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CURRENT

THE month of August brings with it the much needed relief from the high-pressure conditions which operate in Whitley and Association circles during the rest of the year. Meetings of the main bodies, National and Departmental, are suspended for the time being, and there is a temporary slowing down of the Whitley machinery. During this short recess the Secretaries steal away, one by one, and take advantage of this recuperative break. September will be here all too quickly with the return to the full swing of activities and the preparations for the Annual Conference; not to mention the discussions with the Official Side on Waterguard Re-organisation.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee (P.S.A.), will take place on the 9th August, at the Association Headquarters Offices, 13, Beer Lane, London, E.C.3.

The departure of Mr. H. S. Gregory, Assistant Secretary, from the Department to the Treasury Clearing House, has resulted in certain changes, not without effect on the Waterguard.

It is understood that Mr. C. W. Hardisty, who succeeded Mr. Lupton, will take charge of Establishments Division and that Mr. J. B. Hardie, Assistant Secretary, will be the new Chairman of the Waterguard Sectional Committee.

Many years have passed since the Association had direct contact with Mr. Hardie as Superintendent of Stores, and we look forward to renewal of the acquaintance in the wider field of negotiations.

COMMENTS

Efforts are being made to secure a meeting of the Waterguard Sectional Committee in September.

The Agreed Report on Sex Differentiation in Pay, published in this issue, is important in many respects. It regularises and lessens differentials and adjusts anomalies but, also, it can be looked upon as a step in the direction of equal pay for equal work. The Report tends to make clear the real issue between the Staff Side and the Government. In paragraph two the Staff Side emphasises adherence to the principle of equal pay and indicates intention to pursue the claim wherever and whenever possible.

We understand that the Civil Service Confederation's search for a live, full-time General Secretary has been temporarily suspended. Between eighty and a hundred applications were received and this in spite of the warning that the future of the Confederation is uncertain and that the continued employment of a full-time General Secretary may become impossible. The General Purposes Committee met on the 26th July, and by a process of elimination reduced the list to one of five people from amongst whom the future General Secretary may be found.

It was at this point that the proceedings were suspended in view of an indication that negotiations for the federation of the Clerical Classes and Grades had developed to such a stage as to make the future of Confederation extremely problematic.

Some idea of the effect of the suggested Federation on the continuation of the Confederation

tion can be gleaned from membership figures. Of the total membership of about 100,000, nearly 70,000 are covered by the three main bodies in the negotiations, i.e., the Civil Service Clerical Association, the Inland Revenue Staff Federation and the Ministry of Labour Staff Association.

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The recent match between the London Preventive Staff C.C. XI, and the Maurice C.C. 1st XI, at Edgware, gave the Maurice Club an opportunity of securing another glorious win, and the London Waterguard Staff another opportunity of meeting those old friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lupton.

After the match the two teams, joined by the Maurice Club 2nd XI and the Waterguard supporters, sat down to supper and entertainment. Thus, yet another debt is added to the long list owing to these kindly hosts.

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It has been the privilege of some Civil Servants to visit Social Service centres in the Distressed Areas, and to see for themselves the good work which is being done in the centres adopted by the Staffs of Government Departments, but relatively few Civil Servants have the chance of coming into close contact with the work. Similarly, very few appreciate the desolation and poverty of these Areas, or can comprehend the enormous value of the Centres. These are founded on Self Help, for their primary function is to provide the means for the development of social intercourse, craftsmanship and physique in buildings erected or adapted for the purpose by those otherwise unemployed. Every pound contributed by Civil Service Social Service Associations brings out, directly, hidden ability of hand or head, qualities of leadership, invention and comradeship. An immense amount of good results, although it has to be admitted that the numbers catered for in these clubs and centres fall lamentably short of the totals available for such service.

H.R.H. The Duke of Kent recently spent two long days touring the centres in Durham and Northumberland. He gave personal encouragement at each and every centre to the Wardens, Supervisors and Organisers and found much of interest in the work of amelioration that is going on. The Chairman of the Central Advisory Committee for Civil Service Social Service Associations accompanied him during a portion of this tour, and a letter of thanks from His Royal Highness to the Service has been received.

The establishment in the Civil Service of adopting associations is a sign of the times, which it is understood is providing a pattern for workers in Banks, Insurance Houses and such like. The more it is appreciated that we who have a measure of security and comfort are our brothers' keepers, the healthier will be the commonwealth.

Excerpts From

“The Customs Journal,”

JULY 30th, 1904.

To the Editor of the “Customs Journal.”

Sir,

When the Board of Customs, some time ago, announced their intention to grant uniform to the Preventive Officers, I must admit that I was inclined to look favourably upon the change.

In this I was, I admit, included in a small minority of my brother officers at the port where I served. What a rude shock my optimism received, what a stirring awakening my idea has realised. The uniform may have been fairly well framed in its inception, but the wearer had not to wait very long before he discovered “all is not gold that glitters,” and the highly embellished Preventive Officer descends to a funny-looking, decrepit, untidy object of his past glory. The highly polished blue cloth soon lost its brightness, the stiff ironclad nature of the material encasing his authority, transforms our little friend into a mummified spectacle.

But lo! Our friend the Preventive Man soon finds out the truth of the fable associated with sewing with hot thread and needle. Presto! His seams soon burst asunder; his buttons, evidently placed there for useful ornamentation, bid the wearer adieu, and cutting as decent a figure as the mortifying circumstances permit, our newly embellished official beats a hasty retreat to a more secluded and hallowed spot, and offers up a prayer more forcible than biblical.

The head-gear worthy of crowning the head of a diver, were it divested of the airy ventilators, might occupy our pace indefinitely. Fancy encasing the weary brain of some of our Preventive Officers with a cap weighing ten ounces during the present tropical weather. The length and breadth of one's imagination to dwell on the sublime possibilities of our newly installed uniform would exhaust your space and bore your readers, therefore I will leave this shoddy subject awhile.

Yours faithfully,

UNA.

O Wad the Power—

“Above everything, don't attempt to tip the Customs Officers on landing; even if you feel to have acquired the tipping habit. You may buy favours abroad; you cannot buy blindness to small smugglings ashore. The Customs men are incorruptible as Robespierre; and there are penalties for attempting corruption”—“Evening News,” 13th July, 1937.

Customs and Excise

Departmental Whitley Council.

The one hundred and ninety-eighth meeting of the Council was held at the Custom House, E.C.3., on Wednesday, 21st July, 1937, the Chair being taken by Sir G. Evelyn P. Murray, K.C.B., Chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise.

Allowance to Chief Preventive Officers.

In continuing discussion of the Waterguard Sectional Committee disagreement on a Staff Side proposal to increase the rate of allowance in lieu of subsistence paid to Chief Preventive Officers to £180 per annum, the Staff Side said that they had carefully considered the statement made by the Official Side at the last meeting, but they were not convinced that their own case had been disproved. When considering the original reference, sought by the Official Side, in relation to the allowance for Waterguard Surveyors, the Staff Side had not compared that Grade with the Chief Preventive Officer Grade but with Outdoor Surveyors. The Staff Side did not deny that there were differences between the Waterguard Surveyor Grade and the Chief Preventive Officer Grade as regards the incidence of absences, etc., but such differences were existent at the time the two Grades were grouped Nationally under the same Class—Class B (i). Consequently these differences had been recognised as not of a sufficiently wide character to result in separate grouping of the two Grades, and upon this the Staff Side had based their claim for the granting of the same commuted allowance for both Grades. The Staff Side had had it in mind to seek an improvement in the amount of the allowance for Chief Preventive Officers when the Official Side reference dealing with the allowance for Waterguard Surveyors had been disposed of, and in addition to reiterating that they had at no time argued upon differences between the two Grades they would state that the granting of the present claim for Chief Preventive Officers would not be followed by a claim for an increase in the allowance for Waterguard Surveyors.

The Official Side said that they themselves in their earlier consideration of the amount of the allowance for Waterguard Surveyors had come to the conclusion that differences in the needs of Waterguard Surveyors and Chief Preventive Officers did in fact exist. They had re-examined the matter and still held to that opinion, and consequently they were unable to offer anything other than confirmation of the disagreement.

The disagreement was accordingly confirmed.

Retiring Rooms and Sick Bays.

When this item, adjourned for the Official Side at the previous meeting, arose for rediscussion, the Official Side stated with regard to sick-bays that as a result of their investigation they were satisfied that while the accommodation and equipment were not all that might be desirable, there was not much wrong. The arrangements

provided were on standard lines and had the approval of the Departmental Medical Officer. It would be advisable perhaps to have displayed a list of people who were qualified to give attention to cases of illness when emergency arose.

As regards retiring rooms the matter was rendered difficult by reason of the want of available accommodation. There were difficulties in City Offices which did not exist in the newer and more commodious buildings such as those at Kew and Acton, where, however, there were much larger female staffs.

The Staff Side felt that this Department was behind others in the provision of these amenities, and in reply to a suggestion from the Official Side that where a luncheon club was in existence the need for a retiring room was not apparent they said that even the more economical tariff of a luncheon club was beyond the reach of some of the lower salaried members of the Staff.

The item was finally re-adjourned for further examination by the Official Side.

Instruction of New Entrants to the Officer Grade.

The Official Side said that they had made a further examination of this extremely important question and were investigating a scheme which involved an extended period of instruction and a more formal organisation of the scheme of training as at present existing. It also involved the trainees not being available for normal work during the period of instruction. There were many points of detail yet to be examined and the Official Side would require further time before they could put any concrete proposal before the Staff Side.

The item was accordingly further adjourned for the Official Side.

Copying Ink Pencils containing Methyl Violet.

The Staff Side in presenting a proposal that the use of copying ink pencils containing methyl violet should be discontinued forthwith, said that the item had been placed on the agenda following on a case in which a Ministry of Labour official in Glasgow had been awarded damages in respect of poisoning resulting from an accident with a copying ink pencil. They referred also to a case which had come to their notice that day, in which an officer of this Department had had trouble lasting two years from a similar accident. It was clear that there was some element of danger and that the matter warranted investigation which would lead to the disuse of such pencils.

The Official Side stated that they were examining the matter and that in conjunction with H.M. Stationery Office, were investigating the possibilities of substituting some other means of ensuring indelibility on the documents for which such pencils had hitherto been used. The item was then adjourned for the Official Side.

Promotion of "S" Class Clerks to Clerical Officer (General and Departmental).

The Staff Side referred to the relatively few promotions which had been made to the Clerical

Grade from the "S" Class, viz., 10 in 1935; 5 in 1936, and 7 in 1937 to date, and hoped that as a result of the forthcoming meeting of the Promotion Board, the Board would make the largest possible number of promotions. The Official Side said that they would take note of the Staff Side's remarks.

Staffing and Methods of Work.

A large crop of local decisions on staffing arrangements came up for consideration and agreements confirmed by the Council included those for Excise Station schemes in Cardiff, Dundee, Glasgow and Inverness Collections. The Council were also able to dispose of the question of the allocation of the new Strand Export Station, comprising the General Ad Valorem, etc., work in London West Collection. Schemes for Time Attendance Stations in Dover, Leith and Belfast Collections were approved, as were Waterguard schemes at Dover, Folkestone, Appledore and Glasgow. Women Pension Officer Station schemes in London North Collection were settled by agreement and the creation of two Fixed Officer Groups in London Central Collection was decided upon. Certain items dealt with informally by one Local Committee were referred back for formal treatment and agreement, and one decision of another Local Committee relating to an existing agreement was ruled *ultra vires*.

Disturbance Allowance, Fixed Officer and Unattached Officer Questions.

Under this head it was agreed that the period of service in the Officer Grade qualifying for appointment to Fixed Officerships and for the grant of Disturbance Allowance conditions should be reduced from four years to three. A complete revision of paragraphs 172-173 of Establishment Instructions, Volume 3, dealing with daily travelling of Unattached Officers, was also agreed.

Office Accommodation.

Numerous local agreements were confirmed, and only one disagreement, relating to the sanitary accommodation at a Glasgow quay, came up for consideration. The staff Side objected to the distance of the accommodation from the Customs Office; and to its close proximity to a public convenience on a public high-way in a dockside area. They urged the provision of accommodation, attached to the Customs Office, either by the local authorities or the Office of Works. The Official Side could not regard the distance as a valid objection as it was considerably less than the distance between the former office and the accommodation then used. There were difficulties in re-approaching the local authorities, and, in view of the weakness of the case, there seemed to be no useful purpose in approaching the Office of Works. They would, however, approach the latter body and the item was adjourned for this purpose.

The Council decided to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, 22nd September, 1937.

National Whitley Council.

SEX DIFFERENTIATION IN PAY.

Sub-Committee of the Joint General Purposes Committee of the National Whitley Council.

Report.

1. We were appointed as a result of a request by the Staff Side at the 53rd meeting of the National Whitley Council held on 8th March, 1935, to consider and report upon the existing differences in the pay of men and women Civil Servants and the changes, if any, which should be made.

2. The Staff Side of the Committee made it clear at the outset that they adhered to the principle of equal pay for men and women in the Civil Service, and that anything which they proposed to do on the Committee must be regarded as entirely without prejudice to their views on that principle. They recognised, however, that the Official Side were not prepared to discuss the question of equal pay on the ground that it was one of the Government policy, and while indicating that they would pursue their claim wherever and whenever possible they agreed as far as the proceedings of the Committee were concerned, to confine their aim to adjusting anomalies and lessening differentials within the system as it stands at present.

Our discussions have proceeded on that basis and we have tried to reach an agreement which, subject to any substantial change in circumstances, will afford a final and comprehensive settlement of the question of sex differentiation in pay within the limits of existing Government policy.

We are agreed that in regard to grades where there is common recruitment of men and women and where common conditions of employment obtain the following provisions should apply:—

- (a) The differentiation between the men's scale and the women's at the maximum shall not exceed 20 per cent.; in other words the maximum of the women's scale shall not be less than 80 per cent. of the maximum for men in the same grade. (In the case of scales where provincial differentiation applies the sex differentiation will be calculated on the basis of the London scale, and the scales for women in intermediate and provincial centres will be obtained therefrom by the application of the normal arrangements regarding provincial differentiation.
- (b) In fixing women's scales where such do not already exist the question of sex differentiation shall be determined by reference to the measure of differentiation existing in the most closely comparable grades to which there is common recruitment of men and women.

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Neighbourly Nippits

BY NOD.

Doubtful (London) says that he discovered a number of packets containing white powder in a curious little place at the bottom of a Chinaman's sea chest. The owner, who comes from Hi-wash, in the province of Smooth-tung, stated that the powders were only for headaches and gave them to my correspondent. He now asks what he should get if he was to sell them? About six years' if you are caught!

Student (Gravesend) asks what is the duty on night-caps? I'm sorry but I cannot tell you off hand. If you could send me a sample I would be in a better position to say. Don't forget to mark the package "glass with care."

Bald Pate (no port by request). I'm afraid that I cannot recommend any lotion for hair growing. But if you tell the Chief exactly what you think of him it will raise it all right.

Nervous (Manchester). As your landlady's dog has become partial to the bottoms of your trousers, present her with Form 812 T. A. Don't forget to write it off in the rent book.

Void (Newcastle). The nearest approach to a vacuum we have is a candidate leaving the examination-room.

Rummage (Cardiff). What did you say when you opened the brown paper parcel you discovered under the boilers? You're a brick?

Etymologist (Liverpool). SO pleased to hear from you again. In reply to your question I find that Dr. Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable mentions that the longest word in the English language is honorificabilitudinitatibus but what about anti-disestablishmentarianism? However, in promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical or physiological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Do you know that you are getting a bit of a nuisance?

Adam (Goole). So the local Waterboard want you to pay an extra 10s. for using a hose in your garden? Write and tell them that you belong to the Waterguard, it might work.

Chimney (Leith). Wants to know how to give up smoking. Give all your salary AND overtime to your wife.

Personal (Southampton). Thgt all xpind 1st iss C if can pred wtht tble. Dnt hid in abynce. Ch dr can de Oxo I.S.O. XXX B.D.V. and how.

Linguist (Dover). To say "Good Health," or its equivalent in the languages you mention is as follows. "Banzai" is Japanese for "May you live twice 10,000 years," "Gombei" is Chinese meaning "Drink it all," Zvasha Darovia," is Russian for "To your health," and so is "Alla Su Salute" (Italian), "Skoll" (Scandinavian), "Prosit" (German) and "A la Votre" (French). By the way that reminds me—

Seaham Harbour.

DOCK WILL BE EMPTY FOR A MONTH.

"Seaham (Co. Durham) South Dock, which ships about 2,000,000 tons of coal a year, it to close down this week-end to have new gates fitted. All ships must be out of the dock to-morrow.

Work will probably take a month, and coal from local collieries will have to be sent by rail to neighbouring ports."

—"Daily Express," 3rd July, 1937.

What an Idea! Excuse me while I don the mantle of the prophet:—

National Programme; 28th June, 1987.

Before I read the news there are two control messages.

The first is:—

Will all aircraft (and also ships, if any) please note that the ports of Leicester, Gloucester, Southampton, Birmingham, Glasgow and Wigan will be closed during the whole of July.

This is in accordance with the Vacations Act of 1976. The usual vertical red optical beams will be shown from the closed ports and a radio field of 15 g.c.c. spreading 200 to 20,000 will supply a 25 per second audible warning over the sectors.

The second is:—

At 244 on Wednesday the 27th June, the Huddersfield Police felt a plane in their radio field. Located at 17,000 feet, the plane showed no identification. The Power Beam was turned on (to cover the remote contingency that the plane's cells were weak), but still no identification was given. It was then decided that the occupants of the plane must have deliberately obscured their radio-sensitive marks with iron or steel in order to obstruct the Identification Beam. All surrounding sectors were warned at once. At Aberdeen the plane was felt in Sector 23 west, making easting 300 m.p.h. at 12,000 feet. The high-power visual signal "Ground and Report" (International Code) was given for 10 seconds.

No sign being given from the plane, the Police were forced to ground it with the Stacy Ray. It fell in Sector 23 N 17 W 126, but was so charred that little beyond the fact that the machine was of German make could be ascertained.

The Police theory is that the plane was engaged in a stupid attempt to emulate the smugglers of half a century ago and actually "run the gauntlet" with some form of controlled traffic, such as drugs.

Any information which may lead to the identification of the plane and/or occupants should be sent (G.C.) to Screen 17, Central Traffic Control.

Grangemouth Presentations.

**MESSRS. T. B. HALLEY AND
H. F. WHEELER.**

On Saturday, 3rd July, at the Waterguard Office, Grangemouth, there was a small gathering of the staff on the occasion of a presentation to Mr. T. B. Halley, A.P.O., to mark his promotion and appointment as P.O. to Liverpool.

Mr. Thomson, C.P.O., in opening, remarked that the occasion was one for congratulation rather than one for regret. Whilst regretting the loss of his services, Mr. Thomson said that Mr. Halley must be congratulated on his appointment to Liverpool, one of the finest ports in the United Kingdom. Mr. Thomson then passed on a word of advice to Mr. Halley, counselling him to proceed cautiously until he had found his feet, as he would find that the duties of a P.O. were more arduous in practice than in theory. However, he felt sure that Mr. Halley would soon settle down to his new duties and perform them in the thoroughly efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties as an A.P.O. at Grangemouth. On numerous occasions in the past he had almost dreaded losing the services of Mr. Halley, but now that the inevitable had happened it was with a feeling more of pride than of regret, that he bade Mr. Halley good-bye, Good-speed and success in his new appointment.

Mr. Bell, P.O., speaking on behalf of the Preventive Officers, said that he was sorry to lose Mr. Halley as, in his going, Grangemouth was losing the services of a most efficient A.P.O., and he felt sure that while at Liverpool, Mr. Halley would be a credit to Grangemouth.

Mr. Rae, A.P.O., speaking for the Assistant Preventive Officers, said that most of the ground had been covered but, should Mr. Halley carry out his duties at Liverpool in the same manner as he had done at Grangemouth, there would be no shadow of a doubt as to his success as a P.O.

At this stage, Mr. MacKellar presented Mr. Halley with a Parker Vacuumatic Pen and Propelling Pencil as a small token of esteem from the staff, wished him success in his future work and added that the high standard Mr. Halley had set up in the performance of his duties would remain for the younger A.P.O.s following a mark at which to aim.

In replying, Mr. Halley thanked the staff for its kind mark of appreciation and said that, naturally, at this time, he felt he could say very little, but he would say that the period of eleven years spent at Grangemouth was the happiest of his life, and his greatest hope was that the eleven years following might be as happy as those which had just closed.

Monday, 5th July, witnessed a similar gathering—this time to bid farewell to Mr. H. F.

Wheeler, P.O., who had been transferred to Gravesend.

Mr. Thomson, C.P.O., said that of late these meetings had been rather frequent and that once again the staff had gathered to express its good will and best wishes to a departing colleague. In Mr. Wheeler's departure he felt that Grangemouth was losing the services of a most efficient and capable officer, with whom he had been most happy in his association, which had extended over a period of seven years.

Mr. Murray, P.O., and Mr. MacKellar, A.P.O., paid similar tributes to Mr. Wheeler.

Mr. Murray remarked on the loyalty and co-operation, first as a colleague, then as a friend, which had characterised Mr. Wheeler's actions throughout his nine years' stay at Grangemouth.

Mr. MacKellar expressed his regret at Mr. Wheeler's departure, as the loss of one who had been most helpful to the younger members of the staff, and extended to him his best wishes for the future.

Mr. Bell, senior P.O., at this juncture handed over to Mr. Wheeler a Parker Vacuumatic Pen and Propelling Pencil. He said that it was with sincere regret he bade farewell to Mr. Wheeler, in whom he had always found a colleague, efficient, ever-ready to aid and lend a helping hand whenever needed. He wished Mr. Wheeler all that he might wish for himself and trusted that he would be as happy at Gravesend as he had been at Grangemouth.

In accepting the gift, Mr. Wheeler said he hoped he had proved worthy of all the compliments which had been paid him. He had performed his duties to the best of his ability, and year by year he had striven to improve on the one preceding. He thanked the staff for its mark of esteem and respect and hoped that his stay at Gravesend would be as pleasant as that at Grangemouth.

Merseyside Presentation.

MR. G. P. COLLINGS.

On Wednesday, 7th July, at the Landing Stage, Mr. G. P. Collings, Preventive Officer, retired, was the recipient of a presentation made by his former colleagues. This marked the conclusion of over 36 years' Waterguard service, and took the form of a suitably inscribed mantel clock, together with a wristlet watch for Mrs. Collings.

The gathering was representative of all grades, both active and retired.

Mr. B. J. Herrington, Waterguard Superintendent, in making the presentation, expressed appreciation of Mr. Collings' high reputation in the service. Speeches from retired members of the Department conveyed welcome to the newcomer to their ranks, and promises of help on future occasions, even when the time for the last retirement of all came.

Changes in the Staff.

To 26th JULY, 1937.

APPOINTMENTS.

ASSISTANT PREVENTIVE OFFICERS:—

Buchan, W. R. Pearce, G. H.
Dixon, S. Williams, E. V.

TRANSFERS.

WATERGUARD SURVEYOR:—

Fowler, H. J., Unattached to Dover.

ASSISTANT PREVENTIVE OFFICERS:—

Pugh, W. J., London to Poole, Southampton.
Scarlett, N. A., Middlesbrough, Sunderland
to Southampton.

Williams, D. G., Cardiff to Liverpool.

Yoxall, L., Runcorn, Manchester to Fleet-
wood, Preston.

PROMOTIONS.

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR TO INSPECTOR

(WATERGUARD):—

Lewin, R. P., Office of Inspector-General of
Waterguard.

Merseyside Sport.

Once more the Liverpool Waterguard is in the motoring news. On the 26th June, Mr. G. J. Fazakerley, A.P.O., with his M.G. Midget, was a member of the Merseyside and Manchester team in the Civil Service Motoring Association Road Rally. With a hundred per cent. performance, Mr. Fazakerley helped his team to tie with that of Norwich, in gaining the Sir Noel Curtiss Bennett Trophy, valued at 250 guineas.

Starting from Liverpool, at 7.30 p.m. on the 25th, the course was set over difficult mountainous roads to Machynlleth in Wales, and then to Donnington Park, Derby. Of the total distance of 550 miles which had to be covered at an average of over 20 miles per hour, a large percentage was done at night. Although the cup has not yet been awarded, it is confidently anticipated that the recipient, with well-known generosity, will fill it up for the lads.

Southampton Football.

With the approach of the Football Season, there has been considerable discussion regarding the team's prospects for 1937-38. After the club's promising debut in the Southampton Junior League last season it has been decided to enter again and we have also sent in our entry for the Lupton Cup.

All of last season's stalwarts are with us, but there are still one or two weak spots in the team, particularly in the forward line, and any newcomers to the Port who have footballing ability, can be assured of a warm welcome.

Mr. D. Russell, A.P.O., who performed the duties of Secretary so efficiently last season, has been re-elected, whilst Mr. C. McDougall, A.P.O., will again captain the team and is already urging players to commence training. H.L.F.

Preventive Service Sports Club.

CRICKET SECTION.

MAURICE C.C. v. LONDON WATERGUARD.

On the 17th July our team met the Maurice C.C. on the latter's ground at Edgware. The weather was ideal, but a little more sun would have made it perfect. Among the visitors we were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lupton, Mr. A. W. Purdye, Deputy I.G.W., Mr. W. E. Kay, Inspector. Mr. M. P. O'Flynn, Waterguard Superintendent, Plymouth, and Mr. H. A. Parker, late Official Side Secretary of the Waterguard Sectional Committee. Intimation had been received that Mr. C. M. Woodford, our I.G.W., was unable to attend through unforeseen circumstances, but wishes were conveyed to us for a happy afternoon.

Fowles, Captain, won the toss and elected to bat first, but fortune did not smile upon our team. Cartliew scored a beautiful boundary only to be stumped at the next over. Ralph added a useful 14, but the hero of the hour was Cozens, who topped our score with 24. Nevertheless in spite of strenuous efforts our side were all out for 52.

A most enjoyable tea was served in the Club House, which we feel sure was very much appreciated by the competing teams and visitors alike.

The game was resumed with Haggi and Thomson in first and although it seemed some little time before they commenced they eventually settled down comfortably. Thomas scored seven boundaries, but after a splendid game was eventually caught out at the boundary by Fowles after scoring 46. Haggi continued on in spite of the repeated changes of bowlers until Williamson found a weak spot and Haggi was dismissed for 44. A fine catch by Farmer should be mentioned who disposed of Chandler for 6. Time was proceeding and stumps were eventually drawn with Maurice 168 for 9.

Supper was served and together with Maurice's 2nd and 3rd teams made a total of about 150 present. Toasts were made to many, not forgetting the team's local scorer, aged about 11 who, in reply, mentioned that his great ambition was to get in the first XI!

The concert that followed provided a happy hour. Artists from both sides entertained us and a special mention must be made of the delightful rendering of two songs by Mrs. Lupton. The community singing was lustily joined in by all and was only terminated about 10.30 p.m. by "The King."

Impossible Sayings (4)

"I'm much obliged," said the sailor as he deposited a month's pay "pending the Board's decision."

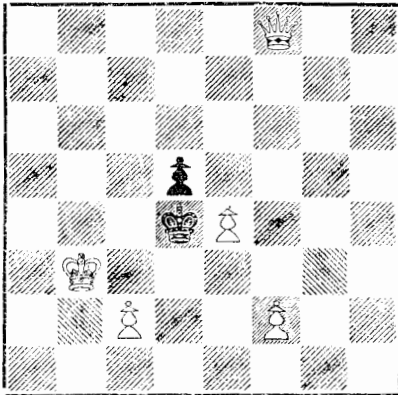
Preventive Service Sports Club.

CHESS SECTION.

PROBLEM No. 159*

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| 1. Q—R6 ch. | K×Q. |
| 2. Kt.(R4)—B5 ch. | B×Kt. |
| 3. Kt.×B ch. | K—R4. |
| 4. P—Kt4 ch. | K×P. |
| 5. R—Kt3 ch. | K—K4. |
| 6. B—K2 mate. | |

In answer to enquiries re Problem No. 157, the diagram should have shown a White Bishop at QB3. The solution is correct. Black plays Kt—B7 ch, and White's reply of K—K2 is to save the Q because of II Q×Kt, B×Q and threaten R. Black has still a won game. Am sorry so much sleep has been lost over this.

W.W.B.

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HULL versus LONDON.

Match to be played on Working Men's College Playing Field, Whitechurch Lane, Edgware. 5th August, 1937.

The London Team and visitors will meet at the Bank Underground Booking Hall (Morden Line), at 1 p.m. prompt. Match commences 2.30 p.m. and is followed by a smoker. All Officers are welcome and we hope to see a good gathering.

For the benefit of those interested, the Hull team and visitors arrive at King's Cross Station at 11.20 a.m.

If you cannot get to the match in time, come along as soon as you can.

Liverpool News.

At "Bradstones," Liverpool (the club room being kindly lent for the evening by the owners, Messrs. George Henry Lee's), an interesting presentation took place on Wednesday, 14th July. The occasion was the presentation by Mrs. Large, wife of the Collector, to the Liverpool Waterguard F.C., of the Hambledon Cup. This is the oldest and most sought-after local amateur trophy. At the same time miniatures of the cup were presented to each member of the team (Captain, Mr. A. Quine) and the Superintendent, Mr. Herrington, Chairman of the club, took the occasion to give a little summary of each player's qualities as a footballer and sportsman. Mr. Ned Pollock, the forty-years-old top goal scorer and amateur international (Irish), came in for special mention. Mr. L. Hyland, Social Secretary, in his vote of thanks to Mrs. Large, supported Mr. Herrington's remark that the assistance of the superior officers had contributed greatly to the team's success. He further spoke of the need of a Customs and Excise Club with a ground of its own. Mr. T. Large, O.B.E., Collector, in a pleasant speech revealed the secret of a Waterguard Superintendent who gambled—for a farthing on the best hole in a golf match. Mr. Titherley, C.P.O., also spoke. The presentation was followed by an excellent social evening, which included ping-pong matches and dancing, as many ladies had braved the bad weather to attend. One member of the team, Mr. J. Dinsdale, came from Fleetwood to be present on the occasion. He is also the regular Journal Correspondent, but his inability to be present from the onset, makes it necessary for a lesser scribe to take over. "S. Sam."

Glasgow Golf.

The Glasgow Club goes from strength to strength. In response to the demand from members for another outing the committee have arranged an excursion to Largs to take place on August 2nd. Total cost, including travelling, green fees, lunch and tea, will be about 8/6. Play for the captain's prize, presented by Mr. Gibson, will take place at this meeting. All members who intend participating are requested to notify Mr. T. Thomson, P.O., Lower Station, Queen's Dock. New entrants should also get in touch with "Tommy" as soon as possible.

The semi-finals of the Jubilee Shield promise keen play. The semi-finalists are:—

Mr. C. Boyle (late Waterguard Superintendent) v. Mr. G. McKain.

Mr. T. Thomson v. Mr. R. M. Murray.

A few cards have still to be handed in for the July stroke competition. Will those members whose modesty has hitherto prevented them returning cards of 65 and under please note?