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(See Editorial Notes.)

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T. B. PEARN.

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W. S. WATSON.

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Editorial.

It was, we admit, with some difficulty that we discovered a subject fit for an editorial that has not yet been treated in previous numbers.

But reading through recent issues of the Magazine, we find a very real vein of unrest running through the sports contributions. an unrest, let us say at once, which, in our opinion, is justifiable,

In the number dated April, 1924, two letters appeared concerning the need of a gymnasium, and the lack of sports accommodation at the playing field. From that date onward articles and letters have been submitted regularly, dealing with these self-same subjects. The majority are accompanied by deserved tributes to the Headmaster for his strenuous, if to a large extent unavailing, efforts to remedy this deplorable state of affairs, and although we have now, it is true, a gym. master and a "horse," not to mention sundry mysterious bars and mats, our physical training is still dependent upon the weather, and this, we contend, does not give Mr. Campbell, or the school in general, any inclination to "do gym."

With regard to Montpelier field, we are somewhat better served than of old. The Education Authorities have kindly placed the cloakroom of Montpelier School at our disposal, and this relieves much of the former congestion. But, unfortunately, we can only use this cloakroom on Saturdays. On Wednesdays, conditions are as bad as ever.

We also possess, it is true, a tap, under which we may wash, more or less, according to taste and temperament, but when are we to have baths? We are, we own, becoming somewhat ashamed to ask teams to play us when they are forced to change under such difficulties.

In his annual report (1928), the Headmaster said: "One thing I would urge, and that is, the need for ampler dressing-room accommodation." As we have said, that appeal was only partially successful, and whilst we freely admit the inevitable "other point of view," we shall not rest content until something concrete has been done both to improve the dressing-room accommodation, and to provide a gymnasium.

To conclude: such a dismal editorial may seem somewhat uncalled for at this festive season, but although in the serious matter of this article some facetious reader may accuse us of talking through our editorial hat, we forgive him in wishing all our readers "a marvellous merry Christmas," and an even happier New Year.



Editorial Notes.

We draw our readers' attention to a new feature of the Magazine. We have felt the lack of House Reports for some considerable time, and with this issue we feel that we have supplied something long awaited.

We trust that the "Executive" old boys will not judge us too harshly concerning their "portraits" and incidently we apologise to *Mr. Young* for not including him in the group, but we were unable to trace him in order to obtain the necessary permission.

Our best thanks are also due to *Mr. Taggett* for the remarkable manner in which he has sketched the group from the few snapshots supplied.

The Editor has had but few stories submitted to him—none of a high level—but he has been inundated with articles and poems (?) chiefly concerning the need for a better pavilion and a gymnasium. Letters have also been received on the same subject.

The Correspondence Section is an old feature revived, but we have renewed it because so many wish to air a grievance, or to give useful (*sic*) advice, and yet their "work" is not sufficiently long to form an article.



Correspondence.

N.B.—The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

To the Editor of the D.H.S. Magazine.

Sir,

It is with considerably stirred feelings that I write to you, and, through the medium of your excellent periodical, complain of the exceedingly cramped space in which members of the VIth form have to eat their mid-day meal. The inconvenience is caused

by the phenomenally large number of boys who obtained matriculation in the recent examinations, and have been promoted to the use (among other things) of the VIth form table with the consequence that this table is sometimes occupied by about fifteen hungry boys, whereas the manufacturer, even in his wildest dreams, never intended it to hold more than eight.

I trust, Sir, that this impassioned appeal will meet the eyes of those who inconvenience not only themselves, but others, and that they will rectify the trouble so caused.

I. Chuckemoff.

Sir,

May I use a portion of your valuable space to point out the necessity for a school song.

Schools much less than ours in every sense of the word possess their own, and it is an undeniable fact that it forms a link which lasts from generation to generation. It is a thing worth while.

Some years ago a correspondent uttered this self-same plaint, and in the next issue of the magazine appeared the suggested words for the song, which, in the writer's humble opinion, merited more attention than it received. As a copy of the words is still extant, may I suggest that you print them and that they be carefully studied ?

P. B. T.

(In accordance with this suggestion we have re-published
the words in question.—Ed.)

Sir,

May I, through your invaluable (this word is ambiguous. We suggest "peerless."—Ed.) columns, deplore the present lack of social accomplishments in the school. The average boy has few social attributes, and our musical talent, such as it is (what exactly do you mean by this ?—Ed.) is not encouraged. Why not form a school orchestra and have a subscription list for the Symphony Concerts that take place in the city ? Other schools of distinctly less importance have such lists and why should we be superseded in enthusiasm by the lesser fry ? It is true that we have an excellent Debating Society which has recently held very successful concerts. This is definitely a step in the right direction. A dramatic society could be formed and I am sure that it would receive all the necessary assistance.

See to it that we get out of the rut !!!

Ricardo.

Sir,

For some time past, the School field at Montpelier has been used by members of many other scholastic establishments. Thus our (since when ?—Ed.) already hard-used and well-worn pitches are still further mutilated.

But now comes the crowning insult ; we find *sheep*,—**sheep**, *sir, playing on our field* !! We can honestly see no reason for them unless it be to provide the groundsman with exercise. (We have heard rumours of this.—Ed.). They are most certainly a general nuisance.

Since, however, someone might object if much mutton was found there one day, our heartfelt appeal is—use them,—and use them quickly.

Pro Bono Publico.



School Societies.

The amended list of school officers is as follows :—

PREFECTS—J. H. Chaff (Senior Prefect), R. J. Burrows, R. H. Coombes, J. H. Francis, F. Hill, F. W. Kellaway, C. C. Mill, L. S. Mills, C. B. O'Carroll, T. B. Pearn, F. G. H. Richards, W. A. Rickard, S. C. Slade, J. E. S. Stone, F. J. Trevithick, W. J. Wakely, G. H. Warne, W. S. Watson, W. R. Wingate, K. T. M. A. Wintle.

SPORTS COMMITTEE—The Masters and the prefects.

SUB - PREFECTS—G. A. Jenking, T. H. Le Bailly, R. S. Ware, H. W. Whitmarsh.

HOUSE CAPTAINS—"Drake," J. H. Chaff ; "Gilbert," W. J. Wakely ; "Grenville," C. B. O'Carroll ; "Raleigh," J. H. Francis.

1st XV.—*Captain*, J. E. S. Stone ; *Vice-Captain*, C. B. O'Carroll, *Secretary*, E. R. Warn.

1st XI. (soccer)—*Captain*, W. R. Wingate ; *Vice-Captain*, N. G. Sparke ; *Secretary*, J. H. Francis.

1st XI. (Hockey)—*Captain*, G. A. Jenking ; *Vice-Captain*, F. W. Kellaway ; *Secretary*, G. A. Jenking.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY—*Chairman*, the Senior Prefect ; *Secretary*, T. B. Pearn.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE—*Chairman*, the Senior Prefect ; *Secretary*, T. B. Pearn.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION—*President*, the Headmaster ; *General Secretary*, H. Ferraro, Esq., B.Sc. ; *Branch Secretary*, C. E. Gill, Esq. ; *London Branch Secretary*, A. T. Brooks, Esq.

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"Things We Say."

"The thwart of a boat are the seats which run down the centre from side to side."

"How much we owe to the marvellous ironclads, the wonderful liners, and other airships!"

"A woman, walking along with an umbrella, suddenly blew inside-out."

"Excuse me, sir, but I think I am standing under your foot."

"I like the idea of Speech-day, where we supply the audience with songs."

"Monks are people who have to take a vow of celerity."

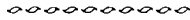
"He fought so bravely that he drove them all away and took the rest prisoners."

"A 'bourgeois' is a kind of large Russian dog."

"If you must talk, boys, please talk, so that you can't be heard."

"There was a small boy in Form Three,
Who when asked, 'Was he doing P.T.?'
Said he had not his shoes;
—For he'd been given the news,
That there's danger and dirt in P.T."

Solomon.



Praefecti Valet.

E. J. BARNES—Entered school, September, 1921; appointed prefect, September, 1928; Secretary Literary and Debating Society, September, 1929; Secretary Social Committee September, 1929; Captain, "Raleigh" House, September, 1929. Entered Westminster Training College, October, 1930.

R. W. BARROW—Entered school, September, 1923; appointed prefect, September, 1928; entered Civil Service, Executive Grade, April, 1930.

J. W. GEATON—Entered school, September, 1923; appointed prefect, May, 1929; Associate Sub-Editor of Magazine, April, 1930; entered Reading University, October, 1930.

E. R. GORDON—Entered school, May, 1923; appointed prefect, September, 1928; full colours, cricket, 1929; full colours, soccer, April, 1930. Secretary soccer, 1929-30. Captain "Gilbert" House, September, 1928. Entered Civil Service Executive Grade, April, 1930.

E. HANNAM—Entered school, September, 1921; appointed prefect, September, 1928; Captain and full colours soccer and cricket, 1929; Secretary, Tennis Club, 1929; appointed Senior Prefect, September, 1929; Secretary Literary and Debating Society, September, 1928; Chairman, September, 1929; Chairman, Social Committee, 1929. Entered University College of the South-West, October, 1930.

- C. J. HOWELL—Entered school, September, 1921 ; appointed prefect, September, 1929 ; 1st XV., January, 1929. Entered Loughborough Engineering College, September, 1930.
- E. O. JEWELL—Entered school, September, 1923 ; appointed prefect, January, 1929 ; half-colours, soccer, January, 1930 ; Committee, Tennis, 1930. Entered University College of the South-West, September, 1930.
- F. A. J. MATTHEWS—Entered school, September, 1923 ; appointed prefect, January, 1929 ; Senior Prefect, September, 1930 ;, sub-Editor of Magazine, December, 1929 ; House Captain, "Gilbert", September, 1930. Entered Exeter College, Oxford University, October, 1930.
- J. A. OATES—Entered school, September, 1922 ; appointed prefect February, 1928 ; full colours, soccer, January, 1929 ; 1st XI, cricket, 1928 ; House Captain, "Drake," January, 1929. entered University College of the South-West, September, 1930;
- W. H. OSBORNE—Entered school, September, 1924 ; appointed prefect, September, 1929 ; Committee Tennis, 1930 ; Captain, "Grenville" House, September, 1930 ; Entered Jesus College, Oxford University, September, 1930.
- C. E. SMITH—Entered school, May, 1919 ; Captain XV., 1928-30 ; full colours, January, 1929 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1929 ; House Captain, "Grenville," 1929-30. Entered Navy as Paymaster Cadet, September, 1930.
- L. M. TAYLOR—Entered school, September, 1919 ; full colours, Rugby, 1928 ; full colours, cricket, 1929 ; Secretary, cricket, 1930 ; appointed prefect, September, 1929. Entered University College of the South-West, September, 1930.



En Passant.

We heartily congratulate :—

- R. W. Barrow**, on obtaining the Major Open Scholarship in Science at the University of Reading, and a Devon County Exhibition ; also on his success in the examination for the "Executive" Grade, Civil Service.
- J. W. Geaton**, on obtaining the Major Open Scholarship in Arts at the University of Reading, and also an Astor Scholarship.
- E. R. Gordon**, on obtaining the "Wantage" Scholarship in Science at the University of Reading ; and also on his outstanding success (2nd place) in the examination for the "Executive" Grade, Civil Service.
- C. J. Howell**, for heading the list of British Empire Scholarships at Loughborough College.
- F. A. J. Matthews and W. H. Osborne**, on obtaining State Scholarships

J. A. Oates, on obtaining the J. B. Cobb Scholarship.

L. M. Taylor, on obtaining the Devon Masonic Scholarship.

All those who gained Intermediate degrees in July last.

All candidates successful at the recent July School Certificate examinations, especially **Frayn**, the top boy of the centre.



The D. H. S. Dictionary.

(The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the accuracy of the definitions hereunder).

Abnormal—The State of mind of the compiler.

Atom—See T.C. 2.

Bath—We have never seen one—in school.

Bell—No explanation needed.

Gadet—A defunct school animalcule.

Cold—A troublesome malady developed by whole forms on " gym " days.

Debate—Any spirited contest ; disorder ; confusion.

Duster—A small cloth ; a means of transferring chalk from the board to the staff.

Father—He who reads our reports and gives his opinions.

" Gym "—(vulg.) At present, a kind of exaggerated highland fling.

Holiday—The period granted us to " revise back work."

Imposition—(vulg. inpot.). see lines.

Joke—The only cause of quietness on the part of a form.

Kitchen—Home of Epicurean delight.

Laboratory—The birthplace of obnoxious effluvia.

Lines—(never in sing.) A soporific ; a means of quietening those who irritate.

Oesophagotomy—We don't know what this means.

Prefect—One in authority ; a lord of creation.

Question—That which annoys masters.

Rugger—See debate ; or " gym."

School (lower)—A body of small children whose occupation it is to irritate the upper school.

School (upper)—The Salt of the Earth.

Swot—A rare animal much prized by masters.

Time—A joyful sound.

Uproar—See debate.

Vague—Our examination answers.

War-Loan—We don't understand this, either.

X-Ray—A necessary property of the eyes possessed by all masters.

Zeal—Rarely seen in connection with school work.

Games and Athletics.

SPORTS DAY, 1930.

Fearing a repetition of the horrible weather of the Sports Day of 1929, we ventured to rent Home Park this year. The venture turned out a great success, everyone was comfortably seated, there was more dressing accommodation, and we were able to provide facilities for refreshments. As it happened we had a glorious day and the friends and parents rallied round nobly to be entertained by the City of Plymouth Orchestra and Military Band, before the Sports started. The Mayor and Mayoress were present, the Mayoress kindly presenting the cups and football caps at the end of the afternoon.

There were several innovations this year. The Cross Country Race took place at the end of the Easter Term instead of after the Easter Vacation, and on Sports Day itself we introduced two events for Old Boys. The first, a tug-of-war against the School was won easily by the School in 2 pulls, but, unfortunately, the second, a 220 yards Handicap, had to be abandoned owing to lack of entries.

The standard this year was high, four school records being broken, namely :—

Half Mile—Wingate—2 m. 11 1/5 s.

High Jump under 13—Hoppins—4 ft.

440 yards under 13—Endicott—74 1/5 s.

One Mile—Bilney—5 m. 12 s.

For the championships there were two close finishes, Stone beating Wingate by one point to become Victor, Ludorum and Legg and Dolton dead-heating for the under 15 Championship. Compared with these Willcocks was a comparatively easy winner of the under 13 Championship, leading, as he did, by four points.

The top House in Sports was Raleigh with Gilbert, Grenville and Drake pretty close behind in that order.

Altogether a thoroughly successful day with nothing to complain of except that the small fry, as is the way of small fry, occasionally got in everybody's way and sometimes spoilt the spectators' view. However, given similar conditions, we hope to do even better next year.

SWIMMING, 1930.

From the point of view of awards this summer has not been quite so successful as last, but from the point of view of teaching non-swimmers to swim, this has been our best year. Thanks to the Headmaster several forms went to Mount Wise Baths for the last lesson in the mornings and afternoons, where we had the services occasionally, of one of the Education Authority Instructors. By this means about fifty boys were taught to swim, which is a great advance.

Amongst the swimmers we managed to collect some thirty certificates for distances ranging between 25 yards and half-a-mile. Only two of the Authority's Bronze Medallions were gained this year, by Jones and Cotter. Several other boys should manage to finish the tests next summer, so that we have a foundation laid.

On the whole quite a good season, although anyone who frequents Mount Wise Baths on Wednesday afternoons knows the difficulty of finding space to get anything done.

A. A. C.

CRICKET.

There are no great events to chronicle in the last season. Team performances were :—

	Played	Scratched (weather)	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st	12	2	7	4	1
2nd	8	2	5	3	—
3rd	5	2	5	—	—

In addition forty-two form matches were played.

The officers for the season were :—

Captain—E. Hannam.

Vice-Captain—E. R. Gordon.

Secretary—L. M. Taylor.

Committee—E. W. R. Warn, R. J. Bilney.

Captain, 2nd XI.—Francis (i)

Captain, 3rd XI.—C. E. Smith.

Good Batting performances were those of—

Taylor (i) 32 not out, against Kingsbridge Grammar School.
32 against St. Barnabas.

Gordon 22 not out, against Hoe Grammar School.

Warn 35 against St. Barnabas.

Hodge 32 with 2nd XI. against Saltash County School.

Bowling :—

Wingate 5 for 9 against Plymouth College II.

4 for 7 against St. Barnabas.

Sparke 5 for 11 against Sutton Secondary School.

Luke 6 for 7 against Hoe Grammar School.

Taylor (ii) 4 for 6 against Sutton Secondary School.

SEASON 1930-31.

The most satisfactory point about the new season is the keenness of the junior forms. Several of the new entries show decided promise.

The Secretaries of the various clubs have arranged decidedly attractive fixture lists and their enthusiasm is reflected in the fine record of games up to date and the crowded condition of the field on half - holidays.

Much help has been forthcoming from the Sixth in refereeing Form and Junior Games and special mention must be made of our indebtedness to Warne, Hill, Charles and Maclaren in this matter.

Thanks are due to the Education Authority for permission to use a cloakroom at Montpelier School for dressing on Saturday afternoons, and to the Headmaster of Montpelier School (Mr. Davidson) for a very generous and gracious complacency on all occasions. We are indebted also to the Masters who spare time to referee and to Messrs. E. P. Evans, E. J. Evens, and E. C. O'Carroll from without, who have also served us willingly in this way.

RUGGER.

Officers :—

Captain—J. E. S. Stone.

Vice-Captain—C. B. O'Carroll.

Secretary—E. W. R. Warn.

Committee—C. C. Mill, H. R. Haydon.

Captain, 2nd XV.—H. A. Cavanagh.

Captain, 3rd XV.—R. W. Trebilcock.

The records of the teams to the end of November are :—

Teams :—

1st XV.

		Jones			
	Wakely	Mill	Warn	Haydon	
		Orchard	Finner		
Stone (<i>Capt.</i>)	O'Carroll	Dennis	Johnson	Loder	Chapman
	Bowden	Peathyjohns			

Rees, Pearn, Richards, Cockburn, Cavanagh, also played.

2nd XV.

		Ware			
	Pearn	Coles	Sammels	Richards	
		Pawley	Legg		
Cockburn	Watson	Floyd	Cavanagh (<i>Capt.</i>)	Dark	
	Trebilcock	Rees	Brenton		

Wintle, Dalton, Sandford, Smith, Crowley, also played.

3rd XV.

		Williams			
	Bradbury	Trebilcock (<i>Capt.</i>)	Wilcocks	Lyon	
		Endacott (ii)	Chaffe		
Hammett	Hammick	Garner	Sandford	Butler	Langridge
		Kemble	Smith		

Good performances this season are a win over a light Kingsbridge Town Reserve Team; draws with the Y.M.C.A. 2nd.; and Argaum (a); and also with the Old Boys; and two wins over Sutton. The 2nd XV. lost one game and won the other with Kingsbridge Grammar School.

Results to date:—					Points	
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV.	7	3	1	3	109	34
2nd XV.	5	4	1	—	67	38

Special mention must be made of Stone who Captains the first team. Very much of the success of the side is due to the wonderful example of hard work that he shows.

O'Carroll and Dennis are other sterling forwards. Bowden for his age has done wonderfully well. Warn is a capable Secretary and has appeared at forward, half, and three-quarter, in all of which positions he has done himself credit.

Finner at stand-off runs straight and is probably our most fortunate acquisition of the season. Orchard has played some fine games as scrum-half.

Mill is the star three-quarter, which in no way decries the performances of the others. Jones at full back, though rather light, has done himself full credit. His fielding and kicking are remarkably good.

A number of young players give us hope for the future—Hammick, Hammett, Willcocks, Peter, Hurden, Osborne, Healey, Mason, to mention a few of ages ranging from ten to thirteen. If they will practice kicking, fielding, passing and tackling, in odd moments on the field, they will help to make themselves more useful when the time comes.

SOCCER.

Fears for the Soccer side have as usual proved unfounded. The bigger players have discovered a skill and a speed that they were hardly thought to possess, while the smaller players have thoroughly merited their inclusion.

The officers are:—

Captain—W. R. Wingate.

Vice-Captain—N. G. Sparke.

Secretary—J. H. Francis.

Committee—W. G. Francis, L. J. S. Luke.

Captain, 2nd XI.—L. F. Hamley.

Captain, 3rd XI.—A. H. Babbage.

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The Teams are :—

1st XI.

Francis (ii)
 Luke Pearn
 Chaff Wingate (*Capt.*) Pepperell
 Francis (i) Martin Bennett Sparke Hodge
 Leggett, Hawkins and Truscott have played several times.

2nd XI.

Hamley (*Capt.*)
 Foster Herridge
 Smeeton Truscott Rowe (W.)
 Hawkins Sampson Cottle Mitchell Leggett
 Truscott (E) and Rowe (C) have also played.

3rd XI.

Babbage (*Capt.*)
 Hannaford Grant
 Luxton Smith Allin
 Hosken Nicholas Halloran Endacott Truscott (E.) or
 Rowe (Vc.),

1st XI.

It is difficult to single out players for mention in a team that is uniformly hard working, cool and clever. Praise is due to the defence which has an excellent understanding and is as safe as we have had for many years. Wingate has proved a very capable Captain. The left wing also, has combined cleverly. Chaff, Leggett and Hawkins have done well in several games with the 1st XI.

Other Elevens.

Hamley and Mitchell have stood out in the 2nd XI. and Babbage and Halloran in the 3rd.

Of the younger players, Carpenter, Every and Cory should develop into useful material later on.

Results up to date :—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Goals Against
1st XI.	8	4	2	2	21	21
2nd XI.	8	7	0	1	29	8
3rd XI.	8	5	1	2	47	23

HOCKEY.

The game seems to have come to stay. Formerly, membership was limited to the Fifth and Sixth, but now there is no restriction. The players use all available chances for practice and the XI. have put up a useful show in their first half season's fixtures. It is hoped that we shall be able to start a second team and perhaps introduce a Senior House Hockey Competition next season.

Jenking has proved a capable captain. Taylor, Le Bailly and Kellaway deserve mention.

The games played have resulted in winning two and losing four. The side scored twenty-four goals and have twenty-three scored against them.

Officers :—

Captain—G. A. Jenking.

Vice-Captain—F. W. Kellaway.

Secretary—G. A. Jenking.

Committee—T. H. Le Bailly, E. H. Taylor and M. Blewett

Team :—

		Jenkins		
	Ash	Coombes (or McLaren)		
	Rogers	Kellaway	Hitchings	
Davison	Jenking	Taylor	Hutchings	Le Bailly

TENNIS.

Although the membership was not so great as in former years the club enjoyed a very fine season, the condition of the court being much better than in the past.

Many players took advantage of the playing facilities granted by the Education Authority, during the Easter and Summer vacation.

The Committee are grateful for the privilege.

A match was arranged with the Old Boys but had to be abandoned owing to bad weather.

J. H. Chaff (Captain).

GENERAL.

The biggest blow that has ever befallen us, has been dealt us in the loss of Mr. A. A. Campbell, who has been in charge of our P.T. for the last two years.

In going to Selhurst School where he will have a gym.—a *real* one this time,—he carries with him our regrets and best wishes. If Providence sends us another such, we shall be rather inclined to believe that we have been credited with more virtue than we can hope to possess. Good-bye and good luck !

C. F. A.



House Reports.

DRAKE.

The strength of the Drake House teams lies rather in the Seniors than the Juniors this season. The Senior XI. is composed mainly of 1st and 2nd XI. players, Sparke and Bennett being conspicuous among the forwards, and Luke, as right back, being the main-stay of the defence. This team will undoubtedly have many successes to its credit before the end of the season. The success of the XV. is due to the number of 1st XV. players which Drake is fortunate in possessing, including Stone, Chapman, Haydon and Dennis. A pleasing feature among the Juniors is their enthusiasm both in Rugger and Soccer, although they have not been very successful to date, having obtained only one point out of a possible six.

However there seems every possibility of more successes in future matches now that the teams have improved by the term's matches. The Juniors teams have been selected from the following :- Angus, Brown, Carpenter, Cory, Drake, Edwards, Every, Gardiner, Holmes, James, Luckraft, March, Morgan, Shakespeare, Shapter, Tovell, Whittaker, and Willis.

Drake has obtained six of a possible twelve points, and if the steady progress which the respective teams have manifested is only maintained, the success of next term's matches is assured.

J. H. Chaff, House Captain.

GILBERT.

It is a regrettable fact that there is such a marked difference between the success of the Juniors and Seniors, for whilst the Seniors have only 1 point out of a possible 6, the Juniors have 6 out of 8. The Seniors, however, are unfortunate in losing Matthews, the captain, and Howell (ii), and Bevan, besides those who left at the end of last year, and this loss has somewhat disorganised the teams.

The Junior teams, however, contain players of promise, some of whom are newcomers to the School. Among the most outstanding are Halloran, who captains both Rugger and Soccer, Endacott (ii), Halloran (ii), Truscott and Westcott. Some of the 2nd Form boys show excellent talent, but owing to the number of boys in higher forms who are still Juniors, they are as yet kept out of Soccer, although they frequently appear in the Junior Rugger team.

The Junior teams to date have been selected from the following : Halloran (i) (*Captain*), G. Bryant, Dyer-Smith, Endacott (ii), Halloran (ii), Hammett, Healey, Hoppins, Joslin, Kirk, Lark, Morrell, Nichols, Peter, Roberts, Salter, Starks, Truscott, Westcott.

It is to be hoped that the Juniors will continue to be successful next term, and that the Seniors will show some improvement, thereby wiping out their poor record.

W. J. Wakely, House Captain.

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GRENVILLE.

Both Senior and Junior Teams were weak at the commencement of the season, owing to the loss of such veterans as Smith, Taylor, Bilney, Luff, Joslin, Smeardon and Osborne.

The new teams, formed around the nucleus of Mill, Jones, Johnson and Finner are rapidly coming into shape and will certainly put up a good fight next term. So far the Seniors have gained 2 points out of a possible 6.

The Juniors are stronger than ever, and exhibit amazing energy and enthusiasm. With Babbage as the inspiring Captain of both teams, they have gained to date 9 out of a possible 10 points. Luxton managed to play one match before his 14th birthday and scored his last goal for the Juniors. Wyatt has proved a reliable goal-keeper, and the whole team shows good promise. The Junior teams have been chosen from:— Babbage, Bond, Bryant, Crowley, Evans, Garner, Hammick, Harris, Hyland Johns, Luxton, Mason, Masters, McLeod, Pomeroy, Robins, Waycott and Wyatt.

The spirit of the House is excellent, and all the games have been played with true sportsmanship. The total number of points gained by "Grenville" up to date is 11 out of a maximum of 16.

C. B. O'Carroll, House Captain.

RALEIGH.

Although Raleigh House has been less successful than usual as regards the Juniors, yet there is distinct promise of both Seniors and Juniors being extremely successful before long.

The strong point of the Seniors has been Soccer, where there is not one weak point in the team, whilst we are fortunate in possessing such a brilliant centre-half as Wingate, and a sound defence. At Rugger, although playing well, we have not been quite as successful as at Soccer, owing to our lack of weight as a team, but whatever has been achieved has been due in a large measure to our veteran Rugby stalwart, Warn, and the keen play of the backs.

Our Juniors only need a little time before turning into a winning team and both the Captain, Willcocks, and the newcomer, Osborne, II. b., deserve praise for their enthusiasm both at soccer and rugger.

Even those Juniors who have not played for their House should see that they get their chance by handing in their names and forms to me before it is too late. The Junior teams have been chosen from:— Billing, Brown, Chicken, Evea, Ford, Hawken, Hurden, Laundry, Oliver, Osborne, Rookes, Ruberry, Semmens, Screech, Soden, Willcocks (*Captain*), and Wingett.

But whatever the relative position of our House, we must rest assured that we have done our best, and fought hard.

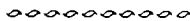
J. H. Francis, House Captain



House Shield.

The House Competition (1929-30) concluded with the following points —

	DRAKE	GREN'VE	GILBERT	RALEIGH
Captain—	<i>J. A. Oates</i>	<i>C. E. Smith</i>	<i>E.R.Gordon</i>	<i>E. J. Barnes</i>
Soccer	35.4	25.0	25.0	14.6
Rugger	27.1	31.2	20.8	20.8
Cricket	36.4	22.7	27.3	13.6
Sports	18.3	25.4	29.8	29.6
Total	117.2	104.3	99.9	78.6



Battle !

Howls and shrieks rent the air, issuing from inside and outside the shed which formed the scene of the drama. It seemed to be nothing but a free-for-all scramble. It was very evident that those on the outside were attempting to get in ; but it was equally evident that those on the inside were not only barring their progress but were also engaged in a conflict amongst themselves.

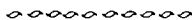
Groans of terrified pain spread all around as every now and then some poor unfortunate would hurtle through the doorway, regain his breath, and, if luck held, dash undaunted into the fray once more.

It seemed that matters would never end, but peeping at the scene of battle some half-an-hour later, an observer would see that all the combatants had dispersed, except one or two poor creatures, who were mournfully turning over the debris in the shed and disclaiming loudly as they vainly searched for some lost friend.



We suppose that this must continue until some benefactor endows us with more ample changing accommodation.

Jay and Kay.



Literary and Debating Society.

Secretary's Report.

The standard of this term's debates has improved consistently and the Committee note with satisfaction that members are leaving the dogmatic style so popular in school societies and favouring the lighter, more humorous style, which is so very much more interesting.

The debates to date have been as follows :—

On Monday, September 22nd, the House assembled to hear *Mr. O'Carroll* propose almost vehemently that: "This House deprecates the huge power wielded by the press." In spite of his efforts, *Mr. Matthews* stated that he was violently opposed to *Mr. O'Carroll*, and as *Mr. Wakely* and *Mr. Kellaway* supported their principals in the conventional way, the House, after the customary exchange of compliments, rejected the motion by 12 votes to 8

The Motion before the House on Monday, October 27th was that: "This House is of the opinion that the lighter-than-air machine will eventually justify its existence." After *Mr. Watson* had pointed out all the advantages of the airship, *Mr. Rickard* as eloquently showed their disadvantage. *Mr. Winlle* seconded the proposition in a characteristic speech, and *Mr. Chapman* admirably seconded the opposition.

In spite of *Mr. Watson's* humorous summing-up, a somewhat somnolent House rejected the Motion by 9 votes to 10.

On Friday Evening, October 31st, the Society held its first evening debate, 38 members attending.

Mr. Wakely, introducing the Motion ("This House considers the screen superior to the stage as a dramatic medium") waxed humorously eloquent, but *Mr. Burrows*, opposing, took a somewhat more serious view of the question, whilst *Mr. Ash*, supporting the proposition showed an amazing partiality for figures, quoting

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sizes and shapes, seating capacities and percentages with staggering speed and vehemence. *Mr. Ware*, supporting the opposition, took a more conventional view.

The debate was thoroughly enjoyable, members expressing themselves with unwonted fluency and readiness. Perhaps most pleasing of all was the humorous note which prevailed throughout, although some excellent points were discussed.

On Monday, November 24th, the Motion before the House was that : " This House condemns the practice of going to the University on the grounds that it does not yield sufficient remuneration in later life."

Mr. Lockwood, himself a University graduate, said that not only did colleges fill their students with purely academic nonsense, but that the very principle was obsolescent. The whole of his speech was somewhat ironical and, we fear, sadly hypocritical.

Mr. Francis strongly condemned the proposer for his monetary bias, and pointed out the case for the opposition with customary vigour and eloquence.

Mr. Mills, supporting the Motion, stressed the need for technical specialisation, whilst *Mr. Richards*, speaking fourth, confined himself chiefly to criticism. An interesting debate ensued, remarkable views being expressed concerning the spiritual development of earth-worms, elephants, stuffed lions, and egg-shells.

The Society is also indebted to *Mr. Lockwood* for several interesting lectures on the development of the novel.

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The Recruit.

" Now come with me," the captain said,

" I believe you'd make a ' three ' ;

" Just hold the ball like so : and run,

—" Let no one stop you ;—flee !"

I did as he commanded me,

I ran the field around,

But lo ! he came and leap'd at me,

And brought me to the ground.

" Is that quite fair ?" I said to him,

" To stop me as you do ?

" Why should you come and hurt my limb

" And hurt yourself thus,—too ?"

" My dear small child," said he, " take heed,

" And do not be alarmed,

" But were I you I'd go at speed,

" Whilst yet I was unharmed !"

Solomon.

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The School Concert.

Secretary's Report.

The second Concert given by the Literary and Debating Society was held in the St. Michael's Memorial Hall, on Saturday, April 5th, 1930. It was generally accounted an even greater success than that of the previous year, the audience, strangely enough, being amazingly enthusiastic. The Concert was noteworthy for the acting of Barnes in "The Old Geyser," and the humorous duet by Barnes and Hannam.

The Committee is especially grateful to S. Endacott for his two excellent treble solos.

The Headmaster proposed a vote of thanks, which was answered on behalf of the Society by Barnes, the Hon. Sec.

T. B. Pearn accompanied all the musical items, which included, besides those mentioned above, two violin solos by W. A. Rickard, and two sets of shanties by the *sea-men* of the School; whilst Form 5 upper, performed two plays.

T. B. Pearn.



Sixth Form Social Committee.

Chairman—The Senior Prefect.

Secretary—T. B. Pearn.

Committee—Stone, Trevithick, Wakely.

A Dance will be held on Tuesday, 30th December, 1930, in the Mutley Assembly Hall, from 7 p.m., to 11 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the Committee or by application to either the Chairman, J. Chaff, 19 Beaumont Street, Stoke, or the Secretary, 30 Fore Street, Saltash. The prices of the tickets (including refreshments) are—Single, 2/6; Double, 4/-.

The Committee wish to thank the Headmaster for permission to hold the Dance, and also Mr. H. Ferraro, for the help which he has given so willingly.

T. B. Pearn.



The Perfect Murder.

It had been surprisingly easy: the dead man had slumped forward in his chair, a grotesque bundle over which his murderer stood, looking at the fatal knife. He would have to take it: it would never do to leave that knife in the man; it might be traced. He pulled it out with a slight shudder of repulsion, the first sign of emotion that he had betrayed in all those dreadful seven minutes.

He might as well do the job properly, he supposed, and, drawing off the gloves which he had worn until now, he went out into the little scullery, washed the knife thoroughly, and after carefully drying it, returned it to his pocket. He walked to the front-door; with his hand upon the knob he paused, struck by sudden panic. Suppose he had gone away, leaving those clear finger-prints upon the polished door handle

He drew on his gloves again, and, taking his handkerchief, carefully wiped away the incriminating marks. Was there anything else to do? No, he had been thorough. In the inevitable reaction that followed his momentary fear he could have laughed aloud. He looked at his watch. 9.40—Vaudeville. Yes, that would be the final touch, the masterstroke. He switched on the wireless and the loud-speaker blared forth its light comedy in grim contrast to the terrible tragedy that was being enacted in the room.

He stood for a moment at the door, glancing about him: he had left no trace, and, looking at those faithful allies of his,—his gloves, he went out, softly closing the door behind him.

On the following morning he went to the police station terribly agitated. He had first suspected that something was wrong, he said, about eight-thirty, when he noticed that his neighbour's lights were still on. Knowing him to be a bachelor, he had thought that he might be ill, and, getting no answer from his persistent knocking, he had entered and discovered the dead man. He had immediately come along to inform the police.

In answer to the inspector's question he said that he had been careful to touch nothing as he had thought that the police might wish to examine everything first. "But perhaps," he added, "you would like to take my finger prints, just in case, you know, I might be the murderer, after all. Anyway, it'll be a novelty."

So persistent was he that the Inspector did so, with a deprecatory: "It really isn't necessary, sir," and, as he left the station the sergeant confided to his superior that "he's a nice old boy, but he almost seems to think we suspect him."

But one day later the "nice old boy" was arrested on a charge of murder, and as he sat in his cell he experienced fear, soul-numbing fear: but gradually, however, his confidence returned. They couldn't possibly prove anything against him. There had been no flaw. To soothe his jangled nerves he reconstructed the crime . . . and then he remembered

When he washed his knife, he had turned on the tap *after* taking off his gloves.

Nescio Quis.



A School Song.

Where the breakers, loudly roaring,
 Beat upon a Tropic shore,
 There are they whose thoughts come soaring,
 To their Devon home once more,—
 Back to Plymouth, Mother Plymouth,
 Looking out across the foam,
 Watching as she watched in old-time,
 For her seamen coming home.

Listen to the words they send us
 From a far-off foreign land,
 Words that new resolvings lend us—
 They who stood where now we stand—
 “ Play the game as we before you,
 Living by a golden rule,
 “ Helping, honouring one another :
 “ Ours, not yours alone, the School.”

As they strove so may our striving
 Wider spread her growing fame ;
 All our actions so contriving
 More to honour yet her name.
 Let us pass the torch unquenched,
 Lit by those who went before,
 And in learning, playing, striving,
 Grow to love her more and more.

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(The above words appeared in the April, 1925, issue of the Magazine and are printed with apologies to the unknown author.)



The Joys of Christmas.

Once more the seasons have rolled around, and we are confronted with that finest of all fine Anniversaries, Christmas. What a wonderful picture looms up before our minds even at the magic sound of that wonderful word ; the horizon of our thought becomes instantly filled, not with angles of elevation and depression as is its unprincipled wont, but with all the anticipation of the joys of the festive season, of renewing old acquaintances, of attending social functions, and, above all, of suspending the communal plus-fours from the mantelpiece, in readiness for the annual visit of that jovial old fellow, Father Christmas.

But even as our thoughts circle around turkey and pudding and mistletoe, they fly off at a tangent (why this display of geometrical knowledge?—Ed.) and come to rest on the damp towel that enwraps the fevered brow of the student, poor mortal, as he burns the midnight oil (verb. sap). To many of us, the anticipation of the Christmas holidays is unspotted by the thought of impending exams, but to some, the arrival of Christmas will mean that they have taken an exam. in which success or failure is everything to them, and from the bottom of our hearts we wish them success as we hope for it when our own turn comes.

To turn to more pleasing topics, Christmas imbues us all with a spirit of good-will and we feel that we could rush about making friends with everybody. Then, we are struck by many extraordinary things, by the marked politeness of the tradespeople and postmen, which reaches a climax on Christmas Eve, when they come around with a small (or in the case of the super optimists, a large) wooden box, with a slit in the top, through which it is intended that we should slip money; by the extraordinarily large number of Father Christmasses, or, more correctly, Fathers Christmas, which we see about this time of the year, and who range from the natty affair outside the large toy-shop, to the nasty-tempered man in the red dressing-gown (we somehow suspect that it's father!) who falls into, or rather over, the trap which we have fixed up inside the bedroom door; lastly, by the snowball, chosen with meticulous care from the precious hoard of the small boy next door, and aimed with deadly precision at (a) just above the lobe of our ear, or (b) between the coat collar and hat at the back of our neck.

We don't mind the snowballs one little bit, it wouldn't be Christmas without them. We just dash out, for the fun of the thing, valiantly to mete out just punishment to the offender, momentarily forgetting the presence of large sheets of ice outside, and landing headlong in the slush, to the evident amusement of what seems to be everybody within a radius of about ten miles.

To some misguided people the only joy of Christmas seems to be what they vulgarly but expressively describe with a greedy leer of their bulging eyes as "grub." They belong to that category of people who imagine that ten helpings of turkey just "fill a corner," whereas any right-thinking person knows that nine are an elegant sufficiency; to such people, food is something holy; when they are eating, apart from the steady champ, champ, champ, there exists one of those you-could-have-heard-a-pin-drop silences. In the interests of the feeding of the community these people should be avoided. Let us not be among those whose battle-cry is "Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer, followed by a period of a few days in bed," yet, all the same, may the wassail-bowl pass round many a time this present Christmas.

Little John.



D.H.S. Old Boys' Association.

President—The Headmaster.

General Secretary—Mr. H. Ferraro.

Every endeavour is made by the Secretaries to keep the list of addresses of Members up to date. Members themselves can assist by notifying any change of address as speedily as possible. This particularly applies to those leaving College. It might also be pointed out that only two Magazines a year are issued—one in December and the other in April. No Magazine is published in the Summer Term.

Since the last notes appeared the following additions to the Roll have been made :—

NEW MEMBERS :

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Cock, E. R. Gordon, H. Lockwood,
P. J. Mowan, M. Westlake and
L. C. G. Williams.

The Annual Meeting was held at the School on Friday, July 11th, and was attended by a fair number of Old Boys. It was decided that the Annual Dinner should be held on Saturday, December 27th, at the Royal Hotel, Plymouth, at 7.15 p.m. (for 7.30 p.m.). Tickets will be 7/- each, exclusive of wines and can be obtained from myself or at the School. We trust that all members will make a special effort to be present.

The Xmas Football matches will be played at the School field on Wednesday, December 24th, kick-off 2-15 p.m., and on Saturday, December 27th, kick-off 10-15 a.m. Those wishing to play are requested to let me know as soon as possible.

'The Old Boys' Tie can be obtained from Messrs. Stidever Bros., of Albert Road, Devonport, price 3/6, and Scarves at 10/6 are also obtainable. Old Boys who will be requiring blazers for next summer should place the order as soon as possible so that the special cloth may be woven and obtained in good time.

Subscriptions for the current year are due and Members who have not yet paid are requested to forward their subscription to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Cyril E. Gill.

THE SPORTS FUND.

The Committee have decided to raise a Sports Fund and Old Boys of the School are invited to send donations.

As the Association subscription of 2/6 per annum leaves us no balance to assist the Sports Clubs, it was felt that some separate fund should be raised and that there were many Old Boys in settled professional and business positions who would be willing to subscribe. The fund will be administered by the Committee and will be used to advance cash, when required, to our Sports Clubs for expansion, etc. As these Clubs must be self-supporting, the money will eventually be refunded so that it will not diminish, but as time goes on will, we hope, increase until we have a sufficient balance in hand to take the step of renting a ground for all sporting activities, both summer and winter.

The response to date has been most encouraging and we trust that many more Old Boys will be able to assist us.

Cyril E. Gill,
Hon. Treasurer of the Fund.

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Since the appearance of my last notes, there has been little to record. It was decided not to run a Summer Outing this year, as great difficulty was experienced in fixing a date convenient to the majority, owing to the intervention of members' holidays.

A Winter programme is now in course of preparation, and it is hoped that at least one, or possibly two, social events will have been held ere these notes appear in print.

Last year our Winter programme was well supported, but this was due in the main, to the generous help and regular attendance of a number of friends of members. I hope that the coming season will produce a greater attendance of members so that the Association may fulfil its purpose.

We are pleased to welcome to our Committee Mr. F. C. Olford who has previously done much good work for our Branch.

The year 1929-30 has ended financially and socially successful, and given the desired support the current year should be even more so.

A. T. Brooks



D. H. S. OLD BOYS' R. F. C.

Since the appearance of my last notes on the Old Boys' Rugby activities, the Club has gone from strength to strength. Having concluded the season 1929-30 with a very satisfactory balance, it was decided that the team should run again the following season. A General Meeting was held on July 10th, when the progress of the Club since its inauguration in September, 1929, was reviewed. The conditions of membership and rates of subscription of the Club were revised as follows:—new members of the Club will pay an initial membership fee of 3/6; registered members (season 1929-30) will pay an annual subscription of 2/6. These payments will also cover membership of the O.B.A. In each case a further subscription of 3d. per player will be payable weekly for each game played.

The number of players has very considerably increased and places in the XV. are now keenly contested. A fairly ambitious fixture list has been arranged, the opposing teams usually being considerably older and heavier. The records to date are as follows: Played 10, Lost 5, won 3, drawn 2, points for 72, against 75.

On October 25th the Old Boys met the School XV. and a very keenly contested game resulted in a draw with 16 points shared. The Club has further fixtures with the School and these should provide some very good games.

The Club has again entered this year for the Pedrick Cup Knock-out competition, and has been fortunate enough to obtain a "bye" for the first round, thus directly becoming semi-finalists.

It is interesting to note that a local Rugby authority recently mentioned High School Old Boys as being one of the three teams which in the near future are going to predominate.

A series of dances will be held at St. Michael's Memorial Hall, Albert Road, and it is hoped that many D.H.S.ians will be able to be present. Dance tickets can be obtained from the Secretary or members of the Club.

It has been found impracticable to form either a Wednesday XV. or a 2nd Saturday XV., but doubtless these will mature in due course.

All interested in the Old Boys R. F. C. are invited to visit the Club's home ground at St. Budeaux where some very fine games can be witnessed. The team usually fielded is as follows:—

			Irish			
	Johns	Warren	Baker	Rooke		
		Oliver	Polkinghorne			
Warwick	Wilson	Rickard	Martyn	Clemett	Brimmacombe	
		Allen	Howell			

In closing, the Club once again extends a hearty welcome to present pupils of D. H. S. who are desirous of continuing their sporting activities after leaving school, and would assure such prospective members that not only will they benefit by keeping fit in this manner, but that they will still be in touch with their old school.

L. H. T. Warren.



OBITUARY.

On 7th April, 1930, Roy Francis Triplett, aged 15, as the result of a motor cycle accident, two days before.

Deeply mourned by all the School.

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