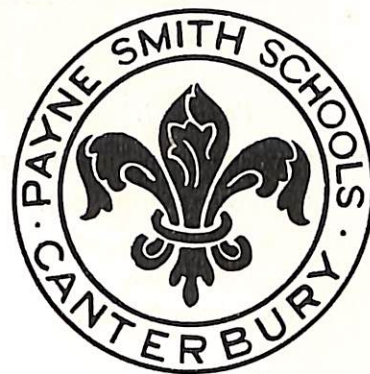






The group at the Fancy Dress Ball. Photo taken by Mr. A. Bailey.



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EDITORIAL

MY first words must be an apology for the fact that this magazine is late in being published; but now it is in your hands I hope it will compensate for its lateness. Our news is very varied this time. It is with great regret that we have to record the death of W. J. Tunbridge—one of our stalwarts. There is the wedding of Fred Neame—another of our original members. Overshadowing all is the change which will soon take place in our old school. Nothing can be done in the matter now; but, at least, we can still “keep our tails up” and make our name known.

Elsewhere in this issue is reproduced a review of our first magazine which appeared in the “Canterbury Press.” I have been accused of many faults, but never have I been called “shy” before!! However, I appreciated the review very much and this time I will append my “moniker.”

I should like to thank all those who sent photos and contributions. I have so many photos that it is impossible to reproduce them all this time on account of the cost of blocks. They will appear in due course.

Cricket will soon be with us and all members will shortly receive notice of fixtures already arranged. We may see some of the non-players present to cheer us on, eh?

This is all the space I have allowed myself this time, so cheerio.

A. W. RYE.

THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS IN 1896

IN our last issue we gave the names of those present at the official opening of our schools, and now we publish the speeches on that occasion (reprinted from the "Kentish Gazette").

The service opened with a reading of Psalm cxi, led by the Rev. L. J. White-Thomson, those present reciting each alternate verse. Canon Holland then read a brief special lesson and prayers followed.

The Archbishop of Canterbury observed that he had very few words to say and very little time to say them in. When he told Canon Holland that he had very little to say, the Canon replied that it did not matter—(laughter)—but he had a better excuse by far than that, namely, that all they had to say had been beautifully said in those prayers. They contained the things which they had at their hearts rendered in a very solid form in this building. He had only just to remind them that this building had risen out of a most earnest desire on the part of church people in Canterbury to provide for those who were ready and willing and able to take education at rather a higher rate—that education which Christians and churchmen could fully approve. (Hear, hear.) They were much honoured in the opening of these schools by the presence of the Mayor. (Hear, hear.) It was always a great satisfaction to all religious people when the chief magistrate of a city came and expressed, however quietly, the sense that the governors of a great city understood and felt and sympathised with that which was best for the permanence of that city. Then he had, as usual on such occasions, to suggest that having made, as many of them had, great sacrifices, they should go on and make some more. (Laughter.) It generally happened that when people made sacrifices they were little pestered afterwards to know whether they meant it or not. (Renewed laughter.) They

knew now exactly what the cost of this undertaking was, and he was sure that they would not shrink from going on a little further to accomplish the desire of their hearts. That the school was wanted was perfectly evident from the fact that before it was opened there were one-half of the children the building was capable of accommodating down for entrance. He did not know what better proof could be offered. In the next place, he was requested to point out that the full number of children was 320, but that this number would not be reached for some time. Meanwhile the building was being maintained, and also the staff, at great expense, and then by the admirable system which the Government had of not paying for a thing until it had got it, the Education Department would not pay anything to help them until twelve months had elapsed. Meantime, the schools must be carried on efficiently and subscriptions must be asked for from those friendly to the scheme. Many had contributed in aid of the project and had testified their respect for a great scheme and a good man who had the best interests of Canterbury at heart for a great many years. He spoke of the predecessor of the Dean of Canterbury. That school would always bear the honoured name of Payne-Smith. In order to complete the evidence of their veneration for him and the efficiency of the work raised in his memory, it was purposed—and it was really a very modest request—that an association should be formed of those who were not able to subscribe largely, but who would become annual subscribers of not less than 2/6. That association to bear the honoured name of Half-crown Association. (Laughter.) He (the Archbishop) believed he had already subscribed something to the aid of the schools—(hear, hear)—but he intended to put his name down as No. 1 of the Half-crown Association, and he hoped that a large number of those present that day would join him in that great federation. If favourable, the Rev. T. Scott-Huxley wished them to have the kindness to send their name and subscription to him, or it could be sent to Mr. W. J. Pratt, of 1, Wincheap Street, Canterbury. He need say no more. They were

honouring a memory and founding a great institution for the good of the City—those facts were more eloquent than words. (Applause.)

The Mayor : " May I correct your Grace on one point ? You said you were No. 1 on the list of the Half-crown Association, but I am a previous No. 1."

The Archbishop : " You are No. 1 and I am No. 1A." (Laughter.)

His Grace then proceeded to unlock the door of the schools, and on returning, presented the key to the Chairman of the Governors, expressing a hope that they might be rapidly filled with good pupils. He then solemnly declared the schools open.

Hymn No. 364, "Heavenly Father, send Thy blessing," was then rendered, the singing being led by a party of Cathedral choristers under the direction of Mr. J. Platt.

Canon Holland then conveyed the thanks of all present to the Archbishop for his kindness in attending to open the schools. The Archbishop said he considered thanks were due in quite another direction. It was a great honour and a great pleasure to be able on Trinity Monday to remain and see the enthusiastic and devoted friends who had planted in Canterbury so noble a building. As for the children, he hoped they would never forget that day and would remember that it was for their sakes and the generations to follow that the schools had been built. It was a great thing that they should be the first children to receive instruction there, and he hoped that when they were grey-haired men and women they would remember the fact. (Applause.)

The Benediction was next pronounced by the Archbishop, and the proceedings concluded with three ringing cheers by the children. Before leaving, his Grace renewed his acquaintance with the ex-Mayor and Mrs. Collard and many others of the gathering. The architect of the schools, Mr. James Brook, F.R.I.B.A., the headmaster and the headmistress were also presented to his Grace.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on Tuesday, February 22nd, and in addition to Mr. J. Adams, there were also present Mr. E. R. James, Rev. Ian White-Thomson, A. W. Rye (Secretary) and 30 members. The Treasurer was unable to be present owing to business and G. Cross sent a message regretting his absence. The Chairman opened the meeting in humorous vein by remarking that the Secretary had omitted to provide agendas for those present.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and signed and then the Secretary presented his report for the year. He said :

MR. CHAIRMAN AND BROTHER MEMBERS,—

It is with very great pleasure and with a deep feeling of responsibility that I present this my first annual report on the Association for 1937. The past year has undoubtedly witnessed great strides in our association and in no way more clearly than in the matter of membership. To understand the position clearly it must be stated that of the 108 names in the register at the beginning of the year it was found on enquiry that about 20 of these had moved without acquainting the late Secretary of such change. Of the remaining 80 odd, only 24 had paid subscriptions for 1936. The position to-day is that we have 123 paid-up members, and of this number 72 are new members this year, the remaining 51 being old members drawn back to the fold mainly owing to the resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting. I do not claim all the credit for this result. Your Committee has worked together splendidly with one object in view—the expansion of the Association—and I think you will agree with me, that the results have surpassed all expectations. One other factor in this increase has been the formation of our cricket team. Our record on paper is lamentable—but I can assure you as a playing member that

our matches have been exceedingly enjoyable. Thanks are due to those non-playing members who contributed to the funds and so kept the deficit down as low as it is.

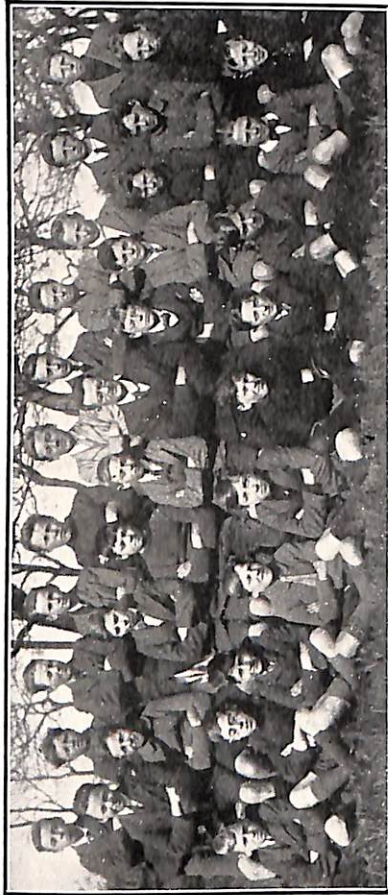
I now come to another cause of our increase. This is the publicity given us by the "Canterbury Press" and "Kent Herald." I know you have heard this before both in the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and also in the magazine; but I cannot stress too fully the debt we owe to this source. I know I happen to be a member of the staff; the help given us does not stop at publicity only—their offices in St. George's Street are offices for us.

A discordant note enters at this point. Owing to our losses last year we decided to confine our dances this season to three, apart from the Cricket Week dance, which is an annual event. On the October dance we lost £1/18/3, and on the December one we made 1/5. This is not good enough. These dances entail a lot of work; the overheads are very great and without a little profit it is very discouraging. I appeal to all of you to help make our dance next Monday a bumper success.

Our socials, on the other hand, have been a great success, and these seem to be what is acceptable to the majority.

Our first annual dinner in October was attended by only 35 members, and as a result we sustained a heavy loss on it. It was a very successful affair, there being members from Ashford, Deal, etc., and a good programme of entertainment made an enjoyable evening. We should like to know the cause for the small numbers—whether wrong night, wrong price, etc.

Following a suggestion made at the dinner to provide events of an educational nature, we arranged two lectures to be given by Mr. Howse. The first in November, on "Italy," attracted about 80, and the one in January, on "The Rhine and Black Forest," filled the Slater Hall to capacity. I should like to place on record how much we



This photo was lent by R. E. Lawrence and was taken about 1918 on the old football ground in Nackington. Mr. Howse is in the centre and he has hardly altered at all during the ensuing years. Here again, many are unknown to us, and information would be valuable.

owe to Mr. Howse for the last lecture. Although in exceedingly bad health at the time, he refused to cancel the show and gave us a remarkable fine lecture. Since that date he has undergone an operation. Our Chairman was also absent on that occasion owing to an accident, which happily proved not to be very serious after all.

We have, unfortunately, been unable to fix in Mr. Bligh's films to date, but we hope his offer still holds good and that these will take place. He has been asked by many people to show them and the Press has given very good reports.

The past year saw another great stride forward in the appearance of the first magazine. Your Committee decided that these should be used as propaganda, and every old boy whose name and address was handed in, living away from Canterbury, was forwarded a copy. Some of them have not yet replied, which is why our accounts show an adverse balance at the present moment. On the other hand, they have resulted in attracting over 25 new members already, so that it is really early days to say that a big loss has been sustained. Our printers have given us an extended credit because of this, for which we thank them. You may be interested to know that copies have gone to such far-away places as Australia, India and the Persian Gulf. One particular member sent us £1 upon receipt of the magazine.

In conclusion I am going to make my usual appeal. Will you all do your best to get more members and also do please let us know what you think about things. I have done my best to further the Association, ably assisted by the Committee, and I hope to have the pleasure of continuing the work in the future.

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The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. Whale and seconding of Mr. Padbury. Mr. Adams said that they owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Secretary for the work done, especially in connection with the magazine, which he hoped to see followed by others of a like standard and

character. Mr. O. V. Sayers supported the Chairman, saying that the Secretary spent a tremendous amount of time and energy on matters connected with the Association. Mr. E. R. James thought that the report struck a note of pessimism and said that it must be remembered that the Association was, as it were, on the ground floor. They fully appreciated his efforts and would back him up to the best of their ability. The Secretary, in replying, said that there had been no intention of making things look pessimistic and apologised if that was the way the members look at his report. He was full of enthusiasm himself and had no fears of the future.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary gave a summary of the financial position. He apologised to the meeting for the fact that the accounts had not been audited; this was not the fault of the auditors. There was a big deficit against them at the present time on account of the magazine, as only 75 had paid for a copy as against 250 sent out. This deficit would gradually reduce as copies were paid for, and as they had a special extended credit for this issue there need be no cause for alarm. Apart from this there was a credit balance of £4 odd. The cricket account showed a deficit of £2 and the two dances had resulted in an ultimate loss. They had given the members two lantern lectures, for which no charge had been made. Bearing in mind the heavy postages for the year, the position was very promising. The report was adopted.

A discussion followed about the magazine. It was felt by some that as the first issue had received a slow response the next issue should be held up till later in the year so as not to involve the Association in too great a debt. The Secretary said that in the first magazine it was stated that the next issue would appear in March or April, although it was decided to issue it quarterly. This had been done purposely, as it had been anticipated that the response to the

first magazine would be slow. A number of members had sent in money for the next two issues and some for the next three. Finally, on the proposition of Mr. Whale, it was decided to issue the next one in March, and thereafter quarterly, namely, June, September and December.

The election of officers followed. The list of these will be found on the front page of the magazine.

Mr. F. B. Burton read his report on the cricket section. Every member of the team had played the game well, in spite of defeat after defeat, and were looking forward to another season. The biggest drawback to the efficiency of the team had been the lack of a ground to practice on. The Recreation Ground was not really suitable, and it was hoped to be able to alter this this year. The report was adopted.

Mr. O. V. Sayers proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Press for their publicity and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Howse for his lantern lectures. They were all sorry to hear he had gone into hospital again and wished him a speedy recovery. These were carried.

Mr. Vaughan proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Norris for his band's services at our dances and socials and this was carried.

Mr. Whale proposed that a series of whist drives be run, and this was also carried, the arrangements being left to the Committee.

The Secretary then read a letter from an Old Boy, who drew attention to the fact that one of our members was a cripple and unable to follow any trade or attend any functions, and yet was very keen. This member is Ronald Harvey, and he proposed that he be made a life member. The Old Boy who wrote gave the Secretary instructions to send the magazine to him regularly and debit the cost to him. The meeting unanimously decided to make Mr. Harvey a life member.

This closed the meeting.

A SEA VOYAGE

TAKEN FROM ACTUAL EXPERIENCE

WE are indebted to C. Josty for the following account of an ocean voyage. He was in the Mercantile Marine for five years before becoming a policeman and was a member of the school swimming team which won the shield in 1928 for the first time since 1918.

It was 12 o'clock, midnight, on a night in December, 1934, when I boarded my ship, the s.s. "——," a vessel of 10,000 tons, bound for Cape Town, South Africa. The night was dark and clouds were scurrying across the sky. A bitter north-easterly wind was blowing and rain was beating down in torrents. Under the shadow of a warehouse stood a policeman in cape and leggings gloomily surveying the activities of the shore gang making the ship ready for its departure.

The Pilot, a grey-bearded old sailor, was already on board, and the gangway was lowered to the quay. Officers and men were at their stations in different parts of the ship, dressed in oilskins and sea boots, waiting for orders to cast off. Presently the orders "Let go aft, and Let go forward" came distinctly from the bridge. The ropes were thrown off the quay by the shore gang and hauled on board, and the fussy little tugs gradually pulled the ship into mid-stream. On the bridge engine-room telegraphs were signalling orders to the engine-room, and as the powerful engines were put into motion, one could feel the ship gradually gather way.

We sailed down the Thames, passing factories, warehouses and other outstanding points. Smaller ships were coming upstream and others were at anchor. By this time ropes were secured and stowed away, and sailors were busy

making ready for rough weather. Hatches were battened down, derricks lashed into place and other necessary jobs completed.

A few hours later the Pilot landed at Dover and the course set for Ushant. Everybody except the port watch had turned in and the only noise that could be heard was the rain beating down upon the deck, and the swish of the sea as the bows cut through it. The cry of "Ship ahead" or "Ship on the port bow" came casually from the look-out man as he sighted various ships in the blackness of the night.

At eight bells (12 o'clock midnight) 24 hours later, the starboard watch was called to continue the usual nightly duties of washing down decks. The sea was by now very rough and the waves began to come over the bows as the ship pitched and rolled in the great troughs of the waves. The rain had stopped, but the wind had reached gale force, making a whining noise as it blew through the rigging.

The lights of Ushant (entrance to the Bay of Biscay) were nearing, and the lights of many other ships could be seen travelling in different directions—some to South America and westerly ports, and others, like ourselves, to the eastern countries. When we came abreast of Ushant lighthouse we changed course a few degrees to the east, and in doing so rolled into the trough of a huge wave, but unfortunately did not right ourselves in time to prevent the wave striking our port bow, and doing a great deal of damage. As it rolled waist deep along the deck, rails, boats and rigging were smashed as though struck by a giant hammer. In the passengers' quarters aft the sea had invaded the cabins, and everything loose was floating about. Needless to say, passengers were screaming with fright and fast appearing in the lounge dressed in night attire. Stewards were called, and after clearing up and issuing fresh bedding, order was again restored to normal. Eight bells (4 a.m.) found us wearily taking off our oilskins and sea boots and gladly turning in for a few hours' rest, in spite of everything rolling about and causing a great deal of noise.

Dawn came none too soon, except for those in bed, and at eight bells (8 a.m.) I relieved the man on look-out.



The sea was still very rough, and the wind was blowing at gale force. I had my camera concealed under my oilskin, and after a great deal of manœuvring managed to take a fine snap (reproduced here), which I hope will help you to imagine the scene from the crow's nest, which was 60ft. above the deck. With a casual cry of "Ship right ahead," or "Ship on the port bow," I remained in the nest for a couple of hours.

Days passed as we carried on with our various duties, and good weather took the place of bad. Life-boat drill and fire drill were taken weekly as a matter of course and passengers began to appear on deck after being penned below for the first part of the voyage.

Early in the morning on the sixth day at sea, land was sighted on the starboard bow in the form of a low mountain appearing above the horizon. The sea was calm and blue and a fresh, warm breeze was blowing from the south. In the east the sun was rising in a glorious maze of gold. As we reached the island of Las Palmas we could see the white houses standing out against the brown hills behind. The Spanish Pilot was taken aboard and we slowly sailed to anchor in the calm bay. Natives boarded and laid their

wares on the deck for sale, and noisy jabbering predominated the usual quietness of the ship. As one passed along the deck, he would hear the natives shouting their wares in broken English, and trying to "sting" some unwary passenger. Looking over the side, one would see the native swimmers diving for money thrown to them by passengers.

After a stay of four hours, we again heaved up anchor and continued on our voyage. The weather had become very hot and the wind dropped completely. On the deck sailors would be lying under the awning or sitting on the ropes spinning a yarn. Cricket was played on deck, with balls made of rope yarn.

After another 14 days had passed, land was again sighted off the port bow, and Table Mountain was seen towering up to the height of 3,500ft., and at the foot of it a few small houses could be seen. As we neared the land the few houses developed into a large town with many fine buildings. Sailing into the bay, we could see the Pilot coming towards us in a small motor boat. As soon as he boarded we slowly entered the harbour under his directions and made fast to the quay, where many people were waiting to receive their friends who were on board. That evening, after three weeks afloat, we all decided to go ashore and have a jolly good time.

MY HOBBY

THIS is the first of a series of articles by members on their particular hobby. E. Coomber is the contributor and we thank him for setting the ball rolling.

I CAN see, upon looking back, that I have always been interested in first-aid work. Even in my infant days nothing delighted me more than collecting pictures of skeletons and highly coloured internal organs. They kept me interested for hours, and at one period my bedroom walls were so covered with these that the room closely resembled a butcher's shop.

When I was about ten or eleven, I formed a first-aid class of my own—"The Coomber's First Aid Band" I called it—and I well remember lecturing to four small but enthusiastic boys out of my out-of-date, well-thumbed text book. One of my "pupils," by the way, is now studying medicine at Glasgow University. Who knows, perhaps it was my lectures that made him first decide to follow this humane calling; I like to think so, anyway.

As soon as I was old enough, I attended a course of first-aid lectures, passed my examination, and shortly afterwards joined the Canterbury Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

I have found it extremely interesting and useful work, and am glad to say that our division is, at the moment, very strong in number. We often see fresh faces at our meetings and practices.

Now just a word about our activities. We meet each Monday evening in our new headquarters in Stour Street, where we either practise our first-aid, listen to lectures, or drill. Afterwards, the public duties for the ensuing week are arranged.

You may be amused to hear about my first "case." Soon after having obtained my uniform, I volunteered to go on duty somewhere, and was walking proudly through the main street when I noticed a large crowd of people at the corner of Best Lane. "Aha," I thought, "an accident," and pulling out my text book, I dashed across the road, only to find that the centre of attraction was a gentleman trying to sell a certain make of corn plaster. I forget whether I was disappointed or relieved.

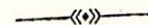
Not wishing to take up too much space in this magazine, I must end, but before doing so I should like to say that if any reader is interested in this work, we should always be pleased to see him at headquarters, whether he has passed an examination or not.



This was taken by Mr. Howse sometime during the war in North Holmes Road. At that time the boys used to go for a walk during morning break and this photo was taken during one of these walks. The leader is Ted Nash, now a member of the Committee.

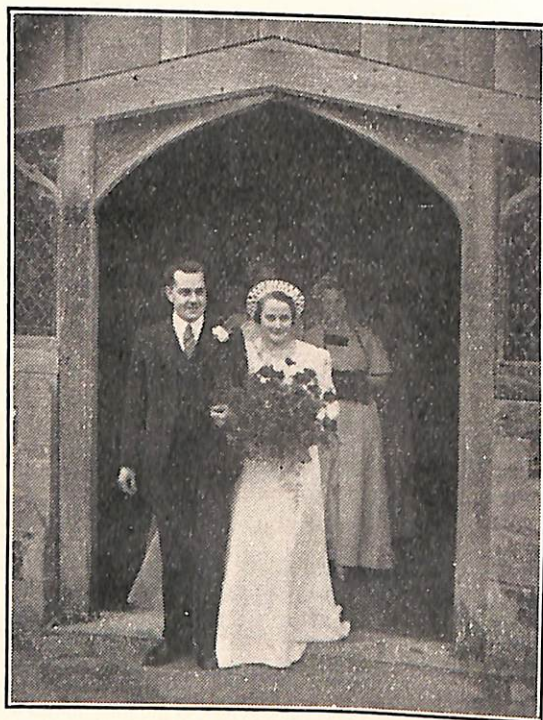
IS THIS WHAT YOU THINK ?

WE have had letters from Old Boys living away from Canterbury who say that they do not think it worth while to join the Association as they are unable to attend any functions. No doubt this is the reason why many have not replied to any letters sent them. We should like to point out that this Association of ours is not being conducted just for the benefit of those living in Canterbury itself. The magazine was started to enable those who were at school together to make contact again, and it has already proved its value in this respect. Our school has a great tradition behind it—which has recently been the subject of much conversation—and all of us who have passed through the school respect it. When you send your subscription to us you are helping to support a central agency which is working to bind together the scattered units into a united body. Therefore even if you are unable to attend any functions, you can still feel that you are there with all the others you once sat with in class, or with whom you played games. Perhaps after reading this you will re-consider the matter and join us. The Association needs every possible member at the present time.



JOHN FENN writes that the only outstanding incident he really remembers is breaking a window in the Dover Road which caused him to walk round Spring Lane and Longport to school for a fortnight so that he didn't pass that house. He is extremely reticent as to how the window came to get broken though. Fenn used to live at Bridge in those days and will be remembered by most of the 1915-18 boys,

WEDDING



FRED NEAME, who was for a considerable time assistant secretary of our Association, was married on Boxing Day. He very kindly sent us the photo reproduced herewith and in his letter says, "Thanks for the magazine; please add my congratulations to those that must have been recorded for such an excellent effort." He goes on to say that he will be pleased to welcome any Old P.S.'s at his new home (see list of members for the address), and if there are any at present living in the neighbourhood he would be pleased to hear from them,

The report of the wedding is culled from the "Canterbury Press" :—

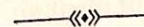
A pretty wedding took place on Boxing Day at St. Mary's Church, Nonington, between Mr. Frederick Albert Neame, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Neame, of 64, York Road, Canterbury, and Miss Marjorie Mary Aldred, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Aldred, of 1, South Avenue, Snowdown.

The Rev. R. Bulstrode officiated at the choral service, the chosen hymns being "Love divine" and "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." Mr. Harold Kennard was organist.

Given away by her father, the bride was charmingly attired in a white cloqué taffeta gown, cut on princess lines, with train commencing at the waist, white tulle veil, with lattice work coronet holding in position at the back a spray of orange blossom, and white silk crêpe shoes. She carried a bouquet of red roses, mistletoe and fern. The bridesmaids were the Misses Barbara Pardy (cousin), Marjorie Payne, Kathleen Blackburn and Molly Onions, who wore silk green moiré taffeta dresses cut on Victorian lines and trimmed with dark green velvet, headdresses of green taffeta flowers, with veil, shoes and mittens to tone. Their green novelty bangles were gifts of the bridegroom, and they carried dark green velvet muffs with sprays of mistletoe attached. Mr. G. H. Williams (Maidstone) was best man.

The reception was at Nonington Village Hall, and later the happy couple left for their new home in London, the bride travelling in a navy blue tailored suit, oyster pink satin blouse, with hat, shoes and accessories to match.

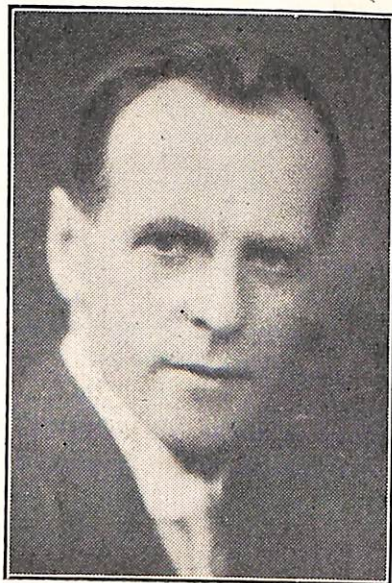
The presents included canteen of cutlery from the directors of William Lefevre Ltd., Canterbury; oval mirror and half dinner service from the staff of Lefevre's; walnut coffee table from staff of "Hallons Advertising Service," London.



DEATH AND FUNERAL OF W. J. TUNBRIDGE

WE print below the report taken from the "Kentish Gazette & Canterbury Press" of the death of W. J. Tunbridge on April 11th and the funeral at St. Paul's Church on April 14th. We are indebted to Mrs. Tunbridge for the loan of the photograph.

A VERY large circle of friends will learn with regret of the death, early on Monday morning, of Mr. W. J. Tunbridge, at his residence, 4, Nunnery Road, Canterbury.



He had been a sufferer from asthma for a very long time, but his sudden passing has come as a great shock.

He was cashier at Messrs. G. Browning's for 31 years, and was greatly liked and respected by employer and employees alike. A scholar at the Payne Smith School prior to 1900, he was the first Treasurer of the Old Boys' Association when it was founded in 1933, and held that post till 1937, when ill-health compelled him to relin-

quish the position. He always maintained his interest in the Association. For a considerable number of years he had been a member of the East Kent and Canterbury Conservative Club. He leaves a widow and one daughter,

The funeral took place at Canterbury Cemetery on Thursday, the Rev. I. H. White-Thomson (Rector of St. Margaret's and St. Paul's) officiating.

The chief mourners were the Widow and Daughter, Messrs. J. J. and R. W. Tunbridge (brothers), Mrs. J. Tunbridge (sister-in-law), Mrs. E. Minter (sister-in-law), Messrs. E. D. and R. Minter (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. G. Shingler and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pope, Mr. H. Pope.

Also present were Mr. G. Browning, Mr. Wood, Mr. Lee, Mr. Sealy, Mr. Overton, Mr. Wigmore and many employees of the firm, Mr. and Mrs. H. Court, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Upson, Mr. J. Adams, Councillor E. R. James, Mr. G. Ostler (representing the East Kent & Canterbury Conservative Club), Mr. H. Holttum, Mr. A. Moat, Mr. O. Sayers, Mr. Faulkener, and Messrs. L. Vaughan, W. C. Bennett and A. W. Rye (representing Payne Smith Old Boys' Association).

Floral tributes were received from : Wife and Daughter; Mother and Sister Fan; Jess, Lydia and Eric; Gran, Ivo and the Boys; Harry, Bunny and Ron; Mildred, Eric and John; Wal, Gracie and Josephine; Edgar, Stella and Tony; George, Lil and Wilfred (Hornsey); Mr. and Mrs. George Browning and Mr. Ronald Browning; Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wood; Henry and Jessie Court; Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Gann and Mary; George Nye; John Adams & Son, Ltd., Ramsgate; Staff, George Brownings; Employees at George Brownings; Mr. and Mrs. P. Houghton; Mrs. Herbert Blunt; A. V. Dexter; Jenny Lee; Mrs. Gambell and Ida; Mr. Weymouth and Miss Weymouth; Mr. and Mrs. T. Maile (Sturry); Mr. and Mrs. H. Anslow and Betty; Mr. and Mrs. H. Holttum and Girls; Payne Smith School Old Boys' Association; Messrs. Robert Brett & Sons, Ltd.; A Few South Canterbury Friends; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Upson and Family; Alex Nicholls; Members of the East Kent & Canterbury Conservative Club; D. W. Aldridge; Joe and Polly; Mr. Attwood (an old pal); Mrs. R. E. Brown and Vera.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. George Browning and members of the firm acted as bearers.

THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOLS

THE following paragraph appeared in the "Canterbury Press" of February 19th, 1938, and marked the beginning of a controversy of great import to our Association :—

SCHOOL RE-GROUPING

Payne Smith and St. Dunstan's Proposal

A proposal is before the Education Committee of the Canterbury City Council that a school re-grouping should take place, affecting Payne Smith and St. Dunstan's Church of England School. The matter arose in the minutes of the Sites and Re-organisation Sub-Committee, who reported as follows :—

The Director of Education stated that he is informed that the Headmaster of Payne Smith C.E. Boys' School will retire this year, and he suggested that it is desirable that steps be taken to re-group this school with St. Dunstan's. The proposal is that St. Dunstan's C.E. School should be a senior boys' school and Payne Smith C.E. School a senior girls' school.—Resolved that the proposal be put before the respective managers and their observations requested.

The minutes were passed.

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The following letter was at once sent to the managers of our schools :—

It is with great perturbation that the Committee of the Old Boys' Association views the suggested change-over between Payne Smith and St. Dunstan's Schools.

Since its foundation over 40 years ago, our school has built up a tradition in work and sport second to none, and as a result our Association has increased its membership in the past year by over 50 per cent. I enclose a copy of our first magazine, in which are letters from Old Boys. Is this fellowship to be entirely obliterated?

We trust that you will give our plea every consideration in making your decision.

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At the Annual General Meeting we drafted the following resolution and handed it to the Rev. Ian White Thomson to put before the managers :—

"That this Association views with concern the proposed serious change in the establishment of the Payne Smith School, having in mind the purpose for which the school was founded by Dean Payne Smith and Canon Holland and also the origin and tradition which has been fostered and directed by the headmaster, Mr. James Adams, for a period of 40 years, and was the origin of the Payne Smith Old Boys' Association.

"Such change, if carried into effect, will endanger the prestige of the Association thus formed. This Association therefore requests that the Managers or such authority governing the school should favourably reconsider the position now created, and it is earnestly hoped that the status of the school as a senior boys' school will be maintained."

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In the same issue of the "Canterbury Press" which contained the report of the meeting appeared the following Leader :—

A SCHOOL TRADITION

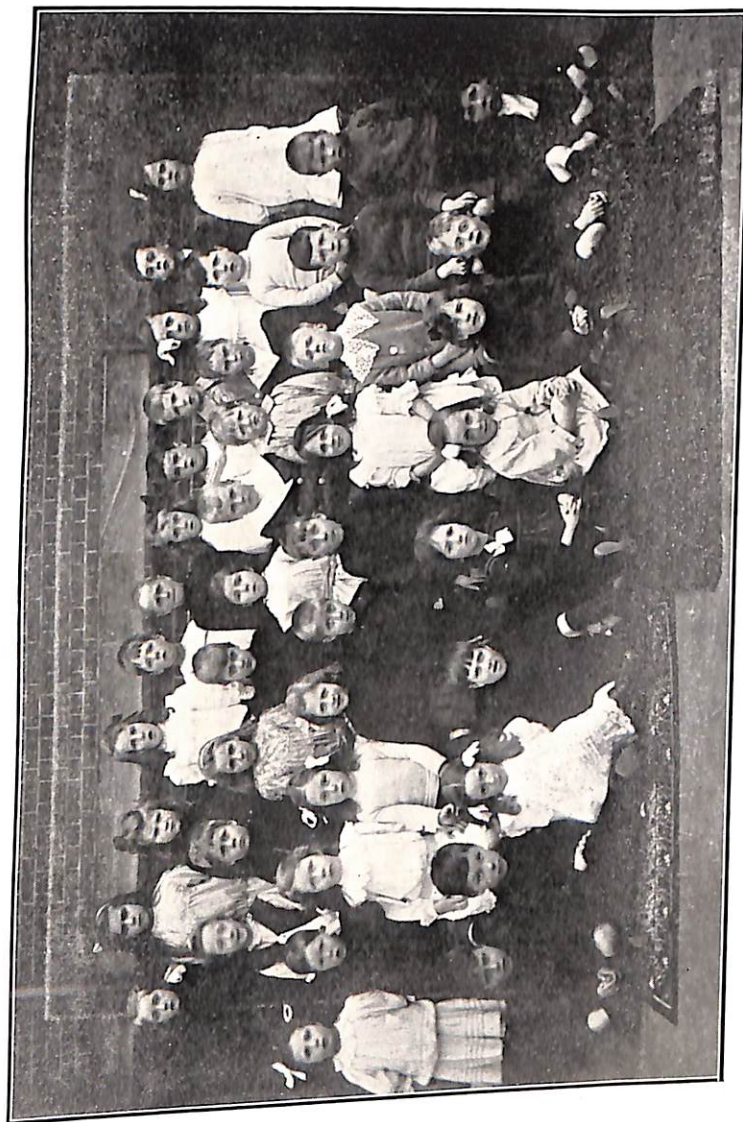
The suggestion that the Payne Smith Boys' School, Canterbury, should be closed within the next few months presages such a revolutionary change in the educational

life of Canterbury, that it is not surprising to find that strong opposition is being offered to the proposed change. The intention is that the present scholars should be transferred to St. Dunstan's, which is to become a boys' school, and that Payne Smith's should be, in future, a school for girls.

The reason advanced for the new scheme is that it will ensure greater efficiency and a measure of economy. How strange it seems that while a school in Hollow Lane is considered an urgent necessity—and rightly so—to save the legs of the Thanington children, no compunction is felt for the girls who will have to tramp from the St. Dunstan's and London Road areas to the Payne Smith school, and for the boys who will have a similar distance to traverse from the other direction to St. Dunstan's. The gain in efficiency, therefore, is distinctly problematical, and we know from painful experience that whilst in theory these educational "reforms" are launched with the promise of economy, in practice the hopes held out are rarely or never realised.

The main ground, however, for the retention of the identity of the Payne Smith Boys' School is that it has a history of especial distinction. With the sister school (which has also a fine record of achievement), it was founded 42 years ago, and it is computed that some 3,000 boys have passed through the school. A great many have attained to high positions in this country and in other parts of the Empire, while generally the school has produced a very fine type of citizen. Payne Smith has also a proud record of scholarship successes, and the affection in which the school is held by those who have passed out into the world is evidenced by the increasing numbers who are joining the flourishing Old Boys' Association and the success which has attended the Association's social and benevolent activities. Surely, it is unthinkable that such a tradition should be lightly broken on so flimsy a pretext as is now put forward.

This photo was taken in 1911 in the Infant School and was loaned to us by J. Head. Several members of the Association are in it and will get a laugh when they see what they used to look like!



Back row (left to right): C. Knell (No. 8), N. Steele (9). Third row: H. Watts (6), K. George (8).
Second row: Ovenden brothers (6 and 7), N. Upson (9), G. Gross (10). Front row: E. Monk (2),
J. Head (8), M. Fowler (9).

The Secretary also sent the following letter to the "Press":—

SCHOOL MERGER CRITICISED

Old Boys' Association's Views

TO THE EDITOR,—

The proposal which is before the Education Committee to re-group Payne Smith and St. Dunstan's Schools is viewed with much apprehension by the Payne Smith Old Boys' Association. During the 40 odd years the School has been in existence a tradition has been built up which all Old Boys respect and endeavour to further. If the proposals are carried into force it will mean that girls only will attend the school—which not only deprives us of a source of new members, but is contrary to the ideals which actuated the founders of the school, namely, Dean Payne Smith and Canon Holland.

Whilst admitting that education must progress, we fail to see quite how this applies to the present case. It will certainly mean that children at present living in St. Dunstan's area, and attending that school, will have a much longer journey to school and vice versa, and with the main street congested as it is, this will not improve matters.

There is also the question of expense—a certain amount of alteration will be needed to make a school used for boys suitable for occupation by girls, and with the other projects already in view we surely do not need any additions to the expenditure already incurred.

A. W. RYE, *Hon. Secretary,*

Payne Smith Old Boys' Association.

3, Beverley Road,
Canterbury.

At the City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd, the members had before them the minutes of the Education Committee, and the following report appeared in the "Canterbury Press":—

PAYNE SMITH SCHOOL TO GO

PROPOSED RE-GROUPING OF PAYNE SMITH AND ST. DUNSTAN'S C.E. SCHOOL.—It was reported that replies had been received from the Managers of the two schools stating that provided no financial responsibility will fall on the Managers for any alterations which the Board of Education may require to be done, they are in general agreement with the proposal. The Director of Education reported that he had fully discussed the proposal with the Board's Inspectors, from which it was ascertained that the only alterations necessary at Payne Smith C.E. School will be the addition of one w.c. in place of part of the existing urinal, and as regards St. Dunstan's C.E. School, the Inspectors would only be prepared to recognise it to provide accommodation for four classes of 40 unless a partition wall is removed and replaced by a wood and glass partition fitted midway. The Director of Education also reported that following the Inspectors' visit, he had written to the Board of Education on the matter, and up to the time of the meeting the Board's reply had not been received.

With regard to the re-grouping, the Committee (a) Expressed the opinion that it would be desirable for representatives of the Managers of both schools to meet H.M. Inspectors, and the Director of Education was directed accordingly. (b) Agreed that the Managers' letters above-mentioned constitute application for the monetary assistance of the Authority as part of the scheme of reorganisation for senior children under Section 8 (1) (a) of the Education Act, 1936.

In view of the proposal for the re-grouping of the two schools and the fact that Mr. J. Adams, the Headmaster of Payne Smith Boys' School, attains retiring age in May next,

it was resolved to recommend that an application be made to the Board of Education for permission for him to be retained until the school closes for the summer holidays, 1938.

Councillor James asked if the proposed grouping was a temporary measure, and asked if the Payne Smith School would ultimately resume its status as a boys' school.

Alderman Lefevre said there were certain schemes of re-organisation of education, and the Education Committee had sympathetically considered the question, with the Managers, of the Payne Smith School, and endeavoured to find some way so that the change of headmastership might be taken advantage of in order to have more effective grouping—girls at Payne Smith and boys at St. Dunstan's. The scheme seemed to be such a good one that the Board of Education had already approved of it.

Ultimately the Payne Smith School would be neither a senior boys' nor a senior girls' school, but only as a temporary measure until the new senior school—foreshadowed for some time—was built.

Councillor James: Does that mean it will lose its status?

Alderman Lefevre replied that the school would never lose its value. The influence of the Payne Smith School in the City would never be lost, but in the march of education the premises were unsuitable for the purposes of a senior central school, and ultimately the personality of the school would be continued in a central school.

[The position, therefore, is that our old school will be entirely altered after this summer holiday, and it is therefore behoves all Old Boys to rally round and make our Association as strong as possible. Many have already done so; but there are plenty more.—ED.]

MEMBERS REVIEW THE MAGAZINE

THE following letter was received from Jack Haine, and we reproduce it in full without fear or favour, as it is one of the few that we have received with any criticism at all. The answer follows it.

21, King Street,
Canterbury.
19.1.38.

TO THE EDITOR—

In the hope that you are a believer in the old adage "Better late than never," I have at last screwed up sufficient courage to write this long-overdue letter about the Magazine. Whilst my only excuse for not writing before is that, like most people, I hate writing letters, I have not been entirely idle in the matter, for I have talked with several other members to get their opinions of our first number.

The most common adverse criticism does not concern the contents of the magazine at all, but is directed against the cover. This in itself is a well-earned compliment to you for all the hard work which the production entailed, and indicates its success far more than direct praise. You may be justly proud of a hard task well done.

As regards the cover, the general opinion seems to be that it is a little too gaudy—a view with which I personally agree. It is highly probable that most members will wish to keep their copies for many years to come, in which case a white cover is unsuitable, as it is so easily made dirty. In my opinion, also, it would be an improvement to leave the badge out of the design. Most Old Scholars' Associations incorporate the badge in their magazine cover designs, and I should like to see something original, or at any rate, different. In this matter, of course, I am speaking entirely for myself. If my view is shared by a sufficient number of others to warrant a change, surely there are in our ranks some who could and would come forward with suggestions.

Because this is the first issue, it is rather difficult to criticise the contents, as, of course, it was necessary to make as general an appeal as possible. May I suggest that future editions contain more actual news of Association members and more articles on subjects of general interest? Naturally I realise that this depends on the number and nature of the contributions which you receive, but I think that the main purpose of such a publication should be to report not only the doings of the members to one another, but also their ideas and views of present-day problems. Please do not think that I want to make a political paper of it. I had better stop before my pen really runs away with me!

Writing this criticism has not been easy, as it is impossible to cover the full scope of the magazine in such a letter as this, and I am only too unhappily aware of its shortcomings. However, it has eased my conscience, and if it proves to be of any help at all to you, I am satisfied.

If at any time I can be of any assistance to you, do not hesitate to call upon me, as you know that I am only too pleased to do anything I can in the interests of the Association.

Yours sincerely,

J. HAINE.

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The Editor's Reply

With reference to the cover—the colours of the Association are red, black and silver, and as I said in the first issue, we omitted the silver on account of cost. If the copies are kept for many years, which I hope will be the case with everyone, the usual course is to have them bound in years. When this is done, the first operation is to remove the cover! If we left the badge out, as suggested, and had an "original" design, where would we get the ideas? You say that "surely there are in our ranks some who could and would come forward with suggestions." I agree with you that there are some, but the hardest work I know is to get the

fellows to do it. Since last January over 300 circulars have been sent out and 60 replies have been returned. Up to the time of writing, only five of the perforated slips in the magazine have been returned to me.

The same reason applies to the contents of the magazine. I am open to receive news and articles of general interest, but I don't receive them. I admit that a few are doing so, but the percentage is exceedingly small when it is realised that over 2,000 boys have passed through the school.

The only other point I would comment upon is that if you had given me the names of those chaps you had approached, I could have seen them and perhaps have received some useful suggestions.

Thank you for the letter, Jack—you did sterling work for us in cricket last year, and if this letter of yours evokes some replies you will have done me a great service.

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F. W. Canham, who is a butcher at Broadstairs, writes:—

"I have read with very great interest the magazine you sent me to-day, and I now regret I had not joined the Association before. I do not remember the year I joined the school, but do remember Mr. Keeble as my teacher and also still have one of the china beakers presented to me at Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

"One photo in the magazine brings memories of years ago back to my mind which I shall never forget. Am enclosing subscription to date and magazine for one year. Wishing all Old Boys and the Association the best of health and luck in the future, not to leave out my old and respected Headmaster, Mr. James Adams."

[Canham saw the activities of the Association reported in the columns of the "Kentish Gazette & Canterbury Press" and wrote to us for particulars. Many thanks for the wishes.—ED.]

F. W. Hopper writes: "Very many thanks indeed for the new magazine, which I consider to be a great success. I am truly delighted to receive it, and what memories are thus revived. It is impossible to tell you all in this letter which points appeal to me most, for there are so many of them—in fact there are almost as many as on a porcupine.

"This should give us all cause to appreciate the valuable work you have done between you, and this seed—the Magazine—should be instrumental in bringing in many more to the Association.

"At the moment I am preparing for the Scottish Motor Show (this letter was written in November) and am therefore extremely busy preparing our exhibits, which are valued at over £24,000. In this instance I am writing to congratulate you on a splendid piece of work. Please accept my grateful thanks for what you are doing in Canterbury—it means so much to those of us who are scattered 'far frae hame.'"

[We are glad to see that our efforts are appreciated, as it gives us the incentive to increase them. Thank you.]

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G. Balaam writes to say that he thinks the magazine is very interesting and orders each issue as it appears. B. Gibbs thinks it is "a great success." W. E. Willis writes to say that he has passed his copy on to another not in the Association in the hopes of getting him to join. [Good work, Willis.]

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Jimmy Head writes: "Let me express my appreciation of the magazine, which, for an initial production, is a masterly effort. The photographs were very interesting, and as others are being asked for, I send you one of the Infant scholars taken in 1911. I can remember some of the faces, but not the names.

"Since an Old Boys' Register is being compiled, may I suggest that in addition to this a record be kept of what-

ever trade, profession or calling each one has followed. It may be that some would not care about this, but anyway, suggestions are made to be either carried out or turned down. After all, the magazine resulted from a suggestion. Personally, I think it would be interesting to see what types the school has turned out."

[We do not intend to comment on this at the present time. Perhaps there will be enough replies by the time the next magazine is out. We are glad to see, however, that a few ideas are coming forward.]

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Roland Harvey is, unfortunately, in very bad health, and it is therefore a privilege to print a letter received from him. He says:—

"It is a fine magazine and a great credit to the compilers. Every page is full of interest to those who, like myself, spent several years at the school. This afternoon I turned out some of my old treasures and came across my school bag (kept since 1918). The contents are practically complete—dictionary, table book, text books, note books, exercise books, jotters, etc. I mention this because I was reading through some of my efforts at composition dated 1911 and having a good laugh, when the postman pushed through the letterbox the packet containing the magazine. Wasn't that a remarkable coincidence?"

"The list of Old Boys who have joined the Association recalls to mind many pals of those school days; but the names of a lot of my contemporaries are missing. Where are Percy (Toddy) Child, Fred (Pop) Bottle, Charlie Green street, Leonard Bailey, Bert Hobden, Stanley and Noel Purdy, Norman Upson, Charlie Twyman, Charlie Strand, Baylis, etc.? If it is possible to get in touch with these, I should think most of them would be glad to swell your numbers.

"I haven't joined the Association before because, handicapped as I am now, it is impossible for me to attend any



Back row (left to right): Harry Hasell, Oswald Rolfe, Ernest Clements, Harry Baylis, Ernest Adley, Charles Thomas.
Centre row: Mr. Willis, Wm. Goodman, Sidney Nash, Roland Wood, Victor Hill, Sidney Butcher, Hubert Andrews, Mr. Adams.
Front row: Casey Bottle, Abraham Whale, Vivian Underhill, Frank Tolhurst, A. W. Spicer, Frank Wood.

socials or meetings held upstairs. All the same, for the sake of the old days, I wish to join.

"In conclusion, let me endorse all that has been said about Mr. Adams and his fine work for all of us. Every boy who has been in his charge has reason to be exceedingly grateful to him for the splendid foundation he gave us all. I wish the Association every success and many more numbers.

[As Harvey will see from the list of members, Norman Upson has joined. The Purdeys have moved from Chartham and their present whereabouts are unknown. Some of the others mentioned have been found and written to, but no replies have been received. We should welcome any information about any of them.]

RANDOM JOTTINGS BY THE SECRETARY

MANY thanks to those parents who have given us their sons' addresses. The fact that some of the sons do not reply is a small item!

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The photo reproduced in the last issue dated 1903 should be 1905. We reproduce another photo taken the same day, sent to us by S. Butcher, Maidstone. The names were given us by Mr. Willis. Bert Stringer was asking after him, so now he will be able to get in touch with him.

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F. Keeler has moved to Sidcup now. B. C. Anderson has moved to Folkestone.

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The pupil teacher in the 1905 group which appeared in the first magazine under the wrong date of 1903 is Stanley Coni, who is now in the South African Mounted Police.

PRESS IMPRESSED

THE following review of our magazine was published in the "Canterbury Press" on November 13th. The author does not sign the article with his initials, but we thank him for an excellent recommendation.

PAYNE SMITH OLD BOYS School Magazine Published

Every old boy of Payne Smith Schools will want a copy of the newly-published P.S.O.B.A. Magazine. It has 45 pages of history, reminiscences and up-to-date school and Association news. The front cover, blazoned with red and black, bears the official O.B.A. badge adapted from the family crest of Dean Payne-Smith, a most attractive cover of which the contents are worthy.

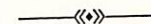
The generous proportion of illustrations includes a splendid portrait of Mr. J. Adams, views of the school and a snap of one old boy whose ready wit has perpetuated his name on the ordnance survey maps of Wales. A good story this and worth telling at the annual dinner of your angling club. The headmaster's reference in his speech at the annual dinner (reported on page 41) to the fact that one Old Boy is a bishop in Africa has particular interest, and is bound to start the reader guessing.

As the Magazine is No. 1 of, we hope, a very long series, it gives the news stories of the laying of the foundation stone in 1895 and the subsequent opening of the school by the Archbishop of Canterbury, attended by many notabilities. If any Old Boy has forgotten what the foundation stone looks like, there is a splendid photograph which may or may not bring home to him the enormity of carving his initials on public memorials.

Another picture deserving honourable mention is that of the headmaster's dais and chair. The detail is first-rate even to a harmless looking object to be discerned on a ledge

in the background. News of Old Boys, features contributed by Old Boys and reports of Association activities give a cover-to-cover interest to this well-planned magazine. The contents are aptly introduced with a shy and very modest editorial and no clue is given as to the editor's identity, he being content to shelter under the unenlightening "we." But he, and all who have collaborated in the production of this effort, have every reason for pride. They have, in fact, set themselves a cracking pace to follow.

The magazine is to be published quarterly, and copies of the current issue are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. W. Rye), 3, Beverley Road, Canterbury, or at the "Kentish Gazette" Office. The price is 1/-, postage 3d.



THE PULL OF TRADITION

IT is with much pleasure that I accept the invitation of the Editor of this Magazine to write a few impressions formed in the early years of the career of the Payne Smith School—a school that has done honour to the great Dean of Canterbury, whose name it bears, and has sent out into the world an army of scholars, of both sexes, who by means of your Association are able to still meet as occasion allows, renew friendships and talk over old school days.

Those who gathered, myself among them, in Longport Street, those many years ago, to witness first the laying of the foundation stone and, a year or so later, the opening of the new school, could have had little idea how good a task was being commenced. I know something of the struggles of those early days to raise the funds necessary to build the schools. I can hear, as though it were but yesterday, Canon E. H. Holland, in that soft but persuasive voice of his, telling church gatherings of the need of such a school, and emphasising that no fitter memorial could be put up to that

great educationalist, Dean Payne Smith, than a school in which the doctrines of the Church of England would be expounded.

Under the headmastership, for practically the whole tenure of its existence, of Mr. James Adams—whom I am privileged to number among my oldest friends—the school has won for itself a foremost place among the schools of the City of Canterbury, and I have seen many generations of boys leave it to go out into the world.

Those boys—now the old boys—have the opportunity, through the formation of an Old Boys' Association, of keeping touch with the school which equipped them, educationally, for fighting the battle of life after their school days had finished. It is up to them to maintain the traditions of a fine school, and I am convinced they will do so.

The progress already made by the Old Boys' Association, backed as it now is by the admirable magazine recently promoted, will go on if the old boys rally round, if having been a scholar in the school means something more to them than just a passing phase in the journey through life.

W.R.

FURTHER ADVENTURES OF I. CN. TELLUM

DEAR SIR,—

Well, here we are, after our rather uneventful voyage, of only one cyclone, a water spout and the bosun murdering the second mate, in India. It is not quite so hot here and the mercury has reappeared from mercurial steam and now extends in a stiff column only a few degrees over the top of the thermometer.

Of recent years, India has made tremendous strides towards civilisation. One can now cross the desert in safety—many thanks to the Belisha beacons (after which Mr. Belisha was named—Hore Hore!).

Since I wrote to you last I have travelled from Somsimbad to Somsingood with a couple of lions for transport—well, perhaps not transport, but they did accompany me the whole of the way—I was running in front. How did I get rid of them? Why, that was easy. As I said before, India has attained a remarkable degree of civilisation. So much so that hardened veterans have learned to drink their whisky from a glass instead of the bottle. But to return to the lions—pardon me—to continue! (Subtle, that!) Wireless has taken a great hold in the jungles of India; in fact, it is said that there are more licences bought by heathens in the jungle than by O.B.'s! And television! Why, you can television chip shop anywhere in India; and that is how I got rid of the lions. I dived in, called for "two and one" and got those lions begging for my fish. What? How did I get fish in Central India? Ha, but that's another story!

As is my habitual custom, I do tell the truth once in each letter! And this I can vouch for. We sat down to breakfast one Sunday morning, when in the Central Province of India, and lo and behold, FISH was served up, all nicely fried and certainly looking very tempting. But the "innocents abroad" in the messroom were not so easily gulled into eating fish in a temperature anything upwards of 110° in the shade. We were three days' train ride from the coast; yet to our intense amazement there was the fish. We called for the "bobberjie" (cook) and asked him to explain. He said he had bought it from the Bazaar that morning, and that it had been caught in the night! Further elucidating the mystery, he explained that the rains had commenced, and the river, usually a dried-up course of sand, had suddenly become a raging force, and washed all the fish from their hibernating places in the sand, and the natives caught them in nets. These mud-fish, as they are called, actually bury themselves in the sand during the dry weather. They ARE edible, but almost tasteless, and pretty gritty, believe me. It's like eating sand.

Cheerio, chaps.

I. CN. TELLUM.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

THE Head sends Hearty Greetings to his family of over 2,500 wherever scattered over the five Continents or the five Great Seas. Hail to you Fred Davis and Abe Whale under Australia's sun. Hail to you Harry Hassell, of deep bassoon memory, working away in tropical Brazil. Hail to you Stanley Coni riding among the hills and mountains of Rhodesia. Hail to you Leonard Dewhurst and Percy Hudson labouring among the teeming millions of the United States. Hail to you Gayler Swain in far Saskatchewan. Hail to all my boys, away from their beloved Canterbury, scattered the wide world over. How pleased I should be could I name you all. Now you have this common medium—the Payne Smith Old Boys' Magazine—let us hear from and of you whenever and wherever the inspiration takes you.

Heartiest congratulations to the promoters of the Magazine, particularly to its author and editor, Bert Rye. I was not allowed to write in its first issue; even my picture was obtained clandestinely. It was evidently intended to be a great surprise to me, as indeed it was—its form, its scope, its success, its contents. So this is the reason my message did not appear in the first issue.

Although I have hailed particularly those in distant parts, I hail those nearer home none the less heartily. Your editor, Bert Rye, "Kentish Gazette" Office, Canterbury, will receive, very gratefully from far or near, any contribution which will strengthen our bonds, increase our knowledge of each other or enlarge the scope and usefulness of this new venture. How pleased we should all be to hear from our Old Boy doctors if, in the midst of their busy lives, they could spare a little time to tell us something of themselves, their work, their school days. How delighted we should be to know something of our Old Boy parsons, their parishes, their struggles in the slums. How much more contented those of us would be leading sheltered lives. There

are many Old Boys following in the footsteps of their old Gaffer, with schools or classes of their own. Write and tell us of the changes from the time when you sat in the long forms in your old thinking shop in Chantry Lane. You Old Boys with degrees could tell us much of your Universities, your Colleges, your long days and longer nights of strenuous study. How every Payne Smith boy and teacher, past and present, would welcome and appreciate a blessing from My Lord the Bishop of Grahamstown! In whatever sphere of life, humble or exalted, retired or active, profession or trade, Navy, Army or Air Force, send along copy for your Magazine; it will find a place, be thankfully acknowledged and gratefully received.

Before the publication of the next issue I shall have retired, which event will take place on 5th August, 1938; and had I been allowed to serve to Christmas I should have completed forty years' service as Head. So Good-bye and may He bless you all.

J. ADAMS.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

A SOCIAL held at Gaywood's Room in November saw over 90 present and was a great success. We invited the girls and paid all expenses. Mr. J. Adams and Miss Burch were present. Mrs. Sayers sang several old songs by request, including "Song of Songs" and "Smiling Through." Mr. Frank Havenhand was in splendid form in his rendering of "Broken Hearted Clown" and "Bird Songs at Eventide." Mr. L. Vaughan was M.C. and Messrs. F. Norris and T. Sayers played for the dancing.

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MR. HOWSE has given two lantern lectures. That in November was on Italy, and in his inimitable way Mr. Howse took his audience to Rome, Naples, Capri, Florence

and other places in this country of light and colour. The slides were exquisitely coloured by hand and the two hours were not really long enough to appreciate them. Messrs. Finney and Brazier manipulated the lantern.

The lecture in January was on the Rhine and Black Forest, and a full hall testified to the popularity of the shows. Mr. Howse had been seriously ill, but refused to cancel the lecture and was in excellent fettle. He told us some very interesting legends of this district and very amusingly introduced a photo of Mr. Adams on top of a tower which had a very grim history.

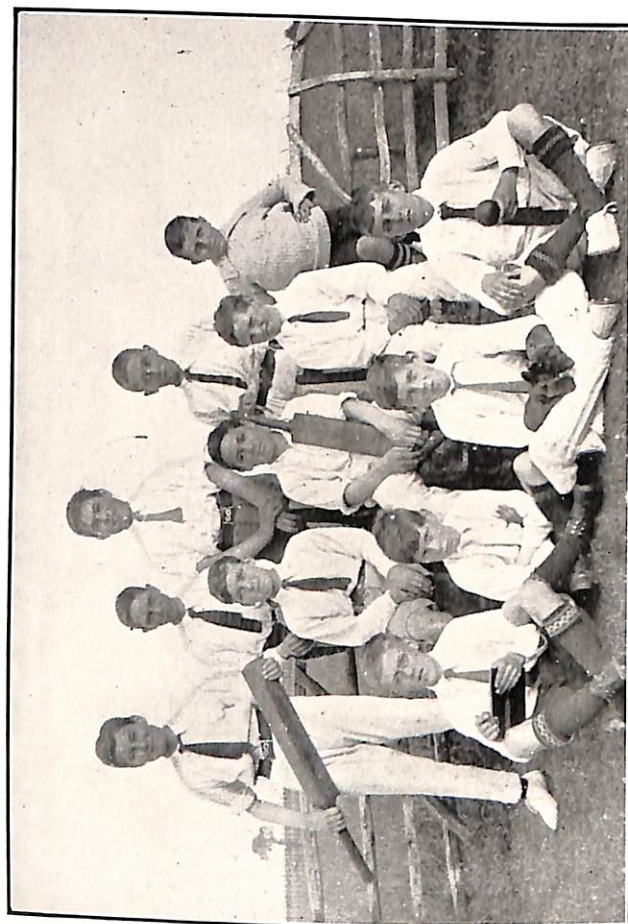
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THE fancy dress dance in December attracted a large number of entries, in spite of a very bad night as regards weather. As usual, the number of men competing was very small. The judges were: Ladies—Mrs. Johnson (manageress, Regal Café); Men—Mr. Birch (manager, Regal Cinema); and the winners were: Fraulein Lotty Durig (Crinoline Lady) and Mr. W. C. Bennett (Mad Hatter). There were numerous prizes for the dances and in addition two for the raffle—a splendid iced Christmas cake and a wrist watch. Fred Norris and his band played as well as ever, with L. Vaughan as M.C. A photo was taken by Mr. Bailey, Castle Street, which is produced elsewhere. Mr. "Chippy" Norton rendered great assistance.

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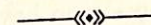
THE last dance was held on February 28th and was a success financially and socially. A crowd of over 160 was present. Fred Norris and his Boys were in splendid form and no praise would be too great for their efforts. Frank Havenhand provided vocal refrains, ably assisted by the M.C. on various occasions! Mr. J. Adams attended for part of the evening, and there were also present a large party from Deal. Various prizes were given, some of the winners being Mrs. Danton (3lb. box of chocolates), Mr. Parker

This photo, taken by Mr. Howse, shows the School cricket team about 1916. We do not know all the boys, but have filled in the names of those we do. Any information concerning the others will be welcomed.



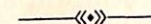
Back row (left to right): Greenstreet (No. 1), Hambrook (3), C. Ovenden (5).
Middle row: Honey (No. 2).
Bottom row: N. Upson (No. 1), R. Finnis (3).

(basket of fruit) and Mr. Wimsett (spot prize). Mr. L. Vaughan was M.C., and in thanking those present for their patronage throughout the present season, reminded them that the associations will be having their Annual Hospital Dance at the Regal Ballroom on the Wednesday in Cricket Week. The catering was in the hands of Mrs. Johnson and staff, of the Regal Café, and was excellently carried out.



E. WHALE'S ILLNESS

We are glad to learn that E. Whale, who has had an operation, is progressing very favourably, and we hope to see him about well and strong again.



CRICKET FIXTURES

Sat.,	May	7—Electric Light (away).
„	„	14—Electric Light (away).
Mon.,	„	16—Watling Street (home).
„	„	23—Methodist (away).
Thurs.,	„	26—Barretts (away).
„	June	9—Watling Street (away).
Sat.,	„	11—Cox & Scott (home).
Thurs.,	„	16—East Kent (away).
Mon.,	„	20—Methodist (home).
„	„	27—Cathedral (away).
Tues.,	„	28—Cox & Scott (home).
Thurs.,	July	7—East Kent (away).
Sat.,	„	16—Cox & Scott (away).
Mon.,	„	25—Cathedral (away).
Tues.,	„	26—Cox & Scott (away).
Thurs.,	Aug.	11—Barretts (away).

LIST OF MEMBERS

THE list of members' names and addresses which follows includes not only those who have paid their subscriptions during this year, but also all those who joined the Association during the first three years. If the reader is one of those who has not paid, please remember it is only a humble shilling we want and send it along—it will save us the time and expense writing to you for it.

Old Boys wishing to join will find a form at the end of the magazine for this purpose.

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