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Editorial.

A dominant trait of Carlyle's social creed was his belief in the continued influence of a man's work after his death. The modern world might well take heed of the sage's warning, for since the time of Carlyle there has been a marked diversion in the intellectual outlook of the nation. The advent of the cheap newspaper, of the cinema and the rise of new and popular sports and pastimes have deflected the attention of the masses from the more pressing problems of our civilisation. The nineteenth century was an era of intellect, when the more lasting pleasures of serious mental exercise were sought by many from all classes of society. The rise of democracy, and its attendant reforms in government and administration spurred on the humblest to an emulation of scholars and scientists. The result was the introduction of compulsory education. To-day, however, the youth of Britain, under pain of social condemnation, must submit to the instillation of Knowledge whether acceptable or not. The self-education of preceding generations created in some a love of the more spiritual workings of the mind, in others, a desire for power, which took a dissimilar turn, and produced "captains of industry." Compulsory education generally leads to an aversion for the beauty of poetry and kindred subjects, and entrains a complete disregard for the pleasure and instruction obtainable from intellectual exercise. It has substituted a search for the futile and transient rewards—if such they may be termed—of the cinema and dirt-track.

The British people, then, seems destined to consist of a mass of citizens, of whom the few only are earnestly desirous of acquiring knowledge and an ability to apply it, the many a congregation of stereotyped individuals whose only pursuit is that provided by a tinsel-decked and flashy civilisation. The arrestation of the moral and mental degeneration which must inevitably succeed as the effects of contemporary environment is a task worthy of any British Government. May our rulers, then, with Carlyle's dictum constantly in their minds, proceed to the immediate salvation of our English youth.

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

- R. CORY—Entered School 1929 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1934 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1936 ; appointed Prefect, 1936 ; Secretary of Chess Club ; Capt. of Gilbert House ; Appointed to the Executive Civil Service.
- N. GODWOOD—Entered School 1929 ; Cambridge School Certificate, 1934 ; London Higher School Certificate, 1937 ; appointed Prefect, 1936 ; Entered University College of the South-West.

EN PASSANT.

We heartily congratulate :—

Gilbert House on winning the Lampard Cup for Swimming.

All those who passed the Higher Schools and School Certificates.

L. Tovell on being captain of Soccer and Rugger, and on obtaining a State Scholarship.

G. Barrett on obtaining an interview for Post Office Engineer. We sincerely hope that he will be successful.

R. Osborne on obtaining admission to King's College, Cambridge.

N. Godwood on entering the U.C.S.W. as a Teacher in training.

S. Hurden and R. Cory on being called up for the Executive Civil Service.

The Editor acknowledges the receipt of the following publications :—

“ The Gaytonian,” “ The Totnesian,” “ The Collegian,”

“ The Oak Tree.”

School Notes.

At the close of the summer term we were justified in regarding our School as a well-grown boy, but when we re-opened in September, we had assumed manly proportions. The increase in numbers, together with the departure of Mr. Macmillan, necessitated an increase in Staff, and we extend a hearty welcome to Messrs. F. Sandon, C. Foster, H. Foster, H. Davies, L. Rees and H. Vivian ; we sincerely hope they will be very happy with us. We are glad to notice that the new boys, both the young ones and those not so young, are settling down and becoming a part of us.

On September 14th we became famous—but, lest we be accused of speaking in hyperboles we hasten to explain that we have been “ on the air.” In the early summer the B.B.C. invited children to submit plays for broadcasting. Now it so happened that most of

the boys in last year's I.E. had written a play, and the best of these had been performed, but by common consent Newcombe's was the best, and encouraged by this opinion, he submitted it to the adjudicators. Of all the plays sent in, the only one chosen was "The Ghost of Belmont Castle," by Newcombe. It was beautifully produced and those of us who had already seen it performed in class had the additional pleasure of hearing what the B.B.C. could do with good material.

We have had another welcome visit by Mr Weeks. He has always been delightful, but this year he played to us on a real piano and we are sure he appreciated the change. Reference to his visit is made elsewhere.

We observed November 11th in the traditional manner. We were in our form-rooms when we kept the "Silence," then we gathered in the Exmouth Hall. This was the first occasion on which the whole School had been together, and the hall was full. The Rev. T. Hancock, Vicar of St. Budeaux, gave a stimulating address. His presence was very fitting as many of the boys and several of the staff are his parishioners.

At the close of the service the Headmaster introduced Mr. and Mrs. Govett to whom also it was a Remembrance Day in another sense. For several years boys on leaving the School have been invited to give a book to the library by which their memory might be perpetuated; the response of Mr. and Mrs. Govett was a complete set of the novels of John Galsworthy—a truly magnificent gift. We gratefully accept the gift and earnestly appreciate the motive which prompted it.

The reference to the whole School assembling on one occasion reminds us that we are now working in two sections, as nearly a hundred boys are being taught in the Belmont Methodist Sunday School buildings. This part of the School is under the control of Mr. W. J. Andrews, and the boys are benefiting greatly by his ability and experience. Other masters pass to and fro, but their time tables are arranged so that there is comparatively little interference with the work. It must be admitted that these conditions are not ideal, but we can confidently say that these boys are being brought up in the real D.H.S. traditions and when they join the main school next year they will already have absorbed much of its spirit.

In the lower corridor, what was once a cloak-room, has been converted into a Senior Physics Laboratory, and the open corridor between the School and the house is being roofed and will be used as a cloak-room.

On Friday, November 26th, a party of about forty boys went to see two French plays, "Le Médecin malgré lui," by Molière, and "Gringoire," by Théodore de Banville. We understand that the plays were admirably performed by Les Comédiens de Paris.

We are pleased to say that a high standard has been reached by both the "Fifteen" and the "Eleven," and numerous successes have been recorded; no one will think we are making an invidious distinction when we say that the Association Football Club has done remarkably well.

Frequent reference is being made to the number of Old Boys who are playing for the Albion Rugby Club, and in this connexion it is pleasant to say that E. W. Warn, late Rugby captain of the School, has played for Devon.

We have never quite lost the feeling of disappointment which we felt when the Devonport High School for Girls was built on our former playing field; but they have made some amends by allowing their hall to be used for an excellent "Puppet Show," which we thoroughly enjoyed.

During the summer a party of our elder scholars spent a most enjoyable holiday in Germany. Reference to this "trek" is made elsewhere. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Whitfeld and Mr. Armor for organising and conducting the party.

BELMONT NEWS.

Forms IA., IB., and IC. are now comfortably settled in the rooms attached to Belmont Methodist Church. After the first few weeks, during which all books had to be carried to and fro, the advent of lockers was hailed with delight and each boy is now the proud possessor of a locker and key.

Attached to the building is a piece of ground which was once used as a vegetable garden. This has been cleared and now serves as a small playground.

A Philatelic Society has been formed with Davies (IB.) as Secretary.

Our grateful thanks are due to the Trustees of the building who have done their utmost to meet our requirements.

Inter-Schools Debate.

This term's Debate was held on November 19th, at the invitation of Stoke Damerel High School, when the following motion was debated: "That the State is made for man, and not man for the State." Dr. Margaret Stimson was in the chair. For the proposition, Miss D. Wills (Devonport High School for Girls) expressed a desire for a Liberal democracy as opposed to totalitarianism. She deplored the fact that existing democracies do not fulfil their purpose, but under them man is regimented in social and political

affairs. The ideal state was then outlined as one in which human will receives precedence over the state, whose actions must express the will of the majority. For the Opposition, Miss D. Treweeks, (Plymouth High School) asserted that institutions must exist for common security; thus man should be the " chattel " of the State, his actions conforming to the common interest. The health and education of the individual were guarded only for the State. The motion was seconded by Mr. A. G. Hesling (Plymouth College) who expressed a desire for internationalism, a world democracy, in which the State must be used to meet the needs of man. Mr. C. Lucas (Devonport High School for Boys), seconding the Opposition, outlined the German philosophy that the State is a personality, possessing a will which often is not coincident with individual opinion.

A keen debate followed from the floor of the House, the Motion being successful in the end by 115 votes to 28.

Correspondence.

Sir,

May I be permitted to express my views on that contentious subject, the School Tie ?

We are besought (by those set in authority over us) to expend the sum of eighteen pence for a piece of coloured material answering to the name of a tie, when from a certain well-known stores, a tie which is three times as good may be purchased for one-third of the price.

When one considers that in the course of its career a tie is expected to function as a belt, blotter, string, towel, handkerchief and bandage, eighteen pence seems rather an exorbitant amount, while the " powers that be " are gently reminded that example is sometimes more eloquent than words.

Yours, etc.,

TY.

THE TRAMP.

I.

Naught for him but grim hard strife
As through the world he seeks his bread.
Perfect health, and spirit prudent—
Alive !

II.

Now beneath the surgeon's knife
He's neatly sliced in sections five,
Filled with red lead for the Student—
Dead !

DELTA.

Soccer Club.

Captain—L. S. Adams.

Vice-Captain—D. G. Barkell.

Secretary—A. J. Trenerry.

Faced with a comparatively large programme, which included several new fixtures, and handicapped by the loss of Tovell and three other members of last year's team, the 1st XI. did not entertain great hopes for an outstanding season. But all fears were dispelled by a brilliant opening win against H.M.S. Impregnable. This success was followed by six consecutive wins, including victories over Totnes Grammar School and Seale-Hayne College. The run of success brought to an end by two defeats in quick succession which revealed the faults of the new-half-back line which had had no severe testing in the earlier games. Hesitancy and lack of covering were the chief faults, but, with a rearranged team, these were corrected and a splendid victory was gained at Totnes. Encouraged by this last success, the team has great hopes of evading defeat in the matches that await it next term.

The 2nd XI., having the services of but two of last year's team, has been very successful, and after 10 games is still undefeated. Two splendid victories have been gained over Saltash County School, and one over Callington County School. There is no need to individualise, and in fact it is difficult to do so, as the XI. is playing with true team spirit and should maintain its run of successes.

The Junior XI. has showed great promise in the games that have been played, but there is still a lack of matches. Talent is not lacking in the Junior School, and there are several promising juniors to fill each position. With such a foundation as this the Soccer Club should have a bright future. Thomas deserves mention for his consistency at left-back, and such players as Endacott, Adams ii. and Leech have shown promise.

The Club wishes to thank Messrs. Hodgson, Freeman, Armor, Chamberlain, Heather, for giving up their time to referee, and Mesdames Tovell and Barkell, for preparing the teas. Thanks are also due to those who have refereed Junior XI. games and Form games.

| Record— | Played. | Won. | Drawn. | Lost. | Goals | |
|-------------|---------|------|--------|-------|-------|----------|
| | | | | | For. | Against. |
| 1st XI. ... | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 85 | 20 |
| 2nd XI. ... | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 14 |
| Junior XI. | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 9 |

1st XI.—

Adams

Trenerry Coyne

Lucas Essery Baines

Williams Barkell Bray Joint Gidley

Collins and de Gruchy have also played.

2nd XI.—

Nicholas
Crookes Reed
Varney Squibb Euler
Potter Rowe Collins de Gruchy Thomson
Wilce and Allen have also played.

Junior XI.—

Leech
Moger Thomas
Beare Hellyer Higman
Hallett Endacott Jackson Adams ii. Whittell
Freedman has also played.

L. S. ADAMS (*Capt.*).

Rugger Club.

Master—Mr. Mallinson.
Captain—E. P. P. Andrews.
Vice-Captain—A. A. Edwards
Secretary—F. G. Crocker.

With eight of last season's XV. as a foundation, the present 1st XV. has shown great promise, and in the latter half of the term, has been playing more and more as a combined team. Although this year, the team is quite young, the enthusiastic support and coaching of Messrs. Mallinson, Vivian, Rees and Davies has done much to give the players the knowledge and confidence necessary to make a winning team.

The experiment of playing Chesterfield in the full-back position seems to be a success, although he could be a trifle faster when he has the ball. Grindrod, Dingle and Simmonds deserve mention, all being good all-round players, the first-named making up for his diminutive size by really fine tackling.

Andrews, Edwards, Willis and Newcombe have been playing some very good games in the forwards, but Andrews and Pepper have not played for the last few games, having been in London taking an examination.

The 2nd XV. have not shown such bad form as their record seems to suggest. Allowing for a heavy defeat by a much older and larger team from H.M.S. Impregnable by 55 points, their record is not as bad as would have been expected from the lack of support evinced at the beginning of the season. Coombe and Hocken make a fine pivot for the scrum. Coombe, a new player of no previous experience, has learned the game and settled down in a surprisingly short time.

The 3rd XV. has only two games to be recorded, one being against the Junior Technical School, whom they played in place of the 2nd XV. They have two more fixtures before the end of term, and may have the chance of presenting a more favourable report at the end of the season.

The Colts XV. has had a quite successful season so far, and has some very useful material for next season's teams. Holgate, Bartlett, Davies, Pickering, Williams and Showell show signs of ability and should develop into good players.

Our thanks are due to Mesdames Holmies, Mason, Smale, Rickard and Crocker for their kind assistance in catering for the visiting teams.

Thanks are also due to Messrs. Mallinson, Vivian and Rees, who have given much of their own time to coaching, playing and refereeing, and Messrs. Webb, Austin, Davies and O'Connor who have lent us their services as referees.

1st XV.— Chesterfield
Crouch Dingle Pepper i. Mason
Simmonds Grindrod
Newcombe Kingwell Ash Andrews (*capt.*) Edwards (*v.-capt.*)
Salter Willis Joslin
Border, Hocken, Squires and Seward have also played.

2nd XV.— Border
Seward Challis Lane Wills
Sprague Squires (*capt.*)
Endacott Mann Mills Coombe Hocken (*vice-capt.*)
Preston Pearce Fletcher
Wheeler, Cole, Bennets and Harris have also played.

3rd XV.— Border (*capt.*)
Harris Vanner Metherell Lane
Holgate Crabb
Cole Pickering Jeffery Joyner Williams Pearce
Preston (*vice-capt.*) Fletcher
Hurwitt has also played.

Colts XV.— Moger
Pengelly Holgate (*capt.*) Roberts Hale
Bartlett Davies
Pickering Eeva Jeffery Joyner Lang Williams Showell Hurwitt
Hampton, Finch and Weeks i. have also played.

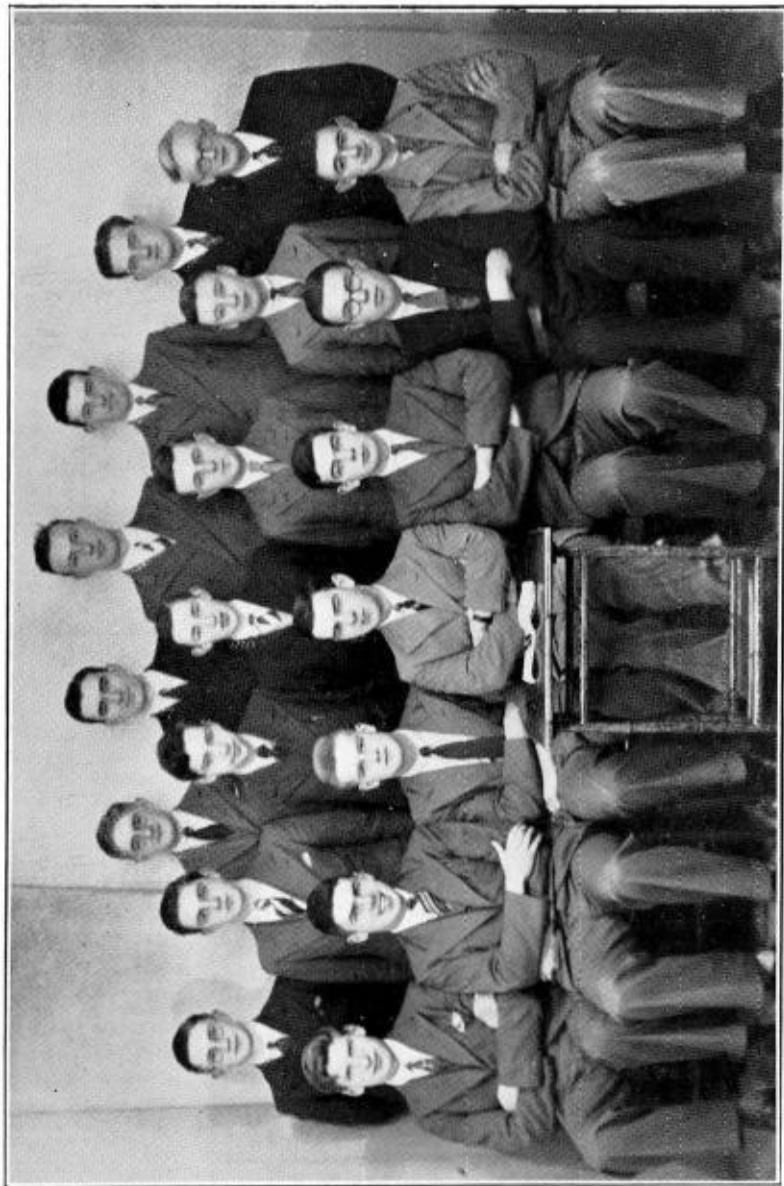
| Records— | Points | | | | | |
|---------------|---------|------|-------|--------|------|----------|
| | Played. | Won. | Lost. | Drawn. | For. | Against. |
| 1st XV. ... | 13 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 190 | 79 |
| 2nd XV. ... | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 26 | 115 |
| 3rd XV. ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 36 |
| Colts XV. ... | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 78 | 48 |

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DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1937-38.



(BACK ROW) F. Nottle, A. Finnemore, F. Pepper, S. Ash, D. Willis
(MIDDLE ROW) M. Dunstan, S. Kingwell, T. Nicholls, F. Hornbrook, N. Essery, H. Goodfellow, C. Joslin
(FRONT ROW) C. Lucas, G. Barrett, A. Edwards, L. Tovell, R. Newcombe, L. Adams, A. Trenergy

House Reports.

DRAKE.

From the few games which have been played this season, it appears that Drake is once more the holder of an unenviable position in the House Competition. Lack of talent cannot be blamed for this. In both codes, the percentage of those members who play for School teams is fairly high. House games, however, show a distinct lack of combination—a fault which applies to all teams without exception. Before Drake can hope to pull itself out of the rut, this fault must be remedied.

There appears to be little enthusiasm in the lower School for House affairs. For a large majority of members the House Competition need not exist. Whether one is in favour of House Competitions or not, while the system does exist, it is the duty of every member to back up to the best of his ability.

Actual results are poor. One Senior Rugger game has been played, Drake losing heavily to Grenville. The Junior Rugger and Soccer Teams have not yet won a match. The Senior Soccer Team must be praised for its sweeping defeat of Gilbert, a result which gained Drake's only points to the time of going to print.

The House is indebted to those members who have given their full support; among the Juniors Dowrick, Williams (H.), Lang, Head, Adams ii. and Moger, must be mentioned. With more members such as these, there is still time for Drake once more to be in the running for the House Championship.

A. EDWARDS (*House Capt.*).

RALEIGH.

Owing to the bad weather few House matches could be played during the past term. In spite of the fact that they show a distressing lack of keenness to turn out for Rugger, the Juniors have won both their House matches, defeating Gilbert at Soccer 6—3, and at Rugger, 12—4. The Seniors, on the other hand, have lost both their games, to Gilbert at Soccer, 3—2, and to Grenville at Rugger, 21—6, so that up-to-date, Raleigh has little about which it can boast. Next term, however, the Cross Country and the Sports are to be held and it is essential to the success of the House, that there should be a large entry for each event; the poor performance put up last year in gaining the lowest number of standard points must not be repeated. The House must realise that it is now at the top and it is its duty to make a strong effort to maintain that high position.

In conclusion, we should like to thank Mr. Armor for his wholehearted support and also Mr. Whitfeld for his energetic organisation of the House Concert, which we trust you will all have enjoyed.

A. J. TRENNERY (*House Capt.*).

GILBERT.

At the end of last term, Gilbert won the Lampard Cup for Swimming for the third successive year.

Mr. H. Ferraro was forced to give up his position as our House Master at the beginning of this term, owing to other School duties. During the many years he was House Master, he maintained a keen interest in all House affairs, and we regret that he has been forced to sever his connections with us. Mr. Heather succeeds Mr. Ferraro and it is to be hoped that all members of Gilbert will give him their loyal support.

In Soccer this term, Gilbert has won two matches, and lost two, while in the single Rugger match only four Juniors turned out. It is expected that in future Juniors will display more keenness and not rely on last-minute excuses to exempt them from House duties.

We extend a hearty welcome to all new members of Gilbert, both those from Corporation Grammar School, and those in the first Forms.

The House Concerts are approaching, and we hope that our efforts to entertain will be successful.

R. NEWCOMBE (*House Capt.*).

GRENVILLE.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed fifteen new boys from the Corporation Grammar School, and we hope that they will be as glad to be in Grenville as we are to have them.

The House Report this term augurs well. At the end of last term, the Swimming Sports were held and despite some good efforts, by the Goodman brothers and M. West, we finished six points behind the winners, being narrowly beaten for the second place by Raleigh. We had, however, a greater number of Standards than any other House.

We finished 1937 by being second in the House Competition, a position which we will do our best to improve in the coming year. The Football results already show considerable promise as Grenville has not been beaten to date in either Rugger or Soccer. We finish the term with House Concerts, and, judging by the enthusiasm shown by all concerned, we ought to be able to provide a show which will maintain the standard of previous years.

C. C. LUCAS (C.G.S.)

G. F. BARRETT

House Captains.

Out of School Activities.

SCOUT LOG.

Summer Camp. A very enjoyable Camp was held on the Troop Camp site at Noss Mayo. It is a pleasure to record the efficient way in which the young and untried Patrol Leaders ran their Patrols. The whole camp was run on the Patrol System, the visiting Commissioners reporting very favourably on the camp. The troop gained the Camping Standards Certificate for efficiency in camping for the third year in succession.

A large number of the campers were taken by cars to the Camp of the Caterham School Scout Group on the cliffs near the mouth of the River Yealm. A very successful 'Camp Fire' was held, and Devonport High School gave a lively programme for nearly half-an-hour.

A new feature of our Camp was the reading of the Camp Journal, when the Troop met to partake of biscuits and cocoa at the end of the day. The Editor himself had to provide much of the material which was chiefly of a topical nature.

Group Organisation. At the beginning of the term it was decided to reorganise the Group. The Group was divided into the four sections—Junior Troop, Senior Troop, Senior Scout Patrol, and Rover Crew. Mr. Austin has repeated his successful experiment of last year by forming the Junior Troop. This Troop is chiefly for the boys of Forms 1, a qualification for entry into the Senior Troop being the gaining of the Tenderfoot and Second Class Badges. There are four Patrols under the leadership of Senior Troop Scouts and a Troop Meeting is held each Wednesday.

The Senior Troop has met each Saturday and the experiment is being tried of making every fourth Saturday a Patrol Evening. Many Patrol expeditions have been arranged on these occasions.

The Senior Patrol meets as a Patrol each Monday and every fourth Saturday. Members of this Patrol help to run the Senior Troop on the other Saturdays.

The Rover Crew is small and as a crew is not very active, largely owing to the fact that the Group has no Rover Scout Leader. As individuals the members of the Rover Crew are all helping to run a Troop or Pack. An attempt is being made to keep in touch with Old Scouts of the Group, and W. A. Simmonds (University College, London, Rover Crew), is organising this Section of the Group. We are delighted to know that so many Old Scouts are anxious to keep in touch with the Group.

The Junior Troop is twenty-four strong, and has met nine times. Its appetite for tests is too much for its S.M. to deal with; all but two boys have passed the Tenderfoot tests and most are

now busy with second-class work. There is room for some really competent Senior Instructors in First Aid, Morse, Semaphore, Signalling, Tracking, Knotting, Lashing and Splicing.

Wood Badge. A/SM. R. Hodges, A/SM. C. Evans, and A/CM. E. Andrews have obtained the Part 1 Certificate. R. Hodges and G. Bryant are both Assistant Scoutmasters in the 6th Willesden Troop.

Christmas Good Turn. With the co-operation of parents and members of the School some hundreds of parcels of books, toys and games have been sent to the Plymouth Personal Service League, who have undertaken to distribute them. A Concert is to be given at Mount Gold Orthopaedic Hospital, on December 23rd.

S/M D.H.S.

THE SCHOOL MUSIC.

This term has been a very busy one for Choir and Orchestra. Preparations for the Concert in Exmouth Hall began early, and on November 17th, eighteen items were performed, a varied programme, including works by Bach, Handel, Haydn, Holst, Mozart, Strauss, Sullivan, Tchaikowsky and Wieniawski. Our grateful thanks are due to all those ladies and gentlemen who were so helpful during rehearsals and at the actual concert.

A party of twenty attended the Plymouth Orchestral Society's Concert, on November 24th. After having heard a very full account of the music in one of Mr. Weeks' entertaining talks, Heseltine's "Capriol" was a general favourite.

By the time these notes appear, Speech Day, which involves more work for Choir and Orchestra than any other School function, will be of the past, and we shall be preparing for three very interesting events. We have again been asked to assist at the Old Boys' Dinner, on December 28th, and after that we have to give a Concert at Virginia House, and then get ready for our projected visit to the School Orchestra Festival at Queen's Hall, in June.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society has met at fixed intervals this term, and so far the following programme has been carried out :

5th October : " That women should receive equal pay for equal work."

19th October : " Rugged "—a lecture by Mr. L. Rees.

2nd November : " That the making of speed records has a definite social and scientific value."

23rd November : " That Science has been more of a menace than a benefit to the community."

Attendances were at first very disappointing, but we welcome the recent improvement in this direction, and hope it will be maintained.

G. JOSLIN, Sec.

FILM SOCIETY.

The first term's work of this new Society has necessarily been of an experimental character, and a great deal has been learned about the technique of running a Film Society as well as about the technique of the Film. To meet inevitable expenses, a subscription of sixpence per member was levied and 30 members enrolled.

Main features of a varied programme have been the showing of two full-length mountaineering films directed by Pabst, and two documentaries made by the Post Office Film Unit, while on the other side of the Society's work, special mention must be made of a talk by Mr. Chamberlain on films of his own making. Dooley's film of the Continental Trek has been seen and discussed, and at one very successful meeting, Quance and Chaff gave talks on the use of sound in films for purposes of effect. A visit paid at half-term to see the Projection Rooms and Equipment of the Gaumont Palace, proved very interesting and instructive.

With the term's experience as a guide, the Society is making plans for a further programme of talks, discussions and "shows" next term, when it is hoped all present members will rejoin and many new ones come along. It is probable that the School will very shortly have a 16 m.m. projector of its own, and, though use of this will not be confined to the Film Society, it will naturally be a great help as it will give bigger and brighter images than those given by the apparatus used this term. In the meantime thanks must be given to Dooley, who has used his own projector, without which there would have been no films and probably no Society.

In addition to weekly meetings, it is hoped that a Show of Sound Films will be given one evening early next term, in the Exmouth Hall, and that this may give the Society some funds for the further development of its work.

CHESS CLUB.

The Club is greatly indebted to Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Armor, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, for the success which has attended it throughout the past term. Fortunately three fixtures were secured for the Chess Team. Whilst we could only draw with the Sutton Secondary School, we were twice successful against the Saltash County School. Great keenness has been shown by the team, which is comprised of Hornbrook, Smyth, Potter, Goodman, Lear, Radford, Lemmon, Harris, Steer and Hosking. The Club is very grateful to Mesdames Goodman and Lemmon for preparing excellent teas. The attendance at the Friday meetings has been consistently good, but few members support those held on Tuesdays. We hope to make the meetings even more interesting next term, by the introduction of House matches.

F. C. POTTER, *Sec.*

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

This term has been one of great activity for all sections of the Society. The reason for this is the Society's new venture "Richard of Bordeaux," a play in three acts, which is to be produced at the Globe Theatre at the end of the Easter term, on April 1st and 2nd.

The members of the senior section have been extremely busy at rehearsals, whilst amongst the juniors competition has been keen for parts in the play, for which bright and youthful faces are essential (the careworn countenances of the seniors being rather unsuitable). Under the able coaching of Mr. H. E. Davies, the juniors are becoming well versed in the principles of Dramatic Art and soon will be taking their places in future productions. The Society has also been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. J. L. Foster, who is interested in the electrical problems of stage production. The stage hands too, have been busy constructing the scenery necessary for the play, and filling up school rough-work books with measurements and strange diagrams.

The hard work and perseverance of all these connected with the Society will be of little avail, however, if the attendance at the play is not good, and it is *you* who must see that everyone of the 300 seats in the auditorium is occupied during each of the performances; then it can be said that everybody in the School has taken part in "Richard of Bordeaux" and not only the members of the Dramatic Society.

D. CROUCH, *Sec.*

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

In a School of so many activities, perhaps the existence of a Junior Dramatic Society, is not universally known. It is for the benefit of those who are below the fifth form in the School to prepare them to take their place in the Society's big brother—The Dramatic Society. For the enlightenment of those who are ignorant of its methods, I will briefly describe a meeting.

At the commencement the master in charge dictates an exercise, either concerning voice production, or rules to be observed in the art of acting. This takes, perhaps eight minutes. Certain boys are then picked or volunteer to demonstrate these exercises. This is not as dull as it sounds, for imagine a couple of young boys representing the scene of a man proposing to a lady in the year 1830—it is humorous in the extreme. After this one of two things is done: either a play is acted from books, or a "make-up" class is conducted. The last mentioned consists of one-half of the society "making-up" the other half. During such a class grease-paint is everywhere, on faces and hands, and on clothes. However, despite this the members enjoy themselves.

J. R. TRUSCOTT, *Sec.*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The first Meeting of the term was held on Monday, October 4th, when Pepper (Upper VI.) was elected as Chairman, and Radford (L.VI.M.) as Secretary. These officers, with Warn (Vg.) form the Committee.

On October 28th, the Secretary gave a Lecture on "Rhodes of Africa," to an encouragingly large audience.

On Monday, November 1st, a party left the "Blue Monkey" at St. Budeaux; at 9 a.m., and spent an enjoyable day tracing the course of the old granite railway.

By the end of the term we hope to have held two more meetings. At one of these the lecturer will be B. J. Warn, who has chosen as his subject, "South with Scott." In conclusion, may I appeal, on behalf of the Committee; for support for such an interesting and useful Society.

A. J. K. RADFORD (*Sec.*).

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The following Lectures have been given this term:—

October 14th—"Radium and Radioactivity" (R. H. Couch, L.VIa.), with demonstrations of the properties of Cathode Rays.

October 29th—"How an aeroplane is made and flies" (A. T. Goodman, VI.), with slides, kindly lent by The Royal Aeronautical Society.

November 26th—"Welding" (R. Brook, L. VIa.), with illustrations by the aid of the Epidiascope.

The attendance has been smaller this year, doubtless on account of the attractions of other societies. Four lectures will be given next term.

A. M. DODD (*Sec.*).

CAMERA CLUB.

This latest addition to the leisure activities of the School has made steady progress through the term. Labouring under such difficulties as overlapping meetings and apparatus of incredible age and clumsiness, enlarging has been carried on in the rather limited dark room space available, and several papers have been read. It is hoped that visits to laboratories of photographic interest may be arranged in the near future. Any members of the School with a sound knowledge of photography, are invited to enrol.

T. MOLLAND, *Sec.*

THE LIBRARY.

The Committee renders thanks for the following gifts of books:

"The Novels of John Galsworthy" (Mr. and Mrs. Govett).

"English Quotations" (Mr. Mowan L.VIM).

The Junior Library is in dire need of suitable literature, and books would be welcomed from all members of the School who have now no further use for them.

G. JOSLIN.

BIOLOGICAL COLLECTION.

Biology as a School subject was introduced three years ago. During the three years a small biological collection of specimens, illustrative of the subject, has been built up with the help of members of the School, parents and Old Boys. More specimens are asked for, and it is hoped that parents, especially if they have been abroad, will be able to present suitable material for this collection. The following represent a few of the specimens presented this term : Teeth and jaws of a shark, skeleton leaves, a complete set of bones of a rabbit, shells, looper caterpillars, butterflies, a parasitic worm from a cat, and several fossil fern imprints recovered from a waste dump near a coal mine in South Wales. K.C.S.

ROOKS.

(A Study in bathos).

Some time ago I conceived a passion for Natural History. With the intention of studying the same, I took a trip into the country, that beautiful, verdurous country with its rich mud and refreshing rain found only in Devon, and teeming with animal life—cows, sheepdogs and earwigs. I was most struck, however, with the birds, and of the birds I best loved the rooks. As I gazed up at them I thought of the wonderful lesson they have to teach us human beings if only we stopped to look. And here was I, looking! I looked and felt proud to be looking. It was nest-building time; some birds searched the neighbouring fields, the roads, the hedges, returning to the great tree laden with materials which their mates skilfully wove into the fast-growing nests. To and fro, round and round they wheeled, filling the air with their delightful B.B.C. Symphony Concert-like cries. "Here," thought I, "is the mighty problem solved; domesticity hand-in-hand with communism!" In wonder and admiration, I gazed, open-mouthed at a rook which was wheeling majestically overhead, and then, quite suddenly—Birds, I understand, have no conscience.

DELTA.

Athletic Club.

The School Sports are to be held at the Brickfields on March 12th. By holding the Sports in the Spring Term it is hoped to achieve an even better result at Tiverton than we did last year. The Inter-Schools Sports of Devon are to be held a week after our own Athletic Sports, and thus a representative team will be picked to represent the School. Those who wish to be included in this team must train seriously for the School Sports. Apart from the enjoyment derived from taking part in the County Sports there is the additional inducement of the newly instituted Athletic Colours.

A. G. SIMMONDS (*Capt.*).

CORNISH PASTIES.

The Cornish Pasty may well be described as the "trade mark of the South-West." What homesick travellers, ravaged with indigestion, may call it, is a different matter—which need not be discussed here.

The pasty is to Cornwall what the cream tea is to Devon, namely, an assurance that one really is in the appropriate county. So long as a pasty may be discerned in a shop window, or being devoured by some hungry worker, there is no doubt that one is in Cornwall—or very near it.

The most impressive feature of a pasty is its air of mystery. Upon beholding one for the first time, a stranger is tempted to think of Shelley's lines on "The Skylark":

"What thou art, we know not,
What is most like thee?"

and he is tempted to purchase one for the pleasure of exploring the unknown—which is very good for trade. Its size is baffling, too. What can be contained inside the two-inch thick pastry which confronts one? The answer is not too abstruse, as the explorer soon finds. Large blue slabs of potato and "talkative" onion, not to mention an occasional stray piece of meat, are revealed. The explorer recoils in horror, wondering what strange impulse made him invest fourpence in the affair, and he thereupon resolves never to be caught again. Thus, the pasty remains exclusively Cornish, for the edification of future, unenlightened travellers.

Having thus explained the exclusive nature of the pasty, it is necessary to make other observations upon it. The bravery of Cornishmen is beyond dispute, which is hardly surprising, because if they can tackle pasties, they can tackle anything! The Cornish mariner, for example, tempts the perils of the deep, armed, not with a firearm, but with a pasty. The only inference is that, beholding the solid nature of his meal, he is reminded of land and its attendant advantages, resolving therefore to regain the safety of a harbour with a minimum of delay.

Cornishmen are large and muscular—sometimes—and this may be similarly explained. The solid foundation of the pastry, with the nourishing properties of what meat there is, together with the flavouring of the onion and the company of the potato, makes the pasty unique in its strength-giving qualities.

There is frequently a rather repellant aroma of onion surrounding the buildings in which pasties are either sold, made (or built) or consumed. An oven in which a pasty is being heated is frequently so taxed as regards its capacity, that the oven door has to be left open. The demoralising effect of this upon a building may be imagined rather than described.

However, the pasty is the staple diet of many people in the South-West and its nutritious properties are said to be great. As surely as the Pennines are the backbone of England, so pasties are the main support of Cornwall, and so long as they are made and eaten in that county, men may justly claim to be "tough, mighty tough, in the West."

PASTYRIAN.

"MOONSHINE"

(A parody of H. G. Wells' "First Men in the Moon," with apologies).

The first flight to the Moon had begun. Lavour and I left England behind us at the rate of 1,000,000 m.p.h. As our Space-Globe beetled onwards, the absence of gravity caused us to wallow like boids in the void.

With a crashing shock we connected with the Moon, and our heads came together with a musical clink, whilst from the distance we heard the "St. Louis Blues." Clutching our tickets in one hand, "1st class Eng.-Moon. Non-transferable. Please do not lean out of windows," and a whisky bottle as a preventative of Mal-de-Moon in the other, we floated out of the Globe. Lavour took a step forward and bounded 500 yards. I followed. Together we went places at a tremendous pace. A clumsy moon-calf, wearing "L" plates loomed up before us. We gave him the contents of the whisky bottles; he drank it moonily, gave a blissful hiccough, and began to bellow in an amorous roar, with his corrugated sides undulating to the rhumboid rhythm, "Moon at-h'c-Sea."

Away we bounded once more. Suddenly Moon-Peas sprang up around us, and in a short time we were covered. It was very fortunate. "Ush," said Lavour, "a Moonwunk approaches." The Moonwunk was an Ahmacrap with a vacillating head, slender waist and thewy thighs. Before him he was driving moon-calves who were lorropping to the strains of his Chromatic Harmoonica.

Lavour tripped and fell to the ground with a crash. He rebounded 1,000 feet in the air, and flew up and down in steadily decreasing heights, until he resumed normal and lay gently oscillating on his wobbling tummy. "You lunartic!" I cried, "the Ahmacraps are on us." They captured us and consigned us to the moon-dungeons. In the mooning we were brought out to walk the plank. As the Moonwunks waited for us to take the fatal steps, Lavour whistled. Immediately they attacked us, for it transpired that Lavour had whistled the Moon-language for, "Oh! We're heading down the Moonlit Trail." We fought desperately;

our hands passed right through the Moonwunks and came out feeling jammy. We quickly made our escape, with squelching shoes, over their squiggling bodies that squirmed and squiggled on the floor.

The Globe was our goal; it was getting dark and the moonbeams began to yawn. Faster and faster we bounded and, at last, with one gigantic bound we each encircled the Moon in opposite directions, noting the whereabouts of our Space-Globe on the way. We returned and our heads connected with a harmonious bonk. We lay gently swaying, dazed nut to dazed nut, absorbing each other's personality. We recovered. "Coom," quoth Lavour. We went. At last the Globe came in sight. It was very dark, and the Moon-cows were alternately highing and lowing to each other. Desperately we clambered into the Globe and wallowed wearily around. Our breath came in short plus-fours. We were safe. The Moonwunks were moonwinked.

WOP, *L. VIa.*

"CHESSNUTS"

The scene is the Chess headquarters on a certain Friday evening. There is a musty atmosphere which suggests that the room was sealed up decades ago. Great silence is the order of the day, or should one say, evening. Upon first looking around the room, one is reminded very definitely of Madame Toussaud's. Jackets are strewn over every desk, and even ties have been removed by certain harassed players. Each opponent has his shirt sleeves rolled up, and, moreover, many faces are contorted with supreme efforts to evolve a winning scheme.

But wait! In the far corner, the movement of a hand violates the great stillness. A bishop alters position, and the culprit gently taps the arm of his opponent. The latter awakens with a guilty start, and commences to think. Whereupon, the culprit falls back into deep slumber, only to be awakened an hour later, to witness his opponent move a pawn and assume the expression of one who has been extremely artful. The culprit is spurred to action and, in the record time of forty minutes, brings off a masterly move which removes the other's confident air. Thus, the game proceeds.

In another quarter of the room, two members of the staff are in opposition. Unfortunately, one, a well-known mathematician, has brought along his geometrical instruments, and his ingenious calculations, coupled with his skilful measurements, are completely "overweighing" his opponent. The chess domain is now evacuated. Upon return an hour later, one finds it assailed by deep snoring. Ah me! Chess is an "entrancing" game.

F.C.P., *L.VI.a.*

A FEW BRICKS.

I met a new form master
 Close to the Dockyard gate.
 " Good-day", said I politely,
 " I fear you will be late."
 Said he, " Is it to-morrow?
 I've lost my way, you see.
 Perhaps you can direct me,
 I want to find I.c."
 " I see", said I serenely,
 " Excuse the rotten joke,
 You're somewhat vice versa;
 You'll find them up in Stoke.
 We'll get there slightly sooner
 By getting on a tram."
 " Three G?" asked he. " Oh! that lot!
 They're probably at Ham."
 I sought the Senior Prefect,
 A most superior cove,
 And found him in the kitchen
 A-writing at the stove.
 His coat was on the dresser,
 His books were in the sink,
 A dinky little soap dish
 Contained his pens and ink.
 Said I—" These lines? The line box,
 I can't find it anywhere."
 Said he—" There ain't no line box,
 They've put IV.L in there."
 I asked, " Where are the masters?"
 He roused himself and spoke—
 " Alongside of the boiler,
 A-sitting on the coke."
 We've forms that use the basement
 And forms that hang on hooks,
 The dustbin lids inverted
 Are handy shelves for books.
 From Ham to Kimber's corner,
 Belmont to Exmouth Hall,
 In search of rest and shelter
 Our tangled legions crawl.
 We've Latin in the vestry
 And music in a shed,
 Gymnastics in a dance hall
 And games among the dead.*

Tx.

* A reference to the position of the playing field. (Ed.)

"POTTED"

He was alone—yes. But could he be sure that he would remain alone and unseen? With pulses throbbing he recalled the last time. No one had found out then. No one should find out now. With his eyes fixed on the poor little thing, he remembered how he had had to lie before, and realised that he would have to lie again, when the deed was done.

He smote with all his might, but his nerves were all jangled and he missed his mark.

The poor, helpless mite must have realised that this callous brute would have no sympathy, as he grabbed it from its hiding cover and placed it in a more exposed position, where the deed could be more successfully accomplished. Steadying his nerves, he glanced furtively around.

Not a soul in sight!

He struck again, slicing badly the little creature's skin as it recoiled from him.

Just then he heard a clink of metal and, turning, he saw a figure rise from behind a mound. It hailed him with:

"Hello there, a spot of bad luck, what?"

"A spot of bad luck"—Golf can be very trying!

S. HARBERT (IVC.).

TRADE UNION NOTES.

Fellow-workers! your Union Executive has been very active this term, and has been untiring in its efforts on behalf of the proletariat.

Our campaign against the sweated labour forced on schoolboys has achieved some success, thanks to the co-operation of the general public. The barrage of buses and trams which pass the school, seems to have been doubled and with its rattle and drone has effectively drowned the voices of Masters, whilst obliging barrel-organists and gramophone-players have enlivened the duller lessons. A crisis at the Exmouth Hall, owing to the violence of gym., was averted by a long period of "Medical Inspection," which came most opportunely just when we were seriously considering a strike.

A Volunteer Force was raised to fight on behalf of the Spanish Government, but parents refused to allow their sons to help its glorious cause. The Force, therefore, contented itself with helping in the Peace Week celebrations. A suggestion that we should accommodate some Basque refugees had to be abandoned as nowhere in the School could room be found for them except in the coal-cellar.

It seemed most unfair to us, that a lady should occupy the post of secretary, while there were two million unemployed men

in the country, but our attempts to rectify this were frustrated by an indignant Sixth Form.

In spite of these reverses, however, we must continue to work for the Cause, and await the glorious and gory day when the privileged classes of seniors and despotic control of the Masters, who oppress us at present will be swept away, and the rule of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity will begin.

AERO.

Society Notes.

The Historical Society has met frequently to discuss various aspects of Henry VIII.'s private life. A lively discussion between the President and the Secretary as to whether Anne Boleyn was a blonde or a brunette was terminated only because the caretaker wanted to clean the room.

The Secretary of the Society gave a lecture at Dartmoor Prison during which he made the encouraging comment: "If you men have a conviction, stick to it and you will ultimately win through." The remark was not well received by his audience.

The Chess Club has enjoyed many games of ludo during the past season, and at a Staff versus Scholars contest, the former were only successful in winning five of the twenty-three games played. At the Inter-Schools Contest recently, the repast provided for consumption after the games, was partaken of before them, with the result that neither side was able to do itself justice at the critical time. One player was heard to express surprise that the room was all lit up.

The Film Society and the Camera Club, being newly-formed institutions, have little to report. The "Camera Club" was wrongly referred to as the "Carnera Club," a mistake which caused some embarrassment at the first meeting. The proceeds from the Film Society are being devoted to the "Society for the Provision of Haggis for Harassed Head Masters."

The Dramatic Society has been waxing fat and prosperous of late, and a short, dramatic play entitled, "Little Elmer and how he loved his Kind Teachers," is to be produced shortly.

The Scientific Society's Meetings have been marked by a series of interesting lectures. The first of these was entitled "What is a Scientific Society?" and the subsequent debate did not shed much light on this dark problem.

Fixtures for 1938 are interesting, since they include School excursions to Cornwall and Southampton. Those patronising the former are to be regaled with details of Trevithick's dissipated youth, and Cornwall's dissipated age, while those who risk the latter hope to visit a large liner, probably one of the type which hauls barges out to sea.

M. T. COFFYN.

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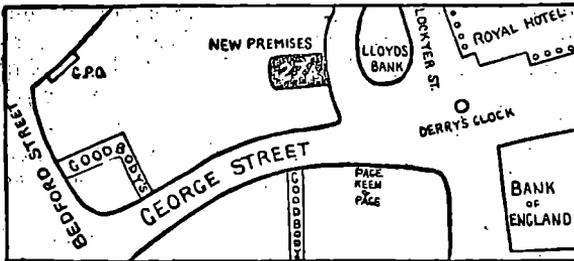
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The German Trek.

Our first glimpse of Germany was not of raised arms, fixed bayonets, and toothbrush moustaches, as we had half expected, but of a large, very clean station in which numerous officials bustled about their duty. The next morning we visited a very old cathedral built by Charlemagne in the Seventh Century, and later travelled to Cologne, spending quite a time inspecting the massive Gothic cathedral there, which towers grandly above everything around, and can be seen from points all over the city. The following day we had the opportunity of seeing the famous bridge of boats spanning the Rhine at Koblenz, and visiting the Ehrenbreitstein, a great fort overlooking the Rhine at this point.

At Frankfurt we spent two very enjoyable days and quite a large amount of pocket money "seeing the sights." The visit to the Graf Zeppelin, and the older part of the town to see the birth place of Goethe, was extremely interesting. We also had the opportunity of seeing one of the great arterial roads which have been constructed near Frankfurt—the motorist's dream.

On its way to Dilsberg the next day, the party visited a work camp, and were acquainted with the aims and the organisation of this movement; every man at the age of twenty, gives up six months of his life as a pleasure to redeem and cultivate waste land in order to render Germany self-sufficient, and to build her people into a healthy nation. We passed one night at the quaint town of Dilsberg and next day visited Heidelberg, being present in the evening at a very impressive festival play, performed in the courtyard of the town's ancient castle.

The wooded slopes of the Rhine Valley with its picturesque castles and many vineyards, through which most of the travelling had been up to this time, now gave place to very hilly country, and it was from Triberg that we commenced our five day hike through the Black Forest. During this time the views which we obtained of range after range of hills clothed in stately pines, was worth every blister that was so tenderly nursed at the end of the day.

On the third day we reached the Feldberg (five thousand feet above sea level), and two days later spent a number of enjoyable hours swimming in and boating on Lake Titisee.

Our stay at Konstanz was for a period of two days and during that time we enjoyed two cruises around the lake, visiting Friedrichshafen, in order to see the new Zeppelin being built there, and Lindau at the extreme end of the lake, from where we obtained a magnificent view of the distant Alps. The last few hours in Germany were spent visiting the old Roman remains at Trier, among which is the third largest amphitheatre in the world; although the members of the party searched diligently for skulls and skeletons, no evidence was found of the gruesome games indulged in during the "good old days."

THE GERMAN TREK. *August, 1937.*



- (1) Party about to set off from Y.H. with guide on a Tour of Aachen.
- (2) The Bridge of Boats at Coblence.



- (3) Hôtel du Béguingge at Bruges.
- (4) A typical Black Forest Y.H.
- (5) The Feldsee.
- (6 & 7) The Obersimonswuld Valley.

We arrived in England twenty days after the commencement of our journey, prepared to introduce all kinds of new ideas into England and feeling "mighty tough."

WHAT STRUCK ME MOST.

My most vivid impression of our German tour will always be the amazing friendliness and warm hospitality with which our party was received everywhere. It didn't matter whether we were in over-crowded carriages, or attempting to explain ourselves in very broken German, or arriving dusty and tired at a youth hostel—always we were made to feel welcome. The representatives of the Anglo-German Academic Bureau arranged visits to a work camp, to the Zeppelin Hangers at Frankfurt, bought tickets for a pageant play at Heidelberg, gave advice, and even provided English-speaking guides. In short they greatly helped to make our visit so enjoyable.

In Frankfurt particularly, I was impressed by the cleanliness and width of the streets, and by the fine buildings, especially the modern housing estate, the offices of the Farbenindustrie, and the modern Youth Hostel.

Of course, I could not fail to be impressed by the magnificent scenery of the Black Forest—the mountains of Switzerland from the top of the Feldberg, the sea of cloud beneath us, and Lake Titisee far away nestling between the hills. On Lake Constance the views were just as good and from the top of the D.J.H. there, the lake stretching to the foot of Austria's snow-capped mountains presented an unforgettable scene.

The Nazi régime in Germany seems to hold the nation in as tight a grip as ever. Every house and restaurant had its photo of Hitler. The famous Black Guard wear a particularly smart uniform of black and white, and one cannot help wondering at the expense of maintaining such a bodyguard.

The German youth, particularly the girls, seem to have a rather depressing sameness—the plump figure, fair hair and pigtailed which set off the brilliant national costume so well, together with an almost masculine poise, were duplicated wherever we went. One longed for some sign of individuality, even if accompanied by a hooked nose! At first sight the boys appeared to have a fine physique, but further acquaintance showed a lack of stamina: the cyclists dismounted for the slightest hills, whilst, at one of the hostels, when a party of Hitler Jugend went running one morning, one after another dropped out with some feeble excuse.

The Zeppelin sheds at Friedrichshafen and Frankfurt proved exceptionally interesting, and, as there was a Zeppelin in process of construction at Friedrichshafen, we could see the incredibly complex framework with its innumerable interlacing girders and struts made of a blue metal which had obviously been subjected to intense heat.

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It is natural that these notes should open with a reference to our Dinner. As in previous years, Mr. E. Cock is in charge of the arrangements. This year he has the advantage of the services of an Assistant-Secretary; Mr. E. J. Cox is ably filling this post. At the moment of writing the Dinner promises to be well-attended, and it is hoped that a record number of Old Boys will avail themselves of the opportunity it provides of meeting old friends.

Notices of the Annual General Meeting have already been posted. This will take place at the School, at 10.15 a.m., on December 28th.

Rugger and Soccer Matches are being arranged between the London and Headquarters Old Boys. These matches will take place on Boxing Day morning at Ham. Last year these fixtures proved very popular, and much vocal encouragement for the teams came from the touch lines.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Oates and to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Francis.

Mr. C. H. Rowe, of Westminster Training College, has passed the London B.A. General Examination, while Mr. W. P. Bowden—a former Rugger Captain—has passed the B.Sc. Examination.

Two of our Civil Servants who selected the Estate and Duty Office, have already passed the Final Ll.B. Examination, and Mr. H. Jago, following in their steps, has been successful at the Intermediate Ll.B. Examination.

Mr. C. Howett has passed the Solicitors' Intermediate Examination, and Mr. T. B. Anstey, of the Imperial College of Technology, has passed the Intermediate Examination of the B.Sc. (Eng.).

Mr. R. Noad, after taking an Honours Degree in Chemistry, at Oxford University, has entered on duties as a Chemist in Laundry Research.

Scattered through London are little colonies of D.H.S.-ians, and we hear of the quietude of Brondesbury, hitherto enjoyed by Messrs. Mills and Legg, being shattered by the invasion of three D.H.S.-ians who recently took their departure from Form VI., Messrs. Bryant, Cory and Hodges. Mr. Hodges still retains his interest in Scouting and is assisting with a Troop at Neasden.

Mr. D. Donahue is now engaged in Missionary work in India. In addition to acting as Sub-Warden of the Hostel, he is lecturing in English at Christ Church College, an affiliated College of Agra University.

From Saskatoon comes the good news that the son of our old friend, Mr. B. Mantle, has been awarded a Senior Bursary tenable at a University.

Mr. P. Cummings has been appointed to the Engineering Department of the G.P.O., Plymouth.

Mr. H. J. B. Carter writes from Accra. By the time these notes appear he will have migrated to Kano, North Nigeria.

Mr. Wiltshire, who soon after leaving School was awarded a Scholarship in Journalism at London University, and who subsequently joined the staff of the *Morning Post*, is about to leave for Ceylon to take up a similar post in Colombo. While with the *Morning Post*, Mr. Wiltshire was entrusted with work which required a careful study of the various Blue Books. He was also responsible for the work done on the Survey of the Boroughs, and is one of the country's experts on the Marketing Boards.

Mr. J. Ruberry, a recent recruit to the Customs and Excise, has been home on leave from the East Coast, and appears quite contented with his lot.

Mr. A. Pryor is still stationed at Falmouth, and has just paid a flying visit to Plymouth.

On the Rugby Field, D.H.S.-ians have been particularly successful this season.

Mr. E. R. Warn, a former School Rugger and Cricket Captain, was selected to play for Devon—an honour on which all Old Boys will congratulate him. He has recently been appointed to the Staff of Launceston College.

Sub.-Lieut. N. Dolton, of the R.N.E. College, Keyham, has captained the College 1st XV. this season. Midshipmen F. Healy

and J. Dyer-Smith, are also members of the team while Midshipman W. E. Waycott is playing regularly in the 2nd XV. It is an interesting fact that no less than five D.H.S.-ians were included in the teams when the Plymouth Albion—R.N.E. College Match took place. In his Rugby Notes, Mr. Warren has referred to a number of Old Boys playing locally in Senior Rugger.

Mr. W. A. Simmonds of University College, who was awarded Rugger Colours at the end of last season, has been elected Match Secretary.

Mr. D. B. Evans has been playing for Penzance Town 1st XV. He has just recovered from a knee injury sustained in one of the matches, and hopes soon to resume training.

Mr. R. Osborne has completed his First Term at Cambridge. He is playing for the College 2nd XV. with occasional games for the First Team.

Members are asked to help by forwarding their subscriptions (3/-) as promptly as possible, and are reminded that the registered O.B.A. tie can be obtained from Messrs. Perkins Bros., Plymouth. Two qualities at 2/6 and 4/6 are stocked.

The Sixth Form is holding a Dance at the Mutley Assembly Rooms, on December 29th, and hope that as in former years, they will receive the support of the Old Boys. H.F.

We welcome the following New Members :—

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| J. Ruberry | 138, Albert Road, Stoke. |
| J. Kirk | 33, Clowance Street, Devonport. |
| E. Bryant | 13, Lipson Vale, Plymouth. |
| W. Semmens | 98, Glendower Road, Peverell. |
| D. T. Cory | 28, Hendersen Place, Ford. |
| C. Trout | 36, Albert Road, North Road, Plymouth. |
| W. Button | 11, Renown Street, Keyham. |
| T. Tomlin | 35, Hamilton Gardens, Mutley. |
| C. W. Evans | 3, Pound Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth. |
| J. L. Barrow | 30, West Down Road, Swilly. |
| W. Roberts | 2, Spencer Avenue, Keyham. |
| R. Govett | 27, Kent Road, Ford. |
| H. Brenton | 1, Furneaux Road, Swilly. |
| R. Osborne | 74, Pasley Street, Stoke. |
| G. A. D. Graver | 10, Pasley Street, Stoke. |
| T. J. Mowan | 28, Onslow Road, Peverell. |
| H. Gordon | 21, College Road, Ford. |
| G. Bennetto | 1, Durnford Street, Stonehouse. |
| N. Godwood | 17, Quarry Park Road, Peverell. |
| I. W. Webb | 21, Station Road, Keyham. |
| R. H. Cooper | 18, King Gardens, Plymouth. |
| T. W. Lyle | 29, Spencer Avenue, Keyham. |
| K. D. Tregurtha | 21, Godolphin Terrace, Stoke. |
| R. J. Cheshire | 89, Swilly Road, North Prospect, Plymouth. |

A. Maunder 5, Thornbury Park Avenue, Plymouth.
 J. Parsons 15, Tothill Road, Plymouth.

The following changes of addresses are notified :—

G. Drake Bampton, Thorpedene Gardens, Shoeburyness.
 G. Oates 98, Church Way, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.
 E. J. Cox 45, Fletemoor Road, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.

LONDON BRANCH NOTES.

Chairman : MR. A. T. BROOKS.

Secretary : MR. J. H. FRANCIS, 41, Taylor Avenue, Kew, Surrey.
 (Tel. : Prospect 2159).

Treasurer : MR. L. S. MILLS, 13, Chatsworth Road, Brondesbury,
 N.W., 2.

Committee : The above, with MESSRS. A. R. PIKE, A. J. LEGG,
 AND W. L. HOLMES.

It is a natural presupposition that the purpose of these notes is to advise members of coming functions, to inform them of past functions, and to preserve the old ties of friendship in the creation of a London social entity linked by the bonds of a common education. Yet Old Boys individually and collectively will not bestir themselves to further this policy, which must needs be remodelled on a basis of apathy, if these notes and various circulars are totally disregarded ; if we are not justified in this conclusion, then Old Boys must hastily inform their Committee. It is essential that there should be complete co-operation or complete indifference. A mean is absurd and intolerable.

And now to a review of events !

For September an Outing to Clacton was arranged. A coach was commandeered and the incidental entertainments drawn up. Owing to lack of support, the scheme was jettisoned, and an alternative and less costly excursion to Chessington Zoo arranged. Truth and brevity compel me to say that the Committee members who supported the function enjoyed themselves.

For November it had been decided to organise a Dance, owing to the enthusiastic backing which such a function had received at the Annual General Meeting. Until, however, there are indications that such a function will be supported, the Committee does not propose to proceed with the matter, at least, for the time being. Optimism can only be reconciled with reason when there is a fair chance of success.

During the Xmas holidays it is hoped to arrange Soccer and Rugger matches between the London and Plymouth Branches. The probable date is the morning of Monday, December 27th. Will all London members desirous of playing please communicate with me at once as to the Soccer match, and with Mr. Legg, of 13 Chatsworth Road, Brondesbury, N.W. 2., as to the Rugger match.

In conclusion, will all those whose subscriptions are in arrear, please forward a remittance to the Treasurer before the end of the year.

New members :—

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| G. Bryant | 13, Chatsworth Road, Brondesbury, N.W.2. |
| R. J. S. Cory | 25, Fleetwood Road, Dollis Hill, N.W. 6. |
| K. S. Drake | Bampton, Thorpedene Gardens, Shoeburyness, Essex. |
| R. J. Harris | 26, Dalmeny Avenue, Tufnell Park, N. 7. |
| F. E. Johnson | 20, Addison Road, Reading. |
| E. C. Mill | 56, Camberwell Grove, S.E. 5. |

Changes of Address :—

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| K. E. Drummond | 36, Willoughby Road, Hampstead, Middlesex. |
| H. B. Every | 111, Watford Road, Wembley, Middlesex. |
| F. G. H. Richards | 188, Maldon Road, Colchester. |

SOCCER CLUB NOTES.

In presenting my first notes about the Soccer Club, I must first of all say a word or two about the Club's ex-Secretary.

Succeeding Rodney Warren as Secretary of the Old Boys' Soccer Club has proved no mean task, and I think the best tribute that can be paid to him is to say that he made the job seem easy. What work he did I have just found out.

At the commencement of the season there was a bleak outlook for the Soccer Club. The funds in hand were practically nil. Now the team is definitely paying its way, and the Club is grateful to those whose assistance financial and otherwise has set it on its feet.

Our playing results as can be seen from the press, are lamentable but the team spirit is 100 per cent., and in fact, new members are rallying around, giving lie to the opinion that players will only follow a winning team. I will mention the fact that although our defence has conceded so many goals, G. R. Callaghan is considered one of the finest left-backs in the League (a wonderful tribute, considering his stature and age).

I cannot ask for more support, for we are getting our quota. Our financial position is now better than it has ever been, and when I have the pleasure of penning the next notes, I trust that we shall be having better success on the playing field.

It would be unfair to close without a word of thanks to our Treasurer, Mr. R. Pengelly.

RICHARD J. CHESHIRE, *Hon. Secretary.*

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' R.F.C.

September of this year brought the Old Boys' Rugby Club into its ninth season. It was with no little pride that the Club members once more donned their jerseys as holders of the R.N.E. College Cup, to engage in stern struggles against the pick of local Fifteens. How successful their efforts have been is revealed by the recently published league table which shows that the Old Boys have gained maximum points in the five league matches played. The team is confident in its ability to retain for the current season this splendid trophy which is valued at £50.

Despite an unfortunate start—the first two matches were lost by small margins—the Old Boys' XV. have so far experienced their most successful season. The next nine matches played were all won, and points were 105 for, and 18 against. These games included fixtures with Old Suttonians and Salcombe 1st XV. (twice) Clubs, which have never failed to beat us during past seasons. Y.M.C.A., R.A.F., R.A., and Rover Scouts are amongst the other sides which have failed to check the Old Boys' winning sequence.

The captaincy is once more in the capable hands of H. Warwick, who has held this office, and deservedly so, since the Club's inception. Numerically the Club does not boast any great strength, but it has been a matter of policy not to keep aspirants out of the game awaiting a chance, but rather to give them the opportunity to assist other clubs. At the present time the Club is having the benefit of such sterling players as Lieut. Stone, Midshipman Healy, G. Gallagher, G. Plucknett, etc. Meanwhile, the "old timers" are still with us—Messrs. Brimacombe, Dennis, Wood, Rogers, etc., ably backing up their skipper.

Considerable public interest is shewn in the Club's fixtures, and on many occasions both touches are lined with interested spectators, whilst occasionally exceptionally lucky men like full-backs and forwards have admiring lady friends to spur them on to doughty deeds. Incidentally Rogers (C.S.) is, in my opinion, the best full-back the Club has had. His games with the Old Boys are an inspiration to the rest of the team. His three tries this season from the full back position, have caused three-quarters and forwards alike to wonder if they are getting too old for the game!

We wish the School XV. every success and hope that the help which the Headmaster has so kindly extended to us, will continue to benefit the Rugger Club. We also wish our Rugger Colleagues and ex-Club members such as Warn, Irish, Lloyd Pawley (Albion), Dolton, Healy, Dyer Smith (R.N. College), Giddy (late Argaum), Oliver (Teignmouth), etc., etc., every success during this and coming seasons, and trust that their sojourn with the Old Boys has helped them to learn to "play the game" in all its various phases.

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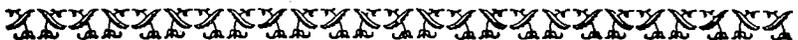
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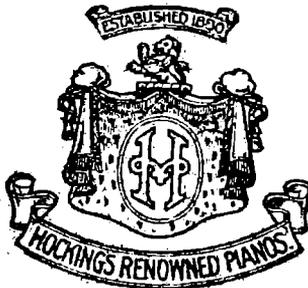
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