

## Old Bedfordians' Club.

### Membership Subscription.

It is not generally known that the Life Membership subscription of the Old Bedfordians' Club may be paid by boys whilst still at School by means of instalments each term handed to the Bursar. In this way all, or nearly all, the subscription can be paid in small sums spread over a period of years, instead of the whole sum (£3/3/0) having to be found at one time. It is hoped that this will enable a greater proportion of boys to join their old School Club as soon as they leave than has been possible in the past.

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### New Membership.

All those who are leaving at the end of this term, and who wish to join the Old Bedfordians' Club should obtain application forms from the Bell Room, and, having filled them in, should return them to the Bell Room as soon as possible.

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### O.B. Colours.

Old Bedfordians, as well as members of the School, should remember that the colours which are often described as "The O.B. Colours" are the property of the Old Bedfordians' Club, and can only be worn by members of that Club. Education at the School entitles O.B.s to apply for membership of the Club, but does not entitle them to wear the Club Colours unless they are elected members of the Club and pay the life subscription.

The Club Committee invite all Old Bedfordians to apply for membership, and thus forge more links in the chain of Old Bedfordians which encircles the world.

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### Bisley, July 11th, 1935.

The Public Schools' Veterans' Trophy must be won again by the O.B.s' team. In order that there shall be no doubt about this, all O.B.s shooting at Bisley this year should get into touch with Major D. S. Frazer, 15/19th Hussars, at the Army Rifle Association's Hut at Bisley, or write to him without delay to the Small Arms School, Hythe, Kent. With a little keenness on the part of O.B.s this Trophy can be won for the second time.

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### Tennis and Swimming in O.B. Week.

July 22nd to 27th.

Those who would be prepared to represent the O.B.s in Tennis and Swimming should apply without delay to Captain C. E. B. Stevens, 65 De Parys Avenue, Bedford, who is looking after these events and making up the teams. It is hoped that as many as possible will apply, as in both cases the School teams are equal to the best the O.B.s can put in the field or water.

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### Accommodation in O.B. Week.

All Old Bedfordians are reminded that they are very welcome during O.B. Week, from Monday, July 22nd, to Sunday, July 28th, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to revisit their old School.

Those, especially the younger O.B.s, who would like to take part in the Tennis, Golf, Cricket, or Swim-

ming matches, but do not feel they can afford the expense of hotel accommodation, should write to Captain C. E. B. Stevens, 65 De Parys Avenue, or to the Secretary of the O.B.s' Club, c/o Bedford School, who will do their utmost to find accommodation for them in the homes of parents and other friends of the School, who have most kindly consented to act as hosts.

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### To Parents and Friends of the School.

As it is extremely difficult for many of our younger O.B.s to attend O.B. Week owing to financial reasons, the Bedford Sub-Committee of the O.B.s' Club decided at a recent Committee meeting to do their utmost to find accommodation for O.B.s, especially those who have but recently started out in life. These young O.B.s will, in the future, be our leaders in the Club. The Committee feel that if they, through force of circumstances, are now obliged to keep away from O.B. Week, they will eventually lose interest in the School and Club. For obvious reasons this would be most deplorable.

Would any parent, or friend, interested in the welfare of the School, who would be willing to accommodate an O.B. during O.B. Week, or part of the Week, kindly notify Captain C. E. B. Stevens, 65 De Parys Avenue, or the Secretary of the O.B.s Club, c/o Bedford School.

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### Old Bedfordian Masonic Lodge.

The next meeting of the Old Bedfordian Lodge, No. 4732, is to be held at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, 27th July, in the Memorial Hall of Bedford School (by kind permission of the Head Master).

Further particulars may be obtained from the Master, Captain R. V. Proudlock, Bedford School, or the Secretary, E. W. Airy, Ormesby House, Grange Road, Sutton, Surrey.

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### Old Bedfordian Golfing Society.

The 1935 season started with the Halford-Hewitt Cup Competition at Deal on 12th April. We were fortunate in being able to send down, for us, a fairly strong team, but unfortunately were unable to defeat the Old Salopians, who eventually reached the finals.

The following represented the O.B. Golfing Society: R. Myer, Dr. W. H. Lamplough, M.D., Rev. A. J. W. Pym, M. G. Stuart-Fox, W. A. Sime, J. A. Kempton, J. A. Smith, W. O. Newcomb, P. Lawless, M.C., Lt.-Col. C. M. T. Hogg, D.S.O.

On Sunday, April 28th, the Spring Meeting was held at Knebworth. Although several members were unable to turn out at the last moment, we had a very pleasant reunion of old friends and an exciting finish.

Kellett (8), Sargent (9) and Bethell (12) were leading in the morning for the Captain's Prize with net scores of 73, 74 and 74. Bethell and Radford (11) were just ahead for the Junior Challenge Trophy with 74 and 75 respectively.

In the afternoon Radford returned a nett 69, and so did Col. Hogg, the former winning the Captain's Prize and the Junior Challenge Trophy with a net score of 144. Colonel Hogg and Bethell tied for second place with 146.

It has been decided that the Junior Challenge Trophy cannot be won by the same player at both the Spring and Autumn Meetings.

Our match against the Old Paulines had to be cancelled, but we played the Old Haileyburians at Broxbourne on Sunday, May 26. We were outplayed in the foursomes in the morning by three matches to one, but managed to square the singles in the afternoon—result, six matches to four in favour of Haileybury. The following represented the team:—Lieut.-Colonel Haughton, D.S.O., J. A. Kempton, Lieut.-Colonel Hogg, D.S.O., S. B. Cole, Lieut.-Colonel Graham, P. T. Bethell, Lieut.-Colonel Radford, B. W. Vane Percy.

It is hoped there will be a good turn out for the O.B.s' Match *v.* Biddenham on July 28th. Will intending players please forward their names to the Hon. Secretary, Lieut.-Colonel O. H. Radford, 7 Goldington Road, Bedford.

## Translations.

### Evening.

O light of eve, thou dost restore  
What morning scattered far and wide—  
The sheep, the goat, the little child  
That wandered from its mother's side.

(From *Sappho*.)

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### A Bee in Amber.

How bright he sleeps in golden amber laid,  
As if it were the nectar which he made!  
For such a prison and for such a prize  
I think the little labourer gladly dies.

(From *Martial*.)  
G.M.L.

## The Assault-at-Arms.

The Easter Term's activities, as usual, culminated in the Assault-at-Arms, when the Gym. Club entertained a large and appreciative gathering in the Great Hall. The programme opened with a display on the horizontal bar; even the most undiscerning spectator soon realised that the standard of gymnastics was unusually high this year; this impression was confirmed when Rustomji performed the long-arm swing, or "Grand Circle," a feat which has only twice been achieved in the previous twenty years. The Preparatory School then made an attractive contribution to the performance, and performed their physical exercises with smartness and celerity. They were followed by four squads of acrobats, who scrambled up ropes and suspended themselves in strange postures in mid-air, while spectators held their breath with nervous apprehension.

The first competitive event was the fencing. Here the Boarders, represented by Haynes and Palmer won the foils, but the Day Boys (Passfield and Gerrard) had their revenge with the sabres.

During the interval the Head Master, assisted by M Cook i, the Captain of Gym., distributed the prizes and Challenge Cups; he paid a warm tribute to the successful work of R.S.M. Whitelaw and Sergeant Jackson, and referred to the unbroken series of victories which our Gym. Team had gained in School contests during the past few years.

In the second half of the programme the most popular item was the Non-stop Relay Boxing Match between eight-a-side teams of Boarders and Day

Boys. The art of self-defence had no part in this event. Each pair occupied the ring for one minute, and at the blast of a whistle another pair sprang in to continue the fight. At the conclusion, when the storm of applause had subsided, the referee announced the result as follows: Day Boys, 13 points; Boarders, 10 points.

The concluding item was an exuberant romp over the vaulting horse. H.C.P.

## Athletics.

### Triangular Match.

The triangular match with Charterhouse and Lancing took place at Charterhouse on Saturday, March 23rd, and resulted in a tie between the School and Charterhouse, with 10 points each, Lancing being third with 4 points. The fine weather, which had been a feature of the previous week, completely broke down, and the conditions were all against good performances. A strong wind blew straight across the field, bringing with it frequent showers of rain. Once again, superiority in the more technical field events counterbalanced an inferiority in track events, though it is only fair to note that for the first time in the history of this match we were not last in the 3 Miles Relay, and that, but for a faulty baton exchange in the 660 yards Relay, we should have been second, and possibly first. The result of the match depended on the last event—the One-mile Relay—the position being that we had to be second to be sure of winning, and that Charterhouse had to be first to tie with us.

#### 1. POLE VAULT.

*Bedford*—G. R. Blackburn, 10ft. 0ins.; A. P. B. Rolfe, 9ft. 6ins.; A. C. Fitt, 9ft. 6in.; total, 29ft. 0ins.

*Charterhouse*—A. G. Merz, 9ft. 6ins.; P. I. D. Tetley, 9ft. 0ins.; R. C. MacCunn, 9ft. 0ins.; total, 27ft. 6ins.

*Lancing*—C. J. Mannors, 9ft. 6ins.; A. R. Hughes, 9ft. 0ins.; A. M. Dusauthoy, 8ft. 6ins.; total, 27ft. 0ins.

An easy win for Bedford, whose competitors did not attempt any further heights, as Blackburn and Rolfe had other events to compete in.

#### Result—

1st, Bedford; 2nd, Charterhouse; 3rd, Lancing.

#### 2. 660 YARDS RELAY (220 × 110 × 110 × 220 yds.)

*Bedford*—P. H. Garrard, C. B. L. Kingcome, D. M. Fenning, G. R. L. Abrahams.

*Charterhouse*—P. G. W. Purves, D. D. Kidson, M. A. Melford, W. I. Dalgleish.

*Lancing*—P. R. Atterly, C. R. Heycock, F. S. Shore, F. W. K. Stanford.

As the race was run in lanes, with staggered start, it was difficult to tell what was happening in the early stages. We drew the middle lane, with Charterhouse on the outside, and it looked as if we held our position for the first two stages, and that Fenning definitely gained a slight lead, but Abrahams misjudged his distance and over-ran the 20 yards limit before Fenning could catch him. In spite of stopping dead to take the baton he finished a good second, but was, of course, disqualified.

Result—1st, Charterhouse; 2nd, Lancing.  
Time, 71½ secs.