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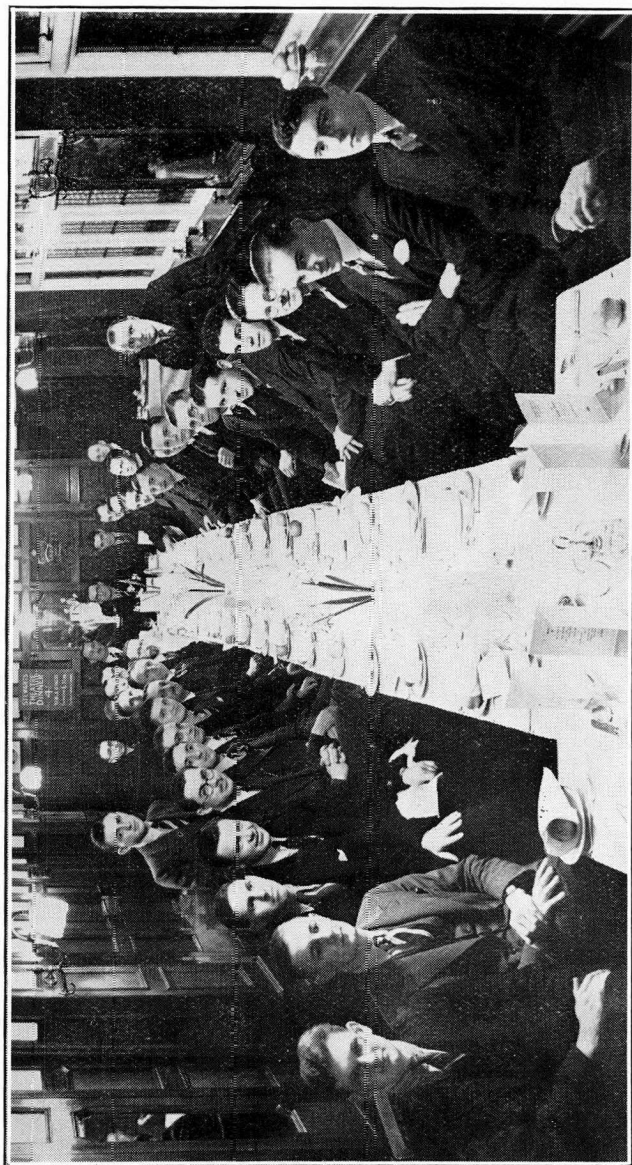
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Editorial.

The new "Keep Fit" campaign inaugurated by the government is a matter which calls for careful consideration by everyone, but particularly by those who are connected in anyway with the schools of this country. For the School is especially concerned with physical training, and were it not for its influence, physical culture would not play nearly such a large part in the life of the community as it does at present. We welcome, of course, any measure calculated to improve the health of the community, and we must insure that every opportunity of furthering this end shall be utilised to the full, and developed along the right lines. The government scheme may prove to be the basis of scientific improvement of the national health, but this will only result if care is taken to avoid any attempts at compulsion or regimentation in English physical culture.

Furthermore, it is to be hoped that this recent manifestation of governmental interest in health matters is an indication that something will at last be done to deal with the alarming prevalence of malnutrition in this country. That eminent authority on nutrition, Sir John Orr, has announced that one third of the English population cannot afford sufficient food to maintain health, and has thereby opened the eyes of the more fortunate to a very serious and urgent problem. The national health cannot be improved only by the encouragement of physical training: many other factors have to be taken into consideration, and they must all be considered in their true proportions if a satisfactory solution is to be found. This is a matter which demands immediate attention, for, while we have no patience with those who would try to convert everyone into a circus "strong man," we consider that measures for the reduction of illness and disease are both necessary and possible. We must be careful to distinguish between physical strength and health, and to realise that the two terms are by no means synonymous; we must also realise that if the former is of very doubtful value, the latter is well worth while, and that everything possible should be done to bring us nearer to our objective—the complete eradication of ill health, not only in this country, but everywhere.

School Notes.

We heartily congratulate R. E. Osborne on his fine achievement in winning an open exhibition to King's College Cambridge. He will go into residence in October and will carry with him our best wishes.

This term, though short, has been unusually crowded with events of importance. Mr. Weeks came to us and continued our musical education ; he is so enthusiastic and gives such a humorous flavour to his instruction, and has such a command of his subject, that he is ever welcome, but we blushed when he proposed to charm music from our apology for a piano ; to our astonishment, however, he succeeded.

The event of the term, nay of the year, was the Speech Day. We knew that the School had done well throughout the year, but as the results of various examinations had been coming out at irregular intervals we were beginning to forget what had happened until the Headmaster's report recalled it to life, and our feeling of justifiable pride was tempered by the determination to repeat the performance.

Speech Day is more adequately mentioned elsewhere in this issue, but before leaving the subject we should like to express our thanks to our visitors not only for the honour they did us by attending, but also for the kind things they said—and promised.

The Dramatic Society has been sufficiently brave to enter a team for the British League Festival in which they had to compete with the best amateur players in the neighbourhood. This bold action was amply justified by the fine performance, its excellent reception, and the statement of the Adjudicator that only a mark separated the School's entry from two other competitors.

A correspondent has reproved us, but he did so in such a courteous manner, and was so friendly when correcting us, that we should welcome many such letters.

He complained that in the last issue of the Magazine the writer of the Swimming Notes stated that the standard of D.H.S. swimming was only " average " and hinted that we should take it more seriously. The complainant fully agrees that seriousness and enthusiasm are essential to success, and then he reminds us that during last season we won the Devon County Boys breast stroke Championship in record time ; that one of our swimmers was placed second, being only four seconds behind the winners in a Men's 200 yards breast stroke race, open to all Devon ; that we have among us the swimmer, who in record time, won the Boys' back-stroke, Devon Championship. He also mentions important successes by our boys at Exmouth, Minehead and Bristol, and against the R.N.E. College.

But that we fear an angry editor, we could make this list much more imposing from the details supplied; but in conclusion we state that we fully sympathise with our correspondent's statement that a School which has such swimmers must be regarded as reaching somewhat higher than an "average" standard.

Recently there was shown in Plymouth a film entitled "*The Man who could work Miracles.*" Such men are with us and are attracting much attention; they are two in number, though one is usually out of sight, and they have taken possession of the border on the railway-side of the school. They produce, from apparently nowhere a huge mound of soil—good dark garden mould—they then take it out to the front and send it away. Quickly they return to the other side of the lawn and almost immediately produce another mound which shares the fate of its predecessor. In our hearts there is a lurking dread. In their enthusiasm they may approach the School and satisfy their craving for soil by digging under its walls and in despair we shall cry "*Oh what a fall was there, my Countrymen.*"

EN PASSANT.

We heartily congratulate:—

The first XI and the first XV upon their splendid record this season. Their success has certainly been most remarkable, indeed, we think we may say, unprecedented, and has undoubtedly been due not only to the unselfish enthusiasm of individual players and the excellent example of the captains, but also to those members of the staff who have devoted their energies to training, coaching, and refereeing.

And also:—

All those who obtained full colours and half colours during the season 1936-7.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the following publications and apologises for any accidental omissions:—

"*The Gaytonian,*" "*The Totnesian,*" "*The Suttonian,*" "*The Juntex,*" "*The Oak Tree,*" "*The Limit,*" "*The Plymothian,*" "*The Corporation Grammar School Magazine.*"

PRAEFECTE VALE.

H. A. PRYOR—Entered School September, 1928; Cambridge School Certificate, 1933; Higher School Certificate, 1935; appointed Prefect, 1935; 2nd XV. Rugger; Secretary Dramatic Society; Appointed Preventive Officer of Customs & Excise, 1936.

Speech Day.

The School Speech Day for the year 1935-6 was held in Plymouth Guildhall on the evening of February 4th when His Worship, the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Alderman W. R. Littleton, occupied the chair, and Alderman R. MacDonald, Chairman of the Education Committee distributed the prizes and addressed the parents.

The main body of the hall was completely filled by parents and friends, who had the great pleasure of hearing the Head Master enumerate a long list of successes for a year, which lays just claim to be one of the most successful years in the history of the school. Their pleasure was enhanced by the optimistic note struck by the Chairman, who considered that the present school buildings were by no means a credit to the city, and informed his eager audience that, although Alderman MacDonald had decided to give the girls their school first, yet the Chairman of the Education Committee had promised that in time a new secondary school for boys would be erected. Alderman Littleton also drew alluring pictures of new playing fields not only for the school but for the benefit of the whole youth of Plymouth.

The Head Master's Report showed that the school year 1935-6 had been rich in academic honours on an unprecedented scale ; this distinction the Head Master attributed to the remarkable worth of the staff. The school had gained a notable distinction in being awarded three State Scholarships, two at Oxford in different faculties, while they had succeeded in obtaining another rare distinction, that of a Magdalen College Exhibition. Fresh honours of an entirely different and unprecedented type had been gained by a boy who had gained entrance to the Institute of Education.

A long list of successes, embracing many professions, served to substantiate the claim to a record year. All leavers had gained posts, 80% by competitive examination.

That sport was not neglected was shown by the excellent records of the Association and Rugby teams.

Dismissing purely material subjects, the Head Master went on to show how in the future, the integrity of the community would be maintained by the sole cohesive bond of education ; thus the school should be a place where the communal spirit was inculcated ; it was unwise to allow the school to become a centre of vocational training only.

In his address to the parents, Alderman MacDonald expressed a hope that in a few years' time, it would be his pleasant task to announce the erection of a new school, while admitting that a new building was an urgent necessity, a fact appreciated by the Education

Committee. Alderman MacDonald supposed that it was ten years ago when he informed the girls that their new secondary school had been decided upon. It was to be opened in the autumn of 1937. He considered it likely that his successor would stand in his place in twenty years time, and announce the opening of the new boys' secondary school, but he hoped that it would be his pleasant task to do so in a few years time. In congratulating the school on its wonderful successes, Alderman MacDonald said that parents must feel proud of the school and had manifested their appreciation in the form of special prizes. The Committee wished him to thank the Head Master and Staff for their contribution to the obtaining of the successes of the boys.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Alderman MacDonald, Mr. A. L. Strachan commented on the fine example set by Devonport High School to other schools, and on the excellent team spirit prevalent. Lieut. J. P. Revington seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried unanimously.

The School Choir conducted by Mr. A. Hutchings, and the School Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Chamberlain, provided excellent and much-enjoyed entertainment, the pianoforte soloists with the orchestra being Messrs N. Chaff and L. Job.

SIXTH FORM WHIST DRIVE.

A Whist Drive was held by the members of the VIth form at the Exmouth Hall on the evening of Tuesday, February 2nd. In spite of inclement weather, there was an excellent attendance, and the evening was a great success, socially and financially. The Senior Prefect took upon himself the duties of M.C. The Committee desire to express their sincere appreciation to those kind friends who gave the prizes and to those who attended, and they are indebted to the Parents' Association for the kind loan of playing cards.

R.L.M.

INFLUENZA.

The violet night trails soft
in the wake of the moon,
and the lush, green coolness of the grass
is sweet with the fresh dews of Spring.
This primrose's kiss on my cheek
is slow and cold ;
its fragrance, inarticulate ecstasy,
flows into the still night,
more sweetly pours than water over cool mosses.
But the moon is climbing the sky,
and odorously the stars nod,
drowsy with perfume,
heavy with sleep.

Inter-Schools Debate.

The Inter-Schools debate this term was held at Plymouth College on February 19th, and an invitation to participate was gratefully accepted by our Society. The motion before the House was "That the State is the Guardian of Moral Value." Miss Horne (Plymouth High), who introduced the motion, asserted that the State consisted of the English people, and referred to its laudable accomplishments in removing children from industry, in improving housing conditions, and in ameliorating the lot of the poorer classes generally. She also emphasised the need for an ultimate authority in every sphere, and declared that the State was best capable of performing this function. The Opposer, Miss Wills (Devonport Secondary), vigorously contended that crime was largely a result of the disgraceful social conditions prevailing to-day, and pointed out that the very existence of such conditions was a damning indictment of the State in its present form. She denied, therefore, that the State was in any way fit to be the guardian of moral value, and reminded the audience that the motion if carried to its logical conclusion was nothing less than an advocacy of Fascism. The motion was eloquently supported by Mr. Lucas and Mr. Rogers, both of Corporation Grammar School; they pointed out that social legislation, while often hampering our individual liberty, has been devised ultimately to allow the maximum of liberty to the community as a whole. Rumania and Nazi Germany were then quoted as examples, presumably, of the bribery and chaos which accompany excessive individual freedom, and of the merits of the Authoritarian State. The Opposition however, were no less lacking in capable advocates, and Mr. Ashbourne (Sutton Secondary), and Mr. Joslin (D.H.S.), beginning by calling attention to the fact that an adequate definition of morality was difficult to find, proceeded to show how unfitted the State was to cope with the task which the Proposition wished to assign to it. They maintained that State legislation was not particularly effective for preventing people from being morally bad, but to suggest that it could possibly make people morally good was absurd. Moral value, they declared, could be adequately safeguarded only by a completely different method of approach.

An interesting and spirited debate ensued from the floor of the House. The motion was dissected, scrutinised and interpreted; definitions were propounded in abundance; humour and rhetorical blandishment were exploited to the full. It would perhaps be quite safe to say that many of the audience had never before changed their opinions so many times in the same evening. At last, however, the motion was put to the vote, and was rejected by 121 votes to 34.

We wish to express our thanks to the organisers of the debate, and to say how much we appreciate their efforts.

Out of School Activities.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society has held one meeting this term, when the motion before the House was "That the choice for England is between Fascism and Communism." The motion was defeated by seven votes to six.

S.P.A.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

This term has been full of activities for the Dramatic Society. On Saturday Jan. 16th, the Society gave a performance of the "Old Bull" before the Tamaritans, whose compliments and criticisms were very welcome. The same play was entered in the British Drama League Festival at the Globe Theatre, on Thursday, March 4th. This was, indeed, a very bold venture for the Society to enter a competition in which only the most experienced amateur societies compete. While the adjudicator could find little fault in the actual production which she praised in high terms, she criticised the setting and the stage-props. Credit must be given to the cast for the assiduous way in which they have attended rehearsals. The enthusiasm and team work shown during the play was remarkable and the Society will have profited much from this initial experience.

Much of the success of "the Old Bull" is due to Mr. Frank Lunt, who has assisted the cast in perfecting the dialect. Our sincere thanks must go to him for giving up valuable time to attend rehearsals.

On Saturday Feb. 6th, the Society presented, three plays at the Ballard Institute—"Shivering Shocks," "Queer Street" and "The 'Ole in the Road." The splendid reception given them was very stimulating. On the last Friday and Saturday of the term we are presenting three one-act plays at St. Gabriel's Church Hall. As two of these are being performed by the Junior Society, the standard of production will not be so high as in former years. Admission to these plays will be free. This was made possible by the splendid financial success of our Annual Concert, held in the Exmouth Hall. An extremely interesting programme was contributed by some of the best known artistes in the City. The Society is very grateful to them and to the large audience, which must have numbered well over 500.

On Thursday March 11th, Mr. T. G. Read, of the Plymouth Shakespeare Society gave a talk on the "Art of Make-up," which he illustrated with practical demonstrations. We are particularly indebted to Mr. Read not only for his very interesting lecture, but for assistance in making up our members for their plays. On one occasion, single handed and without a break, he made up casts for three plays. We hope that he will continue to help us in the future.

SCOUT LOG.

Rover Crew. With the formation of a Rover Crew under the leadership of Mr. Macmillan, early in the term, the composition of the Group was completed. The School Scout Group now consists of a Junior Troop of 4 Patrols, a Senior Troop of 8 Patrols and a Rover Crew, with a total membership of nearly 100. The first aim of the Rover Crew is service to the Troop. Five of its members are Scouters in the School Group and three are helping with other Troops. It is hoped that the Group will be able to provide an increasing number of keen, trained Scouters for the Movement.

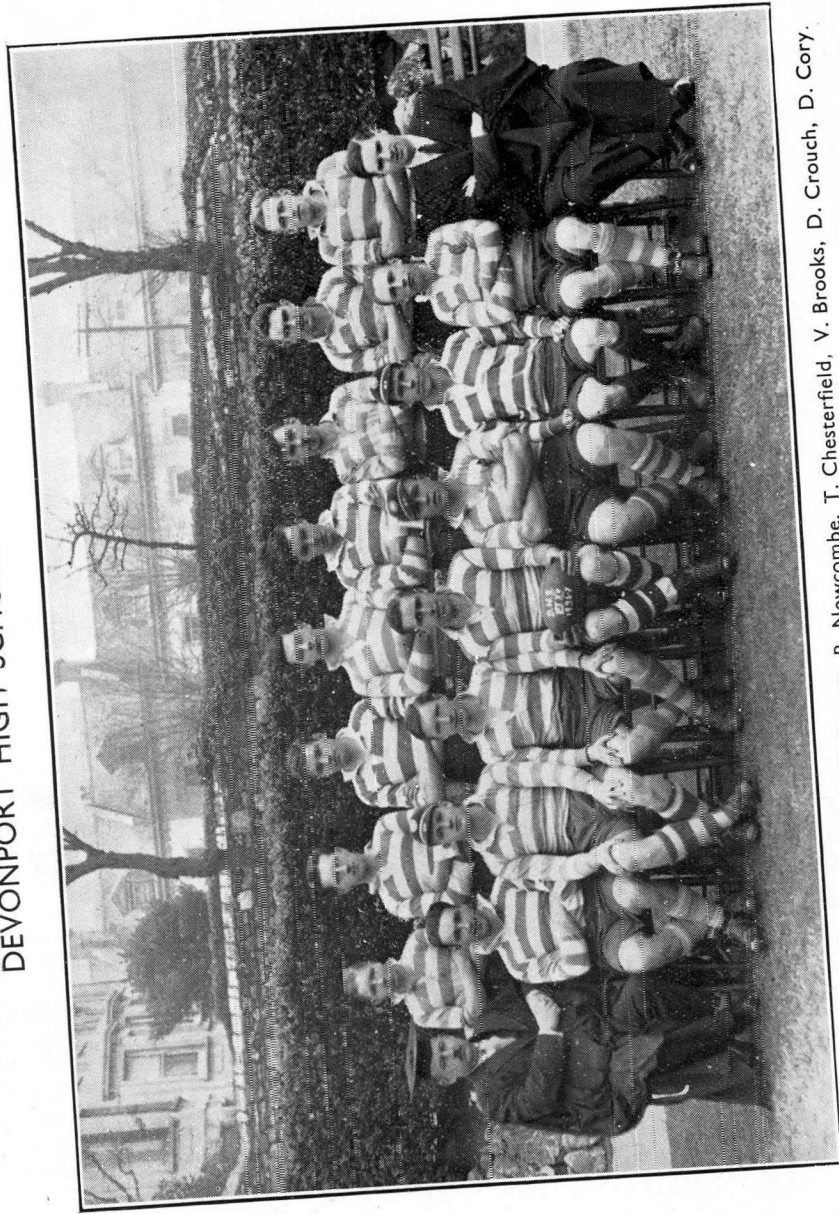
Junior Troop. This experiment has proved a great success thanks to Mr. Austin and the four members of the Senior Troop who lead the Patrols. 18 Scouts have gained the Tenderfoot Badge and have been Initiated. The gaining of the Second Class Badge is a necessary qualification for entry into the Senior Troop. Many tests for this badge have been passed.

Senior Troop. Considerable work for the First Class Badge has been done this term, half of each Troop Meeting having been devoted to training in ambulance, signalling and estimations. Mr. Ware and Mr. McDowell have been kind enough to examine in these tests, a high standard being expected. The second part of each Saturday programme has consisted of Patrol Competition items involving the individual or the Patrol. Many ingenious and artistic entries have been made in the weekly handicraft competition. 7.20—7.30 has continued to prove a popular interval, due to the sound business instincts of a certain Patrol.

PARENTS' EVENING. Parents and friends of the Troop were invited to a Troop Meeting on March 9th in the Exmouth Hall. A large audience watched the miniature Troop Meeting Programme in the arena which was entirely unrehearsed, the object being to demonstrate to parents the type of activity forming part of the normal programme each Saturday. A programme of Scout Variety concluded the evening in which the whole Group took a share. It was essentially a Group show and so the names of individuals contributing need not be mentioned. Once again, Mrs. H. A. T. Simmonds, the wife of our President organised a Ladies' Committee to serve refreshments during the evening.

Mr. Denyer. At the invitation of the District Commissioner and the Local Association, Mr. Denyer has formed a new Troop—3rd. Stonehouse, St. Paul's. Although we were loth to lose the valuable services of Mr. Denyer we realised that a fine opportunity for pioneer work had been presented to him. A very warm letter of thanks, written by the Troop Scribe and signed by all the members of the Court of Honour was sent to Mr. Denyer, at the same time informing him that the Troop still claimed him as a member. Two members of the Rover Crew, C. Evans and L. Job are helping Mr. Denyer. The Troop was able to assist the St. Paul's Troop on the occasion of their first Parent's Evening on March 13th.

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL 1st XV., 1936-37



(Standing) A. Grindrod, D. Willis, G. Bryant, R. Newcombe, T. Chesterfield, V. Brooks, D. Crouch, D. Cory.
(Sitting) F. Crocker, A. Edwards, J. Kirk, S. Hurden (*Capt.*), E. Andrews, R. Osborne, A. Simmonds, Mr. Mallinson.

The Headmaster,

Jamboree.—Hunting, Stower, Tredget (i), Tredget (ii), Piper and Roberts will represent the Troop at the Holland Jamboree this Summer. Plymouth was allotted 14 places of a total of 80 for Devon.

S/M. D.H.S.

THE SWIMMING CLUB

It is hoped that during the coming term certain new arrangements as to swimming will have the effect of making some improvement in last year's figures. These showed that less than half the boys in the school could swim. Of the 48%, probably only a very few are able to swim really well. Our aim should be to make the 48% real swimmers, and the other 52% triers. It is hoped that there may be school matches with Senior and Junior Medley relays and a senior Polo team, and in addition Senior and Junior House matches are proposed. For the first time in the history of the school there will be visits to Mount Wise Baths instead of gym. periods for certain junior forms, and every opportunity will be given for boys to earn their points for the House.

ATHLETICS.

This year the School is entering a team in the Devon Public and Secondary School Sports, which is to be held at Tiverton on Saturday, March 20th. Each member of the team is only allowed to enter two individual events and one relay. Hurden has been elected captain; and Mr. Hodgson is in charge of training and team selection.

THE LIBRARY.

The School Library, and in particular the General Section, has been enriched during the term by six additional books, namely:—

- With Scott to the South Pole* (H. Marshal).
- The Book of Craftsmen* (Marjory Bruce).
- Back to Treasure Island* (Callaghan.)
- Everest, 1933* (Hugh Rutledge).
- In the Steps of Saint Paul* (H. V. Morton).
- Rugby Football* (Capt. Wakelam).

These books are of a high literary standard and of general interest, and the Committee recommend them to the Senior School. The Committee is indebted to Mrs. Williams for the extremely kind presentation of many books by famous authors, and to Adams, Rich and Trenerry of LVIA who are assisting in the weekly distribution of the Fiction Library.

Once again past members of the school are requested to return any books in their possession, and the Committee beg to draw their

attention to the custom of book-presentation upon leaving school—a custom which has been sadly neglected.

The following have kindly presented books :

THE HEADMASTER.

Channels of English Literature—the English Novel (Saintsbury)
Campbell's Poetical Works.

English Men of Letters—Series (Burns, Byron, Milton, Tennyson)

MRS. WILLIAMS.

Lorna Doone (Blackmore).

Resurrection (Tolstoy), and 35 other volumes.

CAPTAIN CARTER.

Athletics, and how to train (Nelson)

Teaching and training athletes (Webster)

G. JOSLIN, *Librarian.*

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS.

There are two excursions this year both on April 21st. 160 boys of Forms 2, 3, & 4 are going to Penzance, Redruth and Camborne. From Penzance Station they will proceed by motor coach to the Archaeological Museum, the Nine Maidens at St. Buryan and the old village of Chyauster.

Proceeding to Camborne they will see old Cornish Crosses, the Sevint Altar Stone and the rare carvings at Camborne Church, the house of Trevethick, the inventor of the steam carriage, surface workings at South Crofty Mine, and other places of interest if time permits.

Members of the Old Cornwall Society have offered to act as guides. *Lunch will be taken.* Tea will be supplied at Camborne.

60 boys of Form 1 are to make a tour of Exeter. They will visit Rougemont Castle (dating from Saxon times), Moll's Coffee House with its Armada room, the Guildhall, the Cathedral where the Dean has kindly consented to be their guide, the underground passages and as much more as time allows. Lunch and tea have been arranged for this party.

THE ORCHESTRA.

Three public performances have been given since these notes last appeared. On Dec. 28th we were sumptuously feasted by the Old Boys after having provided certain interruptions to their Annual Dinner. On Feb. 4th we gave items in the Speech Day programme, and here place on record our indebtedness to Messrs. Moir and Yardley, whose kind help was greatly appreciated. On Feb. 9th we provided a section of the programme in a concert.

arranged by the School Dramatic Society. Our rehearsals are now carried on with an augmented orchestra of about thirty, for several members of the classes arranged by Messrs. Webb and Noman have come into recent meetings.

Attention is drawn to the fact that we now own a double bass, yet lack a player for it. This should not be, for no one can deny that the bass is a versatile, and, withal, a satisfying instrument. It responds to scraping or pinching, and is so used in symphony orchestras. It can be slapped, as in jazz bands. Scouts have been known to lay it tenderly on its side and strum it as a banjo. In fact it is looked upon as being as much a buffoon as a bassoon. Yet it is essential in providing a groundwork for strings, as is a basson for the wood wind section of a full orchestra. Will some well built senior give this matter his careful consideration?

THE CHOIR.

Owing to the crowded programme of School events at the end of last term, choir practices were neglected. Hence, when the Spring Term commenced, the Choir had to make up for lost time because the Speech Day was near at hand. The members of the Choir rallied to the call and extra practices which were arranged were attended with enthusiasm.

The Music on the Speech Day was rendered splendidly. This year a new feature was introduced and, I think justified its place in the Programme. I refer to the two-part song "The Lord is my Shepherd," by Henry Smart. Accompanied by the School Orchestra, this song was very effective.

On the 9th Feb. the Choir assisted in the School Dramatic Society's Concert. On this occasion the singing was good, especially considering the short time for practice at our disposal.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the pianist (N. Chaff) and the members of the Choir for their loyal support on all occasions.

A.H.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

This term the Society has held meetings every Monday evening. There have been more lectures than in previous terms and many more subjects have been covered. The lectures given so far include the following :—

The Romance of Submarines—R. A. Newton, L.VIA.

The Inventions and Progress of Wireless—N. Chaff, L.VIA.

Neon Lighting—A. M. Dodd, L.VI.A

The Utilisation of By products in the Coal Gas Industry—A.J. Hawkins, L.VI.A.

Before the end of the term a lecture on the development of Air Travel will be given by A. C. Simmonds of L.V.I.A.

Most of the lectures have been followed by interesting discussions of the subjects, and in this way many points not made clear by the lecturer have been amplified.

J. E. RUBERRY.

THE CHESS CLUB.

The past term has proved equally as successful as the previous one. The meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays. Two are necessary in order to provide opportunities for all members to play. Even now the numbers are so great in proportion to the number of chess-games available that most people are confined to one game per meeting. At the instigation of Mr. Lockwood, to whom the club is indebted for its exceptional success, House Competitions have been arranged. Members play others belonging to different houses at the Tuesday and Friday meetings. The competition of this term is intended to be merely a trial, the points not counting for the House Shield. The success of this trial will decide whether in the future Inter-House Chess games will count for the House Shield. The match with Saltash County School was lost by one game, whilst great difficulty has been experienced in finding other opponents.

R. C. Sec.

TO A DAFFODIL.

Thou gentle trumpeter of gladsome spring,
 In tender hues arrayed and brightly starred,
 O! let me to thy form, by winter's snows unmarred,
 With my glad eyes now long and restful cling.
 Kissed by the early morning's tender breeze,
 Fed by the dews, and nourished by the rain,
 Thou, who hast never known an hour of pain,
 But dwelt in bounteous nature's tranquil ease.
 Slender and graceful in thy neat attire,
 In silken livery bedeck'd, thou smil'st
 And noddest to the fading evening, whilst
 The birds o'erhead rejoice thee by their choir;
 Thy leaves, spear-pointed, wave to me anew—
 Herald of sunshine, warmth, and skies of blue!

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THE POOL.

Amidst grey boulders, under spreading trees
it lives :

pale green, pensive, soothing,
ever murmuring its welcome
where the stream in two white feathery cascades
gives icy sustenance

to the whispering spirit
that, vague and indeterminate,
yet sensitive and kind,
pervades the deep flat waters of the Pool,
and softly laps its brink,
stretching its smooth and placid shape
into each corner, into each little bay,
gently caressing
moss covered rocks,
smooth, silent, eloquent, moist rocks,
dark as the shadows that stealthily incroach.

Great hills protect it,
spreading boughs jealously guard it.

The sun

may not turn its unveiled gaze upon it,
but through a leafy filter casts its rays
to lend enchantment to that magic scene,
secluded,

devotedly tended
on cushions of moss
in a mystic half-light,
by flitting, rustling spirits of the woods,
ever anxious

and ever restless,
that ever crowd around,

hesitant

timorous

with whispered gossip,
reverent, wondering, attentive ;
while unstilled ever crescent admiration
their loyalty secures.

At my approach

they fly in trepidation,
then stealthily come back
to share my wonderment.

And ever friendly,
the living breathing Pool
receives me,

welcomes me,
gently extends to me
its eternal offer

of quiet supernatural peace.

Rugby Club.

Captain—S. J. HURDEN.

Secretary—J. P. KIRK.

Rugger Master—H. MALLINSON, B.A.

Not for some seasons has rain interfered so severely with games. In the first three weeks of the term only one Rugger match was played. Thus so far the 1st XV has been able to fulfil five fixtures. The Club was further weakened by the departure of Godfrey, Pike and Searles at the end of last term; but despite this, the 1st XV has shown really fine form. For the first time in the history of school Rugger, the "double" was secured over the Albion Juniors, a performance of which any team might well be proud. The latter match at Beacon Park was marred, however, by an unfortunate accident to Crocker; the Club sends him its sincere wishes for a speedy recovery. Another very convincing victory was gained over Paignton Juniors, all five tries being converted. But for once the School had to admit defeat at the hand of the Old Boys. There have been several team changes; Crouch has appeared at full-back, Bryant at the base of the scrum, while Willis has taken over the hooking. Altogether the 1st XV can be said to have experienced a very successful season.

The 2nd XV has suffered through lack of fixtures and the needs of the 1st XV, yet victories over St. Boniface's College and H.M.S. Impregnable stand to their credit. The Colts seem fated to go through the season without a victory, but as the team is quite young, there should be better results next year.

Old Boys will be pleased to know that we have at last secured a pair of "respectable" posts, painted in the school colours. Our thanks for these must go to Mr. Enon, the groundsman. But yet another season has passed without any material amelioration in our changing accommodation. It would seem that *nostros ea fata manere repotes*. Finally the Club is indebted to Messrs. Austin Mallinson, O'Connor and Webb for refereeing; particularly to Mr. Mallinson, the Rugger Master, for his advice and playing assistance in many of our matches.

Critique.

Crouch (full-back). A keen tackler with plenty of courage. Possesses a good kick, but rather on the slow side and prone to hesitate.

Cory (R. wing). Has also played at full-back. Tackles and runs determinedly. Needs to be quicker off the mark.

Crocker (R. Centre). A really fine courageous tackler; a reliable defender at all times. Should overcome all hesitancy. Has played some good games on the wing.

Hurden (L. Centre). Has been an enthusiastic captain. He is strong and very fast, and his powerful attacking runs have been a feature of our games. Though his defensive play has improved, he still times his passes badly. As a winger, he has a future in first-class rugby. (H.M.).

Grindrod (L. Wing). A clever little footballer. Impeded by lack of weight. Should develop into a fine player with more experience.

Bryant (Scrum-half). Came into the team after Christmas. Much improved; very tough and robust if lacking in polish, must speed up his passing.

Simmonds (Fly-half). Fast and resolute. Kicks, tackles and positions himself excellently. A good place-kicker. Handling wants improvement, while his passing needs timing better. Should go far in the game.

Brooks. Rather light but makes up for this with vigorous play. Never flags. Must learn when to heel and when to take on.

Willis (hooker). A heavy forward who has improved in the latter games. A competent hooker, very energetic in the loose. Should cultivate more science in his play.

Newcombe. A keen player; works hard in the tight. Packs rather high. Dribbling wants attention.

Edwards. One of the best forwards. Plays hard and consistently. Pushes hard in the tight. Passing from the line-out inclined to be wild.

Andrews. A hefty forward. At times unstoppable. A robust tackler who can stand up to the hardest of play. Sets a fine example to the pack. Plays best in the hardest games.

Osborne. A capable winging forward who breaks quickly and dribbles well. Not afraid to go for his man. Apt to throw away chances at critical moments.

Chesterfield. A big forward with plenty of weight and energy. Takes the ball well in the line-out. Good in defence. Too prone to play the part of a winging forward.

Kirk. Has worked hard as secretary. Though very light for a forward, he has made up for this by his energy and keenness. His defensive covering and tackling have been most valuable. (H.M.)

TEAMS :—

1st XV.

| | | | |
|---------|--------------|----------|----------|
| | | Crouch | |
| Cory | Crocker | Hurden | Grindrod |
| | Bryant | Simmonds | |
| | Brooks | Willis | Newcombe |
| | Edwards | Andrews | |
| Osborne | Chesterfield | Kirk | |

2nd XV. Squires.
 Hodges Mason Bryant (11) Mowan
 Grindrod Dingle
 Joslin Salter Gordon
 Cooper Hocken
 Evans Ash Kingwell (capt.)
 Martin, Squibb and Prowse have also played.

Colts XV Border
 Holgate Wilce Lane Challis
 Portens Crabb (capt.)
 (From) Cole, Evea, Mills, Fletcher, Parford, Preston, Elliott,
 Batten, Scott.

| RECORDS | PLAYED | WON | DRAWN | LOST | FOR | AGNST. |
|----------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|--------|
| 1st XV | 17 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 260 | 90 |
| 2nd XV | 13 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 159 | 102 |
| 3rd XV | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 68 | 10 |
| Colts XV | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 41 | 112 |

Soccer Club.

Captain—L. Tovell.

Vice-Captain—D. G. Barkell.

Secretary—L. S. Adams.

Soccer Master—Mr. Hodgson.

The season 1936-37 has been a highly successful one for the Soccer Club. Contrary to expectations the 1st XI has achieved a highly creditable record in winning sixteen of the eighteen games played to date.

The lack of weight and experience has been adequately compensated for by good football which at times reached a high standard. The forwards combine well and although the defence has still to learn how to cover up, the number of goals conceded during the season indicates soundness in that department also. The team is a comparatively young one and its success this season seems to augur well for the Soccer Club in the future.

The bad weather which has been responsible for the cancellation of many games this term has been particularly unkind to the 2nd XI for they have only played three matches this term up to the time of writing. Nevertheless they have enjoyed a successful season, and have gained splendid victories over Callington, Sutton,

Junior Technical School, and others. Miller has proved an efficient captain and Pepper, a prolific goal scorer. Quickenden, Essery and Duffin have played well.

The Junior XI has once more suffered from lack of matches chiefly because of the weather and lack of suitable opposition, but it is to be hoped that this will be remedied next season. Tunnell, their captain, and Wilce will obviously be assets to the Soccer Club in the future, and Read, Thomas, Allen, and Peacock have shown promise.

The club is greatly indebted to Mr. Hodgson whose advice and guidance throughout the season has proved to be of tremendous value

| Team | Record— | | | | Goals | |
|-----------|---------|------|--------|-------|-------|----------|
| | Played. | Won. | Drawn. | Lost. | For. | Against. |
| 1st XI | 18 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 93 | 24 |
| 2nd XI | 15 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 91 | 24 |
| Junior XI | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 48 | 11 |

1st XI Comments.

Adams (Goal), Secretary. Has displayed increased ability and sense of positional play. No "gift goals" in the against column can be recalled

Trenerry, (Right-back). Played well at half-back during first half of the season. Since becoming full back his volleying has improved and is gradually overcoming tendency to wild kicking. Tackles well.

Coyne, (Left-back). Tackles well and has a strong kick but is inclined to wander out of position.

Webb, (Right-Half). A newcomer to the team but has improved tremendously. Has a strong kick but needs to tackle a little more quickly.

Cox, (Centre-Half). Disappointing at first, but soon returned to his old form. Distributes the ball well and makes very good use of his head. Has the merit of not attempting to do too much.

Bray, (Left-Half). A strong attacking half whose kicking, passing, and dribbling are excellent. Is rather slow and is inclined to wander out of position.

Joint, (Outside-Right). A fast winger who dribbles well and has scored often, but is inclined to centre too late.

Williams, (Inside-Right). A natural footballer who works the ball well and uses it to good effect. Should be more willing to go for goal himself.

Cory, (Centre-Forward). A keen player who has improved much. Is fast and persistent but should concentrate on ball control.

Barkell, (Inside-Left). Vice-Captain. A consistently good

player who establishes good understanding with his partner. Ball control and shooting good—should develop the power to shoot with either foot. (MR. HODGSON).

Tovell, (Outside-Left). Captain. A fast winger whose return to the XI after injury did much to speed up the forward line. Plays well with his partner and gets the ball to the middle adequately.

Harris.—A player, the loss of whom, shortly after Christmas, was regretted by all members of the XI. Strong in defence and always ready to support concerted attacking movements, he was an ideal Centre-Half.

TEAMS :—

1st XI.

| | | | | | |
|-------|----------|----------|---------|--------|--|
| | | Adams | | | |
| | | Trenerry | Coyne | | |
| | Webb | Cox | Bray | | |
| Joint | Williams | Cory | Barkell | Tovell | |

2nd XI.

| | | | | | |
|------|---------|----------------|----------|----------|--|
| | | Quickenden | | | |
| | | Miller (Capt.) | Essery | | |
| | Semmens | Duffin | Thompson | | |
| Luff | Wigmore | Pepper | Gunn | DeGruchy | |

Trout has also played.

Junior XI.

| | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|------|--|
| | | Long | | | |
| | | Greenaway | Allen | | |
| | Thomas (W.K.) | Tunnell (Capt.) | Wilce | | |
| Singlehurst | Jackson | Peacock | Endacott | Read | |

The club is indebted to the following for giving up their time to referee :—Messrs. Hodgson, Macmillan, Heather, Chamberlain, Truman, and Armor, and also to Mesdames Simmonds and Tovell for preparing the teas.

EXETER LETTER.

Warn left College at the end of last session, obtaining a post in a secondary school. There are now five old boys in the U.C.S. W.E., of whom Howell has disappeared for the present term into that vague purgatory known as "teaching practice," and Babbage, we regret to state, is suffering from illness. Of the three survivors, Bowden, our sixteen stone forward, is amply sustaining the reputation of the old school in the field of athletics. Nor is his constancy less remarkable. And is it true that he proposed an enlargement of the boot-hole window at a recent general meeting?

Lyon's activities have unfortunately been curtailed by an injured leg. He has, however, been playing for the 1st XV, taking part in cross-country running. He also ran in the recent road-race. He spends the rest of his time in exercising with the O.T.C., and in answering phone calls from the vicarage. Lee has also been on the sick list. He has, however, recovered sufficiently to harangue the Mardon Discussion Group on the elements of tragedy, and to open a heated (between puffs) discussion of the Hall Poetry Society. And was it he who accidentally spat in the eye of another member of the "crowd" while "registering hatred" during a performance of "The Witch"?

Babbage's absence has broken up the informal supper-fights held in Lyon's room, but the mice still live in hope, and Lyon has manufactured divers strange traps and snares in the woodwork shop, so far with but little result. But on the whole our old boys are certainly enjoying life. They send their best wishes to all at D.H.S., and hope that next year, will see an augmentation of their numbers.
"EXON."

House Reports.

DRAKE HOUSE.

The House has done fairly well in the first part of the House Competition and has an excellent chance of improving its position next term. To make special mention of individual talent is unnecessary, for those who deserve it need no further encouragement. The Juniors have done well in both soccer and rugger which augurs well for the future of the House. The Seniors have not been quite as successful, but they have played hard and their enthusiasm deserves better results, particularly at Rugger.

Sports, cricket, and swimming will make next term a full one and all those who contemplate running in the sports are advised to start training early. Remember that everyone of you can gain valuable points for the House through the medium of "Standards," whilst all swimmers, fast or slow, can gain points by swimming a length, or a width, of Mount Wise Bath. Next term is therefore one in which every member can help and I hope that everyone will do his bit.

R. J. G. HODGES,

GILBERT HOUSE.

The end of last term saw Gilbert in an unenviable position in the House Competition, and, owing to bad weather and cancelled matches, there has been little chance of improvement this term.

Only three House matches have been played this term, and in these we have not been very successful, but the teams have played well and their enthusiasm has been deserving of better results.

The end of this term brings us to the cross-countries, a prelude to the sports of next term, and it is to be hoped that in these events Gilbert will have gained some valuable points. Sports day will be held early next term and in order that Gilbert should do well it is advisable that numbers should train during the holidays; the school field will be open for this purpose. Other activities for next term include cricket and swimming, and in the latter the whole House can be helpful, for the points gained by swimming a length or a width of the bath are invaluable, while the result of the swimming sports might well depend on these points.

Finally, I should like to take this chance of thanking our House Masters and all those who helped with the House Concert of last term.

G. E. BRYANT.

GRENVILLE HOUSE.

This term it has only been possible to play two House matches, owing to atrocious weather conditions. The house, as a whole, however, has shown increased keenness, and although the senior sides have been still further depleted by the loss of McLeod, Harris and Godfrey, we have obtained the services of some promising newcomers. The juniors, if still unsuccessful in football, have shown their spirit by entering in large numbers for the Cross-country race; and we hope to redeem our reputation by securing a good place.

With the approach of Spring come thoughts of swimming and cricket, and it is to be hoped that every member of the House will endeavour to contribute to its success, if not by representing it in a cricket or swimming team, then by the more humble, but equally useful performance of swimming fifty yards and thereby gaining competition points.

J. J. KIRK.

RALEIGH HOUSE.

So far this term House activities have been confined to only two Rùgger matches, the inclement weather having caused the postponement of the others. The Senior Rugger team was successful in their games against Grenville and Drake, so that it still remains undefeated, having won four out of the six matches; the Juniors also gained a victory over Grenville. But once again the reluctance of the Juniors in turning out for Rugger must be emphasised, for in the game with Grenville, they could field only 10 men. With 21 points gained out of a possible 26, Raleigh seems well set to win the

football competition ; but as there are five matches yet to be played, the issue is by no means settled.

The Cross Country is to be run on the last day of term, and it is hoped that Raleigh will have large entries in both events. The Sports will be held early next term, so members are urged to begin training during the holidays. Remember those standard points ! Last year the House was last in the Sports, which was mainly due to the small number of standard points gained. Thus it is up to the House to see that there is no repetition of that result this year.

ALGEBRA UP-TO-DATE.

Let u be the driver of a motor-car, and let v be the velocity of the car.

If a sufficiently high value be given to v it will finally reach P.C. v will instantly = 0.

For low values of v , P.C. may be neglected, but if v be high it is usually best to square P.C. for by Euclid Book II., P.C. plus $f : s : d = (P.C.^2)$.

If the value of $f : s : d$ be sufficiently great P.C. will vanish and v may be extended indefinitely. But should the difference between v and P.C. be very great, J.P. may be substituted for P.C. in which case the problem is very difficult of solution, because no value of $f : s : d$ has yet been found to affect the elimination of J.P. (J.P.²) and is in fact an impossible quantity.

G. E. SQUIBB, Lower VIa.

SHIPBUILDER.

Week in, week out, the same old grime,
And smoke and sweat.
Clad in dirty dungarees all the time,
And wet.
Groveling in small and germ-infested holes,
Working on some monster of the seas,
With a hundred others, less like men than moles,
Crawling on his back, or on his knees.
Brute insistent clangour shatters on his ears ;
His throat is choked, he scarce can breathe ;
As, sickened by the fumes which seethe
Around him as he toils, he fears
His earnings may not keep his wife from tears,
His home from debt.

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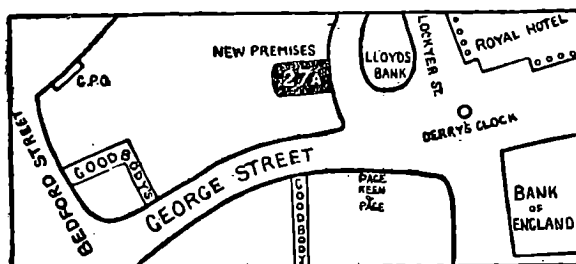
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Mr. H. FERRARO, "Bella Vista," Bickham Rd., St. Budeaux,

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Committee Secretary :

MR. CYRIL E. GILL, 14 Haddington Rd., Stoke.

Secretary of Rugby Club :

MR. L. H. WARREN, 42 Beresford St., Stoke.

Secretary of Soccer Club :

MR. R. WARREN, 17 Clarendon Pl., The Hoe, Plymouth.

Committee : The above with MESSRS. B. H. CHOWEN, E. E.

COCK, E. HARRIS, H. J. MURRAY, G. PLUCKNETT, R. SMALL,

L. H. WARREN, R. WARREN, R. J. WERRY & K. T. M. WINTLE.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Dec. 28th when those members present received an account of the year's working of the Association from the General Secretary. The Secretary of the London Branch gave an interesting report on the activities of the London Association. Reports were also given by the Secretaries of the Football Clubs. In response to several requests it was decided to ask Messrs. Perkins to supply two qualities of Ties, one as at present to cost 2/6 and a better one at 4/6. Arrangements have since been made and the new Tie will shortly be procurable from either of the Union Street or the Bedford Street shop of Perkins Bros.

The Dinner proved as successful as usual. It has long been Mr. Cock's aim to reach the hundred attendance mark and although this ambition was not actually reached, a record for attendance was set up. We congratulate Mr. Cock on his achievement, and thank him for arranging such a pleasant evening for us.

On Feb. 20th, the London Branch held a highly successful reunion which took the form of a Dinner followed by a visit to a Theatre. There were quite a number of visitors from a distance, who were pleased to have this opportunity of meeting again their London friends.

Members are asked to note that the financial year for our Association begins on August 1st and that the annual subscription of 3/- is then due. It would greatly help if subscriptions could be paid as soon after this date as possible. There are still a number of

subscriptions outstanding. Will anyone who has not yet paid his subscription for the current year please send it along.

Blazer Badges are obtainable at the School from Mr. Andrews. price 1/6.

Congratulations to the Rugger Club on its success in the R.N.E. College Cup Competition.

The following news items concerning former D.H.Sians will be read with interest by their old School friends: Mr. H. B. May, late of St. John's College, Cambridge, has been admitted to Membership of the Royal College of Physicians. He has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Bacteriology and Preventive Medicine in the University of Manchester.

Mr. R. Bartlett has been gazetted to the London Irish Rifles.

Mr. W. Osborne has been appointed Mathematical Master at Ampleforth College. His younger brother, now in Form VI, is proceeding to Cambridge—presumably to adjust the balance in the matter of support on Boat Race Day.

Mr. L. Copplestone has been appointed Chief Accountancy Assistant in the Borough Accountant's Department, Guildford.

Mr. G. R. Rooke has passed the Final Examination of the London Association Accountants.

Mr. R. Oliver has passed the first year examination of the B.Sc. Degree in Applied Science of Durham University. He has maintained his interest in Scouting and is playing for the 2nd XV of his University.

Mr. C. Vernon has received a senior appointment in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Metropolitan Borough of Wandsworth.

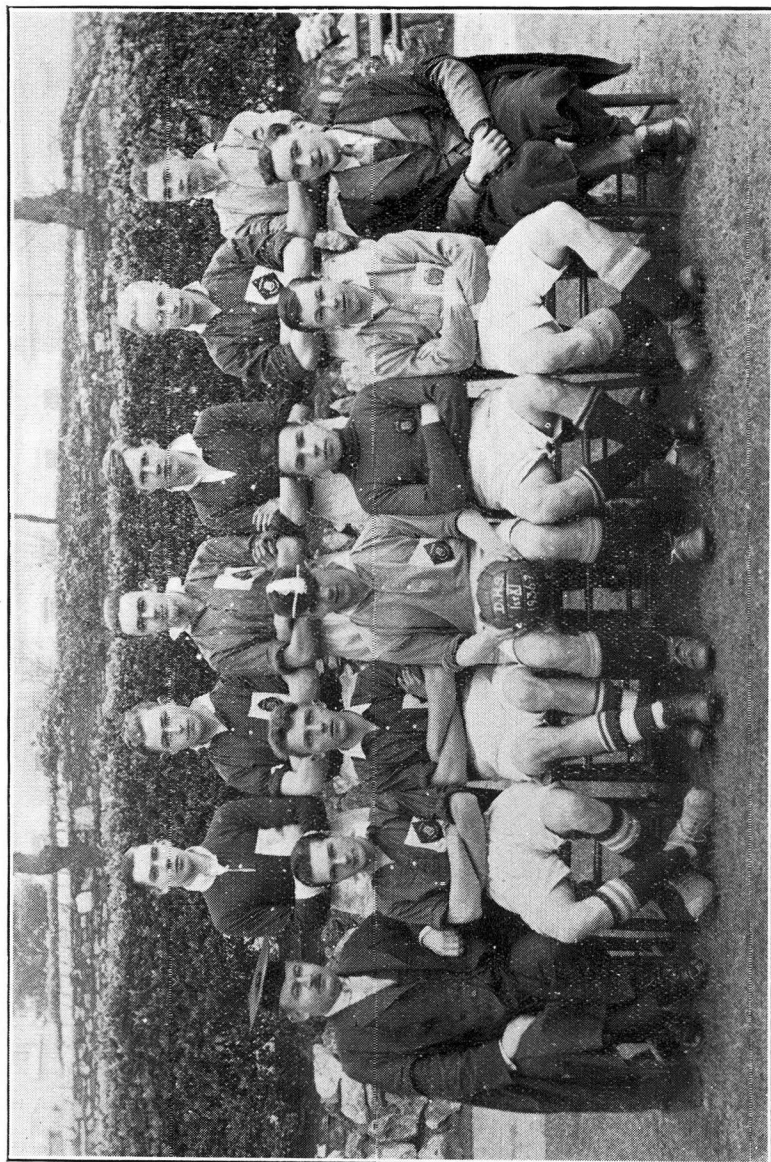
Mr. L. Holmes, our late Senior Prefect, has been appointed as an Executive Officer in the Ordinance Dept. of the War Office. He is still as keen on Rugby Football as ever. Another Rugger enthusiast and also a one time Captain of the School XV, Mr. Alan Legg is back in the game again after an enforced rest due to an injury.

Mr. J. E. Stone proved conclusively that being stationed abroad has in no way diminished his love for Rugby Football. He has assisted the Old Boys on several occasions.

Mr. R. W. Oliphant who entered the Clerical Grade of the Civil Service as a result of the last examination, has been appointed to the Customs. Messrs Leach and McLeod are in the Office of Works, while Mr. Dixon is in the Privy Council Office. Mr. V. Strong has received a local Admiralty appointment.

Mr. R. Denyer who has acted as Assistant Scout Master to the

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL Ist XI., 1936-37



(Standing) C. Williams, P. Coyne, A. Trenerry, I. Webb, R. Cory, A. Joint.
 (Sitting) The Headmaster, E. Cox, D. Barkell, L. Tovell (Capt.), R. Adams, E. Bray, Mr. Hodgson,

School Troop since its formation, is now Scout Master of a Troop in Stonehouse.

Among recent School leavers are Messrs. P. Martin and H. S. Shaw who have entered the Navy.

On March 27th, matches in both Rugger and Soccer will be played at the School Field between London and Headquarters Teams.

The following changes of address have been notified :

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| J. H. Hamilton | 12, Blandford Ave., Whitton, Middlesex. |
| S. A. Evans | 56, Rockcliff Rd., Bath. |
| P. J. Martin | 66, Greyswood St., Streatham, S.W.16. |
| A. E. Sampson | 50, Beaumont Rd., Stoke, Devonport. |
| R. A. Pethich | 31, Rosenam Crescent, Battersea Pk., S.W. 11. |
| R. Treliving | 52, Ladysmith Rd., Plymouth. |

We welcome the following new members.

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| V. E. Strong | 37, Goschen St., Keyham. |
| H. C. Shaw | 19, Alcester St., Stoke. |
| B. Mantle | 409/5th Ave., Saskatoon, Canada. |
| P. S. Martin | 116, Townshead Ave., Keyham. |
| J. J. Lawlor | 1, Home Pk., Stoke, Devonport. |
| A. R. Harris | 2 Edgcumbe Pl., Millbridge, Plymouth. |
| R. W. Pagan | 35, Greatlands Crescent, Plymouth. |

THE DINNER.

Ninety three Old Boys, representing many " years " of School life—met on Dec. 28th for their re-union Dinner at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth.

Although the number fell short of the hundred we so greatly desire, we must not be discouraged for our usual attendance is in excess of that ordinarily obtained by kindred Associations, and I am proud to report that every year the attendance steadily increases.

We are again indebted to Mr. Werry for arranging the Musical Programme and the Community singing led by him was a great success. Mr. Werry was assisted by Messrs. Webb, E. Martin and Howett.

A new feature this year, and also a much appreciated one, was the attendance of the School Orchestra conducted by Mr. Chamberlain. The Orchestra played during the Dinner and all present were unanimous in their praise of the boys who acquitted themselves splendidly.

We were pleased also to have with us many representatives of the London Branch and also a representative of the Parents' Association.

Another departure from our usual custom this year was the arrangement of separate tables—the Rugger Club and the Soccer Club being very well represented and thanks are due to Mr. Leslie Warren and also Mr. Rodney Warren for their work in this connection.

Sir William Mounstephen, J.P., was our guest and proposed the toast of "The Association." Sir William is a very old friend of the Association and is always at his best when addressing such a gathering.

The General Secretary (Mr. H. Ferraro) replied. The toast of "The School" was proposed by the Committee Chairman for the year (Mr. Cyril E. Gill).

The Headmaster replied to this Toast.

Then we had a new Toast, that of "Old D.H.S.-ians far and near." This was proposed by Mr. Treseder and responded to by our London Secretary, Mr. Francis.

At 11 p.m. the evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne,"—but I venture to suggest that the memories of that evening will linger on—particularly of those two hours of Community singing.

This annual function serves a dual purpose—to renew and cement old friendships and to create new ones. It is generally voted "a great night." If you have been before, you want to come again—if you have not been before, come along *this* year and remember "A wise man keeps his friendships in constant repair."

Among those present were :—

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| <i>Guest :</i> | SIR WILLIAM MOUNSTEPHEN, J.P. |
| <i>The President :</i> | H. A. T. SIMMONDS, ESQ., M.A. |
| <i>Vice-President :</i> | ARTHUR TRESEDER, ESQ., M.A. |
| <i>General Secretary :</i> | H. FERRARO, ESQ. B.SC. |
| <i>Committee Chairman :</i> | CYRIL GILL, ESQ. F.F.S.C., F.C.S. |
| <i>Committee Vice-Chairman</i> | W. J. CHING, ESQ. F.S.A.A. |
| <i>The Dinner Secretary :</i> | ERIC E. COCK, ESQ. |
| <i>The London Secretary :</i> | J. H. FRANCIS, ESQ. LL.B. |

And Messrs. T. E. Dyer-Smith, F. T. Healy, W. E. G. Waycott, J. H. Kennedy, G. Stevens, B. C. J. Rickard, J. C. Hill, Will J. Andrews, W. A. Simmonds, R. Oliver, M. Martin, Chas. V. Dowrick, C. Howett, F. E. Cock, P. J. Mowan, Alan J. Hambly, Alan J. Legg, G. W. Drake, R. J. Werry, A. R. Small, J. B. Hayes, G. F. Forse, W. A. Buckpitt, J. Stead, H. Cavanagh, A. N. Ching, O. S. J. Williams, N. Lamb, L. G. Francis, T. K. McNess, P. Martin, H. Smith, T. Smith, W. P. Bowden, R. F. Lyon, W. Butler, S. Butler, L. Pengelly, S. C. Pengelly, H. P. John, R. W. G. Pengelly, H. F. Vere, F. H. Meek, R. G. Warren, W. J. Reeve, C. F. Austin, A. Jarvis, P. J. F. Shepperd, H. J. Murray, C. T. Roach, C. H. Rowe, A. H. Babbage, F. A. Adams, R. Adams, A. H. Harding,

H. A. R. Semmens, W. J. Warren, R. Booth, L. Warren, H. G. Plucknett, A. Strange, A. Payne, H. G. Warwick, J. Holme, H. Rogers, E. J. Evans, A. Evans, J. Oates, E. J. Brimacombe, G. Dennis, C. S. Rodgers, H. Ward, T. Taylor, W. Westcott, W. Mathers, H. Trays, E. W. Redman, G. Joslin, E. Hancock, H. Brenton, and representatives of the local Press.

ERIC. E. COCK, *Dinner Sec.*

THE LONDON BRANCH.

Chairman : MR. A. T. BROOKS.

Hon. Secretary : MR. J. H. FRANCIS.

Hon. Treasurer : MR. L. S. MILLS.

Committee : The above with Messrs. A. J. SWAN, A. R. PIKE, A. J. LEGG, and W. L. HOLMES.

On Boxing Day an enjoyable Soccer match was played at the School Field between the Plymouth and London Branches. The London team opened promisingly and scored two merited goals. After the interval, however, the Plymouth side improved and were eventual winners by the odd goal of five.

A similar game has been arranged for Saturday, March 27th, kick-off 10.30 a.m., and it is hoped that all London members will rally around to enable the Branch to gain its revenge. Please make a note of the particulars at once. Some of our memories are not distinguished by their length.

A successful Annual General Meeting was held on Monday January 18th, in the Blue Moon Cafe, Strand, W.C.2. Some 23 members attended and inter alia officers were elected for the year as above. The social programme for the year was discussed and an enthusiastic reception was given to the news that Mr. Brooks had promised financial backing for ambitiously extended activities which were to embrace a Dinner in February, a Party in May, an Outing in July and a Dance in November.

The Third Annual Dinner of the London Branch was held on Saturday February 20th at the Victoria House Restaurant, S.W.1, and was supported by a record number of 37 which included our enthusiastic President, Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds and our equally enthusiastic General Secretary, Mr. H. Ferraro. A delightful meal in ideal surroundings was followed by Toasts outstanding for their brevity and informality. Mr. Swan, who presided as Chairman in the enforced absence of Mr. Brooks in Paris—on business, we were informed—proposed the Toast "The School and the Association," and Mr. Simmonds replied in anecdotal manner. The Toast to the Visitors (Birmingham, Nuneaton and other distant parts having sent their representatives), was proposed by Mr. Barry and the Reply was given by Mr. Ferraro.

Mr. Mowan proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman.

The last Toast having been drunk at 8.57 p.m., a hurried dash was then made for the Victoria Palace where seats had been reserved for the party to witness a Variety Performance entitled "Fun and Laughter." Vociferous applause and frequent good humoured catcalls were eloquent testimony of the evening's pervading good spirit.

London Branch members are reminded that subscriptions for the current year fell due on the 1st January. Those for last year fell due on the 1st January of last year! If you have cause for a guilty conscience need more be said? I don't think more is necessary.

J. H. FRANCIS.

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DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' A.F.C

This being the second report of the Soccer Club it will, I am sure, please everyone to know that success enables me to compile a more cheerful statement than that which appeared in the last issue of the magazine. In that issue I had to record that we had not won a match, whereas now I am delighted to state that we have won three, and are not at the bottom of the League.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those members who responded to my request in the last magazine, to attend the Annual Dinner. The response was so good that the Soccer Club's representation at the first Dinner in which they attended as one party numbered about 26.

It is with regret that I have to report that the finances of the

Club are indeed very low. In this connection I sincerely ask ANY Old Boy who can suggest any means whereby the finances of the Soccer Club may be increased to communicate with me immediately. It is obvious that something must be done to accumulate money to carry on next season ; and I take this opportunity of asking all Old Boys and especially those who are *members of the Soccer Club*, to do their utmost to ensure the financial success of any Social Function which the Committee may think fit to hold. After such a hard struggle to continue I can assure everyone that the whole of the Committee and myself will do everything in our power to ensure the lasting existence of this new Club ; but at the same time, I trust that the members will realise that to attain this end, the Committee must have the unstinted and whole-hearted support of all members.

I have just received a challenge from our London branch to play a Soccer Match on Saturday, March 27th, and, although I will do everything in my power to arrange it, I cannot accept at the moment owing to League Obligations. However, I am endeavouring to surmount the obstacles and will, if possible, give the Plymouth team another chance of giving our London brothers a few tips ! (May-be).

In closing, I would like on behalf of the Soccer Club, to thank and to congratulate Mr. Eric Cock for a most successful and enjoyable Annual Dinner.

RODNEY G. WARREN, Hon. Sec.,
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DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' R.F.C.

The season 1936-37 has seen an enthusiastic revival of interest in the Old Boys' Rugger Club and I am pleased to report a most successful season to date. The influence of the younger members, who have recently joined us, is strongly felt, and they have undoubtedly contributed greatly to the effectiveness of the XV. Especial mention must be made of Rogers, Soden and Mason—new members—whilst the return of Billing, Stone (temporarily) and Gallagher (we hope permanently) has also greatly strengthened the Club. The Old Brigade, however, with Warwick, Pawley, Dennis, Brimacombe well to the fore, must not be overlooked, for it is these players who have kept the flag flying during the Club's less fortunate periods.

The record to date reads—Played 22, Won 14, Lost 5, Drawn 3, Points for 184, against 110. The first 3 matches resulted in heavy losses as was to be expected against the superior opposition. Since this, however, the next 19 matches have given—Won 14, Lost 2, Drawn 3, Points for 179, against 40. In the Lockie Cup K.O. Competition the Old Boys succumbed to H.M.S. Drake in the

semi-final after beating Devonport Y.M.C.A. by 2 tries after over 3 hours play. In the R.N.E. College Cup Series, although again closely challenged by the Y.M.C.A., the Old Boys secured 17 out of a possible 20 points to secure the Cup. It will be recalled that the Old Boys held this Cup jointly with the P.O.W. Vol. Regt. two years ago.

Dances, still a very popular Club function, have been resumed at the Mutley Assembly Rooms where enlarged accommodation provides a much appreciated venue. We welcome "Old Boys" to these affairs where old friendships are constantly being renewed amid congenial surroundings. Tickets for the next Dance - to be held on April 1st—may be obtained from Mr. Ferraro or the Hon. Sec.

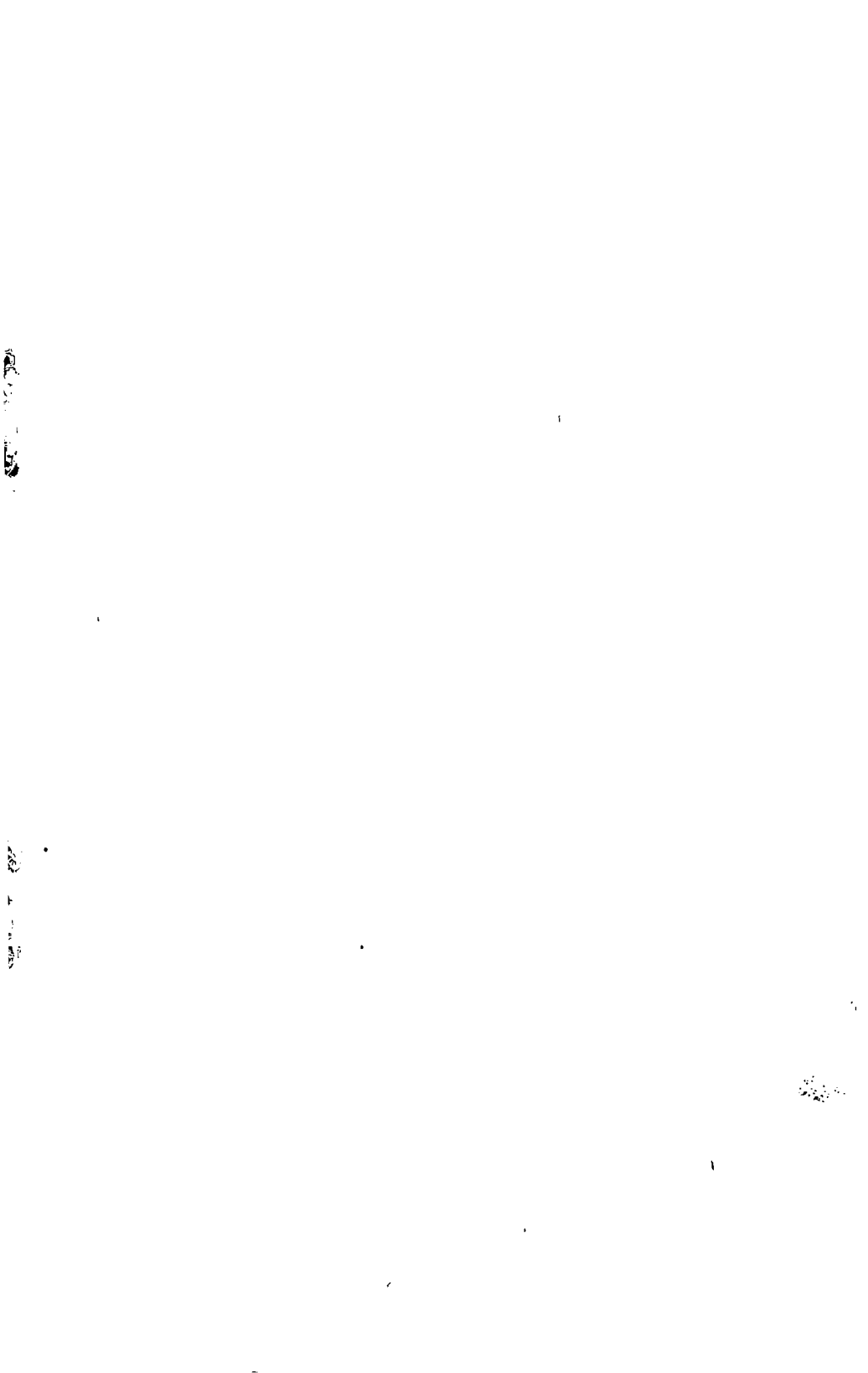
The Annual fixture with the School was played on February 6th when the Old Boys managed to check the School's winning sequence. It is hoped to play a return evening match towards the end of the season.

It is to be hoped that the Old Boys' Association may soon be able to rent a ground for its sporting activities as suggested in the December Magazine of 1930. With a healthy Soccer Club, this should now be a strong possibility, and additional income from cricket and tennis should do much to ease the financial strain of such a venture.

In conclusion we are this year again indebted to the Headmaster, Mr. Treßeder, Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Austin, as officers of the Club, and for the many ways in which they continue to assist the Club, and to these gentlemen we tender our best thanks.

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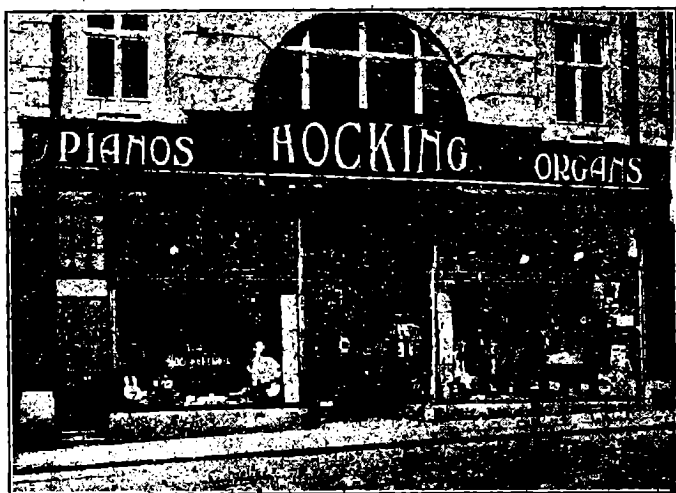
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