



# Chess Notes

## RECORD ENTRY IN CHESS LEAGUE

**T**HE new chess season commenced with the annual meeting of Portsmouth and District Chess League, at which 16 clubs and schools were represented. The line-up of teams in the coming competition is:

**Senior Section.**—Division 1: Fareham "A," Portsmouth "A," Cosham "A," R.N.P.L., Community Ctr., Portsmouth Grammar School "A." Division 2: Fareham "B," Gosport "A," Portsmouth "B," St John's "A," Cyanamid "A," Cosham "B," De Havilland "A." Division 3: St John's "B," Cyanamid "B," De Havilland "B," Fareham "C," Portsmouth "C," Gosport "B." **Schools Section.**—Division 1 (over 15): Portsmouth Grammar "B," Portsmouth Grammar "C," St John's "C," St John's "D," Gosport Grammar "A," Gosport Grammar "B," Prices "A," Purbrook High. Division 2 (under 15): St John's "E," St John's "F," Gosport Grammar "C," Portchester Mod., Prices "B," Portsmouth Grammar "D," Fareham Secondary, Technical High.

This total of 35 teams constitutes a record entry.

Presentation of the following trophies was made: Hubert Way Trophy (League Champions).—Fareham Chess Club. Bell Trophy (Individual Champion).—Dr. B. G. Wells. Spedan Lewis Trophy (Hants Under-15 Champions).—St John's College.

Officers re-elected were: President, H. A. Way; Vice-President, C. F. Way; Hon. Secretary, J. E. C. Grant; Hon. Treasurer,

J. E. C. Grant; Hon. Adjudicator, H. A. Way.

### LATE ENTRY

In the Hampshire League there has been a last-minute entry by a local team calling themselves the Young Portsmouthians and led by A. F. Brameld (Gosport Grammar School).

This team aims at drawing upon the best material available from local schools. They will be up against some very stiff opposition and it will be interesting to see how they hold their own.

W. H. Pratten (Fareham Chess Club) did exceedingly well to share second place in the Premier Tournament at the Paignton Congress, especially as he finished above such famous players as L. W. Barden, D. V. Mardle, P. S. Milner-Jarry and W. Ritson Morry.

Sharing first place were A. W. Bowen, C. F. Girling and C. Kottner with five points. Equal second with four and a half points were W. H. Pratten, P. Harris and P. H. Clarke.