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Editorial

Transubstantiation is widely refuted. However, if we might beg the question, we can perhaps dispel doubts with an example taken from our midst.

When "Devonport High School—Penzance" died a natural death at the end of the last war, that elusive "school spirit" found its way back to Plymouth, to reanimate "Stoke Military Hospital." The one drawback to this settlement, was the fact that the latter was already an old gentleman. However, with promises of a future remedy, all were satisfied, and prepared to wait. Last year, the time was ripe, and an extensive face-lift was scheduled. This operation, which can be seen in progress any day of the week, is a face-lift with a difference; the surgeon, scalpel, forceps and gut have been replaced by a team of workmen, by picks, shovels, and cement. The "Old Gentleman" is being rejuvenated.

All this is accomplished so mysteriously—an Act of Parliament, a word from education officials, a tribe of workmen, a cement-mixer, and, "hey presto," a new block—that it is very easy to deceive ourselves that we have no part in the change, and that once the piles of sand, the cement, lorries and bricks have disappeared we shall all fit into wonderfully contrived, minutely exact niches. This is true for no boy.

We must never forget that the future school buildings have been designed as worthy of a fine abstraction—"Devonport High School," a combination of high academic, cultural, physical and moral standards, the abstraction referred to when D.H.S., is praised as a

“fine school.” However, it may be that in several years’ time, when the work is finished, that the “school” will no longer be worthy of such a building. The text of the trouble lies in the length of the task. Many boys in the Upper School will have left before it is finished; all they will have known is the “interim.” They will experience all the difficulties, troubles, and vicissitudes of this transitory period and will be eligible for no material reward, as will most of the younger boys. It is only natural, then, for a “don’t care” attitude to permeate the usually healthy atmosphere of the Upper School. It is natural, but undesirable, and those in whom it is already apparent must quickly shake themselves. Those products of materialism whose practice it is to look for rewards, must be satisfied by the knowledge that “the school” is not being harmed by the reconstruction, and will ultimately benefit from it. The reputation of the School is of vital importance this year, it must be consolidated, and then improved upon.

In a period as disruptive as the present and the near future, this ideal is a desirable, but difficult goal. However, we are all human beings, and have at hand those elements on which the human spirit thrives—leadership, encouragement, and opposition. A change in leadership has brought us the usual stimulating influx of fresh ideas, in the person of the new head, in whom, it is already clear, the attainment of that difficult goal is a determination. Encouragement has always been forthcoming from the members of the staff, whose contributions to the School life—academic, cultural, physical and moral—are largely responsible for the School’s present fine reputation. Lastly, we have come to respect the most stimulating opposition from the other Plymouth high schools in the question of supremacy, in addition to the struggles on the playing fields. We like to think that we are, at present, leading the others by a short nose, an extremely small margin. We can undoubtedly count on their “co-operation.”

In fact, all that is needed is the determination to impose the strictest code of self-discipline, which School—from proverbial “Great Men of the Sixth, to smallest “tacker” in the First form—is your pigeon!

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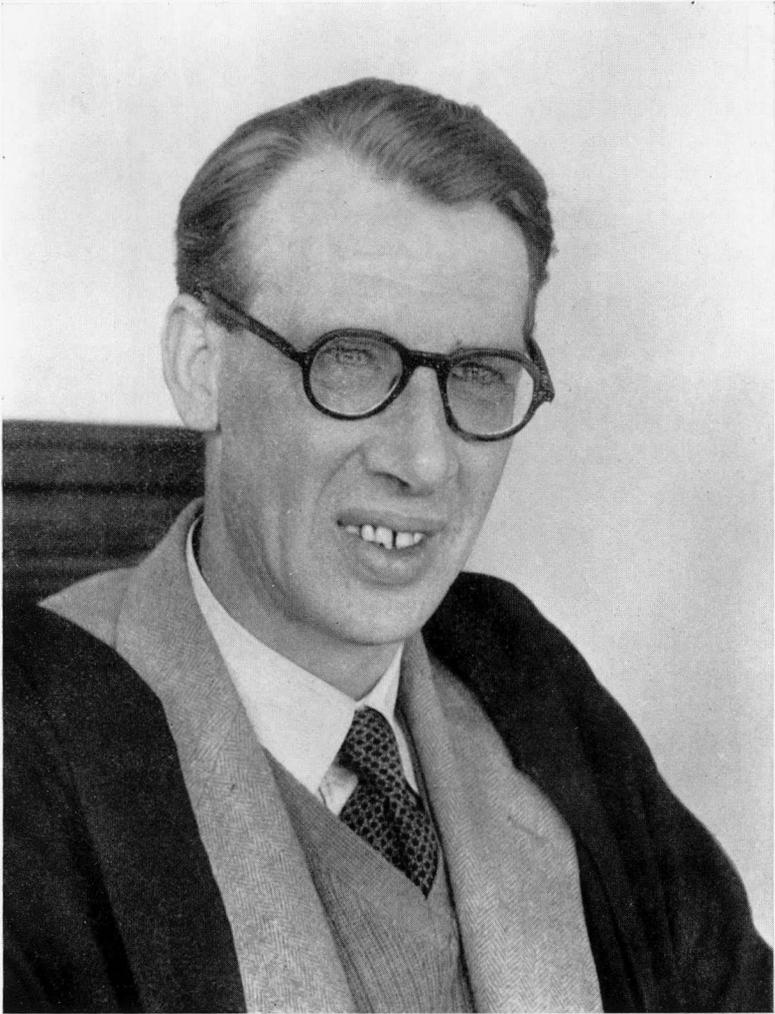
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WELCOME !

" We shall march prospering "

ROBERT BROWNING.

Dr. J. L. Creswell, M.A., has come to us from Newport, Monmouth, where he was the Headmaster of the St. Julien's High School. When we saw a crowd of gentlemen being conducted around the School we wondered who and what they really were and which, if any of them, would be our new Headmaster this term. Of that group Doctor Creswell was chosen, and when he visited the School later in the term we were introduced to him.

For some of us first impressions are reliable, and in this case they were pleasing. They did not deceive us. Now Doctor Creswell is with us, we know him much better, and our hopes rise—hopes of many things that have for so long seemed but hopes—and we look to a future that shall add to a past of which we can be justly proud.

A Headmaster's personality plays a large part in the moulding of tradition, the grafting often of something new upon the old stem; the aim being to produce a better quality of fruit in larger quantities, with more economy and with efficiency. Ours is a reputation to guard and to enhance; we feel that it is in good hands. As Shakespeare might have said,

" We know you'll take upon you as you should;
You understand me, sir; so shall you stay
Till you have done your business in the city:
If this be courtesy, sir, accept of it."

Doctor Creswell has come to stay. That is a pleasing thought in the light of a personality that is compact of forcefulness, directness, scholarship, and real human qualities. Add to these an identification of life's purpose with the good of the School and the future seems assured.

Welcome then to Devonport High School and to Mrs. Creswell and their son and daughter the wish that they may soon be a reunited family in this town of ours.

A Personal Note

It is said that the new Pharoah knows not the old Joseph, but I am confident that, as the first term of my first year here draws to a close, we have managed to get to know each other fairly well. For a variety of reasons I know some of you much better than I know others. What I have learned so far supports my belief that this is one of the finest parts of our country in which to live and work.

I knew of D.H.S. many years ago. Three or four years ago I was privileged to hear a gentleman of prominence in the Educational world declare that D.H.S. was the finest school of its type in the South West. He had no personal connection with the School and his praise was quite spontaneous. Such a reputation is not easily gained—it is quite easily lost. Years of endeavour in all spheres have gained us that reputation. It must never be said that our endeavour fell below standard. We have a challenge. We must make our School the finest of its kind in England. Not an easy task.

As you glance at our Honours boards you will realise that much has already been done. There is however, always the opportunity for those who have the courage to seek it and two factors will be of prime importance in the years to come: courage and work. I know that you have the courage. I shall see to it that you work. I cannot tolerate indifference, lazyness, slackness. The world as we would wish it to be has no room for the idle.

Academic achievement, however, must not be our sole objective, School means much more than that. We must learn to live together in the company of our equals. We must give to our community all that we can and receive in our turn the measure of our effort. School will offer us the sum total of all our endeavours—ideals by which we can judge our actions, standards by which we can measure our attainment, the joy of comradeship, true happiness that will be ours only when we know that we have done our best, and that what we have done will add a little to the stature of our School.

THE HEADMASTER.

School Notes

We extend a very hearty welcome to J. L. Creswell, Esq., M.A., Docteur de L'universite who has come to us to take up his appointment as Headmaster in place of Mr. Barker. He has had nearly a term with us and we are beginning to know him for what he is, a scholar and a gentleman, and a man of broad and human sympathy, kindness and courtesy, and with a sense of proportion that lends urbanity to all he does. To balance these he has the forthright qualities of the Yorkshireman, and a determination that, as far as the School is concerned, will brook no denial. He is learning to know us too, as individuals and as a School. We hope that his impressions of us may be as good as ours of him. Our best wishes go to Mrs. Creswell and family, with the hope that we may soon welcome them to Devonport and to the beauties of the West Country.

Our Swimming Sports are now an established annual event. Again Mr. Vanstone and those who contributed to the success of the functions are to be congratulated upon the good timing and the smooth running of all events.

The School has met the Staff at Cricket, another event that is now expected each year, and which draws the Staff into social and unofficial contact with the boys. At such functions we learn much of each other that cannot be learned in any other way. The match is reported in the Cricket Notes.

Another event in our sporting life was the arrival of and our welcome to the 1st XI team from the William Ellis School, London, who were conducting a week's tour of Plymouth and district. The party was accommodated individually by members of our School and matches were arranged for them every day. When their tour ended our 1st XI returned to London with them, and were accommodated at the William Ellis School. That we were out-classed is not so important as the social and educational implications of such an exchange. We had already made friendly contact with the William Ellis School on our visit to the Festival of Britain. May the friendship continue.

Yet another adventure was the trip to Germany made by a party of boys in charge of Mr. Hopford. That they had a good time goes without saying; that they learned much no one can doubt; that such excursions have a social, an educational and international value cannot be disputed. We hope that there may be a great increase of such activities in the not too distant future. The Headmaster's personal connections in France should be of great value here.

The School bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Barker at the end of last term, and wished them well in their new life at Redcar. They were presented with a combined tea-and-dinner service by the boys and with a range of spoons, in Community Plate, by the Staff. Mrs. Barker took morning tea with us on the last day of term.

Mr. Jenkyn too left us. He went to Wales with our best wishes for his future success and happiness and a token to buy a book to remember us by. We are glad to hear that things are going well with him. He came to fill the gap caused by Mr. Adam's unfortunate illness, and when it was known that Mr. Adams would be returning to us he naturally sought a post elsewhere.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Adams on his return after so many months of illness, and we hope that he will continue to be as fit as he is now. Teaching is strenuous work and in a Grammar School a full-time activity. We are glad to have Mr. Quarterman with us again after his illness, and to know that all is well with him now.

There was a considerable exodus from the U.VIth last term and new Prefects had to be created to fill the vacancies. Congratulations to them all. We wish them a happy and useful term of office.

What parents do may not concern us, but what the Parents' Association does is very much our business for many reasons. The Association is an expression of an altruistic interest in the School in which one boy cannot be a focus of attention, but becomes the reason why money and good will and interest are accumulated by his parents for the benefit of all. Every parent should be interested enough to make the bond between home and school a very real and living one. Those who are already doing so much for us need no reminder: there is, however, a small group to whom we appeal. Come into the organisation, identify yourself with the School, and help the Association to do more to help us to do more for your sons.

It is not often that we get the chance to hear and to see in action an orchestra of the calibre of the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. That so many boys availed themselves of the opportunity was a sign of a healthy interest in worthwhile music or of a desire to know more about it. Even those who used the concert to avoid an unpopular lesson if such in fact do exist—must have been impressed by all they heard, and can have done themselves nothing but good.

Congratulations to the School Captain on his initiative in organising a very successful inter-schools "Musical Evening" at the School. Over two hundred boys and girls attended from nine schools to enjoy good music and to partake of refreshments which Cross organized and the Sixth forms provided. We have not the facilities that girls' schools have; boys generally are bun-and-sandwich conscious only from the consuming angle. That all the difficulties were surmounted and that the evening was so highly successful are no mean tributes to B. Cross who organised it and to all who helped him. An inter-schools Committee has now been formed to arrange future meetings of this nature.

By the time you read this our Annual Speech Day will have come and gone. We shall have heard Dr. Creswell's first report, if upon only one term's acquaintance with us, and the Right Reverend

the Bishop of Plymouth who is to be our principal guest. We look forward to December 11th; when you read this you will look back upon it.

The photograph of the Staff in this issue is a new departure and was included at the Headmaster's request. If it serves no other purpose it may at least be useful to those of you who for some reason or other do not know them very well. Unfortunately Messrs. Quarterman and Sherwood were absent when the photograph was taken.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Armor is in hospital again, and hope that his stay will be short and whatever treatment he may have will be successful.

To Mr. H. Ferraro we tender our thanks for the useful information that he has given us about various Old Boys with whom he has had contact. With a certain temerity we suggest that such a useful activity might be continued. Our very best wishes to him and to Mrs. Ferraro who we are glad to know is now much better in health.

We welcome Monsieur J. L. Descamps, L-ès L. (English) who has come to us from the Sorbonne to be *un assistant*—an extra member of the Staff—for twelve months while he prepares a thesis for a Diploma in English. His typically French charm has already made him one of us. We wish him all success in his undertakings.

PRAEFECTI VALETE

APPLEBY, A. D.

Entered School, 1945; General Cert. of Education 'O' level 1951; 'A' level 1953; Prefect, 1952; 1st XI Soccer, 1952-53 (Colours); Senior Athletics (Colours) (All-England finalist H.J. 1953). Now in Civil Service.

CLAPP, G. W. J.

Entered School, 1946; General Cert. of Education 'O' level 1951; 'A' level 1952 and 1953; Prefect, 1952; 2nd XV, 1952-53. Now at Imperial College of Science.

HENDRA, D. W.

Entered School, 1946; General Cert. of Education 'O' level 1951; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952 and 1953; Inter B.Sc.; Prefect, 1952; School Captain, 1952-53; 1st XI Cricket 1951-52-53 (Half Colours); 1st XV (Half Colours); Sub-Editor and 1953 Editor of School Magazine.

ANTHONY-LANGSDALE, R.

Entered School, 1946; Cambridge S.C. 1950; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952; Prefect, 1952;

Librarian; 2nd XI Cricket, 1953; Sub-Editor of New Writing. Now doing National Service prior to entering Pembroke College, Cambridge.

MARTIN, J. B.

Entered School, 1950; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952 and 1953; Inter B.Sc.; Prefect, 1952; 1st XV (Half Colours); 2nd XI Cricket, 1952 and 1953. Now at Imperial College London.

MATTHEW, G. W. J.

Entered School, 1945; General Cert. of Education 'O' level 1951; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952 and 1953; Prefect, 1952; 2nd XV and 2nd XI Cricket, 1951-52 and 1952-53. Now at Nottingham University.

PARR, D. F.

Entered School, 1945; General Cert. of Education 'O' level 1951; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952 and 1953; Prefect, 1952; 1st XV and Senior Athletics. Now at the Military College of Science, Shrivenham (Ministry of Supply Studentship).

SAINSBURY, R. J.

Entered School, 1949; Cambridge S.C. 1949; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952; Prefect, 1951; School Vice-Captain, 1952-53; 2nd XI. Cricket, 1953; School Table-Tennis. Now at U.C.S.W.

WOOD, C. H.

Entered School, 1951; General Cert. of Education 'O' level 1951; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952 and 1953; Prefect, 1952; State Scholarship, 1953; 1st XI, 1952-53. Now doing National Service prior to entering Exeter College, Oxford.

SCHOOL PREFECTS

School Captain : B. CROSS, UP.VI.A. *Vice-Captain* : R. PULLEN, UP.VI.SC.

Prefects : C. J. BRAY, U.IV.A; M. ROWE, U.VI.A; M. RICH, U.VI.A; B. COLMAN, U.VI.SC; W. JOINT, U.VI.SC; J. EDE, U.VI.SC; P. GOODFELLOW, VI.A; P. MILLER, VI.A; R. PERRY, VI.A; A. TOLGHER, VI.SC; D. McMANUS, U.VI.SC; M. ROUSE, U.VI.SC; G. WOOD, U.VI.SC; C. WOODFIELD, U.VI.A.

Careers

It is good to learn that our new Headmaster views with favour our efforts to place all available careers information at the disposal of boys seeking it.

We can look forward to friendly co-operation with no prospect of forcible feeding. Careers guidance is not a subject in the School curriculum and there will be no end of term examinations in the subject!

There is everything to be said in favour of making information available for those who seek it, something to be said in favour of drawing attention to it and much to be said against too great an emphasis on guidance at all stages especially in the lower forms. One point on which mature opinion is in general agreement is that it is a good thing that the boy shall find his own way through the regulations, send for his own application form and note for himself the closing date for entry. Too often in the past we have tended to spoonfeed too long, thereby leaving the boy unprepared and lacking the independence and confidence he should have acquired before leaving us. Our department is nearly four years old, much has been learnt and we hope a balance obtained.

The observant ones among us will no doubt have seen our Careers Posters displayed elsewhere in the town. About 250 schools and bodies throughout the country are now subscribers to our poster service which aims to provide a series of 20 posters for display at fortnightly intervals through the school year. Each year will see the production of a fresh series. until most worthwhile careers have been covered.

W.H.W. (*Careers Master*).

Canoeing Trip on the Seine

Our party consisted of six Senior Scouts of the School Troop. With kit and 3 home-made, canvas canoes, we left Plymouth on 18th August for Le Havre. Our objective was Paris, but we got no farther than Rou en.

Our disembarkation at strike-bound Le Havre from the B.R. steamer was uneventful. Passage through the customs was a formality only. The task of locating the canal along which we had to travel to reach the Seine proved to be our first snag. Three Scouts were sent to the Dock Offices for information. They returned with the news that everyone spoke French! Eventually we obtained the information by a mixture of maps and pantomime. Gradually all members of the party overcame their stage-fright and towards the end of our trip were carrying on long conversations in a kind of gesticulatory Anglo-French.

The River Seine itself proved to be more difficult to navigate than we had anticipated. The tide flowed rapidly making paddling against it practically impossible. Furthermore, the tide came up the river in a most spectacular "bore" which our flimsy craft could not ride. It soon became obvious that our lives must be controlled by the tide and not by the clock or the sun. We had to plan each day to be on the river when the tide was favourable, be that day or night, and off before the "bore" reached us. This meant dawn starts and hours of paddling in darkness. Added to this was the problem of finding camp sites. The high, concrete embankments made landing of the canoes difficult while at low tide stretches of oily mud impossible to traverse separated us from the bank. Thus it became a race between our finding a camp site and the "bore" wrecking our canoes. Twice we avoided the "bore" by a few seconds. All these factors added spice and excitement to our day. Planning the next day's run became a ritual involving most complex calculations.

We found the local people both friendly and helpful. Shopping usually consisted of rooting along shelves behind the counter pointing out our requirements. Onions defeated us until we found out that they were called "onions". A major crisis occurred over paraffin which was only solved by presenting the bottle to be smelt. Even then it took some time for the shopkeeper to convince us that paraffin was "petrole". We drew a complete blank over marmalade: our only supply coming from some West Country folk living in France.

We were often visited by the local police who were extremely helpful. One, however, suspected us of being smugglers of cigarettes. For half-an-hour, both individually and in concert, we tried to disillusion him unavailingly. We saved ourselves from the local jail by proving ourselves to be Scouts.

The expenses of the trip may be of interest. We satisfied six hearty appetites for 12 days for £10. Four meals eaten in cafés also cost us £10. We approved of French cooking but continue to be thoroughly English in preferring a brew of camp tea to either coffee or wine.

Crisis in Heaven

I have just returned to Earth after having spent my Christmas holiday in Heaven and Hell under the benevolent gaze of Messrs. Thos. Cooke and Son.

The last time I visited Heaven, the Elysian Fields were in full blossom, and nymphs, souls and angels were dancing merrily in front of the Pearly Gates. In Hades chuckling devils were hanging from trees and playfully prodding clergymen with large pitchforks. But this Christmas the scene was entirely different.

The trouble started, I was told, when Samuel B. Crookenburger, owner of a large modernized cemetery in America, departed this life and joined some of his former clients in Heaven. Never did a more unhappy man enter the blissful Paradise. He just could not bear the peaceful tranquility and felt lost without his graves. All his life he had lived—for graves. But in Heaven, as you know, nobody dies unless of his own free will. So, Samuel B. Crookenburger, of "Garden of Love and Repose Ltd," decided to force the immortals to die of their own free will.

He started by employing lost souls in cigarette and whisky factories at the splendid salary of six haloes a week. Chain-stores, football pools and, last but not least, the Angelic Civil Service were formed, and, with the ready co-operation of Lucifer, the Heavenly Houses of Parliament were opened by St. Peter on the fifth of Saint Ember, 1700 A.D. (after death). The Ark was bought at a moderate price and converted into the "Heavenly Ark Cinema." Films were imported from Hollywood, the box-office success in Heaven being "Adam and Evelyne," with "Fig-aro" as its theme song. This Christmas the "Samuel B. Crookenburger Super-Super Stores," launched their Christmas Campaign, and resplendent Father Christmases climbed down large chimneys made, of course, by the "Samuel B. Crookenburger Celestial Brick Company."

And now, the only person in Heaven who is happy is Samuel B. Crookenburger. His cemetery is so overcrowded that he is taking over part of the Elysian Fields. And, what is more, the Angelic Civil Service has been inundated by requests for transfer to the happy shades of Hades.

R. SANDERS, VI.A.

(D.H.S. New Writing—Autumn Term, 1949).

LOOKING BACK ON THE TRIP TO THE RHINE

It was the first time I had ever been at sea in the dark. The world consisted of bright restaurant lights, an airy deck, a constant throb of motors, the faint swishing of the water and then, blackness broken only by the light of the moon up there. There was no evidence of motion except the pale light of lightships or lighthouses as they sailed by. We passed the dreaded Goodwin Sands. And then, over there on the left, the sky grew lighter. The cloud banks could be vaguely distinguished. Was that land or were your eyes playing tricks again? Yes, it was land and there were lights which were fast dimming under the increasing light of dawn. The water was gradually getting more friendly as it reflected the brightening sky. The dash for the bags. Everybody was moving. There was panic. What terrible disaster had befallen after fighting our way across the merciless ocean? Why had we stopped? It could only mean one thing. We were in dock.

At last, staggering under the weight of haversack rations sufficient to support an army for at least a month and with a bag containing everything from a coat to a thimble, breaking your left arm, you stagger ashore.

Why are there so few people about? Why is everything so clean? Have I got any agricultural machinery? Yes, a couple of bulldozers if I can find that key.

On the station everything is apparently in utter confusion, but on inspection the rather noisy disorder sorts itself out. As we are herded through the customs by uniformed railway officials the first contact with the people of Germany is made. The fact that we cannot understand a word that the customs officials are saying does not make the slightest difference and at last we reach the outside world.

Then as we walked from the customs building we saw it. The best way to describe it was to say it was a heap of scrap metal quite visibly joined in places by the occasional rivet, belching enough smoke to fill Paddington and standing (doubtfully) supported by minute driving wheels on two pieces of iron. Yes, there was no doubt about it, it was an engine.

After being crammed in minute wooden-seated compartments for several hours, drinking sour coffee and heading our way through concrete buns and playing canasta, much to the bewilderment of the rest of the compartment, we arrived at Aachen, only to be greeted on the platform by quite the most charming man I have ever met who commenced kindly by, "You want to go to Boppard?"

What struck us most when we got there was the sincere friendliness with which the German people greeted us. When we travelled

through the little towns on the Rhine on our trips in the hired motor coach with its amiable driver, Herr Taube, it seemed as if almost everyone was waving to us.

The roads were very different from ours. The majority of them being cobbled with slate grey-stones slightly larger and flatter than the ones we use.

Travelling along on the right-hand side of the road, especially along the wonderful Autobahn, at first seemed out of the ordinary but we soon became used to it. These Autobahns are the exceptions among the German roads. They are magnificent, wide and straight and stretching for miles without a turning or a crossroad as we know them. All these are avoided by the use of bridges and subways. Traffic on them moves very quickly with a tremendous accompaniment of horns. Unfortunately many of them are not completed and others lead to bridges destroyed during the war.

One impression we shall carry for long in our minds was the way in which the Germans farmed their land. On the open farmland there are no hedges and strip-cultivation is much in evidence. Orchards, wheat and vegetable crops were all planted in this manner and every inch of available land was used right up to the verge of the road.

A thing which set us wondering was how the wine-growers could get to their own little patch where their grapes grew. All these small vineyards (the German Weinberg describes them much better) were situated on the very steep banks of the Rhine and we were told that the vintners sometimes travelled to and from thirty times a day!

One of our best trips was a river trip up the Rhine to Rudesheim. We passed some of the finest scenery on the Rhine with ancient castles on almost every crag and terraced vineyards looking very inaccessible and insecure on almost perpendicular hillsides.

Among the industries of the Rhineland we noticed cotton and wool weaving, while in many places the quarrying of pumice-stone for the making of bricks can be seen in passing as the beds lie in strata just below the top-soil and can be removed by digging trenches into them.

Finally we should like to mention the excellent attention we received in Boppard. The first-class guidance and amusement provided by our coach-driver, Herr Taube, probably contributed more than anything to the huge success of the trip. Of our treatment at the Hotel Behrens we will only say that it was so good that the hotel is an automatic choice if ever any of us visits Boppard again.

It has been a holiday we shall never forget in which we were very impressed by the kindness of all those we met. We should like to thank Mr. Hopford for getting us out of many a jam, and Mr. Barker, not forgetting Herr Taube, who got lost so many times that we had to buy him a book of road-maps.

ATHLETICS

After the magazine went to print last term, the School team had exciting matches with H.M.S. Fisgard, Sutton High School and Truro School, and won all three matches, although the result of each remained in doubt until the last few events.

At Torpoint on 24th June, we regained the Captain Morell Trophy from H.M.S. Fisgard after a lapse of three years, winning the match by 75 points to 65. Prominent performances from the School were those of Wotton, who won the 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards; Middleton, Colman and Appleby set up School best performances in the Mile (4 mins. 56 secs.), Pole Vault (9ft. 4in.) and High Jump (5ft. 6½in.) respectively.

On July 13th we obtained our revenge against Sutton High School for last year's defeat. In the combined Junior and Senior points aggregate we were victorious by 119 points to 105. We congratulate Bond on setting up two new records in the Junior Section. He put the Weight 39ft. 6in. and threw the Javelin 137ft. 1½in. In the Senior Section Pullen established a School best performance in the Discus with a throw of 112ft. 11½in.

The match at Truro on July 15th was as always, keenly contested, but by winning the last few events we romped home by 131 points to 109. This was also a combined Senior and Junior match and in all, seven new meeting records were set up by our athletes. For the Juniors, Harris won the 100 yards in 11.4 seconds and Bond again set up two records in the Weight (38ft. 8in.) and Javelin (140ft. 10½in). Senior records were established by Wotton in the 220 yards (22.8 seconds), McManus in the Hurdles (15.8 seconds) and Weight

(38ft. 8½in.) and Pullen who increased his School Discus record to 119ft. ½in.

Wotton and Appleby are to be congratulated on being chosen to represent Devon in Inter-County Athletic Sports at Uxbridge. Wotton was second in the Senior 220 yards, a fine achievement, but Appleby was unplaced in the High Jump.

Last term a new system of Inter-form sports was organised. The results were:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
1st Year	1B	1A	1C	
2nd Year	2A	2B	2C	
3rd Year	3D	3A	3C	3B
4th Year	5X	4B	4A	and
and 5x			4C	

The 5th-Form event was cancelled because of inclement weather. It is hoped that this innovation, which was conducted during Games Periods, will do a great deal to raise the general standard of Athletics throughout the School.

As in previous years, we extend our thanks to Messrs. Nash and Stone for their invaluable help in training and coaching the team. It is mainly due to their efforts that the School has had its best Athletic season ever.

Finally, we convey our very best wishes to all the team who are leaving, especially to M. C. Wotton, who, as Captain of the team, has been such an example by his outstanding efforts and achievements.

COLOURS AWARDED 1953:

Re-Awards: Wotton, Appleby;
MacManus.

New Awards: George, Colman, Pullen,
Coles, Middleton.

Half-Colours: Miller, Congdon, Parr.

R. PULLEN.

The Swimming Sports

For the second year in succession, the afternoon chosen for the School Swimming Sports, on this occasion that of Monday, July 20th, proved fine and warm. The Sports were arranged in similar fashion to those of 1952, except that there was no race for beginners, and that the Under 12 races were swum over distances of one width, instead of the usual one length.

The House Swimming Cup was won by Drake with 58 points, Raleigh, last year's winners, being runners-up with 55½ points.

Third and fourth were Grenville and Gilbert with 46 and 44½ points respectively. Two new records were set up, namely:—

Plunging, Under 15: 47 ft. 2 in. by Goord (Grenville) and Free Style, Under 16: 27.4 seconds by J. Smith (Grenville).

To put the finishing touch to the afternoon, Mrs. Hendra, to whom, for her willing help, the School is always grateful, honoured us by presenting the Cups, which were awarded as follows:—

The Relay Cup:	Raleigh House.
The Over 16 Cup:	Pick (Drake) and G. Matthews (Raleigh).
The Under 16 Cup:	J. Smith (Grenville).
The Under 15 Cup:	Easton (Raleigh).
The Under 14 Cup:	Hawthorn (Drake) and Spicer (Drake)

The standard of swimming continues to go up yearly in all age-groups. The number of boys taking Royal Life-Saving Society examinations showed a noticeable increase on last year's figure. C. Matthews is here to be congratulated on gaining his Tutor's Instructor's Certificate.

A.T.M.

THE CRICKET CLUB

Master-in-Charge : MR. WAYNE.

Captain : C. J. BRAY. *Vice-Captain* : W. I. JOINT. *Secretary* : J. ATHERTON.

The 1953 Cricket season was reasonably successful, if we take all the School teams into account. For a second season annual opponents can record no victory against the 1st XI. A reversal of the situation of a few years ago is that the general standard of batting is below that of bowling. This is probably due to the fact that net practices were held at School on the new concrete wickets, which make the balls bounce higher than grass pitches do, and therefore force the batsmen to play the wrong strokes. Some, but unfortunately few, dinner-time practices were held as well as the normal evening coaching in the nets. A notable and conclusive success for the 1st XI this season was the second consecutive defeat of the Staff XI. Plymouth College, for the first time since 1948, were defeated by quite a substantial margin when the 1st XI played against them at Ford Park.

The 2nd XI suffered more than the 1st XI through lack of batsmen. However, the team's morale remained high in spite of some disappointing results.

The Junior and Colts XI's have been quite successful, but good work in the field was not consolidated when the time came to bat because batsmen at this stage also were few.

Those who saw the match against William Ellis School at Peverell Park must have realised that the standard of School's cricket in London is higher than it is here. This is partly due to the vastly superior pitches in London. It was therefore not surprising that our team did not win a match in London, but some consolation was gained when the team drew in the last match against Christ's College (School), reputedly the best team played. The result would quite probably have been a victory for D.H.S. if time had been left to obtain a definite result. The teams played were: (1) Battersea Grammar School; (2) Wilson's Grammar School; (3) William Ellis School; (4) Haberdasher's Aske's School; (5) Christ's College. The touring team was: Bray (Capt.), Joint, Atherton, Ede, Clarke, Green, Hendra, Sainsbury, Jay, Covington, Perry, Boden, and Hooper J. Our sincerest thanks are due to Mr. Wayne who accompanied the team and saw that all travelling arrangements ran smoothly. A similar tour is eagerly awaited.

The Club is also grateful to the Parents' Association who prepared teas at Collings Park throughout the season, and to the members of the Staff who umpired and coached the teams.

TEAM RECORDS:

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>lost</i>
1st XI ...	16	7	4	5
2nd XI ...	8	1	5	2
Colts XI ...	9	2	3	4
Junior XI	9	4	3	2

COLOURS AWARDED 1953:

Re-Award 1st XI Full Colours: C. J. Bray.
New Award 1st XI Full Colours: J. H. Atherton.
Re-Awards Half-Colours: D. W. Green, N. W. Clarke.
New Awards Half-Colours: W. I. Joint, D. Hendra, J. Ede.

THE RUGBY CLUB

It is still too early in the season to draw any definite conclusions, but the Rugby situation, at present, is more promising than it has been for several seasons.

The 1st XV have played only four games so far but it is evident that training as a team is essential. Potentially the team has the ability to enjoy a good season, for luckily the back division contains five of last year's players and with this strength outside the scrum scoring should be frequent. In the opening games of the season the School defeated Sutton High School convincingly by 15-0, and lost to H.M.S. Figgard 17-11, rather disappointingly showing tactical errors in defence. In the match against Kelly College, the School side showed a great improvement, except for occasional weak backing up, and in atrocious conditions were very unlucky not to win. It is the first time that Kelly College have failed to win this game. On another very wet afternoon the Plymouth Technical College team were beaten, 11-3.

The 2nd XI have been rather mediocre this season, the most disappointing result being that against Plymouth College when the School lost by 17-16 after being 16 points in the lead! The team could improve considerably if more of its members showed keenness and turned out for practices regularly.

The Colts XV has won one match, against Sutton High School, and lost the other two against Technical Secondary School 1st XV and King's Tamerton. Many of the team would do well to show a little more enthusiasm.

The Junior XV has shown great promise at times, and gave a glimpse of their capabilities by beating a far larger side, Technical Secondary School 2nd XV by 29-0.

The Under 13 XV have started the season well, winning all four games and scoring 49 points without reply, a reward for their continual practice. It has also been possible to field an Under 13 2nd XV who won their first two games. M. J. Rouse (*Hon. Secretary*).

THE SOCCER CLUB

The opening of the new season saw the introduction of about a dozen new faces in the Senior teams. The most regrettable fact is that, of the players who left the School last year, many were younger than usual and would have formed a very strong team had they gone into the Sixth form.

The 1st XI started the season with comfortable victories over Plympton G.S. and the Plymouth and Devonport Technical College. The following week, however we were beaten at home, for the first time for many years, by Liskeard G.S. This defeat was attributable, in some measure, to the fact that the team was still not playing as a combination and many attacks broke down

through misunderstandings between forwards. The next match was against R.N.E.C. and we were defeated heavily by the best team the College has yet fielded against us although we had more of the play than the score suggests. We redeemed our reputation by beating H.M.S. Figgard, in a spirited display which was in direct contrast to the torrential rain.

The 2nd XI fielded a completely new forward line although most of the defence had previous 2nd XI experience. They are having somewhat varied fortunes but should do well next term.

The Colts XI has done rather better than usual and did particularly well to defeat Tamar S.S. by 2-0. They also

played spiritedly against a Fiscard XI which used its superior weight to advantage.

The Under 15 XI has played some excellent football this season, but has been beaten by teams who are much heavier and favour the more robust style of play.

The Under 14 XI has not yet lost a match this season and is playing good football which augurs well for future years.

Another undefeated team is the Under 13 XI which has a most impressive goal average and is playing football which is above the standard of most other teams of the same age.

Once more we are indebted to Mr. Warren and his colleagues on the Staff for their many services to the teams, both on and off the field. The Parents' Association is most deserving of our deepest gratitude for its many sacrifices on our behalf.

L. A. MIDDLETON.

House Notes

DRAKE.

This term we welcome to the House the new boys in the first form and trust that they will quickly play an active part in our activities. The House finished the Summer term on a happy note, when our team won the School Swimming Sports at Mount Wise. The congratulations of the House go to every member of the team.

Naturally this term the emphasis is on football. We had great difficulty at first in forming a complete junior rugby team. This was due mainly to the fact that most of the new boys did not consider themselves to be rugby players. However after careful screening the junior team took the field complete with reserves on the line. They did not play with the vigour we have come to expect from the juniors after our champion team last year and lost heavily to Gilbert in their only match played. The senior team, although complete in numbers, is one of the youngest we have had and, though playing with determination, lost to the more experienced teams of Grenville, 20-0, and Raleigh, 19-5. The third match has had to be postponed until after Christmas because of the dark evenings.

The Senior Soccer team has again saved our face by their splendid results. Under their captain, Congdon, they beat Gilbert 3-1, Raleigh 5-2 and drew with Grenville 1-1. By this unbeaten record they have won for us the Senior Soccer Championship. It is hoped that during this term the House may consolidate itself and enter the House Championship afresh with new vigour and most of all the determination to win.

B. P. GEORGE (*House Captain*).

GILBERT.

RESULTS 1952-53:—

	<i>Seniors.</i>	<i>Juniors.</i>	<i>House.</i>
Soccer	2nd.	1st.	{ Equal 1st.
Rugger	4th.	4th.	4th.
Chess	{ Equal 3rd.	2nd.	3rd.
Swimming	—	—	4th.
Athletics	3rd.	2nd.	3rd.
Cricket	2nd.	1st.	{ Equal 1st.
St. Lcvan	Equal	Equal	3rd.
Shield	3rd.	1st.	

With each of the four Houses showing outstanding ability in at least one of the major sports, competition for the St. Lcvan Shield in 1952-53 was the fiercest for several years, and Gilbert were beaten for second place by Grenville by the narrowest possible margin. Both Cricket teams performed creditably, and once again we were joint champions. The future, too, is bright, for the younger members contributed no little part to our success.

Yet if we are to offer a serious challenge to Raleigh, our Rugger teams must improve—a mere six points last year would have won the Shield for Gilbert. Neither is our Swimming ability beyond criticism and improvement, although it was certainly no disgrace to be beaten in such a closely fought contest as the Swimming Sports proved to be.

This term, as yet, the Seniors have improved little, although by holding the Rugger champions to some ten points, they showed signs that they may conceivably beat Drake in their remaining fixture. The Juniors, however, showed incredible form (for them!), and swamped Drake by a clear 30 points.

The Senior Soccer team played poorly and lost convincingly to Drake, but the immediate introduction of younger players supplied the requisite tonic, and Grenville and Raleigh were then well beaten to make Gilbert the runners-up.

To Cross, the new School captain, we extend our congratulations, and best wishes for a successful period of office, to McManus, who is entering the R.M.A. Sandhurst in December, we say, "Good luck!", and thank him for the invaluable assistance he has given us all.

C. J. BRAY (*House Captain*).

GRENVILLE.

Last year Grenville finished runners-up to Raleigh for the St. Levan Shield. The failure to regain the Shield must spur us on to even greater efforts in the attempt to re-establish Grenville in her rightful position as Cock House. The only way in which this can be achieved is by wholehearted co-operation throughout the House. Spirit must pull us through and make us champions once again. We welcome the new members and hope that they will pull their weight as true "Grenvillites" in the years to come, for it is on them that the future status of the House depends.

Last term we finished up as Cricket champions, the Senior team winning all its matches and the Junior winning one. Under Joint's captaincy our Senior side owed its success to enthusiasm for we had by no means the best cricketers. Our Swimming team was not very strong, and could only manage third place to Drake and Raleigh. However it never gave up trying and turned in quite a good performance in view of its lack of really good swimmers. Both records that were set up on the day were established by Grenville swimmers. Goord in the Plunging Under 15 (47 ft. 2 in.) and J. Smith in the Freestyle Under 16 (27.4 secs.)

Early this term the official elections were held. Pullen was elected House Captain and Joint, Vice-Captain. The Soccer Captain elected was Joint with Macbean as his deputy, while Pullen was elected Rugger Captain and Dowrick Vice-Captain. We looked forward to a good season in both Rugger and Soccer. In Rugger we were not disappointed, for the Senior

side won all its three games convincingly, while the Junior XV lost its only match to a much bigger and stronger Raleigh team. The Soccer side did not fulfil its promise and only managed to draw one of its matches. No Junior Soccer matches have yet been played.

At Chess Grenville continues to hold its own. For years Chess has been our "bete-noir" but at last its intricacies have been mastered. Our Junior team has won both its matches by the clear margin of five boards to one.

We congratulate Tolcher and Joint on being appointed School Prefects and wish them success in their positions.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Mallinson and our House Masters for their co-operation and willingness to referee or umpire matches, and their help in organising our activities so effectively.

R. PULLEN (*House Captain*).

RALEIGH.

Victory once more! Raleigh has succeeded in keeping the St. Levan Shield for another year, after finishing first in Athletics and Soccer, second in Rugger, and third in Cricket. And once more, guided by Mills, Raleigh won the Chess Cup quite easily.

This time, however, we have a harder year ahead of us. We have some of our older athletics in the Senior half of the House, including Wotton, who was Victor Ludorum last year, and our previous house captain, Sainsbury, who has gone on to continue his studies at Exeter. Remembering then that last year we were equal first in the Soccer, and that this year so far we are third, we shall obviously need increased effort in athletics and Cricket in the Summer.

In the Inter-house Rugger Championship we are at present second, as last year, but with maximum effort from our Juniors there is a chance we may beat Grenville, and win the Rugger Championships.

In Swimming last term Raleigh were rather unlucky. After being Champions by a considerable margin for the last two years, this year we lost the Championship by one or two points only to our rivals of Drake House.

Our congratulations are due to the four new prefects appointed in the House this term: Rouse is also School Rugger Secretary; Ede is again House Soccer Captain and Colman has been elected as the new House Secretary.

We now rely on our Juniors to show

their worth in their remaining Rugger and Soccer matches next term. It will not be enough to draw in these matches; we must Win. with every member of the teams playing full out, we can be assured of another successful year.

C. K. WOODFIELD (*House Captain*).

Ars Poetica

For any "jeune enfant" (French) who wishes to write poetry which will get into "New Writing," or, better still, good poetry, I have, with great labour and diligence, composed this "magnum opus" (Latin). Here, then, are three elementary rules:

1.—Before attempting to write a poem you must apply to the Home Secretary for a poetic licence.

2.—You must give a title to your poem. It is advisable to have the title in Latin as no one will understand it and thus the poem will have an air of mystery. For instance, if your poem is about a voyage it may be entitled "Sic Transit" (he was sick on the transit).

3.—The poem must have a subject. A subject which seems to be most popular among "New Writing" poets is the admiration, in Spring, of Nature (among other things), in Summer, of (let us say) Nature, in Autumn, of (quite possibly) Nature, and in Winter, of (quite definitely) Nature. I shall, therefore, endeavour to demonstrate the various ways of testing this subject.

The first is the simple and conventional pastoral verse:

"De boids is singin' in de trees,
De sun is shinin' brightly,
De lambs is playin' in de fields
An' dancin' mighty sprightly."

This picturesque form cannot fail to charm the reader. But for the more venturesome spirit who prefers subtle rhyming there is the following style:

"Spring is come and now the sap
Rises in trees and I am hap-
Py, for sunshine is on every lea-side;
Soon I'll be going to the sea-side.
And while above shines sunny Phoebus
With cases packed we get in the bus."

For the ultra-modern type of poet who likes no rhyme, no metre and no grammar there is this form:

"In the
Spring, when all the birds
Sing loud-
Ly
The flowers come out and the sunshine and everyone
Is hap-
py."

For others short lines are preferable:

“In Spring
Birds sing,
Leaves green
Are seen.”

A type of poem often associated with Spring is the Shakespearean or Shaksperian poem-cum-song which is noted for its refrain and swift development of plot:

“A lover and lass went out in Spring,
With a hey nonny, nonny no
Full merrily the lark did sing,
Tweet! tweet! chirp, chirp! O, what a lark!
Cuckoo, cuckoo! twitter twitter!
Chirrup, chirrup! hiccup; pardon!
In Spring tyme, in Spring tyme,
When all the birds do sing.”

To write a successful parody of Chaucer all the aspiring poet has to do is to add an “e” to the end of most of his words—on the analogy of “Ye olde tea shoppe.” Here is an example of how a striking effect may be obtained.

“When that Aprille dooth his shoures biginne,
To perce the poure scolere to the skinne,
To keep hym warme, he drynketh swich licour,
That dronken dooth he lye upon the floore.”

There is another excellent medium for expressing one's variations upon an unoriginal theme. For our subject this time we have, not “Spring as the time” “quand on se promène avec ses jeunes amies” (more French—I hope!) but, as a contrast, the results of this amitié.

“*La Belle Dame Sans Argent.*”

(I would apologise to Keats but he is dead.—Pity!).

O what can ail thee, youth in green,
Alone and palely loitering?
The sludge is all gone from the creek.
And no birds sing.
I met a girl in Central Park
Full beautiful, a dustman's child.
Her hair hung down in ringlets
And her eyes were wild.

Well, I have not enough time to finish this epic but the potential brilliance is already apparent. I can but hope that this has been of some use to all “kinderen” (Dutch—jeunes enfants) who aspire to lofty heights of “poésie” (French) and I look forward with confidence to a record entry of short stories for “New Writing” next term.

B. A. WOOSEY, VI.A.

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THE VISIT OF THE BOURNEMOUTH MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA

On the morning of October 27th the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, an association of sixty years standing, gave the second concert in the series of "Young People's Concerts" in Plymouth. Most of the very young audience who filled the Royal Cinema was credulous rather than critical and so the conductor, Mr. Charles Groves, and his orchestra were loudly applauded after every work. The concert was well supported by D.H.S. for 140 boys attended.

Mr. Groves has conducted and compered many other youth concerts and therefore realises that it would be unsuitable to present any heavy music to such an audience. This programme consisted mainly of descriptive music of which the stories, told by the conductor before each performance, amused and held the attention of those present.

First on the programme was the vigorous overture to the "Marriage of Figaro." The execution of this work, described by the press as "a sparkling performance," certainly set the standard of musicianship for the rest of the concert.

This lively overture was succeeded by the beautiful and serene symphonic poem by Smetana describing the progress of the River Moldan from a tiny stream, represented by two flutes, until it sweeps majestically out of sight. It was the deepest item that the orchestra played.

After Mr. Groves had told the audience the story and double moral of Dukas' scherzo, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," there could have been little doubt as to the meaning of the music. The skilful bassoon playing of Edgar Williams drew smiles from everybody as the exploits of the broom were related.

The next work was probably the most popular, since most people, at some time or another, have heard "Peter and the Wolf." Prokofieff's clever orchestration, accompanied by the conductor's narration, was fully appreciated by the young audience. A Coronation touch in the form of Walton's popular march, "Orb and Sceptre," brought the programme to a close.

Many such concerts are surely to be anticipated and supported in the future. At any rate Plymouth is beginning to remedy her torpor as far as music is concerned, although nothing is being done about the only too obvious need for an appropriate theatre.

Lastly, we would like to wish our past treasurer Colin Symonds every success in his attempts to form a Music Club at Plympton Grammar School to which he has moved, and thank him for his enthusiastic work with us.

B. CROSS.

Out of School Activities

SCOUT LOG.

The Junior Troop had a very satisfactory camp at Hadnock in Monmouthshire. The boys enjoyed rambles along the banks of the beautiful River Wye as well as visiting places of interest such as Hereford, Tintern and Chepstow.

The Senior Troop carried out its projected canoeing trip up the River Seine. The expedition was ably led by B. March and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The ability of members of the party to converse in French improved considerably.

The Troop hopes to be able to purchase the Scout Hut from the T.A. Association. Already it has raised half the required amount as the result of a Jumble Sale.

Congratulations to B. March on becoming a Queen's Scout, and the Troop offers its congratulations to D. Prosser and A. W. Pudner who have also been invested.

Our thanks go to Mr. Cox who has worked unremittingly for the Troop and to the Scout Parents' Association for their help and financial assistance.

A.F.

TENNIS CLUB.

Captain: B. GEORGE.

Vice-Captain: B. COLMAN.

Secretary: G. WOOD.

Inclement weather delayed the start of the season until the 13th June when the School played H.M.S. Figgard. A return match followed, and then the annual match with the Parents, for which the School team was reinforced by members of Staff. These results were duly reported in the July issue of the School magazine. Our first pair, George and Colman, proved themselves superior on grass courts to any pair when Kelly College visited the School at Collings Park, although the result was 6-3 against us. On the Hard courts at Kelly College for the return match, the School team lost by seven matches to two. The remaining game, played on the eve of the end of term, is always the most enjoyable match of the season. There, the skill and dexterity of the Staff is matched against the

youthful energies of the School team. This year the School won by five sets to four.

The standard of playing is definitely improving within the team, and in consequence, Full colours were rewarded and awarded respectively to George and Colman, whilst Wood received Half-colours. The team should be little altered next year and if improvement continues a good standard of play should be achieved.

It is hoped that Winter practice for the team and for any other promising players will be possible on the courts at the front of the School; the number of fine days in Winter seems to suggest that considerable improvement in play may result from this. GORDON WOOD.

CHESS CLUB.

This term the Club has been split into two sections. The Senior Section meets on Mondays with Mr. Adams and the Junior Section with Mr. Berry on Wednesdays. The lunch hour meetings are well attended particularly by the Junior School. The Senior team is playing an "all-play-all" competition for the School Championship and the Ladder Competition is being continued. All new members will be welcome to any of these meetings.

The Senior team has played two matches in the Goodman Cup Competition beating Sutton High School by four boards to one and drawing 3-3 with Public Secondary School. One friendly match has been played in which the Senior team lost to the Plymouth Chess Club by 4½-1½. The Junior team began the season well by beating Plympton Grammar School by 4-2. Also, for the first time, a team of eight has been entered in the "British Chess Federation's Schools Correspondence League."

Four Junior House Matches have been completed. At present Grenville lead with four points having beaten Raleigh and Drake, in each case the margin was 5-1. Raleigh and Drake have two points each, both beating Gilbert by 4-2.

J. D. Mills won his County Match in the Junior, Under 18 Correspondence League in which Devon finished second

with 8½ points. C. K. Woodfield has been invited to play for Devon in this competition this year. R. T. F. Williams drew at board 55 in the match in which "The Home Counties" beat "The Rest of England" in London on September 5th.

The first Devon County Junior Chess Congress is being held in Plymouth College from December 28th to January 1st. The main tournament will be the Devon Junior Championship. The supporting tournaments are for Juniors of all strengths and it is hoped that a large number of boys from this School will enter.

R. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

FIELD CLUB.

When the Club was first formed some years ago it was almost exclusively for the Sixth form. Now, however, as a result of the enthusiasm of some Middle School boys it is a lively though small group. They represent a varied selection of outdoor activities, including bird-watching, geology and archaeology.

A number of week-end rambles have been arranged. The places chosen are intended to represent typical areas for each individual's particular line of study. It is also proposed to make a survey of Budshead Wood which is situated on the outskirts of Plymouth. The main reason for this project is to ascertain the actual proportion of Hornbeam compared with the other commoner species. It is a tree rarely found in large stands, particularly in the West Country, but is here present in quite large numbers.

P. G. GOODFELLOW (*Chairman*).

STAMP CLUB.

The Stamp Club meets regularly in 5A form-room on Wednesday evenings after School, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Hopford.

So far this term, meetings have consisted of an interesting series of talks by Mr. Hopford, and a very stimulating one by Lancaster (5A) on "The History of the Postage Stamp." Some evenings have been used for album work and for the sale of approvals. A Thematic Competition, "Stamps issued in the New Elizabethan Era," was held and Scofield (1A) won after a very close contest. At the time of writing, everybody is busily preparing albums for an Album Competition to be held shortly.

Meetings arranged for the rest of the term include the ever-popular Treasure Hunt and Stamp Auction.

A recent increase in the Club's membership is noted with satisfaction, but there could be more support from the Third and Fourth forms.

B. F. BRIGGS (*Hon. Secretary*)

BADMINTON CLUB.

Owing to the reconstruction of Block E there has been no Badminton this term. It is hoped that circumstances will allow play to be resumed next term. The Club has sufficient racquets and shuttlecocks to make an immediate start when the hall is available. Membership is restricted to the sixth form and to those in the Fourth and Fifth forms who have played and who are reasonably proficient. This prevents overcrowding and enables every member to play a reasonable number of games at each meeting. The expense involved in the purchase of shuttlecocks and the repair of racquets makes the membership fee correspondingly high. Financially the Club is in a fairly good position with a substantial balance remaining from last season. Despite the late start a successful season is anticipated.

B. COLMAN (*Hon. Secretary*).

MUSIC CLUB.

While the hedgehog chooses the Winter months for hibernation, the School's Music Club finds that the Summer is the most suitable time, for so wide is the programme of that season's sport, that existence is more than precarious. It is, however, always a problem in early Autumn to provide sufficiently attractive programmes to bring the strayed back to the fold.

The success of this term's temptings can be seen from the fact, only once has the audience dropped below double-figures. That occasion was a memorial concert to the late Sir Arnold Bax, consisting of "Tintagel" and Symphony No. 3. However, most members seemed to consider an excursion into the work of this most unjustly neglected composer too much of an adventure. We must thank Mr. Warn and Mr. Cocks who lent these pleasant and attractive records and made the concert possible.

A musical event which has caught the attention of most of the Sixth form is an

inter-schools "Gramophone Evening," at which the four works to be played—Mendelssohn's "Overture: A Midsummer Night's Dream," Dvorak's "Symphony No. 5," Rachmaninov's "Piano Concerto No. 2," and Handel's "Water Music Suite"—will be presented by representatives from the Sutton, Stoke Damerel and Plymouth High Schools, and Plymouth College. Two hundred and fifty Sixth formers including 54 of our own will be attending. It is hoped that this will initiate a new era of inter-schools musical co-operation, and already the secretary has been invited to give record programmes at four different societies.

The other programmes for the term will follow the usual pattern of plain gramophone recitals interspersed with evenings presented by quest speakers. One innovation entitled "Dinner-hour Pop" is hoped to be started soon, being weekly concerts of modern light and vocal records to be held during the Winter months. This of course will depend upon the stocks of records available in the School.

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

At the end of the Summer term the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held. At this gathering the resignations of the retiring officers of the Society were accepted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman, for his services during the session, carried. The members noted, with pleasure, the great success of the experiment of holding two meetings, one during lunch hour and another after School, on those Tuesdays on which films were exhibited. It was agreed to continue the "doubling" of such meetings for the present session, at least, and to appoint a vice-chairman to share the added responsibilities entailed by such duplication. The two positions were filled by Young (VI.sc.) and Wood (U.VI.sc.) respectively, as the result of very close voting. The Secretary was re-elected and a new Committee chosen.

The first duty of the Secretary when School re-opened after the Summer vacation was to present the Autumn Programme to the new Headmaster, Dr. Cresswell, M.A., and to extend a most cordial invitation to him to become our President. This he was most pleased to do, and the Society is

grateful for his patronage.

This session has opened in new—to us—surroundings. Due to the reconstruction of the permanent laboratories of the Physics Department, meetings are at present being held in the temporary laboratory on the ground floor of Block B. The surroundings are not so pleasant, but the enthusiasm is the same as, if not greater than, that of previous years. The membership exceeds even that of last session, and the combined attendances at the Tuesday meetings averages 70.

The use of temporary premises has necessitated a suspension of the activities of the photographic section of the Society because of the lack of a darkroom, but this curtailment, like the present laboratory, is only temporary. The photographers may rest assured that the new darkroom will prove to have been worth waiting for. The Society's notice boards have been installed outside the laboratory, and our press agent keeps them filled with articles and photographs of scientific interest. The situation is one of draught and gloom, but suffices during the rebuilding emergency.

The programme this term consists of film shows and lectures, and a meeting has been arranged for every Tuesday. The films have been on many subjects, but those portraying the manufacture of printing inks, ships' propellers, printed textiles and conveyor belts, and a remarkable insight into the right and wrong ways of managing a kitchen, are most noteworthy. The increasing tendency for manufacturers to employ films in natural colours is most pleasing.

The Society was again honoured by the annual visit of Mr. Hurrell, who showed us three nature films, in colour, which he had made in this country and in the South of France. He supported his films by an excellent informal commentary. The second lecture was by Dr. Pearce, B.Sc., an old boy of the School who has recently left Birmingham University and is a chemical engineer. He lectured to the Society on "What is a Chemical Engineer?" By the date of publication of this report, lectures will also have been delivered on "The Science of Heating," "Weather Forecasting" and "The Biology of Marine Fouling."

B. GEORGE *Hon. Secretary.*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

After a period of uncertainty the Society is now flourishing with almost incredible vitality. From the ashes of inactivity it has risen like a Phoenix to very promising heights. This year we can look with pride upon our numbers in spite of many counter-attractions.

On Monday, 28th September at 7 p.m. we sent representatives to the Plymouth Parliamentary Debating Society at the Swarthmore Hall to attend that Society's celebration of the "Opening of Parliament." This debate was modelled, as far as possible, upon procedure at Westminster. Although not permitted to participate, our members greatly benefited from this instructive and enjoyable evening.

An Impromptu Debate which was held on Wednesday, October 14th revealed much hidden and useful material and the composition of the "floor" showed that all sections of the Sixth form are now taking an interest in the Society. It was also noticed that the standard of debating is rising steadily and rapidly.

"Genuphobia" was introduced by a certain member of the Society into an excellent Inter-schools' Debate held at Stoke Damerel High School for Girls on October 23rd at 7.30 p.m. On November 11th there will be another Inter-schools' Debate at Plymouth High School for Girls and we shall be delivering our annual debate at the Y.M.C.A. on November 16th.

It is hoped that we shall entertain the other Schools in the Spring term in the new Assembly Hall.

Meanwhile we look forward to a spirited Balloon Debate and a hotly contested discussion on the "Influence of Jazz on Modern Society."

The Society meets every Wednesday in III.A at 4-5 p.m.

P. M. MILLER, VI.A (*Hon. Secretary*).

LIBRARY NOTES.

At the end of the Summer term Langsdale, the former School Librarian left to go to Cambridge University. His hard work and sound re-organisation of the Library system have made his departure a serious loss to the School.

The replacement of the stockbooks by an alphabetical card index, which was mentioned in the previous magazine,

has now been almost completed. The cards have been written out and all that remains is to put them in alphabetical order according to the first significant word in the book's title. Within three weeks or a month we hope that the system will be working smoothly and that it will be used by boys if they are in any doubt about the location of a book.

This year, because of the enormous amount of work involved in running a library, we have appointed five Assistant Librarians, Adams, Blackler and Mantle of VI.A and Behenna and Warlow of VI.sc. These boys have been completely responsible for making out the four thousand seven hundred cards for the new index and we should like to thank them for the time they have willingly given up to improve the running of the Library.

We have also appointed five Junior Librarians, Griffin, Eames, Painter, Crowley and Whitting, all of III.A to run the Junior Library. This innovation was originally intended only as an experiment, but because of the efficiency and enthusiasm of these boys, it will be continued in the future. We are delighted to see the Junior School willing to accept responsibility.

Now it is settling down after the period of violent disorder during last term's reorganisation, the Library is being used more and more by the general school and the Third formers are the only boys who are not regularly taking out non-fiction books; it is also used by Sixth formers during private study periods. In fact everything was planning out well until we realised a little while ago that, because of the rebuilding of the School, the Library, cupboards, shelves and four thousand seven hundred books will have to be shifted into Block B after Christmas!

R. PERRY (*Hon. Librarian*).

SCHOOL CHOIR.

Reconstruction has handicapped the activities of the Choir considerably this term; our present music-room is at the bottom of C block, which is the main block, and consequently we have had to hold our peace to a certain extent.

We shall be even further handicapped on Speech Day by the absence of many of our members, who are sitting for Open Scholarship and Exhibitions

at Cambridge. The Speech Day programme will, therefore, as in past years, consist largely of repetitions of works performed at the previous concert. "The Heavens are Telling," which went down so well on that occasion, will be repeated on Speech Day, together with "From the Censer Curling Rise" and "Old King Cole."

The next activity of the Choir after Speech Day will, of course, be the Carol Service in Stoke Damerel Church, when the programme will be similar to that

of previous years; and as usual, next term, there will be a concert given by the Choir, the programme for which is not yet decided upon.

In all these activities we shall miss the services of Hendra, last year's School Captain, and we have already felt his absence at rehearsals. We feel sure, however, that the standard of performance will not fall—a confidence that we owe to the untiring efforts of Mr. Self.

D. J. PURCHASE.

"So Sang the Sea"

Listen carefully,
 How the sea
 Giggles with the seaweed.
 Damp and limp ("*The greed
 Of some I know . . . Run!*")
 And as crab reels drunkenly, one
 Side before the other. Painted horses sweep
 Towards the shore, one, rushing steep,
 Stamps on another's tail, and roars
 And curses loud the sand. "*That's yours!*"
 A seagull, a fat old woman, grabs
 At a family's waste—big mouthed and quarrelsome. The sun stabs
 The sea and cliffs with a farewell glance, yawns "Good-bye,"
 And goes. The green goose hisses, as, high
 Above, a sickly face looks on,
 Disinterested, till the sun has gone;
 A grimacing cliff, pock-marked and diseased,
 Glares at the sea. "*Far enough!*" Tormented and teased
 By the waves, a voice booms from a gaping caves mouth,
"Back again.
 Your parent calls. The jackdaw sun is gone: your mane
 Is robbed of all its pearls."
 The grey-green steeds rear, startled, and flee—an icy finger curls,
 Straining to reach some treasured seaweed. But the moon
 Drags at the reins: The tide will soon
 Be gone. The seagulls, gossiping still, flock home,
 To leave the swirling mass alone,
 To grumble, muffled drums, to itself.

B. CROSS, VI.A.

(*D.H.S. New Writing—Spring Term, 1952*).

Parents' Association

The Association extends a most cordial welcome to the new Headmaster and his family. He is known to be a great believer in the value of a Parents' Association and we hope that his beliefs will be confirmed as we work together for the benefit of the School.

Our activities have followed the pattern established over recent years, a dance in the autumn, a whist drive and a domestic evening in the Spring and a coach trip in the Summer. These have proved enjoyable and beneficial events but there has been a falling off in the support for some of them, particularly for the coach trip.

The coach trip started with a journey to Buckland Abbey where Mr. Cummings, the City Curator, met us and conducted us over the Abbey. From here we travelled across the moors via Princetown and Hexworthy to Totnes for tea and thence via Slapton Sands and Torquay on our homeward route. Unfortunately twelve seats were vacant and the financial benefit to the Association was considerably reduced.

The Ladies Committee have continued to serve the School with quiet efficiency by providing teas for all our visitors at cricket, tennis and football.

The reconstruction of Blocks D and E made it impossible to hold a Garden Party this year and, apart from the disappointment of missing a most enjoyable function, the Association has been deprived of its main source of income. During the coming year great efforts will be necessary to maintain our finances in their normal healthy state.

At the July Committee meeting the Association took their farewell of Mr. and Mrs. Barker. Mrs. Hendra and Ald. Miller expressed the good wishes of the parents and hoped that the retiring Headmaster and his family would be happy in their new surroundings. Mrs. Barker was presented with a bouquet and Mr. and Mrs. Barker with a dinner wagon.

At this year's Annual Meeting we were greatly encouraged by the attendance of nearly four hundred parents. The Headmaster was welcomed on behalf of the Association and in his reply made some brief observations on his attitude to homework, television and other matters of interest. After light refreshments had been served, Mr. H. R. Haydon, Deputy Town-Clerk, spoke on "Some aspects of the recent enquiry into the Plymouth Plan" in a most enlightening manner and answered many questions put to him.

The Association's events in the immediate future are December 5th : Whist Drive at the School, Block C. January 30th : Annual Dance in the School Assembly Hall (Subject to its reconstruction being complete).

Cambridge Letter

They do say that first impressions are usually reliable when weighing-up a man's character and I suppose that must be true also in the assessment of the character of a University-town. My first impressions of Cambridge are inextricably bound up with bicycles. Somehow, in my mind, the bicycle has become a symbol of our relentless and somewhat hurried Quest for Culture. I am prepared to admit that probably another motif will later invade and dominate the complicated theme of University life, but as yet the bicycle reigns supreme. When I have to envisage Alma Mater Cantabriga in my rare contemplative moments, firmly imprinted on the negative of my visual imagination I see bicycles, symbolic and heraldic, rampant, couchant, regardant and generally all-persuasive.

Next, since I take particular delight in this aspect, notwithstanding my ever-growing devotion to my bicycle, I am impressed by the architectural wealth of this place. Here we have a feast of Victorian Gothic to satisfy the appetite of the most voracious of budding Betjemans; here we have a steady regiment of well-bred classical facades to gladden the hearts of tidy-minded aesthetes; and here we have the sprightly elegance of perpendicular stone-shafting to quicken the pulse of the most horizontal of philistines. Occasionally one discovers a hump-backed eccentric Tudor Court where a fountain plays with that air of subdued intimacy, having cascaded in the presence of so many generations of the merry and the mad. With such a *mise-en-scène* you would expect us to deliberate at every step and gesticulation, but unfortunately we take it all for granted, all too soon.

And now to terminate rather after the manner of the Cheshire Cat, I must mention the Old Boys of D.H.S. here assembled. Strangely enough and rather like a Stuart supporter and his Sovereign after the '45 we seem to signal to each other at a distance and over the water. This is a long way of saying that most of us are in College "eights" in some capacity and occasionally we recognise each other among the crews: a practice which is strictly speaking impossible since each one should watch his own boat and blade. However, at the risk of "catching a crab" and earning the withering rebuke of the coxswain we continue our limited salutations in token of a common bond.

ANTHONY J. CROSS.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,
SHRIVENHAM, NR. SWINDON, WILTS.

You will understand that getting settled into a new home means a busy and strenuous time. I sincerely hope that I am not too late for the Christmas edition of the School Magazine.

The College is situated between Swindon and Oxford, being eight miles and twelve miles from each respectively, and both are easily accessible by buses which pass the College. The students

consist of army officers; the younger ones—1st and 2nd Lieutenants—doing a general or engineering degree, and the older and senior officers doing technical courses. A mere handful of civilians are taking special degrees or, if already graduates, doing research work.

Lectures are held in the Wellington and Marlborough Houses, and residence is in the Beckett, Roberts and Kitchener Halls. Officers and civilians are treated alike, each group of five having a batman whose duty is to clean rooms, polish all shoes, make beds, and press trousers, and so on. Each student is given a room, approximately twelve feet square, which is well fitted with carpets, light oak furniture and two writing desks or tables.

Sporting facilities are limitless, everything from gliding to snooker being provided for at very low charges; which brings me to a very important point. All other things being equal this college is a student's paradise compared with the universities in that he is completely free from any type of financial worry, his grant being sufficient to cover all expenses including his pleasures.

I was surprised to discover that there are other Plymothians at the College, four from our school—Juniper, White, Turner, who are here with the Army, and A. Honey who last year obtained three years' special leave from the Civil Service to do a Special Degree Course as a Ministry of Supply Student. All send the School their best wishes; and Mr. Daish of Ivybridge—a principal Physics Lecturer here—wishes to be remembered to Mr. Warn.

The work is made to appear simple by a staff of first-class lecturers; but we have already covered as much work as would take two terms at School.

DAVID F. PARR.

The School Magazine and Advertising

It will be noticed that this issue of the magazine contains two or three literary articles, a feature that has been missing from the Magazine for a long time; also it will be noticed that the format has been changed, partly to reduce the number of pages with a consequent pruning of cost. The magazine receives great help through the advertisements and the results from a recent "Ad" proved its value to the Advertiser. To widen the scope of the magazine it will be necessary to receive more revenue through Advertising, especially by Old Boy or Parent—full-page and half-page or even quarter-page spaces are available. Dr. Cresswell has asked me to continue with the Advertisement management and I welcome enquiries from any who are interested. Can you help? Please contact me as follows:—E. J. Brimacombe, 50 Adelaide Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth. Phone: Plymouth 5998.

It is realised that many Old Boys of D.H.S. cannot advertise but would like to assist the School. I should be pleased to receive donations in lieu of advertising as above—all such donations will be acknowledged in the magazine unless desired otherwise.

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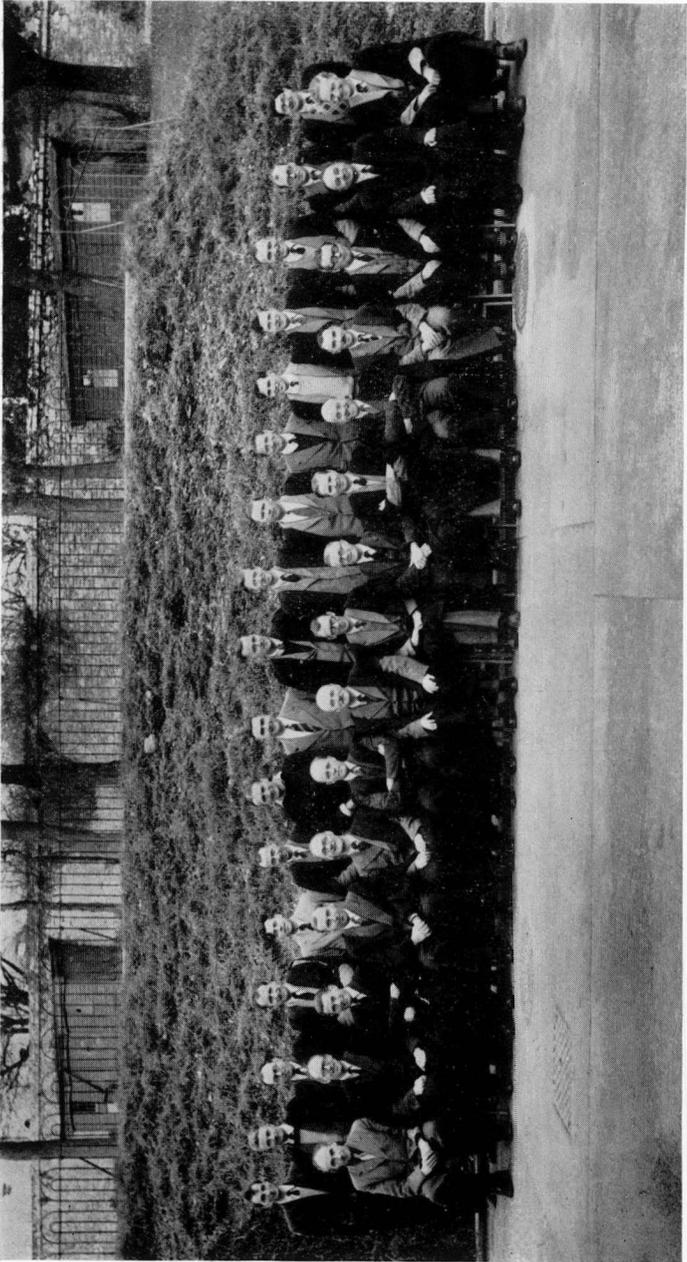
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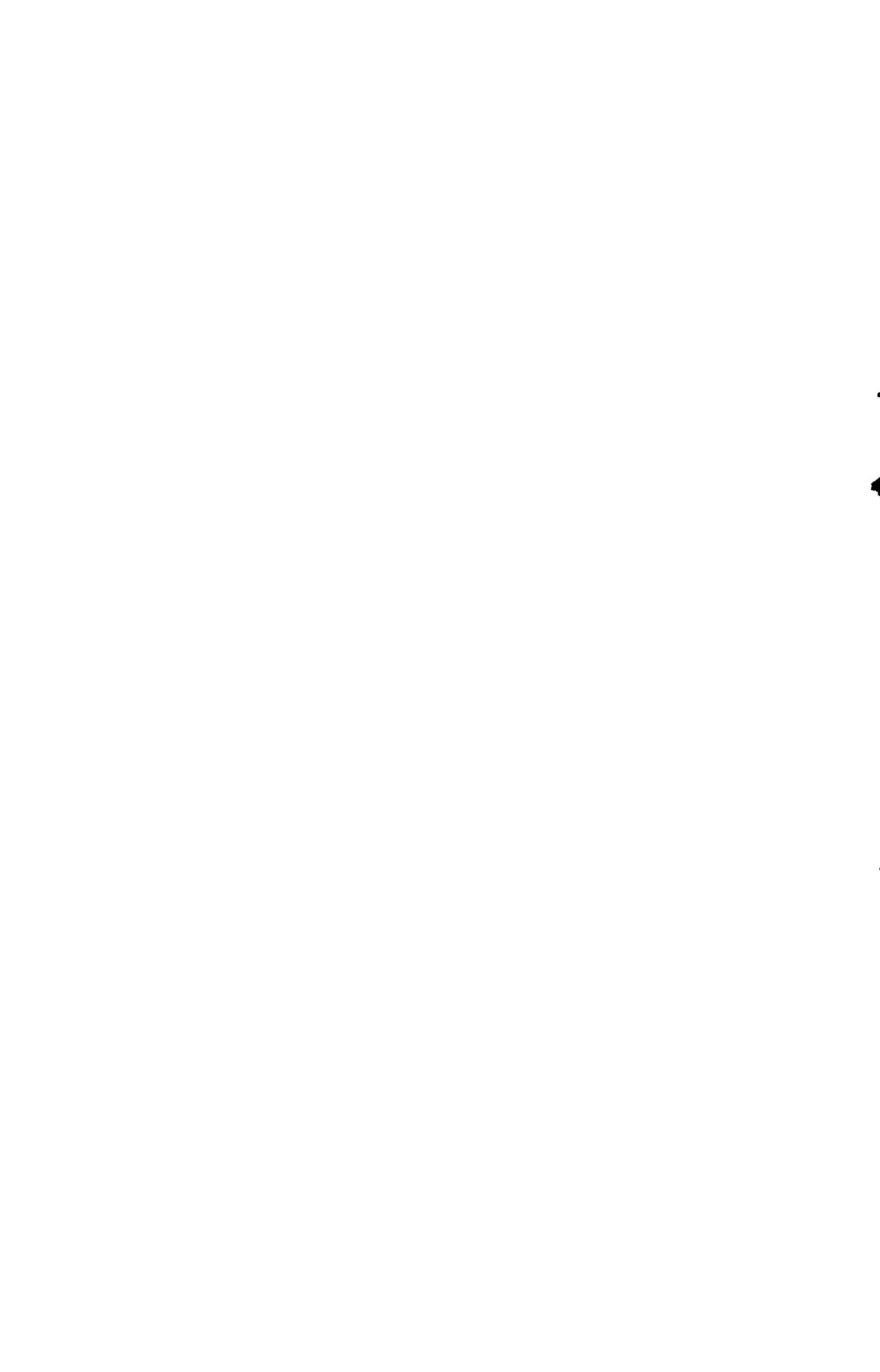
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Although not altogether readily apparent there is quite an amount of activity going on within the set-up of the Old Boys Association as will be gleaned from the reports of the individual sections which appear later in these notes. Unfortunately these activities would seem to be confined to a very small minority of Old Boys, not because they themselves wish it but because of a seeming lack of interest by several who could perhaps join with them. Two activities readily come to mind, i.e., Tennis and Badminton. In the first instance two courts were available at the School during the summer months at the cost of providing balls yet it proved difficult to make up a foursome. The quality of the courts was proved when our Association entertained POBJA (as the newly formed Plymouth Old Boys Joint Association has come to be called) to an American Tournament. Spectators were few but the quality of Tennis provided was of a very high standard indeed. Badminton likewise is suffering from an apparent lapse of interest by Old Boys. It is indeed a sorry state when the Club cannot get Old Boys to form the team for the high standard of Badminton required in the first division of the Plymouth Churches League, but such is the case. Admittedly the Club is away from its normal home—the School—but it is hoped to return in the New Year. It is not my wish to appear gloomy or pessimistic in these notes—rather do I wish to be optimistic of the outcome of my remarks, but I must draw attention to other matters which have caused a feeling of frustration by those responsible—that is the Children's Christmas Party and the Jumble Sale. There cannot be a Christmas Party without finance (at least £20) and we look to the Jumble Sale for providing the greater part of the cost; but the Jumble Sale cannot be held unless there is Jumble to be sold, and that is the position in which the organisers find themselves at present, as will be seen by later remarks. Now, and I must emphasise that I am speaking from a purely personal point of view, I do not really think that the Old Boys of D.H.S. are disinterested in what is going on, rather do I tend towards the belief in a lack of awareness and a diffidence in the matter of approach. It is difficult from a point of finance to keep members notified of events other than through this Magazine which is published only





twice a year, but a visit to the School to see Dr. Cresswell (who will give a ready welcome to any Old Boy) or Mr. Warn, or likewise a call to Mr. Cyril Gill, our Secretary, will put you wise. As for diffidence you can be sure of a ready welcome from either the Rugby, Cricket, Badminton or Tennis Clubs, and when the building is available, Old Boys wishing to join together in any other pursuit can no doubt be accommodated at the School. We have in Dr. Cresswell, our new President, a firm believer in the value of an Old Boys' Association and one who is willing to work with and for the benefit of its members. The subject is too deep to pursue further in such a limited space but I am optimistic enough to feel that these few remarks will tend to re-awaken an interest.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL DINNER.

Members will have already received notification of the A.G.M. and the Dinner; the former to be held at the School on Friday, December 18th, 7.30 p.m. and the latter on Monday, January 11th at the Continental Hotel. The reasons for the lateness of the Dinner this year have been set out in the circular. For the benefit of those who for some unknown reason did not receive a circular, tickets for the Dinner (12/6) can be obtained from the Dinner Secretary, Mr. J. G. Polkinghorne at 1 Green Park Avenue, Mutley. Mr. Lockwood, Headmaster of Plymouth College and the son of a former master at School, will be the guest of the evening and we shall also have Ald., Sir Clifford Tozer, in his capacity as Lord Mayor, with us. Dr. Cresswell will be present at both the A.G.M. and the Dinner and is looking forward to meeting record gatherings of Old Boys.

THE RUGBY CLUB.

Hon. Secretary: MR. R. E. CAMBRIDGE.
56 Durham Avenue, Lipson.

At the end of the season, the Rugby Club will have been in existence for 25 years of which more will be said in the next issue of the Magazine. In the meantime should any of the original members, especially those present at the inaugural meeting at the old Plymouth Y.M.C.A., can supply details of those early days a message to myself ("Brim") or Mr. R. Cambridge, the Secretary would be appreciated.

The present season commenced with a fixture against new opponents in the Old Heleans and resulted in a win by 24 points to 3. Many excellent games have been enjoyed since, notably against Teignmouth and H.M.S. Raleigh. To date the record reads:— Played 10, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 3. The points for column could be very much improved by the advent of a badly needed place-kicker. Newcomers to

the side are Messrs. C. Harris and T. Truckle two new Old Boys, whilst Mr. R. P. George has returned to play regularly. Assistance has also been given by several Old Boys on leave from the services or prior to returning to College.

We congratulate Mr. M. Tait on being selected to play for Devonport Services.

Among the stalwarts still playing when necessary are Messrs. J. G. Polkinghorne R. Lyon and D. Gait.

Although the Club is now rapidly gaining strength with the infusion of new 'young blood' players are still needed and a welcome is given to any Old Boy wishing for a game.

The School game is fixed for Saturday, 19th December and the Exiles game for Boxing Day, the venue in each case being Roborough. These are occasions when the sight of the touch-lines crowded with Old Boys would be very welcome.

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

Hon. Secretary: MR. D. MALLOCK.
The Flat, Alexandra Works,
Alexandra Road, Plymouth.

As recorded in the last issue of the Magazine the Badminton Club was promoted to Division I of the Plymouth Churches Badminton League. The standard of play encountered in this league is very much higher than that experienced in Division II and the Club is going to find it difficult to hold its place, particularly in view of the fact that two of the regular team in Mr. Barker and Mr. K. Mallett have now left Plymouth, and the reserve strength is totally inadequate. A welcome is accorded to any Old Boy to join the Club and for the experienced player it will be seen that a good standard of play can be offered. In the three matches played to date two have been lost (7-2, 9-0) and one won (7-2). In each case the games have proved very enjoyable and despite the substantial losing margin the team have given highly creditable performances with a will to win if at all possible. The Club was fortunate in securing the use of a court at St. Aubyns on Tuesday evenings but only until the end of the year. It is confidently anticipated, however, to be back home at the School early in January.

Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. & Mrs. Peter Taylor.

Mr. J. Havelock has obtained an Honours Degree in Engineering, London University.

Mr. D. G. Honey was selected to represent Cambridge in the Mile in the Athletics Match with Oxford.

Mr. J. Simmonds who has a Colonial Office appointment in West Africa is now on leave.

Mr. G. Allen has been awarded a Cadetship in Electrical Engineering on the results of the 4th year Final Examination of Devonport Royal Dockyard Technical College. He is now at the R.N.E. College, Manadon.

Mr. R. Long of the University College of the South West has been awarded a Ph.D. Degree. Dr. Long has since received an appointment as Scientific Officer.

Mr. Colin Pearce of Birmingham University has also obtained a Ph.D. Degree. Dr. Pearce has been appointed as a Lieut.-Instr. in the Royal Navy.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mr. Alan Pomeroy. All his D.H.S. friends will wish him a speedy return to health.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

At the time of writing the fate of the Annual Children's Christmas Party is very much in the balance. In the first place it is not possible to have the use of the slide and roundabouts, which have always been a feature of the party, until mid-February. Secondly it has been found impracticable to go ahead, on either of two dates arranged, with the Jumble Sale because of the small amount of saleable articles collected, in spite of frequent appeals. The reason seems to be simple enough—a surfeit of Jumble Sales which have drained most sources of supply.

P.O.B.J.A.

The recently formed Plymouth Old Boys Joint Association has become known as "POBJA." To date very successful Tennis, Snooker and Table-Tennis matches have been played but I regret that I do not know of any other definite fixtures in other sport. Badminton will be played—D.H.S.O.B. versus the rest—when the courts are again available at the School.

It would assist our representation on "POBJA" if members could notify Mr. Cyril Gill of the sports they are interested in—endeavours will be made to cover every sport and a strong D.H.S.O.B. contingent drawn from a prepared list would be a great asset.

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