

In this match the School gave a far more convincing display, the passing of the backs being much more accurate, and the running straighter, while the forwards, although beaten in the tight scrums, more than held their own in the loose, some of their rushes being exceedingly good. The School fielded the same side that played against the Lizards, except that Lindsay-White took Wall's place on the wing, and, incidentally, gave a very promising display, scoring two tries. The School were rather slow to settle down, and Blackheath pressed them hard for some time, C. C. Bishop being conspicuous for his elusive running. The first try by the visitors came from a sharp round of passing and a strong run by their left wing, who crossed in the corner; the kick at goal failed. Following this there was a good deal of mid-field play, neither side being able to claim any advantage. From a loose scrum, Blackheath got the ball, and after good passing among the forwards one of them slipped through under the posts for Bishop to convert. The School rallied after this set-back, and Russell and Power ran well the latter making a nice opening for Lindsay White to score. Half-time came with no further scoring.

The second half opened with the School doing most of the attacking, the forwards being well led by Power and using their feet well, Davies, Brown and Sinclair all being prominent. Although the ball did not often come out on the School side, Dawe opened up the game well, and from one of his passes, Coleman cut through and Lindsay-White finished off the movement by scoring wide out; Hill failed with the kick at goal. The School were now playing with much more liveliness, and after a loose maul, the forwards came away, led by Davies, who dribbled up to the line, backed up by G. O'B. Power, who picked up and scored under the posts, and Hill converted. Only a few minutes remained for play, and Blackheath made strenuous efforts to get the lead, but the School tackling was too certain and time came with no further scoring.

On the run of the game in the second half, the School thoroughly deserved their win, the forwards all playing well.

*The School.*—C. A. Wood; C. W. Hill, D. W. Russell, J. O'B. Power, G. Lindsay-White; A. R. Dawe, D. Coleman; B. D. Beddison, C. B. MacDonald, W. E. R. Budd, G. C. Wells, W. M. Brown, R. A. Davies, G. O'B. Power (capt.), R. P. Sinclair.

## Old Bedfordian News Column.

The Reverend G. K. Tibbatts has been appointed Head Master of the Boys' Central School and Teachers' Training College, at Chidya, and Educational Secretary for the Government in the Diocese of Masasi.

Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Jackson has been appointed Commandant of the 4th Battalion 14th Punjab Regiment.

At the Royal Tank Corps School in Ahmednagar, Lieutenant H. M. Liardet, of the 10th Armoured Car Company, qualified as distinguished in the driving and maintenance instructors' course for all mechanically propelled vehicles in use in the R.T.C. in India.

The Sussex and South-East England Branch of the Old Bedfordians' Club is holding their Annual Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, on Saturday, October 29th, 1932, and a large muster of Old Boys is expected. Any O.B. who does not receive a notice of the Dinner and would like to attend, is requested to write to the District Vice-President, Dr. A. E. Drynan, 29 Chichester Place, Brighton, who will be only too pleased to send all details. All O.B.s, wherever they may reside, will be welcome, and this dinner is an opportunity to meet old friends who are unable to be present at the Annual London Dinner in May. The cost per ticket will be 8s.

Dr. Walter Langdon Brown, M.D., F.R.C.P., has been appointed Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge.

Dr. Langdon Brown is the eldest son of the late Rev. Dr. John Brown, the biographer of Bunyan, and was educated at Bedford School, St. John's College, Cambridge (Scholar and Hutchinson Research Student), and St. Bartholomew's Hospital (Scholar). He has been a physician at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, consulting physician to the Metropolitan Hospital, senior medical officer of the Provident Mutual Life Assurance Company, and examiner in Medicine at the University of Cambridge; and he is the author of several medical works.—*The Times*.

Walter Langdon Brown was at the School from January, 1879, to July, 1888. He was a Monitor, a member of the Classical VIth, and also the Head of Crescent House. He matriculated at London University in June, 1887, and obtained the second Exhibition in July, 1888 (the first being declined). He was one of the few remaining "Foundation" Scholars.—*Ousel*, 12-11-88.

Dr. Langdon Brown has also been elected a Fellow of Corpus Christ College, Cambridge.

It has been announced that Major L. V. S. Blacker, of The Guides, is one of two officers who are organising an expedition for a survey flight over Mount Everest.

Rear-Admiral Cecil P. Talbot has been appointed Director of Naval Equipment.

Air Vice-Marshal C. S. Burnett, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., takes up his duties as Air Officer Commanding, Iraq, about December 1st.

Air Vice-Marshal Burnett, who is to take over the Iraq Command, entered the Army as Second Lieutenant, the Highland Light Infantry, in 1901, and, after taking part in two campaigns, resigned his commission in August, 1909. He joined the R.F.C. at the outbreak of war, during which he commanded a squadron and wing in France and Palestine and was awarded the D.S.O. and C.B.E., in addition to being mentioned in despatches on four occasions. Later he commanded No. 31 Wing, R.A.F., Mesopotamia. He was Deputy Director of Operations and Intelligence, Air Ministry, from 1923 until he assumed command of the Central Flying School in January, 1927. In the New Year Honours List of the same year he was made a C.B. and on promotion to Air Commodore in January, 1929, became Chief Staff Officer, Iraq Command, which appointment he held until January, 1931, when he became Director of Operations and Intelligence, Air Ministry, and Deputy Chief of the Air Staff. He was promoted to Air Vice-Marshal in July, 1931.

—*The Times*.

Mr. W. C. Cleary has been appointed Principal Private Secretary to the President of the Board of Education.

Lieutenant C. A. Dixon, 2nd Bedfs. and Herts. Regt., Major D. S. Frazer, 15/19th Hussars, and Captain G. L. Ritchie, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers, were among the King's Hundred who shot at Bisley.

E. H. Agnew was placed in Class 2 in the Honour School of Modern History, Oxford, and E. R. Wakefield in Class 3 in the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics ("Modern Greats.")

G. E. Godber was awarded last term the Prize in Elementary Clinical Surgery at London Hospital Medical College.

H. E. E. Holladay has passed the Final Examination of the B.Sc. (Engineering) of London University.

J. H. Cheston has been awarded by the Directors of the L. and N.E. Railway Company a Scholarship at London University.

A. E. Gamba has passed the B.Sc. Examination (London) with 2nd Class Honours in Geology, and gained the highest marks awarded in the examination.

E. C. S. Dawe has been successful in the Final Examination for the Diploma of M.R.C.V.S.

A. W. Gledhill passed the First Professional Examination of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Edinburgh, with honours.

R. M. Peacock, P.A.S.I., F.A.I., has been awarded the Special Diploma of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution for Tenant Right and Agricultural Valuations.

A. V. Venables (1895-96) has been promoted to be Chief Engineer of the East Indian Railway.

The Head Master received, on July 18th, 1932, the following cable from Old Bedfordians in New South Wales:—"Deepest sympathy Maclear's death—Lyons."

In the Public Schools' Veterans' Cup Shooting, at Bisley, P. A. Edwards, A. G. Ritchie, C. A. Dixon, J. E. R. Sowman, W. T. R. Beckett, made 227 against Bradfield, the winners, with 234.

O.B.s throughout the world are asked to note that Mr. L. C. Sharman, who was at the School from 1888-98, has been appointed Secretary of the Old Bedfordians' Club, and that his address is No. 30 St. Augustine's Road, Bedford.

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The following extracts are from a letter recently received by the Head Master from N. R. Ramsay, who is in Burmah Shell Oil Co., Trichinopoly.

I am looking forward more than anything else to seeing the School in 1934, for there have been so many changes since I left home—the Baths, the entrance gates, the Hall, and now the "Inky." All that in the space of a little over two years is progress of which you must be rather proud.

O.B.s out here are very interested in it all, but it is difficult to get the interest to take a tangible form. We are not very numerous—I am in touch with about 25—and are scattered all over the Presidency, so that any sort of gathering is difficult to arrange, especially as we all seem to be hard up (this appears to be a characteristic of O.B.s all over the world) and train fares in these days of retrench-

ment are not to be lightly incurred. However, we hope to have the Annual Dinner early in October, and as the all-India Rugger Tournament is in Madras this year, we may raise a larger number than usual. We shall probably repeat the successful experiment of combining with the Old Alleynians and Paulines.

Trichi itself is by no means a bad spot. Opportunities for amusement are limited to tennis, golf, hockey once a week, and the club: but the people, mostly in the South India Railway, which has its headquarters here, are very cheery, and the idea that in Trichi you have to wait until the Agent of the S.I.R. laughs before you laugh yourself is definitely incorrect. The chief drawback to the place is that the area which we control from this office is very uninteresting from the point of view of touring, of which we each do about 12 days a month: but apart from that the work is not uninteresting, and as there are only two of us we can more or less suit ourselves as to how we arrange it. The other big drawback is that we deal almost exclusively with Indians. I haven't much use for the Indian of these parts—they are rather a spineless crowd on the whole—but we are affected very little by the political and social troubles which distract the north, and can at least pursue our vocation in peace. We suffer from trade depression of course, and business as a whole is dull, but we have recently had a price war with the Standard Oil Co. of New York, our chief rivals, which brightened things up a lot. In fact, about Christmas time life was quite hectic. Neither side has gained anything much out of it, of course, and both have spent so much money that there probably will be no increments for years; but it was quite amusing while it lasted.

I was very sorry to read in the *Ousel* of "Ronnie" Maclear's death. His loss to the O.B.s' Club will be almost irreparable.

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The Head Master has received the following cable:—"Old Bedfordians dining Madras send loyal greetings and best wishes to yourself and School—Ramsay." The Head Master replied:—"Cordial thanks for your message. Every good wish to Madras O.B.s from the Old School."

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E. V. Bevan, the D.V.P. for New Zealand, writes that he is greatly shocked at the news of the untimely death of the Hon. Sec. of the Club, Colonel Maclear, and on behalf of the Old Bedfordians' Club in New Zealand, he wishes to convey sympathy and condolence to the relatives of the late Colonel, and also to the School and the Club in England. He adds that "his loss is incalculable, and will be felt throughout the world wherever O.B.s are found. We were contemporaries at School, and I found him just the same good chap and hearty friend when I met him at our dinner in 1928 as when I had known him in 1892."

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E. L. Rumboll, the District Vice-President for the Argentine, has written the President of the Club expressing the sorrow of the O.B.s in his district at the loss of Colonel Maclear. "We shall miss old 'Ronnie' very much," he writes, "but one thing I do know is that he had the satisfaction of knowing that the Old Bedfordians' Club is now on a sound basis and going strongly in most parts of the world."

J. H. B. Hunter (1907-09) writes that he never had the pleasure of meeting the late Colonel Maclear, who was a School hero when he was at Bedford, and to the many O.B.s he has met since leaving he is a deeply-loved tradition. He will never be forgotten.

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#### Tribute to Hong Kong D.P.W.

THE HON. HAROLD THOMAS CREASY, C.B.E.  
(O.B., 1888-90)

Farewell to the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy was said in the Hong Kong Council Chamber on July 1st, by members of the Legislative Council, after the formal business of the meeting had been completed.

High tribute to the retiring official was paid by His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, whilst Sir Henry Pollock spoke on behalf of the unofficial members.

His Excellency outlined briefly some of the difficulties that had faced Mr. Creasy since he commenced his term of office as Director of Public Works and congratulated him on his achievements. "Moreover, with high technical efficiency Mr. Creasy has combined an attractive personality which has made service with him a pleasure to us all," the speaker said.

On behalf of the unofficial members, Sir Henry Pollock said that perhaps the most outstanding characteristics of Mr. Creasy, apart from the ability with which he tackled his heavy and responsible work, are his good-natured and cheerful readiness and willingness at all times, both in and outside of this Council, to explain the pending details of any Public Works, and his general accessibility to the granting of interviews.

Replying, Mr. Creasy said that it was indeed a great reward and satisfaction on the termination of a long career in the Government service to receive such appreciation of the efforts of the department which he directed. He said that it was difficult to realise what the future had in store for Hong Kong, but there was little doubt that its expansion would continue under the wise guidance of the Council.

The name of Mrs. Creasy was coupled with that of her husband, in the Council's farewell, and both were recipient of every good wish of the assembly.—*Straits Echo*, July 15th, 1932.

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The Magazine of the 6th Rajputana Rifles, writing of Lieut.-Colonel Robert Tilly, whose death was recently announced in the *Ousel*, says:—

Robert Tilly, who was born in Ceylon on June 3rd, 1884, was educated at Bedford School. He entered Sandhurst in January, 1903, and on passing out in the following year served his attachment with the 1st Bn. The South Lancashire Regiment. He was posted to 123rd Outram's Rifles on November 13th, 1906, being promoted Captain in 1913.

He served from 1913 to 1917 with the Burma Military Police, to which he was originally posted as Inspecting Signal Officer, and again for a second tour as Battalion Commandant from 1919 to 1923, during which he was awarded the King's Police Medal for personal bravery in quelling a minor rebellion in the Shan States.

In 1917 he joined the 51st Sikhs in Mesopotamia, where after a few months he was wounded, mentioned in despatches and subsequently awarded the

Military Cross. On coming out of Hospital he was given command of the Depot, 123rd Outram's Rifles, at Mhow.

He became Second-in-Command of the 4th Bn. 6th Rajputana Rifles on July 13th, 1928, and on September 22nd, 1930, was posted as Commandant of the 10th Bn., with which he served till his death.

This brief account of Colonel Tilly's career as a soldier affords but little idea of his character. Of a quiet and gentle temperament, he was at his best in his dealings with Indians. He understood them, and brought sympathy and insight to bear on all questions relating to them, earning in return their deep affection and respect. Nor was the grief at his untimely death confined to the regiment alone, for there was not a more popular figure socially in the whole of the Nasaribad-Ajmer community, throughout which his loss was and is still widely felt.

Of him truly might Kipling's words have been written:—

"E'en as he trod that day to God so walked he  
from his birth,

In simpleness and gentleness and honour and  
clean mirth."

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#### Argentine.

Various Old Bedfordians are playing Rugby for the Buenos Aires Football Club, who are at present leading in the Argentine Championship. George Mackern is President of the Club; C. R. Rumboll is playing centre threequarter; R. D. Brownrigg stand-off half; with E. A. Rumboll and V. W. Brownrigg as forwards. R. L. Makin also plays for the Pacific Railway Club, and is very useful at scrum-half. So the traditions of the School Rugger are being kept up in that part of the world.

The D.V.P. had great pleasure in welcoming, in August, H. T. G. Mackay (O.B., 1910-21), who is on the staff of the Old School. Since his arrival he has been stopping with the Makin family at Hurlingham, but has been in touch with many Old Boys, who are delighted to meet such a distinguished O.B., who besides being Head of the School was also Captain of the Rugger XV. Considering his short stay he saw quite a bit of Buenos Aires and the surroundings, which were somewhat of an eye-opener for him, and he will have improved his Spanish quite a bit.

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#### Madras.

The Madras Old Bedfordians held their Annual Dinner on October 8th, and the District Vice-President, N. R. Ramsay (1914-25), sent the following cable to Mr. L. C. Sharman (1988-98) the new Secretary of the Old Bedfordians' Club:—"Old Bedfordians dining Madras send greetings and best wishes your Secretaryship."

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#### New South Wales.

The second Annual Dinner was held at the Carlton Hotel, Sydney, on May 18th, 1932, and the following were present:—Capt. W. E. Darbishire (1893-96), C. S. Murray (1914-18), J. H. Baskett (1919-23), B. Alexander (1917-22), and R. S. Lyons (1916-19), the D.V.P. for New South Wales. Apologies for inability to attend were received from J. H. Jenner (1890-95), V. S. Rawson (1900-03), L. H. Bucknell

(1913-17), Dr. H. M. Hollingworth (1912-14), G. T. Macfarlane (1880-85), C. B. Coombes (1886-89), Capt. A. L. Lucas (1892-95).

The small attendance was disappointing after all the work put in by the D.V.P. in writing O.B.s, and sending them notices. It is to be hoped that after the notices of the Dinner for next year, arranged for Wednesday, 17th May, 1933, have been sent out, all Old Bedfordians who receive them will not fail to answer, even if they are unable to attend the dinner.

Capt. Darbishire proposed the toasts of "The King" and "The Old School," after which yarns about the old days were the order of the evening, and the gathering was voted a great success in spite of the few present.

Capt. A. L. Lucas has been elected Hon. Sec. to the English Public Schools' Association in place of J. H. Baskett (1919-25), who had to resign on account of pressure of business.

The D.V.P. has come across Mr. D. A. Riddle, B.A., who was a Modern Language Master at the School, 1924-25, and is now teaching at Barker College, Hornsby, Sydney. L. C. Bell (1915-17) is teaching in the same College.

The D.V.P. has sent a list of O.B.s in New South Wales, with their addresses, totalling some two dozen, and hopes to be able to add to the list very shortly.

He is getting subscriptions for a panel for the top gallery from O.B.s in New South Wales, and hopes to have the complete sum required very shortly.

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#### A Rowing Record.

A very extraordinary record is that of Jack Beresford (O.B.), of the Thames R.C. Four which represented Great Britain at the Los Angeles regatta. This will be his fourth appearance at an Olympic meeting. In the 1920 regatta at Brussels he was second in the sculls, while at Paris in 1924 he was the winner. He was again second at Amsterdam in 1928.

Beresford also holds another record. He has won four events at Henley at his first attempt in each. These were the Diamonds (1920), the Grand for eights (1928), the Goblets for pairs (1928) and the Stewards for fours (1932). It is an example of versatility which, spread over twelve years, must be unequalled.

### Marriages.

**BERTHER—MURRAY.**—On April 2nd, 1932, at St. Paul's Church, Kandy, Ceylon, Roger Anthony Valien Berther, of Allion, Boragas, Ceylon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Berther, of Ealing, to Eila Gwendolen Murray, only daughter of Mr. H. L. Murray, of Nugegala, Umbala, Ceylon, and of the late Mrs. Chene Murray.

**COCKS—CHADS.**—On August 10th, 1932, at St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Hants., Arthur Dennis Bradford Cocks, Royal Engineers, elder son of Mr. G. A. Cocks, C.B.E., C.I.E., and Mrs. Cocks, of "Clevedon," Somerset, to Marjorie du Caurroy, younger daughter of the late Commander W. H. du C. Chads, R.N., and Mrs. Chads, of Alverstoke.

**DAVIES-JENKINS—JONES.**—On August 30th, 1932, at St. Mary's, Llanfair, Montgomeryshire, by the Rev. Evan Jones, Captain Rupert Gerald Davies-Jenkins, the 7th Royal Welch Fusiliers, eldest son of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. J. Davies-Jenkins, of Llanidloes, to Frances Sybil Jones, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Jones, and of Mrs. Jones, of Llanfair.

**KAY-MOUAT—RIVERS.**—On August 31st, 1932, at the Parish Church, Eltham, Charles George Kay-Mouat, second son of Mrs. Mouat, of 22 College Road, Singapore, and of the late Richard Joseph Kay, to Beatrice Vera, younger daughter of the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers and Mrs. Rivers, of Eltham.

**KIRKMAN—ERSKINE CLARKE.**—On August 16th, 1932, at St. John's, Redhill, by the Rev. W. Fairlie-Clarke, Vicar of Hallaton, Captain Sidney Chevalier Kirkman, M.C., Royal Artillery, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirkman, J.P., of Bedford, to Carol, younger daughter of the late Rev. Charles Erskine Clarke and Mrs. Erskine Clarke, of Reigate.

**NEWCOMB—PALMER.**—On July 15th, 1932, at Christ Church, Clifton, Bristol, by Rev. W. T. Phillips, Lieut.-Commander Harvey Mansfield Newcomb, Royal Navy, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Newcomb, of Bedford, to Beulah Annetta Pomeroy, youngest daughter of the late Mr. H. E. Palmer and Mrs. Palmer, of Clifton, Bristol.

**SIMPSON—WYATT.**—On September 6th, 1932, at Hinton St. George, Somerset, Dr. Thomas Edward Norman Simpson, of Colyton, Devon, elder son of the late Mr. Arthur Henry Simpson, and of Mrs. Simpson, of Boston, Lincs., to Edith Violet Wyatt, only daughter of the late Mr. Richard Whyatt, J.P., C.C., and of Mrs. Wyatt, of Ford's-Croft, Crewkerne.

**STARKIE—COLVIN.**—On August 6th, 1932, at Christ Church, Southgate, by the Rev. C. F. Peplow, M.A., Dr. Ernest Thomas Winstanley, only son of the late Dr. E. G. B. Starkie and Mrs. Starkie, of 62 Alcester Road South, Birmingham, to Nancy Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Colvin, of the Hermitage, Old Southgate.

**STONEBANKS—CHISHOLM.**—On Sept. 10th, 1932, at St. Paul's Wesleyan Church, Bedford, by the Rev. P. L. Watchurst, Arthur Mayhew Stonebanks, son of the Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stonebanks, of Cambridge, to Mona Hill Chisholm, M.A., second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Chisholm, of 38 Waterloo Road, Bedford.

### Births.

**ALSTON.**—On October 3rd, 1932, at The Middle-House, Putnoe Lane, Bedford, to Elspeth (née Stockman), wife of A. R. Alston, a daughter.

**BLACKWELL.**—On July 21st, 1932, at Karachi, India, to Jessie Pauline, wife of J. H. Blackwell, a daughter.

**BOOKER.**—On July 18th, 1932, at 11 Hertford Avenue, East Sheen, to Adeline Lois (née Crang), wife of W. M. Booker, a daughter.