, the former winning by two sets to one.

1949—This year there has been more organisation of practice, for, owing to the enthusiasm of Mr. Stone, it has been possible to use Thursdays and Fridays. It should be remembered that we have to compete with cricket, which has first priority, and that we cannot usually, therefore, produce our best team. Against most schools this is a handicap for both sides, but not always.

The results were: Played 11, Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 6.

We were again unsuccessful in the competition for the Glanville Cup.

In the School Tournament there were the same Finalists as last year, and M. A. Welsh was allowed to win again.

A. W. WELSH CHESS SHIELD

In 1948 this was again won by M. A. Welsh. He seems to have eclipsed all his opponents to such an extent that six months later nobody remembers anything about the competition except the flash of his brilliance. His opponent in the Final was O. G. Walker.

SCHOOL JOURNEYS

These may now be divided into excursions during term-time to places of historic or other interest, and holiday walking tours (should it be holiday hikes?) organised by Mr. Wright.

The last excursion of Mr. Armstrong, made in July, 1948, was to Rievaulx Abbey, Helmsley Castle, Bylands Abbey and Mount Grace Priory. About sixty-five boys availed themselves of the opportunity, and, with glorious weather, the usual good time was had by all in spite of rather crowded conditions.

OLD BOYS HERE AND THERE

FRED W. DIXON, now settled in Reigate, his motor-cycling years like his schooldays, a happy memory, is still an ardent spirit in search of new worlds to conquer, though no persuasion will induce him to premature disclosures.

- T. W. HOPKINSON prospers as a master-butcher at North Ormesby. The fact that he is also a member of the National Farmers' Union would suggest that English beef may be still a reality in a certain favoured locality.
- J. PARRY GREEN, for some years now a Director of Editorial Consultants, Ltd., New Bond Street, writes with charming appreciation of our last number, and makes a series of helpful suggestions for further issues. These have been considered and will be acted upon as circumstances allow. He would like Old Boys in town to get together as in the days of George Mantle.
- R. SNOWDON, whose career as a choir-boy somewhere in or around Norton was not without its breathless episodes has at last found suitable ground in which to exercise an adventurous spirit, and as a lieutenant in the West African Frontier Force is free from the irksome restraints imposed by dominies, detention, prefects, choirmasters and similar pests.
- R. ELLSWORTH, microbiologically stationed at Salisbury, refuses to forget a school journey of twenty-five years ago, ostensibly for the purpose of studying mediaeval architecture, but really in order that one member of the party should unwillingly seek immersion in the Swale, that parents of all might be kept anxiously waiting till after midnight for the return of their historically minded offspring.

News is sought of HARRY INMAN, de-bunker of John Peel. It would be good if he could be hunted from his hiding place in time for the next dinner, a restatement of the facts relating to the John Peel legend being long overdue together with a portrayal of an authentic hunting scene.

- G. FIRMAN is on the track of malefactors in his native town of Stockton-on-Tees (school mates are hereby warned).
- S. WATSON, a budding telephone engineer in the service of the state.
- S. HART, formerly resident at Stillington that he might work at Stockton, has decided that he prefers to reside at Stockton and work at Stillington. He likes a change of air.

To Major the Rev. J. H. PRATT, formerly a missionary in China, and now Vicar of Wilmington, Dartford, belongs the unique distinction for a Clerk in Holy Orders, of having served as a combatant in both Great Wars. In the first he was in the Royal Engineers for four years; in the second he saw five years service, being successively at the War Office, H.Q., S.A.C.S.E.A., Ceylon, and H.Q., Land Forces, Hong Kong. He was in the Intelligence Corps, a work for which he was uniquely qualified after years of residence in China.

F. HAWES is officially described as residing at Palo Seco, Trinidad, where petrol is unrationed and cars are delivered within twenty-four hours of order. He occasionally takes an airing as business permits, sufficient to enable him to run into W. L. BOUCH, who apparently strays at times from Iran into Venezuela. It is not surprising then to hear of these restless spirits turning up together in India and Burma.

Nuclear Science still claims the attention of W. L. WILSON, as buildings in erection to the requirements of the University of Cambridge testify. A fuller account of his doings at the present time would occupy much space and should be withheld perhaps for the moment.

The Railway Systems of Eire must be in decline now that P. V. PRINGLE has retired from responsible control of them. It is difficult to believe that it is 54 years since he entered the Old School as one of its first scolars, and gratifying to know that he is unwilling to let its memory fade. He would like to know of any instances of membership of three generations of one family. He also nods a reluctant head at the thought that our Association should inevitably be limited to members of the sterner sex.

FRED SMITH, happily settled in Grimsby, wishes to sublimate his joy by encountering Old Stocktonians. WILLIAM COATES is located there as he and everybody knows. Perhaps a friendly word of warning may be ventured to the pair of them, for we have an Inspector of Taxes installed in the same area—fuller information on another page.

NEWTON HAILE is busily occupied as Magazine Editor and Treasurer of the Durham County Drama Association, but not so busily as to be prevented from doing a bit of dramatic writing himself, with highly commendable results, and distinguished by a quiet touch of satirical humour.

We have been delighted to hear news of the Rey. W. H. WHEATLEY, now in the Methodist Ministry at Bradford; JOHN RANDALL, Technical Clerk, First Class, in the Army; KENNETH HARRISON, serving in Western Command; A. CRAWFORD, now resident at Atherton, Lancs.; J. J. MACKEW, married in a dobule sense to the N.E. Electricity Board and to a wife; A. W. WALTON, studying chemistry at the University of Leeds, when not in Holland; F. WALKER (Sedgefield) whose service in the R.A.F. has cut short a period of valuable work on the O.S. Committee; W. TEESDALE, formerly of Sadberge, settled in Ryton-on-Tyne as pharmacist and, lucky lad, a householder and married; J. SANDERSON, M.A., B.C.L., an important person at the Anglo-Persian Institute, Shiraz, Iran; M. G. STEWART, once more at the Research Department, I.C.I., Billingham after a year spent in research in Physical Chemistry at Oxford; C. DAVIDSON (left 1946) now a Writer in the R.N.; P. S. PATTERSON, returned to Civil life from the Forces; J. S. KEAN, after service on the high seas during the war, settled in Australia and married to an Australian bride; J. V. POTTER engaged in an Arts course at Peterborough Training College; R. WHEELHOUSE (left 1947) in the R.N.; DENNIS WHEATLEY, maintaining family tradition and training at Ford motor works; J. R. LAMBERT, settled in Hereford; G. BEDLINGTON, Sergeant in the Malayan Police; G. KING, Chairman of the R.A.S.C. Local Association and anxious to make contact with Old Stocktonian members of the R.A.S.C.

Another Old Boy, J. GILL, is Hon. Secretary of the Local R.A.S.C. Association, which thus well provided with Old Boy officials, is bound to flourish; E. A. TIMOTHY, suffering under pressure of work at Durham and thus maintaining a healthy tradition acquired at School; J. MIDDLEHAM (left 1948) in Southport and we hope still carrying his bat; R. IRELAND installed as a student at the University of Leeds and embroiled with certain examiners of that famous seat of learning; R. ROBINSON, recently a hard-working member of the Committee, but torn from us by the claims of the Victoria Hospital, Accrington; W. G. HUME removed to Nottingham apparently in Government Service as denoted by the portentous initials N.A.A.S.; J. W. CHAPMAN, another valued Committee man, who has responded to a professional call to Bridlington; K. STEWARTSON researching at Cambridge; C. HALL, now located at Middleham; and K. PEARSON, meditating translation to academic groves at Newcastle.

Others there be, but they are dumb.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES - 1948-49

- R. M. Atkinson, graduated B.Sc. Durham University.
- W. R. Ball, B.Eng. (Liverpool) appointed to Atomic Energy Commission.
- J. Bell graduated M.A., Cl. II., Hons. in Geography, Durham University.
- L. Bell, A.M.I.P.I., admitted A.I.I.A.
- P. L. Belshaw, B.Sc., Cl. I Hons. in Chemistry, Durham University, awarded Weighton Memorial Medal.
- E. Blair, M.B., B.S., appointed Captain R.A.M.C.
- G. Boldison appointed to National Provincial Bank, Middlesbrough.
- J. L. Bowron, LL.B., Cl. II Hons., London University Inter-Law Society, appointed to staff of Messrs. Newby, Robson and Cadie, Stockton.
- D. W. Brookfield, Head of Consular Section, British Embassy, Moscow.
- S. Browne graduated B.Sc. (Econ.), London University.
- Capt. A. F. Capstick, D.L.I., mentioned in Dispatches for Distinguished Service, B.A.O.R., 1945.
- Lieut.-Col. Close, R.E. (T.F.), appointed Delegate Director, Goodlass Wall and Lead Industries, Liverpool.
- K. B. Crosby, R.A.F.V.R., mentioned in Dispatches for Distinguished Service.
- F. Curry, B.Sc., appointed Consulting Engineer, Courtauld's Limited, Accrington.
- L. Davis, A.C.I.S., appointed Assistant Secretary, Ashmore, Benson, Pease Ltd., Stockton.
- A. Dresser, M.B., B.S., Durham University, late M.O. R.A.F., now in private practice, Stockton.
- W. A. Eden, M.A., B.Arch., A.R.I.B.A., awarded travelling bursary for study of Greek and Roman architecture; appointed head of Dept. of Architecture, University of Leeds. Author of "Progress of Architectural Tradition".
- G. Geoffrey, B.Sc., (Met.), London University, appointed to I.C.I., Birmingham.

J. Gard appointed Overseas Petroleum Co., Bahrein Island, Persian Gulf. R. T. Gelding, Administrative Grade, C.S., late private secretary to Permanent Undersecretary to Hospitals Board, M.O.H., appointed Principal Secretary.

T. A. Geipel passed Inter. B. Com., London University.

J. Gillespie, fifth class officer, Ministry of Labour. J. T. Gleave, B.A. (Hons.), Durham University, appointed lecturer, College of St. Mark's and St. John's, London.

N. Haile, B.A., appointed editor Durham County Drama Magazine.

W. V. Haile, B.A., appointed lecturer in Aeronautics, Technical College, Farnborough.

G. B. Harker, B.A., Sheffield University, appointed to staff of Wanstead

Grammar School.

S. B. Hart, B.Sc., A.M.I.Cy.E., elected A.T.P.I., awarded Pepler Prize in Town Planning; appointed assistant town planning officer, Bristol Corporation; Millar Prizeman.

A. G. Henderson, M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh University, appointed House

Surgeon, Stockton and Thornaby Hospital.

E. Hodgson, awarded Durham C.C. Technoligical Scholarship of £205 per annum, together with remission of fees, Bristol University. F. W. Hopkins elected M.Inst.M.

M. Jewitt graduated M.B., B.S., Durham University.

R. W. Jones elected M.I.Mech.E.

T. Jones, B.A., London, appointed senior auditor, Air Ministry.

D. Litherland graduated B.Sc., Cl. II, Hons, in Chemistry, London University.

B. Nicholson, B.A., Cl. II, Hons. in Geography, Cambridge University, appointed to staff of Wellington School.

T. B. Noddings, B.Sc., appointed to Dudley Grammar School.

C. Riley, M.B., B.S., Durham University, appointed Captain, R.A.M.C. R. Robinson, A.H.A., appointed administrative officer, Victoria Hospital, Accrington.

H. Rutledge, B.Sc., Cl. I, Hons. in Geology, Durham University, appointed lecturer in Geology, University of Nottingham.

F. L. Scaife, M.I.Gas E., Gas Manager, Stockton Corporation, appointed President, N.E. Gas Managers' Association.

J. Seddon appointed Assistant Inspector of Taxes, Nottingham.

G. S. Self, A.R., San.I., M.R.I.H. and Hy., Cert. S.I.B., appointed Sanitary Inspector, Stockton.

R. T. Shields, B.A., Cl. II, Hons., Mech. Sciences Tripos, Cambridge, appointed officer experimental engineering, Air Ministry Khartoum. E. Sockett appointed to Coatham Grammar School, Redcar.

R. Snowdon, Lieut., West African Frontier Force.

K. Stewartson, B.A., Cl. I. Hons. in Mathematical Tripos, Pt. I, II and III, Cambridge University, engaged in research studies at the University.

R. Stewartson, B.A., Cl. II, Hons. Mathematical Tripos, Cambridge University, appointed Development Engineer, United Steel Co.,

Sheffield.

L. Still appointed Librarian, Billingham Public Library.

G. Stott passed Pt. I., final A.C.A.

S. N. G. Thomas passed Inter B.Sc., London University and awarded Durham C.C. Technological Scholarship of £205 per annum, together with remission of fees, London University.

E. Tingle, B.Sc., Cl. I, Hons. in Chemistry, London University, awarded

Ph.D. for research, Selwyn College, Cambridge.

S. Turner graduated B.Sc., Cl. I, Hons. Physics, Durham University. P. Twiddy, B.A. (Hons.), Oriel College, Oxford, appointed to Colonial Educational Service, Tanganyika.

T. K. Whitfield gained Teachers' Diploma.

B. D. Wiggins, B.Sc., Cl. II, Mechanical Engineering, London University, Director Wiggins' Garage, Stockton. Kemsley Travelling scholar.

G. D. Wing, M.C., B.A., Hons. in English Language and Literature, Durham University(appointed Assistant Director, British Council, Isfahan, Persia.

D. W. Atkinson, M.B., B.S., House Surgeon, Stockton & Thornaby Hosp.

D. W. Baker, A.S.A.A., Director and Secretary Ham River and Grit Co., Ltd., London; and Secretary Accountant to the Thames Grit and Aggregates Ltd., and associated companies.

A. E. Bishop, Incorporated Accountant, admitted to partnership in the firm of Messrs. P. S. Ross and Sons, Chartered Accountants,

Montreal.

H. C. Bowron, B.A., Cl. II, Div. I, Hons. Economics, Tripos Christ's College, Cambridge.

E. H. Brown, returned unopposed as Councillor for the Hartburn Ward, Stockton-on-Tees.

S. Brunskill, Geologist, No. 4 Area, East Midland Division, N.C.B.

A. Crawford, Ph.D., M.Sc., F.R.I.C., F.Inst.F., M.Inst.Min.Eng., Divisional Chief Scientist, National Coal Board, North Western Division.

A. de Caux, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, County Borough of Southport .

J. F. Ellis, B.Sc., Cl. I Honours in Chemistry, S. Cuthbert's College, Durham.

W. Dobson, Inter C.I.S.

A. Forster, Qualified Teacher.

J. Parry Green, Director of Editorial Consultants, Ltd.

D. Hughes, B.A., Class III Hons. Mechanical Science Tripos, Part I, St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

P. Jackson, Inter C.I.S.

G. McIntyre, B.Com. (Dunelm), re-elected Councillor, Durham City Corporation.

J. J. Mackew, B.Sc., (Elec. Eng.), King's College, Newcastle. Appointment under North Eastern Electrical Board.

G. W. Mantle, Higher Clerical Officer, P.O. Savings Bank, London.

B. Nicholson, M.A., St. Catherine's College, Newcastle.

J. A. Nicholson, Victualling Officer, H.M.S. Dockyard, Bermuda. Major the Rev. J. H. Pratt, B.A., B.Litt. (Oxon.), Vicar of Wilmington, Dartford.

W. M. Reyer, Grad. Inst. Transport.

G. R. Robson, B.Sc., Cl. II Hons in Geology, Bede College, Durham, Kemsley Travelling scholar.

R. Shawyer, Deputy Housing Manager, Stockton-on-Tees Corporation.

J. H. Shields, Grad. Inst. Transport.

L. H. Smith, elected Councillor, Billingham Urban District Council. G. F. S. Smith, Inspector of Taxes, appointed to charge of Grimsby No. 2 District.

M. G. Stewart, B.Sc., London, 1st Class Hons. in Chemistry, A.R.I.C.

G. Stott, Associate A.C.C.A.

G. C. Watson, M.A., University College, Durham, 1st Class Hons. English, appointed to the Colonial Office, Kenya.

D. R. Willey, Inter. Sc. Eng., London University, appointment with

Messrs. Handley Page (Aircraft).

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The Balance Sheet for 1949 will not be ready before the Annual General Meeting. Even so it ought to be revealed that the General Fund at the moment is only a trifle higher than £17—the bulk of subscriptions being overdue. An effort is being made to deal with this situation—a recurring one, and the persistent fly in the ointment to Associations such as ours.

O.S. DANCE

An O.S. Ball may be held in the Maison de Danse, Yarm Lane, on Thursday, 16th March, 1950. Jack Marwood and his Orchestra. Early assurances of support will be necessary.

R.A.S.C. ASSOCIATION

Stockton and District Branch will welcome all ex-service Old Boys to their Club, now in course of erection at John Street, Stockton-on-Tees. Old Boy Stanley King is Branch Chairman.

O.S. SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Life Membership:—£1. 5s. 0d.
Ordinary Membership:—2s. per annum except for those who left school in 1948 and 1949, who pay 1s.

OUR ADDRESS LIST

Is limited on this occasion to changes, corrections and additions. It is hoped to publish a complete list in our next issue.

Some copies of the last complete list remain (1948) and are available for members who apply for them.

OLD STOCKTONIANS

SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 12th OCTOBER, 1948.

Receipts Cash in hand and at Bank 14th November, 1947 Balance of P.O.W. Fund Balance of Childrens Treats Balance of Dances Life Members Account	£ s. d. 26 16 0½ 3 2 0 10 2 10 15 11	40 16 9½ 233 15 0 £274 11 9½	Payments Cash in hand and at Bank 12th Oct., 1949 Life Members' Account Deficit on year's working	£ s. d. 6 8 10½ 266 5 0 1 17 11
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Loss on year's working		1 17 11 £81 19 4	postages in the same and	£81 19 4

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