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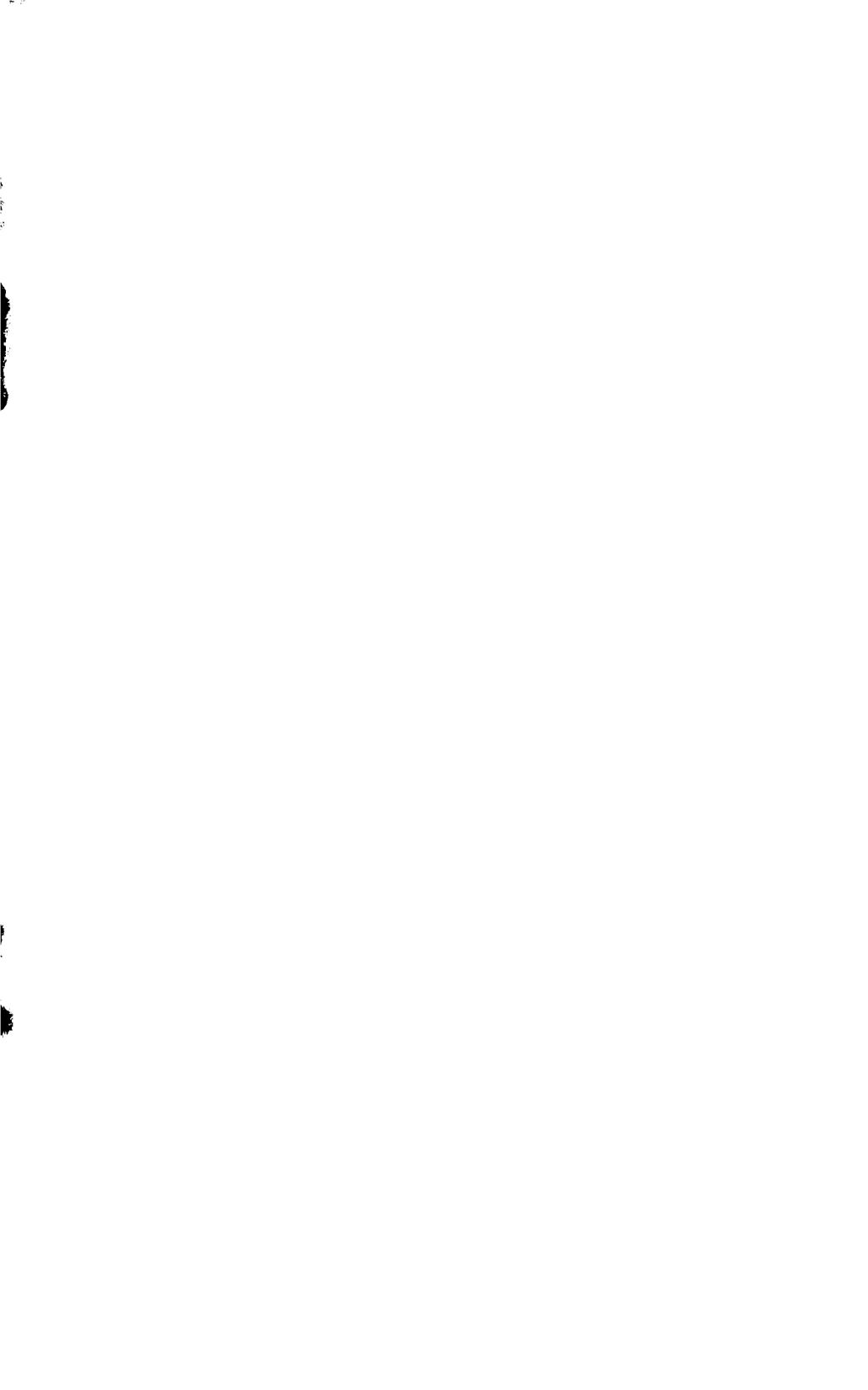
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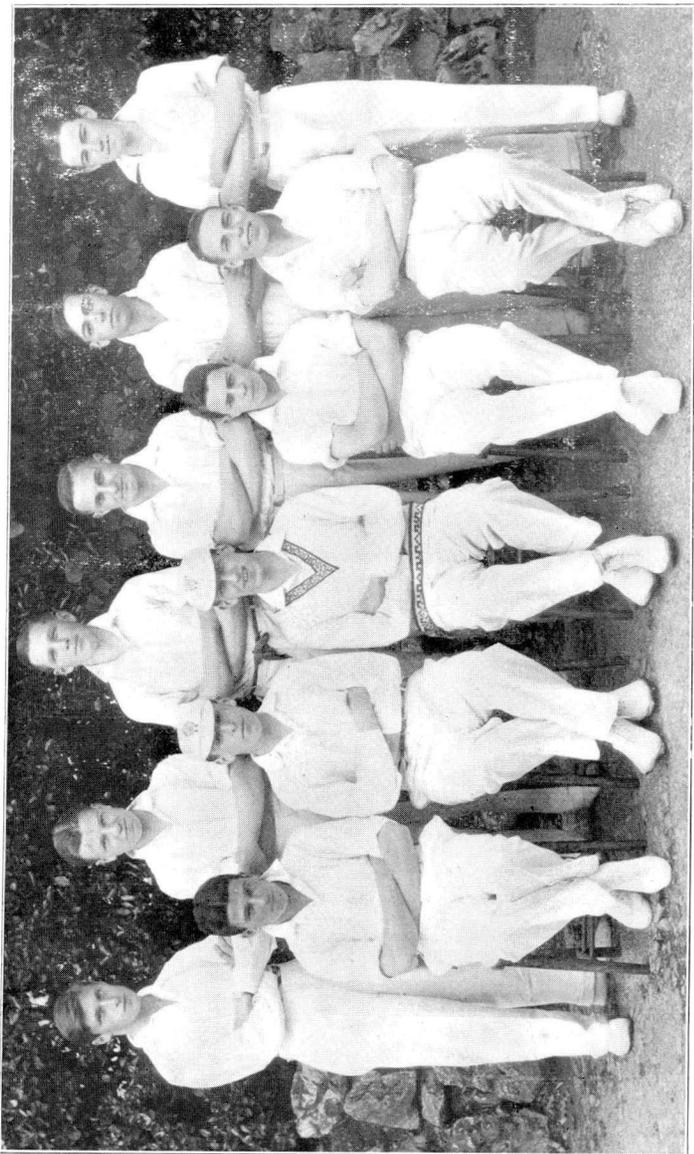
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G. A. JENKING; L. F. HODGE; E. W. R. WARN (*Vice-Capt.*); W. R. WINGATE (*Capt.*);
J. H. FRANCIS (*Sec.*); W. A. RICKARD (*Com.*).

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Editorial.

As this Magazine is primarily intended for those who are undergoing the process of being educated, perhaps this initial page could well be devoted to an inquiry into what education is.

In the first place education will be seen to occupy a prominent place in the expenditure of nations.

What can this education be that such a value should be set on it? There are many points from which the answer can be viewed.

As an example let us take the opinion held by certain parents who look upon school as a place which helps their boys to "get on." Education to them is but a system which discriminates between boys of differing types—and they hope that their boy will be of the type to which education allots the best comforts and the most lucrative posts in after life.

But surely this cannot be the education for which England is yearly expending increasingly large sums of money. After all there must be some other equally satisfactory and less expensive system for allotting the nation's employment amongst the nation's subjects. Indeed many people suggest a form of vocational training as a suitable alternative, but to our mind a smattering of several trades can no more reveal a boy's aptitude or merit than can the solving of cross-word puzzles!

No, England must be trying to do something more than merely apportioning the nation's wealth amongst her people. Her present expenditure can only be warranted so long as she benefits both the preferred and the rejected; and what greater benefit can she confer on anyone than that of endowing them with the ability to think,—clearly and reasonably.

Pascal declared that it was the faculty of thought alone that marked man as a being superior to mere animals. We are confident that it is this faculty of thought which the educational system of England strives to develop, for what greater asset can any nation have than a community of clear-thinking citizens.

Bacon compared the educating of a child to the spreading of fire, for both have first to be kindled and fanned and then they proceed of their own accord.

Many fellows,—and teachers—must feel that the fanning operation takes a long time ; but patience is one of life's disciplines for both the fanner and the fanned.



Editorial Notes.

The Editors wish to thank those who have contributed to this Magazine, including those whose contributions it has been impossible to incorporate in the present edition owing to lack of space. The following have submitted contributions to the present issue :—

Ash, Charles, Denyer, Hawke, MacLaren, Wakely, Warn, Whitmarsh (all from the Sixth) ; Chambers and Hannaford (5c) ; Lawlor and Oliver (4a) ; Halloran and March (4b) ; Semmens (3a) ; Edwards (3b).

In response to our appeal for letters from the Staff, we are pleased to be able to announce that one contribution has been received. It will be found under the Howler section.



The Editors would like to extend on behalf of the Staff and boys, a very hearty welcome to Mr. Marwood.

All wish that his appointment were permanent instead of temporary.



The School will be sorry to know that Mr. Palmer, who for 13 years has been an assistant master at D.H.S., will be retiring at the end of this term. On behalf of the Staff and pupils we wish him the long and happy retirement he has earned, after so many years of hard and fruitful work at our School.



Correspondence.

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

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

Sir,

It has been with growing alarm that I have noticed how junior our juniors are generally. What I mean to convey is that fellows seem to be pouring into the school at a tenderer age than of yore. When I entered the School I was, of course, straightway recognised as a person of some considerable importance and consequence. To-day, however, the lower forms seem composed of tots so little that surely I could never have, in my extremest youth, been such an one?

In support of my conviction, I would mention that certain school authorities seem to agree with me. You see, I started life in the school in the third form, but indeed, the standard of juniors must have sadly fallen off, for two years afterwards the powers-that-be realised that new recruits were no longer worthy of such initial distinction and so their form was re-christened the second. This was not to be the end of our troubles, however, for on returning to school this term I soon discovered with horror that juniors only merited entrance to a 'first' form.

The Sixth has however managed to uphold its name, no doubt owing to the presence of myself and other high-souled heroes, but, inasmuch as I do not want to witness a return to the old preparatory forms, I would discourage any further deterioration amongst juniors.

Yours, etc.,

An Alarmed Reader.

(Don't worry; try a slimming course for the head.—*Editor*)



Sir,

For some years now it has been the custom, and shall I say, the privilege of the Vith form to hold an annual concert—the expenses of which are borne by the sixth formers themselves, solely for the enjoyment of the evening—there being no material benefit derived.

Surprising as it may seem there is undoubtedly talent, and certainly a great amount of interest displayed at these affairs. Could it not be possible, therefore, on the basis of these concerts to inaugurate a School Dramatic Society to hold annual *public* entertainments in a recognised hall such as the Globe Theatre, the proceeds of which could be given to any local deserving cause.

If possible, I should very much like to hear the opinions of others, especially of those in authority.

Yours, etc.,

C.J.A.

Sir,

A custom has recently sprung up among the lower forms of arranging, on their own initiative, matches with other schools, a practice which all thinking readers must condemn. There are already many juniors who have little opportunity of getting a game, because they are not quite good enough for even their own form XI, and with the recognised school teams often using three of the four pitches on one afternoon it is not fair that such juniors' chances for healthy recreation should be still further curtailed by yet more teams from other schools monopolising Montpelier on the rare occasions the weather permits us to use it. Junior form matches are primarily intended to provide games for all boys of D.H.S., no matter what their football skill, and I fervently hope that the Sports Master will put a stop to the pernicious system mentioned above.

Sienarf.



Sir,

I feel I must make some mention of the School's all pervading, aye—enduring topic—namely our gymnasium. Really a chart registering the rise and fall of our hopes for seeing our dream realised, would reveal a very undulating course in the last few years. A turning point was undoubtedly reached last Easter term when all the School fondly believed that sundry planks presaged a coming gym. Alas! Weeks—nay months—have passed since then, and so have the planks and our hopes.

However, inasmuch as I realise that these few steps were made towards a gym. following on a systematic appeal in past magazines, I would like to offer this as a reminder to the powers—that-be that we would appreciate a more material semblance of a gym.

Yours, etc.,

"*The Dumps*," *Devonport.*

Down.



School Societies.

The amended list of school officers is as follows:—

PREFECTS—J. H. Francis (Senior Prefect), H. M. Blewett, F. G. Charles, R. H. Coombes, I. D. Finner, L. A. Frayn, H. Garland, F. Hill, F. E. Johnson, F. W. J. Lawrance, E. J. Loder, J. L. MacLaren, C. C. Mill, L. S. Mills, R. W. Noad, E. A. Pearn, F. G. H. Richards, S. C. Slade, W. J. Wakely, R. S. Ware, E. W. R. Warn, W. S. Watson, H. W. J. Whitmarsh.

SPORTS COMMITTEE—The Masters and Prefects.

SUB-PREFECTS—W. P. Bowden, R. J. Davison, R. J. Harris
H. A. Prior, K. C. Thomas.

HOUSE CAPTAINS—"Drake," J. L. MacLaren; "Gilbert,"
W. J. Wakely; "Grenville," C. C. Mill; "Raleigh," J. H.
Francis.

1st XI. (Soccer)—*Captain*, E. A. Pearn; *Vice-Captain*, W. J.
Pepperell; *Secretary*, J. H. Francis.

1st XV.—*Captain*, E. W. R. Warn; *Vice-Captain*, C. C. Mill;
Secretary, W. J. Wakely.

1st XI. (Hockey)—*Captain*, C. J. Ash; *Vice-Captain*, J. L.
MacLaren; *Secretary*, R. J. Davison.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY—*Chairman*, the Senior
Prefect; *Secretary*, W. S. Watson.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE—*Chairman*, the Senior Prefect; *Secretary*,
W. J. Wakely; *Committee*, E. J. Loder, R. S. Ware, E. A.
Pearn.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION—*President*, The Headmaster;
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C. E. Gill, Esq.; *London Branch Secretary*, A. T. Brooks, Esq.



Here Truth is Spoken.

Napoleon was a cannibal; he kept up the strength of his army
with raw recruits.

Corps diplomatique means shamming dead.

Columbus cursed about the Atlantic for seventy days.

Guerilla warfare means when the sides get up to monkey tricks.

Three shots rang out; two men fell dead, the other went through
his hat.

Roman ships were mostly triremes, quarentines and quinines.
Every morning dad waves his arms to stretch his abominable
muscles.

A dead man is a corps and a dead woman a corpse.

Who would be a science man? The present section were told to
take certain chapters for homework together with arsenic.



Praefecti Valet.

J. R. BURROWS—Entered school, September, 1924; appointed
prefect, September, 1930; Entered University College of
S.W., Exeter.

- J. H. CHAFF—Entered school, September, 1923; appointed prefect, September 1928; Senior Prefect, Chairman Literary and Debating Society, Half-Colours Assn. Football, Captain of Tennis, 1930-31. House Captain, Drake, 1930-31. Entered University College of S.W.
- F. W. KELLAWAY—Entered school, September, 1923; appointed Prefect, September, 1929. Vice-Captain and Half-Colours Hockey, 1930-31. Entered Reading University.
- C. B. O'CARROLL—Entered school, September, 1924; appointed prefect, September, 1930. Vice-Captain and Full Colours Rugby Football, 1930-31. House Captain, Grenville, 1930-31. Entered St. Mary's Training College.
- T. B. PEARN—Entered school, April, 1920; appointed prefect September, 1929. Secretary of the Literary and Debating Society, 1930-31. Editor of Magazine, 1930-31. Entered University College of the S.W.
- W. A. RICKARD—Entered school, September, 1924; appointed prefect, September, 1929; Entered Plymouth Technical College.
- J. E. S. STONE—Entered school, September, 1919; appointed prefect, September, 1930; Captain and Full Colours Rugby Football, 1930-31; Victor Ludorum, 1931. Entered Sandhurst
- G. H. WARNE—Entered school, September, 1924; appointed prefect, September, 1930. Entered University College of the S.W.
- W. R. WINGATE—Entered school, December, 1924; appointed prefect, September, 1930. Captain and Full Colours both of Assn. Football and Cricket, 1930-31. Victor Ludorum, 1929. Is now being trained to become an optician.
- K. T. M. A. WINTLE—Entered school, September, 1925; appointed prefect, September, 1930. Entered University College of the S.W.



En Passant

We heartily congratulate:

J. E. S. Stone, on his success in the recent examination for Sandhurst.

H. Garland, J. MacLaren, C. C. Mill, L. S. Mills, F. G. Richards, S. C. Slade, W. J. Wakely, F. Hill and W. S. Watson, on their success in the London University Higher School Certificate Examination. The first seven of the above obtained exemption from the Inter. B.Sc. Examination of London University.

J. H. Francis, on his success in the Oxford Higher School Examination.

F. Rowe, W. G. Francis, W. D. Naish, A. J. Herridge, on their success in the Civil Service Junior Clerkships Examination.

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

J. W. Cockburn, W. G. Francis and **L. F. Hodge**, on being awarded Cricket Caps.

We congratulate all the Old Boys who obtained success during the past year, especially :—

N. A. J. Bright—B.Sc., with 2nd Class Honours in Chemistry (University of London).

R. H. Clements—1st Class Mathematical Moderations (University of Oxford).

S. M. R. Gibson—Open Competition for the Customs and Excise Service.

G. E. Harding—Member of Institute of Radiographers.

E. O. Jewell—Open Competition for the Customs and Excise.

A. H. C. Lee—B.A., with 1st Class Honours in Physics (University of Oxford).

G. Marwood—B.Sc. (General Pass) (University of London).

C. H. Morgan—B.Sc., 1 at Class Honours in Physics (University of Reading), and Open Competition for Appointment in H.M. Patent Office.

R. G. Trevithick—M.A. and LL.B. (with distinction) (University of Glasgow).

L. J. Yarrell—Passed Examination for Member of the Pharmaceutical Society.



A Second Hand Book Stall.

There is an air of mustiness about a second-hand book stall. It is personified all around, in cheap little novels and in massive, bound volumes. The outer world is shut off ; this is a quiet retreat, where the works of dead and gone authors who have gripped the world rub shoulders with the small editions of modern crime-story exploiters.

A small man is in charge : he is always small, and somehow furtive. An explanation of a desire to 'look over' the books is sufficient. Our proprietor retires, and leaves us with the countless thoughts of many ages, each enshrined through the same great medium—the Press.

One small book attracts the attention ; it is black, with gilt edges : " A Tale of Two Cities." We lay it down. What memories it recalls ! Between those two walls of board Defarge is still plotting, his wife still brooding, France still hovering, waiting to push the hated Aristocracy over the brink on which they are tottering ! Jacques

A larger book comes to hand. It is a tale of heroism, of human daring and accomplishment at the ends of the earth. It is called " South with Scott." Its foreword, we find, contains those inspiring words " To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield ! " A book of inspiration, this.

At random, along the shelves, a battered novel makes its appearance. But its theme is tender. It tells of the gentle romance of a maiden, of loving trust, and terrible disillusionment. We have our heroine, forsaken, unloved, and broken in spirit in the last episode.

That story would have impressed the stoniest heart.

Comedy, tragedy ; books of learning, books of laughter ; levity and gravity are jumbled together with no attempt at discrimination. But we like it ! One never knows what is coming next !

On the flyleaf of a bound and grained tome, propounding the more exclusive theorems of hydrostatics, a faded scrawl is legible. Peering at it, its meaning becomes clear : " To my dear friend, Theodore, from Henry."

We can picture it.

A young student, working for a degree, in Science. A walk with his friend, Henry, in a more select quarter of the town, and the book is noticed, perhaps mentioned, idly, by the student, but with a hint of desire in his voice. His friend determines to give his fellow-student a gift which he knows to be welcome, and—there you are.

But this is all conjecture, and we drop our idle thoughts with the object of them.

A book has not yet been selected. Come, then, what's this ?

' This ' appears as the yarn of an old pioneer, by name, Baden-Powell. ' The Adventures of a Spy ' contain many a thrill, and we determine that book is not to be left behind when we leave.

Rudyard Kipling is on the counter. " For East is East . . . " jumps from the newly-opened pages. Cannon and musket roar, blood is splashed, great deeds are done, right through the rapidly closing pages, and, although it appeals to us, we toss it aside regretfully enough.

little work to do, and has had very little difficulty in doing it. In the 2nd XV., Dolton, Legg, Coles and Sammels have made the outside play very strong. Legg and Coles continue to replace one another from in the 1st XV. Garner, who is big for his age, is the outstanding forward and seems to be sure of a place in the 1st XV. next season.

Among the Colts, who have played 2 and lost one, there are some very promising youngsters. If the Colts will take Rigger seriously we shall have no fear for the 1st XV. in future years. Peter, Robbins, H. Bryant, Healy, Billing, Cory, Waycott, are useful members of the team.

We thank Mr. Austin, who has now resigned the Games Mastership, for the help which he has given us ever since we started (five seasons ago), and for his continued support. We also thank Mr. O'Connor for giving up his half-days to referee our matches.

Officials :—

Captain : E. W. R. Warn.

Vice-Captain : C. C. Mill.

Secretary : W. J. Wakely.

Committee : E. J. Loder, F. E. Johnson,
H. A. Cavanagh.

Captain, 2nd XV. : H. J. Sammels.

Team :

1st XV.

			Jones			
	Richards	Ware	Warn	Legg or Coles		
		Orchard	Mill			
Johnson	Bowden	Cockburn	Loder	Cavanagh	Dark	
		Brenton	Wakely			

2nd XV.

			Dolton			
	Willcocks	Legg or Coles	Trebilcock	Williams		
		Pawley	Sammels			
Garner	Smith	Garland	MacLaren	Brenton (ii)	Hammick	
		Mills	Hyland or Chaffe			

COLTS XV.

			Robbins			
	James	Billing	Holmes	Cory		
		Healy	Bryant (H.)			
Roberts	Peter	Routleff	Waycott	Hurden	Chicken	
		Morey	Bryant (G.)			

The following have also played :— Kirk, Osborne, Bond, Every, Ridley, Shakespeare, Starks, Hyland, Garner.

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forwards are all clever and penetrating, Every, Morrell and Cory being outstanding. The quality of junior form matches is extremely high and with such talent in the school as Halloran (ii), Miskelly, Rickard (S.), etc., we need fear no qualms as regards the future of Soccer. The teams and performances are:—

Chambers

1st XI. Lake Pearn (*Capt.*)
 Babbage Pepperell Finner
 Smeeton Hawkins Francis Halloran Mitchell
 Cottle, Hutchings, Truscott, have also played.

2nd XI.

Hawke (*Capt.*)

Hannaford Rowe

Brown Grant Hutchings Slade
 Nicholas Cottle Truscott Hawken

3rd XI.

Wyatt

Morgan Miskelly

Rogers Luckraft Luxton (*Capt.*) March (or Chicken)
 Every Morrell Cory Westcott

		<i>Goals</i>					
		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XI.	..	7	1	3	3	16	24
2nd XI.	..	6	2	0	4	19	29
3rd XI.	..	6	6	0	0	35	11



HOCKEY.

Captain : C. J. Ash.

Vice-Captain : J. L. MacLaren.

Secretary : R. F. J. Davison.

Unfortunately I have to report a slight lowering of our standard of play as compared with that of last season. This is principally due to the loss of such enthusiastic players as Jenking, Le Bailly and Kellaway, who, together with a few of us who remain, formed the nucleus of the present School Hockey Club. The loss of such players proves a far greater handicap to hockey than it would to either of the other recognised sports as there is a dearth of seniors to take their places—the majority of them having already decided upon rugby or soccer.

Against this however can be shown a great increase of enthusiasm among the juniors, several of whom show considerable promise, the following—Bowden, Tull, Dickenson, Burrige, Sutton

and Salter—deserving special mention. In order to maintain their interest we are endeavouring to institute a junior school team which, if their present standard of playing continues, should prove a great success.

By the time this is in print our first match will have been played, but up to the present we have confined ourselves to practising, in order to build up a team fit to cope with next term's full fixture list ; at the conclusion of which I hope to be able to report considerable improvement.

C. J. Ash.



TENNIS.

The Club continued its usual activities this season, being supported by a greater number of members than in former years.

The Tournament was successfully concluded this year, *Hill* winning the Singles against *Kellaway*, and *Chaff* and *Hill* in the Doubles against *Richard* and *Kellaway* ; the victors in each case won in three straight sets.

The Committee are grateful for the playing facilities granted by the Education Authority during the Easter and Summer vacation.

J. H. Chaff (Captain.).



House Reports.

DRAKE HOUSE REPORT.

The Drake teams this term have done very creditably, securing up to date, 13 points out of a possible 18, which means that out of the nine matches so far played only one has been lost and three drawn.

In spite of the fact that several senior members have left viz., Stone (the ubiquitous full back), Chapman, Greet, Haydon and Dennis from the Rucker team and Chaff, Luke, Sparke and Bennett from the soccer team, the senior teams have not been seriously weakened, while the fact that many erstwhile juniors are now over age does not seem to have impaired the junior teams in any way.

Such members as Loder, Orchard, Bowden, Smith (H.), Brenton (2), and Garner are the backbone of this season's senior rucker team while Pepperell, Mitchell, Orchard, Hawke and Hutchings are the leading lights in the senior soccer team.

The juniors are still keeping up their good record both in rugger and soccer, having, out of the five matches played so far, won four and drawn one. The most pleasing thing about the Juniors is their versatility. The soccer XI., with one exception, plus five men, constitutes the rugger XV., and praise is due to Every, Cory, Gardner Tovell, James, Holmes, Morey, Shakespeare, and especially to the newcomer, Harris (Ic.), in their double rôles.

Cricket seems to be Drake's weak point. In the last season, in spite of Stone and Kellaway in the seniors and the usual keenness of the juniors, only 9 per cent. was obtained.

In the Annual Sports, however, Drake was well to the fore, Stone being first home in the senior cross-country and also senior champion.

Let us hope that the enthusiasm and keenness of both seniors and juniors will be maintained during the following year.

J. L. MacLaren, House Captain



GILBERT HOUSE REPORT.

Owing to such a marked lack of success, it seems hardly necessary to report on the activities of Gilbert House since the last issue of the Magazine. The three chief items of interest, however, are the Sports, Cricket, and this term's Football, in all of which, with the possible exception of the first-named, Gilbert House has fared consistently badly. It may be pointed out that the House has only three members in V. Upper Arts and none in V. Upper Science, which considerably restricts the selection of Senior teams; the result is that Senior Rugger matches have had to be scratched through sheer inability to field fifteen Seniors all on the same afternoon who are both willing and able to play. Unfortunately, some people are willing to play and are not able, whilst, which is far more lamentable, some are able to play, but are not willing.

We were unfortunate in losing Rickard, Herridge, Hodge, Hamley, and Endacott at the end of the School Year, and their places have not been successfully filled. Hannaford must be congratulated on winning the Junior Championship in the Sports, in which he proved himself to be a useful all-rounder. Considering this Season's Football, so far, Lark, although still a Junior, has done exceedingly well in goal for the Seniors; he finds that in Senior football he is at a disadvantage owing to his size, but some of his saves have been almost heroic. Morrell and Westcott are two other Juniors who have played Senior Soccer and have proved their worth.

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An interesting point was raised at the close of the address, concerning the administration of justice amongst the blacks, for, as the questioner pointed out, the threat of capital punishment can have little terror for those who hold life cheaply. Mr. Hughes was able to assure his audience however, that there was no need to resort to torture in South Africa, and that, while the natives might be given to indulge in the murder of others somewhat light-heartedly, they set a sufficiently high value on their own life, to afford capital punishment the required deterrent effect.

The Headmaster thanked Mr. Hughes for his most enjoyable address, and the boys showed their gratitude by an enthusiastic round of applause.



Literary and Debating Society.

Secretary's Report.

Since our last report the Society has been favoured with several addresses by Mr. Lockwood.

On Monday, June 1st, the address took the form of readings from different modern plays and short stories.

On Monday, September 14th, the officers for the coming year were appointed. This was followed by an address by Mr. Lockwood on the development of the drama from earliest times.

The subject of an address on Monday, October 5th, was the freedom of the Elizabethan drama compared with that of the present day, while on October 26th, the subject was the development of the comedy.

The House has also met for several debates. On Monday, September 28th, the subject of the discussion was 'that this house is of the opinion that the novel has an educational value.' The speakers for were *Messrs. Pearn* and *Ash*; the opposition was upheld by *Mr. Hawke* alone, owing to the absence of *Mr. Wakely*. The motion was carried by 22 votes to 2.

The subject on October 19th was that 'the present economic crisis calls for the abolition of the Free Trade Policy, and the substitution of Protectionist measures.' After an enthusiastic debate, wherein the subject was proposed by *Messrs. Frayn* and *Finner*, and opposed by *Messrs. Warn* and *Pritchard*, the motion was defeated by 15 votes to 14.

The last debate was held on November 16th, the subject being 'that this House approves of an alteration in the present

educational system.' *Mr. Blewett* opened the debate, the opposition being led by *Mr. Wakely*. The seconders were *Messrs. Lawrance* and *Ware*. After a discussion in which all joined freely, the motion was defeated by 14 votes to 11.



The Man from Madagascar.

Dear readers (it's just as well to begin affectionately),

I am going to amuse, delight, entrance, entertain, disgust, bore, peeve (cross out those not required) you by telling you a short story, written by myself. It is entitled "The Man from—from,—wait till I look it up,—Madagascar." This story, i.e., "The Man from Madagascar," is a short story about a man who came from Madagascar, Madagascar being a little place near—er, that is, just outside—er, not far from—well, anyway it deals with a man from Madagascar. Now this man from Madagascar was a—er, he was a—well, he came from Madagascar. All clear so far? Right. Now this story "The Man from Malaga" (one impertinent reader; Madagascar, Mr. Author, Madagascar)—sorry, George, Madagascar, deals with a—but I've already told you what it deals with.

This is the story—oh, by the way, have you tried this recipe for motoring chocolate? I saw it in a *Worstway Cooking Book*. The formula (if such things are analysable) is PQR_2O_{87} , where P is cocoa or chocolate (powder), Q is soap, Plaster of Paris, dough or cement, R. is dog-biscuits, rat-poison or toothpaste, and O is sand. Take selected ingredients in proportion indicated in formula, mix well together, wash with a dilute solution of waterglass, put into an oven and dry kiln it for a year. Cool, cut into cubes, sprinkle with cayenne pepper and take one every four hours when motoring. The result is astonishing. In larger quantities may be used for crazy-paving or grindstones. (It was rumoured that the Germans used this in their shrapnel towards the end of the war but the authenticity of this statement is doubtful).

Now where was I? I seem to remember something about a story (699 angry readers: Yes, "The Man from Madagascar!") Oh, yes, "The Man from Madagascar." Well, here goes:

"It was a dark and dirty night, and the ship was sinking fast, the sailors—no, that's wrong. Just a minute till I find the right one. Ah, here we are, "The Man from Manchuria," Methuen and Simpson, 7/6. (699 raving readers: "Madagascar, Madagascar, Mada—!"). Madagascar? Who's talking about Madagascar? Never heard of the place before. (525 stunned readers, the rest having died of heart failure: "You were! you were! you were!"). Oh, all right, Madagascar it will be, though, mind you, I never mentioned anything about Madagascar.

Here's the story : One dark and starless night a man stumbled a long the road ; the light from the moon showed—(487 hair-tearing readers, more deaths having occured from heart failure : What ! the moon out on a dark and starless night ! Good heavens, man, you're crazy !). "The Moon" was the name of the pub., you blithering idiots ! Look here, you readers, if you think you're going to trip me up you're mistaken. Here am I, a peaceful citizen (cries of anguish from readers) trying my best to tell you the story of the Man from Manchester and every time I open my mouth you put your feet in it (figuratively, of course !). (97 hairless readers, brandishing revolvers and sawn-off shot-guns : We—want—The—Man—from—Madagascar !). Oh, very well, but don't start chipping in.

By the way, here's another recipe, this time for cheese. It is called Capone Cheese and is guaranteed to kill at a hundred yards. You take—(53 desperate, red-seeing readers : You'll take the primrose path in a minute if you don't give us the **Man from Madagascar** !) Yes, yes, but it's so short—(Readers : so's life !), I thought you would like to—(Bang ! bang ! bang !)—"The Man from Madagascar" one dark and starless night a man stumbled along the road (the light from "The Moon" showed up his pale and careworn face and his ragged clothes) he looked longingly in through the window (pause for breath) and gazed enviously at mugs of beer. Who was this man (another pause) he was the Man from Massachusettes ! he had walked all—where have all the readers gone ? Oh well, it's very bad form to die off like that. Well, seeing there are no readers left and I'm left to myself I'm going to start a story. It will be called "The Man from Madagascar."

J.L.M.



The School Concert.

Secretary's Report.

The Literary and Debating Society gave its annual concert in St. Michael's Memorial Hall on March 28th, 1931. It was well attended and generally voted the most successful to date. The plays were performed by the two Upper Fifths with marked success.

The Headmaster in his speech at the conclusion congratulated all those concerned, commenting on the team work necessary to gain such a result.

The Secretary, *Mr. T. B. Pearn*, thanked the Headmaster and *Mr. Lockwood* for their help, and said he especially wished to thank *Mr. Hulchings* for the magnificent way in which he had helped, especially in the 'choral' work.



The Sixth Form Social Committee.

Chairman : The Senior Prefect.

Secretary : W. J. Wakely.

Committee : C. J. Loder, F. A. Pearn, R. S. Ware.

The Annual Sixth Form Dance will be held at the Mutley Assembly Rooms on Wednesday, 23rd December, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. It is hoped that this dance will be supported even more enthusiastically by both present and past Sixth-Formers than those in the past, so that its success, both socially and financially, may be in no doubt. Tickets, at 4/- double and 2/6 single, may be obtained through any member of the Committee, or direct from the Secretary, 17 Boringdon Terrace, Billacombe, Plymstock.

W. J. Wakely.



One of our Old Boys, Mr. C. B. O'Carroll, who has now entered St. Mary's Training College, Twickenham, has kindly taken the trouble to write us the following letter, describing the enjoyable times the fellows have there. We print it, trusting that it will be of interest to our readers:—

“The first event of importance, after the ‘Initiation’ of the Juniors was the Soccer match, Simmaries v. Boro’,* at home. This took place on the 21st October, a Wednesday. Boro’ arrived *en masse* at 2-30 p.m., accompanied by three drums and made a pompous entry. As to the match itself—well Simmaries won by 5—0, helped, no doubt, by the vocal support of the rest of the College, some two hundred strong.

Simmaries was in high spirits by the end of the game; and when we saw Boro’ ‘whaling’ our touch-flags, we were annoyed.

The players having retired to the dressing rooms, Boro’ formed up, and to the beating of drums began a dignified withdrawal from Simmaries, but, mark you, waving *our* touch-flags.

No true Simmarian would take such an insult! We didn’t. After a pitched battle, we recovered the flags, and one large drum intact, and two smaller ones in pieces! Boro’ beat a retreat without their drums, however.

In order to finish off such a hectic day, Simmaries marched in an orderly column to Richmond, where the top floor of Lyon’s had been reserved; on the way we sang the College songs, saluted ‘Pope’s Grotto’ the famous ‘pub’ at Twickenham, and serenaded the various policemen on point-duty.

He espied an old friend on the far side
 And began to run over the grass,
 "Come back off that lawn," several chaps cried,
 "You'll catch it, you silly young ass"

Great Scott, thought the boy ; more restriction !
 And he quickly came back off the patch,
 So he thought to prevent further friction
 He'd quietly stand by and watch.

He made for some slightly raised concrete,
 Which he saw at the end of the path,
 It only extended a few feet,
 And he hoped he would not incur wrath.

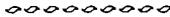
A master came up at the double,
 And ordered him off from his perch,
 And said if he gave further trouble
 He'd encounter the Headmaster's birch.

He mounted the steps to the playground,
 And endeavoured to join in a game,
 But still, before long he again found,
 He was banned from this part just the same.

He walked round the path to the far side,
 And promptly got ordered from there,
 "That's reserved for sixth-formers," they all cried,
 So he gave the thing up in despair.

Later on he needed no warning,
 For he soon learnt the rules of the school,
 But he never forgot that first morning,
 When he felt such a silly young fool.

Sixarts.



The Glories (?) of the Open Road.

You may, or may not, have heard of a word which seems to have crept into the English language. It has been spoken in Durham and in Devon, it has been whispered from Snowden to Southampton (No. ! ! not MacDonal), it has been given prominence in every part of Britain, except in Scotland, where the natives object to giving anything. The word, dear reader (if any), is the verb "to hike," and I am going to try and extol the glories of "hiking." You will probably tell me that this is unseasonable ; Oh, dear, no !

We'll be hiking all right when our roads are snow and ice bound and our excellent transport services are non-existent. So, Here goes !

The true hiker has many attributes, also he has a pair of shorts, a shirt, and a pair of large, expansive brown shoes. Why large shoes, you ask ? I will explain. After the hiker has walked many, many miles, and has not reached the tavern of his dreams, he goes to sleep standing up, and the shoes serve the double purpose of maintaining his balance, and of warding off anyone who might otherwise walk n to him.

We will consider the routine of a hike, or, if you prefer it, a tramp. The hiker procures a large pack, into which he stows a bell-tent, or, preferably, a marquee, also three or four blankets, a groundsheet, cooking, eating, and various other utensils. These usually weigh anything from three to five tons, so the hiker puts the pack on his back, and, having grasped a stout cudgel, he says " Good-bye " to his few friends and to the three thousand two hundred and fifty small children who have assembled to bid him " Bon Voyage," and sets off reciting the poem of Browning's (?) which goes thus :—" *If I should die think only this of me* " Meanwhile, the handful of small children who have seen him off, have fallen in behind him in fours, and they make a gallant array as they follow him to the outskirts of the town.

The first people he meets are two small urchins, who look intently at him, and one of whom says : " Caw ! Bill, look at 'is dirty knees," while the hiker moves on furious to think that he has wasted precious time with emery and soft soap. As he continues, he meets a farm-worker, who eyes him suspiciously, and bidding him " Good-Morning " passes by on the other side of the road.

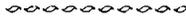
Meanwhile, lunch-time has arrived, so he produces from his pocket a bar of Brown-tree's divided chocolate, which, as you know, breaks so easily into eight sections. So he divides the bar into eight pieces and eats them at intervals of a minute. By now he has an interested audience, consisting of a tramp, who disapproves of the young man's profanation of the profession, the ubiquitous small boy chewing a green, hard apple (stolen), a little girl who is imitating the hiker with her after-lunch Spearmint, and a Heinz terrier, who is giving the population of his coat a pretty hectic five minutes.

As the hiker moves on his way, there smites his ear the sound of the sweet music of child voices singing a song, which, judging by its antiquity, was probably sung by the Greeks as they marched to the destruction of Troy. This song suggests that the singer is never more contented than when he is hiking along the by ways of Merrie-Englande. As tea-time approaches, the hiker hears this song for the sixty-ninth time ; he indulges in murderous thoughts, and then wends his way to the nearest hostelry, where he has a slight snack of ham, eggs, bacon, beer, and so forth, when it strikes him

that his feather-bed is much more comfortable than Mother Earth. Consequently he catches the next train home, and puts his hiking kit away till next year. When he returns to work he tells everybody that he has had a glorious hiking holiday.

Oh! I forgot to tell you that no hiker ever starts with a train and 'bus guide. Oh! dear!! No!!!

Little John.



D.H.S. Old Boy's Association.

President: The Headmaster.

General Secretary: Mr. H. Ferraro.

May we ask the assistance of all Members in the matter of keeping the Roll as up-to-date as possible. It would be a great help if any change of address were at once notified.

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The following changes of address have been notified. :—

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### HEADQUARTERS' NOTES.

*Hon. Secretary :* Mr. Cyril E. Gill,  
14 Haddington Road,  
Stoke, Devonport.  
(Phone 614.).

*Committee :* Messrs. C. F. Austin, W. E. Battrick,  
W. J. Ching, B. H. Chowen, E. E. Cock,  
E. R. Gordon, E. Hannam, E. Harris,  
H. Lockwood, P. J. Mowan, B. J. Rickard  
and L. H. T. Mowan.

The Annual Meeting was held at the School on July 17th and was attended by a fair number of Old Boys. The Secretary and Treasurer presented their report for the past year. The Secretary stated that the Association continued to grow and that the majority of the boys leaving school immediately became members. The question of the Annual Dinner was discussed and it was decided that a circular should be sent out to all members asking those who would attend the Dinner to notify their intention of doing so. This was done, but as only twelve affirmative replies were received, and as only two of these came from members outside the Committee, it was felt that the function did not appeal and the Committee decided that a Dinner should not be held this year.

An Old Boys' Association Football match against the School XI. will be played on Thursday, December 24th. Kick off 2-30 p.m. Will all those who wish to play please write me as soon as possible ?

*Cyril E. Gill.*

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LONDON BRANCH NOTES.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. A. T. Brooks,
80 Lewin Road,
Streatham, S.W.16.

Committee : Messrs. E. E. Cammack, M. J. Collier,
F. C. Olford and A. J. Swan.

The second fifteen has only won 3 games so far, but it is ably maintaining the good name borne by the 1st XV. It is still necessarily a XV. which must vary from week to week but it is pleasing to note that upwards of forty players play for the XV's, shewing that the club can call upon more than sufficient playing members for its activities.

As previously stated, expenses this season are very heavy and with this in mind a series of dances, which virtually form the life blood of the Club, will be held at regular intervals. There will probably be four of these functions, the suggested dates being as follows: December 2nd, 1931; January 20th; March 2nd; May 4th, 1932. These dates it will be noted are all Wednesdays and the venue in each case will most likely be the Devonport Guildhall. It is essential that enthusiastic support is forthcoming for these dances, and it is hoped that this year the O.B.'s will be well represented, accompanied by a goodly number of friends. Success must be ensured, as the Club's existence depends upon this financial increase to its funds. Arrangements for the first dance are now complete. It will be held on December 2nd (Wednesday), 1931, from 7-30—11-0 p.m., at the Devonport Guildhall. Tickets are now obtainable from the secretary and club members. This dance will most certainly be successful from a social point of view—help to make it equally successful from a financial aspect by giving it your whole-hearted support.

The Club has this year entered for two cups, which are contested on the "Knock-out" principle. These are the Lockie and Pedrick cups; the former will be contested by a representative team from the Club irrespective of age, the latter by an "under 19" XV. In each case the Old Boys' opening match for these cups will be against the corresponding teams of the St. Columba R.F.C. High hopes are entertained for at least one favourable result in these games. The finals in both cases will be held mid-way through April, 1932.

In conclusion the Club again extends a cordial welcome to prospective new members and hopes that its ranks will be still further augmented. Meanwhile, the Club continues to make steady progress. Now is the time, Old Boys, to enlist and help to maintain the Clubs already high reputation for sporting play and sporting comradeship.

L. H. T. Warren, Hon. Sec.

The following is a list of the season's Fixtures:—

<i>Date—1931</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>Result</i>
Sept. 5	.. Y.M.C.A. 2nd XV.	.. H	16 0
12	.. Kingsbridge	.. A	3 3
19	.. R.N.E. College	.. A	9 3
26	.. Old Suttonians	.. H	0 26

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>Result</i>
Oct.	3	.. Plympton .. ..	.. H	13 0
	10	.. Bere Alston .. ..	.. H	6 3
	17	.. Royal Naval Barracks .. ..	.. H	0 16
	24	.. Salcombe Reserves .. ..	.. A	0 3
Nov.	14	.. R.N.E. College .. ..	.. H	0 0
	21	.. Old Suttonians .. ..	.. A	0 11
	28	.. Royal Marines .. ..	.. A	0 22
Dec.	5	.. Rover Scouts .. ..	.. A	
	12	.. Y.M.C.A. 2nd XV. .. ..	.. A	
	19	.. Plymouth Albion Juniors .. ..	.. H	
	26	.. St. Columba .. ..	.. H	
1932				
Jan.	2	.. Old Suttonians A. .. ..	.. A	
	9	.. Bere Alston .. ..	.. A	
	16	.. St. Columba .. ..	.. A	
	23	.. Y.M.C.A. 2nd XV. .. ..	.. A	
	30	.. R.N.E. College .. ..	.. H	
Feb.	6	.. Old Public Oaks .. ..	.. A	
	13	.. Old Public Oaks .. ..	.. H	
	20	.. Devonport High School .. ..	.. H	
	27	.. Old Suttonians A. .. ..	.. H	
Mar.	5	.. Plymouth Argaum .. ..	.. A	
	12	.. Salcombe Reserves .. ..	.. A	
	19	.. Royal Naval Barracks .. ..	.. A	
	26	.. Plymouth Albion Juniors .. ..	.. A	
April	2	.. Salcombe Reserves .. ..	.. A	
	9	.. O.P.M.'s .. ..	.. A	
	16	.. Plympton .. ..	.. A	
	23	.. Royal Marines .. ..	.. H	

The Home Matches are played alternately at St. Budeaux and at Bullpoint. The St. Budeaux pitch is in the field adjoining the Chard Rd. 'Bus stop ('A' or 'H' bus) while the Bullpoint pitch is on the left of the Government road leading to the Officers' Quarters. All Home Matches kick-off at 3 p.m., with the exception of the last which begins at 2 p.m.



IN MEMORIAM.

On 16th July, Mr. G. M. Davis was called suddenly to his rest. He had been a member of the Staff of Devonport High School for eleven years. He was respected and esteemed by Staff and pupils alike. To his widow and those who mourn his loss, the Headmaster, Staff and pupils extend their deepest sympathy.

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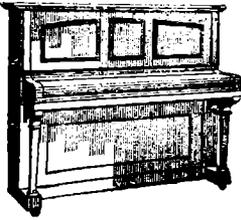
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