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## Editorial

A new feature of School life introduced this term is the Speech Contest, which took place immediately after half-term. The contest was designed to give each boy a chance to discover his histrionic abilities and prowess of speech, and to make the school speech-conscious. A little has been done previously by school societies, particularly in the Senior School, but it is the general standard of speech which should be improved.

Apart from the more utilitarian importance of a good manner of speech it is a great social virtue to be able to express oneself clearly and in a pleasant manner, and is, therefore, a source of happiness to the speaker. Conversation, as distinct from talk, demands a common means for the communication of ideas. Most discussion of art, music, drama or any cultural subject is only really enjoyed by those who are not conscious of any social inferiority due to an unpolished manner of speech. Naturally, perfection in speech should never be regarded as an end in itself; "elocution" sometimes produces a most unpleasant, insincere voice, which, though technically perfect, lacks all warmth and humanity. No two voices are alike and attempts to produce any stock pronunciation without regard for the *timbre* of the voice is doomed to failure.

The essential of a good speaking voice is clarity; the purpose of speech is the conveyance of ideas which cannot be achieved by a series of grunts. This is the main objection to dialect and semi-dialect.

A good speaking voice, though the most considerable, is not the only social grace. By the time a boy leaves school he should be able to talk, not only well but intelligently, and he should have the bearing and manners which are the essential complements to good speech.

Poise can be fostered in many ways at school : through physical education, through dramatics, or even through ballroom dancing, but the effort must be made by the boy himself. In the first stages self-consciousness is needed in order to control the appropriate muscles, and small faults easily arise ; after a while, however, a good carriage should become natural. A stiff person is nearly as awkward as one who slouches. A graceful carriage always create a good impression and, what is more, is a great source of the best kind of self-confidence.

Good manners are more the concern of a boy's parents than of his school, but school tradition can help to modify the manners of the scholars. Once a school is reputed to be considerate for others—such consideration being the essence of good manners—the new boys will follow suit. The reputation of the school is an advantage to each boy, both on leaving the school and when in company outside, but it is equally his responsibility to maintain it. The manners of the school are, to the outside world, the manners of the worst-behaved boy, and therefore everyone who wears the school uniform must jealously guard the school's good name.

Another interesting aspect of social life for which the school can prepare a boy has been recognised by the Education authorities in arranging for dancing classes. The accomplishment is not an end in itself : there is also the greater social ease which it gives. There should now be no need for the school to be ashamed of its demeanour when invited by other schools to social functions.

One thing which must not be forgotten is that, though speech training may teach a boy to talk, it cannot tell him what to talk about. The school societies which enable members of the school to talk intelligently on art, science or current affairs are, therefore, well worth attendance, and particularly in the Senior School there is need for more " culture " in the sense in which the word is used in the library catalogue—not in the Transatlantic sense.

The modern world, with its hurried materialism, needs more persons who can take advantage of the less material aspects of life—persons who can live graciously. Good table manners and table settings can make a feast of the most ordinary meal. Good conversation can become for any gathering an intellectual feast. Above all good breeding and good bearing can bring great happiness for him who has any idea of the real values of life. This is what is needed in the modern world. Anything which can relieve the tedium of modern life and, what is worse, the mediocrity of intellect of modern man is to be welcomed. Culture can prevent man from sinking to a general low level. To provide culture in this sense is one of the functions of the Grammar School ; it is not enough to be taught how to earn a living, we must be taught how to live.

## School Notes

In "Sartor Resartus" Thomas Carlyle wrote: "A second man I honour, and still more highly: Him who is seen toiling for the spiritually indispensable; not daily bread, but the bread of Life." And these words are applicable to some aspects of our school activity.

There is then a more human side to school life—sport, school societies, and personal contacts that foster those aspects of education which tend towards culture, character and the broader life. The school is humming with activities of all sorts, and much credit and our gratitude are due to the many masters who give their time and energies to this important out-of-school work. They know the value of these things. Do you?

To Mr. Jenkyns we give our best wishes on his recovery from an illness that deprived so many of us of his cheerful and unstinted help in the School Scout Troop and the other activities in which he has taken so quiet and effective a part. We hope that he may continue in good health for a long time.

That his illness would wreck the idea of a Scout camp at the end of the Summer Term seemed almost a certainty; but we had reckoned without Mr. C. Austin, who at the last moment gave up part of his holiday that the camp might be held. The School and the Scouts thank Mr. Austin very much for this and for the good work he has done and is doing for the Junior Scout Movement in the School.

We take, too, this opportunity of thanking Messrs. G. Cocks and M. Janes, both Old Boys of the School, for the generous and timely help they are giving to the School Scout Troop. The "Scout Log" which appears in this issue nearly didn't. There was a fear that the Master concerned had sent it to the Food Office. We can only guess what they would do with it.

There are some things that may be interesting, but are incomplete in theory. For this reason a Field Society has been formed to put into practice the theories studied in School. Activities will be organized so that geography and biology shall be complementary. Some idea of what the Society is doing and will do can be obtained from the article published in this issue.

Boys who are mechanically-minded—and who are not?—can now find satisfaction and useful activity in the newly-formed Meccano Club, an account of whose activities appears in this issue. Mr. Quarterman will welcome sets or parts of sets for which you may have no more use. We note that in the Club Notes there is more than a hint of really wide activities. Good luck to them.

At the end of last term a school party with three masters did what was called "a French Trek." An account of it is published in this issue. Should you wish to know more of the art of travelling light Mr. May will be glad to supply all details.

Congratulations to G. P. Nuttall of Six Arts upon the splendid work he has put into the planting of flowers and making of seed beds in the school grounds, and not least for the two guineas raised from the sale of surplus plants. This money has been devoted to the purchase of tools.

School societies are so numerous and virile that in future there will be little if any room for literary articles in this magazine. Fortunately "New Writing" will give you all the scope you need.

There is now a permanent stage in the School Hall, adding greatly to the essential dignity of assemblies, which are an important part of the corporate life of the school. A good start to a day is half the battle; a dignified start is a fillip to the pride of every boy present.

The new blazer-badge, neat, positive, and clear, adds a sense of dignity to the blazer to which it gives individuality and distinction, and is therefore a fitting emblem of the School that it symbolizes, and of that academic qualification by which the right to wear it is won. To be able to wear it is an honour; to be worthy of it is a duty; to disgrace it is a crime.

The Parents' Association made of its annual meeting a successful event, and, we hope, a happy augury for the future. More than four hundred parents were present in the School Hall on October 22nd, and membership of the Association rose from 250 to 440.

We are delighted that the boxing-ring recently bought by the Education Authority is to be stored at the School. Our Boxing Club is going strong, and the advantage of having the ring here is only too well known to the members.

The D.H.S. Dramatic Society is attempting a most ambitious production after Christmas. "Murder in the Cathedral" by Mr. T. S. Eliot, has, as far as we know, never been publicly performed in Plymouth. It was first produced by Mr. E. Martin Browne at Canterbury in 1935, and Robert Speaght was the first Becket. We may not have a Robert Speaght, but we shall have a Becket, and what he does with the part—indeed what the producer does with the play, is a matter for speculation. If you want to see for yourselves book seats as early as possible; there will be none too many.

Since Mr. Self came to us he has lost no time in reorganising and consolidating the School's musical activities. The choir has been revived, and, to judge by the ear, is doing great things. In December there will be a concert in which the Choir will render several items, and there will be community carol singing and some instrumental solos. That brings us to the question of instrumental music.

An attempt has been made to revive and to organise classes as follows : Cello (Miss Pook, A.T.C.L.), Violin (Miss Adams, L.R.A.M.), piano (Mr. Self, G.R.S.M. (Lond.), L.R.A.M.), Recorder (Mr. Self).

The fees for the Recorder Class are used to help provide new and to repair existing instruments. The violin class, started by Mr. Hull earlier in the year, is to be revived by Mr. Self. A small orchestra—piano, violins and flute—is to be formed shortly ; and we hope that tuition in other instruments, and particularly the clarinet, will be available soon, but this will depend upon the provision of funds for the purchase and repair of instruments. Later the members of the various instrumental classes will form the nucleus of a school orchestra. In addition to all this there is the School Music Society, whose report is published in this magazine.

Mr. Atkins, who has two sons in the school, has presented to the School a very fine cup for annual competition by the Boxing Club. This generosity has made possible visions of House Boxing Competitions in the near future with the cup as a trophy. Thank you, Mr. Atkins, for such a fine gift.

The School Library is developing steadily. In 1949 about one hundred and fifty books on all subjects have been added. Further expansion is held up by a lack of bookcases. These are at present on order. The lighting of the library has been overhauled, and now the Library can be used during the winter months.

The Library is now the scene of considerable activity. As many as seventy boys have filled the room during the lunch time. The Upper Sixth use it regularly for private study ; and as chairs have now been secured the possibility of library periods is more than a hope. Magazines and periodicals, Penguins and Stationery Office publications are being widely and profitably used.

Our thanks are due to the School Scouts, who made such a good, if noisy, job of redecorating the room, which is pleasing to use and to look at. The polished floor adds much to the general effect.

Membership of the Stamp Club has increased by one hundred per cent. The aim of the Club is to foster the collection of stamps and to exploit the advantages to be derived from the wide economic, geographical and linguistic knowledge made available from the formation of collections and from a general familiarity with stamps of all countries. The Club runs its own library, and the librarian is Laity in Form IV.G.

We had no great response to the appeal in the last number of the Magazine for details of unusual careers. We appeal to you again.

A library of pamphlets and information is rapidly growing, and boys are gradually becoming careers-conscious. The boys who in the past proved most difficult to set off on the most suitable path are being made to face up to the problem.

The Careers Room (Form 5 G) is available to all at all reasonable times, and Mr. Way is willing to see any boy at any time. A final analysis of placings will be made at the end of the year. To facilitate this all boys leaving school should see that details of the career chosen are left with Mr. Way.

We include in this number a report of the Current Affairs Society recently formed under the guidance of Mr. Evans. The Headmaster fully supports this new venture which is designed to serve the best interests of the Upper School. We advise Sixth Formers to make full use of the facilities offered. Rumour, surmise, prejudice and wishful thinking are more dangerous today than ever before. Here is a real opportunity for an objective study of the problems that beset us.

The Old Boys' Association Badminton Club flourishes. There is a full membership. They have joined the Churches League, and have won their first three games 9—0.

The School's Under-Thirteen rugby team is a new venture. They have had careful coaching under Mr. Nash and have been unbeaten in their first five games.

Our School Fifteen had been unbeaten by any school side for three years, but this record was lost when Plymouth College beat them in a close game by 8 points to 3.

Our Science Society has much to offer our boys. A regular series of lectures by eminent authorities is arranged for each term together with visits to establishments outside the School. These with scientific film shows should cater for all tastes. There are also offered to those interested in radio and photographic work facilities which are not normally available to the individual. Tuesday is the day for the scientist. The Society is proud of the fact that the Headmaster's portrait in the last number of this Magazine was taken by the Photographic Section of the Society, and they may well be proud of such a fine piece of work.

**All contributions for our next issue must reach the Editor on or before 9th June, 1950, and must be written or typed on one side of the paper only.**

An innovation this term was the Verse Speaking Contest open to the whole school, which had been divided into appropriate age-groups. The aim, which we feel sure will be achieved, is to make the school speech-conscious. Adjudication of the preliminaries and semi-finals has been carried out by the Headmaster and the English Staff. The finals will be judged by Mrs. Joan Warn, of the Central School of Speech Training, London, at the School on Saturday, 26th November.

Congratulations to the London Branch of the Old Boys' Association on their post-war revival and a very successful annual dinner. All interested should act on the advice given in the London Notes in this issue.

## Examination Results

LONDON HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, JULY, 1949.

CROSS, A. J.	G—Eng. P—French. Hist. S—Latin. <i>Inter B.A.</i>
DRAKE, W. A.	G—Latin, Eng., Hist. P—French. <i>Inter B.A.</i>
HAMLEY, D. A.	D—Eng., Hist. G—Latin, French. <i>Inter B.A.</i>
HOSKIN, J. K.	D—Latin, Eng., French, Hist. <i>Inter B.A.</i>
KING, A. H.	G—Latin. P—Eng., French, Hist. <i>Inter B.A.</i>
NEWBY, C. M.	G—Eng., Hist. S—French, Latin.
PINCHES, D. A.	D—Eng. G—Latin, French. P—Hist. <i>Inter B.A.</i>
WALES, A.	G—Hist., Maths. P—Latin, French. <i>Inter B.A.</i>
WANSTALL, D. R.	G—Latin, French. P—Eng., Hist. <i>Inter B.A.</i>
WEATHERDON, F. J. G.	G—Eng. P—Hist. S—French.
ANDERSON, R. G.	G—Pure Maths., Applied Maths. S—Physics.
CHISWELL, R. B.	G—Physics. P—Chem., Pure Maths., Applied Maths. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
DAVIS, J. L.	G—Pure Maths., Applied Maths. P—Physics, Chem. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
GEORGE, R. P.	G—Pure Maths., Applied Maths. P—Physics, Chem. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
GROCOTT, D. G. E.	G—Pure Maths., Applied Maths. P—Physics, Chem. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
HITCHENS, G. A. F.	G—Geog. P—Pure Maths. S—Physics.
HUGO, D. W.	G—Pure Maths., Applied Maths. P—Physics. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
HURD, R. D.	G—Pure Maths. P—Applied Maths., Physics. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
LLOYD, A. T.	G—Chemistry. P—Botany, Zoology. S—Physics. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
NEIL, G. J.	G—Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
PILLAR, L. W.	D—Pure Maths., Applied Maths. P—Physics, Chem. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
STARKS, W. H. A.	P—Pure Maths., Applied Maths. S—Physics.
THOMAS, H. D. D.	P—Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Geog. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
WARREN, M. S.	D—Applied Maths. G—Physics, Chemistry, Pure Maths. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
WILLS, J. V.	D—Applied Maths. G—Pure Maths. P—Physics, Chemistry. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>
WILMOT, A. P. B.	G—Chemistry, Pure Maths., Applied Maths.; P— Physics. <i>Inter B.Sc.</i>

Hearty congratulations to J. K. Hoskin on his *four* distinctions in Higher Schools, which is a great achievement.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, DARTMOUTH (Special Entry).

HITCHENS, G. A. F., PEAKALL, J. D., SELLEY, C. D.

R.A.F. COLLEGE, CRANWELL.

LIDSTONE, R. W.

SANDHURST ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY.

COOMBE, T. R.

CIVIL SERVICE EXECUTIVE (May Examination).

HAMLEY, D. A.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS, JULY, 1949.

Bate, K. Baxter, A. S. \*Currey, C. \*Dare, P. J. \*Easton, F. S. G.  
\*Evens, R. B. \*Harley, G. F. Harris, B. H. F. \*Holloway, K. R. Hutch

ings, B. L. \*Jordan, R. J. \*Patterson, J. S. \*Prowse, K. R. Quantick, D. R. le P. \*Rattley, G. I. Reed, B. A. Sainsbury, R. J. Tait, M. W. \*Tregaskis, E. G. W. Walsh, J. D. Watson, C. S. Wevill, J. \*Allin, G. Boyce, R. D. Bramich, R. J. Craddock, A. F. \*Dewdney, D. J. Evens, H. P. K. \*Hosking, D. Keane, J. T. Parnell, R. H. Pomroy, H. S. \*Ralph, G. W. Sidwell, G. R. Townsend, P. \*Yate, V. A. J. Angle, D. J. \*Davis, P. J. Hill, J. Sowden, E. J. Tarr, F. G. Whitton, C. P. Butcher, B. G. Cooke, M. J. L. Leeder, I. A. \*Merrett, M. J. Perrott, B. \*Seviour, G. E. Summers, M. B. Aitken, N. S. Allen, A. J. Arnold, T. W. R. \*Butt, D. J. Clements, J. B. Evans, J. E. E. Frost, M. \*Neil, D. T. Osborne, J. Prideaux, B. Richardson, S. G. Thorne, D. J.

\* Signifies Matriculation exemption.

## The Garden Party and School Display

SATURDAY, 16TH JULY.

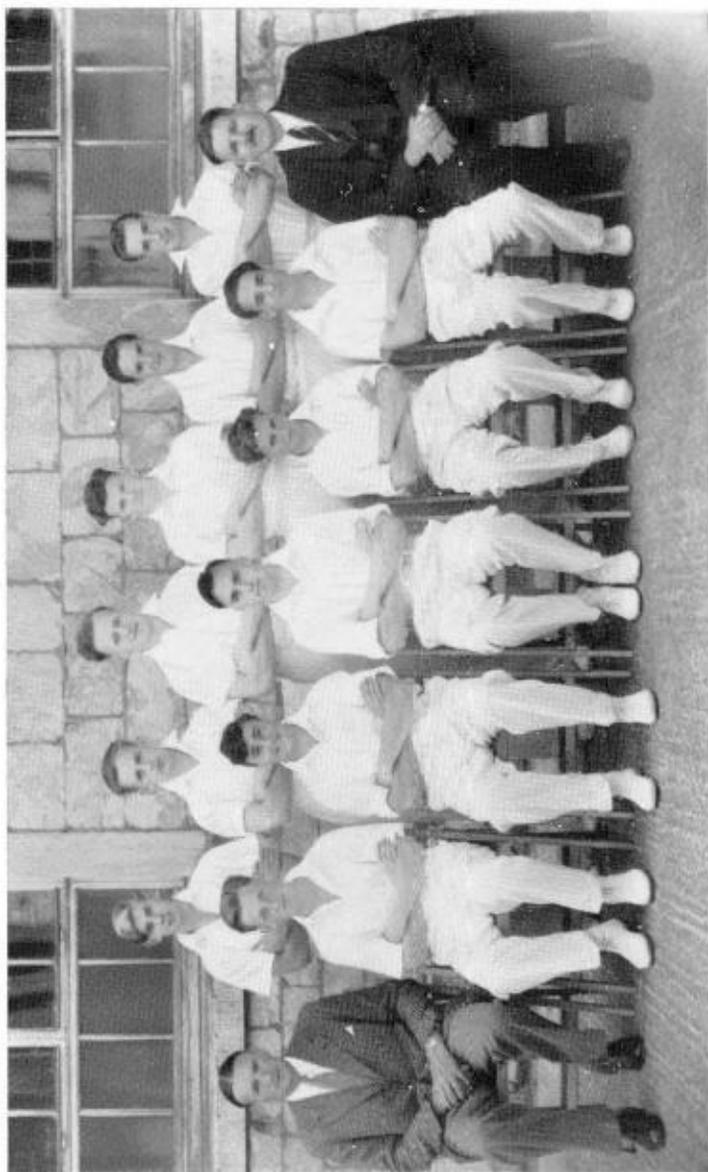
Once again the Garden Party provided an occasion upon which visitors could spend an enjoyable afternoon watching various aspects of school life. We were privileged to welcome the Commander-in-Chief, Adml. Sir Robert Burnett, to open the proceedings. In his opening speech the C.-in-C. reminded those present of the long-standing association of the school with the Royal Navy, and compared the organisations as two teams. He also praised the work of the Parents' Association, by whose efforts a large part of the afternoon's events had been arranged, and expressed the hope that more parents would join the Association. The Headmaster had previously welcomed the visitors on behalf of the school and of the Parents' Association, and thanked the Ladies' Committee for the organisation of refreshments.

The various displays on view were the result of much thought and organisation on the part of members of the Staff and of the School. In addition to exhibitions designed to reveal various aspects of school life stalls were run by the members of the different forms, and were both popular and financially successful. Form activities ranged from an Art Exhibition to a Treasure Hunt.

The science displays reached their usual high standard and intrigued visitors of all classes. Members of the Sixth Form proved themselves able demonstrators, and the various displays revealed efficient organisation. The Art exhibition provided an interesting side-light upon the development through the school of artistic talent since the major portion consisted of original composition. A most entertaining display of the various forms of Physical Education in the school was given in the open air. The school photographic society display was also very much admired and reached a very high standard.

The afternoon's events were aptly terminated by a School Concert which was in three parts—a Staff play, choral verse speaking organised by Mr. Whitfield, and individual items by members of the staff and school.





CRICKET 1st XI, 1949

## The French Trek

It has often been said that really to understand a people it is essential to visit the country itself, for only by travelling in a country can a sound knowledge be gleaned of the customs, thoughts and way of life of its people. It was with this aim in view that a party from the school visited France during the summer.

Paris recalls the reckless driving by cyclists, bus-drivers and private car owners through the long, wide and clean boulevards shaded by thick-foliaged trees; the bustle of the stations, where the incessant cries of "Porteur! porteur!" mingle with the amusing toot of the guard's "tally-ho" horn and the wheezing and snorting of the train sweating oil and covered with coal dust—an ungainly-looking monster covered by innumerable protuberances. A picture appears of the typical French family out for a walk. "Mamma" and "Papa" are not alone; they are accompanied by "Pierre," "Madeleine" and sometimes "Grand'mamman." The Frenchman is as devoted to his family as he is to his country; the French family is, indeed, a little community all to itself.

Wherever we went we saw the French "agent de police" smartly dressed in his blue uniform and wearing his "pill-box" hat, save in the south of France where the topee seemed to be a more suitable and picturesque piece of equipment. Thus, while walking through Lyons, one would almost think it was Cairo because of its long, dusty roads and the white topee of the policeman literally shining in the distance. It was here, too, that we were fortunate enough to be able to visit two Roman Theatres under the direction of the archeologist who was responsible for their restoration. It also seems that, wherever a member of the French Cabinet is passing through a town or any place where a policeman is on duty, white gloves are worn.

Many books could be written on French customs. Yet, some of the most striking of these are the habit of hanging the hat of a Cardinal, after his death, from the ceiling of "Notre Dame de Paris"; the fishing-rods lashed to bamboos in the Seine and reached only by little boats; the decorative "chalands" carrying coal from Rouen to Paris; and the way in which stooks are stacked after the crops have been cut.

We visited one of the centres of Maquis fighting, the plateau of Vercors. This valley is perfect country for guerrilla warfare, with its rough ground, chasms and hills offering much natural protection. Every village in that valley had been razed to the ground in German reprisals, but the typical, dour French spirit is not easily conquered, and everywhere there were very brave and successful attempts to rebuild the ravaged villages.

The Vercors block of the Pre-Alps, in which Villard de Lans is situated, consists of a 3,000 feet high plateau surrounded by high mountains rising another 3,000 feet on the East and over a 1,000 feet to the West. The mountain slopes are covered by extensive pine woods and they are traversed by deep gorges. Consequently the area was captured by the Germans only after parachute and glider descents, and from then on proved to be one of the main centres of the Resistance Movement. As a result many of the villages were completely destroyed and one was continually encountering reminders of the terrible reprisals which are inflicted both on belligerent and non-belligerent alike in such circumstances.

Not by any means the least interesting of our one thousand eight hundred miles journey was a two-day excursion to within ten miles of the Italian frontier. Passing through Grenoble we went up the smoky industrialised valley of the Romanche with its belching chimneys and murky waters. We made a brief halt at Bourg d'Oisans. From here we climbed rapidly by sharp bends and through long dimly-lit tunnels to the Col du Lautaret, from which roads forked towards Lake Geneva in the north and Nice in the south. Here we were thrilled to find a Memorial to Captain Falcon Scott, who experimented here in 1908 with the motor sledges which were later to play such a fatal role in the Antarctic.

Returning to the small village of Villar d'Arène—a mere cluster of farm buildings grouped around the inevitable square, with the church on one side, clinging to the steep slopes a hundred feet above the Alpine torrent—we spent the night on new-mown hay in a vast barn.

Up by six next morning we halted at the larger centre of La Grave and by eight o'clock were well on our way up the mountain slopes towards the unforgettable ice caves and wide ice slopes of the Meije Glacier. A few of the hardier spirits must have climbed some six thousand feet in all to the local summits, but others spent a profitable time exploring the lower ice and moraines and then made a leisurely descent to La Grave, and then to the return run to our base, Le Clochers.

In Paris and other cities we saw beauty as man created it, but it was here in the South East at and around Villard de Lans that we saw real natural beauty. The village was admirably situated on a plateau over 3,000 feet above sea level. Immediately around us were carefully tended strips of pastures and crops; beyond was the dark green fringe of the lower hill slopes, and above towered the bare hill slopes either "shadowy" or thrusting aloft their pyramidal peaks, which at evening stood sunset-flushed; a real scene of beauty, the beauty of France unravaged by the march of time.

D. R. WANSTALL, U.V.I.A.

## House Notes

### DRAKE.

At the beginning of a new school year we wish good luck to those who have left, and also extend our welcome to the new boys.

The last school year ended with Drake third in the St. Levan Shield competition. This year we want however, and if every boy plays the game *semper honeste* we shall manage to become "cock house." Our teams are to be congratulated on a first-class effort, and we hope success will remain with them.

Results: Rugger—Senior XV. v. Gilbert, won, 25—0; Junior XV. v. Gilbert, won, 12—6. Soccer: Senior XI. v. Gilbert, lost, 3—1; Junior XI. v. Gilbert, won, 10—1. Chess: v. Raleigh, won, 3½—2½; v. Gilbert, won, 5—1.

The rugger teams' successes have been due to hard and spirited play. The soccer teams, more especially our senior XI. are inexperienced, but the success achieved by the Junior XI. augurs well for the future. Last year Drake won the School Chess Championship Cup, and this year we have won both our matches—a fine effort.

Wanstall has been appointed captain of the School 1st XV. and Evans captain of Boxing. All the House congratulates them and trusts that their leadership will be successful.

This term sees the start of a new grouping system within the House. Our senior members are each in charge of a group of about twelve boys. This closer relation between members of our House is but the beginning of our efforts to achieve success in the Athletic Sports, but ultimately this success can only be achieved by a whole-hearted effort from every single member of the House. With this aim "Go to it Drake!"

G. A. F. HITCHENS (*House Captain*).

### GILBERT.

Results 1948-49.	Seniors.	Juniors.	Total.
Soccer	2nd	1st	2nd
Rugger	4th	4th	4th
Athletics	4th	4th	4th
Cricket .....	3rd	1st	3rd
St. Levan Shield .....	4th	4th	4th

Gilbert was third in the Chess Tournament.

The above results for last year clearly indicate that we must redouble our efforts to win the St. Levan Shield, and so justify ourselves by raising the standard of the House. We are capable of doing much better than we have in the past, and there is no reason why this should not be the first of a series of successful years.

On the soccer field the seniors began the season well with a convincing three goals to one win over Drake, Tremear scoring all three goals. The juniors were unfortunate to lose to the same House, but under the captainship of Atherton they should do well in their other matches.

Although both the senior and the junior rugby teams lost to Drake, the standard of play was much higher than in previous years, especially among the juniors, which is most encouraging.

Our chess team has drawn with Raleigh and lost to Drake so far this year. Wilmot, who last year won the School Chess Championship, has captained the team well by winning both his games. A splendid achievement.

We congratulate A. Pinches on his appointment as School Vice-Captain, and we all wish him the best of luck in his new office.

W. H. STARKS (*House Captain*).

### GRENVILLE.

At the beginning of this term twenty-four first-form boys became members of Grenville House; to these boys we extend a warm welcome, and hope that they will always give of their best when representing their House in any way.

J. D. Peakall, the Captain of the House for two years (1947-49), left us at the end of the summer term to enter the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth. He has served his House loyally since he entered the School in September, 1941, being a regular member of our athletic, rugby, and cricket teams. We wish him the best of luck in his new life.

During the last year the House teams have conquered in all spheres excluding cricket, winning the soccer, rugby, and athletics championships, and hence the House Championship as a whole.

Grenville, in common with the other Houses, now meets every week; the meetings consist of a short service, in which senior members read the lesson, followed by a talk on our activities by the House Master. It is hoped that in the more intimate atmosphere of the House Meetings a zealous loyalty to the House will be born, which will also be of the greatest benefit to the School, and to the members themselves, since it will inevitably demand the finest qualities of both mind and body.

M. S. WARREN (*House Captain*).

### RALEIGH.

We welcome Mr. Warn, our new House Master, who has taken over the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Truman from that office. At a meeting last term, R. George, House captain at that time, presented a book token to Mr. Truman as an appreciation of the excellent service which he has rendered to the House. Mr. Truman has no intention of deserting Raleigh, and he has attended House prayers regularly this term.

This is the term in which we welcome this year's new boys. Each one of them must become Raleigh-minded as soon as possible, and do their utmost to make the House a happy and successful unit. To play games for the Junior House soccer or rugger team is the first step into a school side.

So far we have not done very well in the House competition. Grenville drew with our Senior Soccer XI. but defeated the Junior XI. and both the Rugger XV.s However we hope to win the other soccer games, and there is no reason why both Rugger XV.s should not be successful. The games so far have been extremely enjoyable.

R. J. Rickard is the House rugger captain, with the House Captain in charge of the Soccer.

We ended the year 1948-49 as Cricket Champion, and our final position for the St. Levan Shield was second. Remembering that we were third for rugger and soccer last year, we must make strenuous efforts to improve our position in both games to give the House a reasonable chance of gaining the House Championship.

Finally, Raleigh wishes all members of the House who have just left School the very best of luck, and especially do we thank R. George, last year's captain, for the leadership and the enthusiasm he gave us all.

D. A. C. LETCHER (*House Captain*).

## Soccer Club

*Master in Charge* : Mr. H. G. Warren.

The School 1st XI. began the season full of promise as eight of last season's team were available. Their confidence was justified during the early games and, in recent years, no school eleven has played better than did the 1st XI. at Seale Hayne, where they won 6—0. On this occasion, in shocking weather, their ball control and team-work were a joy to watch. Unfortunately it is unlikely that this team can be retained for long, indeed, Tremeer and Thorne have already left and further departures are imminent. We pay tribute to the sterling qualities and good sportsmanship of " Joe " Tremeer over many seasons.

The 1st XI. have won six of the seven games played to date.

The 2nd XI. seems to be settling down into a solid combination able to provide worthy recruits to the 1st XI. ; the other four teams look forward to an enjoyable and successful season. Our congratulations go to Bray and McManus on their selection for Plymouth Schoolboys and for their creditable display against Torbay at Home Park.

Our sincere thanks are due to Messrs. Warren, Way, Pethick, Barkell, Vanstone, Wayne and Adams, who regularly assist with school teams, and to all others who are helping to make the season successful.

P. C. KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*

## Rugby Club

*Rugger Master* : Mr. Mallinson.

The season has started rather disappointingly for the 1st XV. in that the three-year old unbeaten record was broken when they had three losses in succession; the first against our old rival Plymouth College, and the others against Launceston and St Boniface Colleges, when the two latter teams gained their first successes against the School. The team, which is a new one; possesses ample supplies of talent, and shows signs of constructive team-work, great improvement having been shown in the match against Kingsbridge "B."

The 2nd XV., on the other hand, have made an excellent start in winning all their matches, having scored 86 points, while conceding only nine points. This team, although containing a few of last year's 2nd XV., is also a new team, and shows great promise for the remainder of the season.

The Colts have been defeated only once, and should do well in their future fixtures. Three members of this team, Goswell, Green and Jones, were chosen to play in the Plymouth Under 15 XV., against Mid-Devon, Patten also being chosen as a reserve. The Junior XV. like the Colts, also lost to Plymouth College, this being their only defeat.

We must congratulate the Under 13 XV. on the excellent results achieved, having won all their matches to date. This team, which was inaugurated this season, will do much to encourage the game in the Lower School.

B. GIBBS, *Hon. Sec.*

## School Dinners

Parents may now be aware that as a result of a recent Government decision, the cost of school dinners as from January next will be raised to sixpence per meal, and the intermediate charges will be increased accordingly. The cost of the meal is already more than twice the price charged, and the popularity of the meals is indicated by the increased number taking advantage of the service. At the moment 280 meals are supplied daily.

Meals at school enable boys to take advantage of lunch-hour activities and to play a fuller part in the life of the school. The amount of food wasted has been reduced to negligible proportions, and parents will help us by discouraging unreasonable food fads. The running of the dining-hall organisation involves much hard work, and our thanks are due to the staff of helpers and to the prefects who so readily give of their time.

## Out of School Activities

### D.H.S. GARDENING ACTIVITIES.

It is well known that gardening is a most satisfying and fascinating hobby—satisfying because of the outstanding results obtained by one's labour, fascinating because of its broad scope. Nearly every subject in the school curriculum can be "tied up" with it in some way or other.

Here at D.H.S. we have ample opportunity to follow this hobby; we have grounds which, if properly tended, could be the best belonging to any School in Plymouth. When we came to the school they were almost uncultivated, and so we can experience, after a fashion, the thrill of "making the wilderness blossom forth."

A start has been made in this direction. Along almost the whole length of the top of the bank in front of the colonnade flower beds have been created which next year should bloom into a mass of colour. Hundreds of wallflower seedlings which were surplus to our requirements were sold, and with the money (two guineas) tools were bought.

A beginning has indeed been made, but it is only a beginning, and the amount of work that remains to be done to fashion our school grounds into a "thing of beauty" dwarfs that already completed.

The need for organised effort for such a project will be obvious to all, and it is hoped that by the time of issue of this magazine a gardening Club will have formed. In any case, the help of anyone in the school, senior or junior, will be welcome at all times.

G. P. NUTTALL, 6A.

### TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

The chief aim of the Table Tennis Club is to provide the necessary facilities for Sixth Form boys to enjoy this game as often as possible.

Skill at table tennis is a worthwhile achievement in itself, and since it demands rapid co-ordination between the brain and the muscles it stands the player in good stead in all sports.

A match took place this term between a Staff table-tennis team and the School team. The result was a win for the School team by three games to two, although the Staff won an exciting doubles set at the end of the match. Judging by the number of spectators this match was a popular event, and it is intended to have several similar matches during the year. The School Table Tennis team have made a good start to the season by beating the Sutton High School team by four games to one. More boys will get a chance to play for a team this year by the introduction of a table-tennis tournament.

M. S. WARREN (*Hon. Secretary*).

## THE CHESS CLUB.

The Club has started its inter-schools matches with a senior defeat and a junior victory. The seniors lost 3—5 against Plymouth College, and the juniors won 5—1 against Plympton Grammar, both matches being held at the school.

Fixtures have been arranged with Plymouth High School for Girls, Plymouth College, Plympton Grammar and Sutton High Schools. It is also hoped to arrange a fixture with the Junior Technical School.

The members have been divided into four leagues, according to their ability, and league games will be played this season in addition to the "Ladder Competition."

We extend a cordial welcome to all boys from the First Forms who are interested in chess to join the "Beginners" section of the Club. Their meetings are held on Wednesdays, at 4 p.m., in the Library. So far the response in this section has not been very encouraging.

The Chess Club meets on Mondays, at 4 p.m. in the Library.

A. WILMOT (*Hon. Secretary*).

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

For many weeks before and after the summer vacation, the Library has been a scene of great industry. Many a curious face, even a few indignant ones, have appeared at the door in an effort to discover the cause of the tumult not generally associated with the peaceful atmosphere of a room of study. Their curiosity was soon satisfied by the sight of a group of boys scraping and painting staining and polishing.

To the more studious boy, who can now return to his favourite haunt and bury himself in a book during the lunch hour, the Library presents a refreshingly bright and clean appearance. In fact it boasts redecorated walls and ceiling, and the only stained and polished floor in the school. Apart from such extensive transformations, many smaller and less noticeable innovations have been effected, such as the instalment of lamp shades and a new system of directions for locating books. However, the most important fact is that all the work has been executed by the boys themselves, although that has meant a longer, more tedious task. We thank all who have helped willingly in any way, especially the school Scout Troop.

At the same time as this momentous achievement, the more commonplace tasks have been carried out. The timely acquisition of several chairs and new tables has eased the acute furniture shortage. In addition a comprehensive selection of periodicals is on display from week to week.

J. K. HOSKIN, *Librarian*.

## THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

This Society, with a membership of about sixty boys of the fifth and sixth forms, continues to play a vigorous part in the School's life, meetings being held every Tuesday.

The darkroom offers excellent facilities to those who aspire to be amateur photographers. Recent additions to its equipment include a darkroom lamp and a fine quality lens, which has considerably improved the performance of the enlarger. This leads me to the photographic exhibition at the Garden Party. This consisted of a display of some of the pictures taken by members during the previous year. Those of us who set up the display were afraid that we should not have enough pictures to cover what seemed an enormous expanse of wall. However, those who saw the exhibition agreed that it was a worthwhile effort which should be repeated in coming years. It is interesting to note that many of the pictures were taken with no more elaborate equipment than a simple " box " camera.

The Cine Section of the Society is lucky to have at its disposal a very fine cine camera. An example of work done with this camera is the documentary film shown at the Garden Party, concerning the physical education of the School, and including shots taken at the 1949 sports, despite rather trying weather conditions. One serious obstacle that hinders the work of the Cine Section is expense which restricts practical experience, and in consequence our camera work lacks professional polish. This year we contemplate beginning a film covering all aspects of School life.

The annual general meeting was held at the beginning of the term. It was decided that apart from the ex-officio members the committee should consist of members to represent each of the science subjects, and in addition one member to represent the Radio Section.

The full programme published for this term includes lectures, visits, and the latest innovation, the regular showing of films of scientific interest. The scientific knowledge imparted by most of these films is of an elementary nature, but they are entertaining and interesting. The lectures heard so far this term are : " Some aspects of Geology " by Mr. P. Taylor, B.Sc., " Insect Migration " by Mr. O. G. Watkins, F.E.S., and " Bird Photography " by Mr. H. G. Hurrell, M.A. The Society thanks these gentlemen most sincerely for their willingness to give us the benefit of their ability and experience.

Finally, I wish to pay a long-overdue tribute to the work of Mr. Coombe in building up the Society to its present healthy state. He gives generously of his time and energy, both in dealing with the considerable correspondence connected with our programme of lectures and visits, and in being present regularly at meetings of the Society.

M. S. WARREN (*Hon. Secretary*).

## THE CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY.

Although the School boasts of many activities outside the form-room, the committee of this newly-founded Current Affairs Society is convinced of the necessity of such an organization. It is the duty of the members of every Grammar School that is alive to its responsibilities, to provide and support some society which will have its time devoted to the affairs of the world. Little time is available in an already overcrowded curriculum for this highly important task of creating in the citizens of tomorrow a sound and sane approach to current political, economic, social and international affairs. Time must be spared and devoted to this end.

By means of a well-equipped Current Affairs Information Room with interesting wall and screen displays, a carefully organized notice board, meetings, lectures, talks and discussions, the Society means to promote a wider and more intelligent appreciation and understanding of modern problems.

The Society is affiliated to the Council for Education in World Citizenship and the aims and activities of the United Nations Organizations are an object for special study. Already three members of Six Arts have attended a Harvest Camp organized by C.E.W.C., and it is hoped and indeed expected that next year the School will send representatives to the Christmas Conference at Westminster.

If our Society helps in a modest way to clear up international and national misunderstandings and to promote a really sincere drive towards world peace and stability, the effort will be well worthwhile.

To close on a more practical note—all Sixth Forms please remember that the Information Room is open daily in the lunch hour. Pamphlets and wall displays are already there in profusion. Watch the notice board in Block C for lists of radio talks and items of current, general, interest and also upon the board, notices of our meetings and discussions.

A. J. CROSS (*Hon. Secretary*).

## D.H.S. STAMP CLUB.

During this term the Club has increased its membership, the middle forms of the school having responded very well to the appeal made in the last article in the School Magazine.

An Old Boy has promised to give a prize for the best collection of "British West Indies." The award will be made in November. The Committee and the Society as a whole wish to express their gratitude to him for his generous offer.

The Society now has a very fine library, from which members can borrow catalogues or magazines. This section is in the hands of a librarian—Laity of Form IV.B.

J. D. MILLS (*Hon. Secretary*).

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Continuing its policy of "aiming high," the Dramatic Society has chosen T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" for its 1950 production. This play, which is probably the finest poetic drama written since Shakespeare, is very difficult in many respects, and will require an exceptionally high standard of speech, intelligence, and sensitive interpretation from every member of the cast. A particularly heavy load will fall on T. Bossom of 6A, who is playing the part of Becket. The problem of providing a chorus of the women of Canterbury has been solved, thanks to the kind co-operation of the Headmistresses of the Plymouth Secondary Schools for Girls, by the choice of fifteen girls who will be trained by Mrs. Joan Warn of the Central School of Speech Training, London. The musical and choral side of the play has been undertaken by the new Music Master, Mr. G. Self, whilst those who saw the setting of "Aaron's Field," our 1949 Drama League entry, will know that a brilliant stage setting will be devised by Messrs. I. W. George, C. R. Coombe and A. W. Jenkyns. The Society is fortunate in having such a talented and enthusiastic team of masters to support it in its production. Meanwhile rehearsals are proceeding with an intensity and enthusiasm which augurs well for the future.

The Society welcomes the advent of the Speech Contest and hopes that its members will prosper in the competition. We shall certainly find it a profitable way of spotting new talent.

## MECCANO CLUB NOTES.

This Club caters for juniors, providing recreation of an instructive kind for them on Friday evenings. The activities and interests are varied, ranging over Meccano building, Hornby and Dublo railways, models of all kinds, and in fact anything of a mechanical nature. One visit has already been made to see a Dublo railway lay-out with model town and Dinky toys. Now great schemes are afoot for something similar at school. This visit can be repeated at intervals with small groups, so that all Club members will have an opportunity of seeing it.

A magazine library has been started, and as our numbers and funds increase we hope to cover a greater variety of topics.

For the future a programme of competitions, talks and films is planned, and for the summer it is proposed to arrange visits to works and places of interest.

The Club is in need of meccano parts and any related toys, so if any senior boys have "grown out" of such things and wish to discard them here is a good use for them. Similarly, any magazines or books dealing with mechanical or engineering topics would be gratefully received.

M.L.

## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society met again after the usual lapse during the summer term and has entered on a programme which contains several new experiments. Apart from debates, such diverse activities as a Brains Trust and a Play-reading are included in the provisional programme.

It was decided at the preliminary meeting on the 12th September, that weekly meetings should be held on Wednesdays instead of Fridays. Meetings are being held this term in Sixth Science Room as the Music Room is in such great demand.

Preliminary negotiations have been entered into for the organisation of an Inter-School meeting, possibly on the 13th December, which will take the form of a Mock Trial. Arrangements have also been made for a visiting speaker, Mr. L. Heywood, to speak on the 23rd of November, on "The Value of Poetry in Modern Life." A "Members' Christmas Anthology" has been suggested for the 7th December.

The first activity of the Society took the form of a "Balloon Debate" on September 14th. On the 21st September members gave their opinions on various subjects in a session of "Impromptu Speaking." On the 5th October Mr. Evans proposed and Mr. Vanstone opposed the motion "That this country's present troubles are largely due to over-industrialisation." The motion was carried by twelve votes to ten, with three abstentions. The Society is very grateful to these two members of the Staff for giving up their time to speak on this motion. On the 14th of October there was a lively debate on the motion "That the stately homes of England should belong to the people of England." The proposer of the motion was Cross of U.V.I.A, who was opposed by Newey of the same form. The motion was defeated by the chairman's casting vote. There were seven votes for and eight against the motion. A debate on the motion: "That in this modern age Christianity and its principles have been superseded by scientific theory and development," proposed by Hitchens and opposed by Young of 6 Sc. on the 19th October, was defeated by fourteen votes to one. On the 26th October, Foote of VI. Arts organised a "Speak Your Mind" meeting.

The Society extends a cordial welcome to all members of the Sixth Form to any of its meetings. D. A. PINCHES (*Hon. Sec.*).

## ART CLUB.

A Junior Section has now been formed, and has made a good start. Boys whose lesson time is limited are taking advantage of Art Club meetings to continue their work.

It is expected that modelling and casting will be started soon, in addition to the painting and craftwork at present carried out.

I. GEORGE.

## SCOUT LOG.

Since the last issue of the Magazine many happy and useful week-ends have been spent in Camp. Unfortunately the camp that was to have been held during the last week of the Summer Term had to be postponed, but, thanks to Mr. Austin, the Troop was able to enjoy the Annual Camp, that is always eagerly awaited, at Ringmore, near Bigbury-on-Sea, during the last week of the holidays.

The Troop still continues to increase in numbers. The following Scouts have gained the First Class Badge this term : M. Wotton (who has been promoted to the rank of Troop Leader), A. Tolcher, C. Turner, A. Trice, R. Harries and B. O. Martin. Congratulations on a really determined effort. Several others have gained the Swimmer, Observer, Stamp Collector and Athlete Badges, while quite a number hope to gain the First Aid, Fire Fighter, Cook and Camper Badges within the next few days.

During the summer we have been using the 12th Plymouth Group Camp site, but would now like to have our own site. We would be glad if any friends of the Troop could put us in touch with the owner of a suitable camp site so that we could use it regularly throughout the year.

Our gratitude to Mr. Austin for helping the Troop during a difficult time must be expressed. For over a year he has organised our Troop Nights, run our games and competitions, and although he is now standing in the background we must devise some scheme for bringing him into full activity once more. We say a very sincere "Thank you" to him for running our summer camp, which, but for him, would not have been held.

New Scouters : Mr. Graham Cocks, solicitor, left school in 1940 ; Mr. Michael Innes, architect, left school, 1946. We are most grateful for their kind offer to help the Troop as Scouters. With rapidly increasing numbers and the eagerness of the Scouts to become as efficient as possible the advent of these gentlemen makes the expansion of the Troop possible. We would welcome the assistance of more ex-Members of the Troop as Scouters, Instructors or Badge Examiners. A note to Mr. Jenkyns at the School will open the way to service on the part of those who, knowing the value of membership of a Scout Troop, are willing to help their younger brother.

## BOXING CLUB.

The Club has restarted its activities after the closed Summer term. A meeting was held on 14th September.

The end of last term marked the departure from the Club of Wattley (last year's Captain), Jane (semi-finalist in the Schoolboy

National Championships), and such stalwarts as Porter, Lloyd, Curtice, Seviour, Bradford and Garratt. It is hoped that some of our promising junior members will develop sufficiently to take their place.

Matches have been arranged with H.M.S. Fisgard, Plymouth College, and the Plymouth Scouts, and the Club is looking forward to next term when the National Championships commence.

One interesting development is the acquisition by the Education Authority of a platform-type boxing ring, which is stored at D.H.S., and will be available for use by various schools; this should facilitate the holding of our matches.

New members are always welcome, and should contact the Master in Charge. D. W. HUGO (*Hon. Secretary*).

#### " E " COY. D.H.S. ARMY CADET FORCE.

Once again a Summer Camp was held at Penhale, near Newquay. It was a great success. There were film shows every day, and three stage shows. There were many cricket and soccer matches, and some rugby. Table tennis, billiards and darts were added to the cricket and soccer in the Battalion Sports Cup Competition. The training side of the camp was a very busy one, and we ended with a large scale manoeuvre, which was watched by Field Marshal Sir William Slim.

At home we have a heavy programme, with soccer, rugby and speedway stars coming to give talks on their respective sports. Next term we start Signal Training as well as Cert. A, and soon hope to have two nights a week instead of one. We have, thanks to many of the senior cadets, started a games' room. At the present moment we have billiards and darts, but soon we hope to have table tennis and snooker. The company will welcome new recruits.

M. REID, C.S.M.

#### THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

The choir suffered a great loss by the leaving of Mr. Symons. However, it struggled on bravely for the first few weeks of the last School year under the able conductorship of Mr. Barkell.

This term we extended a welcome to our new choirmaster, Mr. Self, who has worked vigorously in uniting the old and new members.

The choir are preparing a number of carols and part-songs for the Plymouth Schools' Carol Festival, and for other functions.

All members of the Sixth form are cordially invited to join our ranks as the number of tenors and basses has been severely depleted.

H. EASTLEY.

## MUSIC CLUB.

With the start of the new season we have suffered a slight decrease in the numbers of our members, because of the formation of other societies. We have, however, one notable addition. On behalf of all our members, we offer a most sincere welcome to our new Music Master, Mr. Self, who has launched a full-sized school orchestra and a large choir. It is fortunate that the Dramatic Society's production this year demands a choir.

At our General Meeting Mr. Self declined the chairmanship of the Club because of his forthcoming work with the choir and orchestra; Mr. May therefore remains our chairman. A. Roberts, of 6 Sc. was elected Hon. Treasurer, due to the departure of D. J. Share, our former Treasurer.

The choir and orchestra will, of course, be incorporated into the Club, and this means extending the membership of the Club to the lower forms of the school. At the moment a great deal more support could be given by the fifth forms.

We also have to thank most gratefully J. Foote, of 6A, and A. Roberts of 6 Sc. for the excellent programme-posters which they have designed for the Club. T. M. BOSSOM (*Hon. Secretary*).

## THE FIELD SOCIETY.

The object of this Society is to enable us to put our academic work to the test of experience by surveys of typical local regions. By these practical activities we feel that a useful breath of reality will be brought into our School work; we shall more fully recognise the correlation which should exist between our various subjects, and we shall obtain a more comprehensive knowledge of the city and its environs than we now possess.

It is intended that each project shall be preceded by a discussion by the respective sections. Immediately following the field work the Sections will meet independently to discuss the information they have gathered. Finally there will be a full meeting at which the results will be analysed so that the geographers may learn something of the biological background and the biologists will have a better understanding of the physical basis on which their science depends.

Talks on topics of local interest will be given from time to time commencing this term with "The Biology of Bomb Craters" by P. J. Dare, and "Plymouth as a Port" by J. A. Foote.

Instead of actual field work we are this term undertaking the laboratory analysis of soils so that we can find out if there is a relationship with the geology, and to form a basis for next term's ecological studies. Next term we plan three Field Days, which will be devoted to the study of our respective interests in the Valleys

of the Plym, Walkham and Tavy. In addition a Land Utilisation Survey has been initiated and this will be repeated as an annual study.

At present the needs of the biologists and the geographers are catered for, but we should welcome the formation of other sections.

Later this term or early next term it is hoped to inaugurate a Junior Geographical Section for the boys in the third and fourth forms, whilst particularly keen individuals may be invited from the Lower School. This Section will make models to illustrate the neighbourhood and physical features generally, or will draw diagrammatic illustrations explaining geographical and industrial processes. One outside visit a term will be arranged.

J. WALSH (*Hon. Secretary*).

#### DANCING CLASS.

During the past term dancing classes have been held at Devonport High School for Girls on Friday evenings. More than twenty boys have been attending, and satisfactory progress has been made in mastering the intricate steps of the "quick step," "Fox Trot" and other measures.

These classes, however, could not have been held without the use of the Assembly Hall at the Girls' School, and we thank Miss Vale for allowing us to use it. We also thank the dancing mistresses for their very able tuition; and, we express our gratitude to our patient and uncomplaining partners.

D.W.

#### THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

During the past year the Society has attended five lectures, and it is hoped to have two or three lectures a term.

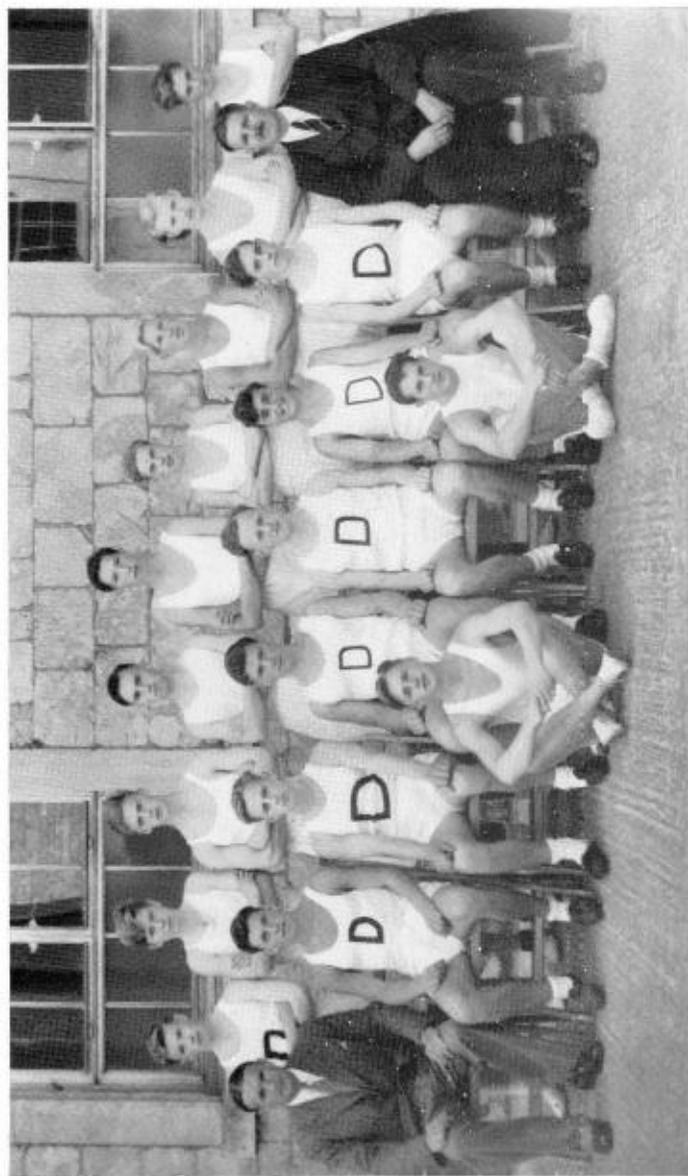
On 3rd November, 1948, Mr. J. G. Nicholas gave a lecture on "Greek and Roman Town Planning." On 24th November, 1948, D. M. March (Upper Sixth) gave a talk on "Some aspects of the Roman Army." The next lecture was given by D. G. Honey on 23rd February, 1949, the subject of his talk being "Roman Family Life."

On Wednesday, 3rd June, 1949, Mr. Weeks, from the Plymouth School of Art, gave a lecture on "Greek Sculpture," which he illustrated by lantern slides.

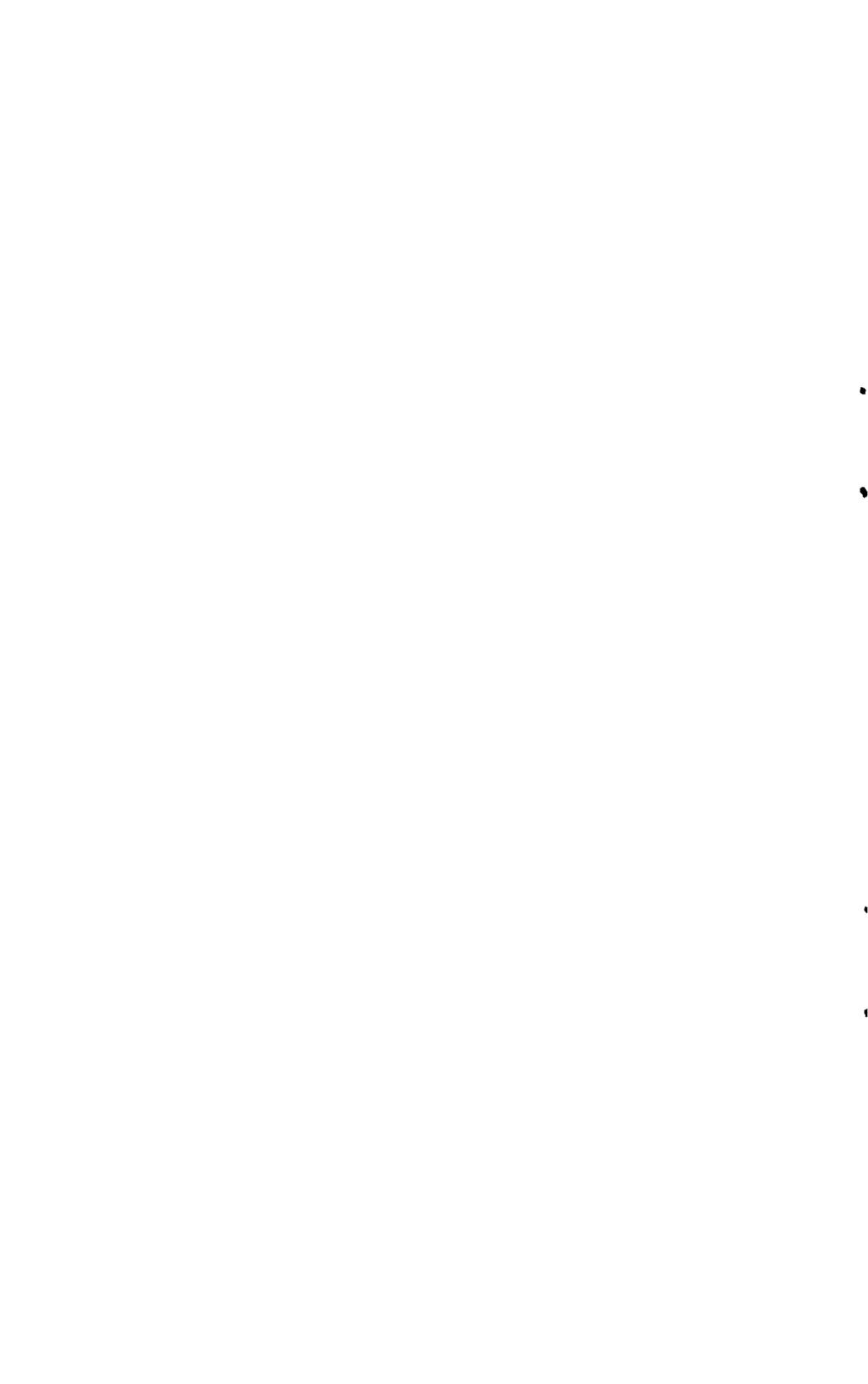
On 2nd November, 1949, Mr. J. G. Nicholas, at the request of some members of the Science Staff, gave a talk on the "Influence of Greek and Latin on the Growth of Scientific Terminology."

All members of the fourth, fifth and sixth Forms are invited to attend.

D. A. LETCHER (*Hon. Secretary*).



ATHLETIC TEAM 1949



## Parents' Association

The Parents' Association has three main aims, to keep parents informed on all matters connected with the school ; to provide means whereby parents and staff can meet informally ; and to organise social activities which, enjoyable in themselves, provide the income that enables the Association to purchase equipment and prizes which the school needs. During the year we have accomplished our purpose most satisfactorily.

On 4th December the Association was " At Home " to the staff, a new type of meeting, which was most successful. The early part of the evening consisted of a Brains Trust, the team composed of parents and staff, with Mr. Buckley as question master. There followed a presentation by Mrs. Peakall on behalf of the Association to Mr. and Mrs. Buckley. The rest of the evening was available for parents and staff to discuss mutual problems.

A similar meeting was held on 26th February when the first part of the evening consisted of musical items provided by boys in the school. On each of these occasions light refreshment were provided by the Ladies Committee.

On 2nd April the Mayflower Players produced " The Man from the Ministry " at D.H.S. for Girls on behalf of Association funds.

Two coach trips were organised during May and June to Dartington Hall. Tea was taken at the Seymour Hotel, Totnes, provided by a well-wisher through the good offices of Councillor Miller. The return journey was via Dartmouth, Slapton Sands and Kingsbridge.

On July 16th, the Annual Garden Party was opened by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Burnett. Our sincere thanks are due to all who helped to make these events the successes they were.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Hall, on Saturday, 22nd October, 1949. So many parents wished to attend that boys in the first three forms were limited to one parent, even so, some 400 were present.

Following the election of officers, it was agreed that in future representation on the committee should be on an area basis. The business of the meeting completed, the Headmaster outlined his aims for the school, the new examination requirements, and stressed the need for the co-operation of the parents. Questions followed concerning school playing fields, homework and special buses, and only time prevented further matters being discussed.

We look forward to another successful year.

H. G. WARREN (*Hon. Secretary*).

## D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

### D.H.S. OLD BOYS' A.F.C.

The Old Boys' Soccer Club has made quite a successful start to its initial season since the war and the playing record to date reads as follows :

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
				For	Against
7	5	0	2	34	16

At the moment it has often been a matter of some difficulty to field a full side, but the expected influx of some members of the present School 1st XI before Christmas should make a considerable difference to the standard of football and to the problem of team selection.

We are constantly being contacted by Old Boys who have received no information about the Club—a regrettable fact due to the lack of a complete record of address changes. The fixture list contains 28 games, including visits to Seale Hayne Agricultural College and U.C.S.W.E. Exeter.

The Club owes much to its Hon. Secretary, D. Stander, whose energy and enthusiasm have been largely responsible for its rebirth. The fixture list is a reflection of his successful efforts.

The Secretary would like to hear from any Old Boy interested in the Club. His address is 5, South Down Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth.

Finally, the Club records its appreciation of the help and encouragement given by the Headmaster, Mr. Warren and other members of the Staff and boys. Their efforts will earn the thanks of Old Boys for a long time to come.

### D.H.S. OLD BOYS' BADMINTON CLUB.

Interest in the Badminton section continues as in previous years to be as enthusiastic as ever. We are pleased to welcome this year several new faces and in particular the headmaster, Mr. S. G. Barker, whose playing strength is proving a great asset to the Club. Mr. Barker's enthusiasm and example will, we feel sure, do much for Badminton at D.H.S.

We are, however, sorry to lose the services of our last year's Secretary, Mr. George Rooke, who has taken up an appointment in Singapore, and wish him every success in his new sphere.

The Club has entered Division C of the Plymouth and District Church's Badminton League, and intends to go all out for the championship and promotion to Division B.

Various members have also entered for the knock-out championship where they will meet members from all three divisions of the League. We are looking forward to a pleasant and successful season.

HARRY BRENTON (*Hon. Sec.*).

## LONDON BRANCH.

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We very much regret that recent issues of the Magazine have not contained London Notes. The fault seems to lie with the London Secretary, who put himself out of touch with Plymouth by changing his address. It will not happen again, he hopes.

It is now too late to furnish a detailed description of the first London post-war Dinner. It was an extremely successful event, and London members were delighted to have, as their guest of honour, Mr. H. Ferraro, lately General Secretary of the Association, and a new Vice-President. The London Branch owes a great deal to Mr. Ferraro, and we were pleased to be able to express our gratitude to him. Among others present were Mrs. Ferraro, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. T. Simmonds and Mr. A. T. Heather. The decision to invite wives and friends of members to the London Dinner proved to be most successful and this will be repeated at the 1949 Dinner to be held on 26th November.

One of the reasons for the existence of the London Branch of the O.B.A., and probably the most important reason, is to provide opportunities for old Boys to meet from time to time, and particularly to provide friendship and social contact for boys recently arrived in London from School. Throughout the year meetings are arranged at some central spot. When the London Branch has again reached its pre-war strength, dances, lectures, socials, etc. will be arranged. It will help the Committee if boys leaving school for London will send to the London Secretary their names and addresses (office address if necessary). Boys whose appointment to London is deferred for military service should similarly send names and office address, and we will contact them when they return to mufti. Will masters please assist us by bringing this to the notice of those concerned.

At the end of these notes appears a list of London Members, or Old Boys who should be London Members. In some cases the addresses are out of date. If readers of these notes can correct them, or furnish to the London Secretary names and addresses of other Old Boys in London, their assistance will be very much appreciated.

There may be other ways in which the London Branch can assist those of you about to leave school, *e.g.* conditions in a particular Government office, cost of travelling, sport. If you write to the London Secretary he will pass your letter to the member most likely to be able to assist. At one time the London Branch endeavoured to find accommodation for newcomers to London. We hope to be able to do so again, but at present this is more than difficult. If, however, the need is desperate we will do what we can.

Newcomers to London, do not hesitate to write to or telephone the London Secretary for details of the next meeting of the London Branch.

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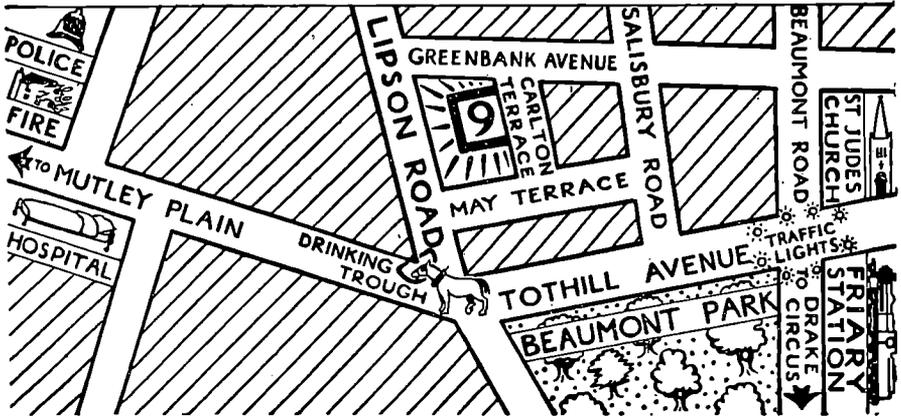
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