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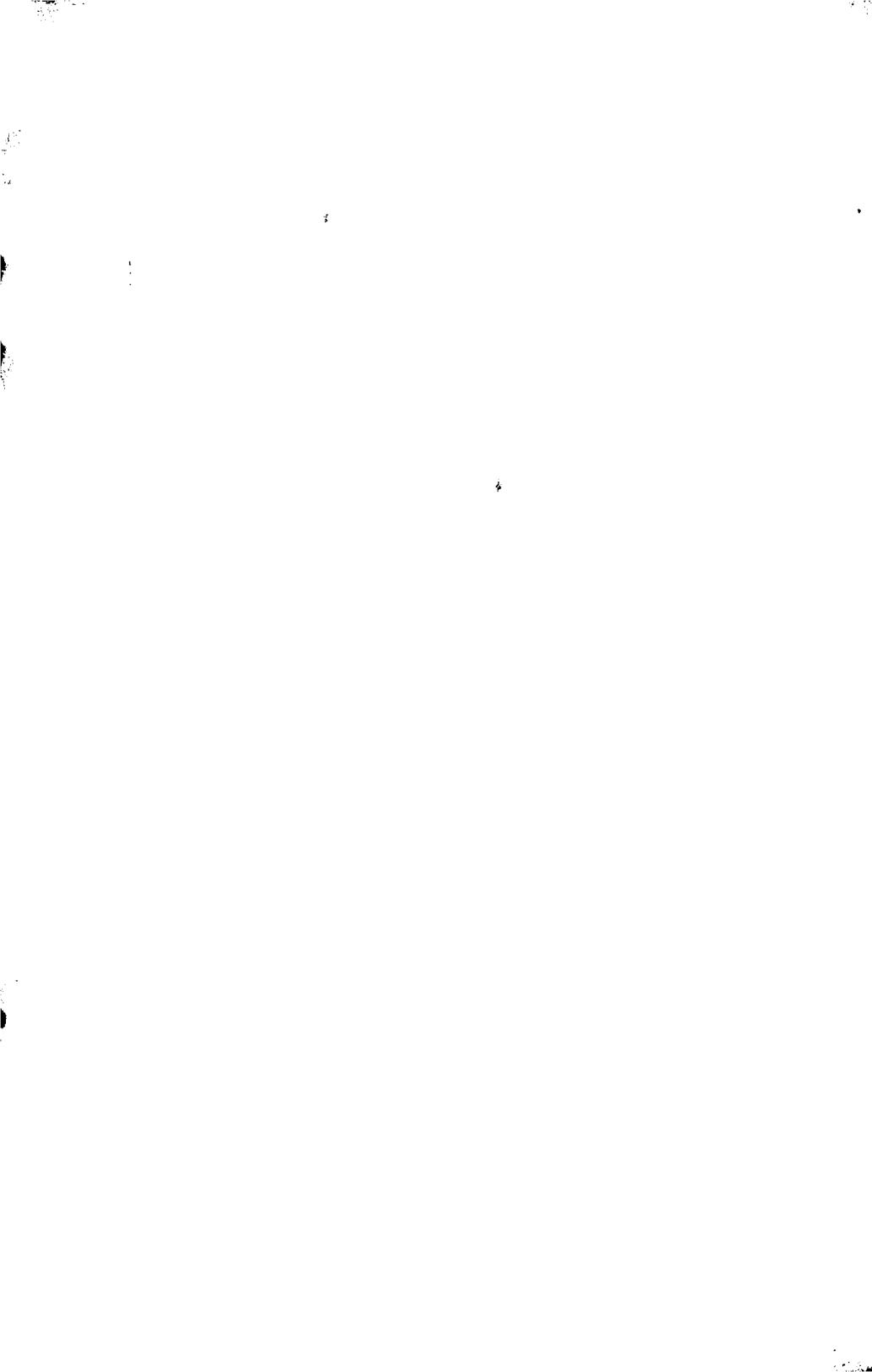
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## Editorial.

Before "the old order changeth yielding place to new" the school has had a term in which to dwell upon the past and the possibilities of the future, for with the New Year the school comes under a new Headmaster.

Mr. Treseder, after twenty-six years of arduous labour, has set D.H.S. on a firm footing. His work has been of outstanding success and no one can deny that he has been a great Headmaster and, as such, we wish him every happiness in his retirement.

However, the school must now look to Mr. Simmonds, the new Head, to maintain the standard that the late Head has set, and he has an unenviable task in attempting to emulate the success of his predecessor.

Changes will come, some that we may welcome and others that we may dislike, yet with the present state of international affairs it seems that an understanding of international affairs, besides learning, is a necessary part of every youth's equipment on entering the world. Everyone should know work beyond that which is going to be of intrinsic value to himself. Modern education should have something beyond mere materialistic achievement, and, in conclusion let us add that to be self-centred is to be a failure and a living fool is ever better than a dead genius.

## Editorial Notes.

On behalf of the whole school, we extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Simmonds.

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Contributions were not prolific for the Magazine. It is sincerely hoped that the work of those selected will be fully appreciated.

Those chosen are by H. Pryor (V.a.), J. P. Kirk (IV.a.) and "Keg" (V.u.).

The Editors acknowledge a poem from "Two of the Pack," which, although brilliant, was unsuitable for publication.

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The Annual Concert was held at St. Michael's Hall, on the last Saturday of the Easter term.

The whole entertainment was an outstanding success and all those who took part or helped in any way are to be congratulated. The Hall was "packed," yet the Committee express an earnest desire to see a larger representative number from the Staff!

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An afternoon "break" was introduced at the commencement of the term. It is a great improvement and aids one to face what was a long and tedious last hour.

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It is with great pleasure we note the outstanding run of success of both 1st XI. and 1st XV. Both teams are to be congratulated on their fine standard of play and splendid performances.

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"Letters to the Editor" have been of such a similarity that it has been deemed fit to point out the general complaint in these notes.

It is with great shame and self-degradation that we mention our "dining-hall." By this high-sounding term one would imagine a comparatively well-furnished room, light and fresh, with tables covered with snow-white cloths and these bedecked with the necessities of table equipment.

Alas, however, it is not so. I commend the courage of these who dare partake of their meals in the "Black Hole." The tables have no cloths and I believe members of the school have been obliged to eat their food in picnic fashion.

## OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of Jack West, who died at the beginning of this term as the result of a motor-cycle accident.



## The Charge of the Five Forwards.

(with apologies to Tennyson).

Half a yard, half a yard,  
Half a yard onward,  
Right into front of goal  
Tore the five forwards.  
Over the backs they passed,  
Then the crowd stood aghast,  
"Toot," went the whistle blast  
Stopped the five forwards.

"Off-side," the referee said ;  
Was there a man dismayed ?  
No, though the forwards knew  
Someone had blundered.  
Their's not to make reply,  
Their's not to reason why,  
Their's but to stop and sigh,  
Though they all wondered !

Back came the ball in air  
Right to the waiting pair,  
They never turned a hair ;  
Promptly they got it.  
Both were our own home backs,  
Both were a pair of cracks.  
Down came the foeman packs  
Ready to pot it.

Forwards to right of them,  
Forwards to left of them,  
Forwards in front of them,  
Hurried and tumbled.  
Boldly they shot, and well,  
True as an old church bell,  
While their foes round them fell,  
Broken and jumbled.

Out to the wing the ball  
Flashed as it turned to fall  
Right to the waiting, tall,  
Active young winger.  
Straight down the line he broke  
It was a master stroke.  
'Then the grim foemen woke  
Up to their danger.

No matter what the cost,  
Whether the ball be lost,  
Into the goal he crossed—  
Right to four forwards.  
Stormed at with boot and yell,  
While backs and centre fell ;  
Who shot I cannot tell,—  
Right into goal pell-mell—  
Oh, what an awful sell !  
That fairly broke the spell ;  
Back from the mouth of—well !  
All that was left of them—  
Left of five forwards.

When can their glory fade ?  
Oh, the wild charge they made !  
All the world wondered !  
Though that shot was well  
meant,  
Over the bar it went ;  
Someone had blundered.

"Keg" of V.u

## En Passant.

We heartily congratulate :—

**Mr. Simmonds**, on his appointment as Headmaster of D.H.S.

**Hill, Richards and Francis**, on gaining Executive appointments in the last open competition.

**W. J. Pepperell**, on gaining the Victor Ludorum for 1932.

All those who were successful in the Intermediate and Higher Certificate Examinations of the last year.

All those who were successful in the Cambridge School Certificate Examination of July last.

**Noad** on gaining a State Scholarship and for his splendid achievement of being distinguished in every subject.

**Mills**, on gaining the Dyke Exhibition tenable at Oxford University.

**Mill**, on gaining a Minor Open Scholarship tenable at the University of Reading.

**Francis**, on gaining an Open Exhibition tenable at the East London College.

All those Old Boys who gained successes during 1932.



### Cambridge School Certificate Examination, July, 1932.

*Honours* : Angus (l, m) ; Babbage ; Chaffe (l, m) ; Cummins (l, m) ; Duke (l, f) ; Hannaford (f) ; Luxton (l, m) ; Nicholas (h, l, f) ; Semmens.

*Pass* : Chambers, Facey, Hayes, House, Hutchings, Jenner, Lyon, Mitchell, Phillips, Rogers, Smith, Thomas, Whitting.

Qualified for Matriculation at London University :

Angus, Babbage, Chaffe, Cummins, Duke, Facey, Hannaford, House, Hutchings, Luxton, Mitchell, Nicholas, Phillips, Rogers, Semmens, Smith.

*(Letters after name mark initial letter of subject in which the candidate has gained a distinction.)*

## Literary and Debating Society.

### Secretary's Report.

On Monday afternoon, September 19th, the Society gathered and proceeded to elect its Committee as follows:—

*Chairman* : W. J. Wakely.

*Secretary* : E. A. Pearn.

*Committee* : R. D. Finner, H. Garland.

Although only a short period of the year has elapsed the Society has not been idle. Mr. Lockwood, the Senior English Master, has addressed the House as follows:—

“ The Victorian Age ”—Monday, September 19th.

“ Sir James Barrie ”—Monday, October 10th.

“ Somerset Maughan ”—Monday, November 14th.

Debating too, has been keenly supported.

On Monday, the 3rd of October, the motion before the House was that : “ *The enmities and difficulties of this world will never be overcome until one religion is established in all parts of the globe.* ”

*Mr. Lawrance*, proposing the motion, outlined the enmities and difficulties. He said that a great mitigation of evil and strife would come about by uniformity of religion.

*Mr. Pearn*, the opposer, showed the sheer impossibilities of uniform religion.

*Mr. Wakely*, in seconding the proposition, said that unity of religion was the only way to abolition of international strife.

*Mr. Clynick*, seconding the opposition, said that religion had settled nothing and never would do so.

The motion was defeated after a violent discussion by 16 votes to 13.

By the kind invitation of C.G.S. a representative number of the Society attended an Inter-School Debate at the above school on Friday evening, November 4th.

The subject was : “ *This House is of the opinion that the present Government has forfeited its claims to be called National.* ”

Over 150 attended, and Mr. D. J. Davies, Vice-President of the C.G.S. Literary and Debating Society, presided.

The leading speakers were : *Pro.*—Miss V. Spear, Plymouth High School; Jackman, Sutton Secondary School; Miss V. Cressel, Devonport Secondary School. *Con.*—Miss Lawrence, Stoke Damerel; Osmond, Plymouth College; and Wakely, Devonport High School.

The main point of *Miss Spear's* leading speech was that the policy of the National Government was in reality that of the Conservative Party, whilst *Miss Lawrence* contended that the National Government had done so much good for the nation, and was so obviously returned by the nation as a whole, that its claim to be National was still strong.

At the end of a two-hours' debate the voting was : *Pro.* 71 ; *Con.* 77.

On Monday, the 28th of November, the motion before the House was :

*" That this House is of the opinion that Armistice celebrations serve no good purpose and should not be observed."*

*Mr. Davison*, proposing the motion, showed the uselessness of all Armistice Celebrations.

*Mr. Orchard*, the opposer, pointed out that Remembrance Day was an anniversary of universal thanksgiving.

*Mr. Finner*, supporting the motion, said that war fostered international enmity and was dishonourable. Therefore, it was for the people of to-day to maintain those who are still alive ; not to worry over the shades of the departed.

*Mr. Garland*, seconding the opposition, said that Remembrance Celebrations made one realise the sadness and misery of war. It was to abolish war and not to enhance its glamour that such celebrations were held.

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Interesting lectures by members of the Society were given on Monday, October 17th, and Monday, November 7th.

On the former occasion the lectures were :—

" Big Bertha "—by Mr. Butler.

" Agnosticism "—by Mr. Slade.

On the latter they were :—

" Elements and Aims of Political Economy "—by Mr. Finner.

" Exploring the Stratosphere," by Mr. Denyer.

" The Cinemic Organ "—by Mr. Bayley.



## “Ballycottin.”

J. P. Kirk, IVa.

Tucked away in a sheltered spot between two groups of hills in the South of Ireland, with the sea before it, and an extensive bog behind it, is a little village, which, although it would arouse no deep feeling in an ordinary tripper, is of great interest to me as the birthplace of my father and all his family, and it is without comparison my favourite spot.

The reader will have gathered its name from the title. It consists of a sheltered cove wherein the fishing-smacks may harbour without fear of the worst weather, and perhaps a score of cobbled streets of thatched, white-washed cottages, while scattered near the village are a few larger detached houses. There is no theatre nor cinema, but there is a little church and cemetery on the hillside where the dead sleep peacefully above the sea.

The people there are simple and lovable, always ready to help any member of the community, and always ready to tell a story of ships and wide stretches of water; only sun-tanned fishermen, poor and shabby, but all gentlemen, with, of course, the usual unfortunate exception of a few. Who could be as suitable for their medical adviser as Doctor O'Connor, the bluff and cheery old gentleman who must live on his private means, for he refuses to accept a penny from his poorer patients; and who so lovable as the gentle priest who is almost worshipped by his parishioners?

Along the sea-front is a low wall, where one can always find some “old salt” to tell a story; beneath the wall the sea laps gently, and the boats rock almost imperceptibly while just outside the natural harbour a fishing-boat tosses on the waves of the stormy Atlantic.

On climbing to the top of the low hill on which the church stands one can see to the north the great bog from which the villagers obtain the peat for their fires. Here and there is a small cottage; away to the west perhaps a flock of sheep; and in the extreme north can be seen a range of blue mountains, not a sound disturbing the peaceful scene.

After a long day's tramp in the hills with a friend, a pair of dogs, and a gun, to come home and sleep the sleep of tired youth, to awaken in the morning with the sun shining on one, to swim in the bay, and to eat a hearty breakfast and enjoy life at every moment of the day is so delightful that this little village is, to me, the nearest approach to Arcadia I have ever found.









marked the loss of a keen, steady forward. Pepperell, the Vice-Captain, sustained a leg injury in his fifth match and will be unable to resume until after the holidays. This was again, rather a hard blow ; yet the XI. has done remarkably well. Forty-six goals were scored before half-term—a record—and some of the old rivals—Totnes G.S., Liskeard G.S., and C.G.S.—were well beaten.

There is little need to individualise in the team. Chambers is still a tower of strength in goal, while Pearn and Hannaford have played in great style, the latter being one of the hardest kickers the school has known. The halves have been steady and have worked hard and well. Hutchings has plenty of dash, but is inclined to be erratic ; Babbage is cool and uses his head in fine style, while Finner deserves mention for his sheer hard work. Although the forwards have scored profusely there is still room for improvement. The inside positions have proved weak spots and do not seem to have formed the necessary link between attack and defence. Hawkins, on the right, is fast and clever, but he is inclined to hold the ball far too long. Grant, at inside-right, has shown wonderful improvement, distinguishing himself by scoring two very fine goals in his first match. Hailoran has a fine direct shot. He is a good centre and although inclined to be slow, has shown a fine burst of speed in the latter games. The inside-left position has been filled by various players, but the most likely player for next term is Lyon, who, with a little more dash, will become a fine forward. Mitchell, at outside-left, is fast, clever, centres accurately and has a wonderful drive.

Old Colours : Pearn, Pepperell, Hawkins ; Half-Colours : Chambers.

Halloran heads the scores with 16. Hawkins has 13 to his credit.

The 2nd XI. has not fared so well. During the last few games however, they have shown definite improvement. Rowe, Lake, Davison, Rogers, Routleff and Westcott have played well and should develop into strong candidates for the 1st XI. next season. The general fault is the failure to tackle without hesitation and lack of thrust.

The third team is fast and clever and lost matches have been due to the overpowering size of their opponents. Wyatt deserves mention for some brilliant performances in goal, while Luxton, Lark, March, Cory, Hawken and Brown have played well.

There are many juniors who are showing promise and it is for them to persevere and be prepared for trial whenever opportunity occurs. Truscott, Sutton and Semmens (ii) deserve mention.

The teams and performances are:—

1st XI.

		Chambers		
	Hannaford	Pearn	(Capt.)	
	Hutchings	Babbage	Finner	
Hawkins	Grant	Halloran	Lyon	Mitchell

2nd XI.

		Routleff		
	Lake	(Capt.)	Westcott	
	Luckcraft	Rowe	Morgan	
Rogers	Morrell	Nicholas	Davison	Semmens

3rd XI.

		Wyatt		
	Chicken	A. N.	Other	
	Gardiner	Luxton	(Capt.)	March
Brown	Cory	Every	Hawken	Halloran (ii)

	Goals					
	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
1st XI.	.. 14	11	1	2	74	17
2nd XI.	.. 9	2	2	5	33	51
3rd XI.	.. 6	3	0	3	38	23



### RUGGER.

*Captain* : E. W. R. Warn.

*Secretary* : W. P. Bowden.

We commenced the term with eight old colours but unfortunately two of them, Cavanagh and Dark left school after two weeks. The 1st XV. has been entirely rebuilt, containing only seven of last year's regular team. Jones occupies the full-back position, his tackling and kicking being all that could be desired. In the three-quarters, Legg is a strong runner with a good defence. Dolton and Trebilcock are two fast centres, who tackle well. They both have good swerves but do not feed their wings enough. Hammick on the other wing is a discovery. He can swerve and should develop well with more experience. Orchard has done well at scrum-half. He is still one of the best scrum-halves that we have had in the school since rugby was introduced. Warn, for the second year, remains at outside-half. He has displayed great keenness and has proved a zealous and efficient captain, both off and on the field.

Bowden, our new Secretary, leads the forwards well. He is a whole-hearted player and a valuable member of the team. Wakely and Brenton are the fastest of the forwards, doing well in the loose. Johnson and Garland use their weight to advantage. Of the new-comers, Hawke hooks well and follows the ball closely. MacLaren and Smith (H.), are improving steadily. On the whole the forwards are not so good as of previous years, but should make a good pack next term.

We express our sympathy with Smith (F.), who was unfortunate enough to break his collar-bone early in the term (v. Y.M.C.A. 2nd.).

The XV. have played well and have defeated some good junior sides. They lost to the Old Boys by 5 pts. to 3, after a very keen game which was thoroughly enjoyable.

The 2nd XV. have been very poor this season. Mills is the only remaining member of last year's team. We exhort all the newcomers to stick to the game as a number of them will be required for next season's XV. Thomas, Hyland, Pearn and Philips should improve very considerably with more experience. In the outsides young Robins at full-back is full of promise while Clynick and Jenner should improve.

The Colts have done well this term, defeating the Plymouth College Colts XV. and drawing with Sutton. They have some promising youngsters in their team. We congratulate Hurden and Miskelly on doing so well in the Plymouth, under 14, trials. Among the outsides Osborne, Hurden, Miskelly, Billing, Dyer-Smith, Healy and the diminutive Truscott have done well. There are numerous forwards available and if these juniors will keep up their enthusiasm for the game the success of rugger is assured for some time to come.

The teams and performances are :—

1st XV.

			Jones		
	Hammick	Dolton	Trebilcock	Legg	
		Orchard	Warn		
Johnson	Hawke	Bowden	Garland	Brenton	Wakely
		MacLaren	Smith (H.)		

Old Colours : Warn, Bowden, Jones, Wakely, Orchard, Johnson.

2nd XV.

			Robins		
	Dyer-Smith	William	Clynick	James	
		Bryant (H.)	Holmes		
Mills	Hyland	Thomas	Pearn	Philips	Butler
			Rogers		Jenner



## Sports Day—1932.

Our Sports Day usually coincides with the wettest day of the Summer Term ; for this reason the Athletic Sports were postponed. on Wednesday, 18th May, and were held on Saturday, 28th May, at Home Park.

Despite the morning rain which made the ground very slippery, the performances were of a high standard, three records being broken, namely :  $\frac{1}{4}$ -Mile Open, One Mile Open, and 220 yards under 13.

Pepperell won the Open Championship with a total of 13 points, Jones being next with 10 points. Dolton ran very well to win the three open short distance events—100 yards, 220 yards and 120 yards Hurdles.

The Junior Championship went to Dyer-Smith, with 12 points, Hurden being very close with  $10\frac{1}{2}$  points, while Miskelly won the Under 13 Championship rather easily.

The Houses were placed thus :—

1, Raleigh. 2, Drake. 3, Gilbert. 4, Grenville.

The Senior and Junior Cross-Country races were, as usual, run off at the end of the Easter Term and were won by Wakely and Truscott respectively, both in record time.

There was a big improvement this year in the Javelin throwing, Jones in particular throwing excellently. This event should now be added to those for the Open Championship.

In the absence of Mr. Bracken, Councillor Poole very kindly presented the prizes and football caps.

The Military Band of the Devonport Division of the Metropolitan Police played selections throughout the afternoon.

A. B. F. BROWN.

### RESULTS OF EVENTS.

*Cross Country (Senior)*—1, Raleigh ; 2, Gilbert ; 3, Grenville.  
*Cross Country (Junior)*—1, Gilbert ; 2, Raleigh ; 3, Grenville.  
*Cricket Ball, Under 15*—1, H. Bryant ; 2, James ; 3, Morgan.  
*Long Jump, Open*—1, Pepperell ; 2, Mill ; 3, Jones.  
*Long Jump, under 15*—1, Bryant (H.) ; 2, Hurden and Billing (tie).  
*Long Jump, Under 13*—1, Osborne ; 2, Nicholls ; 3, Evans.  
*Half Mile, Open*—1, Wakely ; 2, Hammick ; 3, Mills.  
*440 Yards, Under 15*—1, Dyer-Smith ; 2, Hurden ; 3, Luckraft.  
*Cricket Ball, Open*—1, Pepperell ; 2, Jones ; 3, Pearn.  
*220 Yards, Under 15*—1, Dyer-Smith ; 2, Hurden ; 3, Billing.  
*100 Yards, Under 13*—1, Miskelly ; 2, Osborne ; 3, Morey.  
*220 Yards, Open*—1, Dolton ; 2, Pepperell ; 3, Pearn.  
*High Jump, Under 15*—1, Bryant (H.) ; 2, Billing ; 3, Luckraft.  
*100 Yards, Open*—1, Dolton ; 2, Pepperell ; 3, Legg.  
*Hurdles, Under 15*—1, Hurden ; 2, Billing ; 3, Chicken.  
*Sack Race, Under 12*—1, Parsons ; 2, Barrow.



## House Reports.

### DRAKE.

As in previous terms, the strength of the House this term has lain in the Seniors rather than in the Juniors. The Seniors have eight 1st XV. members and several 1st XI. members, while in the Juniors so many are now over age that their teams are exceedingly weak. The Senior Rugger match against Raleigh was cancelled, but we won both the other Senior Rugger matches with a margin of over forty points in each case. The only Senior Soccer match played so far, v. Gilbert, was also a win for us. On the other hand the Juniors have not yet gained a point.

However, the House as a whole is managing to keep its head above water.

Smith of the 1st XV. and Pepperell of the 1st XI. are both absent owing to injuries, but we hope that they will soon be on their feet again.

It is to be hoped that the remaining matches will be played with the same zest and vigour as former matches. After all, one cannot be expected to win every match and I sincerely hope that the House teams, though they may be losing, will at least play the game.

*J.L.M.*



### GILBERT.

There is but little to report so far this year, as only 7 House matches, 3 Senior and 4 Junior, have been played, one Senior game having been cancelled. The Seniors had a very close game of Rugger with Raleigh, losing by only 2 points. The best department has been the Junior Soccer, in which Gilbert Juniors have taken 3 points out of a possible 4, with Drake still to be played.

The House lost the services of Cavanagh, Dark, Coles, Brenton, Charles and Willcocks, with the end of the school year, but there seems to be much more interest among the Seniors this term, than there has been for some time, and we have not been faced by the problem of boys who put their names down for games and then do not turn out. If this team-spirit continues to exist both among the Seniors, and among the Juniors, I feel sure that Gilbert House will soon find itself in a better position than it has been for the last two or three years.

*W.J.W.*

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At the Annual Meeting the suggestion was made that a complete list of members should be published at regular intervals. Before this is done it is felt that the attention of members should be called to the necessity of notifying the Secretary of any change of address.

The following is a list of changes of address received since the last Magazine was published.

- B. Durant, 32, Queen Street, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
- R. J. McNeill Love, Newnham, Stormant Road, Highgate, N.6.
- W. Treays (Capt., R.E.), 31, Ford Park Road, Mutley.
- C. H. Morgan, The Hawthorns, 41, Lynton Road, Acton, W.3.
- J. H. Hamilton, 34, Marksbury Avenue, Richmond, Surrey.
- F. R. Curtis, 26, Westminster Road, Coventry.
- F. Trevithick, 11, Soberton, Cardiff.
- N. A. J. Bright, 7, Arundell Terrace, Stoke, Devonport—and—  
20, Airthrie Road, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex.
- J. Waters, Torre Veau, Porthleven, Cornwall.
- W. V. Curtain, Barmondia Colliery, Sitarampur, P.O., E.I.R., India.
- F. E. A. Thompson, 2, Cefn Parr, S. Kewen, Glamorgan.
- G. L. Usher (Capt.), 48, Thorn Park, Mannamead, Plymouth.
- G. R. Hill, Raldclif, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.
- R. Proffitt, 12, St. John's Square, Wakefield, Yorks.
- A. J. Swan, 9, Broomfield Avenue, Palmer's Green, N.11.
- Revd. Br. Cedric (T.H.), Burton O.P., Blackfriars, Oxford.
- J. E. Stone, Yews Hill, Kelleton, Chivelstone, Nr. Kingsbridge.

**The following are New Members :**

- H. J. Murray, 15, Carlisle Terrace, The Hoe, Plymouth.  
 J. C. F. Rolls, 9, Briar Road, Hartley, Plymouth.  
 E. Loder, 8, Somerset Place, Stoke, Devonport.  
 R. H. Coombes, 16, College View, Mutley, Plymouth.  
 N. Dark, 13, The Crescent, Torpoint.  
 C. R. E. Dean, 5, Beauchamp Road, Peverell, Plymouth.  
 S. M. R. Gibson, 44, Arlington Street, Anlaby Road, Hull.  
 F. G. Charles, 130, Beaumont Street, Stoke.  
 H. A. Cavanagh, 40, Clowance Street, Devonport.  
 J. B. Hayes, 12, Halcyon Road, N. Prospect, Plymouth.  
 F. G. H. Richards, 5, Rutger Place, Stoke.  
 J. Smith, 80, Wolseley Road, Swilly, Plymouth.  
 C. C. Mill, 4, Belmont Street, Plymouth.



## D.H.S.O.B.R.F.C.

Once more we find ourselves in the midst of the Rugger Season, and once more we find the O.B.'s R.F.C. well to the fore. Any fears which may have been entertained regarding the Club's stability have been proved groundless, for both the Old Boys' XV.'s despite many reverses, are playing the game as it should be played, and upholding the prestige of the Club's name. The maintaining of two regular XV.'s however, is a difficult task, and one which demands the co-operation of all players.

We are indebted to F. H. Howell and L. Down for their efforts in connection with the 2nd string. We do however, wish that each fellow would realize that he is an integral part of the Club and that it is necessary to have the individual support of each and every man to ensure success. We would like to see more men eager to lend a hand with the various activities associated with the Club.

Club dances are again as popular as ever—the first held at St. Michael's Memorial Hall, on November 4th, was very successful, and we hope that the second and 3rd on December 7th and January 18th respectively, will prove equally gratifying. We feel sure that all interested will be only too pleased to accord these functions whole-hearted support, as their financial success is essential for the continuance of the Club. Tickets and further information may be obtained from the Secretary and Club Members.

The fixture list this season includes amongst the 35 games, dates with the R. Marines, R.N. Barracks, O.P.M.'s, R.N.E. College, etc., and of course the games with the school. The Old Boys just gained the victory in the first encounter with the School XV. by 5 pts.—3, and this keenly contested game was much enjoyed.

We are again entering for three cup competitions—The Pedrick, Lockie, and R.N.E. College Cup, and we have high hopes this year of gaining at least the first named.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death as the result of a motor cycle accident of one of our most popular colleagues—Jack West. His cheerful sportsmanship made him one of our most valued members.

We again extend a cordial invitation to any present or prospective Old Boys to join the ranks of the Rugger Club, where they can be assured of good sport and good comradeship.

In conclusion—to the Staff,—the School, and to Old Boys generally, the R.F.C. extends the Compliments of the Season.

L. H. T. Warren,

42, Beresford Street,

Stoke, Devonport



## Presentation to Mr. Treseder from the Boys.

Upon the afternoon of Tuesday, 4th October, 1932, before the assembled school, a bookcase, the gift of the boys, was presented to Mr. Treseder, who had just retired from headmastership.

Speaking on behalf of the school, Francis, the Senior Prefect, after paying a tribute to Mr. Treseder's career as headmaster, gave a brief outline of the school's history. He stated that at the time of his appointment, Mr. Treseder's pupils had numbered no more than ninety; that this number had grown, and the school's reputation with it, and that, finally, the school had reached its present status with a glorious tradition behind it.

Continuing, he gave the details of the successes obtained under Mr. Treseder, in the various local examinations, the scholarships won, and the posts filled in the Civil, Naval, and Military Services—a long list fitly terminated by the Dyke Exhibition, which has been secured for the sixth time.

Nor, he said, had sport been neglected in the school, but had rather been stimulated, thanks to the former headmaster's keenness.

In conclusion he conveyed to Mr. Treseder the warm appreciation felt for all he had done, and in presenting him with the bookcase, wished him a long and happy retirement, together with pleasant memories of his former pupils.

Mr. Treseder, having complimented the Senior Prefect on the very able manner in which he had carried out the somewhat difficult task of making a presentation, said that he had been closely connected with Devonport High School for 36 years, having been senior assistant master for 10 years and headmaster for 26 years, but that, that afternoon, he stood before them in an entirely new guise. He was not there to organise or teach, admonish or persuade, not even, professedly, to give advice, although he might do so incidentally. And yet there remained between the boys and himself one of the strongest bonds that could bind people together, the bond of friendship. The real relationship between the boys and

himself, which might, under ordinary circumstances, have continued to remain more or less latent, had become, last term, suddenly manifest under the shock of his impending retirement. The reaction to that shock took the form of reiterated expressions of regret at his leaving and good wishes for his future. These kind wishes would remain with him for the rest of his days as a grateful memory.

Gratitude, indeed, was the key of what he was trying to express that afternoon ; gratitude for their feelings towards him, gratitude for the tangible evidence of their esteem in the magnificent bookcase which had just been presented to him ; gratitude, moreover, for the gesture of their giving. For he had it on the testimony of Mr. Andrews, who had kindly acted as treasurer to the fund, that not the slightest pressure had been brought to bear on any boy. Yet the sum collected, nearly eight pounds, had fairly staggered him (Mr. Treseder) when he had heard it.

Again he was grateful to them for allowing him to select the gift and for giving him time in which to make the selection. After quiet and unhurried thought there had suddenly emerged—maybe from the region which modern psychology calls sub-consciousness—the idea of a bookcase. And that idea had been translated into reality in the handsome piece of furniture before them, something which would adorn his study, something which he really wanted, something which would serve as a perpetual reminder of them—a quiet, homely witness of the kindness, the thoughtfulness and the self-sacrifice of the boys of 1932.

He left with them, as a last intimate thought, that expressed in the sentence, " with God's help we shall smile and do our best," which, he believed, contained a sound philosophy of life, whether for one like himself who had just completed his active career, or for those like his hearers, who were about to begin theirs.



## Presentation to Mr. Treseder from the Staff.

On Thursday afternoon, 10th November, 1932, at Stephens and Risdon's Cafe, Devonport, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews entertained a large party of the staff and their friends to afternoon tea. After tea Mr. Andrews, on behalf of the staff and some former members of the staff, presented Miss Treseder with a mahogany English timepiece and a mahogany nest of afternoon tea tables, and Mr. Treseder with a pair of prismatic binoculars.

He said that it was a common experience when one was in a reminiscent mood to find certain events bulking so largely in one's consciousness as practically to exclude all others. Two such events were outstanding in his mind at that moment. Both were connected with the same building and with the same room in that building. The first occurred in July, 1906, when the then Headmaster, the late Alonzo J. Rider, Esq., called his staff into the office and informed

them that the school had been disposed of to the Devonport Borough Council and he would be retiring at the end of the term. The second happened in June of the present year when again he was invited into the office, this time by Mr. Treseder, who told him that he had that morning presented his resignation to the Secretary for Education.

Both these events were landmarks in Mr. Treseder's career. On the first occasion opportunity knocked at his door; on the second he was able to look back upon a highly successful professional career and an ambition fully realised.

When Mr. Treseder took control in September, 1906, the school was passing through deep waters. Owing to a change in Admiralty policy, by which entry to the Royal Engineering College at Keyham had been stopped, the school had lost its main purpose, and had ceased to attract, from all parts of the country, boys, who were anxious to obtain entry to that establishment. Thus a new orientation was necessary. The idea of a Municipal Secondary School, too, was new to this part of the country and was looked at somewhat askance in many quarters. Even the Town Council itself was not quite convinced of the wisdom of the step they had taken.

The school opened on September 13th, 1906, with 94 boys in six Forms. In September, 1907, the numbers had increased to 123; in 1908 to 152. By September, 1909, they were 187, the school thus having doubled itself in 3 years. In 1910 the numbers had been increased to 208 and in September, 1914, there were 323 boys in twelve Forms.

It had been said that to travel hopefully is better than to arrive, and they certainly travelled hopefully in those days. The success obtained was due in no small measure to the "come on" not "go on" attitude of the Headmaster towards his staff. They knew that if they were working with their coats off, the Headmaster not only had his coat off but his shirt sleeves turned up.

Then came the war. One by one the younger members of the staff joined the colours, and the years 1914 to 1919 saw no fewer than 21 staff changes. Changes on such a scale were calculated to jeopardize the success of any institution, yet Mr. Treseder's facility for spotting the best material available, and for fitting square pegs into square holes, triumphed over all difficulties and enabled the school not only to carry on but to carry on with continued success.

The after-war period had not been all plain sailing. Changes in Administrative policy had brought their problems—problems, which, as they arose, had been faced and solved by the organizing ability of the Headmaster. Thus July, 1923, saw the Preparatory Department finally closed and the departure of the last lady member of the staff. Later we had the complete abolition of school fees—a policy which now appeared to be about to be reversed by the Board of Education.

Mr. Andrews then referred to his remark that to travel hopefully was better than to arrive. Arrive they did, he said, but when?

Was it, he asked, in 1914, when the first Intermediate success was obtained at London University, or in 1917, when the Dyke Scholarship was won for the first time? In 1921, when the school obtained its first Open Exhibition—at St. John's College, Cambridge; or in 1922, when the first Open Scholarship was won—at Keble College, Oxford? His listeners could make their own choice. Personally he rejected all these dates and asserted that the school arrived on the morning of September 13th, 1906, when Mr. Treseder first entered its doors as Headmaster.

The history of Devonport High School since September, 1906, had been in great measure the history of Mr. Treseder, whose success had been due to his singleness of aim, his power of organisation, which overlooked nothing down to the smallest detail, his determination to be deterred by no obstacle and his ambition to place the school in the fore front, not only locally but among similar schools throughout the country. "His arrow higher flies who aimeth at the sky than his who shoots a tree." And Mr. Treseder's arrow had flown very high indeed. If, as undoubtedly was the case, Mr. Treseder had encountered the "stubborn thistles," he had also been rewarded with a goodly share of the "glossy purples" and Mr. Andrews felt they would all agree with him that this result was well deserved.

When the question of a Staff presentation to Mr. Treseder was first mooted a request was received from a former member of the staff—a lady—to be allowed to join. This led to the opportunity being extended to other past members of the staff. As an example of the spirit in which they responded, Mr. Andrews read an extract from a letter he had received from Mr. F. Pritchard in which he said: "I am very proud of my connection with Mr. Treseder and with the school, and remember with gratitude his unvarying kindness during the time that I was on the staff. My work there was made a pleasure because I realised that I could count upon his support and confidence, and at this time of day it is very delightful to reflect that our close association was never marred by any suspicion of mistrust or doubt."

It was Mr. Treseder's wish that his daughter should be associated with him in the presentation. Miss Treseder had been a great help to him in the Secretarial work of the school and everyone had benefited by her assistance in duplicating test papers, etc. Mr. Andrews said that he himself had a shelf full of examination papers which Miss Treseder had prepared for him, and these would be of use to him for some years to come.

In presenting Mr. Treseder with the binoculars, Mr. Andrews said that he knew that Devonport High School would never be far from Mr. Treseder's thoughts, and suggested that, when his association with the staff was uppermost in his mind, he should turn the magnifying end of the glasses on their virtues—if they possessed any—and reverse them when considering their shortcomings.

In his reply Mr. Treseder, having congratulated Mr. Andrews on his apt and eloquent remarks, the ablest speech he had ever heard from him—and he was in a position to judge, as he had been closely associated with him for very many years—went on to say how grateful his daughter and he were for the beautiful gifts which had just been presented to them.

He sometimes wondered whether there did not occur in people's lives what might be termed timeless moments, moments which seemed to escape from the time of their origin and remain for ever present; and he recounted some of these moments in his own experience. He could, for example, visualise, just as if the intervening years had been annihilated, a moment similar to the present, in which the recipient was his predecessor, Mr. Rider. An even prior moment was that in which he (Mr. Treseder) having just been appointed headmaster, was confronted with the task of drawing up his first time table. Then there was an indelible impress of the terrible war time. He was in a class room where the music master was giving a singing lesson, when news came through—incredible at first—that Kitchener was dead. He believed that no public shock ever equalled that one. Masters and boys became as numbed creatures; and when they left school that afternoon it was to find their women-folk in tears. Having described two other moments—which for him were timeless—connected with both the school and his domestic history, he mentioned those bright and glorious moments, increasing as the years went by, re-incarnations of mornings or afternoons when news arrived that some pupil had been safely floated on one of the fairways of life.

In conclusion, Mr. Treseder said: "Well, ladies and gentlemen, the sands have run down. My 26 years of headmastership ended on 31st August, last. I stand before you a superannuated man, nevertheless a happy man in that I leave the school in a vigorous and flourishing condition, with a reputation which, I am proud to believe, compares favourably with that of any other municipal secondary school of an equal age. And, for this achievement, by far the greater share of the credit belongs to those who have worked with me, whether on the present staff, or not. Many are here to-day. Some have been prevented from attending by distance, as Mr. Jacquet and Mr. Pritchard. Some have already passed over to the other side: Mr. Sheldon-Williams, Mr. Prust and Mr. Davis."



**SUCSESSES, ABOVE MATRICULATION STANDARD, OBTAINED DURING MR. TRESEDER'S HEADMASTERSHIP (1906—1932)**

**1908.** Sandhurst—R. Dawe.

**1911.** Junior Admiralty Appointments—A. E. Lillicrap, A. R. Lintell.

Customs and Excise—J. Jewell, A. R. Lintell.

- 1912.** Junior Admiralty Appointments—W. C. Peters.  
Second Division Clerkships—G. G. Hewlett (2nd place),  
F. G. Olford, G. H. Lock, A. E. Palfreman.
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- 1913.** Assistant Clerk, R.N.—H. G. Franklin.  
Second Division Clerkship—L. E. Coombe (3rd place).
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- 1914.** Sandhurst—J. L. Oliver.  
Second Division Clerkship—A. M. Reep.  
Inter. Arts, London University—H. Rickard.
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- 1915.** Assistant Clerk, R.N.—C. S. Blair-Hickman.  
Woolwich—M. G. Penny.  
Sandhurst—J. L. Read (King's Cadetship),  
C. S. Blair-Hickman, A. D. Cassell.  
Junior Admiralty Appointments—A. M. Reep.  
Customs and Excise—E. A. Hitchcock.  
The Boyd Exhibition—A. Heywood-Waddington.  
Inter. Science, London University—J. H. Winchester.
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- 1916.** Woolwich—M. J. Collier, A. L. Atwill, H. A. Bayley.  
Sandhurst—W. Stanford (4th place), (King's Cadetship),  
P. S. Blowey (King's Cadetship), H. D. Grant  
(King's Cadetship), F. L. Oliver, A. T. Brooks.  
Royal Marines—B. R. Reiss-Smith.  
Inter. Science, London University—H. J. Poole.
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- 1917.** Woolwich—J. H. Martin (1st place).  
Sandhurst—H. J. M. Westlake (2nd place), (King's Cadet-  
ship).  
Inter. Arts, London University—R. F. E. Cock.  
The Dyke Exhibition, Oxford University—W. H.  
Bosworthick.
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- 1918.** Woolwich—R. F. E. Cock, J. Maddock, J. R. Waters,  
W. H. Treays.  
Sandhurst—R. H. Couchman, S. V. Davidson, G. L. Usher,  
T. L. Laverty.  
Naval Cadetship—E. W. Reep, R. K. Oliver.  
Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—L. B. H. Budge (1st place),  
E. W. Reep.  
Inter. Science, London University—T. H. C. Mitchell.

1919. Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—F. E. Donnelly (1st place),  
R. R. Gilbert (1st place).  
Sandhurst—A. J. Warren, A. E. Damerell.  
The Dyke Exhibition, Oxford University—R. G. Trevithick.  
The Jaeffreson Exhibition, St. Bartholomew's Hospital—  
R. N. Curnow.  
Inter. Arts, London University—J. H. Liddicoatt, R. E.  
Stephens, R. G. Trevithick, H. W. Urch.
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1920. Sandhurst—L. O. Jolliffe, A. T. Freeman.  
Royal Air Force—G. H. Randle (2nd place).  
Assistant Inspector of Taxes—R. G. Trevithick (2nd place),  
F. E. Donnelly, G. E. C. Glasson.  
Open Scholarship, Royal College of Science, Dublin—  
F. Paltridge.  
Inter. Arts, London University—F. E. Donnelly.  
Inter. Science, London University—J. L. May.
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1921. Woolwich—J. B. Heywood-Waddington.  
Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—R. K. Waters.  
Open Exhibition, St. John's College, Cambridge—J. L.  
May.  
State Scholarship—J. L. May.  
Entrance Scholarship, University College, Exeter—J. L.  
May, G. R. Hill.  
Inter. Science, London University—W. J. Merren, E. J.  
Riggs.
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1922. Naval Cadetship—L. F. Ingram.  
Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—L. A. Jeffrey (1st place),  
W. E. Brockman (2nd place).  
Open Scholarship (Science and Mathematics), Keble College,  
Oxford—E. J. Riggs.  
Stapleton Scholarship (Natural Science), Exeter College,  
Oxford—W. J. R. Merren.  
Entrance Scholarship, University College, Exeter—E. J.  
Riggs, W. J. R. Merren, A. L. Stephens.  
Inter. Arts, London University—H. C. Lillicrap, E. G. Pike.  
Inter. Science, London University—A. L. Stephens.
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1923. Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—J. H. P. Proctor (1st place).  
Entrance Scholarships, University College, Exeter—E. C.  
Jones, D. W. Dimond, E. R. Harris.  
Astor Scholarship—E. C. Jones (1st place).  
Inter. Science, London University—E. R. Curtis, D. W.  
Dimond, E. R. Harris, F. H. Hodgess, E. C.  
Jones, A. J. Millett, T. H. Price, F. E. A.  
Thompson.

1924. The Dyke Exhibition, Oxford University—B. Durant.  
 The Joan Bennett Scholarship—A. I. Jeffery.  
 Entrance Scholarships, University College, Exeter—B. Durant, A. J. Millett, R. J. Werry, T. H. Price.  
 Astor Scholarships—B. Durant (1st place), A. J. Millett, R. J. Werry.  
 Inter. Arts, London University—F. Hiscock.  
 Inter. Science, London University—J. H. Hamilton, F. W. Hawton, A. I. Jeffery, A. D. Jenkin, A. R. Owen, S. L. Riggs, S. T. Ternouth, R. J. Werry, W. Callard.
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1925. Naval Cadetship—C. G. Gosling.  
 Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—F. James.  
 Inter. Science, London University—K. Dicker, W. Fewings, H. Macey, H. May, F. Newton, R. Profitt, H. Richards, W. Battrick.
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1926. Open Scholarship, Exeter College, Oxford—R. Profitt.  
 Kitchener Exhibition—R. Profitt.  
 Open Scholarship, University of Reading—K. Dicker.  
 State Scholarships—H. B. May, R. Profitt.  
 The Dyke Exhibition, Oxford University—R. Profitt.  
 Entrance Scholarships, University College, Exeter—R. Profitt (1st place), H. Macey.  
 Astor Scholarships—R. Profitt (1st place), H. Macey, K. Dicker.  
 Inter. Science, London University—A. E. Blatchford, S. Giddy, R. Major, F. Meek, C. Osborne, E. Paynter, W. Tamblin.
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1927. Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—J. D. Price.  
 Customs and Excise—H. V. George, J. Pencavel.  
 Open Scholarship (Natural Science), St. John's College, Cambridge—H. B. May.  
 Science Open Major Scholarship, University of Reading  
 A. H. Blatchford.  
 The Grenville Scholarship, University College, Exeter—W. E. Battrick.  
 Astor Scholarships—W. E. Battrick, A. H. Blatchford, F. H. Meek.  
 Inter. Science, London University—R. L. Deasy, H. V. George, H. F. Gordon, A. H. C. Lee, C. H. Morgan, C. E. Nethercott, J. M. Widdecombe.

- 1928.** Stapleton Scholarship (Natural Science), Exeter College, Oxford—A. H. C. Lee.  
 Science Open Major Scholarship, University of Reading—C. H. Morgan.  
 Open Minor Scholarship, University of Reading—H. F. Gordon.  
 Loughborough College British Empire Scholarship—(Engineering)—W. R. Parsons (1st place).  
 Kitchener Exhibitions—A. H. C. Lee, C. H. Morgan.  
 Astor Scholarships—H. F. Gordon, C. H. Morgan.  
 Inter. Arts, London University—E. C. Arscott, E. M. Lang, A. R. Pike, J. A. Oates.  
 Inter. Science, London University—R. H. C. Clements, G. W. Marwood, A. J. Swan, H. F. Vere, N. A. J. Bright.
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- 1929.** Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—W. A. C. Collings.  
 Executive Appointments, Civil Service—E. C. Arscott, A. R. Pike, J. M. Widdecombe, J. R. Young, A. J. Swan.  
 Open Foundation Scholarship (Natural Science), Jesus College, Oxford—R. H. Clements.  
 The Dyke Exhibition, Oxford University—R. H. Clements.  
 State Scholarship—R. H. Clements.  
 Kitchener Scholarship—R. H. Clements.  
 Plymouth Post Office Scholarship, University College, Exeter—A. E. Merton.  
 Devon War Memorial Scholarship, University College, Exeter—N. A. J. Bright.  
 Phillpotts and Boyd Exhibition, University of Cambridge—D. Donahue.  
 Dental Exhibition, University of Bristol—H. F. Vere.  
 Astor Scholarship—R. H. Clements (1st place).  
 Inter. Arts, London University—C. W. Alway, J. W. Geaton, F. A. J. Mathews, A. E. T. Merton.  
 Inter. Science, London University—E. J. Barnes, R. W. Barrow, H. Chaff, E. R. Gordon, E. O. Jewell, W. H. Osborne, F. J. Trevithick.
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- 1930.** Paymaster Cadetship, R.N.—C. E. Smith.  
 Executive Appointments, Civil Service—E. R. Gordon (2nd place), R. W. Barrow, J. A. Oates.  
 Preventive Officer, Customs and Excise—F. J. Trevithick.  
 Open Scholarship (Science), University of Reading—R. W. Barrow.  
 Open Scholarship (Arts), University of Reading—J. W. Geaton.

Wantage Scholarship, University of Reading—E. R. Gordon.  
 Loughborough College British Empire Scholarship—  
 (Engineering)—C. J. Howell (1st place).  
 State Scholarships—F. A. Matthews, W. H. Osborne.  
 Inter. Arts, London University—J. H. Francis, F. Hill,  
 J. B. Pearn, L. M. Taylor, G. H. Warne.  
 Inter. Science, London University—R. H. Coombes, E.  
 Hannam, C. J. Howell, F. W. Kellaway, W. A.  
 Rickard.

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**1931.** Sandhurst—J. E. S. Stone.  
 Probationary Inspector, Post Office—R. H. Coombes.  
 Open Scholarship (Modern Languages), King's College,  
 Cambridge—W. S. Watson.  
 Inter. Arts, London University—C. B. O'Carroll.  
 Inter. Science, London University—J. R. Burrows,  
 H. Garland, J. L. MacLaren, C. C. Mill, L. S. Mills,  
 F. G. H. Richards, S. C. Slade, W. J. Wakely.

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**1932.** Executive Appointments, Civil Service—F. G. H. Richards,  
 J. H. Francis, F. Hill.  
 Minor Open Scholarship (Science), University of Reading—  
 C. C. Mill.  
 East London College Exhibition (Arts), London University  
 —J. H. Francis.  
 The Dyke Exhibition, Oxford University—L. S. Mills.  
 State Scholarship—R. W. Noad.  
 Inter. Arts, London University—F. G. Charles, R. D. Finner,  
 E. J. Loder, W. S. Watson.  
 Inter. Science, London University—H. M. Blewett, A. E.  
 Hawke, R. W. Noad, E. W. R. Warn.



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