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Editorial

“ The poetry of earth is ceasing never.”

In these days of wars and rumours of wars the poet seems something of an anachronism. Poetry suggests a certain permanence in the scale of values, but in a time of storm and stress in every department of life there is a tendency for the operations of emotion and intellect to become distorted. Yet why should this result in the isolation of the poet who is allowed to formulate an individualistic cult, to succumb to a modern “ mal du siècle,” and to produce mystic and esoteric stanzas which explain the universe in terms equally as cryptic as the mathematician’s ($pq - qp = \frac{ik}{2x}$) ? The very shaking of our faith ought to eventuate in the discarding of the superficial, and in the concentration on the fundamental features of life which it is the poet’s task to sing “ though Dynasties pass.”

The attitude of the general public, however, is indeed matter for concern. It has, unfortunately, become popular to indulge in an artificial interest in the spurious psychology and biology of the 20th Century novel. The prevalent disregard tends to exaggerate the escapism of modern poetry with the result that the whole of the art has fallen under the contemporary condemnation of this utilitarian world of ours. It is, therefore, the duty of every poet to revive the traditional inter-relation between poetry and life and to repair the sad damage of their divorce. The task is immense : mechanised war, primitive nationalism, impose an attitude of hopeless pessimism. We do well to recall the words of the Caliph, “ If there shall ever arise a nation whose people have forgotten poetry, or whose poets have forgotten the people, though they send forth their ships and their armies . . . though their city be greater than Babylon of old, though they mine a league into the earth, or mount to the stars on wings—what of them ? ” And the reply of Hassan, “ They will be a dark patch upon the world.”

En Passant

We heartily congratulate :

The Cricket teams on their excellent records this season. Several overwhelming victories have been recorded by the 1st XI., and as the other Elevens can show records quite equal to that of the First, the School's reputation for Cricket seems secure for some seasons to come.

S. Wheeler and R. Billington, who have gained posts in the Customs and Excise Department as a result of the recent examination.

C. C. Lucas, who has been awarded a Newman Exhibition, tenable at Balliol College, Oxford.

J. Nicholls and T. M. Dunstan, who were awarded Open Scholarships at Exeter College, Oxford, and University College, Oxford, respectively.

J. Darton and D. G. Barkell, on gaining scholarships tenable at the University College of the South-West.

A. C. Simmonds, who has won a Kitchener Scholarship.

All those of the VIth Form who were successful in the recent Executive Civil Service Examination, *viz.*, Trenerry (77th), Seward (100th), Lucas (104th), Hawkins (106th) and Joint (147th).

All those of L.VIM. who have been appointed to posts in the Civil Service Clerical Division and Municipal Service, and especially R. Lemmon of L.VIA., who gained 34th place in the Clerical Division.

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

The Gaytonian, The Chiswick County School Magazine, "The Oak-Tree," The Plymouth High School for Girls' Magazine, Newport Secondary School Magazine.

Praefecti Valet

- D. G. BARKELL.—Entered School September, 1932 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1937 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1938 ; Captain of Gilbert ; Vice-Captain of Soccer (Colours, 1938) ; Captain of Cricket (Colours, 1938) ; Entered U.C.S.W.
- R. BILLINGTON.—Entered School, September, 1930 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1935 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; appointed Prefect September, 1937 ; Entered Customs and Excise.

- A. J. DARTON.—Entered School, September, 1932 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1937 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1938 ; Librarian, 1938-9 ; Sub-Editor of Magazine, 1937-8 ; Joint Editor, 1938-9 ; entered U.C.S.W.
- J. K. DORNOM.—Entered School, January, 1938 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1938 ; 1st XV. (Colours) ; 1st XI. Cricket (Colours) ; entered Commerce.
- T. M. DUNSTAN.—Entered School, September, 1931 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1936 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1937 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; State Scholarship, 1938 ; 3rd Prefect, 1938 ; Open Scholarship, Oxford, 1939 ; Joan Bennett Exhibition, 1939 ; Editor of Magazine, 1937-9 ; entered University College, Oxford.
- A. J. JOINT.—Entered School, September, 1931 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1936 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1938 ; Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; 1st XI. Soccer (Colours), 1936-9 ; Captain of Soccer, 1938 ; Vice-Captain of Drake ; entered Executive Civil Service.
- A. J. HAWKINS.—Entered School September, 1931 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1936 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1938 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; Leader of Orchestra ; entered Executive Civil Service.
- C. C. LUCAS.—Entered School, September, 1937 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1937 ; 1st XI. Soccer (Colours) ; 1st XI. Cricket (Colours) ; London Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; Secretary Debating Society ; Captain of Grenville ; Senior Prefect, 1938 ; Newman Exhibition, Balliol College, Oxford, 1939 ; entered Balliol College.
- J. H. NICHOLLS.—Entered School, September, 1937 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1937 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; State Scholarship, 1938 ; Stapledon Scholarship, Exeter College, Oxford, 1939 ; entered Exeter College.
- A. C. SIMMONDS.—Entered School, 1933 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1936 ; Captain of Athletics, 1937-8 ; Captain of Grenville ; 1st XV. (Colours) ; appointed Prefect, September, 1938 ; Victor Ludorum, 1938 ; entered Dartmouth College as Naval Cadet.
- C. E. SEWARD.—Entered School, September, 1931 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1936 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1937 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; Secretary Tennis Club ; 2nd XV., 1937-8 ; entered Executive Civil Service.

- A. J. TRENERRY.—Entered School, September, 1931 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1936 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1937 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; Captain of Raleigh ; 1st XI. Soccer ; 1st XI. Soccer (Colours ; Secretary, 1937-8) ; Vice-Captain, 1938-9 ; 2nd Prefect, 1938-9 ; entered Executive Civil Service.
- S. WHEELER.—Entered School September, 1931 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1936 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1938 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1938 ; entered Customs and Excise.

School Notes

In our last issue we were proud to congratulate Dunstan and Nicholls on having won their way to Oxford. Now we are very pleased to report that Lucas has won an £80 a year Exhibition to Balliol, and will accompany his friends ; but the record does not end with them, for Darton has secured the Cobb Exhibition to Exeter University College of the South-West, and Barkell an Exhibition for Mathematics also to Exeter. All these we heartily congratulate.

On the first Wednesday of term, the School presented an unusual, an almost forlorn appearance ; 263 boys and 13 Masters were absent ! No ! it was neither plague nor panic, merely the annual educational excursions. A large party went to Exeter, another to Land's End and the largest group visited Salisbury, Sarum and Stonehenge. Once more we thank Mr. Austin for the excellent arrangements and for the thoroughness of the preparations.

Readers of these notes have grown accustomed to the lack of chronological order, hence, without an apology, we refer to an event of outstanding importance which happened at the very end of last term. We mean, of course, the very fine performances of "Abraham Lincoln," by the School Dramatic Society. The play was well produced and all the characters were well sustained. We thank the producer, Mr. H. Davies, and all the members of the large cast.

The Parents' Association Annual Garden Party was held on June 24th, and again attracted a large gathering. The Deputy-Mayor (Alderman Mason) opened the proceedings. In the course of his speech he made an indignant protest against the conditions under which we work. We have always regarded him as a friend, and earnestly hope that his words will have wide circulation.

The parents are to be congratulated on their skill in choosing a fine day and for the tasteful display of bunting and for the success of the party. The School Scouts gave a very interesting display of pitching camp and the ordinary routine of camp-life, and several groups of boys showed the high standard of the physical training given in the School.

The interior of the School had lost its sombre appearance and studious atmosphere. One room was crowded with some very fine examples of the boys' work in art. In another, the Dramatic Society were casting a play. A real cinematograph was functioning upstairs, and verse-speaking of high quality was being heard near the main corridor. The School Photographic Club also attracted much attention with their fine display. Probably the most popular feature was the excellent catering provided by the parents. Lack of space forbids any description of the various side-shows, but our interest was aroused by the girls trying to kick a football with as much seriousness as though they had been awarded a penalty.

We are delighted to congratulate Sir Clifford Tozer on his Knighthood; as far as we know, he is the only Old Boy to achieve that honour. When the news came through we overheard two boys discussing it. One boy asked if there were any other Knights among the Old Boys, his friend drew himself to his full height and replied "Not yet"!

We should have mentioned earlier that, during the Easter holidays a party of about 80 boys and eight Masters spent an enjoyable and profitable fortnight in Paris. The excursion was organised and accompanied by Mr. Webb, senior French Master. We understand that it was so much appreciated that hope has been expressed that a visit to France may be an annual function.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the Library is steadily growing. We take this opportunity of thanking Essery and Simmonds who gave valuable leaving presents to the School. The former gave eight volumes of the Home University Library series, and the latter the complete Caxton Shakespeare—twenty volumes. We earnestly hope that many others will follow such fine examples.

Early in June the School was saddened by the somewhat sudden death of William May of IIC. We understand that death was caused by sinusitis. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

We have been asked to mention that the School collected £2 4s. 4½d. for the School Children's Fund.

Information has just reached us that the Barnes' Memorial Award has been given to Mr. Alan T. Goodman—an Old Boy—now studying at University College, Exeter. We are not surprised that he should do well, but we are none the less pleased. Mr. Thos.

Molland—an Old Boy—now at the London School of Journalism, sends us cheery news of his life and work. We were delighted to hear from him, even though he might be writing just for practice.

When the School opens for next term, one of our most familiar figures will be missed. Mr. Millett will have commenced what we sincerely hope may be a long and happy retirement. Generations of schoolboys will remember him with pleasure and many hundreds have marvelled at his great mathematical ability and admired his devotion to duty. Those of us who have known him more intimately will miss a genial colleague, one ever ready to help, and one ever generous in word and deed.

We deeply regret that his last term has been marred by ill-health and wish him a speedy recovery. We hope, too, that the separation will not be complete; we imagine that after forty years of coming to School, his feet automatically will bring him among his friends.

On the eve of going to press we have received the result of the recent Civil Service Examination (Executive Branch). Five of our boys, Trenerry, Seward, Lucas, Hawkins and Joint, were successful, and were in fact, well placed, while Rickard need not completely abandon hope of being called. This is a fine result, and we heartily congratulate them all.

On the way to press we hear with great pleasure that Mr. Wm. Simmonds has passed the London B.Sc. Examination with First Class Honours in Physics. Well done!

- Tyre manufacturers won't say whether tyres are going up. Somebody will have to pump them.

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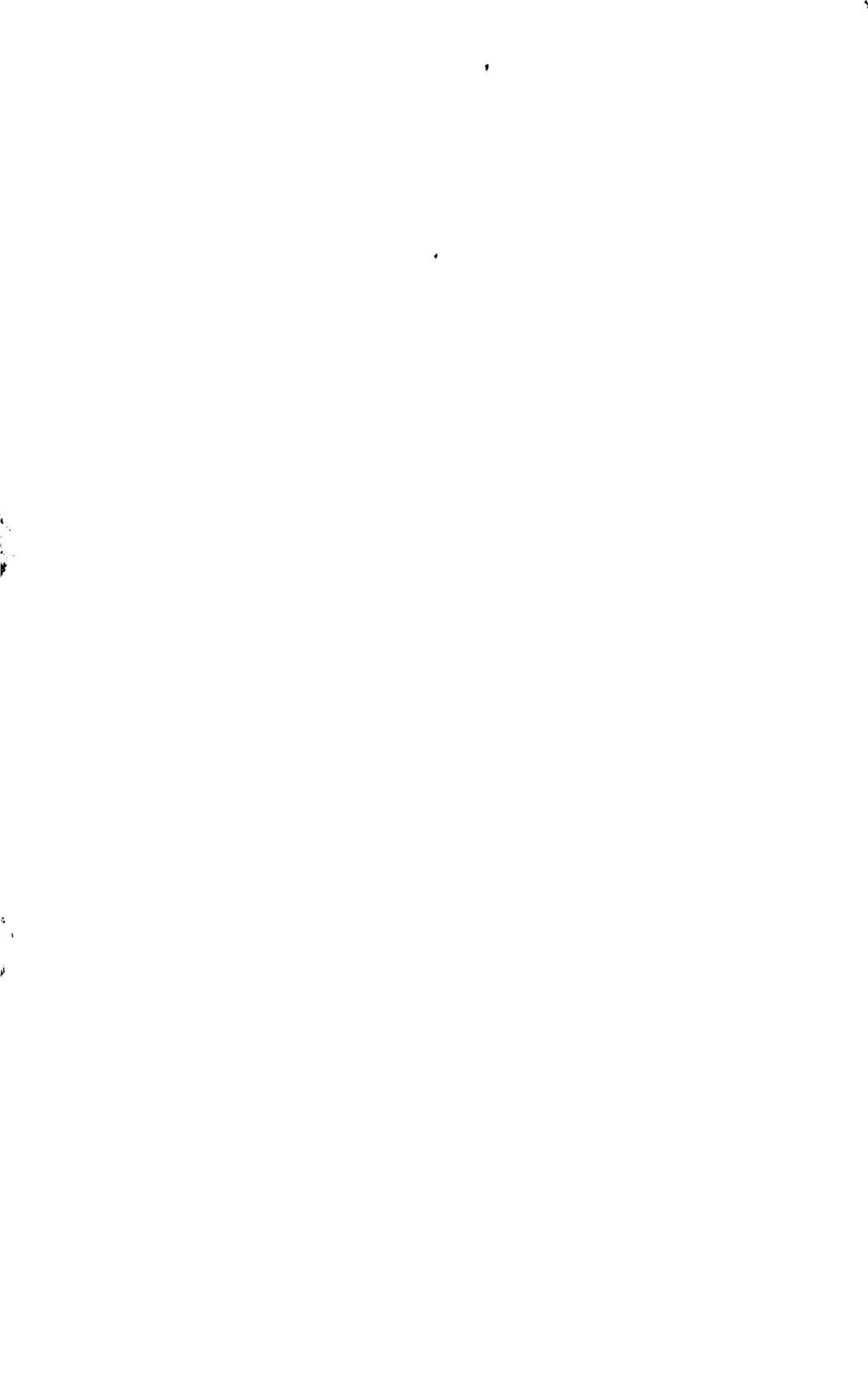
From a serial. "Beneath the dark hood was revealed the gentle, sweet face of a young bun, wrapped in contemplation."

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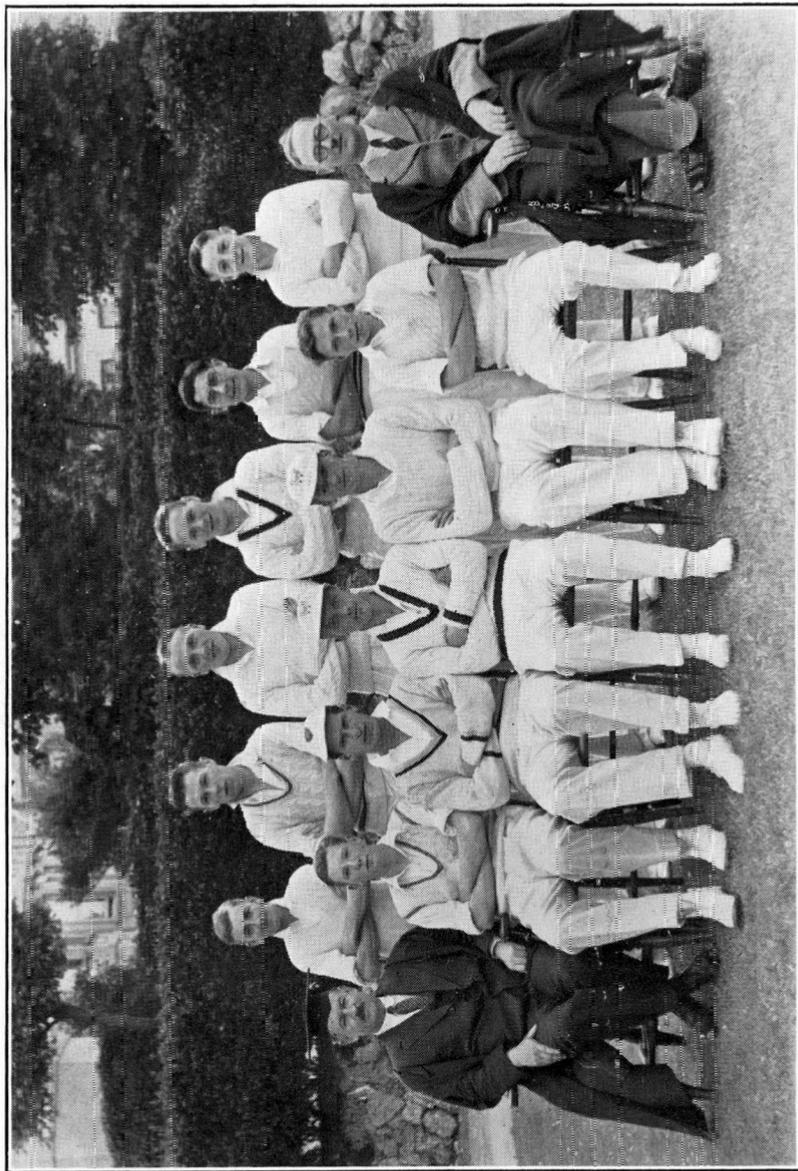
*Why wear such shabby trousers with such a posh overcoat?
Do you know a restaurant where you can get posh trousers?*

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Inertia is that which tends to have a uniform motion in a state of rest.



DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL 1st CRICKET XI, 1939.



(Standing) P. L. Martin, E. Bray, T. J. Cole, R. S. Euler, J. Higman, W. K. Thomas.
The Headmaster, K. H. Porteus, C. C. Lucas, D. G. Barkell, F. J. Wilce, F. J. Turner, Mr. Truman.
(Sitting)

The Cricket Club

As the Club started the season with only three old colours, the success achieved this term came as a surprise to most people. Several overwhelming victories have been recorded, and the team has lost only twice. The most encouraging features of the season have been the batting strength of the team, and the promise shown by the younger members, Thomas and Higman, being outstanding among the latter. Wilce and Bray have been the most consistent batsmen, whilst among the bowlers Thomas has bowled much better than his analysis suggests. Our success may be attributed in no small measure to the high standard of fielding maintained throughout the season, and to the value of the instruction given by Mr. Vivian at the nets.

After a rather shaky start, the 2nd XI. settled down to a series of successes, and has been beaten only twice. It was only when Crabb relinquished his position in the 1st XI. to lead the Seconds that the team possessed a captain with a thorough knowledge of the game. Crabb, for his all-round performances, and Dean and Simmonds, for their batting, deserve special mention.

The Under 15 XI. has suffered from lack of fixtures, but its success in games played augurs well for the future of School Cricket, as does the record of the Junior XI. amongst whom Beare and Slade have been outstanding.

These three teams owe a debt of gratitude to Messrs. Davies, Rees and Mallinson respectively, whose advice and coaching have been invaluable.

The Club is grateful to Mr. Enon for the hard work he has done to place ours amongst the best of School wickets.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Truman as Cricket Master, and to Messrs. Vivian, Phythian, Armor, R. Ferraro, Pickup, Austin, Rees, Davies, Truman, Hutchings, Tregurtha, Heather, and to all others who have umpired; to Endacott, Melvin, Joint, Perkins and all other scorers, and to Mrs. Enon for the excellent teas she has provided under difficult conditions.

TEAMS :

1st XI. : Barkell, Lucas, Wilce, Bray, Thomas, Higman, Cole, Turner, Euler, Porteus, Martin. Crabb, Knight, Pearce, Endacott, and Challis have also played.

2nd XI. : Crabb (captain), Dean, Challis, Pearce, Crocker, Moger, Simmonds, Singlehurst, Tapper, Rickard, Lane. Martin, Deal, Atkins, Squibb, Thomas, Knight, Cole, Porteus and Euler have also played.

Under 15 XI. : Atkins (captain), Alford, Honeywell, Lockett, Jackson, Bennetts, Duke, Malpas, Weeks, Dowrick, Hill. Reed, Finch, Adams and Tapper have also played.

Junior XI. : Beare (captain), Slade, Parsons, Symons, James, Benton, Pring, Taylor, Creber, Reed, Tregurtha. Sumpter, Hooper, and Down, have also played.

Records to date :

		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	
1st XI.	...	9	7	0	2	(Two games abandoned)
2nd XI.	...	11	8	1	2	
Colts XI.	...	5	3	0	2	
Junior XI.	...	6	4	0	2	

D. G. BARKELL (Cricket Captain).

House Reports

GILBERT.

The team has produced only one Senior House Match, which was easily won, and two Junior Matches, which resulted in a win and a draw.

Wilce, Turner and Lane form the backbone of the Senior team, while Slade, Symons and James among the Juniors, show decided promise.

The most important coming event is the Swimming Sports. In the past six years Gilbert has been defeated only once in the Sports, and there is every reason to suppose that that this year will see a repetition of past successes, for with Crouch and G. Palmer as a basis, a strong team should materialise.

With Grenville so far in the lead, hopes of Gilbert becoming Champion House are fast fading, but success in the Swimming Sports should see Gilbert in the position of runners-up.

D. G. BARKELL (*House Captain*).

RALEIGH.

During the past term, Inter-House activity has been confined mainly to Cricket. The Seniors played two games against Gilbert and Grenville, losing to the first by a narrow margin and beating the second by one run. The Juniors were defeated by Gilbert, but beat Grenville easily. Raleigh did fairly well in all three divisions of the Gym. contests at the annual Garden Party.

In the preparations for the Swimming Sports the House is showing much greater enthusiasm, and if this is maintained throughout the year, there is reason to hope that Raleigh will drag itself out from its now lowly position.

Raleigh is now leading in respect of points earned by Swimming lengths, and since the House has still the majority of the swimmers who helped it to gain second place last year, it is to be hoped that we shall do even better this year.

A. J. TRENERRY.

DRAKE.

More enthusiasm has been shown for House events this term, and Drake is beginning to become a real "team" at last. Most noticeable has been the fact that we have not been short of players for either Senior or Junior teams.

The Juniors have played two matches, drawing one with Raleigh and losing one to Grenville. The Seniors have lost one match to Grenville, Euler making 79. Moger and Rickard have shown themselves to be very smart fielders and are both outstanding batsmen.

End of term diverts attention to the Swimming Sports. Drake has some proficient swimmers who can, if they want, ensure that Drake does not occupy the position which many House members take for granted. We need not always be last, and it is only the efforts of individual members that will enable the House to rise to the top of the list.

Many Juniors who had not obtained their standards could have helped the House by doing so, for success in the Swimming Sports depends upon a decisive lead in this respect.

Next season, with the resumption of winter games, we hope to give a good account of ourselves.

F. G. CROCKER.

GRENVILLE.

With the help of the lead gained in the Athletic Sports, Grenville is still ahead of the other Houses.

Only three Cricket matches have been played, one Senior and two Junior; in all these, Grenville has been victorious. It is for the House to see that all remaining matches are won by Grenville.

In the Gymnastic Competition held at the Garden Party, our Middle School team was extremely successful, gaining the first three places.

The main event of this term is the Swimming Sports, and as far as the standards are concerned, Grenville is somewhat in arrears. In contrast with the efforts made in the Athletic Sports, this is extremely bad for a House which can do so well. It is hoped that our swimmers will show better form in the Sports and will raise Grenville to its true position.

We are confident that everyone will do his best to keep Grenville in the position of Cock House for yet another year. We also look forward to another successful year at both Rugger and Soccer.

A. W. PEARCE (*House Captain*).

The Athletic Club

This year the Athletic Club has made an attempt to stimulate the interest which is shown in Athletics. Members are being encouraged to enter for public meetings, where they will gain experience, and to take Athletics as a serious summer sport. The arrangements made for the presentation of the Victor Ludorum Cup as the trophy for a Decathlon series of events are intended to make Athletics a more varied and interesting subject.

Members of the Athletic Club are to be coached in their various events and we hope that an even better team will compete in the Public Schools' Sports at Blundell's next year. The Middle School has provided the relay teams for the various Schools' relay races in the Public Sports Meetings, and has been unfortunate, losing all three trophies. They were third in the Y.M.C.A. Sports, second in the Dockyard Sports, and unplaced in the Police Sports. Individual entries have in some cases been successful, among these being Pengelly, Huzzey, and Joyner, who have all trained hard and tried their best. Others who have run for School teams are Metherell, G. Brown, Horton, Hurwitt and Catchpole. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Hodgson and Rees for their help in training the teams.

F. G. CROCKER (*Capt. of Athletics*).

THE KING'S ENGLISH.

(*Inspired by the French Trip*).

We'll begin with box, the plural is boxes
 But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.
 One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
 Yet the plural of mouse is never meese;
 You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice,
 But the plural of house is houses, not hice.
 If the plural of man is always men,
 Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
 If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,
 And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
 If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth
 Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
 If the singular's this and the plural is these,
 Would the plural of kiss be ever keese?
 We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
 But though we say mother, we never say methren.
 For the masculine pronouns are he, his, and him,
 But imagine the feminine she, shis, and shim.
 So what!

Out of School Activities

SCOUT LOG.

Rover Section.—Under the leadership of A/SM. R. Hodges, acting as Rover Mate, the School Rover Crew has become active again and there is every prospect that it will flourish, especially as next term, Mr. R. Church, a new member of the Staff, is to join us as Rover Scout Leader. Thanks to the enthusiasm of Mr. R. Hodges, the Crew has been fortunate enough to secure a Rover Den. Mr. H. Woollcombe, of 13, Penlee Gardens, has very kindly placed an old coach house at their disposal rent free. We are very grateful to Mr. Woollcombe for this privilege. The Crew would also like to thank Mr. L. Holmes and several parents and friends, for their assistance in connection with the re-decoration of the building.

At present the Crew consists of seven members, together with the Scouters of the Group. Any Old Boys who are interested in continuing their Scouting after leaving School, are invited to communicate with the Group Scoutmaster. It is hoped that there may be Old Boys who have never been Scouts who might like to join the Crew. The Crew meets regularly on Monday evenings at 8 p.m.

The Rovers would be grateful for any gifts of furniture or furnishings which would help to improve their Den.

Senior Scout Patrol.—There are three vacancies in this Patrol, which is essentially for Scouts in the Sixth Form. If there are any members of the School who would like to join this Senior Section of the Scout Troop, which is to be run by Mr. R. Church, will they please communicate with me early next term?

Senior Scout Troop.—This has been a most successful term in many ways. In District Competitions we have secured the following awards:

Athletic Sports: 1st, 118½ points.

Camping Competition (Junior Section): 1st (Patrol Leader Tredget).

Swimming Races: 2nd, 35 points.

More Scout Proficiency Badges have been gained this term than in any other since the Troop was formed.

First Class Badge: 2 (Hele and Ralph).

Ambulance: 23.

Fireman: 20.

Rescuer: 4.

Artist: 1.

Interpreter: 2.

Musician: 2.

Public Health: 1. Total, 56.

In addition a number of First Class Badge Tests have been passed. It is significant that the majority of the Proficiency Badges gained are King's Scout Badges, and that most of them have something to do with National Service.

Display.—As in previous years a Display was given at the Parents' Association Garden Party. This consisted of Campcraft and Scouting.

Equipment.—We record our thanks to the Parents' Association for the gift of two "Nijer" Tents, valued at £15. Eight of these tents have been purchased leaving the Troop with a debt of some £25 to clear next year.

Summer Camp.—It is anticipated that over 30 Scouts will be in camp this year with Mr. C. Austin, M.A., as the Scouter in charge, assisted by Mr. W. Simmonds.

We should like to thank all those members of the Staff (and they are numerous) who so kindly help us by acting as Examiners. Our thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ball, of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and Inspector Kibby, of the Devonport Fire Brigade.

S/M., D.H.S.

TENNIS CLUB.

This year we have been fortunate in obtaining the assistance of Mr. Gaskin. Mr. Gaskin is giving material help in coaching of members, and there is every reason to hope that the general play will be higher than in previous years. This year the membership has been extended to Forms L.VI. and L.VII., and in order to cope with this increase, a new court has been made, whilst a new net, posts and stop-netting have been bought.

Now that examinations are over, we are looking forward to fine weather and an enthusiastic match with the staff if that can be arranged.

A. J. HAWKINS (*Capt.*).

CHESS CLUB.

During the past term, Chess activities have been somewhat limited. It has been impossible to arrange fixtures since all other Schools abandon Chess in the summer. Nevertheless, we feel justified in reviewing the Club's achievements throughout the season.

The Club began well by winning all prizes in the Boys' Senior Tournament at the Plymouth Chess Congress. The School team secured two victories over Saltash County School, but was twice defeated by Sutton High School. For the first time in the history of the Club, House matches were introduced with the utmost success. The results are tabulated below. W. G. Brown succeeded in reaching the final of the Devon Chess Championship, and was only defeated after a hard struggle.

It is evident that the Club has experienced a very pleasant season and has maintained its high standard. For this, we must thank Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Armor, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Thanks are also extended to Mesdames Goodman, Steer and Lemmon, who have kindly prepared teas for the Club. We must not forget to mention the School team, which has accepted both victory and defeat in a very sporting manner. Finally, the Club congratulates Lear and Lemmon, the Captain and Vice-Captain, on securing Civil Service appointments, but regrets the loss of two members of the "backbone" of the team.

HOUSE RESULTS :

	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>
Gilbert	4	0	2	8
Grenville	3	0	3	6
Raleigh	3	0	3	6
Drake	2	0	4	4

F. C. POTTER (*Secretary*).

THE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR.

Activities this term have been confined to preparations for a Concert at the Parents' Association Garden Party and to preliminary rehearsals with sections of the Orchestra with a view to a concert in the winter term. Two new classes have been started—one for 'cello players and one for double-bass players. Though quick results cannot be looked for, it is most important that these classes should continue to be well attended, for a steady supply of string players is essential to the well-being of the orchestra.

At the moment of writing, it is not quite certain how many members of the orchestra will leave this term. Lucas and Hawkins, we know, must go, and Prowse may do so. If they do, their loss will be keenly felt. They have done a very great deal to establish the orchestra as a School institution, and our thanks and best wishes must be gratefully recorded.

H.T.C.

THE FILM SOCIETY.

The Society had hoped to finish the filming of the China Clay process at Lee Moor during the Easter holidays, but this was not possible owing to unsuitable weather, and no opportunity of completing the work has yet offered itself. The weather may be kinder in the next fortnight, and, if so, an attempt will be made to photograph all the remaining outdoor operations.

The prints of the indoor work have now been received and are, on the whole, satisfactory. Indeed, most of them are better than the Society dared to hope.

Although they were not directly the work of the Film Society, the two films made by members who went on the Paris Excursion

at Easter should be mentioned. Both films were of great interest, not only to those who went to Paris, but to the large number of parents and friends who saw the films at the Society's programme at the Garden Party.

The titler made by members in the School woodwork room is completed and has been used with great success for the Paris film.

Next term marks the beginning of a new session, and it is expected that there will be many recruits from the new Forms V.

THE CYCLING CLUB.

Leader : MR. J. L. FOSTER.

Secretary and Treasurer : G. COLLINS, L.VI.M.

The trips held this term have been very interesting, and have been enjoyed by all the members. The Club thanks Mr. Foster for devoting so much of his time to its activities.

Members of the Club who have proved outstanding are A. F. Barrow and D. Prowse, both of V. Upper. These two riders have shown particularly keen interest in the Club and Barrow has proved invaluable as an organizer and whip.

We were sorry to hear that Showell and Metherell had had accidents, and wish them a speedy recovery. Saunders, IV.G. has proved an efficient rider.

Our most enjoyable run was held on Saturday, July 1st, when the Club went to Yelverton, Princetown, and came home *via* Peat Cot, Sheepstor, Burrator and Yelverton.

Thanks are extended to all members who have accompanied us on these trips and we now hope for more trips and *more members*.

G. COLLINS, *Secretary*.

THE CAMERA CLUB.

The chief event in the Club's activities during the term was Parents' Day. An Exhibition was staged in the Lecture Room. Many photographs were on show in the illuminated window recesses, as well as a photographic record of the Paris trip. On the bench were many pieces of photographic apparatus. The Club endeavoured to show the parents the more practical side of Photography by showing an enlarger working, and by exposing and developing prints on gaslight paper.

The sight of a photograph, taken by a member of the Club, which had been printed in the local press, showed parents the more useful work accomplished by the Club.

The exhibitors were Mr. G. Hodgson, B. Mann, J. Deal, H. Bennett and D. Ackland.

D. E. ACKLAND (*Secretary*).

THE LIBRARY.

The Reference Library has become an increasing source of help to the Sixth Forms during this term in view of the many examinations. It is hoped that all the books which have been borrowed will return safely. We must express our gratitude to Mr. Gaskin for preparing lists of useful volumes, the majority of which have already been acquired, thus making the History Section the backbone of the Library.

We wish to remind all those who are leaving this term that the tradition of presenting books to the Library is the most valuable and pleasing method of making a return for the help received from that institution.

Brook and Backhouse, of the Sixth Form, deserve our sincere thanks for the services they have rendered to the management of the Library this term.

A. J. DARTON (*Librarian*).

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The many rehearsals of the four months preceding Easter culminated in the production of "Abraham Lincoln," at the close of last term. Under the direction of Mr. H. E. Davies, the members of the cast depicted to the audience a few representative scenes from the eventful life of this great American statesman.

In order that Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan" shall be presented by the Society at the Globe next year, the dates of the production, which will be directed by Mr. H. Whitfield, are fixed for February 15th to 17th (half-term) and not at the end of the Easter session as in previous years. It is hoped that this early mention of the Society's intention will give ample time for the booking of these dates by the friends of the School.

D. W. CROUCH.

Days are longer in summer because heat expands everything.

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The Chiltern Hundreds are things you see with a microscope in cheese.

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John Wesley was a great sea captain. He beat the Dutch at Waterloo, and by degrees rose to be Duke of Wellington. He was buried near Nelson in the Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey.

“ Abraham Lincoln ”

The Dramatic Society presented John Drinkwater's play “ Abraham Lincoln,” on April 3rd and 4th. Produced in the Co-operative Hall by Mr. H. E. Davies, with Messrs. J. Pickup and J. L. Foster stage managing, the play was performed to full houses on both nights.

The long cast, containing several newcomers to the Society, was headed by A. E. Rowe in the title role; he acted sympathetically and quite “ stole ” the show. In the scene with Mrs. Blow and Mrs. Otherley, the change of mood—from commiseration to wrath—was accomplished ably and convincingly.

D. W. Crouch played “ Mr. Cuffney ” to T. M. Dunstan's “ Mr. Stone.” Both characters were nicely portrayed, though “ Mr. Cuffney ” showed a slight tendency to over-act.

J. W. F. Way played “ Mr. White ” with a gentle and not out of place, air of cynicism, whilst R. Knapp was gallantly personified in the part of “ General Lee”, and Smyth interpreted excellently the character of General Grant.

Messrs. J. H. Symons and N. S. Adams as “ the Chroniclers,” were well received by the audience, and made interesting parts which, at best, could only be described as accessories to the plot.

Further individual references would be tiresome and invidious, but some reference must be made to the feminine roles. The costuming and make-up were very good, but voice and gesture brought out a little of the Adam in all the Eves. The best performances were, perhaps, given by P. L. Collins as “ Mrs. Lincoln.” The sympathy and support afforded by Mrs. Lincoln to her husband was fully demonstrated by Collins's interpretation.

The limitations of the stage made the decoration appear less impressive than it should have been, but the lighting compensated for much scenic deficiency.

Congratulations to all concerned in making the production the financial and artistic success that it was.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants of Perth is dying.

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King Alfred collected all the fine looking, young and brave men of his time, and called them the Knuts of the Round Table.

MORE DOTTY DEFINITIONS

As the price of Professor Peabody's dictionary is prohibitive, we are bringing its assistance to our readers *via* these quarterly instalments. We hope to conclude them within fifteen years.

<i>Abandon</i>	...	an orchestra playing.
<i>Acquire</i>	...	a group of singers.
<i>Badger</i>	...	wager you, <i>e.g.</i> , "I'll badger a quid."
<i>Checking</i>	...	a young hen.
<i>Curate</i>	...	effect a remedy, <i>e.g.</i> , "It's a bad cold, but this stuff will curate."
<i>Decide</i>	...	de part what ain't de top.
<i>Disdain</i>	...	this inhabitant of Denmark.
<i>Disguise</i>	...	belonging to this fellow.
<i>Ended</i>	...	deceased poultry.
<i>Endorse</i>	...	and equine, <i>e.g.</i> , "He drives a cart endorse."
<i>Event</i>	...	he departed.
<i>Garter</i>	...	one who drives a gart.
<i>Guy</i>	...	merry and bright.
<i>Hatchet</i>	...	cry of encouragement to a sitting hen.
<i>Heifer</i>	...	always, <i>e.g.</i> , "For heifer and heifer."
<i>Herring</i>	...	aural faculty, <i>e.g.</i> , "Hard of herring."
<i>Irritate</i>	...	a famous Comedian.
<i>Kenya</i>	...	are you able; <i>e.g.</i> , "Kenya beat that?"
<i>Lessons</i>	...	nudists.
<i>Meander</i>	...	She and I.
<i>Mutter</i>	...	comparative of mutt.
<i>Pungent</i>	...	one who makes witty remarks.
<i>Razor</i>	...	à term applied to fast cars, horses, etc.
<i>Spaniel</i>	...	an inhabitant of Spain.
<i>Thimble</i>	...	easy; <i>e.g.</i> , "That's not hard, ith thimble."
<i>Thunder</i>	...	'tis beneath; <i>e.g.</i> , "Thunder the table."
<i>Timbuctu</i>	...	<i>e.g.</i> , "I backed a winner, and Timbuctu."
<i>Vagrant</i>	...	Sweet-smelling.
<i>Vestry</i>	...	worn under the shirt.

SAL VOLATILE.

There was the lazy man who crossed sword grass with lawn grass, so that when the wind blew the lawn cut itself.

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Then there was the cat who ate cheese and then breathed down the rathole with baited breath.

Essays

The following are the essays which obtained the English prizes offered by the Parents' Association.

SLAVES AND SLAVERY.

A small circle of huts looms out of the African night. Nearby, soft footfalls are to be heard and then an order rings out on the still air. Fifty negroes jump out of the forest and charge the huts. Men, women and children are pulled out of the huts, are bound and whisked away into the night. The negroes set fire to the huts and the party of slavers and slaves move on to the next luckless encampment. That is a picture of how slaves used to be obtained in the old days.

Just try to imagine for a moment what the thoughts of the negro, seized in his sleep, to find himself bound body and soul to someone or other. Perhaps his plight does not fully break on him until later, but this he realises, his life is not his own from then onwards. Surely he was not born to live a life of misery and woe? Did not his Creator intend him to plan his own life and to enjoy his freedom in peace? A man's soul is worth more than all the money in the world, but he was sold for a few pounds. People who confessed themselves to be Christians actually allowed fellow creatures to be bought and sold, like pigs at a country fair.

Nobility, heroes whose names have been linked with glorious deeds and even Church dignitaries have handled or gained profit from those black cargoes. Yet on the other side think of the people, in all walks of life, who have seen the wrongs of slavery and have worked for its abolition.

Those slaves, taken from their native country have been transplanted in places all over the globe. In most cases their work has been the most menial possible. They were made to work until they dropped—men, women and children. Gradually, these despised black people have gained the respect of almost everybody. Some of the descendants of one time slaves are now famous. Leary Constantine, the great all-round cricketer and Paul Robeson, the great singer are a few examples which come to my mind. Surely the ancestors of these men were not so bad that they were counted as mere furniture by thousands?

To turn from the slaves and slavery of old times, what of the modern slaves? How much better are the people of some countries—in contemporary Europe—than slaves? What with compulsory this and compulsory that and forbidden something

else, how much have they to say in the workings of their lives? They are really little better off than the slaves of the past? Still, people may realise the plight of these people someday.

Then there are the people, who are addicted to something and cannot rid themselves of it. We hear of slaves to caprice; slaves to drink and other vices. They are slaves in the sense that they cannot do what they know they want to do. That was the case of the old slaves, because they knew what they wanted to do and were not permitted to do it.

As long as there remains in the world a nation that loves freedom physical slavery will not exist, although moral slavery will probably still continue to hold sway over men.

MOLLAND, IV. L.

THE CONQUEST OF THE AIR.

The other day, while reading a book about aviation, I thought how great a desire man must have to conquer the air, to risk all the dangers which attend this feat. Even in the earliest times, men longed to fly like the birds, and to satisfy their wish they told the story of Icarus, who is said to have made wings of wax and flown.

The first practical suggestion of a means of flying was made by Bacon. He thought that the uplift of man could be brought about by having a very thin metal vessel containing something lighter than air. However the first time man actually did rise upwards was when a balloon filled with smoke crossed over Paris. A little later hydrogen was discovered, and this enabled men to reach a much greater height. Then experiments were made with heavier-than-air models. At the end of the nineteenth century, Langley made a model fly. (Sic. : *Ed.*) The first aeroplane to carry a man as pilot was that constructed by the Wright Brothers. When the Great War began it brought about a big increase in flying, and Count Zeppelin made a type of balloon which could be directed instead of floating where the wind blew it.

After the war many improvements were made to aeroplanes records for long-distance flying being set up, and now aeroplanes are used for regular mail services. The balloon was improved also and one recently reached a height of fourteen miles. Airships, however, were used less after several disasters in which many people were killed, but recently they have been coming more into use again.

Man's conquest of the air is now being used in many new ways, such as for survey work in making maps of unknown land, or spraying cultivated ground from the air to rid it of pests.

However, man's conquest of the air is not yet complete, for aeroplanes are still at the mercy of storms. As more is attained, the more difficult it seems to complete the conquest of the air, for precautions have to be taken against the lack of oxygen, low pressure and cold when a great height is reached. It can be seen that man will continue to wish to conquer the air, for great thinkers have already predicted developments to take place in the future, such as stratosphere flights. In these, the aeroplane would rise high up to where the air is less dense, and it could there travel at incredible speeds owing to the reduced air pressure.

From the very earliest times, when men built the tower of Babel, hoping to reach the planets and the heavens, to the present day, when almost every year some new record is set up, man has had, and will probably continue to have, a wish to conquer the air and solve the mysteries of the Universe.

J. CROSSLEY, III.L.

A VISIT TO A ZOO.

I left my grandmother's house immediately after dinner to pay a visit to the Clifton Zoo. Catching a 'bus at the end of the road, I rode over the Clifton Downs and arrived at the Zoological Gardens exactly half-an-hour after my departure from Cribbs Causeway (my grandmother's road).

There were crowds of people inside the Gardens but I managed to squeeze my way over to the Monkey Temple. This is a building of cement and bricks, constructed in the shape of a temple, as the name says. It is surrounded by a moat and a very high wall so that the monkeys that live there cannot escape. Peculiarly enough, there are no ropes or swings by which the animals might exercise themselves but they are very amusing to watch as they fight over bananas thrown to them by children and adults. I stayed about a quarter of an hour watching them and then, with a great amount of difficulty I managed to reach the Parrot House.

Here were many parrots, budgeridgars and other birds with plumage of all the colours of the rainbow making a terrific noise as they squawked to each other. I soon left that place as I felt as if my eardrums would burst with the noise.

Outside the House there was a rock garden surrounded by a wall about four feet in height. I wondered what the idea was, having a rock garden right outside and I turned to go to the Lion House. Just as I was taking my eyes away from the rocks I saw a movement. It was a lizard! I had a closer look and lo and behold! there were hundreds of toads and lizards basking in the shade of some leaves. Thinking that this was not a very exciting place I left it and went over to the Lion House, my previous intention.

In there, the lions were quiet, lying down behind the bars and gazing at the sightseers with sleepy eyes. Walking right through the House, between the lines of cages, I emerged into the fresh air again. I say fresh air because I found that there was an offensive smell in there.

Next, I went over to the pond where the ducks were swimming around the artificial islands. Then, tired of watching that scene, I strolled over to the Reptile House (the crowd was not so dense around there) and saw the snakes in glass cases. Some were shedding their skins, while others reared up and struck at the thick glass when anybody put his or her finger on it.

I wondered which place I had better visit next as I saw by my watch that my time was rapidly diminishing. I decided to see the zebras, camels and ostriches, which were over on the opposite side of the Gardens.

After spending about a quarter of an hour in looking at them I thought that I had better start home for tea, so I returned to the gates via the Giraffe House and the bear cages.

Outside in the outer world I looked back at the Paradise in which I had spent such a delightful afternoon.

VINCENT, II.L.

STAMP COLLECTING.

Stamp collecting is a favourite hobby in many lands and for many classes of people. It owes its charm mainly to the immense variety of stamps, the diversity of their design and the glimpses they give us of people and places all the wide world over. Postage stamps were introduced into Britain in 1840 although a system of postal delivery was founded many years before that, when the postage was paid on delivery.

Postage stamps bring us studies of natives, local scenery, birds, beasts and fishes; heraldic emblems, and even mythological subjects. As you turn the pages of your album you traverse continents at giant strides, flit from Island Dominions to coral atolls, and everywhere you go, catch glimpses of the life and customs of the people. Stamp collecting is also helpful for the historian because their are many stamps in the form of commemoratives of great people and battles.

Some stamps are expensive because they are old or rare. But there are many that can be got together to form a collection quite cheaply, and these present the widest interest. So many people collect stamps that duplicates can often be changed with other collectors; whilst for the enthusiast there are weekly stamp magazines, catalogues, and even exhibitions to visit. New air

services and Royal Tours; all tend to add more joy to the stamp collector, because there are special marks stamped on the envelope. Certain stamps will become your friends and you will learn of many great and interesting people, and also gain a great deal of knowledge about the world, in which so many live, and yet which so few understand.

HARRIS, I.E.

WHO CAN TELL ?

The two men shook hands, carefully weighed each other up, and made last-minute preparations for the fight. A minute later their struggle began. Derwent, a huge, bulky man, wore an expression of grim determination. His opponent, Serek, was lean and sinewy, and was no less determined.

From the very beginning, both men adopted orthodox tactics. They knew the cost of an early blunder. It looked as if the fight would be a long, drawn-out affair, since neither could demonstrate any ascendancy over the other. Swift, ferocious attacks were thwarted by stubborn defence.

Nevertheless, after the early stage of the fight had been left behind, Derwent gradually gained the upper hand. With quick, decisive blows, he drove Serek back into a corner, and "pinned" him there in an endeavour to secure a quick victory. Serek had to think quickly. He was in a hopeless mess. Derwent seemed to loom up everywhere and reminded him of an octopus. He maintained the struggle, however, and ever watched his man, seeking a defensive weakness. But Derwent retained his grip on the fight. Sensing that victory was near at hand, he used all the resources at his command.

Serek now began to wilt, and felt inclined to "throw in the towel" and to save himself from further discomfort. He threw a last despairing glance at his opponent, but could read nothing in that grim, relentless face. Almost at his wit's end, Serek carefully checked over Derwent's defence. Then a thrill surged through his weary frame. He had seen an opening. What a fool he had been. Why had he not noticed the defect before? He summoned up all his remaining strength and prepared to deliver the one necessary blow. He moved his queen to R.8 and murmured "Check" and "mate, thank you."

F.C.P., VI.

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Before Caesar died he ate two brutes, so no wonder he died.

SPORTS SCANDAL

There are some good sports and some bad sports. Suspenders are good supports, but then, even ladders have their moments.

The best games are played in a field especially in the outfield, where those fielding are brought back to Nature.

Now take the "Under 15 XI.," just one happy little family (cousins, we presume), they learn a text each week; last week it was, "and lo, they went out at noon, but Ben Hadad (?) was drinking himself drunk in the pavilion." (*I Kings*, 20, v. 16).

The captain of a team has to be good at tossing up, text books tell us; strangely enough they also mention that wicked-keepers are useful for 'bailing' out.

In two games of fives, tennis we are told; incidentally, Kay Stammers (so what!). Tennis is very popular in France, since our fellows discovered that service is predominant everywhere.

Swimming is always popular. As is costumary, many startling revelations will be made this year.

A new sport of Irish origin introduced this year is bomb-dodging. It is not, however, being well received here.

We learn that one of the golfing members of the staff, after eating an exceptionally large tee, putt his hat—(well, where do you think) and said, "Pass me that brassie, 'ere I die" . . . Sic transit gloria swanson.

LIBERORUM.

The future of "He drinks," is "He is drunk."

I have my School Certificate with Matriculation from Exemption.

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I should be prepared to call upon you at any time to suit your inconvenience.

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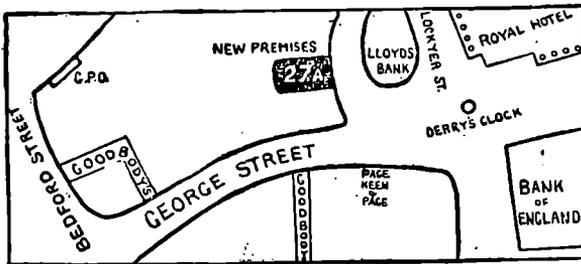
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Former D.H.S.-ians will have learnt with pleasure of the honour of Knighthood which has been conferred on one of our Vice-Presidents, Alderman J. Clifford Tozer. Sir Clifford Tozer has shown an active interest in the Association, and we offer him our sincere congratulations on the distinction he has attained.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Dr. and Mrs. Fleetwood Meek and to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mewton.

Since the last notes appeared, Mr. Kingwell has been appointed as Executive Officer to the War Office, and is now enrolled in the London Branch.

Mr. T. B. Pearn, who for some time has been teaching at Ilfracombe Grammar School, has been appointed as English Master at St. Clement Danes' School, London. Mr. Pearn recently obtained the M.A. degree of London University.

Mr. R. Oliver has passed the B.Sc. (Engineering) of Durham University. He is as ardent a Scouter as ever.

Mr. R. Osborne has successfully completed Part I of the Modern Language Tripos, Cambridge, being placed in Class II.

Mr. W. A. Simmonds, of University College, London, has passed the B.Sc. examination of London University, being placed in the First Class of the Honours List. Mr. Simmonds took Physics as his special subject.

Mr. F. Richards, who was appointed to the Ministry of Health Department, is now at Colchester.

Mr. R. Hodges, a former Senior Prefect, has been appointed Assistant Secretary to the Admiral Superintendent, at Devonport. This appointment enables him to continue the valuable assistance he has given to the School Troop as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Mr. M. E. Brown has gone to Malta as Assistant-Secretary to the Admiral Superintendent, while Mr. R. L. Morgan has just left for Singapore to take up an appointment as Assistant-Cashier.

Mr. G. Bryant is now Assistant-Secretary to the Admiral Superintendent at Chatham.

Mr. J. Peter has been promoted to Assistant Naval Store Officer.

Mr. R. S. Steed of the Accountancy Department, Devonport, and Mr. V. C. Hannaford, of Southampton, have received appointments as Customs and Excise Officers, as a result of the January examination. Messrs. Adams, Wheeler and Billington, were successful at the same examination and will probably have taken up their appointments before this magazine is issued.

Mr. Alan Goodman, of the University College of the South-West, Exeter, has been awarded the Barnes Memorial Exhibition.

Mr. A. B. Cowan writes from H.M.S. "Cumberland." He is now a member of the London Branch.

Mr. F. B. Anstey, who, last year, took an Honours Degree in Engineering, is now engaged in a research into Electrical Transients with a High Speed Cathode Ray Oscillograph.

Mr. D. H. Mason has been elected to proceed to College next September as a candidate for the Methodist Ministry, by the unanimous vote of the Conference.

Midshipmen J. E. Dyer-Smith and W. E. G. Waycott were promoted to Acting Sub-Lieutenants at the beginning of this term. The former has enjoyed success in running for the local R.M. and R.N. Relay Team, and won the College 100 and 220 yards Championships, while the latter has gone in for sailing, and has been a member of one of the most successful College Crews. Midshipmen Healy has been playing Cricket for the 1st XI. They are looking forward to an augmentation of the D.H.S. contingent when Midshipman F. Pepper joins them from Greenwich.

The Admiralty have decided that Cadets on entry shall do their first term at Dartmouth College, so Cadets D. Pepper and A. Simmonds find themselves in surroundings that conjure up happy memories to so many in the Service.

Mr. Millett, who for many years has been associated with Devonport High School, is retiring at the end of the present term. With pleasant recollections of his kindly interest, Old Boys will unite in wishing him a long and congenial retirement.

The following changes of address have been notified :

627. R. A. Newton, 6, Old Woodlands Road, Honicknowle, Crownhill, Plymouth.
591. D. T. Cory, 2, Molesworth Terrace, Stoke, Devonport.

We welcome the following new members :—

657. R. C. Jewell, 69, Furzeshill Road, Plymouth.
658. R. Adams, 22, Rectory Road, Devonport.
659. R. Lemmon, 19, Wembury Park Road, Peverell, Plymouth.
660. A. Reid, 129, Pemros Road, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.
661. J. H. Dawe, Parc Mean, Helston, Cornwall.
662. C. F. Smale, 55, Ford Hill, Stoke, Devonport.
663. P. A. Davis, 8, Thornbury Park Avenue, Peverell.

LONDON BRANCH NOTES.

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Committee :—The above, with Messrs. S. G. Ash, J. D. Constable, A. R. Pike and A. J. Swan.

At the time of writing these notes there is only one item to be reported in connection with the activities of the London Branch.

A Social Evening at "The Devereux" on the 19th April, concluded the winter programme of monthly meetings. The fine weather that evening, coupled with exceptional activity in many Service Departments, kept the attendance down, but the event was nevertheless, quite a success. This feature of regular meetings of the Old Boys in London, which was initiated in January of last year, may now be considered well established, and will be continued in the autumn of this year.

A Ramble has been arranged for 23rd July, and it is to be hoped that it will be at least as successful as any of the previous excursions. A full report will be included with the December issue of the magazine.

Membership is still increasing and it is unlikely that the point of saturation in the matter of numbers will be reached for several years.

· Heartiest congratulations to S. A. Evans on winning more events than any other competitor in the Inland Revenue Athletic Sports held last month.

ALAN J. LEGG.

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K. Sprague, 34, Elderfield Road, Clapton, London, E. 5.

SOCCER CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Old Boys' Soccer Club was a well-attended and cheerful function. The President presented the medals won by the team as runners-up in their section of the Churches' League. He expressed the hope that he might have to do even more next year.

The balance sheet showed that the Club is in a satisfactory financial position.

Old Boys, especially new leavers, would do well to get into touch with the Secretary.

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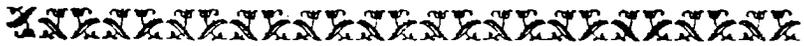
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