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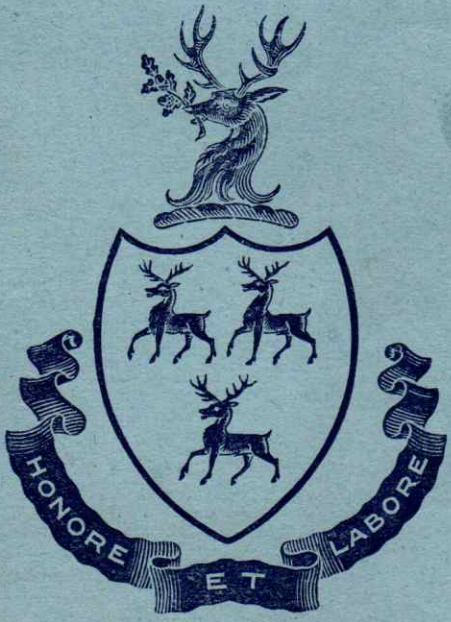

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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

CALENDAR.

Old Roan Dinner, Saturday, December 13th, at Pinoli's Wardour Street, W.

Prize Distribution, Central Hall, Greenwich, Tuesday, December 16th, at 2.30 p.m.

Michaelmas Term Ends Tuesday, December 16th.

Scouts' New Year Camp begins Tuesday, December 30th.

School Re-opens Wednesday, January 7th, 1920, at 9 a.m.

Entrance Examination Wednesday, January 7th, 1920, at 9.15 a.m.

This term we have had our third Full-Dress Inspection by the Board of Education, our last being in 1911. Whatever the findings of the inspectors may be, we are grateful for the courtesy and sympathetic interest they showed throughout their visit. Competent criticism is always helpful, and it is especially welcome in these days of reform and reconstruction. We hope, and are beginning to believe, that the next inspection of the Board, even if not many years ahead, will find us lodged in a more adequate and more beautiful home.

An excellent and fascinating lecture was given early in the term by Mr. R. M. Clutterbuck, O.R., whose travels

have led him over much of the earth's surface since he left Eastney Street. We should all have been glad to sit at his feet much longer and we insisted that he should come again to give us another instalment of his adventures during these wander-years.

A joint committee is being formed representing the Governors, Old Roans and Staff, to decide on the precise form which the School War Memorial shall take. Besides some permanent record of our fallen comrades in the new buildings, it is felt that a large sum might worthily be raised to help on the boys of to-day and of the future by endowing the School with an adequate prize fund and a permanent pavilion on the School field. Nothing has yet been settled and suggestions will be gratefully received.

Armistice Day, on November 11th, was celebrated at the School by a full assembly, at which the King's Letter was read, and after the two minute's silence a brief address given on the League of Nations.

After much anxious thought it has been reluctantly decided to wind up the School Cadet Corps. The reaction against such training is being widely felt now that the war is over, and for some time no recruits have been forthcoming. All past and recent members of the Corps will have, however, the satisfaction of feeling that they did their bit at a time when the country needed such help, and it is hoped to keep up as School institutions the two features of the Corps which enlisted real keen-ness, the shooting and the camping.

One of the things which prevent the School from doing its best for some boys is their slackness in the matter of homework. If a boy is to get all that the School can offer him he must do all that he can for himself. Regular and thoughtful homework is essential, and learning "by head" is more important than learning "by heart." The study of the ideas which lie behind the words is worth more than the mere memorising of the words of any book.

The Editor of the Roan Magazine is very anxious to widen its scope and appeal by including original articles, prose and verse, from any past or present boy who is willing to give us a hand, and himself the satisfaction of seeing,

perhaps for the first time, his thoughts in print. Many distinguished men have served their apprenticeship to letters by writing for their School Magazine, and we are confident that there is a vast treasure of good things stored away in the brains of the fosterlings of old John Roan. So let them, like something else, be released from bond with all speed and sent along to Mr. Poyser.

This year we are to have real prizes again, though they will not be so numerous as we should like. They will be distributed by Mr. J. L. Paton, High Master of the Manchester Grammar School, whose reputation as a schoolmaster and as a citizen is such that we are certain all parents who possibly can will come to hear and see him. We are lucky, too, in securing the brightness of the Wesleyan Central Hall for our annual gathering.

This term we welcome on the staff Captain E. Durling, B.A., Old Roan; Mr. W. Rees, M.A., F.R.H.S.; the Rev. Douglas Leonard, B.A.; Mr. H. H. Pye, and, as temporary masters, Mr. H. H. Pinkney, B.A., and the Rev. G. D. Shenton. The last-named has been taking the work of Mr. Ducker, who has been laid aside by pneumonia almost throughout the term, but is now happily convalescent. We end upon a mixed note of joy and sadness. Mr. Binns, after sixteen years' splendid service, during which he has won the heart and helped the head of every boy and man, is leaving to take up the Headmastership of Guild Street Central School, Burton-on-Trent. We deplore our loss but rejoice in this well-earned promotion. Long may he reign!

SCHOOL FIELD PURCHASE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previous acknowledged	31	13	6
Mr. H. Porter	1	0	0
Mr. A. T. Tebbutt (O.R.)	1	0	0
	£33	13	6

A. H. HOPE.
W. J. POTTER.

SWIMMING RESULTS, 1919.

Half Length (under 12)—1 Bonner (D.), 2 Kaddes (W.). One Length (under 13)—1 Allan (W.), 2 Kelley (Ra.). One Length (under 15)—1 Wigzell (Ro.), 2 Wilson (W.), 3 Henry (D.). One Length (under 14)—1 Gorton (Ra.), 2 Lancaster (Ro.), 3 Elener (D.). Two Lengths (under 15)—1 Wigzell (Ro.), 2 Wilson (W.), 3 Davies, W. (W.). Two Lengths (under 14)—1 Gorton (Ra.), 2 Lancaster (Ro.), 3 Kelley (Ra.). Back Stroke—1 Davies, G. (W.), 2 Gorton (Ra.), 3 Lee (Ro.). Championship—1 Isaacson (D.), 2 Davies, W. (W.), 3 Haynes (D.). Plunging—1 Plant (S.), 2 Isaacson (D.) and Skudder (Ra.). Two Lengths (open)—1 Isaacson (D.), 2 Purton (Ra.), 3 Bartlett (D.). Senior Relay—1 Drake, 2 Wolfe, 3 Rodney. Junior Relay—1 Collingwood, 2 School, 3 Wolfe. House Championship—Drake and Wolfe equal.

FOOTBALL.

SEASON 1919-20.

The officers elected for the season are :—

1st XI.—Captain : T. Manning.
Vice : G. Thompson.

2nd XI.—Captain : A. D. Hewlett.
Vice : F. G. Riley.

3rd XI.—Captain : L. J. Jones.
Vice : R. P. A. Heard.

Hon. Sec. : G. E. Laywood.

The 1st XI has started extremely well, having won every match, so far, by handsome margins. Four old "colours" remain, and several promising, if youthful, members are profiting by their presence in the team and are rapidly gaining in experience.

Unfortunately last season's captain, A. L. Thompson, has been prevented from turning out by illness, but it is to be hoped that we have not seen the last of him in School football.

Newcomers to the team are :—Terry (outside right), Evans (outside left), Dingle (left back), Smith, F. E. (right back), and Record (inside left).

The team accomplished a smart performance in causing Woolwich Polytechnic Secondary School's 1st XI to sustain their first defeat this season.

Without a doubt, the team owes its success largely to the efforts of the half-back line, viz, A. N. Thomson, G. Davies, N. J. Henry, which would certainly compare very favourably with any secondary school trio in London. It is worthy of note that the 1915-16 team's record was : Played 11, won 11 ; 89 goals for, 8 against. This season's team's record, as yet, is : Played 11, won 11 ; goals for 62, against 14. Chief scorers : G. Thompson 16, T. Manning 14, G. Davies 10.

The 2nd XI has met with almost equal success, although very few old "seconds" remain. The team combines well, although the left wing is rather weak in finishing. Forgan (back), Watts (back) and Jankowski (goal) have been to the fore on many occasions. However, it stands to the credit of the team as a body that it has won 9 out of 10 matches, scoring 64 goals to 17. The team may pride itself on the fact that it was the first team to lower the colours of Woolwich Polytechnic Secondary School 2nd XI.

The 3rd XI has only played four matches as yet, scoring 15 goals to 8, but they have been sufficient to show that, in years to come, we shall not lack members for the 1st XI. The drawn game with St. Joseph's was a very creditable performance.

RESULTS TO DATE.

The 1st XI beat Brockley County Sch. 1st (7—2), Addey and Stanhope 1st (8—0), Westminster City 1st (6—2), Aske's, Hatcham, 1st (3—0), Beckenham County (4—1, 6—1), George Green 1st (8—1), Wandsworth Technical Institute 1st (5—3), Colfe Grammar Sch. 1st (4—1), St. Andrew's F.C. "A" team (6—2), Woolwich Poly. 1st (5—1).

The 2nd XI lost to Colfe's 2nd (away, 0—3) and beat Brockley 2nd (7—4), Addey's 2nd (12—0), Westminster Cy. 2nd (8—3), Aske's 2nd (2—1), Beckenham 2nd (7—1, 5—1), Wandsworth 2nd (7—1), L.C.C. Poplar Nautical Sch. 1st (12—0), St. Joseph's 1st (4—3).

The 3rd XI drew with Westminster Cy. 3rd (A, 3—3), St. Joseph's (1—1), and beat Brockley 3rd (7—1), Aske's 3rd (4—3).

In the Senior House competition (knock-out) School, Collingwood, Raleigh and Nelson have been knocked out. The winners out of the Rodney v. Grenville, Drake v. Wolfe matches, to be played at an early date, will compete for the shield.

Junior House Competition.—Points to date: School 8, Grenville 8, Drake 4, Rodney 4, Wolfe 2, Nelson 2, Collingwood 2, Raleigh 0.

T. M.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

A MODEST SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVING THE VOLUMETRIC EFFICIENCY OF THE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AS APPLIED IN THE HIGH SPEED FORM TO THE MOTOR CAR AND OTHER KINDRED MEANS OF LOCOMOTION.

The efficiency of the internal combustion engine depends almost entirely upon the violence of the explosion that takes place in the combustion head.

This explosion is really the vigorous chemical combination that takes place between the constituents of petrol, a hydro-carbon (hydrogen and carbon, as its name implies) and the oxygen of the air.

Now, as we all know, air consists mainly of 20% oxygen and 80% nitrogen, and as it is only the oxygen that takes part in the re-action, this proposal deals with the removal of the nitrogen from the air when on its way to the field of activity—the combustion head.

It is a fact, well-known to botanists, that plants of that class known as pulses are provided with organs for absorbing nitrogen from the air. I propose therefore that sweet peas, which belong to this class of pulses, should be grown in the air inlet of the carburettor. Not only would they function as an absorbent for the diluent nitrogen, but when in full bloom they would provide the passengers of the fairer sex with nosegays, or if left growing they would eliminate—or at any rate modify—the obnoxious effluvium emitted by the exhaust of an ill-tuned engine.

Should scarlet runners be fancied they would, in this time of food shortage, be exceedingly useful in staving off the bony hand of starvation. This form of pulse should also act well as a danger signal in the case of a car having an inexperienced driver at the wheel. Another advantage of the scarlet runner is that it might conceivably materially assist in the running of the car.

C. B.

MILLWALL—A LITTLE OF ITS HISTORY.

It is astonishing to find that but a few people know anything of the great and interesting history of Millwall. Millwall was recorded in the Domesday Book as a stretch of marshy land near Stebenheath (now Stepney), valued at £48. The name it first went by was Stepney Marsh, later called Wet Marsh, and a few years afterwards Poplar Marsh. The more modern name—the Isle of Dogges, as it was called—was probably corrupted from the Isle of Ducks, so-called because of the numerous ducks which were to be found in the river. On the river wall were seven mills, hence the district was called Millwall.

When the property came into the possession of the Ironmongers' Company the value had increased to £150. The value rose when the Countess of Glengall, the Earl of Strafford, the Earl of Strathmere and Mr. Wm. Stratton became the landed proprietors. The value again rose when factories were built in the neighbourhood—they being chiefly rope works, flour mills or cement works. The first docks were the "Millwall Dock," the "Union Dock" and the "Regent Dock." A good many of these factories and the docks still remain, and in and about them the inhabitants of Millwall, who number about 12,000, mainly work.

E. R. F.

A VISIT TO A TANK CORPS CAMP.

In Dorset there are a large number of Tank Corps Camps, and, at Lulworth, the Scouts happened to be camping about a mile away from one. Every morning at nine we saw the red flags flying on the top of Bindon Hill, and at ten firing commenced, reminding us of the now happily ended air raids. Thanks to the kindness of the officer commanding ,we were invited to go over the camp, and, with eager expectation, we all awaited the appointed day. What follows is a brief, possibly incomplete, account of the course of instruction given.

One of the objects of a tank is to knock out fortified positions, and the men have to be carefully trained to spot these. They have two pictures, which, at first sight, appear to be identical, but after close observation it is seen that a prominent tree or hedge has been left out in one. By continual practice with different sets of views the men are able quickly to detect these differences. The men are then shown a large view of a sector of a battlefield, there being fragments of houses here, broken down trees there, and one or two smashed up roads. While they are not looking an instructor puts on pieces of coloured paper, and the view is slightly changed: a piece of wall is missing, a motor lorry has appeared on a road, another strong point has been made. Strange though it may seem, windows are not placed in the sides of the tank, and all one has to look through is two sets of four holes, each about one-eighth of an inch in diameter, and about as far from each other, the sets being about an inch apart. This adds considerably to the difficulty of spotting these small changes, especially when you remember that the inside of a tank is quite dark, electric lamps not being provided. Rifle fire can only be detected by the presence of men and bullets; machine-gun fire by a small flame, and field-gun fire by larger flames. By an ingenious device machine-gun and field-gun fire can be represented on this sector of the battle field. It is exceedingly hard to find these, even when you are not looking through the eight holes.

A male tank carries two six-pounder guns and six Hotchkiss machine-guns. Telescopes (with cross-wires) are attached to the six-pounders. They are fired by pulling a trigger, just like an ordinary rifle. The range goes to 1,000 yards. High explosive and shrapnel shell is used, but when in close quarters a shell resembling a tin, containing a large number of the familiar round shrapnel bullets, is fired. The machine-gun is not like that used on the field. It can be taken to pieces in three minutes and put together in the same time. This also is fired by pulling a trigger. It is fitted in a sphere which is so pivoted to the tank that it can turn in all directions. Ranges are provided for firing these guns, and many men make excellent shots. When it is remembered that a tank is continuously jolting from side to side it will be seen that it is no easy task to sight a gun on any definite object.

As I have just said, it is much harder to fire from a tank in motion than from the ground, and much practice is needed before good firing results. At this camp they have a fine model sector for practice. Bindon Hill, at the back, is about 500 feet high. About half way up are the front line trenches. Communication trenches go from these up the hill. Strong points are scattered about here and there. Two model tanks are made to run on some rails, thus providing moving targets. The actual targets, white squares on a black background, are placed at various intervals along the trenches. The tanks start firing at a range of 500 yards, sometimes continuing firing at this range, and occasionally going over the trenches.

The offer of a "joy ride" in a tank was not refused. The inside of a tank is oily, greasy and, in this case—as it was raining—muddy. The engine is in the front half, and a speaking tube goes from the driver to the commander. This of course is of no use when the tank is in action. The engine makes so much noise that you do not attempt to speak. On the middle of the top of the tank is something resembling a small conning tower, from which the commander directs the fire and movements of the tank. The six-pounder shells are stacked nearly all round the tank, but the machine-gun bullets are rolled up in tins, each tin containing 300. The commander gives the gunners the range by means of an indicator. When the tank started we clung on to anything projecting to steady ourselves. Strangely enough, the report of the six-pounder gun is not heard inside the tank, probably because the engines make so much noise. You are conscious of some compression when the gun is fired, and you see a red flame. The two six-pounders fired as the tank approached the trenches. When it turned round and went along the trenches one gun and three machine-guns fired. One of the latter got blocked but was soon repaired. Going over a hedge was an exciting experience. The tank goes on merrily and suddenly lurches forward, throwing us off our feet. The tank completed its journey in an hour and we could hear the engines for about five minutes afterwards.

About once a month they have proper tank attacks. Four male tanks go over to the trenches, and when they have gone half way along them, two whippets come along behind them to give the finishing touch. They catch up the male tanks, and all six retire in front of a smoke screen. One of the strong points is supposed to come to

life again, and one of the male tanks emerges from the smoke screen but gets knocked out temporarily itself. The team come out with their machine-gun and defend it until it is repaired. Occasionally aeroplanes come over to spot. The gunners are usually instructors, and 72 targets have been knocked out in eleven minutes.

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Each Cadet had three biscuits, four blankets, two trestles and three bed-boards. That is, to put it mathematically, 3 biscuits + 4 blankets + 2 trestles + 1 set boards = 1 bed.

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The mornings generally were devoted to parades, etc., while the afternoons and evenings were free. All were in at 9 p.m. unless late passes, which were the reward of special mentions, had been earned.

Sea bathing at high water was a daily rite and was thoroughly enjoyed. Scratch concerts were frequent,

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Another day Chichester and Bosham were visited. The majority went by rail, the remainder cycled. Bosham Church was visited. The party had lunch on the village green, near the place where Harold set sail and where Canute got his feet wet. Chichester Cathedral, said to be the only Cathedral in England visible from the sea, was next seen.

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All returned fit and happy. Everything went off "according to plan" without a hitch. The general arrangements were excellent, the food good and plentiful and the catering excellent. The Q.M's staff worked with a will and everybody took his share of the work with excellent results.

Everyone (Officers, N.C.O's and Cadets) regrets that S.M. Hisee is not returning to School, but all hope to see him again at next year's camp. The best wishes of all go with him.

"If you want a real good Sergeant-Major
I know where he is,
I know where he is."

The Editor would like to add his tribute to the untiring, unselfish and efficient way in which S.M. Hisee worked for everyone's comfort and happiness. It is impossible to conceive of a better S.M.

C. B.

ROAN SCHOOL BOY SCOUTS.

SUMMER CAMP, 1919—LULWORTH, DORSETSHIRE.

On Wednesday, 23rd July, a party of about fifty Scouts left Waterloo for Lulworth, in Dorsetshire. On arrival at Wool, the nearest station, we had a hot six-mile walk to Lulworth, but eventually arrived and pitched our tents in a perfect field, with a pinewood behind and a magnificent view of the village and Dorset hills in front. While some were pitching the tents, others prepared tea and "bought in" provisions from the village. In the cool of the evening we strolled along the cliffs and on our return supped and retired for our first night's rest. The next day, having prepared the vegetables for dinner, we walked over "Pimple Hill" into the cove during the morning and in the afternoon we had the first of our countless bathes in the most perfect bathing place in South-West England.

A typical day was spent in boating, free time or games during the morning rest and and bathing in the afternoon, and in the evening games usually followed by charades, boxing or a sing-song. On the first Friday we walked to Weymouth over the cliffs and arrived back in camp after a pleasant but rather tiring twenty-two mile walk. On the Sunday we enjoyed the first of our Bindon Hill

walks, and in the evening attended Lulworth Church, whose Vicar, Dr. Powell, had been very kind to us. Later on in the camp his son, who had been an Army Chaplain, came and told us of his adventures in Palestine, and perfected our "Rugger" that Wilkins had introduced to the camp some time before. On the following Tuesday we renewed our acquaintance with Joby Thompson, whose "crawl" and perfect dialect we all tried to emulate. The next day we enjoyed a walk over the Downs to Corfe Castle, a picturesque ruin, whose beauty was more or less enhanced by numberless school treats. On our return we bade farewell to Mr. K. L. P. Martin, who was leaving us to explore Ireland. On Thursday evening we visited the fossil forest, a veritable geologist's paradise; and on Saturday we sorrowfully said good-bye to Mr. Lee, who had endeared himself to all by his cooking, geology and companionship. About this time the camp sports were held, and there was very keen competition in the various events. Moise succeeded in carrying off most of the laurels. Several times we played the village football team and nearly always covered ourselves with glory.

Many shopping expeditions were made to Winfrith, a village about three miles inland, where we made the acquaintance of Mrs. Toop and "Kate." We were very lucky to have Mr. Vigar and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Stone and "the original cyclist camper," Mr. Higham, camping in other parts of our wood. Three joint camp fires were organised by Mr. Stone, when the charade actors' excellent performances, and songs from everybody, gave us three very pleasant evenings.

A very enjoyable visit was made to the local Tank Camp, when everybody experienced a ride in a tank in action. The Troop on this occasion was led by Lieut. R. D. Binnie, who had come down with his brother and Isaacson three weeks after the beginning of the camp. The weather during the last week was very dull compared with the preceding weeks, and on some occasions the wind and the rain seemed to be doing their best to annihilate us. Thanks, however, to the protection afforded by the trees and hills and to the scientific manner in which the tents had been arranged we weathered it perfectly.

Sleeping sacks were rolled and tents were taken down early on September 4th, and we left Lulworth at half-past ten, catching the 12.35 train from Wool. Considering that the rain had hardly stopped once during the last

two days, and that it was raining before we left, the way in which we struck camp was truly marvellous. We eventually arrived at School at half-past seven, after six weeks of ideal camping, due to the foresight and untiring energy of our Scoutmaster and to the cheerful and willing way in which everyone tackled the hundred and one more or less agreeable services essential to the smooth running of a camp.

S. G. G.
C. J. C.

RE-UNION CAMP, OCTOBER, 1919.

Owing to the railway strike and rations, this year we spent our re-union camp in the Clubroom, sleeping there on Saturday night, 4th October. During the Saturday afternoon we played football and in the evening had the usual Saturday activities. Sunday was spent in playing football and in eating a wonderful stew, the product of everybody's meat ration brought from home. Leaving the sleeping sacks in the Clubroom, we left, each for his own home, at half-past six, after a very enjoyable, though too short, camp.

Total cost of Lulworth and Re-union Camps, £3 15s. 0d.

S. G. G.
C. J. C.

MID-TERM CAMP.

On Friday afternoon, October 31st, a party of about forty Scouts, chiefly recruits, assembled at our Clubroom under our good shepherd and Scoutmaster, Mr. Hope, for a four days' camp. Although the weather was not as good as it might have been, we thoroughly enjoyed our brief holiday.

On arriving some people went to Lee on a "village fag," while others lit the fire and helped generally. After having some music and supper we bedded down. We rose betimes next morning and after breakfast indulged in a game of "footer." The afternoon was spent in playing games or reading. In the evenings we had music, games and a tale read to us by Mr. Hope. On Sunday we either read or played games, but in the evening we went to St. Peter's Church, where we thoroughly digested an excellent sermon. On Monday we had planned a walk to Bridgen, but the state of the weather forced us to abandon this project, so we contented ourselves with

football or other games. Tuesday was spent in clearing up generally and packing our kits. After tea we were dismissed and went our several ways. We had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Worsley over the week-end, and this was a boon and a blessing to all. We all sincerely regretted his departure on Monday.

Total cost: 4s. 6d. per head.

J. L. B.

OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION.

President: W. J. POTTER, Esq., M.A., Roan School.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. R. DUCKER, Roan School.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. HUNTLEY, 1 Delacourt Road, Blackheath.

Hon. Recreation Secretary: Mr. G. H. Lee, 34 Chalcroft Road, Lee, S.E. 13.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1918–19.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1918—				War Savings Certificates	18	12	0
Bank ... £6	4	8		Magazines	19	8	9
Hon. Secretary 2	0	0		Miss Mooney—Circulars, Typing, Despatch of Magazines	17	5	4
	8	4	8	Other Postage	2	14	0
Subscriptions—				Stationery		19	3
Life 36	14	0		Printing	1	11	6
Ordinary ... 30	4	6		Playing Cards and Whist Programmes	2	2	8
	66	18	6	Gratuities	1	5	0
				Refreshments		18	6
				Sundries	1	3	11
				Balance, 1919—			
				Bank ... £7	2	3	
				Hon. Secretary 2	0	0	
					9	2	3
£75	3	2		£75	3	2	

The annual general meeting of this Association was held at the School on Friday evening, some hundred members being present. In the absence of the President (Mr. W. J. Potter, who had met with a slight accident), Mr. G. R. Parker presided. Unfortunately the sudden

illness of the Secretary (Mr. S. R. Ducker) prevented the presentation of his report, but the Chairman was able to announce that the Association continued to grow both in numbers and enthusiasm. The Treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance and was unanimously adopted.

The following officers were elected for next year :—President, Mr. W. J. Potter ; Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. R. Ducker ; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Huntley ; Committee, Captain H. W. Daniell (1906-1911), Mr. R. W. Farrell (1880-1884), Mr. G. H. Lee (1912-1915), Mr. N. L. Smith (1910-1916), Mr. A. E. Tebbutt (1910-1916), Messrs. W. E. Llewellyn and W. W. Poyser (Masters' representatives), and G. H. Isaacson (Captain of the School).

The Rev. W. T. Money (Vicar of St. Peter's, Greenwich), Mr. Robinson and Captain Clout were the principal speakers in a discussion on the proposed war memorial to the 80 "old boys" who fell in the war. It was decided to ask the Governors of the School to form a committee representing the Governors, "old boys" and the present School to carry out the project. It is hoped that the new School will thus embody some special feature dedicated to the memory of these gallant "sons of Roan."

Mr. G. H. Lee, whose energy and ability made the dance and other social events so successful and enjoyable last year, was elected recreation secretary. It was announced that social evenings will be held at the School on the last Friday in November, January, February and March, with the special object of giving "old boys," recently returned to England, the opportunity of renewing old friendships and reviving old associations.

The question of raising the subscription was discussed and referred to the Committee, which was to report to a Special General Meeting before Christmas. This meeting is summoned for Friday, Nov. 28th, at 7.30 p.m. at the School. This is also the date of the first social evening. There will also be a discussion of the future prospects of Sports' Clubs. Those interested please note. After the business has been disposed of R. M. CLUTTERBUCK (1906) will give an account of his travels in the North Pacific. This will be illustrated by lantern slides made from photographs taken by himself. Those of us who have heard Clutterbuck relate some of his experiences are looking forward to an hour's real delight.

The Annual Dinner is fixed for Saturday, Dec. 13th, at Pinoli's Restaurant, Wardour Street. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Major Eric Ball, L.C.C., will be the guest of the Association, and we hope to see a record gathering —a first great re-union of all Old Roans back from the war. We ought then to be able to announce what definite steps are to be taken in the matter of our War Memorial.

In addition to the monthly socials a Bohemian Concert (ladies invited) will be held at the "Green Man," Blackheath, on Friday, Jan. 16th. No tickets will be issued.

A Dance will also be held on Friday, Feb. 6th, at the Borough Hall, Greenwich. Tickets from G. H. Lee, 34 Chalcroft Road, Lee, S.E. 13.

Old Boys v. Present Boys :—Football : Saturday, Feb. 21st next. O.R's who wish to play kindly send their names to the Secretary.

Old Boys v. Present Boys :—Cricket : June 19th next.

Mr. Ducker's illness has been a severe one but he is now out of danger and convalescent. We hope to have him present at the Dinner. He thanks the many members whe have sent kind enquiries and sympathy.

A good number of those who left School last term have forgôtten to send their subscriptions along. To support the O.R.A. is the least thing they can do for the School to which they owe a good deal. They will receive a copy of this Magazine to remind them what they will miss in future if they fail to do their duty. Neither slackness nor impecuniosity should prevent their securing the right of at once putting O.R.A. after their names. Both obstacles can be surmounted. By courage and determination, a shilling can be secured and posted to the Secretary.

The Secretary is still anxious to receive additional information about the war records of Old Boys.

At the monthly meeting of the Roan Trustees, held in October, the Rev. W. T. Money invited the co-operation of the Governors in the War Memorial which was being promoted by the Old Roan Association. The Chairman said it was desirable that the Board should take part. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting.

A cheque for £10 has been forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Sharp on behalf of the O.R.A. Mrs. Sharp writes : "Will you please thank the "Old Boys" for their kindness. It gave us much pleasure to receive their present

and we are very sorry we cannot thank them personally. We wish the Association every success."

H. R. KNIGHT (Roan Exhibitioner) has gained the diploma A.R.S.M. (Associate of the Royal School of Mines), First Class, and has been awarded the Bessemer Prize and Medal. He has been appointed Chemist and Metallurgist to Messrs. Petters, Yeovil, and elected a Member of the Institute of Metals.

N. L. SMITH (Roan Exhibitioner), Royal School of Mines, came top of the Inter. B.Sc. list in Physics and has been awarded the Tyndall Prize. He has been spending some of the summer vacation in practical mining at the South Crofty Tin Mine, Cornwall.

L. H. LYON and E. F. JEFFERSON, both of University College, have passed the Inter. B.A.

A. E. TEBBUTT has won an Exhibition at the Blackheath Conservatoire of Music.

R. H. W. ROBERTS has been elected President of Durham University Union Society.

Major E. BALL, L.C.C., has been elected to the Lewisham Borough Council.

L. TUCK is with the Army in Palestine. While training at Woolwich he had the honour of being selected for the Musical Drive of the R.H.A. recently held at Olympia, being the youngest driver taking part.

Lieut. H. AMBLER, M.C., is in India but hopes to be home for Christmas. He was in the Afghan fighting and against the Afridi in the Khyber Pass.

Lieut. H. R. BULLEY has been at the Khyber Pass, and is now on his way home.

W. F. Casburn is in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine.

F. J. HICKS is now C.S.M., and is still in France.

H. A. JARVIS is an applicant for an administrative appointment in British East Africa.

A. M. TYNEMOUTH is home again after 18 months in Germany and a year in Switzerland, enjoying to the full his regained liberty. We hope to welcome him at our next meeting.

A. D. REID, Architect, has generously offered his services in connection with Old Boys' War Memorial.

Pte. S. F. ANDERSON is now at Constantinople with the Army of the Black Sea.

H. RAVEN was married in August last.

C. C. TURTON is back from Egypt at Rest Camp, Canterbury.

H. I. IVATTS, who is still abroad with H.M. Forces, had been made a Life Member of the O.R.A. by his mother as a 21st birthday present. We commend the idea to other parents.

E. W. WATERFIELD is in the Malay States.

Lieut. W. L. T. WEBB is still overseas but expected home soon.

N. W. HARRISON was demobilised last October.

J. J. HURDIDGE is Sergeant in R.A.S.C. in Syria.

Lieut. S. E. LAMB is taking a Science Course at the Imperial College, South Kensington.

R. A. NASH and T. J. G. HAYNES have commenced their Medical Course at Guy's Hospital.

G. F. FRANKLIN (Roan Exhibitioner) has gone up to King's College, Cambridge.

G. H. THREADER and F. S. HISEE are now at the East London Technical College.

J. L. HUNT has become an articled pupil at Vickers.

L. H. PURTON is in Cook's Banking and Exchange Dept., Chief Office.

C. J. LANDER and J. THORNE are on the Permanent Staff of the London County and Westminster Bank.

P. SANDS is up at Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge, taking Science.

Lieut. F. C. M. MURRAY visited the School recently. He has been serving in Mesopotamia and India and has just returned from the Afghan frontier.

F. MOSCROP writes: "I returned from the East some time ago and am now settling down again to the usual morning run for the 8.8."

Captain and Adjutant B. J. FARRELL, 8th Scottish Rifles, is with the Army on the Rhine.

Corporal E. S. LANE, with British Army on the Rhine, has been mentioned in Despatches.

Capt. R. W. COLLARD is at Chaldari, Mesopotamia.

L. C. WALKER has been demobilised from the Air Force and is now in charge of a plantation, Nyasaland, British Central Africa.

We have been glad to receive long-deferred visits from Col. J. ATKINS, K.C.M.G., D.D.M.S., Home Forces (1892); Dr. C. EDWARDS (1892), now of Bridport, Dorset; E. A. SMITH (1892), who were all interested to

inspect the old School and mark the changes that have taken place since their day.

C. J. HALE (1905) has written enquiring about O.R.A. and joined, bringing N. T. MITCHELL (1902) with him into the fold.

Enquiries have also been received from H. T. WEBB, M. C. HANCOCK (1901), D. A. FAULKNER (1917), and W. J. REYNOLDS (1912). We hope to enrol them.

DEATHS.

We report with regret the death of Mr. T. W. G. Howard, second son of Mr. F. W. Howard, of 10 Macoma Road, Plumstead, and Mrs. Howard, who died on Friday last at the early age of 24. Deceased was educated at Plumstead Central School and the Roan School, Greenwich. On leaving school he was employed at the office of the Midland and General Insurance Co., now absorbed in another business, and in 1914 transferred his services to the British Dominions Insurance Company, where at the time of his death he held a responsible post in the motor-car insurance department. Although his health was not perfect he was one of the earliest recruits under Lord Derby's Scheme, and served in the Royal West Surrey (the Queen's) Regiment for three years and three months. He was wounded twice—not seriously—and suffered from two illnesses, brought about by the hardships of field service. However, when he was demobilised he seemed quite fit, and at once threw himself into work connected with St. Margaret's Church. He was elected a sidesman last Easter and also a representative to the Ruri-Decanal Conference, but his chief interests were with young men and boys. He was a Sunday School teacher till he joined the Army, and one of the founders of the Junior Club for Boys. He was secretary and late manager of the Senior Club, where he organised the indoor side of the work as well as the lawn tennis and football sections. Less than a week before his death he worked hard at the Sunday School treat. He fell ill very suddenly, and died three days later from the after effects of his Army service. He leaves a big circle of mourning friends. His place cannot easily be filled.

W. P. GRANT died in December, 1917. Many old members will recall the splendid contributions which W. P. Grant made to the Association's social activities in the early days.