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## Editorial

This is the hundredth issue of the School Magazine. We had thought to celebrate this important occasion by printing the Magazine on vellum and binding it in leather, stamped in gold-leaf for presentation. Cost was, alas, prohibitive and instead we intend to mark the happy day by taking stock of School life in general and the School Magazine in particular.

The School Magazine is now an official record of the School's activities, nothing more or less. It is doing an official job of work and doing it we hope efficiently. Nobody was sorer to see original compositions of prose and verse disappear from these pages, than the editors of this journal, but with the rapid growth in the number of out-of-school activities and the corresponding growth in the volume of the notes submitted to us, there was no alternative. The situation was remedied by the establishment of a half-sister of ours, the D.H.S. "New Writing." "New Writing" had our official blessing, and has it, for this magazine is doing immensely important work in the "encouragement," note the word, please, of literary composition. Again, Good Luck "New Writing."

What is the actual function of a School Magazine? The answer has already been given in its essentials: it is an official record. This appellation sounds amazingly dull unless we really visualise the work which this magazine is doing in the correlation and the welding together of the many aspects of School life.

The function of education lies in the formation of character; that is the real meaning of that much-abused word. Education does not entail the acquisition of a collection of facts of varying utility, nor the hasty consumption of a pseudo-culture like a cup of cold cocoa. This is not education. In this world of A.D. 1950 when most persons are content to exist by turning on a tap, pushing

down a switch and by placing a coin in the slot of a machine which masquerades as "real life"; when we have learnt to control the radio without learning to control ourselves; when we have taken to the cinema as an escape from the reality of life, as a drug, a soporific, before taking the trouble of learning to provide our own entertainment; in a world where the individual tends to be treated as a unit in a planner's dream, a cog in the machine of the State, a sheet of cardboard in a card-index system; where life is reckoned in the number of weekly visits to the films, even Education might seem like apricots or pilchards to be set loose upon the world at the random gesture of the eternal tin-opener.

If we do indeed believe that the function of Education is in the formation of character and the channelling of initiative, the secret lies in the teaching not of Sanskrit but of self-control, not of science but of self-reliance. If a boy should leave this school with history or applied mathematics oozing from his finger-tips and be unable to speak intelligibly and intelligently at a debate, unable to be relied on in loyalty to a team or society, incapable of displaying good manners and pride in his school and in himself, then he leaves this establishment as ignorant and as ill-educated as if he had never been here.

An encouraging aspect of life in this school in particular is the amazing growth in out-of-school activities. It is a demonstrable fact that the work of education is performed as much outside the regular school hours as within the official timetable. Out-of-school activities are the measure of the vitality of any school and as long as they are in a healthy and flourishing state, there need be no cause for anxiety on the subject of education. As long as out-of-school activities are flourishing, the School justifies its existence as a place of education, and as long as the School Magazine records those activities, then it also is justified in its existence.

We look forward to the next hundred issues with confidence in the School and in this magazine as its official record.

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#### **PRAEFECTI VALETE**

- D. A. PINCHES, the School Captain, now serving in the R.A.F. before taking up residence at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- J. K. HOSKIN, now serving in the Army before taking up residence at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- P. C. KELLY, who is at Bristol University studying for dentistry.
- R. D. HURD, who is at Exeter University College, to take a B.Sc. degree.
- H. G. EASTLEY, is at the moment gaining practical experience in farming before taking up residence at Scale Hayne College.
- J. V. WILLS, who is at Exeter University College.
- R. B. CHISWELL, at Exeter University College is taking a B.Sc. degree course.

# School Notes

The achievement of a century, be it in cricket or in life itself, is indicative of qualities that call for commendation and analysis. In life it may mean virility, stamina, and an art of living that transcend the normal and so become noteworthy and significant : in human undertakings it means all that and more ; for virility is often infused by the spirit and vitality of the organisation behind the undertaking and by those upon whose personality ultimate success must depend. Theirs is the stamina, the will to endure, the urge to a success which will materialise only by the application of art to purpose and to method.

This is our one-hundredth issue, a century of publication, a record not completely unbroken, of a very human and living organisation that we know as Devonport High School. Wars have come and gone, and there have been periods when material difficulties could not be overcome. We have the qualities of the Phoenix : our ashes have never grown cold, and from them we have ever risen to a new birth.

Few, if any, human beings achieve a hundred years of useful life. They outgrow their capacity, atrophy sets in and the later years naturally lack vigour and attack, life becomes a habitual routine from which there can be no safe departure, until vitality is so sapped that the will and capacity to live weaken to the point of extinction, and they sleep away.

We tend to outlive the useless or inefficient in us because we are a mirror of a growth that does not cease and of an organism that rebuilds as fast as it decays. So vigorous has our parent school become that we have had to confine our scope to those vital activities that give meaning and expression to our life as a school. Our essential work has not been curtailed, we have not discarded the exacting and serious in favour of something amusing and restful in our later years ; within the last six terms we have taken off our coats and turned up our literary sleeves, have handed over to our younger sister the lighter things of life, and have set out more forcefully than ever to keep pace with an expanding and accelerating school life.

The old may tend to become flabby of muscle, slow of movement, corpulent and unsure of foot ; and we are getting old. Our clothes have had to be "let out" after vain attempts to restrict ourselves to a size that was formerly all-sufficient ; our waist-line is too big for our clothes, yet the additions that have been made to our size seem still inadequate to our growth. Ours is no mere fat or give of muscle, we do not suffer our age, but welcome it and express it with the vigour of perennial youth :

" Age cannot wither us  
Nor custom stale our infinite variety."

as Shakespeare might have said. We look to a future that will be as healthy as the School's whose variety and life we record. Now for the second century!

In early October Peter Dare of Form 6S discovered at Wembury an American Pectoral Sandpiper which has been reported only sixty-six times in England in the last hundred years. It is a friendly bird and stays in one place which enabled Mr. Hurrell to photograph it.

On Tuesday, July 18th, Mr. Michael Gardner introduced to us a recital of classical drama—a history of British Drama from the sixteenth to the twentieth century. He gave us a very clear and interesting account which Miss Sheila Bain illustrated with excerpts of some of the plays mentioned. It gave us a sense of continuity and a perspective for which we are grateful.

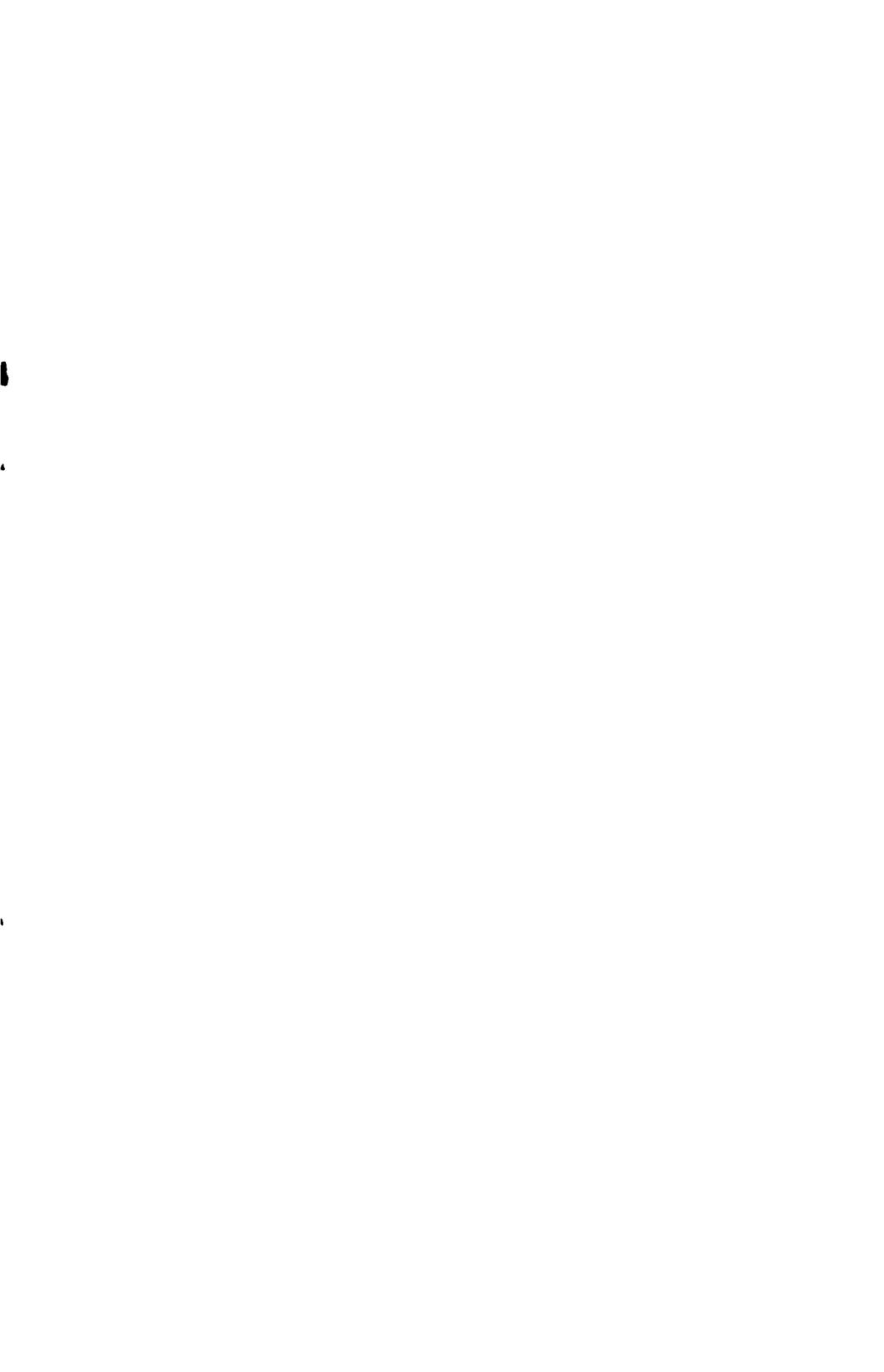
That we have heard little of the dancing class held at D.H.S. for Girls we conclude that it is now no longer something to be wondered at, but has become an acknowledged and ordinary pleasantly educative activity. Its social value is immense and we are glad to know that it has started again. It provides a civilising element lacking in a boys' school and enables our boys and their partners from the girls' school to become acquainted with the procedure at social functions to which they may be invited in the larger world, and give to them, we hope, essential poise and self-confidence.

This term we have once more been the guests of Plymouth High School for Girls at an inter-schools debate: to Miss Turner and all who made such a pleasant evening possible we here express our thanks. The motion "Peace at any price," was defeated by 127 votes to 12. We felt that the motion should have been narrowed. As it was the problem of Communism was the predominant idea. Refreshments were enjoyed and added a valuable social touch for which we are grateful to our hostesses.

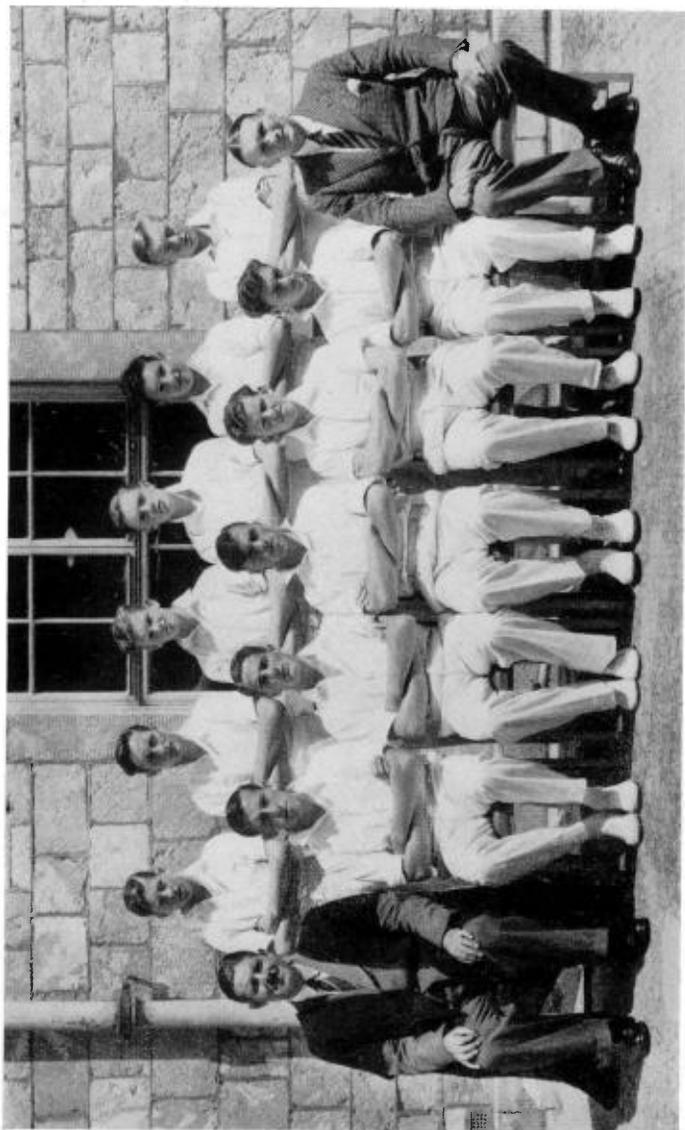
On October 25th, Captain Lock gave us a most useful talk on National Service. He reviewed the various branches of the Army, stressing those that would suit our boys in particular, and gave us information of short and long-term commissions. The number of questions answered and of interviews with individual boys marks the need and value of the meeting.

A further contribution to our knowledge of careers was made by Mr. Frere on November 1st, when he gave to the fifth and sixth forms an informative and useful talk which thoroughly covered a very wide field. He was bombarded with questions and supplied an amazing amount of information in his comprehensive answers.

We have been favoured with a visit by Lady Astor to present an Astor Essay Prize which again this year has come to D.H.S., having been won by Rutland Langsdale of L6A. She was accompanied by Mr. Leslie F. Paul, vice-chairman of Plymouth Education Committee. The Headmaster welcomed Lady Astor with a speech



CRICKET CLUB 1st XI., 1950



*Standing, Left to Right :* D. G. Pike, A. G. Goswell, C. Bray, J. M. Bowley, B. Atkins, B. Middleton  
*Sitting :* Mr. S. G. Barker (*Headmaster*), A. P. B. Wilmot, D. W. Hugo (*Hon. Sec.*), D. A. C. Letcher (*Captain*),  
R. Townsend (*Vice-Captain*), P. C. Kelly, Mr. W. Nash

urging the necessity for Anglo-American understanding if the world now and in the future were to be shaped on sound lines. Her Ladyship, with her usual sparkle, referred to the contribution that Lord Astor had made to the New Plymouth. We were going to have a glorious town. She found American audiences more sympathetic to us than our audiences were to the Americans. We should be proud of our country and of our schoolmasters. The School Captain, in thanking her, hoped that the winning of the Astor Prize would become a School tradition.

Speech Day on October 12th reached its highest standard for many years and was marked by the culture, the dignity, the high moral appeal and sound advice that Dr. Murray, Principal of the University College of the South West, infused into a speech as easy as it was forceful, and simple in its sincerity. It was good to sense the atmosphere of a wide learning that had but enhanced a very human approach to life and to young life in particular.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. Murray for the offer of prizes for the best poem presented before Christmas. He has already provided a comprehensive list of subjects : let us give him something worthy of so generous a gesture.

As we go to print, the Speech Contest, now an established institution, is in full swing. The number of entries has increased, and we look forward to a final on November 24th that shall eclipse all earlier efforts. Mrs. Joan Warn has kindly consented to judge the finalists this year. We are grateful and hope that she will enjoy an even higher standard of achievement than she did last year.

We have news of some successes of old boys at Exeter and elsewhere that should be of interest to their contemporaries and an incentive to present students. A. A. Eddy has obtained a First in Chemistry at Oxford. Hatch and Barrett obtained Upper Seconds, Davies a lower Second and Jordan a First at the final London B.A. examination in History. These were obtained from Exeter. Mayer and Tucker obtained upper seconds in French at Leicester, while Hatch has been awarded a scholarship to the William and Mary College, Williamsburg, U.S.A., and Jordan has been awarded a research scholarship by Exeter and a scholarship by the French Government to do research in Paris. Congratulations to them all !

This term we welcomed Mr. E. W. Sherwood, M.A., Cantab., to our Geography staff, and Mr. D. E. Stone, Dip. P.E. (Carnegie). We already know that they are going to be happy with us and we with them.

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We acknowledge the receipt of the Suttonian, Medina, Plymothian, Plymptonian, H.M.S. Figard Magazine, Technical Secondary School Magazine, and The Tamaritan.

# Garden Party

The Garden Party and School Display took place in the School on Saturday 15th July. A torrential downpour of rain in the accepted Plymothian manner somewhat damped the proceedings but not the spirits of either organizers or supporters, as the record profit bears witness. The Parents supported the Garden Party very loyally in spite of the fact that a minor rival attraction was being staged in Saltram Park. We had contemplated kidnapping the leader of His Majesty's Opposition, but thought better of it.

Although the rain prevented the use of the grounds, many of the displays and exhibitions were under cover or within doors and the parents were able to enjoy in comparative comfort, a picture of some of the aspects of school life. The official opening was performed by Vice-Adml. P. K. Enright, Admiral Superintendent of H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, and the Headmaster presided. Among those also present was Ald. H. G. Mason, chairman of the Plymouth Education Committee.

Vice-Adml. Enright said that he was much impressed by the co-operation that existed in the School between the masters, parents, and the boys. That embodied the team spirit, without which they would get nowhere.

Addressing the boys, he said that if it were a question of deciding whether they ought or ought not to do a thing, they should imagine for a moment that their parents were there. Would they like it? There was the answer. He said that they should remember too, that when the masters were trying to teach them something, they were trying to put over something for the boys' benefit and not for their own.

Welcoming the parents, the Headmaster appealed for the closest contact between the parents and the school. Mr. Barker said that nowadays the teachers could fit the subject to the boy and not, as before, the boy to the subject.

"We cannot do that," he said, "unless we know the boy, and we cannot know the boy, unless we know the parents. When we know the parents and their attitude to life, we know what to do with the boy. Without knowing you or the boy, we cannot do our job properly."

During the afternoon and evening, the visitors were able to see a Physical Education display, an Art exhibition, a display of handicrafts and models, a biology exhibition, a chemistry display, a physics demonstration, a photographic exhibition, a field-club, stamp-club and geography display and a current affairs exhibition. There were besides these official displays, numerous stalls, side-shows and exhibitions organized by the boys themselves, somewhat hampered by the rain but doing excellent if not unprecedented business.

Teas were as usual ably and efficiently organized by the Ladies Committee of the Parents' Association, those tireless, behind-the-scenes workers. They deserve our grateful thanks for the way in which they handled this highly necessary part of the proceedings.

The Concert which provided a grand and hilarious finale to the whole proceedings, consisted of a One Act play, "Marmaduke," by A. J. Talbot, performed by the School Junior Dramatic Society and produced by Mr. J. G. Nicholas, items by the School Choir, directed by Mr. G. Self, a conjuring interlude for which M. J. Cooke must be held responsible, and a Summer Farce for which the writer and producer Mr. J. P. Reynish disclaims all responsibility.

## Annual Speech Day

The Annual Speech Day was held at the Central Hall on Thursday, October 13th. We were privileged to have as Chairman to the proceedings, the Lord Mayor (Ald. Mrs. J. Marshall). This was a somewhat unique occasion for, although on previous speech days the Lord Mayors of Plymouth have presided, never before have we had a lady to perform that office. The principal speaker was Dr. John Murray, principal of the University College of the South West, who also presented the prizes. Also among the distinguished guests on the platform were Mrs. Lucy Middleton, M.P., Mr. H. G. Mason, Chairman of the Plymouth Education Committee, Dr. Andrew Scotland, Director of Education for Plymouth and Mr. L. F. Paul, Chairman of the Governors of the School.

Dr. Murray in his address after the presentation of the prizes, complimented the Headmaster on his admirable report and gave a variety of advice to the boys, well-spiced with typical dry Scotch humour. He suggested that the boys should spoil their mothers and advised them to pay careful attention to their handwriting and speech, both of which he declared were at a very low level in this country. He said also that this old country had always had its crisis, except when it had two or three crises at the same time. He added that it had always had its difficulties and it had always surmounted them.

He said that it would do the same in the future as it had done in the past. That boys of this School would be among the large army of men and women who would enable this country to overcome its difficulties and its enemies. He declared also that he regarded Plymouth as an outstanding city in respect of the sincerity and effectiveness of its range of support for education.

He told the boys to speak the King's English and not to turn the English language into a shapeless music-less thing, to improve their accent and to maintain their speech at a high level.

Dr. Murray also proposed to give an annual prize to the most outstanding contributor in a poetry competition for which he would set the subjects.

The Lord Mayor stressed the unparalleled advantages offered by the educational system of to-day, to the modern boy or girl.

Dr. Andrew Scotland echoed the Lord Mayor's remarks on the progress of the system of education when he said that seventeen years ago—the last occasion on which Dr. Murray presented the prizes to the boys of Devonport High School—the chance for most boys of going to a University College was as remote as the moon.

He pointed out that University education was now within the reach of every boy or girl who possessed two qualifications—intellect and character. Money, he added, was not now essential, but intellect and character were.

The musical items of the programme were under the capable direction of Mr. G. Self, and consisted of part songs, rounds, a duet and a solo. It was an ambitious and extremely well-executed performance.

A most enjoyable evening's proceedings were terminated by the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

## Soccer Club

*President* : THE HEADMASTER.

*Master in charge* : MR. H. G. WARREN.

*Captain* : R. TOWNSEND. *Vice-Captain* : T. M. BOSSOM.

*Secretary* : J. M. BOWLEY.

From the start of the season it was clear that competition for places in teams would be very keen. The enthusiasm shown by the School is reflected by the fact that six teams are being fielded regularly.

The 1st XI includes five of last year's side, and the combination of experience and size gives the School one of the strongest teams it has had for a number of years. The defence has been very sound although inclined to be over-confident, whilst the attack has combined well and there has been less dribbling. The team spirit is excellent and the side should enjoy a really good season.

The 2nd XI started the season indifferently but have come into form with a convincing win at Plympton. They have a number of players worthy of 1st XI status as was seen in the 1st XI match at Liskeard when three reserves were required because of examinations.

The Colts XI have started their programme convincingly, whilst the Junior XI have had a number of successes, including a fine win against a very much bigger and stronger Liskeard Grammar XI.

The Under-15 XI have not yet settled down but we are expecting better things in the near future. Our congratulations go to Lowe and Sargeant of this team on their selection for Plymouth Schoolboys, the former as captain of the side.

Our youngest team, the under-13 XI, have a number of promising players who should render good service to School teams for many seasons.

Although our facilities at Ham show no sign of improvement the use of the School changing rooms has proved to be ideal when we have entertained teams from outside the district. We much appreciate the provision of teas by the Ladies Committee of the Parents' Association and we feel that it greatly improves the social side of entertaining our visitors.

Our sincere thanks are due to Messrs. Warren, Way, Wayne, Pethick, Barkell, Vanstone, Tamlin, Berry, Truman, Raddler and Adams for their sustained interest and their willingness to referee.

*1st XI*: Archer; Cousins, Bossom; Letcher, Townsend (Capt.), Bowley; Northcott, Boote, Marshall, Bray, McManus.

*2nd XI*: Cotter; Lang, Tolley; Joint, Knight (Capt), Caines; Davey, Wood, Nethercott, Ede, Rainford.

#### RECORD TO DATE.

		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
						<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
1st XI	...	7	7	0	0	51	3
2nd XI	...	4	1	1	2	11	11
Colts XI	...	4	3	0	1	10	5
Under 15 XI	...	2	0	0	2	3	10
Under 14 XI	...	6	5	0	1	30	12
Under 13 XI	...	5	1	3	1	13	11

J. M. BOWLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### SCHOOL v. STAFF.

On a very wet evening and on a pitch resembling a quagmire about thirty spectators braved the elements to see the School deservedly beat the Staff by 4—0.

Although at half-time there was no score, the School had mainly dictated the play, and had hit the framework on a number of occasions as well as having several good shots brilliantly saved by Mr. Adams. In the second half the School enforced their superiority, and scored their four goals through Bray (2), Marshall and Northcott.

In the Staff team, Mr. Adams again kept goal exceptionally well whilst the inside forwards, Mr. Barkell and Mr. Wayne got through a lot of work.

Both teams returned to the pavilion in a mud-spattered state but despite the conditions everyone enjoyed the keen game.

# Rugby Club

*President* : THE HEADMASTER.

*Rugger Master* : MR. MALLINSON.

*Capt. of 1st XV* : D. HOSKING.      *Vice-Capt.* : K. R. HOLLOWAY.

*Hon. Secretary* : D. R. WANSTALL.

D.H.S. 1st XV :	0 points	H.M.S. Fisgard :	12 points
D.H.S. 1st XV :	12 points	Sutton High School :	0 points
D.H.S. 1st XV :	23 points	Launceston College :	0 points
D.H.S. 1st XV :	30 points	Plymouth College :	3 points
D.H.S. 1st XV :	12 points	St. Boniface's College :	3 points
D.H.S. 1st XV :	12 points	Hele's School :	3 points

Six matches have been played, and only one lost. This, so far, is the record of the 1st XV, and one which augurs well for the rest of the season. Well-led by the captain, their success is the fruit of team-work and a good team-spirit. The backs, quick in attack and sound in defence, have been well-served by a keen and energetic pack. Victories have therefore resulted from football which has been hard-played and, on the whole, exciting to watch. Some faults have been apparent ; but, if the present standard of football is maintained and the faults rectified, the team should enjoy a very successful season.

The 2nd XV, on the other hand, are having a very disappointing season. So far they have drawn one match out of the three they have played. If they all took advantage of the training provided for them, and imbibed a little of the spirit in the 1st XV, their results would be better ; for the team has possibilities, possessing an experienced pack which, if livelier, could enable the backs to show their worth.

The Colts XV and Junior XV are doing reasonably well. The former have won one and drawn one of their four matches ; the Juniors two out of three.

Our under-13 XV's are experiencing as successful a season as last year. Serious and continual training has produced good results, as can be seen from the "A" team's record up to date :—

		<i>Points</i>					
		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
"A" Team	...	7	6	1	0	72	3

The "B" XV has played 2 games and won them both.

We congratulate Clarke, Adams R., and Miller on being selected for the Plymouth Schoolboys XV against Mid-Devon. Clarke and Adams have also been chosen to play for a joint Plymouth and Mid-Devon XV against the Rest of Devon.

D. R. WANSTALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

# House Notes

## DRAKE HOUSE.

Unfortunately the end of a school year means many farewells. 1949-50 was no exception to this rule, and Drake lost several of its members. However, the old faces are soon replaced by new, and the House extends its best wishes for a happy stay at Devonport High School to Mr. Sherwood, and also to the new boys who, we feel sure, will perform their task of living up to our grand tradition in a worthy manner.

We also offer our congratulations to Davis and Hugo, both successful in the Executive Civil Service Examination.

The new session is but eight weeks old, and it would be rash to suggest that Drake has entered upon an excellent or average year. On the rugger field the Seniors have won two of their three matches ; the Juniors have lost both to Grenville and Raleigh. In soccer, the Juniors began the season well with "9 goals to one" victory over Raleigh. The Seniors, on the other hand, have not been so successful, drawing only one game out of three. Much therefore depends on the other Junior matches for the Rugby and Soccer championships ; but, the fortune of Drake House rests equally in the hands of everyone.

*"Poscunt fidem secunda, at adversa exigunt."*

D. R. WANSTALL, *House Captain.*

## GILBERT HOUSE.

### RESULTS FOR 1949-50.

		<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>House</i>
Soccer	...	2nd	3rd	3rd
Rugger	...	3rd	4th	3rd
Cricket	... ..	4th	4th	4th
Athletics	...	4th	4th	4th
St. Levan Shield		4th	4th	4th

The end of the Summer term and the start of the Autumn term marks the eflux and influx of past and future members of Gilbert House. To those departing, notable among them being Starks, the retiring House Captain, we wish "bon voyage!" To those entering the House we extend a hearty welcome, reminding them that their House is in a poor position and their efforts can lift it from the Slough of Despond.

The Soccer and Rugger House matches were decided in the early part of this term. At Rugger, the Seniors beat Raleigh,

losing to Drake and Grenville, whilst the Juniors lost all their matches. Gilbert was much more successful at Soccer, being first at the moment, the Seniors having lost only to Grenville, and the Juniors having won the only match they have played as yet, this against Grenville.

We finished fourth for the St. Levan Shield, and I would remind the House that the Athletics count a great deal towards this position, and that the sports itself is decided by the number of standards obtained before the sports. Last year, despite many fine individual efforts on the day, Gilbert was doomed to fourth position, owing to the few standards gained. The failure to gain many standards is due largely, if not entirely, to apathy amongst the Seniors, for it is their example, good or bad, which is followed by the more junior members of the House.

We congratulate Cross on his appointment as School Captain, and wish him the best of success in his arduous task.

D. HOSKING, *House Captain*

#### GRENVILLE HOUSE.

The end of last term saw Grenville once more "cock house." We won the Cricket Championship, the Seniors winning all their games and the Juniors losing only one.

The first few weeks of the new school year saw the completion of the Senior Rugby and Soccer fixtures, by which Grenville emerged top and third respectively. The Junior fixtures have yet to be completed, the Junior Rugby XV should do well, and a great effort is required of the Junior Soccer side.

We congratulate Lowe on being made captain of the Plymouth Schools soccer side.

This term we said farewell to our house captain P. C. Kelly who has gone to Bristol University to study dentistry and we wish him every success.

We look forward to another successful year when, in the capable hands of Mr. Mallinson and his colleagues, we hope once again to win the St. Levan Shield. This, however, can only be achieved by a corporate effort on the part of the whole house.

R. TOWNSEND, *House Captain.*

#### RALEIGH HOUSE.

Our final position for the St. Levan Shield last year was second, the House being first, second, third and second in the Soccer, Cricket, Rugger and Athletics Championships respectively—a fine achievement.

At the beginning of this term the first-form boys arrived, to whom we extend a warm welcome. We also welcome Turner (L6A) from Shrewsbury, who has played for the School 2nd XV, Martin (L6sc), from Tavistock, who has played for the Senior Soccer XI, Green (3c), from Stockport, who has played for the Under 14 XV, and Holding (3A) from Ealing. Brimacombe (1A) is already in the Under 13 XV and Junior House Team, an example to all the other first-formers.

The Senior Rugger team, under the captaincy of Rickard, played well but lost all its three matches. The Junior XV, ably captained by Passmore and with Foster outstanding, has won both its matches to date, and should enjoy a keen struggle with Grenville, who are also unbeaten.

The Senior Soccer team won two matches, but lost surprisingly to Gilbert. The Junior XI, under the captaincy of Clarke, has lost the one match played, and must win the remaining two matches to atone for the defeat. The Chess team has won its first match against Grenville and should do well.

The House should do well this year as there is plenty of talent available—all that is required is enthusiasm, with every member of the House giving his full support and co-operation. So go to it, Raleigh!

D. A. C. LETCHER, *House Captain.*

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## HOUSE RESULTS 1950-51

### SENIOR RUGGER.

Gilbert	0	Drake	16
Grenville	33	Raleigh	0
Gilbert	9	Raleigh	8
Grenville	8	Drake	0
Gilbert	3	Grenville	31
Drake	26	Raleigh	0

### SENIOR SOCCER.

Gilbert	1	Raleigh	0
Raleigh	7	Drake	2
Grenville	3	Gilbert	1
Drake	1	Grenville	1
Gilbert	3	Drake	0
Raleigh	3	Grenville	0

### JUNIOR RUGGER.

Grenville	18	Drake	0
Raleigh	29	Gilbert	0
Grenville	27	Gilbert	0
Drake	0	Raleigh	12

### JUNIOR SOCCER.

Drake	9	Raleigh	1
Gilbert	2	Grenville	0

# Out of School Activities

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

The club has been rather inactive as regards school matches and tournaments so far this term, but the attendances and the standard of play at our meetings promises a successful season.

Despite many requests from some members of the lower sixth, we regret that the club must still be limited to the top two years of the school, as our membership even then is slightly excessive.

Before the end of this term it is hoped that the annual game with the Staff, the House matches and some inter school games will be completed. The team to represent the school in these matches will be selected from Hugo, Davis Ackford Rainford Evens, Letcher, Caines and Williams. J. L. DAVIS, *Hon. Secretary.*

## THE SCOUT LOG.

The oft-disputed question, whether a better camp can be held in the heart of the country than on the coast, is still unsolved by the 18th Devonport Troop. Yet, even the most "die-hard" supporters of the former will not deny the success of our camp at Bude. A slight break in the inclement weather enabled the tents to be pitched and the camp-site laid out in a reasonably comfortable manner. The bad weather, however, soon gave way to the good, and complaints were not of swampy kitchens, but of sunburnt legs. Hikes were held for Seniors and Juniors, those aquatically inclined were able to ease their burning bodies in the cool though somewhat turbulent sea, and friendly relations were established with the Bude Troop at a Camp-fire.

Early this term yet another step was made in the development of the Troop. A Parents' Evening was held with the intention of forming a Parents' Committee. After an evening's entertainment by the Patrols, the formation of a Committee was proposed and duly passed. Meetings are now to be held regularly on Friday Evenings.

The Troop is still unfortunately lacking a Rover Scout Leader so we are still without a Rover Crew. The appeal for an R.S.L. is therefore still open to those Old Boys who have been associated with the Scouting Movement. D. R. W, *A.S.M.*

## THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The weekly meetings of the Society have been very well attended this session, the average attendance having been about forty. Since membership is limited to the Fifth and Sixth forms this is satisfactory, but more members from the Arts Sixth should enjoy the privileges of membership. Several have attended our recent meetings, and it is pleasing to record that the number is increasing, but there seems to be no reason why many others should

not follow their example, as some knowledge of the practical applications of modern science is as interesting to the informed Arts student as it is essential to the professed scientist.

The emphasis has been on film exhibitions so far this session, the subjects including the production of high quality steels, marine radar, steam raising, Diesel engines, and the science of flight. The society was, however, fortunate in being able to welcome Mr. E. Brimacombe, who delivered a lecture on "Printing—its development and modern practice." An interesting innovation was a discussion between the members of a team of experts—Treby U6, Hutchings 6S, Hill L6S—on "Home Chemistry." This proved to be very successful.

At the time of writing the Society has undertaken its first excursion of the session. This was to the technical installations of the Royal Air Force at Mount Batten, and was both instructive and exhilarating. Negotiations are now in progress to arrange visits to numerous places of scientific interest during the year, and one to the B.B.C. studios at Mannamead is already "over-subscribed." Such excursions would certainly be of interest to members recruited from the Arts Faculty. The competition among the members for inclusion in the parties is keen indeed, and some even stake claims for the positions of first, second or even third reserves.

The various sections of the Society continue to flourish. Since the last edition of the magazine their number has been increased by the formation of Meteorological and Press Research sections. The former has set up a rain gauge on the school balcony and has greatly enhanced the decorative features of Block D by the erection of a large wind-sock. It is hoped that by the time of publication the activities of the latter will have become evident on the special notice boards under construction at the time of writing. Some of the members of the Photographic Section have been making good use of the dark-room, and still more are urged to take advantage of the excellent facilities available. A dark-room steward has been appointed to supervise the preparation and storage of materials and apparatus. All members of the Society are reminded that they have the right to use the dark-room; previous experience is not essential as tuition can be given from the beginning.

The efforts of the Radio Section, under the guidance of Mr. Carter, are worthy of special note. This term they have concentrated on the construction of two receivers, both fairly complex three valve sets. These will be laid out on "bread-boards" in such a manner that the circuits and the function of each part can be readily traced and understood. Both sets will be kept at school for demonstration purposes.

Finally, the Committee, and the Society as a whole, wish to express their gratitude to all those who have kindly consented to lecture to its members, or have made its excursions possible.

B. KEENE, *Hon. Secretary.*

## GARDENING CLUB.

These last few weeks have seen a gardening rota scheme put into operation which should remedy the impossible situation which existed earlier in the term when adequate help was not forthcoming. By this new scheme boys willing to help, and they amount to approximately two hundred, will be expected to work in groups of fifteen on particular days. They should watch the rota which will be pinned regularly on the Gardening Club notice board.

At the moment the beds in front of the School have been planted with hundreds of daffodil bulbs, and wallflower seedlings are going in as this magazine goes to print. This should ensure quite a lively show of colour next spring. The beds at the front are now a rather monotonous display of yellow chrysanthemum plants : if parents would care to exchange roots of differently coloured Chrysanthus for some of these yellow ones, I should be only too pleased to do so at the end of the blooming season.

Once the existing flower-beds are under control with the new scheme of directed labour, we may turn our attention to other parts of the school grounds. There is scope here for a " capability " Brown in plurality; may Devonport High School provide him.

A. J. CROSS, *Hon. Secretary.*

## ART CLUB.

We have welcomed quite a large number of new members this term, especially from the Lower School.

It should be emphasised again that the Club not only is not the prerogative of boys taking Art as a School Subject, but it would be glad to have as members boys who are denied this privilege.

Further, there is no coercion in the selection of work. We are merely interested in helping people to develop their own ideas.

Some members are now busy on large panels for decorating the corridors and some subject rooms, and by the time this appears in print, we expect to have framed paintings displayed throughout Blocks C and D.

## THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

Since the last publication of the School Magazine, the choir has partaken in performances at the School Garden Party and at Speech Day.

At the Garden-Party concert, an entertainment of light songs was given.

On Speech Day a contrasting programme was presented. This included a duet : " Sound the Trumpet," by Purcell, and a solo : " How beautiful are the feet," by Handel, which were performed by members of the lower school.

The tenors, baritones and basses are, at present, preparing Mendelssohn's " Festgesang " for a Christmas concert.

R. M. L. COOK.

## MODELLING CLUB NOTES.

After experimenting last year by having Meccano modelling only, we have decided to extend our activities to modelling in general. Because of this, our numbers have increased, the majority of the new members being first and second-form boys. We are glad that they attend our meetings and we hope that they will continue to do so.

Our Meccano section is still thriving and a competition of Meccano models is under way at the time of writing. Last year the club paid a visit to a Hornby Dublo layout and this year more parties of members will visit it at intervals. We would like to have a Dublo layout at school, starting by having a small Dinky Toys layout to be extended as opportunity arises. The members who are not interested in this section are making small articles in wood or other available material.

We are still in need of Meccano parts and magazines on modelling subjects, so if any one has outgrown such things we should be very grateful if he would part with them.

P. WARLOW, 4L.

## BADMINTON CLUB.

The Club has now been in existence for a year, and has proved very popular amongst the 6th form. Membership has now been extended to the middle 6th forms and has reached its maximum because of the limitations in the available equipment.

Wills, last year's outstanding member, has left us and is now playing for the University College of the South West at Exeter.

It is hoped to arrange a staff match and also to run a series of House matches.

A. P. B. WILMOT, *Secretary*.

## THE CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY.

Although the Current Affairs Room is situated at the far end of a corridor, which is unfortunate, it is not inaccessible. All know that, if they require knowledge, they must seek it. The value of a study of Current Affairs is obvious, but a last-minute attempt to obtain it for examination purposes, is useless. The Current Affairs Room is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and we hope that in future the services of the librarians will be more widely used. We ask those who borrow books to be a little more scrupulous in returning them promptly.

Our meetings have been well attended. We thank Mr. Tamblin for a very interesting talk, and also Cross, Caines, Sainsbury and Prowse, who led a stimulating discussion. Later this term we are having an outside speaker for the first time. We hope and expect that the attendance at that meeting will be even greater than at previous ones this term.

K. R. PROWSE, *Hon. Secretary*.

## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

At the beginning of the term our former Secretary, D. A. Pinches left the school in order to complete his period of National Service before going up to Cambridge to read English at Pembroke College. We wish him the best of luck for the future.

The Winter Programme opened with a "Speak Your Mind" session designed to give all new members—and some old ones—a chance to make their "maiden speeches." This was later followed by a discussion group led by Mr. J. Crossley, an old boy of the school on religious topics of especial import at the present time. Our first full dress debate concerned the motion that "Communism is Preferable to a Third World-War," a proposal which was soundly defeated.

Attempting to justify the second part of our Title—Literary—the Society invited Mr. Austin along to throw some light on our hitherto hazy ideas upon Toc H. We thank him for an interesting session.

Whilst on the subject of talks, we hope by the time this magazine appears, to have arranged a visit from the Rev. M. W. Pile, who has been a missionary for some time in Northern China and whose knowledge of conditions under the new regime should therefore prove extremely interesting.

So far the highlight of the Session has been the Inter-School Debate at the Plymouth High School for Girls, where amidst an atmosphere of intense gravity, the motion that "this house agrees with the principle of 'Peace at any Price'" was overwhelmingly defeated, the result being 127 against the motion and 12 in favour.

C. M. NEWEX, *Hon. Secretary.*

## D.H.S. STAMP CLUB.

The Stamp Club has now re-opened for the Autumn-Winter session. A few nights have already been devoted to album work and an album competition has been held. Lakeman (VA) gave an interesting talk on "Specialising" and a film entitled "The Pageant of the Postage Stamp" led to an extensive discussion on many aspects of stamp-collecting. A Brains Trust was held on October 30th with Mills (VL), Lakeman (VA) and Smith (IIA) on the team. The question as to whether the tradition of using the King's portrait on stamps should be continued, or whether it should be dispensed with and more use made of commemorative or "Health" issues, was one of the most interesting.

To cater for boys who cannot come to the evening meetings, special dinner-hour meetings are being arranged. These will involve a wide variety of interests including film-shows. It is hoped that the first of these meetings will be held on November 8th. We should like to see more members at these meetings. The Club can help you collect, so come along and help others.

B. LAIRY, *Hon. Secretary.*

## DRAMATIC SOCIETY NOTES.

Rehearsals for "Arsenic and Old Lace", to be performed the week beginning 15th January at the Globe Theatre, are in full swing, and the various accents and dialects to be heard are really quite astonishing. All members of the Society are now building up their strength to face the strenuous rehearsals in the Christmas "holidays". Tickets for the play are on sale and it is advisable to book seats early, as the demand for tickets is so great.

The Junior Dramatic Society has also been active, staging, in October, the "Medicine of Hau Sao" at St. Barnabas' Church Hall. Mr. Hamilton Price adjudicated it and gave many valuable tips on voice-production, grouping and movement. We are very grateful to Mr. Sherwood, who produced this play at such short notice, and hope that he will continue his association with this Society for as long as he remains with us.

P. G. GILL, *Hon. Secretary.*

## SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Those of us who belong to the Plymouth Public Library will have noticed that every book bears a number—usually printed in white—on its cover.

This means of classification is known as the Dewey Decimal System ; and it was with certain trepidation that we decided to adopt this same system in the School Library. The decision entailed taking each of our three thousand books, carefully looking up its exact position in the two thousand pages of the Dewey Index, and, after checks and re-checks, finally printing the number on the cover. At first this seemed too overwhelming a task for our small staff of librarians. However, a start was made at the close of last term, and by the end of October the work was completed.

We are especially indebted to Mrs. Baigent of the Devonport Public Library for her invaluable help in checking the accuracy of our classification of each book ; to the Plymouth Public Library for the loan of the electric pencils and transfer paper used in printing the numbers on the books ; and to M. Cooke of 5M, without whose untiring efforts this printing would never have been accomplished.

At the beginning of this term we said farewell to J. K. Hoskin, whose services to the school as Librarian cannot be over-estimated. His unusual intelligence and enthusiasm have set a high standard of efficiency for those who follow him in this office.

Finally, we are very encouraged by the increasing number of boys who are making use of the Library during the lunch-time ; we feel that the time is fast approaching when boys will realise that the Library is not merely a room in which they may take refuge on wet days, but rather the very necessary cultural centre of School life.

D. J. MILLS, *Hon. Librarian.*

## MUSIC SOCIETY.

When these notes go to print one half of this present season will have gone by and, as usual, it will have been a good one. Already there have been important happenings.

The most important has been the changes within the Club itself. In future it will be of the status of a Society, and will consist of two parts ; one will be the original Club, to be known as the Gramophone Listening Club ; the other will be the school choir and orchestra. This has one important effect in that anyone in the school is now able to join the Society and take part in all its functions, whereas before it was confined to the fifth and sixth forms. We are glad to report that boys in the lower school have already begun to take advantage of this new opportunity to widen their interests. These changes have, of course, widened also the scope of the Society itself, and taken much strain and responsibility off the original Club, enabling it to function more easily.

The school choir is improving rapidly and is to be congratulated on its fine performance at the school Speech Day in October. We have to be grateful for a choir not only for its performances on such public occasions, but for the way that it brings to light soloists of talent in the school. In fact, one of the most outstanding features of our season so far this year has been the way in which these and many other soloists have been discovered. There seems to be an unsuspected wealth of musical talent, particularly in the lower forms, that promises well for the future.

T. M. BOSSOM, *Hon. Secretary.*

## BOXING CLUB.

The new " season " has started with a strong nucleus of " old stagers," prominent among whom are J. Evans (Captain and last year's British Champion), B. W. Atkins (Vice-Captain), D. Rendle (Secretary), A. C. Atkins (Junior Captain), A. G. Wortelhock and M. J. Dooley. Of the newcomers, great promise is shown by D. F. Parr, R. N. Parnell M. H. Green, D. R. Jane and J. R. Boyce. More boys from Forms I and II would be welcome. Training is on Tuesday (after school) and Thursday (dinner hour).

## THE FIELD SOCIETY.

This year the Field Society has decided to cater for the interests of the Arts side of the School as well as the Science side, and to make full use of the varied interests of its members to undertake a systematic survey of a given area. With this object in mind we have selected the Parish of Tamerton, which is relatively near to the City and is as yet comparatively unspoilt by urbanization. The ecologists, geographers, historians and architects are concentrating on their main interest to produce a balanced survey of the region. The individual sections make their own arrangements for their excursions so that on most Saturdays one section at least is actively engaged in field work in some part of the Parish. Then,

on the following Wednesday, the various sections meet in the Biology Laboratory to discuss their findings and to record them on maps and diagrams.

Another section is interested in Archaeological Remains on Dartmoor. This year they are making a study of the Bronze Age Settlement near Merrivale Bridge. The section intends to construct a scale model of the settlement when their survey is completed.

In addition to this the historians are undertaking the main responsibility for a model showing the historical growth of Plymouth. The model will be one part of the contribution of the School to the exhibition depicting "Plymouth, Past and Future" to be held as part of the Festival of Britain celebrations.

M. J. MERRETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

## CHESS CLUB.

*Masters-in-charge* : Mr. E. H. BERRY and Mr. B. R. ADAMS.

The activities of the Chess Club so far this term have been hampered by the increasing School activities which have been in progress. The fall in our numbers has necessitated the substitution of an open contest for the ladder and league contests.

Both Seniors and Juniors have started the season unsuccessfully, both losing to Plympton Grammar School 5—1 and 5½—½ respectively. We hope that they will improve soon.

By the time this magazine is published, we shall know the results of the House matches now in progress. At present it is impossible to forecast them.

We would like to welcome all newcomers, whether able to play Chess or not. For Mr. Berry and Mr. Adams are always willing to give instruction.

K. R. PROWSE, *Hon. Secretary.*

## Careers

Much progress has been made this term and the Careers-Room is amply justifying its name.

Adequate seating accommodation is now provided and sloping shelves offer excellent opportunities for the display of the very numerous handbooks issued by the Universities detailing the regulations concerning them. All the wall space has now become a notice board whereon can be seen information concerning the main careers with up to date literature direct from the governing bodies.

The huge notice board on the south wall is designed to catch the eye and it certainly does! It will grow into a visual careers guide, aimed chiefly at the fourth former, who surely cannot know the real width of his choice nor the details of it. The wisdom of his final choice must depend on knowing all the paths open to him, hence this simple graphical representation grouping the possibilities under six main heads, viz., The Services, the Professions, The Civil

Service, Industry, Commerce and Agriculture. Thus at a glance he can see the whole field before him, with well defined paths leading down to the particular item he seeks, where he will find the conditions of entry and prospects in the career of his choice.

Attention is drawn to the notice boards at the foot of the stairs in Blocks C and D. *All* lower school boys should read them and a goodly number of the Upper School. If you won't come to the Careers Room then it will come to you !

Mr. Frere, Careers Advisor for the Western Region of the Youth Employment Bureau of the Ministry of Labour, gave two most able talks on November 3rd to the Upper School and to the Parents' Association.

In conclusion we repeat how welcome is news from old boys which will keep us abreast of current trends.

W. H. W. *Careers Master.*

## Correspondence

Loughborough College,  
Loughborough, Leics.  
5-11-50.

Dear Editor,

Loughborough College, an institute renowned both for its courses in engineering combining theory with experience in workshops operating on a production basis, and for its excellently equipped department of physical education, is continuing to develop at much the same pace as it has done since its foundation twenty years ago. Its present buildings are overcrowded by the ever increasing student population, although an extensive development scheme has been planned, several new buildings being in course of erection.

Old Boys in residence this year are :—

F. C. POPE, is taking his B.Sc. (Eng.) finals in July, 1951.

M. J. L. WILLISON is taking the College Diploma finals in June. He plays regularly for the College 2nd XV and occasionally for the first team.

L. W. PILLAR is taking the Diploma finals in June and also Part I of B.Sc. (Eng.) in March.

B. S. GIBBS has commenced a four year course for a Diploma in Civil Engineering.

Among other past associates of D.H.S. at the College is Mr. J. WILLIAMS, now a lecturer in Physics, who was on the staff of the School at Albert Road.

L. W. PILLAR.

Flight Cadet Mess,  
Royal Air Force College,  
Digby,  
Lincolnshire.

20-10-50.

Dear Editor,

Here is the letter from Cranwell that I promised you. The problem is to decide where to start, for there are so many aspects of the College as a whole, that I think the best approach is to give you the general outline.

Basically there are four squadrons, each of which is administered as a separate unit. To distinguish between them, the cadets of each squadron wear a flash of a certain colour ; red for "A" Squadron, blue for "B" yellow for "C" and maroon for "D" Squadron.

Upon entering the College, the new cadet is placed in one of these squadrons and begins his primary service training.

This lasts for six months, during which time he lives as an ordinary airman in the cadet block. At the end of this period he becomes a Flight Cadet and is given a room of his own and the somewhat grudging services of a batman. This is to be his home for the next two years approximately, at the completion of which time he graduates at an end-of-term ceremonial parade and is posted to a flying station as a Pilot Officer.

Whilst at the college he will participate in various inter-squadron competitions which vary from gymnastics to flying and drill. The latter by the way, termed the Ferris Drill Competition, will take place on 17th November and is causing much activity in the way of rehearsals as a very high standard is required. More pleasant than this however are such things as inter-squadron rugger, soccer and hockey competitions. The squadron gaining the greatest number of points from all these competitions becomes King's Squadron for the next term and provides the colour party for the King's Colour for the whole of that term's ceremonial parades. As a point of interest it is worth noting that this is the first Colour that has been presented to the Royal Air Force.

With regard to sport I think it is fairly safe to say that no matter what form it takes, it is played at Cranwell, whether it is a well known game such as rugger, or a comparatively little known activity such as archery or fencing.

I cannot go into more detailed description for such a work would probably fill a magazine. Hoping you may find this letter of some interest to many, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

R. W. LIDSTONE, *Flight-Cadet.*

# Parents' Association

*President* : THE HEADMASTER.

*Hon. Treasurer* : MR. W. H. WAY, B.Sc.

*Hon. Secretary* : MR. H. G. WARREN, B.Sc.

The new plan for election to the Committee, adopted at the last Annual Meeting has worked extremely well. By this plan the city was divided into eight areas and we have found that a local, and generally well-known representative is the best means of ensuring interest in our affairs.

The year's activity has been extremely varied, enjoyable and profitable both financially—as the Treasurer will prove—and socially.

December 3rd saw a gathering of some 200 parents and friends at an old time and modern dance in the Assembly Hall which proved such a pleasant evening that, by common consent, it was decided to make it an annual event.

On a very wet evening in February, an entertaining Brains Trust was held—the team consisting of Mrs. Hendra, Mrs. Davies, Mr. Reid, Mr. Evans, Mr. Truman, with the Headmaster as Question Master—answering prepared and impromptu questions concerning homework, pocket money, aims of a grammar school, etc.

The Whist and Bridge Drive in March was a great success, attracting some 150 people and giving the M.C. the busiest evening he had experienced for a long time.

Perhaps the most delightful event of all was the coach trip in May to U.C.S.W., Exeter, where we were graciously received by the Registrar, allowed to roam the beautiful Streatham Estate and to visit the Washington Singer laboratories and various Halls of Residence. We were later entertained to tea by the College Authorities before returning across the moors.

Another coach trip, visiting Buckfast Abbey and returning via Princetown, was arranged in June.

The big event of the Summer Term was the Garden Party which, as most of you know, in spite of rival attractions and dreadful weather, was an outstanding success.

In addition to these events the Association has helped the school in many ways not purely financial.

A happy and much appreciated inauguration has been the provision by the Ladies' Committee (with some help from their husbands) of teas for visiting cricket and football teams. This helps to make the organisation of games much more satisfactory.

Pictures, to improve the appearance of classroom walls, have been framed by Mr. Way, from materials provided by the Association.

On the financial side our balance at the beginning of the year was £78 and at the end of the year was £119. The major items of net income and expenditure were, in round figures :

Garden Party, £99 ; December Dance, £13 ; Exeter Coach trip, £10 ; Whist Drive, £6 ; Subscriptions, £26 ; 1st Speech day prizes and expenses, £30 ; 2nd Speech day, £30 ; To School purposes, £20 ; New honours board, £20 ; Games teas, £7 ; Picture framing material, £12.

The subscriptions figure of £26, at one shilling per head, reveals that less than half of the parents of our boys are (subscribing) members of our Association. Subscriptions are due each October, except from parents of boys in Form I.

We feel that the year has been very successful, we appreciate the hard work done by Committee members and others, and we look forward to your continued support. H.G.W.

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

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and H. BRENTON.

*Rugby Club Representative* : CAPTAIN

*Soccer Club Representative* : D. STANDER.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the School on Friday, 22nd December, 1950, at 7 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance as the Rules and Constitution are coming up for review. This has been done at the behest of the previous A.G.M. and those who expressed dissatisfaction at the present arrangements are requested to attend since there are several debatable points for discussion.

The Annual Dinner will be held at Genoni's Restaurant on **Thursday, 28th December**, 1950 at 7 p.m. Price of ticket will be 10/-. Once again a large attendance is requested in order that the usual enjoyable evening will be experienced.

In spite of the plea in the July issue, there is still a lack of information from Old Boys away from the City, except for the report of the London Branch. Unless that information is forthcoming it is impossible to make these notes of any general interest and it is hoped that there will be an improvement before the next issue.

In the New Year, the Social Sub-committee hope to arrange a number of informal functions, provided the support is forthcoming, and full details will be issued in due course.

Old Boys' ties are on sale at Messrs. Perkins Bros., of Townsend Hill, Plymouth, Price 8/6.

With regard to the Blazer, there is still no certain news but it is hoped that in the Spring there will be some possibility that they will again be on sale at Messrs. Stidever Bros., of Albert Road, Devonport.

## THE LONDON BRANCH

At the last Annual Meeting of the London Branch the well known Chairman, Doctor Brookes endeavoured to pass his mantle on, but the members disagreed and instead appointed A. J. Swan, the then Secretary as Vice-Chairman. This was also an appreciation of his efforts for the Branch as Secretary over a long period of years. The new Secretary is H. M. Blewett whilst L. S. Mills was relieved by S. Morgan of his duties as Treasurer. H. E. Barry is still the efficient and able Social Secretary to whom must go so much credit for arranging the Annual London Dinner.

It was pleasant to have the Head Master and General Secretary at the Annual Meeting and it is hoped that they will visit us again for the Dinner which will have taken place before these notes are published.

Last winter a number of pleasant Social Evenings were held in a private room at the Green Man, Bedford Street, off the Strand and the first one this winter was quite a success, especially as more Old Boys who had left the School in recent years were present.

The London Branch is very anxious to interest those from the School on their first arrival in the Metropolis and to that end Mr. Barkell has undertaken to act as liaison link in the School. It is hoped that every one on leaving for London will either contact me or any member on arrival or consult Mr. Barkell before coming to London. Many of us in the past were helped in finding digs by the Association and, despite the difficulties of to-day, are pleased to assist others in their search.

Not only does the Branch cater for younger members but there is a most pleasant and enjoyable active interest amongst those who left D.H.S. many years ago.

Any questions concerning the social side of the activities should be addressed to H. E. Barry at 66 Holly Bush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex and any other questions to me at 19 Pottimore Road, Guildford, Surrey.

ALAN STEWART. *Hon. Secretary.*

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

The Old Boys' Soccer Club has started the season 1950-51 in quite a successful style, but there are many problems still to be solved. After a somewhat experimental season last year, it was decided to enter the Plymouth Combination League Division III, and to date the club is well in the running for the leadership of the

division. Only one league game has been lost and the club was the first team to take a point from the powerful league leaders—for which successful beginning the club expresses its thanks to the school for the assistance given by playing members of the 1st XI during emergencies.

The position, however, is not quite as sound as the results suggest and there are three major problems which are uppermost in the minds of those who are trying to run the Club. These are (a) the low number of playing members which makes the injury of one or more a matter of supreme urgency ; (b) the poor financial state of the club and, probably the most important of all, (c) the complete absence of non-playing members. The club is badly in need of assistance from experienced Old Boys who would be willing to advise in team selection, training and administration. In no game this season have we received any support from the touchline. It would be greatly appreciated if any old Boy willing to assist would communicate with me c/o D.H.S. for Boys.

The urgency of this matter cannot be overemphasised, and I feel that the future of the club will ultimately depend upon the successful solution of the problem. Whether the problem can be solved or not may be decided by the response to this appeal.

D. G. BARKELL.

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

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The Rugby Club, although no notes have appeared in the magazine for the last two issues, is, however, still flourishing, and as its aims say, providing facilities for a number of Old Boys to play Rugby. In saying a number it would be well to add that we could do with many more members to swell our playing strength. We had hoped to have run a 2nd XV but this to date has proved impossible, although at Christmas time when the Universities are on vacation we have arranged several fixtures.

Our fixture list, so far this season, has been quite formidable, and although we have had a couple of heavy defeats, on the face of things, the Club has done reasonably well. Good wins against Teignmouth Reserves and Civil Service have offset heavy defeats

by Hayle and Kingsbridge. As usual we have had many pleasant away trips, ranging from Hayle (and a visit to Penzance) to Sidmouth. The Christmas programme is quite heavy with games against Kingsbridge, North Tawton, Plymouth Arguam and O.P.M.'s, in addition to the usual Boxing Day "Exiles" game. Old Boys who will be available over the Christmas and wish to play for either the Old Boys XV or the Exiles XV should contact the Hon. Secretary.

We have welcomed back to the Club as a regular playing and Committee member, M. Down, the full back, who has taken up a teaching appointment in Plymouth. New members joining the Club are E. Perkins and A. Gilbert, whilst from time to time we get brief visits from Service members such as Jeff and Peter Lakerman and H. Thomas. M. Brereton having been demobilised from the army during the summer is now a regular player. G. Allin, one of last season's stalwarts, is playing for Albion Juniors—it seems that he could do much better than that and play in better class Rugby. The number of Old Boys who play for Albion Juniors and the other teams at Beacon Park causes the Committee quite an amount of heart-burn and disappointment. We should like to know why so many people go to Albion Juniors in preference to the Old Boys, which in fact has been probably a better jumping off ground for senior football than ever the Junior side will ever be. In discussing this situation we would point out that one point that seems to have been misunderstood by boys at the School is that the Old Boys Rugby Club is not run by the School or the Staff, but by a Committee of Old Boys.

On the Social side, the Children's Christmas Party is already laid on, whilst the Rugby Dinner will be held at Easter.

The Rugby Club are sponsoring the formation of a Cricket Club for next season, and a team has already been entered in the Evening League. Reg. Lyon, our Skipper, is acting as Cricket Secretary at the moment, and anyone interested should contact him at 46 Balmoral Avenue, Stoke, Plymouth.

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

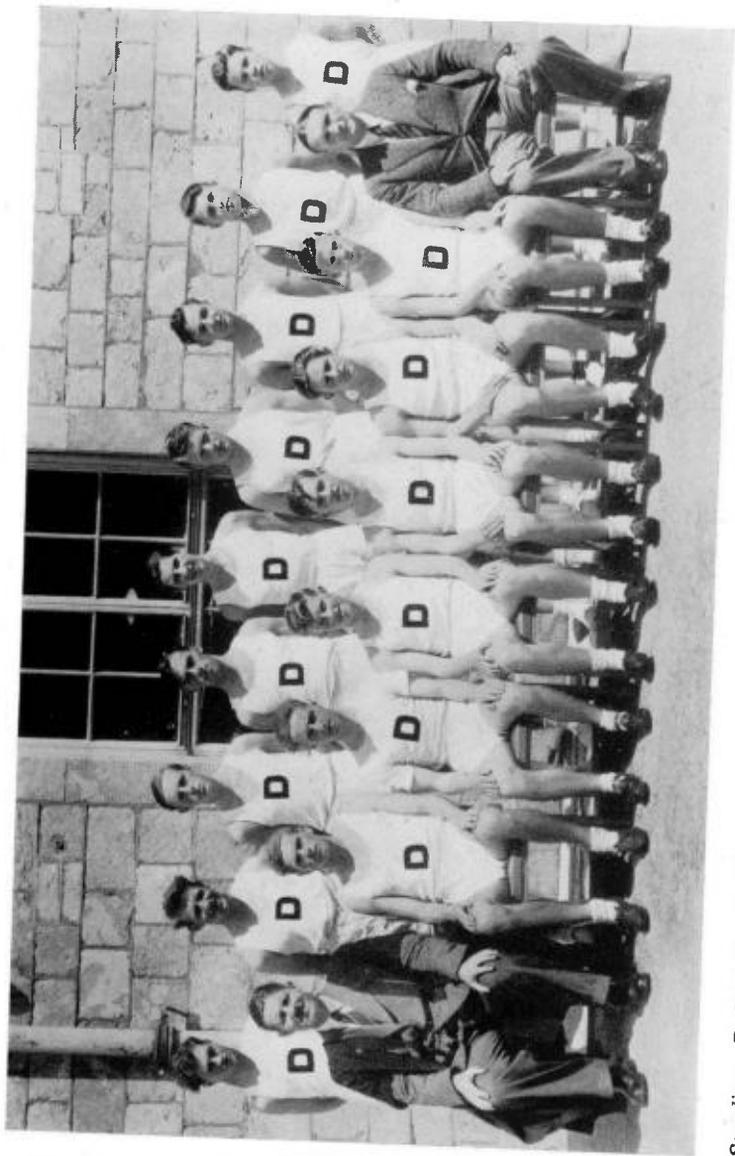
As was anticipated we are this season finding the opposition in Division II of the P. & D. Churches Badminton League much stronger than that experienced in Division III last year.

Up to the time of these notes we have played two matches, winning at All Saints by five games to four and losing at home to Central Hall by the same margin, this match being our first defeat since our entry into the League.

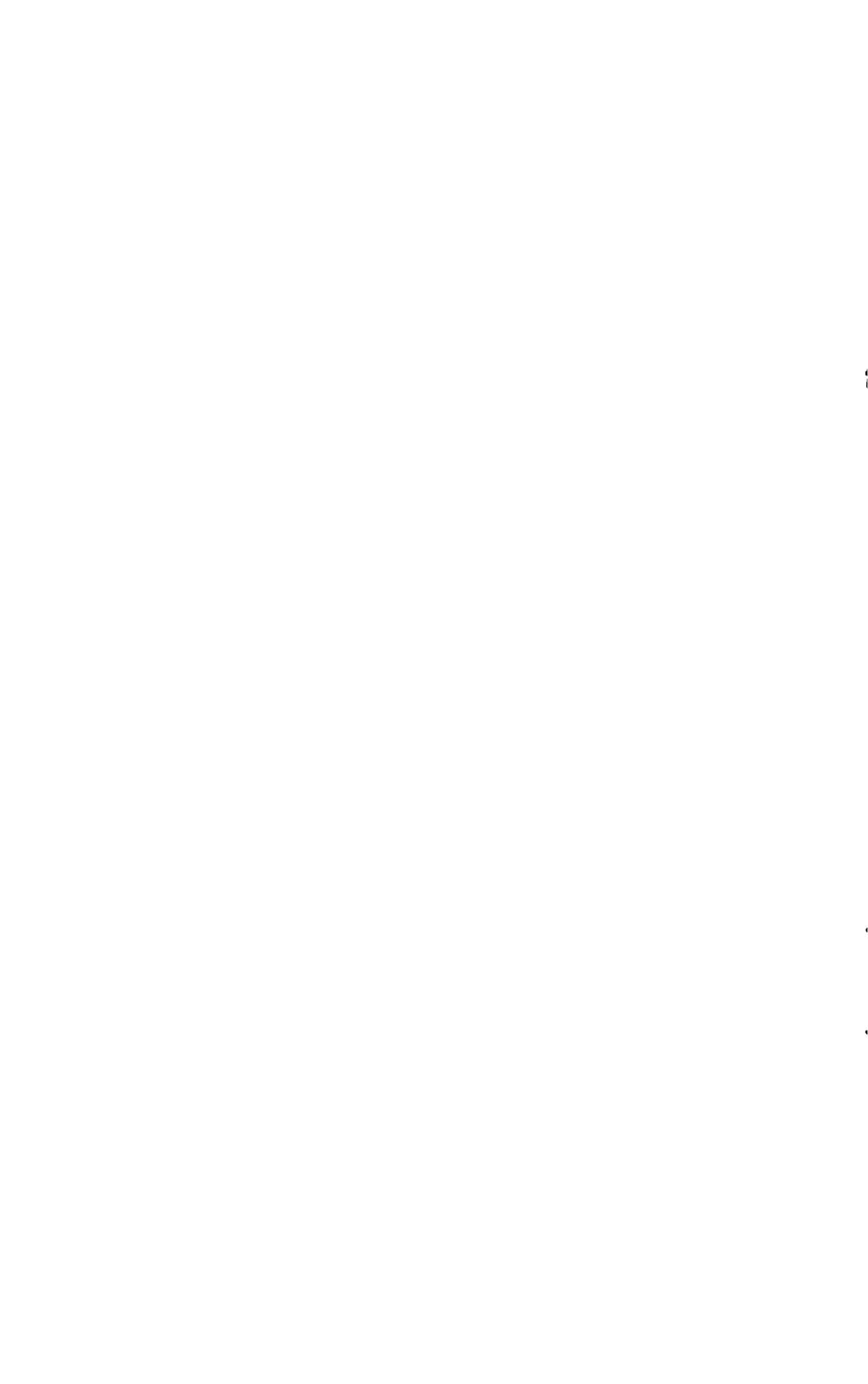
We are well represented in the League Individual Knock-out Tournaments and it is hoped to emulate last year's successes in this contest.

HARRY BRENTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

ATHLETICS TEAM, 1950



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Astor Essay Prize ... .. A. R. LANGSDALE

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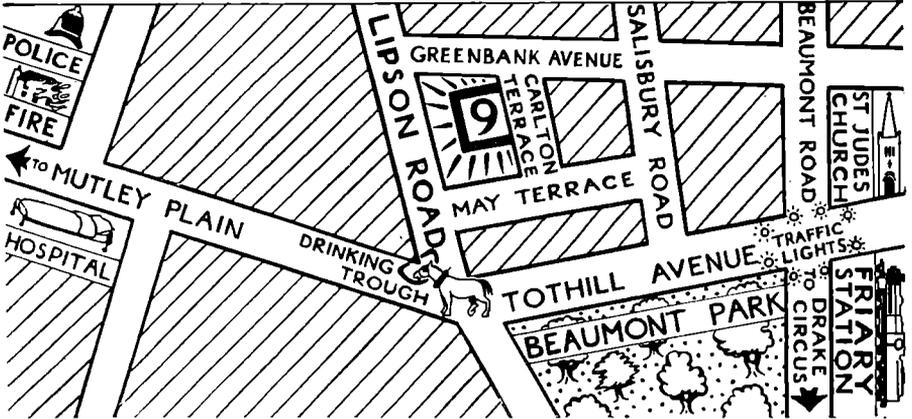
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