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It is essential that all matter for insertion in the forthcoming issue should reach the Editor on or before the Monday preceding day of publication.

CURRENT COMMENTS

THE Report of the Civil Service Commissioners for 1936, by statistics and text, throws many interesting sidelights on recruitment to the Civil Service and on the variety of jobs which may be held in certain departments. Perhaps the most interesting item, from our point of view, is a comparison of numbers of successful candidates at the various open examinations. For instance, the approximate ratio of candidates to entrants in the Clerical Class Open Examination was 2.1, in the Clerical Class (Minor and Manip.) Examination, 5.1, Administrative Group 5.1, Executive Group 7.1, Tax Inspectors Group 11.1, Officers of C. & E. 11.1, and, last but evidently not the least difficult, Asst. Preventive Officer 18.1.

The question of the unusually long delay in uniform issues—in many cases the May issue is still outstanding—has been raised with the Official Side. There has been some suggestion of the delay being due to Coronation requirements but the Staff Side will expect an official explanation and an assurance that future issues will be more prompt and will not be affected, in point of date, by the lateness of the delayed issues.

We understand that there are now eight Waterguard teams competing for the "Lupton" Cup and that it has been found possible in the re-draw to give each team a game in the first round. This is the arrangement:—

London plays Dover.
Liverpool plays Hull.

Southampton plays Gravesend.
Cardiff plays Bristol.

The match between Southampton and Gravesend takes place at Gravesend on Tuesday the 26th October. * * *

Coincident with the extension of the extra-Association benefits to include the Credit Service the Executive Committee reviewed the machinery for dealing with applications generally. It was found that under the present system of permitting direct application to Headquarters there was a possibility of non-members or non-paying members being given these facilities. One would have thought that such persons would have sufficient principle and honesty to refrain from attempting to obtain benefits from an organisation which they are unwilling to support, but evidently such is not the case and it has now been decided that in future all applications for extra-Association benefits, e.g., V.E.S. Tuition, Boots' Library Scheme, Service Equipment, Shopping Facilities, Credit Service, etc., must pass through the hands of the District Organisers. This decision will, undoubtedly, have the full backing of the membership. * * *

As anticipated in the last issue, the Secretaries are now in the position positively to announce the publication of an Association Diary for 1938, early in December.

Bound in brown solid leather, the diary will be fitted with card or stamp pocket, season ticket "window" at the back, pencil, ribbon book-mark and A to Z index. It will contain

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Subsistence.
 Superannuation (1859, 1909 and 1935 Acts).
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 Patents and Awards.
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Copies supplied through District Organisers will cost 1/6d. and single copies supplied from Headquarters 1/7½d. post free.

A reservation and order form will be available in an early issue of the "Customs Journal." Look out for it.

Arrangements for the Armistice Day ceremony in the Custom House, London, and the laying of the Departmental Wreath at the Cenotaph on November 11th, are in hand.

It is pleasing to note that the arrangements of the past evidently leave nothing to be desired for no change will be made in the procedure.

Collections will be made in the various Branches and from the sum collected two wreaths will be purchased from the British Legion. The balance of cash will be handed to the C. & E. Widows', Orphans' and War Memorial Fund.

The honour of conveying the Wreath to the Cenotaph again falls to the Waterguard, supported by ex-Service representatives from the different branches.

Speaking of Armistice Day reminds us again of the C. & E. Rally on November 11th. Details of this great night are given in a folder inset in this issue and a glance will suffice to show that every effort is being made to ensure the Rally is the biggest and best ever. The proceeds go to the C. & E. Social Service Association. The Social Service movement, however, gets more than the very welcomed financial help. I gets a fair measure of publicity and, no doubt, the Social Service Exhibition (30th November—1st December), at Royal Horticultural Hall will also feel the benefit.

The Report of the Quarterly meeting of the C. & E. Orphanage Fund shows a steady increase of membership and income. It shows, also, increased scope of benefits for, in addition to the renewal grants, several new applications were favourably considered.

It was announced that the Chairman, Mr. T. Morton, would not be occupying that position at the next meeting, to be held in January, owing to his retirement from the Service towards the end of the year. A resolution expressing sincere appreciation of his sterling qualities and valuable services was placed on record.

Mr. Morton's activities are so widespread that from now on until his actual retirement farewells will be taken on the various bodies as the meetings become his last.



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Changes in the Staff.

to 18th October, 1937.

APPOINTMENTS.

ASSISTANT PREVENTIVE OFFICERS:—

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OFFICER LEAVING THE SERVICE.

RETIREMENT—ASSISTANT PREVENTIVE OFFICER:—

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Southampton Presentations.

A smoking concert and dance was held at the Civil Service Club on October 5th, and during the proceedings presentations were made to Messrs. Hackett and Wasp, A.P.O.s, who will shortly be leaving this port on promotion.

Bill and "Stinger" are very popular at Southampton, and in spite of the fact that the "Berengaria" arrived late as usual thus keeping some of the staff on duty, there was a good number present for the ceremony.

Mr. W. J. Lymaney, Waterguard Superintendent, who made the presentations, spoke highly of both Officers and said their going would be a loss to the port. Glowing tributes were also made on behalf of the staff by Mr. Maynard, C.P.O., Mr. Cottell, P.O., and Mr. H. Parsons, A.P.O. After they had each received a suitably inscribed barometer, the two recipients made characteristic speeches expressing their sincere thanks and recalling the happy times they had spent at Southampton. In conclusion, the audience vociferously demonstrated its feeling towards the pair by singing, "For they are jolly good fellows." H.L.F.

Customs and Excise Orphans', Widows' and War Memorial Fund.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Room 120, Custom House, E.C.3, on Monday, 4th October. T. Morton, Esq., M.B.E. (Vice-President) occupying the Chair.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed, and the Hon. Secretary presented the Quarterly Financial Statement, which was approved.

The Financial Statement gave the following Income and Expenditure items:—

Income:—Subscriptions £901, Dividends £202, Donations £4 9s. 0d.

Expenditure:—Grants amounting to £600 made under Rule 23 to assist in the maintenance and education of children, grants amounting to £231 made under Rule 26 to assist members' widows left in necessitous circumstances, grants made under other Rules amounting to £51.

Forty-seven applications for membership of the Fund were received from established officials of the Department and all the applicants were elected. The new members comprise 7 Officers, 5 U.O.s, 1 D.H.C.O., 12 D.C.O.s, 1 C.O., 19 A.P.O.s, 1 Typist, and 1 Est. Messenger.

Five new applications from widows seeking assistance on behalf of their young children were considered. There was one child per family and each child was admitted to benefit under Rule 23, at a cost to the Fund of £20 per annum per child. The Committee considered new applications from two widows seeking assistance on their own behalf. A grant of £15 was made in one case. Decision was deferred in the other case, pending fuller information as to circumstances. Assistance was given in the case of necessity of a wife of a member. This member has completely broken down in health (Rule 27) and is unable to attend to his official duties.

Applications for renewals (12 under Rule 26 and 1 under Rule 2H) were considered and grants of £15 or £20 were made, except in one case, in which a decision has been deferred for further information as to present circumstances.

The Half-Yearly Reports on the Orphanage's children, presented by the gentlemen who kindly visit for the Fund, were approved. All were satisfactory, showing that the children are attending school and are being well cared for.

Proceedings terminated with a strong expression of appreciation of the sterling qualities of the Chairman, Mr. Thomas Morton, who, to the regret of all, had occupied the Chair for the last time, owing to his approaching superannuation.

A Resolution in the following terms was passed:—

“To record on the Minutes the Executive Committee's warm appreciation of the services rendered to the Fund by T. Morton, Esq., M.B.E., their regret at his retirement, occasioned by superannuation, and their hope that he will long enjoy health and happiness in his future career.”

Tyne Topics.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Customs and Excise Tennis Club at North Shields has again completed the season in the happy position of having had a favourable playing season and strength as indicated by its mid-table position in the Tynemouth League.

Quite recently the members of the Club made an informal presentation (in the form of an engraved silver cigarette case) to its first Treasurer and prime organiser, Mr. A. Boocock, who is expected to be promoted to P.O. in the near future. His work in connection with the Tennis Club will not soon be forgotten.

Whist Drive and Dance.

Under the auspices of the Tennis Club, a Whist Drive and Dance will be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, the 29th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Albion Road, North Shields.

There will be some nice prizes—our thanks are due to local higher officials for these—and every effort is being made to ensure a memorable evening.

Tommy Willis and his Band supply the music. Tickets are 2/6d. each, **including refreshments**, and may be obtained from any members of the Committee, Custom House, North Shields.

Roll up and enjoy yourselves on Friday, the 29th.

Short and Snappy.

(1) On a four-day basis what quantity of wine, including allowance of wine in lieu of spirits and beer, may be left out for use of Master, other Officers and other members of the crew?

(2) What is understood by the expression “passenger”?

Answers on page 258.

Civil Service Confederation.

NO GEDDES AXE WANTED.

The Association of the British Chamber of Commerce meeting at Manchester on October 14th has dealt a parlous blow to those who think that now is the time to cut down National Outlay.

The Conference rejected by a large majority a resolution on national economy moved by Mr. J. Graham Downes on behalf of the Edinburgh Chamber, which asked the Conference to draw the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the urgent need for economy in national finances, an economy which was of the utmost importance in view of the unavoidable expenditure on armaments, and suggested that a Parliamentary Committee should be appointed to examine the position.

Mr. Downes submitted that a position of definite danger existed to-day. The country was not only living up to the limit of its income but discounting the future. The Great War had only been financed by the savings of their forefathers, and they should economise now to guard against future dangers.

This was not the time for increasing Social Services and restoring cuts, but a time when the Government, which was strong enough to pursue a firm financial policy, should be asked to revise its present policy and to set up a Committee of Inquiry.

The resolution was seconded by Colonel G. H. Walton (Newcastle).

Sir Edgar Sanders (London), opposing, said that they should not always be looking forward to the slump which was coming; continual talk of "the inevitable slump" did a great deal of harm. The cause of slumps was the destruction of purchasing power, and a resolution of this kind helped to destroy the confidence which was essential to prosperity.

Sir C. Granville Gibson, deputy president of the Conference, also opposed the resolution, and said that three-quarters of the national expenditure went on Social Services and the Army and Navy. In what direction did the movers of the resolution consider that there could have been economies? He did not think that the Government could institute any economy which would be worth while.

Don't Forget.

The C. & E. Dramatic Society's show, "A Damsel in Distress" at the Cripplegate Theatre on the 26th and 27th October at 7.45 p.m. sharp.

Excerpts from "The Customs Journal," 22nd October, 1904.

The present secret system of assessing characters in the Customs Service is unfair to the men, often misleading to the Board and should be abolished.

Much heart-burning has been caused in the past and will be caused in the future by this semi-inquisitorial method of assessing character. The Customs, however, is an ancient institution and it is surprising with what tenacity the authorities stick to its ancient ways.

In the Waterguard the "characters" are usually given by Surveyors or Chief Preventive Officers, who base their opinions on information derived from Preventive Officers. These gentlemen are, of course, only human, and so long as human nature remains as it is, it may be safely said that a great many decisions are based on matters quite apart from the merits or demerits of the respective officers.

Secret reporting leaves the way open to intrigue, causes dissimulation and encourages deceit. For instance, we see, to-day, men with "stars" on their arms who are unfit to possess them, while, on the other hand, men who have honestly done their best for the Service are still awaiting their award. In the same way, it is notorious that Boatmen have been made Preventive Officers who, to put it very mildly, never did one honest day's work in their career, and would not earn ten shillings a week in a commercial concern, while honest and hard-working Boatmen are passed over simply because that at some time or other a superior, perhaps himself unworthy, stabbed them in the back.

This has been the experience in the Waterguard and will continue to be so until the present iniquitous system of secret reporting has entirely been swept away.

Why should the Board fear to adopt the system in force in the Royal Navy? Discipline is strict enough there in all conscience, and its methods are copied by almost every nation under the sun. Each year a man is told what his character, as to conduct and ability, has been assessed at—very good, good, fair or bad as the case might be, and this system has been found by experience to prove an excellent incentive to men to excel in the discharge of their duties.

How different in the Customs, where a man may go on for years in blissful ignorance, and only when he has been passed over for a "star," or for promotion, does he know that his superiors have not been satisfied with him.

I venture to say that the adoption of the Naval system in the Waterguard would conduce to zeal, would be fair to the men, and would prevent many of the scandals and much of the heart-burning which are natural results of the present system of assessing character.

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Customs Men to Wear Kid Gloves.

Five thousand British Customs officers are to wear kid gloves on duty!

They belong to the "waterguard" section which examines ships arriving.

An epidemic of dermatitis of the hands, spreading among them since August, is ascribed to searching the insanitary belongings of foreign seamen and low-grade passengers. It is thought that, assured of the protection of gloves, officials will be able to continue their work without risk of infection.

—"Sunday Dispatch," 10th October, 1937.

Watch-House Yarns.

There is a Hailing Station on the Tyne, which used to be an old wooden hulk. Access was gained through a cut in the bulwarks.

One dirty night, the launches were moored at the Hailing Station, and the Boarding crews were swapping yarns in the Hailing office. One A.P.O., inclined to be the port comic, was looking down the river when he saw, through the snow, a ship which appeared to be heading straight for the hulk (no uncommon occurrence). With a shout of warning he dashed along the deck, through the cut in the bulwarks, and on to the launch.

Did I say "on to the launch"? Soft music, please. For the launch's crew had also noticed the ship, and had moved away. B'rrr!

CUDDY CADDY.

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During my sojourn in Falmouth during the trade depression several tankers with full cargoes were used as warehouses while lying in the port. Of course, these vessels did not report in the usual way but a record was kept under a Board's Order applicable to the port.

Eventually one of these vessels went to a N.E. port to discharge her cargo and when she arrived there the Boarding Officer could not make out as to why she had not reported in the usual manner and wrote to me on the subject. I tried to explain the peculiarities of our port but still he could not grasp it, so he replied to me in these words, "I have heard about Cornwall and its Customs, but evidently you must have a Customs of your own there!"

B.J.B.

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An old retired Waterguard Officer visited the Station to glean news of the Service in general. After many old battles had been fought over again, somebody suggested,

"What about a nice cup of coffee each?"

"Coffee!" gasped our veteran, "What's the Service coming to, What's the matter with a pint of rum?" Inky.

Natty 'Nannies' by Nod.

Did you read in one of the Sunday papers a little while ago that the Waterguard are to be issued with gloves? Oh, I feel so awfully bucked about it all, and I feel sure you, too, are thrilled no end.

Unfortunately, these press chappies do not always give their reports correctly, and on this occasion we all feel in a state of suppressed excitement to know exactly of what texture our little gloves are to be made. Oh, I do hope that they will be of kid, don't you? You see, those coarse leather things some officers have to wear when taking off Crown locks are so detrimental to the delicate nature of the epidermis surrounding our little phalanges. I know of one fellow who had tried to relieve the irritation caused by these rough gloves gazing at his hands in horror and saying, "Good heavens! I'm getting cosmetic 'mits.'"

The question of colour, too, is important. Are our rummage crews to be issued with black ones? I think that officers on the night watch should favour this shade, don't you? Yellow would go awfully well with our blue uniforms. The combination would be just too sweet, but a difficulty would possibly arise here where some of the fellows have 'tummies' that are not quite in order.

Anything new that is introduced into the Waterguard is sure to raise a 'moan' from some direction, and this, I feel certain, will be no exception. For instance, are A.P.O.s to be the only grade to be issued with gloves? If so, can you imagine the position of a C.P.O., P.O., and A.P.O., all in uniform and wearing macks, while the A.P.O. is sporting his gloves, walking along the dockside? Can you visualise the awkward situation if one of the uninitiated approached the trio and addressed the wearer of gloves, being under the impression that he was the Chief? No, I'm afraid that all uniform grades will have to have them.

Our experienced baggage officers, too, will complain, for how can they, with their highly efficient training, be able to distinguish the difference between Shan-tung and Bun-tin when their delicate sense of touch has been lost by wearing gloves. Nevertheless, these chaps will experience some slight advantage, for the repeated washing of hands will be obviated, and the turning over of soil will be reduced to a minimum.

Still, I feel sure that the Association has the matter well in hand, and that they will work hand in glove with the Staff Side on any discussion appertaining thereto, so that there will be no necessity to throw down the gauntlet.

Impossible Sayings (10).

"Yes, I know it's four o'clock, gov'nor, but let's finish rummaging her first."

The Courtesy Code.

Lord Coverdale, in a recent newspaper article, implied that we had no manners, and were answerable to no-one.

Without enlarging on the implied lack of supervision, let us endeavour to find a formula of baggage examination which will satisfy his lordship.

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Archie Mustoddle waved his languid hand at the porter hidden beneath his luggage.

"Put in on the bench, my good man!"

"Yessir! Thank you, sir!"

A suave vision in blue and gold stood attentively at Archie's elbow, and coughed deferentially.

"Excuse me, sir," said the vision (oh, let's call him officer), "Will you please read this notice?"

"Oh, ah!" replied Archie, "I've seen it before."

"Oh, quite, sir! Please don't bother. I mean, you must be in a hurry, what?"

Archie stared. Having satisfied himself that he was not being "guyed," he moved towards his baggage, and picked up a small valise.

"Oh, no, don't bother yourself, sir! Just tell me what you have obtained since you left this country. As far as you can remember, of course."

"Well," replied Archie, visibly gratified at the concession, "there's a couple of bottles of brandy for myself, some silk handkerchiefs given me by a—a friend, and a new camera. There may be one or two little things as well. Here, I'll show them to you."

"Oh, **no**, sir," exclaimed the officer horrified, "wouldn't dream of botherin' you! Here, porter, take these to the train."

He indicated Archie's bags, and that gentleman, having expressed his thanks, was about to move off in their wake, when the officer stopped him.

"I know it's a bore, sir, but we'll have to decide about your declaration. You can have the brandy free — — it's not a lot — — and, of course, I can't charge you on the present! That would take all the pleasure away from it, what? Still, I'm afraid there'll be some duty on the camera. Now, how much would you like to pay?"

* * *

On the other hand, if M.G.M. are to be believed, a certain country, which shall, for obvious reasons, be nameless, is very brusque in its treatment of the returned prodigal (and of respectable people as well). Let's visit their baggage floor.

All is confusion. Square jaws beneath peaked caps move rhythmically, porters and stewards hurry to and fro, and poor little Hiram P. Shooter is bewildered by it all. Suddenly, a grim face is thrust into his.

"Say, feller," says the owner of the grimness, indicating Hiram's grips and trunks, "this li'l lot yours? Oke! Now, don't try anything funny, or you get the woiks. What've you gotta declare,"

"Oh, inspector, my daughter will tell you."

"Daughter, hey?" The inspector remembers his correspondence course, at Catchem, Ohyeah, and he returns to the attack.

"Yeah? I've heard that before! Now, what're you and this moll up to? Tell me now, or it'll be the pen — — oh, a ten-spot, huh? Right, guy, that'll be all!"

ALTUS.

I.G.W.'s Inter-Port Chess Trophy.

Entries for this Trophy should be sent to General Secretary, P.S.S.C., not later than December 15th. Teams to comprise four players representing one port, or a district under the supervision of a Waterguard Superintendent. There is no entrance fee if the players are members of the Chess Section, Preventive Section Sports Club, in other cases the entrance fee will be 2/- per team. Players are confined to members of the Preventive and Launch Services. Play is by correspondence.

Hull Football.

We cater for anything and everybody on the Humberside, and we are now waiting to cater for Liverpool in the competition for the Lupton Cup.

With the assistance of our Grimsby friends, we are preparing to give Merseyside a shock. Liverpool's prowess on the football field is something to be admired (according to reports), and we hope to be in a position to extend our sympathies to such a fine team after the match. Humberside supporters have already subscribed towards a glass case for the Cup, which will be on view to all officers on request. Excitement is at fever pitch here and wherever the match is played the team is assured of a large following. Further particulars will be announced later.

R.W.B.

Short and Snappy. (ANSWERS).

(1) Master and other Officers—

1½ gallons wine or which ¾-gallon is wine
n.e. 25° (Non-Empire) or n.e. 27° (Empire).

Other members of the crew—

¾ gallon of wine of which ½ gallon is wine
n.e. 25° (Non-Empire) or n.e. 27° (Empire).

(2) In Section 267 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the expression "passenger" is defined as including "any person carried in a ship" other than the Master and crew and the owner, his family and servants.

Customs Fund Trophy.

The first round for the Customs Fund Trophy was played between London Waterguard and Gravesend Waterguard at Gravesend United's ground, Central Avenue, on October 13th. The cold weather probably accounted for the rather small attendance of supporters, but nevertheless those who did arrive enjoyed witnessing a very clear and interesting game.

Gravesend won the toss but right from the onset it was apparent that London predominated. It was a good 20 minutes before Gravesend really got going, but except for a few attempted raids on the London goal, Howard, the London custodian, had little to do. The interval, however, found both teams without a goal, and at the resumption London continued their activities on the Gravesend half. After about 20 minutes play London scored, by Fowles netting the ball from a pass by Trevanion. Some 10 minutes from the end it appeared that in response to the shouts of supporters, Gravesend rallied and made desperate efforts to equalise, but it was of no avail. The sound of the final whistle found London the winners by one goal to nil.

To sum up, Gravesend certainly tried hard but went down fighting valiantly. It appeared that if only Jones could have got his forwards together Gravesend would have benefited. The brilliant play by Cooper at left-back certainly prevented London from scoring earlier, while Thomas at right-back played a very sound game; the splendid efforts of Ellingham on the wing should not pass without comment. Hale in goal had his time fully occupied and every praise is due to his many spectacular saves.

Regarding the London team some pretty headwork was observed. Ralph seemed to be outstanding and spectators will recall the occasion when he sent in a real "pile-driver" only to be frustrated by Hale's magnificent save which was appropriately appreciated by the "crowd." Williamson, too, played splendidly and we were pleased to observe that D'Arcy still has some nice little "touches." Dover, London's skipper, seemed to be here, there and everywhere whenever he was wanted and his tactics were pretty to watch.

After the match the inevitable "delightful" tea was served at the Central Hotel, adjacent to the ground. A few speeches were made and Mr. T. O. Hughes, Waterguard Surveyor, Gravesend, in his opening remarks said that he had received communications to the effect that Mr. C. M. Woodford, our I.G.W., and Mr. C. K. Purser, Waterguard Superintendent, London, regretted their inability to attend the match. He continued by welcoming the London team and after paying tribute to the referee said that he was of opinion that the better team had won. The two skippers of course, exchanged the

usual mutual greetings. At the termination of tea a large party adjourned to where conviviais are usually held and amongst merry chatter several enjoyed a game of darts and cards while the pin-table came in for a good deal of attention. The combination of these contributed to the ending of a happy afternoon and evening.

Preventive Service Sports Club. SWIMMING GALA.

At the 28th Annual C. & E. Swimming Gala held at Lambeth Baths on Friday, 8th October, the Waterguard team took third place in spite of the fact that the length each member had to swim had been increased.

The thanks of the Club are extended to the team, and in particular, to Messrs. Tindale and Geary who had travelled from the Tyne and Dover respectively. The team consisted of W. J. Blake, G. Geary, R. E. Jones, E. C. G. Cleare, J. A. Turk and R. B. Tindale.

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE.

Tickets are now on sale and should be secured early. The function takes place in the Grand Hall suite of the First Avenue Restaurant, High Holborn, on Thursday, November 18th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 7/6. Dress optional. You would greatly assist the Committee by obtaining ticket now, and submit the names of those with whom you would like to be placed at the dinner. Will outport members desiring to attend please note the Secretary's address is W. W. Bishop, 196, Algernon Road, Lewisham, S.E.13.

Hull Waterguard Sports Club.

Another winter season has commenced and the above Club celebrated its opening with an invitation Whist Drive, Supper and Dance. About 120 people assembled at Jackson's Cafe on the 5th of October last to dance to the strains of Doug. Pearcey and his band. Mr. Read again had charge of the whist, which was not so well patronised as usual. Evidently more of our members are becoming dance-minded.

Among those present were Mr. Kay (London), Mr. Jones (Waterguard Superintendent), Mr. Foster (Assistant Collector), Mr. Cameron (Waterguard Surveyor), and Mr. Crimmins (Plymouth), together with their wives. Mrs. Jones graciously presented the whist prizes, and Mrs. Crimmins took away with her the ladies' second prize as a reminder of her stay in Hull. The committee responsible for the arrangements were Messrs. Moss, Raymer, Nightingale, Barker, Thompson, Crooks, Read and Bradley (Hon. Sec.).

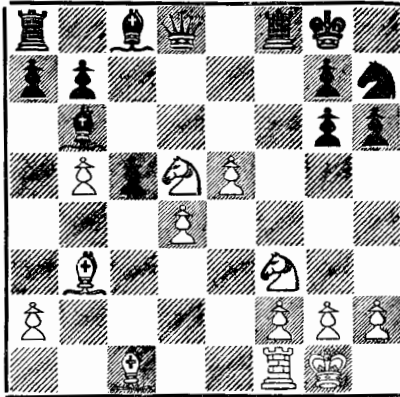
Forthcoming events are as follows:-- Seventh Annual Dinner at the City Hotel on 2nd November, 1937, and a Whist Drive and Dance at the Beverley Road Baths. A hearty invitation is extended to all Officers in the district, and any Officers visiting the city will be particularly welcomed.

R.W.B.

Preventive Service Sports Club.

CHESS SECTION.
PROBLEM No. 165*

BLACK.



WHITE.

Mate in two.

Solution to No. 164—

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| 1. Q×B ch. | K—B2. |
| 2. Q×B ch. | K—Kt3. |
| 3. Q×P ch. | K—R4. |
| 4. Q—Kt5 mate. | |

Hull Waterguard Sports Club.

GOLF SECTION.

J. C. BURKEY CUP.

The final for the above cup was played on the Springhead golf course on Friday, 24th September last.

Although the weather was ideal, the gallery was conspicuous by its absence, possibly due to the fact that the final was played in the morning and at short notice.

The two finalists were H. K. Stocks, A.P.O. (conceding 8 strokes) and W. Swan, A.P.O. Stocks (the stylish, long-hitting player) took some time to settle down and Swan (the unorthodox player) took the first two holes rather easily. Then the game became more even and Stocks was one up at the tenth. The Match finally finished at the 15th; Stocks winning 4 and 3.

This is the fourth year this competition has been held and the P.O. grade have yet to furnish the winner. They once had one of their grade who reached the final, but I think that I can promise something different next year. I have heard it rumoured that the Secretary is trying to negotiate the transfer (at the Crown's expense) of Henry Cotton, in order to strengthen the opposition to the A.P.O. challenge.

We have come to the end of yet another successful golf season and may next year see the same spirit of sportsmanship is the wish of

ESS-BEE.

Lupton Inter-Port Challenge Cup.

Matches to be played before the end of December:—

- Hull v. Liverpool.
- Cardiff v. Bristol.
- Gravesend v. Southampton.
- Dover v. London.

Note to Cyclists.

The Executive Committee has agreed to offer to members of the Club, the opportunity to affiliate with the National Cyclists' Union and obtain its benefits. The affiliation fee is 2/- p.a. Application forms are obtainable from the General Secretary, P.S.S.C., Waterguard Office, West India Dock (W. W. Bishop). The P.S.S.C. offers you membership at 3d. monthly. The N.C.U. offers you membership at 6/6 p.a., or if obtained by members of the P.S.S.C., 2/- p.a. The benefits of affiliated N.C.U. members are briefly:—

1. Free £1,000 insurance against claims by third-parties, arising out of accidents whilst riding or wheeling a cycle, all members being insured with the London and Scottish Assurance Corporation, Ltd.
2. Free legal advice and assistance in support and enforcement of just claims arising in the pastime of cycling, e.g., A member who was overcharged for a tandem ticket by railway booking clerk. Reported to N.C.U., who took matter up and obtained refund of 11d.
3. Free information and advice as to touring at home.
4. Free foreign touring information.
5. Free Customs passes.
6. Free N.C.U. Touring Handbook.
7. Free membership, Private Members Run Association.
8. Free membership, local N.C.U. Centre.
9. Special Insurance rates, Cycles.
10. Personal Accident (see special announcement of N.C.U.)
11. Life Insurance.
12. Use of Maps.
13. Compete in track racing held under N.C.U. rules.
14. Representation on local Centre Council.
15. Wear Union badge during membership, etc., etc.

Should you decide to take advantage of above you should join the Preventive Service Sports Club. This Club is not open to London alone, but is as its name applies. Its trophies include for Out-port participation, two Chess Cups, and a Football Trophy. The objects of the Club being to foster and encourage games, and sport in the Preventive Service, and we hope to increase our trophies that Out-port can compete for.