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DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL FIRST RUGGER FIFTEEN, 1931—1932.



Left to Right (Back Row)—DARK, WARE, GARNER, GARLAND, JOHNSON (Committee), JONES, COLES, RICHARDS, (Front Row)—ORCHARD, BOWDEN, MILL (Vice-Captain), WARN (Captain), WAKELY (Secretary), LODER (Committee), CAVANAGH (Committee).

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## Editorial.

Often times has Easter been called a period of re-birth ; and indeed, it is always cheering to think of Nature as awaking from a winter sleep, and preparing herself for the activities and splendour of Summer and Autumn. Although Winter has its own peculiar fun and pleasure, there is always an additional pleasure at this time of the year, in looking forward to the coming joys of the open air of well being.

Perhaps certain fellows find that this new year has a special significance for them. Maybe they realise that their school life is drawing to a close ; that shortly they are to enter into the business of the world, or are to seek further knowledge elsewhere. Not without a certain regret, they see themselves putting out into a wider life, with their previous education alone to guide them. For such as these this thought must call up pleasant memories and friendships derived from their school days ; it must make them appreciate the more their present full and happy life.

There is yet another and more important awaking connected with School ; for there a boy's mind awakes to an understanding of the affairs of men ; there a boy is taught to look beyond and to see how men have striven for good and for evil, how people have found the way to plenty and yet poverty has not been eliminated, how peace is being striven for, and yet war has not been abolished. Such paradoxes are shewn to be his heritage, and will in turn appeal to him for solution. Some will recoil from the task ; the braver will feel that it is good for them to be here.

According to the answer will school training have given a proof of its value.

## Editorial Notes.

On behalf of the whole School, we extend a hearty welcome to the new members of the Staff, Messrs. Werry and White, and also to Mr. Bright during his temporary stay for training.

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Contributions for the Magazine were more varied in style this term, although they did not reach the previous term's record for number. Lack of space has unfortunately restricted our choice of those submitted by Charles (VI.), Whitmarsh (VI.), Monahan (IV.B.), Semmens (III.A.) and Mason (III.B.), but we have much pleasure in selecting for publication "Footbalphabet" (by Semmens) and "Homework" (by Charles) (VI.).

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Towards the end of last term the Headmaster, together with several members of the Staff and the Arts Section of the Sixth, were invited to a dramatic performance entitled "*The Waxworks*," given by pupils of Mr. Hutchings from I.B. The play was enacted without the slightest hitch and all those concerned with its success are to be heartily congratulated.

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This term we have received more than the usual number of letters concerning the 'gymnasium,' but for reasons of space and tiresome repetition we have been obliged to print only one typical example. On the other hand, although something has been done since our last issue, we feel that we cannot let our other readers' comments pass unvoiced.

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A key of bitter disappointment pervades most of the letters ; disappointment that a reasonable and patient appeal for P.T. equipment should be answered in such a half-hearted manner. Others write in a more optimistic vein, hoping that a converted kitchen is but an intermediary stage towards a more suitable erection later on.

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In conclusion, let it be granted that the time calls for economy, and that the welfare of youth must accept sacrifices together with less deserving causes. But despite all argument, we cannot forget that if those who had the power had had an equal measure of goodwill in the matter, an adequate physical training room would have been an accomplished fact long before the financial crisis of last year.

## Letters to the Editor.

*(The Editor does not hold himself responsible  
for the views expressed below.)*

In the December Mag. I read with interest the horror of one of the lordly Sixth who noted a yearly degradation in intellect and stature amongst each of the new batch of juniors. I was interested because in that letter I found the expression of a thought which had entered my mind, though this is only my third year at the School.

Greater still, however, was my interest because I had noticed a parallel decline—the Sixth is no longer what it used to be ! When I was in the first, that noble galaxy of giants consisted of he-, cave- and super-men, whose learning no man could question, under whose gaze no knee could withstand knocking.

One year saw a change ; for as a second former. I perceived a falling off amongst those celestial beings. True, they still hurled their lightnings of lines and possessed the purgatory of praefectorial detention, but their status was only that of mere demi-gods.

Time has even taken away this degree of awe. Their authority now appears just that of mortals. Of course, no one can deny a prefect's attainments—I understand that they have all survived their Cambridge. Yet, should I one day accomplish that miracle, and should I convalesce sufficiently in Five Upper, even I shall have entered the Sixth.—burst upon the precincts of the gods.

But I can see no hope for the Sixth until that happens.

*Disillusioned.*

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Sir,

Being an impartial observant, I was rather astonished to find that 14 Full Colours have recently been awarded for sporting achievements and only 5 Half Colours, and that the majority, contrary to established precedent from time immemorial, have received the full honour without having first graduated through the half-way stage.

As I have failed to notice that this season has been characterised by any substantial improvement in our school sport, I can only presume that Half-Colours are in future to be prized as the greater rarity and that, in time, even this distinction will be supplanted by merely having one's photograph taken with the rest of the team.

*Nil Admirare.*

Sir,

For years I have watched the fruitless endeavours of some dozen "dinner-boys" to accommodate themselves with reasonable elbow-room during their mid-day repast in the kitchen and I was therefore all the more astounded to find that this very kitchen had been converted into our long-talked-of gym. (if, indeed, a few crazy-looking wooden bars adorning the wall and the removal of the usual culinary pots and pans can effect this incredible metamorphosis).

The horrors of Cawnpore have oft been impressed upon me, but even these fade into relative insignificance before what will happen should an attempt be made to crush 30 lusty sixth-formers into our new gym. And I write this letter as a warning. Of course, we have not yet been permitted to use our newly-gotten treasure so perhaps, after all, this miniature of ours is merely to enable us to boast that we have a gym. even if we can never get into it.

*Sicnarf.*

Sir,

Would it not be a fine thing if our School got up a Hiking Club? Plymouth is an exceedingly well situated place for walking tours, being within easy access of magnificent coast, rural, river and moorland scenery. Besides day and half-day excursions during term and holiday time, for those not engaged in other sports, a real fortnight's 'hike' could perhaps be arranged during the Summer Holidays.

I understand that another School in the city has a club run on lines indicated above, and that its members had a successful season last year.

Perhaps those interested in forming such a club could get in touch with me through your columns?

Yours, etc.,

*Vagabond.*

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Ladies should always take tea in their hats when visiting for a short while.

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Civil Servants are stationary employees.

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Saltash Bridge was the first tubercular bridge to be built.

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England is the workhouse of the world.

## Footbalphabet

**A** is for antagonists, keen for the fight ;  
**B** is the ball, blown up nice and tight.  
**C** is our captain—a good man is he ;  
**D** is defeat, which we hope we won't see.  
**E** is enthusiasm, of that there's a lot ;  
**F** is for forwards who put in a shot.  
**G** is the goals it's essential to score ;  
**H** is for hacks, which we get galore.  
**I** is the interval,—how we need rest !  
**J** is the jokes that are cracked with much zest.  
**K** is the kicks from our backs, long and low ;  
**L** is the linesman who runs to and fro.  
**M**'s our misfortune when they shoot good and true ;  
**N**—ever again shall we let a goal through.  
**O**'s for ovation, though sometimes we're hissed ;  
**P** is the penalty painfully missed.  
**Q** is the quickness of goals coming cheap ;  
**R** is the ' ref. ' who blows a loud ' phweep.'  
**S** is the score—we've won five to two ;  
**T** is the triumph which to us is due.  
**U**'s the exUberance the House Shield lends to  
**V**—ictorious captains, and swell'd head will ensue.  
**W** are the words of high praise from the Head ;  
**X** is the ' Xcitement at the kind things he said.  
**Y** yet again we intend them to play ;  
**Z**—'ll be the zeal in that mimic affray.

*Semo.*

(P—lease pass o'er peacefully the pangs of this poem  
 S—camped are the solecisms and to me you all owe 'em. *Ed.)*

A momentum is what you give people when they are leaving.

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The mineral wealth of this country is primarily soda-water and ginger-beer

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Longfellow had many fast friends ; the fastest were Alice and Phoebe Cary.

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When Henry VIII was angry his eyes flashed and rolled upon the floor.

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*Who was the Prefect who said that he does all the house work ?*

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A poet's swan song is his last gasp.

## School Societies.

The amended list of school officers is as follows :—

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

**SPORTS COMMITTEE**—The Masters and Prefects.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CONCERT COMMITTEE**—*Secretary*, W. J. Wakely; *Committee* C. J. Ash, E. A. Pearn, F. E. Clynick, W. P. Bowden.

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

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

The father of the Black Prince was Old King Cole.

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Joseph Chamberlain usually wore an orchard in his button-hole.

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Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the King when in the house of his parlourmaid.

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One of the most favoured scents is Odour Cologne.

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Famine made the Tower of Pisa lean.



After a somewhat poor discussion, the motion was carried by 14 votes to 13.

On Monday, January 8th, the House met to debate the subject that "*The English both expect and have too many amusements in life.*"

*Mr. Garland* opened the case for the motion by tracing the frivolous, empty life of an English school-boy, who to-day ends his life as a useless dolt craving for amusement.

*Mr. Wakely* treated in detail the meagre amusements of all classes, and refuted his opponent's arguments.

*Mr. Cavanagh* seconded the motion by drawing attention to the fact that the English were particularly specified. In comparison with his own Irish nation, they were perfect sluggards.

*Mr. Watson*, speaking fourth, shewed that history, past and present, refuted the belief that English were inferior to other races, even in matters of amusement-seeking.

After an enthusiastic discussion, restricted however to one period, the motion was rejected by 33 votes to 2.

An evening debate was held on Tuesday, February 2nd between the Sixth and the Five Uppers, the subject being that "*The Welfare of the coloured races should be subjected to that of the whites.*"

*Mr. Ash* (VI.), supporting the motion, affirmed that a happy world needed servants and masters—should not the more proficient assume control? As an instance that blacks were incapable of self-government he quoted the failure of Liberia.

*Mr. Wakely* (VI.), for the opposition, said that in the past the coloured races had held supreme power, and that empires of more recent date owed their downfall to unrest amongst the blacks. Therefore prudence dissuaded suppression of the coloured races.

*Mr. Clynick* (Vu. Arts), maintained that supporting the motion did not contradict Christian or English ideals, but furthered world peace. That the whites were fitted for rule, their culture and creeds manifested.

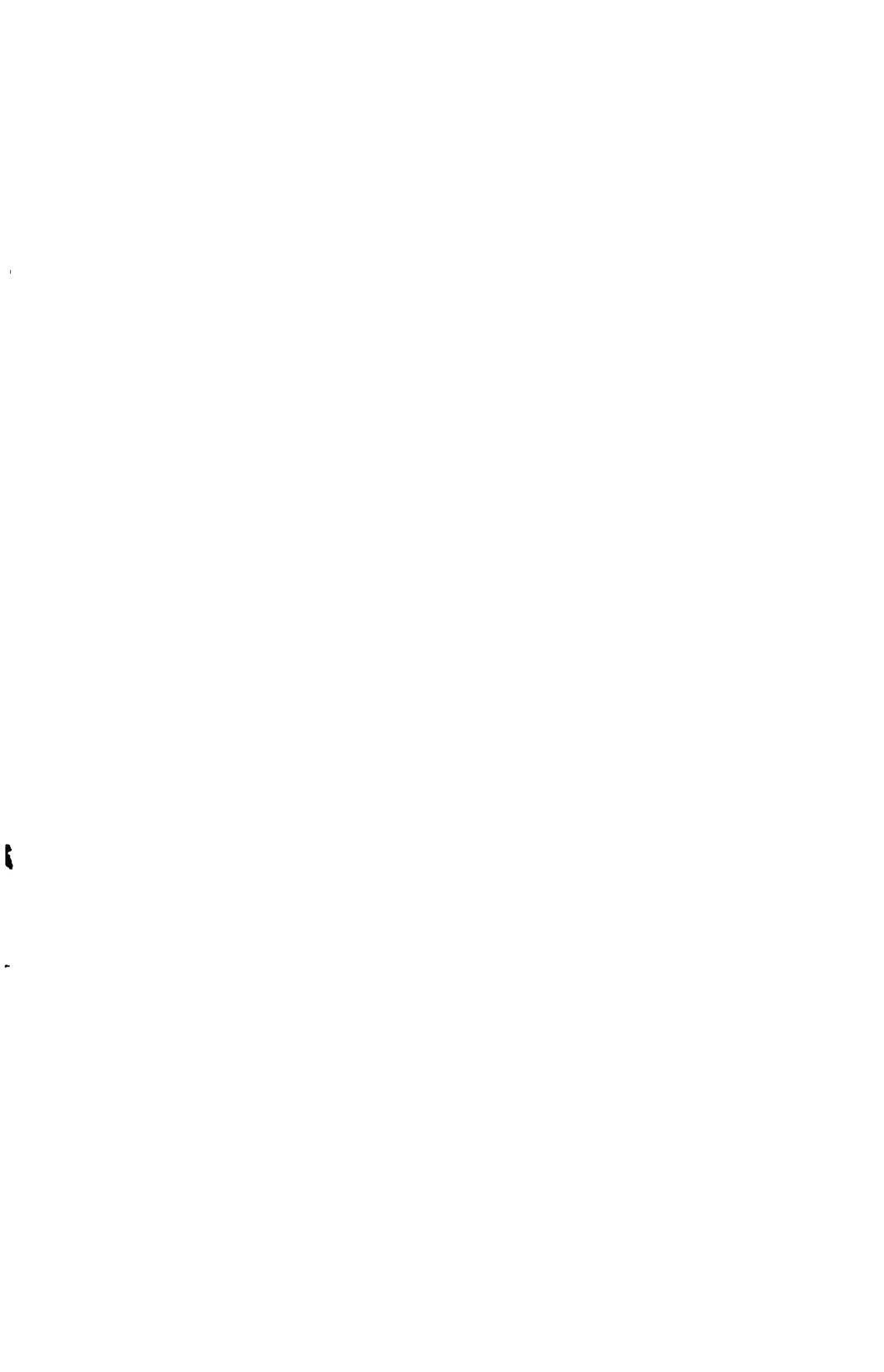
*Mr. Bayley* (Vu. Sc.), opposed European exploitation of foreign countries, by which vice and unrest are introduced there. That blacks can absorb culture, the number of coloured doctors and lawyers proved.

Despite a rather poor attendance the debate was keenly contested, the motion being defeated by 13 votes to 12.

Mephistopheles was a Greek comic poet.



Contralto is a low sort of music sung only by ladies.



Many members of the audience have expressed appreciation of the musical items supplied by Mr. Martin, our music master, E. A. Pearn, I. F. Frayn and V. E. Strong; but those on the platform are rather at a disadvantage in this respect. When, however, we left the platform to witness the Duel Scene from Sheridan's "Rivals," we were able fully to appreciate the effect of the "dressing up" and of quite unsuspected histrionic talent.

After the Headmaster had presented the report for 1931, the Chairman said that instead of travelling to the Guildhall in his own municipal car, he had come along in comfort and lordly style in the car of a former pupil of the school. He thought it most appropriate. It was a sheer impossibility for all the members of the Education Committee to take an interest in all the schools under their control. He had had several schools allotted to him to visit, but Devonport High School did not happen to be one of them; but he had heard of its reputation for hard work and splendid examination results. He had visited the school that week and the Headmaster had very kindly shown him round the whole building. Having seen the school at work he felt he could enter into the spirit of their gathering that afternoon. They were fortunate in having the Mayor present to present the prizes and certificates, and as he was an educationalist of repute and great experience he (the Chairman) would leave matters educational to him. He would only say to the boys that their school had a reputation for hard work, and the report showed conclusively that it had been maintained and even exceeded. The splendid list of successes, both of present and former pupils, reflected great credit upon the Headmaster, and it must be gratifying to him to be able to present such a report after having completed 25 years as Head last August. It also reflected great credit upon the members of the staff and upon themselves. He hoped that behind all this there was a love of sound learning, that they aimed at a complete education—the development of good character, and that the school left upon them a 'mark' which they would bear through the whole of their lives. The greatest value of education was not so much in learning of subjects as in moulding of their characters. Manners told in the long run.

"The gentle minde by gentle deeds is knowne  
For a man by nothing is so well bewrayed  
As by his manners." (*Spencer*).

The Mayor of Plymouth, having distributed the prizes and certificates, said that no one congratulated Mr. Treseder more heartily than he did because he was an old campaigner in education and knew the work involved in such a list of successes. Mr. Treseder was celebrating his semi-jubilee—25 very fine years in the school's history. He was sure there had been a bond of attachment between Mr. Treseder, the school and the staff, which had contributed to the wonderful successes now before them. He said that he

(the Mayor) used to be regarded as an arch-heretic for his championship of examinations. He did not look upon them as an evil but rather as a necessary good, for there was nothing more stimulating than an effort which was made and was involved in attaining the high results in examinations achieved at Devonport High School. Many of these successes were of a University character. In the past young men would have had to go to Universities to get where these lads have got, and they still have to go to University to achieve similar successes.

He pointed out the responsibility which such a standard of education entailed, inasmuch as such pupils will have, eventually, to take a very important part in the work of the world; and, also, the importance of discipline, especially self-discipline. The best man was he who was his own policeman. "I trust," the Mayor said to the boys, "you have it in your hearts to grow into men who shall be steadfast in purpose, resulting in the determination to do right with the thought always before you that one is not living for oneself alone, but for the country and in the eyes of God."

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Mayor Mr. W. L. Munday said the success of a school depended upon the work done by the teachers and headmaster, and not on any outside authorities. Some authorities, he said, could do a great deal to encourage the staff and a great deal to discourage it. It was the teachers who made the school. "Mr. Treseder has made Devonport High School what it is by impressing upon it a personality which is both honourable and accomplished," he concluded. Lieut. N. J. P. Revington seconded the vote, which was carried with acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A. He referred to the work of Rev. T. D. Thomas on the Education Committee and remarked that though he was interested particularly in a special group of schools, he was not simply "holding a watching brief" for them, but gave advice and help in general educational matters which were much valued by his colleagues on the Committee. Mr. Bracken continued that he could not resist departing for a moment from the main topic of the resolution to congratulate his old friend, Mr. Treseder, on the results obtained during the past year and on the excellent reputation his school had secured and maintained. He recalled his gratification on having had once, when in London, the opportunity of attending one of their Old Boys' Dinners. As an onlooker he was impressed with the regard and affection shown by those present (many of whom were holding important positions) for their former Head and their pride in the achievements of their old school. This vote was seconded by Mrs. Councillor Daymond.

Bouquets were presented to the Mayoress and Mrs. Thomas.

After this the platform was cleared for the performance of the Duel Scene from the "Rivals."

It was greatly appreciated and no small praise is due to the members of Form VI. and V. Upper for their careful preparation

of the parts, and to the Senior English Master (Mr. Lockwood), for his help and advice. The cast in order of appearance was as follows:—

<b>Lydia</b> .....	Finner—VIth Form
<b>Julia</b> ( <i>engaged to Falkland</i> ).....	Taylor—Vth Upper (Arts)
<b>Mrs. Malaprop</b> ( <i>aunt to Lydia</i> ).....	Bayley—Vth Upper (Science)
<b>Fag</b> ( <i>servant to Captain Absolute</i> ).....	Blewett—VIth Form
<b>David</b> ( <i>servant to Bob Acres</i> ).....	Hawke—VIth Form
<b>Capt. Jack Absolute</b> ( <i>in love with Lydia</i> )....	Wakely—VIth Form
<b>Sir Anthony Absolute</b> ( <i>father of Jack</i> )....	Whitmarsh—VIth Form
<b>Bob Acres</b> ( <i>a Devonshire Gentleman</i> ).....	Ash—VIth Form
<b>Sir Lucius O'Trigger</b> ( <i>an Irish Gentleman</i> )....	Charles—VIth Form
<b>Falkland</b> ( <i>in love with Julia</i> ).....	Prowse—VIth Form



## The Headmaster's Report.

I make no apology for plunging at once into the results obtained at public examinations since our last Speech Day. For I believe that the main business of a teacher is to teach, the main business of a pupil is to strive to profit by that teaching, and the main business of a headmaster, when presenting his report, is to set forth, as clearly as possible, the tangible results of that teaching and of that striving. I do not say there are not intangible results; nor do I deny that those intangible results form a supremely important part in the ultimate value of a school; but they cannot be summed up in an annual report; it is questionable whether they could be incorporated in any report; rather are they to be found as an element in the characters of a school's past pupils. And so I proceed to report that, during the period under review, 58 boys obtained Cambridge School Certificates, of whom 16 gained honours, 33 did sufficiently well to qualify for matriculation at London University, 16 passed in spoken French, and the number of distinctions won was unusually large and widely distributed—being as follows:—14 in mathematics, 4 in Latin, 2 in additional mathematics, 2 in chemistry, 2 in English, 2 in geography and one each in French and history. The standard of attainment necessary to procure a Higher School Certificate is very much above that required for a School Certificate; and the difference is normally represented by an additional two years' study. Thirteen boys were sent in for Higher School Certificate Examinations, of whom 10 were successful; and the quite remarkable number of seven distinctions were gained, namely, 4 in pure mathematics, 2 in chemistry and 1 in Latin. Partly as the result of success in these examinations, which, under certain conditions, carry exemption from the London University Intermediate Examinations, and partly by taking the Intermediate Examination itself, 12 boys from the Sixth Form gained or qualified for the Inter. B.Sc., and one the Inter. B.A. This total of 13 for a

single year establishes a record for the school. It will not, I hope, be thought inmodest to mention at this stage, the number of successes at London University Intermediate Degree Examinations gained direct from the school during the past 10 years. That number is 82, of which 17 were for Arts, and 65 for Science, the latter being a striking tribute, in particular, to the ability, the energy and the devoted labours of our Senior Science Master, Mr. Ferraro. Appointments have been secured, by open competition, in three separate branches of the Civil Service: one in the Executive Group, one in the Waterguard Service of the Customs and Excise and five in the Clerical Classes. John Edward Stone was placed 45th among 200 successful candidates for entrance to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst; while Wilfred Stuart Watson placed a coping stone on the year's successes by winning an Open Exhibition in Modern languages, tenable for 3 years, at King's College, Cambridge.

Before leaving this part of my report I should like to call your attention to the last page of the programme and especially to the recent achievements of four of the old boys whose names are mentioned therein. Mr. Roy Proffitt, who left school in 1926 with an open scholarship in natural science at Exeter College, Oxford, has been awarded a Senior Research Studentship in Mathematics. Not only is this a great honour but it carries with it a monetary value of £250 per annum.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Morgan, who left in 1928, with a Stapeldon Scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford, and a Major Open Scholarship at Reading University, respectively, have taken degrees with first class honours, the former being placed in Class I in the Final Honour School of Natural Science, Oxford University, and the latter among the first class honour Bachelors of Science, Reading University. Moreover, Mr. Morgan, since obtaining his degree, has successfully competed for the important government post of Assistant Examiner in the Patent Office. Again, Mr. Meek, who left in 1927 with an Astor Scholarship, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at London University. Dr. Meek acquires this title by virtue of his research work in chemistry.

One important change was made in organisation last September. By the advice of the Board of Education, the four year course of preparation for the School Certificate Examination was converted into a five year course. As a consequence, a very small number of boys—probably not more than twenty—will be taking the Cambridge School Certificate Examination next July. But in 1933, and thenceforward, the number of examinees will again become normal.

During the past six years no change has been made in the staff. Now, however, Mr. Werry, one of our brilliant and capable old boys, returns to teach in the school where he was formerly a

pupil; and Mr. White comes to us with a long experience gained in another local secondary school. These new-comers take the places of Mr. Davis, who died in July, and Mr. Palmer, who retired in December—both of whom worked for the school faithfully and effectively. Mr. Palmer we hope to see often, and we wish him health and happiness in his retirement. Mr. Davis is to us a memory—but such a memory that the recollection of his loyal loving service will continue to be an inspiration and a permanent possession for all who knew him.



### SUCSESSES : : :

obtained direct from the school from December, 1930 to December, 1931.

### SCHOLARSHIPS.

**Open Exhibition (Modern Languages), King's College, Cambridge.—**  
(Tenable for 3 years).

Wilfred Stuart Watson.

**Plymouth Education Authority Awards.—**

J. H. Chaff, W. A. Rickard, G. K. Roberts, K. T. Wintle,  
C. B. O'Carroll, K. G. Tucker.

**D.H.S. War Memorial Exhibition.—**

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in face of universal dissuasion,—on attaining his hundredth birthday. Here, no doubt, was a boy of the old brigade who would have interesting and saleable views on modern life.

The problem of finding the representative was a little more complex as the Lobby correspondent, theatre critic and racing expert was taking photographs of the football crowd, so that we were finally obliged to recall the war correspondent for China from the Speedway meeting and send him along.

After some difficulty in finding the old-world Duckpool-cum-Ogwash, and the homestead of Josiah Plaint, the War Correspondent discovered the centenarian sunning himself outside the porch of his house. Assuming the air of a compleat salesman, our special representative directed conversation into the following channels.

“ Good afternoon, Mr. Plaint.”

“ Why sartenly ; why daun’ee rest ‘ere a whiles ?”

The War Correspondent accepted the invitation.

“ I was saying it was a fine afternoon.”

“ Yes, ‘tis a middlin’ bravish day, tho’ the wind’s getting back behind the sun.”

The War Correspondent decided to await further disclosures before making notes.

“ You’re looking fine for your age, Mr. Plaint. To what do you attribute your long life ?”

“ Aw.”

“ I suppose you kept fit by having to lead such a strenuous life.”

A pause in which Josiah eyes our special representative, as if suspicious of sarcasm.

“ Farming must be an awfully healthy sort of life. Did you find it so, Mr. Plaint.”

“ Well, I wouldn’t adone, if it ‘adn’t abin vor my ole missis. Her used to ‘elp along with the vovls and the milkin’, an see to the pigs and the ‘orses. Her died twenty year agone.

“ Harvesting meant a lot of work for you ?”

“ Aw, ess ; I wud lend a ‘and then sometimes !”

It was becoming obvious that Plaint would make no communicative response to this subject. Fortunately a fresh inspiration came in through the window, being the sight of a wireless aerial attached to an apple tree. The War Correspondent caught his cue, and pointing towards the window proceeded.

" I see you have a wireless, Mr. Plaint."

" Well, of course, it's a bit airy fur 'em yet, but the vrost purty nigh killed the blossom in the spring. Last yeer's crop of apples was summat fine tho'; there's still some of the cider left auver, you better come round to the 'en coup and 'ave a drap quiet."

They did. During all his wartime experiences our Special representative had never tasted anything quite so like a soln. of files in conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The thought entered his mind that it would take all one hundred years for the throat to get hardened up to it. He swallowed as many c.c.'s as possible, while the farmer seemed quite intent on lowering a whole Winchester-full. Emboldened by this draught and observing that Plaint was no longer niggard, if somewhat thick, of speech, our special representative played his trump card.

" What do you think of the modern girl, farmer?"

Plaint eyed our S.R. over the top of his tankard; and then, confidentially:

" You mean May Giles and her lot!"

Seeing that that way disclosures lay, our S.R. nodded assent. Plaint beckoned him nearer, and, in his ear a-tingle for gossip, these:

" Not much."

Their heads separated like a pair of unlike poles; but the farmer had not said all he knew; he continued:

" She'll come to a bad end."

Now or never surely our S.R. was on the track of something "saleable," but old Plaint refused to tell any more. Nor gross calumny, nor exaggerated praise for the modern girl, would extract another syllable of comment. The trump card had fizzled.

In desperation our S.R. tried another wave-length, and, with the undaunted smile of an importunate door-to-door vendor, re-commenced coaxingly.

" Do you ever get any hikers round this way?"

Plaint was obviously still hankling over the subject of May Giles.

" What I mean is, it's-er-it's getting quite a craze; some must pass through Ogwash occasionally."

Josiah was awaking to the fact that his companion was trying to be sociable.

" And then it's so healthy, you know; I grant you it looks funny, but of course . . . . ."

" Tell 'ee wot oi *did* see" butted in Josiah.

" What was that?"

" Oi say, oi'll tell 'ee."

Josiah obviously required time for his scandal ; he wanted the right respectful atmosphere.

“ A passel o’ saucy young ’uzzies in lil khaki trousers and jumpers. They was with a crowd’ of fellers dressed up same, gurt vules, and way they went thro’ Duckpool, sangin’ away, as if they was up ole goosey vair. Waun the likes in moi day, I can tell ee.”

This last outburst had finished the old farmer’s talkativeness for that afternoon despite S.R.’s encouragement. Indeed, he didn’t choose to stay much longer, for Josiah was making to refill his tankard, and so our S.R., fearful of being asked to join in again, wished him a hurried good-bye.

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All this however is quite besides the point, and, for that matter, behind the scenes. All that should concern the general reader is the following interesting account.

#### PRAISE FOR THE MODERN GIRL.

#### **Centenarian’s admiration for youth’s enthusiasm and spirit.**

*(By our Special Correspondent for Duckpool-cum-Ogwash.)*

Our Special Correspondent for Duck-pool-cum-Ogwash sends us the following account of an interview with Farmer Josiah Plaint of Duckpool-cum-Ogwash, who recently received a letter of congratulation from His Majesty, on the occasion of his attaining his one hundredth birthday.

‘ Farmer Plaint was in very good health, when I visited him on Thursday. He told me he could not bear being idle or sitting about ; in fact, he attributed his long life to hard work and total abstinence from strong liquors.

He was full of praise for the modern girl ; in fact, he could not say enough in praise of her healthy and sporting life. Hiking, of course, was unknown to the farmer in his young days, but he confessed to me that whenever he sees the jolly parties of walkers passing through Ogwash, he wished he had the strength of his youth to join in with them.’

*Zephyr,*

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## Sports and Athletics.

We have been singularly fortunate during the latter half of the present season in the long succession of fine days we have had and on every opportunity the field has been put to its fullest use—soccer, rugby and hockey school matches often being played simultaneously.

To the Education Committee we are again grateful for the use of Montpelier School cloak-room in which to change, whilst Messrs. Armor, Heather, Hutchings and Lockwood for soccer, and Messrs. Austin and O'Connór for rugger, have unstintingly given up their time to referee, a task which is often both muddy and unpleasant.

The hard work of a sports master is usually passed over unnoticed but it is impossible not to appreciate the energy and whole-heartedness of Mr. Brown who now fills this capacity, and who, with the help of the various other committees, has been responsible for the smooth working of the school's sporting activities, detailed reports of which are given below.

### RUGGER CLUB.

<i>Officers :</i>	<i>Captain :</i>	E. W. R. Warn.
	<i>Vice-Captain :</i>	C. C. Mill.
	<i>Secretary :</i>	W. J. Wakely.

The above together with Cavanagh, Johnson and Loder form the Committee.

*Captain (2nd XV.) :* Sammels.

The second-half of the season 1931-32 has been a continuation of the success of the first as regards the standard of play even if not in the matter of points scored. Considering the lightness of the team it has performed creditably against heavier opponents. Although comfortably beaten by the Old Boys' 1st XV. (23 pts.—3) the 1st XV. enjoyed a thoroughly sporting game on this occasion and followed it up the next week by defeating the O.P.O.'s 35 pts.—nil. The best performances of the 1st XV. were the sharing of 6 pts. with Albion Junrs. at the end of last term, and the defeat of Salcombe Reserves on their own ground on March 5th.

The team as a whole play well together, two-thirds of the total number of tries having been scored by the outsides. Jones at full-back has been consistently sound, both his kicking and tackling being exceedingly good. The wing three-quarters, Richards and Ware, have definitely improved, the former showing a fine turn of speed. Mill, at centre, has been brilliant at times, his speed and skill being greatly missed against the Old Boys. Incidentally, he has dropped four goals this season. Coles, the other centre, is improving but he should not keep the ball too long. He is however, dangerous when he has the ball. The halves, Warn and Orchard form a fine link between the forwards and threes. The former, at stand-off, has captained the team most ably and has an excellent cut-through and a thrustful method of play, while the latter, at the base of the scrum, has a most useful left-footed kick. Orchard has speed and an excellent pass-out.

Among the forwards Bowden and Johnson have done some solid work using their weight to advantage. Garner has hocked well considering the light pack behind him, and as he has plenty of dash should be excellent next season. Loder and Cavanagh have done some good work in the loose and have kept the front rank well together in the scrums. In the back row Wakely has utilised his speed in quick breaking up and assisting the threes. He has developed into a very good back-ranker. Dark has dribbled excellently at times, and has performed well. Garland, a newcomer to rigger, has surprised everyone with his speed and thrustfulness, also his weight has been very useful.

The 2nd XV. continues its run of success. In fact it has only lost one match and that was when they were weakly represented. Dolton, Trebilcock and Sammels have all played for the 1st XV., and, incidentally, have performed well when called upon. Trebilcock has a nice cut-through and a strong kick. Among the forwards Smith, Brenton (i) and Brenton (ii) have all played for the 1st XV. and have formed the back-bone of the 2nd XV. Williams, Willcocks and Pawley (outsides) are handicapped by their size, but they certainly do not lack pluck.

Among the colts Hyland is the best forward and should take Rigger seriously. The juniors have not had much practice. There are some colts who have any amount of speed if they would only run straight and go all out.

Hurden, Billing, Miskelly, James, Bryant (H.), Bryant (G.), Holmes, Osborne, Waycott, Robins, Chicken, Morey, Roberts, Ridley, Routleff, etc., should concentrate on rigger and be willing to turn out on any occasion. Messrs. O'Connor and Austin have helped us by refereeing and we thank them heartily.

Colours have been awarded as follows:—

Fulls: Bowden, Cavanagh, Dark, Johnson, Jones, Loder, Orchard, Richards and Wakely.

Halves: Garner and Ware.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
					For	Agst.
1st XV.	15	11	1	3	213	78
2nd XV.	8	8	0	0	128	12
Colts XV. . .	4	1	1	2	12	69

#### TEAMS—1st XV.

			Jones			
	Richards	Mill	Coles	Ware		
		Orchard	Warn			
Johnson	Bowden,	Garner	Loder	Cavanagh	Wakley	
		Garland	Dark			

**2nd XV.**

			Dolton		
	Willcocks	Legg	Trebilcock	Williams	
		Pawley	Sammels		
(From)	Smith	Smith	Brenton	Brenton	Maclaren
	Hanmick	Chaffe	Watson	Hyland.	

**Colts XV.**

			Robins		
	James	Billing	Miskelly	Shakespeare	
		Healy	H. Bryant		
(From)	Hurden	Roberts	Waycott	Holmes	Peter Chicken
Mason	Osborne	Routleff	Morrell	Ridley	G. Bryant
		Morey	Wingett.		
					<i>E. W. R. W. and W. J. W.</i>

**SOCCER CLUB.**

<i>Officers :</i>	<i>Captain :</i>	E. A. Pearn.
	<i>Vice-Captain :</i>	W. J. Pepperell.
	<i>Secretary :</i>	J. H. Francis.

The above together with H. F. Hawkins and H. C. Mitchell form the Committee.

In reviewing the school Soccer of the past season, especially conspicuous is the renewed enthusiasm of the lower forms, among which are some really promising juniors. Unfortunately, however the selection of the first two elevens has been seriously handicapped by the lack of more enthusiastic seniors and in several games, when the rugger team was not engaged, Warn and Trebilcock have had to fill up gaps—which they have done remarkably well.

The 1st XI. has improved considerably and consistently since the beginning of the season, and notable victories were those gained over the Old Boys, Kingsbridge and Totnes Grammar Schools, and Sutton; although narrow defeats were inflicted by Seale-Hayne College and Totnes Y.M.B.C., both of which games were among the best and most sporting for the season. As for the team itself, there is little need to individualise; the defence has proved generally reliable even if at times rather wild; the half-backs have defended stubbornly but have been a bit slow in backing up the forwards, whilst the forwards have approached well but have dribbled too long when near the goal line. Despite this, the team has put up some really fine performances under the able captaincy of Pearn; of those playing in the 1st XI. for their first season the goalkeeper, Chambers, has excelled in sheer audacity and brilliance and deserves especial commendation. The chief goal scorers were Francis and Halloran.

The 2nd XI. has been so altered from week to week that a general criticism is hardly possible. The chief fault has been in the failure to tackle without hesitation and in the lack of thrust of the various wing forwards, who are otherwise quite clever. The best victories were the convincing ones gained over Public Central and Froebel House.

The 3rd XI. has not maintained its promise of the first term and has lately suffered two or three defeats at the hands of bigger teams. Most of the players are quite young and with a few years' practice should develop into a very strong school team. There has been no diminution of enthusiasm and many juniors not playing in the XI. should do so before long; Miskelly (IB.) is the "find" of the season and to play at back for the 3rd XI. in his first year is truly a remarkable achievement. Wyatt shows signs of becoming a first-rate goalkeeper whilst all the others have done well. The chief goal scorers were Every, Cory and Rogers.

The teams and performances were:—

### 1st XI.

		Chambers			
		Trebilcock	Pearn ( <i>Capt.</i> )		
	Warn	Pepperell	Finner		
Smeeton	Hawkins	Francis	Halloran		Mitchell

### 2nd XI.

		Rowe ( <i>Capt.</i> )			
		Lake	Babbage		
	Grant (G.)	Hutchings	Slade		
Brown	Hawke	Hannaford	Nicholas		Hawken

### 3rd XI.

		Wyatt			
		Morgan	Miskelly		
		Luckraft	Luxton	March	
Rogers	Grant (C.) ( <i>Capt.</i> )	Every	Cory		Halloran (ii)

			Goals					
			Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst.
1st XI.	..	..	17	6	4	7	42	49
2nd XI.	..	..	15	5	1	9	61	68
3rd XI.	..	..	13	9	2	3	63	43

Full Colours have been awarded to Francis, Hawkins and Pepperell, and Half-Colours to Chambers.



## HOCKEY CLUB.

<i>Captain</i>	C. J. Ash.
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	J. L. MacLaren.
<i>Secretary</i>	R. F. J. Davison.

**1st Eleven.**

		Hawke		
	Bailey	Lawrance		
	MacLaren	Ash	Blewett	
Rogers	Clynick	Davison	Denyer	Pryor

The standard of playing has been very much lower this season than last. The individual play of most of the team shows considerable ability but unfortunately there is a marked lack of team work—especially on the part of the forwards.

The general results are very disappointing, the team having won only three matches out of the eight played, but on the other hand the actual goal results give a total of 25 for and 27 against, which is not quite so terrifying, considering the dearth of senior players in the school—in fact, such is the lack of them that in two of our hardest matches we were compelled to include Salter, who is undoubtedly our best Junior, but who unfortunately is hardly big enough to stand the rough treatment of a senior team.

Unfortunately we have been unable to secure more than four fixtures for the Juniors. This is the first season that Junior Hockey matches have been arranged and there has been considerable difficulty in finding suitable dates and opponents.

Of the four matches yet arranged two have been played (up to the time of going to print), one of which was won and the other lost. It is to be hoped that next season Junior matches will become as numerous as those of the 1st XI, in order that the Hockey Club may not lose the talent of such enthusiastic and useful juniors as Salter, Sutton, Bowden and others who form the team as under:—

		Tull		
	Wilson	Pengelly		
	Burridge	Nicholis	Ladner	
Oliphant	Salter	Bowden	Sutton	Dickenson

**CRICKET 1932.**

A complete fixture list has already been arranged for the coming cricket season and, with the hope of stimulating interest which has been somewhat lacking during the past few seasons, I have endeavoured to make it as attractive as the school funds will permit. The 1st XI. is without a vacant date and the 2nd XI. has but two or three; only in obtaining matches for the 3rd XI. has any difficulty been experienced and I should therefore be glad to receive the names and addresses of the secretaries of possible junior opponents.

It is decidedly unfortunate that those who shine at football, more especially the seniors, should take no active interest in cricket for, if they only maintained their winter enthusiasm throughout the summer, we should have little difficulty in fielding the successful teams a school of our size ought naturally to be able to produce. Tennis, swimming and hiking are admittedly attractive alternative summer sports, but as it is only in cricket that we compete against

other schools we should place this game first, so that we may no longer be disgraced by teams of country yokels and village bumpkins as in the past.

Let us all then, make an especial effort this season.

*J. H. Francis.*



## House Reports.

The House positions and points at the time of going to print are as follows:—

	Senior		Junior		Total Points
	Rugger	Soccer	Rugger	Soccer	
<b>Raleigh</b>	4	8	9	1	22
<b>Drake</b>	6	2	6	8	22
<b>Grenville</b>	8	7	3	1	19
<b>Gilbert</b>	0	1	0	8	9

### DRAKE.

The activities of Drake House this term have been rather mixed. Only four matches were played before the re-organisation of the Houses was brought into effect, 4 points being secured out of a possible 8. The Senior Rugger and the Senior Soccer both lost to Grenville but the Juniors saved the situation by winning both their Rugger and Soccer matches (each against Grenville). The strength of the House thus appeared to lie with the Juniors among whom Every, Cory, Shakespeare, Tovell, Morey and Harris were the best. But after the re-organisation of the Houses on February 4th the House lost Every, Cory, Shakespeare, Tovell and Harris. Though Halloran and Billing are now in Drake, the Junior teams are weakened considerably. The Seniors, on the other hand, seemed to be strengthened. The House lost two good Rugger players in Loder and Garner and two Soccer men in Hutchings and Brown, but has gained Warn, Jones, Sammiels, Williams, Hammick and Hawken. Only two matches have been played since the re-organisation, viz., the Senior Rugger v. Raleigh (result: won by 17 pts. to 3 pts. compared to 12 pts. to 10 pts last term) and the Junior Rugger v. Raleigh (result: lost 21 pts. to 3 pts. compared to a draw of 6 pts. each last term).

Up to the time of going to press then, 6 pts. out of a possible 12 have been gained; this is less than last term's average. We sincerely hope that both Seniors and Juniors will have done their utmost to raise this average before the term ends.

*J. L. MacL.*



**GILBERT.**

The most interesting event of the term was the re-arrangement of the Houses, previous to which, this House had but few successes to its credit, and as a result of which, has considerably improved. It is pleasing to be able to report that the new members of the House have forgotten any annoyance that may have been caused by the change, and have started to pull their weight and support the Captain ably.

By the time this is in print the Cross-Countries will have been run, and with the running talent now in Gilbert House, we should acquit ourselves creditably in both Junior and Senior events, provided injuries have not been sustained through playing Rugger and Soccer.

It is essential that all members of the House should train for the Sports as much as possible during the Easter holidays, even if they have not entered their names for events. Enthusiasts, if any, should not wait to be asked to run, but should find the House Captain and worry him until he has put their names down for heats. Just because you haven't run before there is no reason why you should not start now, so don't stand back because you are excessively tall or exceedingly fat. For the thin long people there are the high and long jumps, and for the short fat people, is there not the tug-of-war?

Particulars of holiday training facilities will be announced before the end of the term, and full advantage should be taken of these.

*W. J. W.*

**GRENVILLE.**

During the present term Grenville has not, on the whole, done very well, the House so far having won six points out of twelve.

The Juniors have not done their bit and their record this season is far below their average record. In spite of the great keenness which prevails among the Juniors, the Junior teams have not yet won a point this term. Generally they are outweighed but, following the reshuffling of the Houses, several new members who served their former Houses with distinction were obtained, and with their help the Juniors may be able to recover some of the lost ground in the three matches remaining to be played. Of the members of the former soccer team who remain, Mason, Masters, Shears, Lampen and Prowse deserve special mention for their consistency and wholehearted play. The Junior Rugby team is very keen despite its lack of success and boys like Pomery, Evans, Godfree and Ridley have tried hard. The team has still two matches to play so that there will be more opportunities for it to regain its lost prestige.

The Seniors have had a most successful season and since the last report they have won six points out of six. The personnel of the teams has been greatly altered as a result of the House reshuffle. The Soccer team, which has won two matches this term, has only been slightly weakened and the new side was able to defeat Gilbert easily. In Rugby the House has played only one match so that the effect of the recent change has yet to be discovered. The team, however, certainly seems to be weaker as a result of the loss of Jones, Coles, Johnson and Dark. However, there does not seem to be any reason why the present team should not be as successful as its predecessor.

During the whole season, to date, Grenville has won nineteen points out of thirty-six and of these the Seniors have won fifteen.

C. C. M.



### RALEIGH.

Before passing to a general survey of Raleigh's achievements up to the present, I feel compelled to pay a deserved tribute to all those ex-members of the House, most especially to Warn among the seniors and Billing among the juniors, who have so largely contributed to our success this season but who have now been transferred to other Houses.

At soccer, the seniors have maintained their unbeaten record with the remarkable goal-average for four matches of 36 to 9. The whole team—which, incidentally, includes 7 of the 1st XI.—has played together splendidly and the attack, spiritedly backed up by the defence, has worked with smoothness and penetration. At rugby, on the other hand, we have had little success, which is all the more remarkable as five of the team play for the 1st XV., and the points that we have gained were those obtained in our highly-meritorious walk overs at the expense of the former Gilbert! Warn, Ware and Trebilcock have done especially well.

The juniors have done far better at rugby than at soccer and such players as Hurden, Billing, Osborne, Miskelly and recently Every, have thrown themselves into the game with tremendous energy and enthusiasm. The majority of tries have been credited to Miskelly (1B.) who has also distinguished himself at left-back for the soccer team. 9 points out of 10 have been won at rugby whilst only 1 out of 8 has so far been obtained at soccer; the reason for the disparity is hard to understand.

Of our new acquisitions, Halloran (M. V.) and Every appear most likely to compensate for our other losses and, although I have not yet had an opportunity of judging their worth to Raleigh, there is little doubt but that they will soon make themselves indispensable units to the senior and junior teams respectively.

There now remains the Sports and Cricket, and if we do as well in these as we have done in Football there is no reason why

Raleigh should not break through the monotonous tradition of the last few years by heading the House Competition and let it be well remembered that it is enthusiasm, far more than mere "talent." which might easily bring this about.

Raleigh at present leads with Drake, each having 22 points.  
J. H. F.



## Homework.

'Tis a subject so often debated,  
'Tis the cause of much grief and much pain  
That it makes one feel rather belated,  
To return to this curse once again

Agitation has started, however.  
Throughout various parts of this land  
And fanatics make fruitless endeavour  
In an effort to get homework banned

The anathema rises to heaven  
As sum follows sum on the board,  
For one simply must get out by seven,  
Or one's rival will think he has scored.

Then comes up the perennial question  
As to why we should have to stay in,  
And the least little adverse suggestion,  
The enthusiasts count as a sin.

Many parents, indignant and fussy,  
Who praise all their dear offspring's work,  
Think their son is continually busy,  
While the masters perpetually shirk.

"If the staff only taught during school hours,  
There'd be no more homework," they say,  
They forget that a pedagogue's powers  
Are but limited, work as he may!

Exams might be passed by a few boys,  
Without any homework at all,  
But others whose brains aren't "the big noise,"  
Would soon find their backs to the wall.

Some fellows try divers devices  
And avoid doing homework by tricks,  
But those whom such slackness suffices,  
Will invariably end in a fix.

In the end, while reviewing my own work,  
I've arrived at the following rule,  
That there's only one way to dodge homework,  
And that is quite simple—leave school!

*Sixarts.*

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

*President :* The Headmaster.  
*General Secretary :* Mr. H. Ferraro.

One of the functions of an O.B.A. is to enable former school-fellows to keep in touch with one another and our Secretaries are often asked to supply Old Boys with addresses of friends of their school days. It has been suggested that these notes might be the medium through which old D.H.Sians. could get news of one another. This is an experiment that might well be tried. Its success will depend on the members themselves. News of any individual member can be published in the Magazine provided that the member supplies the information. Will members please give this suggestion their consideration.

The past year has been noteworthy for brilliant successes on the part of old D.H.Sians. To these we offer our hearty congratulations. It has also been marked by visits from several Overseas members. Mr. Hughes of Rhodesia and Messrs. Lampard and Curtain of India have been enjoying a well-earned holiday in their native country.

D.H.Sians. are now scattered far and wide and are to be found in all walks of life and here we come to another suggestion. Among those Old Boys there are sure to be some who are in a position to give helpful advice to those working their way up in similar careers. If those who are able to help in this way would signify their willingness to do so, a record could be kept for reference when the need arises.

The Rugby notes will be of interest to many of our members. The Club has gone ahead steadily and the first season in which two XV.'s have been fielded regularly has been very successful.



### HEADQUARTERS' NOTES.

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The Annual Association Football Match played during the Xmas vacation resulted in a victory for the School by the odd goal, after a most exciting and keenly fought game.

A cricket match will be played against the School XI. on Saturday, July 23rd. Will all those wishing to play please let me know as early as possible.



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

During the present season which is now drawing rapidly to a close the Old Boys' R.F.C. has experienced the most successful year since its inauguration in 1929. Playing members now number more than they ever did and in both fifteens the number of games won against older and more experienced sides is extremely gratifying and amply compensates for the hard work necessary to place the Club on a sure footing. The record to date for the 1st XV. is as follows:— Played 22, Won 11, Drawn 2, Lost 9. Points for 146, against 144. Since the last issue of the "Mag." 11 games have been played of which seven have been won. The Club was unlucky in the Pedrick and Lockie Cup matches losing both these games but with a nett result of 3 points for with only 7 against, which testifies to the keenness and closeness of these encounters.

The 2nd XV. has won several of its fixtures and has of course suffered several defeats. Many of these have been due to the fact that the 1st XV. has through injury and illness been forced on innumerable occasions to draw reserves from the 2nd XV.

Indeed there have been few occasions on which the Club has fielded its strongest XV. However, it is hoped that those at present out with injury will all be fit to start again in September next. A severe reverse was suffered when the Club engaged the Paighton 1st XV. Although out-weighted and outpaced by their clever opponents the Old Boys' only conceded two tries in the second half. The three reserves acquitted themselves well—but on this occasion the XV. lacked cohesion.

A private gymnasium class is now being held where members of the Clubs are instructed in physical culture and in exercises calculated to keep fellows in good trim for Rugger. Should some fellows be interested it can doubtless be arranged for them to attend.

Dances are still held and continue to be as popular as ever. It is pleasing to note the goodly number of former D.H.Sians. who attend these functions and it is hoped that all previous attendances will be eclipsed at the Britannia Hall, Milehouse, on Wednesday, April 6th, 1932, from 8 till 12 midnight. Admission by ticket, 1/6. As the number of tickets is now limited application should be made for same as soon as possible.

In view of the stability of the Club now having been satisfactorily assured it is felt that all Rugger players leaving school will immediately enrol with the Club but it is requested that no time be lost by players in acquainting the Secretary of their desire to join the Club so that the practice matches which will be arranged near the end of August, 1932, will be representative of the Club's strength.

It is hoped that the coming season—the fourth of the Club's existence—should be even more successful than the present one and this can be accomplished if the enthusiasm and sportsmanship now displayed in the Club is maintained.

*L. H. Warren, Hon. Sec.*

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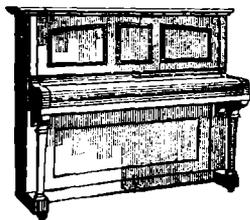
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