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Editorial

Another academic year is drawing to its close and by the time this issue appears examinations will be over and the results awaited with eagerness or apprehension. Now, therefore, is the time to reflect upon the past year, to review our successes and to note the causes of our failures. Perhaps one event will stand out, namely the completion of our school buildings.

It was during this summer term that the school took possession of Block C and we are deeply indebted to the City Authorities, the builders, and all involved, for giving us one of the best school premises in the West. In such pleasantly decorated environments we have a greater incentive to give of our best. Welcome improvements in the form-rooms include new-style black-boards, strip-fluorescent lighting over them, ample locker-space and rediffusion. The cloak-room accommodation has been fitted with drying pipes and lockers. For advanced work the Arts now have specially designed rooms and the Sciences well-equipped main and senior laboratories.

This year has witnessed the formation of two further clubs. The Pets' Club and the Ic Boxing Club. The widely differing nature of these clubs is characteristic of the clubs which the school provides to give an all-embracing education to every boy. This diversity should produce that balance which is so essential in all things. We look forward also to the formation (in the near future) of a Boating Club. This has been 'in the air' for some time and has frequently been mentioned at Speech Days. Its formation will enhance our school activities and we could look forward to an Inter-House Competition as well as possible entry for outside competitions. We are eagerly awaiting results.

For many years School Dramatic productions have laboured under inadequate facilities at school. However, it is pleasing to note that progress is being made in the direction of a new stage to be built as an addition to the Hall. This involves, we hear, quite a feat of engineering, but when completed will provide us with a magnificent stage complete with desired lighting and ample dressing and storage room beneath. This, coupled with the good acoustics of the Hall, should provide favourable conditions for excellent future productions.

It is with regret that we lose three members-of-staff, Messrs. Austin, Sherwood, and Self. Mr. Austin is retiring and Messrs. Sherwood and Self leave to take up new appointments. All have rendered great services to the school in many and diverse fields. We wish them every success and happiness in the future and trust they leave with pleasant memories of D.H.S. To the new members-of-staff we wish a happy and profitable stay with us.

It is perhaps a little disappointing that a school which is of a sufficiently high standard to play a visiting cricket team from Pembroke College, Cambridge, and do them well should lack good playing facilities. We realise the difficulties and appreciate what is being done, but is it enough? In this we are looking not to our own narrow needs but to the wider problem of attracting fixtures from touring sides like Pembroke.

School Notes

Examinations are upon us as we go to print. We hope that the majority of candidates will feel as Lady Macbeth might have done;

“That which will make some shrink but makes us bold;
What doth quench them now gives us fire. Hark! Peace!
It is the lower forms that shriek, an irony
That marks our stern intent. We are about it;
The clock is racing; and the silent staff
Do mock our fears with smiles: They have ceased to tamper:
Now *know* and *not-know* do contend about us
Whether we pass or fail.”

We hope that they will “be not lost so poorly in their thoughts” and that they may well mount this second rung of their scholastic ladder.

We must now pick up the threads of our life where we left them in February. On the 8th of that month the Scouts held a successful Whist Drive; on February 9th a party of boys enjoyed a presentation of “Le Barbier de Séville” by La Troupe Française

at D.H.S. for Girls; the Parents' Association held a successful Whist Drive on the 16th; there was an A.A.A. Course at the School on the 19th, and on the 25th and 26th four one-act plays were presented by the boys in the school hall. The number of activities and organisations that we cover by the word "school" is remarkable.

Boys are, to use Dryden's words, among those

"Who think too little, and who talk too much."

That is natural and to be expected, but we should like to add with Russel Lowell that "A word once vulgarized can never be rehabilitated." The cultivation of good habits of speech is not achieved by taking part in a speech contest. It must be a continuous process throughout the year, an essential part of our education not to be treated lightly. Our annual Speech Contest must be the climax and final expression of a real and conscious effort at all times to speak well and correctly.

The semi-finals were adjudicated by Mrs. Joan Warn on March 4th in the school hall, and on the 12th the finals took place before an audience of parents, boys and friends. The results were gratifying. Year after year Mrs. Warn has taken on this onerous task. Again she was joined by Mr. Harry Haydon, the Deputy Town Clerk. We thank them both for giving so much of their time and knowledge in so good a cause.

The meeting of parents and staff was as useful and successful as it has ever been. There is still, however, a number of parents who do not avail themselves of the opportunity to learn more of what we think of their sons, and to explore for them the possibilities of the future. Boys whose parents appear to be disinterested are those who would greatly benefit from this chance to co-operate. Much good work was done, but the evening was still too short, and that's a good sign.

That "The Arts in the Twentieth Century" was the subject for the Post-War Society meeting at Plympton on March 25th is an indication of the quality of the work being done by the organisation. Ouida wrote, "Art is, after nature, the only consolation that one has at all for living." That may or may not be true, but without the arts life would be half empty; and an education that ignores the great symbols of reality is no education at all.

The Leavers' service held at the end of term is a fitting and dignified corporate recognition of the conclusion of what, we hope, has been a period of several years of valuable living in a school community. We are glad so many of the boys attended.

Many boys enjoyed the concert given by the Plymouth Orchestral Society. Not only did they hear good music, but they saw an orchestra in action. We hope that in the future an increasing number will avail themselves of this useful and necessary adjunct to their general education.

Congratulations to M. A. Harrison, L.6.S., on his success in our Annual General Knowledge Contest. To know how much more we ought to know is useful only if a real effort be made to rectify the deficiency. So go to it. Read more widely and judiciously, for

“Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much;
Wisdom is humble that he knows no more.”

What has been done for music in the school in the last few years was obvious to those who attended the Choral and Orchestral concert given by our Music Society on May 5th and 6th. We hope that our new music master will carry on the good work, while we thank and congratulate Mr. Self.

Sports Day on June 17th was a wash-out only in the physical sense, for the difficulties presented by heavy and almost continuous rain and a high wind served but to emphasize the grit and determination of the contestants. It was not a day for the breaking of records, and by 3.30 conditions were so bad that the remainder of the events had to be abandoned. These were completed three days later.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Alexander C. G. Madden, K.C.B., C.B.E. we tender our hearty thanks for the use of the excellent sports ground at the Brickfields, and to Captain C. G. Gosling, O.B.E., an old boy of the school, for his presence at the sports, and for giving even more of his valuable time to present certificates and trophies at the school on Friday the 10th.

Again this year we were privileged to send a small party to witness the inauguration of the new Lord Mayor. This close contact with the civic life of the city identifies us with the larger community and stresses the responsibilities that lie in the future. We are grateful for the invitation.

The Science Society has for some sessions now been implementing its policy of attracting speakers from outside the area, and it is gratifying to note that it has been addressed recently by lecturers from as far afield as London, Bristol, Liverpool and Ontario, Canada.

It would be misleading to suggest that the journey from Canada was made purposely to visit us; but that the gentleman concerned could find time to spend an afternoon and evening with us during his limited stay in this country is indeed an honour. He, and the other distinguished visitors, did, however, travel from their headquarters in this country specially to address our Science Society, and we feel both privileged and grateful.

On July 24th a party of sixty boys with two masters and Dr. Cresswell leave for Dover via the New Forest, Southampton and Arundel, and thence to Paris, Chartres, Tours, Bordeaux, Pau, Perpignan, via Nîmes, Lyons, Rheims, Dunkirk and Calais; and all by coach. We look forward to a report on their return.

We are sorry to bid farewell to three members of the staff this term. Mr. E. W. Sherwood goes to Plympton Grammar School to take over the department of Geography. His five years with us have been happy and worthwhile. Our loss is Plympton's gain. All our good wishes go with him.

Mr. Austin came to D.H.S. in September 1920, and is now going into retirement, which, we think, really means to the continued pursuit of those many interests which have occupied his leisure time. We shall miss his sense of humour and his awkward but always pertinent contributions to staff discussions. He has been something of an enigma, his seemingly hard manner hiding a soft heart and a sense of generosity that frequently found a practical outlet. We shall miss, too, what look like auctions of garments mentionable and otherwise before and after assemblies. A personality is leaving us. He has our best wishes for health and happiness in his retirement and that applies also to Mrs. Austin.

To Mr. Self, who is taking a senior post in London, we offer our good wishes for success and happiness. We remember with gratitude Speech Days, Carol Services, Concerts, Dramatics and the Garden Party, and all the work and time that Mr. Self so gladly put in. We hope that he will be very happy.

We have much pleasure in noting the outstanding success of Graham Ashworth. He has passed his Inter-A.R.I.B.A. examination six months ahead of schedule—the first time that this has been done—and has also been awarded one of the only two places awarded at Liverpool University.

Many Old Boys have asked what has become of the model of the Royal Albert Bridge made by boys of the School in 1920. It has been discovered and will be on view at the Garden Party.

Our apologies to Mr. R. Billing. In our last issue we added an s to his name and gave him a faulty date. The entry should have read Mr. R. G. Billing (1918–1923).

Speech Day will be on September 30th, and our guest speaker will be Colonel Williams whom we know better as “Elephant Bill”.

PRAEFECTI VALETE

MILLER, P. M.

Entered School 1947; School Captain 1954–55; Prefect 1953–55; G.C.E. ‘O’ Level 1952; G.C.E. ‘A’ Level 1954; Inter. B.A. 1954; 1st XV 1952–55 (Vice-Captain 1954–55; Half-Colours); Athletics Team 1952–55 (Colours); Drake House Captain 1954–55; Editor of School Magazine 1954–55. Awaiting call-up for National Service prior to entering Exeter College, Oxford.

PERRY, R.

Entered School 1947; School Vice-Captain 1954–55; Prefect 1953–55; G.C.E. ‘O’ Level 1953; G.C.E. ‘A’ Level 1954; Inter. B.A. 1954; 1st XI Soccer 1954–55 (Secretary; Colours); 1st XI Cricket 1952–55; Drake House Secretary 1954–55; School Librarian 1953–54. Entering King's College, London.

CHISWELL, D. S.

Entered School 1946; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1952; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1953-54; 2nd XI Soccer 1952-55 (Captain 1954-55); 2nd XI Cricket 1954. Now in Civil Service Clerical post, awaiting call-up for National Service.

MILLS, J. D.

Entered School 1946; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1952; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954; Inter. B.Sc. 1954; 1st XV 1954-55 (Colours); 2nd XI Cricket 1954; Captain of Chess 1952-55; Athletics Team 1951-52; Raleigh House Captain 1954-55. Now in Civil Service Executive post, awaiting call-up for National Service.

ADAMS, R. A.

Entered School 1947; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954. Entering Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.

BLACKLER, B. R.

Entered School 1947; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954; School Librarian 1954-55. Entering University of Bristol (Faculty of Arts).

DAVEY, T. G.

Entered School 1948; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; 1st XI Soccer 1953-55 (Vice-Captain 1954-55; Colours); 1st XI Cricket 1954-55 (Hall-Colours). Entering the Army on the Educational Side.

FAIRBEARD, E. R.

Entered School 1948; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955. Awaiting call-up for National Service prior to becoming candidate for the Methodist Ministry.

HOLDING, J. P.

Entered School 1950; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; 1st VI Tennis 1955 (Captain). Entering University College, London.

LEIGH, A. R.

Entered School 1947; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954-55. Awaiting call-up for National Service prior to entering King's College, London.

MIDDLETON, L. A.

Entered School 1950; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1952; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954; Athletics Team 1954-55 (Captain, 1955; Colours); 1st XI Soccer 1953-55 (Captain 1954-55; Colours). Entering R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

PINE, M. R.

Entered School 1947; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954; Inter. B.A. 1954; Captain of Table-Tennis, 1954-55. Entering King's College, London.

PINCHES, A. R.

Entered School 1948; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; 2nd XV 1954-55 (Captain); Gilbert House Vice-Captain 1954-55; Athletics 1952-55. Entering Marconi College in Essex to study Electronics.

TRICE, A. R.

Entered School 1947; Prefect 1955; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954; Inter. B.Sc. 1954; State Scholarship 1954; 2nd XI Cricket 1952-55 (Capt. 1954-55); 2nd XI Soccer 1953-55. Entering Imperial College, London.

WHITEAR, M. D.

Entered School 1947; Prefect 1955; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954; Inter. B.A. 1954. Awaiting call-up for National Service prior to entering Exeter College, Oxford.

WILLIAMS, R. T. F.

Entered School 1947; Prefect 1954-55; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1952; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954; Inter. B.Sc. 1954; Secretary of Chess 1951-55 (Captain 1951-52). Entering Imperial College, London.

Headmaster's Notes

A youngish old gentleman told me last week that as we get older time goes far too quickly. He leads a busy life and perhaps he is right. Time does go quickly when we are happily busy, and indeed it is difficult to realise that one more school year is rapidly drawing to its close. We have been busy, occupied in every way. Work, play, leisure have all had their share of our time—some of us will learn in August, when the G.C.E. results are published, whether or not each has had its fair share. Have we used any discrimination? There is today more than ever a need for balance and judgement in the use of our time. It is now so easy for us to do things our parents had not the means to do. The opportunity to lose sight of the worthwhile whilst chasing the attractive but valueless substitutes is an ever present danger. Discrimination is very necessary.

It is this quality which I hope our boys will take with them when they leave us: the capacity to choose independently and with right judgement. Even at the risk of appearing intolerant it is often vital to discriminate.

I could not let this occasion pass by without taking the opportunity to add my very warm and sincere thanks to Mr. Austin, Mr. Self and Mr. Sherwood for all that they have done for the School. Such men as these make us what we are: they help to fashion our School, their example of absolute integrity and devotion to our ideals have influenced the lives of generations of boys. Thank you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1955

- April 25th. Term began.
- May 4th. School Team Photographs.
- „ 5th-11th. Pre-Sports Day Finals.
- „ 6th-7th. School Orchestral and Choral Society Concert.
- „ 13th. Parents' Association Committee Meeting.
- „ 16th, 18th, 20th. French and German Orals.
- „ 17th and 20th. Annual School Athletics Sports.
- „ 21st. Devon Public and Grammar School Sports.
- „ 23rd. Junior Athletic Match v. Kelly College v. Plymouth College v. Plympton Grammar.
- „ 25th. P.G.S.M.S. Meeting.
- „ 26th-June 1st. Half Term.
- June 3rd. Party attended Lord Mayor Choosing Ceremony.
- „ 7th. Presentation of Cups and Certificates by Capt. Gosling.
- „ 6th-9th. Removal into Block C.
- „ 11th. Plymouth Inter-Schools' Sports.
- „ 13th. G.C.E. began.
- „ 18th. Devon Schools' Sports.

- July 1st. Meeting for French Trip.
 „ 4th. Christian Union Film.
 „ 14th. Leavers' Service.
 „ 15th. G.C.E. ends. Post War Society Meeting.
 „ 16th. Garden Party.
 „ 18th. Swimming Sports.
 „ 21st. Staff v. School Cricket Match.
 „ 22nd. End of Term.
 „ 24th. Coach Party leaves for France.

Sports Day

The Annual School Sports were held on May 17th at the Brickfields, Devonport. Once again we are indebted to the Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, Admiral Sir Alexander Madden for the use of the running track and other facilities at the Brickfields.

If for no other reason, Sports Day will be memorable for the weather; it rained and rained from the commencement until the Sports were abandoned at 3.30 p.m. Even on Friday, May 20th, when the Sports were concluded, events had to be held between the heavy showers. Nevertheless the standard of performance was high and seven records were broken.

We are grateful for the presence of the Lord Mayor, Ald. E. W. Perry, Capt. C. G. Gosling, R.N., of H.M.S. Fisgard and our other distinguished guests, who braved the weather to attend.

Final House positions were:—

Gilbert 1st, 436½ points; Drake, runners-up, 410 points; Raleigh, 404 points; Grenville, 380½ pts.

Drake won the Revington Relay Cup by a narrow margin from Grenville and Individual Cups were awarded to:—

Victor Ludorum	P. M. Miller (Drake)
Runner-up	R. J. Bond (Raleigh)
16— Championship	J. G. Williams
Runner-up	M. J. Beer
15— Championship	M. R. Roberts
14— Championship	G. S. Voysey
13— Championship	J. W. Axworthy
12— Championship	R. D. Hallett

We were delighted to have Capt. Gosling to present the cups and certificates on Tuesday, May 31st. He congratulated the Staff for their efficient conduct of the Sports and had a special word of praise for Mr. Nash for his smooth organisation. Capt. Gosling was pleased to see such determination and such a high level of performance and looked forward to witnessing the breaking of further records next year. In concluding, he left us with this thought; that an athlete must be fit not only in body but also in mind.

“And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things” I Corinthians 9, v. 25.

P.M.M.



C. F. AUSTIN, Esq., M.A.
1920 - 1955

Mr. Austin

Mr. Austin came to Devonport High School in 1920 and he has at various times taught English, French, Mathematics and even Chemistry. In 1934 he took over the History but in 1938, at a time when the rapid growth of the School made some delegation of responsibility desirable, he gave up the post of Senior History Master to give special oversight to the Lower School. When the School was evacuated in 1941, he acceded to a suggestion from the Head Master that he should remain with the 250 boys who joined the Emergency High School and during the succeeding four years he held a brief for D.H.S. at the joint school. Shortly after the school was re-united at Devonport in 1945, he again became Senior History Master, a post he continued to hold until recently.

One of Mr. Austin's leading characteristics as a teacher has been his individuality of approach, and it is with sincere respect that one would say he has done some of his best work with the B and C Forms. Many a boy who had become mistrustful of his own ability has learned from Mr. Austin to take hold of himself and has been given fresh determination, the quality possessed in such measure by Mr. Austin himself.

He has never been one to limit his work to the classroom. When he came to the school, Soccer was the only winter game but, in 1927, he was responsible for the introduction of Rugby. A number of Old Boys who later played in representative Rugby and many others who also learned to enjoy the game and have found in it a continuing interest, owe this to the inspiration of his leadership. Later on, when he realised that a number of Sixth Form boys were not being catered for, he introduced Hockey for them. He has throughout its existence taken a practical interest in the Scout Troop and continued in active participation in its leadership until quite recently. Mr. Austin feels that older boys should learn to accept social responsibilities and numbers of Sixth Formers have been inspired by his example to play a part in the work of such organisations as Toc H and the Y.M.C.A.

In Staff discussions, Mr. Austin has been accustomed to express himself pithily and with some vigour and his colleagues have benefited from the freshness of his approach to the School's problems. His life, in school and out, has been marked by many acts of kindness and generosity, known usually only to the recipients. It can only be said that those who knew him will not expect him to rust out in retirement but that his very valuable qualities will continue to be at the service of others, wherever he may be.

The Lord Mayor Choosing Ceremony

On May 23rd, a member-of-staff and three prefects were privileged to attend the Lord-Mayor-Choosing Ceremony in the Central Hall. It was here that the City Council met together, and Alderman E. W. Perry was to perform his last duties as Lord Mayor.

The proceedings opened with the National Anthem, and with prayers led by the Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. N. H. Clarke. The retiring Lord Mayor, Ald. E. W. Perry, then called for nominations for a new Lord Mayor. Councillor Goldberg, seconded by Councillor Goodman, nominated Mr. Edwin Broad. The motion was carried unanimously. Alderman Perry then handed his robes of office to Mr. Broad, who made a declaration of his acceptance and took the Oath of Allegiance, followed by the Judicial Oath. Councillor P. D. Pascho was appointed Deputy Lord Mayor, and the Rev. A. J. Radford was appointed the Lord Mayor's Chaplain.

After bouquets had been presented to the Ladies on the platform, the new Lord Mayor thanked the Council for electing him. In his speech he spoke of Plymouth's rebuilding programme, mentioning the commencement, this coming year, of the Eastern Approach. He also hoped for some definite steps to be taken regarding the Tamar Bridge. Speaking of the need for peace, he stressed that people should have faith in the power of prayer for peace. The Lord Mayor ended his speech with:—"Let there be only one policy for the Council—to promote the prestige of Plymouth, and the prosperity of the people."

Alderman Watkins, seconded by Councillor Huddart, moved the vote of thanks to Alderman and Mrs. Perry.

In reply, Alderman Perry thanked all those who had helped him through his year of office.

The new Lord Mayor concluded the ceremony by declaring the meeting adjourned. The whole ceremony was a most dignified one; truly worthy of our ancient City of Plymouth.

A. R. LEIGH.

Careers

The point has often been stressed in these pages that almost every career worth while to a Grammar School boy is adequately dealt with in the books, pamphlets, and notices displayed in the Careers Room.

We are open to criticism in that perhaps we make the search for some careers too easy and thereby tend to destroy the boy's initiative, and in some measure this may be so, but at least it is

good to ensure that the boy's search for details of a particular job shall be successful and, furthermore, that he shall be made aware of work and interesting work to be done for which he had no idea his talents qualified him.

Why then are certain sound and interesting careers persistently neglected? The three Services and the Civil Service claim a large proportion of our boys, but how can we explain the paucity of doctors and dentists? Is the reason financial, length of training, lack of tradition, lack of serious consideration or fear of the ability to cope with the rise in Social Status involved?

Whatever it is, this school is by no means alone, for the Ministry of Health are perturbed at the increasing number of vacancies in all dental schools, at hospitals and universities.

Here then is an opportunity for our Biologists to start a *steady* stream of students going from D.H.S. to the dental schools and a similar flow could surely aim at the medical schools.

By the time this is in print we shall be in our new Careers Room where for the first time it is hoped that the main careers can be adequately displayed each in its own allotted space.

W.H.W.

THE RUGBY CLUB

The 1954-55 season was a disappointing one for the 1st XV, for only 4 games were won and 4 drawn, out of 18 games played. It must first be said that the team was young, only two of its members being in Upper VI, and that it met with an unlucky series of injuries. Miller, the Vice-Captain, was crocked at the very beginning of the season and did not play again until January; by October 30th, when we met Kelly College, the number of those injured had risen to six. But the real explanation lies in the fact that there are so many varying demands on a boy's time that he finds it difficult to train and practise sufficiently. Thus, 1st XV Rugger, which demands a whole-hearted devotion, declined, in spite of the hard working enthusiasm of the Captain, Green, and the individual ability of such players as Baker and Hooper in the pack and Hay, at scrum-half. Performances were most erratic. Three of the four drawn games should have been won. Tries were thrown away by bad handling or given to opponents by weak tackling. Yet we were one of only three teams to beat the very successful Albion Juniors XV, and St. Boniface's College, a very fine team, beat us by a penalty goal to nil in the first match and drew, 0-0, in the second, which shows that our XV, if in the mood to do so, could tackle with real determination and defend with admirable spirit.

Full colours were awarded to Green, Hooper, Mills, Baker and Hay; Half-Colours were awarded to Allison, Dowrick and Heale.

As the 2nd XV's fortunes are always linked with those of the 1st XV, this season's 2nd XV was young and inexperienced; injuries and 1st XV demands meant repeated changes. Four games were won and ten lost.

Under Mr. Warn's guidance, the Colts had a good season and our hopes for an improvement in the School XV in the near future are based on them. Eleven games were played and, of these, only one was lost, by 3 points to nil. No less than five of the team—Blackler, Ellis, Godefroy, Griffin and Pease—played for the Plymouth under-15 team; Ellis and Griffin were chosen to play for Devon against Cornwall; Blackler, an outstanding forward, would undoubtedly have been chosen had he been available. Ellis, a player of great promise, was picked for the combined Devon and Cornwall side in the West of England Trial.

Mr. Nash undertook the management of all three junior teams, to which he devoted much time and all his unflagging enthusiasm. The under-14 side had a hard struggle, winning only 3 of 11 games. Apart from Cooper I., the Captain, who worked tirelessly in the pack, the team was made up of small boys, and skill alone is not enough; force usually prevails in junior rugby. The under-13 XV admirably blended force and skill, losing only one of 14 games and scoring 289 points against 33. The under-12 XV was in fact composed entirely of Form I boys, yet they too lost only one game, out of 10. I urge all these boys to stick to Rugby as they go up through the School.

Once more, the Club is very grateful to the Parents' Association for providing such excellent teas for visiting teams, to the parents who did the work that the teas involved and to all those who helped the School rugby in any way. This is not just a yearly-repeated formula, but an expression of our sincere thanks.

THE TENNIS CLUB

We were late in commencing our matches this season as we were unable to find opponents. We also regret not being able to play Plymouth College as they were unable to play without their cricketers and we had no convenient date. On the other hand we have been fortunate in obtaining home and away fixtures against the R.N.E.C. 2nd VI and Dartington Hall School.

At present we are suffering from the loss of four of last year's team and so the VI lacks experience and, sad to relate, determination to go all out to win every possible point. The first pair have performed creditably and the third pair have on occasion risen above themselves, but the second pair, though possessing the skill, lack the necessary knowledge of team tactics. We have a game each week for the remainder of the term.

T. DOWRICK, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SOCCER CLUB

The 1954-55 season was one of reasonable success for the School Soccer Teams. As usual, quite a number of games had to be cancelled through rain, but the general standard of skill and enthusiasm was again commendably high.

The 1st XI, containing eight newcomers, had a good season. Throughout the year they persisted in their attempt to play good soccer and their record of 6 wins, 5 draws and only two defeats is ample proof that they succeeded in their aim. Perhaps the most notable games were the victories over Liskeard and Seale-Hayne and two draws against a very strong St. Austell team.

As was expected, the 2nd XI had a very mixed season. Their record was :—Wins 3, Draws 2, Defeats 7. Their lack of success was due in the main to the lack of a stable team and it must also be recorded that a number of their defeats were only by the odd goal. On the whole the team played with commendable determination.

The Colts XI had a poor season. Due to cancellations they played only 3 games and in these they showed little skill or determination. This was due largely to lack of practice and experience. We hope that these defeats will be remedied next season.

The Under-15 XI had a fairly successful season but were handicapped by lack of physique and an inability to finish off openings made by good play on the wings and by constructive half backs. Congratulations to M. Beer on being selected to captain Plymouth Schoolboys.

The under-14 XI performed creditably but were occasionally lacking in determination. The team contains one or two weaknesses which it is difficult to remedy and some of its members should practice ball control. Congratulations to Rosevear on being selected for Plymouth Schoolboys in the Spooner cup match at Exeter.

The under-13 XI had an enjoyable season but were rather inconsistent. In the League many matches were cancelled owing to bad weather and several were lost that might have been won. However, the team fought with much spirit to reach the final of the Junior Cup and did extremely well to draw, after extra time, with a much bigger Prince Rock team. Each School will hold the trophy for six months.

Once again our grateful thanks are due to all masters who so willingly give of their time to coach teams and referee matches and to the Parents' Association who make many matches much more enjoyable by providing refreshment for our visitors.

Full Colours:—L. A. Middleton, T. Blackler, R. D. Smerdon, R. Perry, T. C. Hunn, F. W. Flemen, T. G. Davey, R. W. Woodacre, R. W. Gould.

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THE ATHLETICS CLUB

President: THE HEADMASTER. *Master-in-Charge:* MR. NASH.

Captain: L. A. MIDDLETON. *Secretary:* J. R. BRECKON.

The pre-sports events, held at School, included two new events and six records were set up, these being:—Mile, Under 16, J. G. Williams (Drake) 5 mins. 6.5 secs.; Hop, Step and Jump, Under 15, M. Roberts (Drake) 35 ft. 10½ ins.; High Jump, Under 14, G. S. Voysey (Raleigh) 4 ft. 9½ ins.; High Jump, Under 12, W. Scullion (Gilbert) 4 ft. 2 ins.; Pole Vault, Over 16, G. Potapowicz (Gilbert) 8 ft. 4 ins.; and the Discus, Under 13, J. Norman (Drake) 75 ft. 2 ins.

This year's actual Sports Day events took place on Tuesday, 17th May, at the Brickfields, Devonport, by kind permission of Admiral Sir Alexander C. G. Madden, K.C.B., C.B.E., Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth. Masters of the School, as usual kept all events running to time, despite a strong, northerly wind, and heavy showers. The boys competing—watched by a small crowd of spectators, including the Lord Mayor of Plymouth (Alderman E. W. Perry) and Captain C. G. Gosling, R.N.—did their best under the trying conditions. By half-past three, after a total of twenty events had been decided, the rest of the meeting was postponed.

The remaining fourteen events were decided, again on the Brickfields, on Friday, 20th May. Records were gained in the Javelin Over 16, Bond (Raleigh) 142 ft. 1½ ins.; 220 yards Under 15, Roberts (Drake) 25.4 secs.; Javelin Under 14, Baldwin (Drake) 85 ft. 10½ ins.; 75 yards Hurdles Under 15, Hawken (Drake) 12.0 secs. and the Relay Under 15, Grenville House, 1 min. 51.5 secs. The final House positions were Gilbert (436½); Drake (410); Raleigh (404), Grenville (380½). Winners of the trophies were:—The Revington Relay Cup, Drake; Victor Ludorum, P. M. Miller; Treseder Cup (runner-up) R. J. Bond; Under 16, J. G. Williams; (runner-up) M. J. Beer; Under 15, M. R. Roberts; Under 14, G. S. Voysey; Under 13, J. W. Axworthy; Under 12, R. C. Hallett.

The certificates and trophies were presented by Captain C. G. Gosling R.N. in the School Hall on Monday, 9th June, on which occasion Captain Gosling paid a deserved tribute to the boys and members of staff who completed or organized, and gave a special mention to Mr. Nash, for his usual highly efficient organization.

The first School Athletics' fixture took place on Saturday, 21st May, at Kelly College, Tavistock, where the School senior team, along with the teams of seventeen other Schools, competed in the sixteenth Devon Public and Grammar Schools' Sports. With fine weather, and good organization on the well laid-out field, the School gained successes in the 220 yards, Protheroe (2nd); 440 yards,

Dowrick (5th); 880 yards, Miller (6th); Mile, Williams J. G. (6th); High Jump, Breckon (3rd); Javelin, Bond (6th); Pole Vault, Potapowicz (3rd); Hop, Step and Jump, Breckon (3rd). Final positions and points, with the School 4th were, Kelly College (52), R. N. College (41), Plymouth College (33), Devonport High School (24).

Two days later, on Monday, 23rd May, the junior team went to Kelly College for a meeting between four schools. Places gained in events by boys of our team were, 100 yards, Roberts (1st), Hawken (3rd); 220 yards, Roberts (1st), Carey (5th); 440 yards, Langston (2nd), Carey (3rd); Long Jump, Holliday (2nd); High Jump, Roberts (2nd), Voysey (6th); Javelin, Langston (3rd), Keast (6th); Discus, Hawkins (2nd); 120 yards Hurdles, Hawken (2nd); Weight, Colwill (3rd), Hawken (5th). The school came 2nd with 59 points.

On Monday, June 6th, Plymouth Schools' Sports (Boys Field Events) were held, in the rain, at Devonport High School. The Under 17 team gained successes in the High Jump, Breckon (2nd); Long Jump, Beer (3rd); Javelin, Bond (4th); Discus, Barker (4th); Weight, Bond (1st); Hop, Step and Jump, Breckon (1st). The under 15, Long Jump, Holliday (1st), Hop, Step and Jump, Roberts (1st); Weight, Colwill (2nd).

The track events, completing the same meeting, held at the Brickfields, showed the School at its best. The Godding Cup, for the team, Under 15, gaining the most number of points, went to our Under 15 team, captained by R. Roberts. The Under 17 team did well, gaining second place in the final positioning. Details are:—Under 17: 100 yards, Protheroe (1st); 220 yards, Protheroe (1st), 440 yards, Griffin (5th), 880 yards, Allison (1st); Mile, Williams J. G. (2nd), Wickenden (3rd); 120 yards Hurdles, Griffith (3rd); Relay (3rd). Under 15: 100 yards, Hawken (3rd); 220 yards, Roberts (1st), Holliday (4th); 440 yards, Ellis (1st), Langston (3rd); 880 yards, Roseveare (2nd), Carey (4th); 120 yards Hurdles, Hawken (3rd), Gilbert (5th). Under 14: 100 yards, Slade (4th); Under 13: 100 yards, Axworthy (2nd).

In the Devon County Schools' Sports Protheroe won the Intermediate 220 yards in 24.4 secs. and Breckon won the Hop, Step and Jump with 41 ft. 10 in. In the Junior section Roberts was first in the 220 yards (25.2 secs.) and Holliday first in the Long Jump (18 ft. 6 in.). Representing Devon, Protheroe and Roberts again won their events and, together with Breckon, have been selected to go forward to the National Championships at Manchester.

SPORTS POINTS			STANDARDS		
House	Senior	Junior	House	Senior	Junior
Drake	74½	57	Drake	151½	127
Gilbert	61	46	Gilbert	197½	132
Grenville	77½	13	Grenville	179½	110½
Raleigh	57	57	Raleigh	172	118

TOTAL POINTS FOR ST. LEVAN SHIELD

<i>House</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Junior</i>
Drake	226	184
Gilbert	258½	178
Grenville	257	123½
Raleigh	229	175

J. R. BRECKON, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE CRICKET CLUB

President: THE HEADMASTER. *Master-in-Charge:* MR. WAYNE.

Captain: J. H. ATHERTON. *Vice-Captain:* N. W. CLARKE.

This season the 1st XI have the youngest team for some time, but after the disastrous opening game against Plymouth College, who are by far the strongest side likely to be encountered, they have had three fine victories over the Infantry Boys Bn., Plymouth C.C. 'A' XI, and Sutton High School.

The 2nd XI, however, have not fared so well up to the present, winning only one of their four fixtures, although they were a little unlucky to lose to Plymouth College.

The Colts XI, who have played only two matches to date—winning one and drawing the other—appear to be quite strong in spite of the fact that they have lost the services of Widger and Parsons.

The Junior XI have not done as well as was expected so far—winning only one of their first three fixtures—but they will most probably redeem their reputation in the matches to come.

The innovation of an Under 12 XI, although defeated in its first fixture, will undoubtedly contribute greatly in raising the standard of cricket in the school.

Our congratulations are extended to Parsons, Widger, and Martin on their selection for the Plymouth Schools Team, and to Parsons and Widger on selection for Devon Schools' Under-15 XI.

The thanks of the Club are due to the many members-of-staff who have given so fully of their time to umpire and coach the teams, as well as to the Parents' Association which has so kindly provided and prepared the teas for the home games.

Results to date:—

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI ...	4	3	0	1
2nd XI ...	4	1	0	3
Colts XI ...	2	1	1	0
Junior XI ...	3	1	0	2
Under 12 XI ...	1	0	0	1

T. G. DAVEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

House Notes

DRAKE.

Collectively Drake has little cause for satisfaction in the activities of this School Year. Apart from the Junior Rugger team, which won all its matches by a comfortable margin, no team produced any results that were better than poor; in Athletics our high hopes of repeating last year's victory were dashed by the indifference of certain age-groups in the standards, and it was with some difficulty that we managed to retain second place. There remains but the Swimming, and here there is good reason for optimism.

Individual members of the House, on the other hand, have scored many notable successes; in fact the outstanding feature of the year has been the sterling work of the Seniors, ably led by the House Captain, in every branch of School life: in the School Play, the Christian Union, the Jazz Society as well as in the field of scholarship, Drake has been well to the fore; these notes would be incomplete without a record of the fact that P. M. Miller, R. A. Adams, R. Perry, B. R. Blackler, R. T. F. Williams, A. R. Leigh and W. J. Andrews have gained entrance to a University, while D. G. Protheroe has been accepted by the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth. R. T. F. Williams has carried the reputation of the School far afield in Chess for, apart from representing Devon in a match against Cornwall, he was placed 15th in the British Boys' Championship at Nottingham.

In Athletics we did succeed in retaining the Relay Cup, while Miller was Victor Ludorum, J. G. Williams won the 'Under 16' Cup and M. R. Roberts the 'Under 15' Cup. Several members of the House also represented the School with distinction in the Plymouth Schools' Sports, the Devon Schools' Sports and the Devon Public and Grammar Schools' meeting, particularly Protheroe and Roberts in the sprints and Williams in the Mile.

Unfortunately many of those who have distinguished themselves are leaving and, unless the rank and file of the House can display more energy and loyalty than in recent years, the outlook for the future looks rather bleak. The example is there for all to follow, and to all those who have set this example so notably, we offer our thanks; to those who are moving on to other spheres we wish every success.

House Officials:—

Captain: P. M. Miller.

Vice-Captain and Secretary: R. Perry.

Rugby and Athletics Captain: P. M. Miller.

Soccer Captain: L. A. Middleton.

Cricket Captain: R. Perry.

Chess Captain: R. T. F. Williams.

J.G.N.

GILBERT.

RESULTS 1954-55.	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>House</i>
Soccer	1	1	1
Rugger	4	2	4
Chess	1	3 (equal)	2
Athletics	1	2	1
Cricket	2	1	2

At last we can safely claim to be riding on the crest of the wave: last year's success is being followed by a year of even greater effort by the ordinary "boy in the House." From the somewhat fatalistic outlook of four and five years ago, Gilbert has undergone a complete change which few would have believed possible. If the principle of the House system is that every boy should give of his best, Gilbert deserves to remain Cock House.

Owing to our successes in the winter sports we were two points ahead of Raleigh at the beginning of the Summer Term. This was due, in the main, to our winning the Soccer Championship by ten clear points: the Seniors had three decisive victories, whilst the Juniors drew their first match against Grenville and won the other two. Unfortunately, our Senior Rugger team did not gain any points—this is explained by lack of talent rather than of effort—but the Juniors maintained a steady improvement by winning two games. The standard of chess in the House has improved immensely: in the Chess Championship we finished second.

Once again the rank and file of the House responded admirably to the task of breaking the record for Athletic standards—this year we obtained 659. Our resultant lead over Drake was followed by a thrilling tussle on Sports Day, and, although half the Sports was postponed because of the weather, we held our lead, winning the Athletics' shield—for the first time in many years—by more than twenty points. Two really creditable performances were Potapowicz's record in the Pole Vault of 8 ft. 4 ins., and Scullion's leap of 4 ft. 2 ins. which earned him the Under 12 High Jump record. We also heartily congratulate all those boys who helped to win the Sports before the finals by gaining all their standards.

Such is the talent in the House that we have a good prospect of retaining the cricket championship. With the Senior cricket victory over Drake by 7 wickets—our first fixture—Gilbert have established such a lead in the St. Levan Shield competition that our chances of becoming Cock House again are even better than last year's. If we are successful, it will be due to the efforts of all and not of the talented few. Again we must thank Mr. Berry for his untiring support and guidance in keeping our team at the top of the table.

JOHN ATHERTON, *House Captain.*

GRENVILLE.

Once again, as we come to the end of yet another school year, Grenville may look back proudly upon a year, if not of great achievements, of enthusiasm shown by the way members, especially juniors, have volunteered to help in the various House activities. Our achievements were few through lack of talent, but we are not discouraged because everybody has done his best, which is the all-important thing.

At the end of the winter season we finished third for Rugger. The senior rugger team was second, but the juniors, who had several first-form boys playing, lost all their matches. The soccer teams did quite well, both teams finishing second, making us second with Drake in the final placings. These results placed us fourth for the St. Levan Shield before the summer activities began.

So far this term only two cricket matches have been played. In the first our juniors were beaten by Raleigh and in the other match the senior team easily defeated Drake.

The cricket officials, elected at the beginning of this term, are:—

Captain: G. R. Hore.

Vice-Captain: W. J. Badcock.

This year we succeeded in getting more standards than in any previous year. Although the points obtained before and on Sports Day, together with those for standards, placed us fourth, we were by no means disgraced. Two records were set up by boys in our House; the 75-yards hurdles, Under-15, by Hawken, and the Under-15 relay.

To Chiswell and MacBean, who left us at the end of last term, we send our best wishes and thank them for the good work they did as soccer officials during the past season.

Finally our sincerest thanks go once again to our House-master, Mr. Mallinson, for all he has done to benefit the House.

M. W. PARNELL, *House Captain.*

RALEIGH.

Early in the term the House lost its captain, J. D. Mills, who had figured with great success in the spheres of Chess and Rugby. After a short while B. Y. Langdon was appointed to the vacancy.

In Chess the final results for the house teams are as follows:—

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>
Senior team	6	3	1	2	14
Junior team	6	4	1	1	9

Both teams are to be congratulated on winning the Chess Cup for the House and so sustaining a record of five successive wins.

The Junior Rugby team, by beating Grenville in their second match, assured us of the House Rugger Championship, for the Seniors had previously won all their games. The Senior Soccer

team completed their programme by beating Drake (5-0) and losing to Grenville (0-1). The Juniors drew with Drake (1-1) and lost to Grenville (1-6). We congratulate all the members of these teams.

In the annual inter-house sports Raleigh was narrowly beaten into third place after a creditable performance which was better than expected, or even hoped for. The sports revealed great athletic promise among the house juniors, but also betrayed an equally great weakness amongst the Senior members. The House must continue to cultivate the vital quality of keenness which, it is to be regretted, is at present possessed only by a minority. The importance of this virtue is seen in the fact that the winning House had a lead of nearly forty points from its standards and this could be reduced only to twenty-six and a half on Sports Day.

The Senior Cricket team looked promising on paper and has proved itself on the field. The Junior team has played two matches, winning the first handsomely by seven wickets and losing the second by a mere twelve runs. We have great hopes for the future success of both teams.

The House goes forward to the Swimming Sports with the expectation of a third post-war win. Our team is already under the care of Green and Matthews. B. Y. LANGDON, *House Captain*.

Out of School Activities

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Since the last edition of the magazine, the members of the Society have enjoyed many interesting meetings, although the average attendance has been rather lower than in previous years. However, the policy of opening the Society's lectures to the whole school has proved very successful, and has been implemented whenever possible.

Films on many interesting subjects have been shown, those of special interest being 'Powered Flight,' the story of the development of the aeroplane; 'A Story of Achievement,' the history of the production of margarine; and 'Project 074,' which dealt with the use of radioactive materials in research on wear in internal combustion engines. Others worthy of special mention are 'The Story of Formica,' 'Travelways in South Africa,' 'Opus 65,' 'Slice of Life' and 'That's the Spirit.'

Lectures given to the Society have ranged over a wide field. Mr. H. G. Hurrell, the celebrated naturalist, ornithologist and cinematographer, gave a very interesting, illustrated lecture on his 1954 achievements, with special reference to the carrion crow. Mr. J. Rowland of Messrs. H. G. Simonds, Ltd., gave an illuminating address on 'Brewing' and welcomed a party of our members at a

local brewery. Mr. F. R. Coombe gave a practical demonstration of enlarging technique. Finally, the Society was honoured by the visit of Mr. G. Keen, of Messrs. A. V. Roe, Canada, Ltd., who delivered an illustrated talk on 'Canada and the Aircraft Industry.' To these gentlemen, and the organisations which they represent, we extend our sincere thanks. Unfortunately, a lecture by a representative of a famous firm of aircraft engine manufacturers had to be cancelled at short notice for reasons beyond the control of the Committee. We hope to be able to include this item in next year's programme.

The other sections of the Society have continued their various activities. The Press Cutting Editor, Lancaster, L6A, has kept our boards well stocked with articles of scientific interest, though he wishes it to be noted that he would welcome submission of illustrated material of general scientific interest from a greater number of contributors.

The Photographic Section continues to flourish, as has been shown by the fact that the darkroom has been in use almost every lunch hour. The Darkroom Steward, Blackler, 6S, is, however, rather perplexed by the apparent lack of interest of the fourth and fifth form members of the Society, and he wishes to remind them that all members have the right to use the excellent facilities offered them in the darkroom, and that tuition is available to those lacking in experience.

Meteorological reports have been posted on the board daily by an enthusiastic team of junior members of the Society. We trust that many others will come along to join them.

Interesting visits have been arranged for this Summer Term, and should prove of great educational value to those who attend them. Reports of these must, of course, be held over for the next issue.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have put in so much hard work behind the scenes to help maintain the high standard of the Society, and to make this year's programme so successful.

C. E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Secretary.*

FORM Ic BOXING CLUB.

At the beginning of the Summer Term, form Ic decided to have its own Boxing Club. The first meeting, of sixteen members, was held on the 28th April, and a Committee Meeting was held later. The first eliminating bouts were held early in May. Weekly bouts have been held since to decide the form champion, who is Hall. He defeated his opponent Gent. Training is undertaken (during dinner times) under the guidance of Squire, Gent and Hall. In future we hope to do training after school hours.

DAVID WILSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Spring Term showed a slight increase in numbers. We heard what proved to be an enlightening talk by Mr. Clark on, "The Art of Debating," and we are grateful to him both for this talk and also for the great help he has given the Society during this and other years.

A debate deploring the playing of two winter sports at school, proposed by M. J. Allison, L6A, and opposed by P. M. Miller, U6A, was defeated, after some lively exchanges, by 11 votes to 5.

During the Spring Term there were three Inter-Schools' Debates. The first was held at Plymouth High School and the second at Plymouth College. In the latter, a member of our Society, J. H. Atherton, 6A, successfully opposed the motion, "That criticism is essential to creation."

The undoubted high-light of the term, as far as we were concerned, was the Inter-Schools' Debate arranged by our own Society. Despite the numbers being smaller than expected, a lively if unusual debate ensued, and the motion, "That nothing worth while can be done without some form of dictatorship," was defeated by 73 votes to 28. We thank the Headmaster for acting as our Chairman.

During the Summer Term the Society's activities have been curtailed, owing to the proximity of examinations, although it is hoped to have at least one large-scale debate after the examinations are finished. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Lancaster, L6A, for his gift to the Society of a fine gavel, an implement which we had been sadly lacking.

B. CHILDES, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

By the time these notes are printed, the library will have moved back into its original quarters at the top of Block C. This is the climax to a very busy term and a half; we have now finally vacated our dingy room at the bottom of Block B into which the workmen were waiting to move.

Soon after Christmas, R. Perry, U6, who had been School Librarian for nearly eighteen months, resigned through pressure of work. Perry has given long and excellent service to the library and we are extremely grateful to him for the efficient way in which he ensured the smooth running of so complicated an undertaking as the library in such trying circumstances.

In the Library, this has been a busy period during the course of which upwards of 600 new books have been received, actioned and made available. That so much was achieved in such a short period of time was mainly due to the hard work and enthusiastic endeavour of the senior library staff:—Adams, Jeffery and Mantle

of U6, and five newcomers, Reed and Slade of L6A, Elliott, 6A, Childes, 6Sc., and Forrest, L6Sc. The same boys of 4A who helped so much last year are still responsible for the general appearance and tidiness of the shelves, and the Junior Library is still being admirably organised by Coldwell, 3A.

It is very pleasant to find ourselves back in our reconditioned and considerably improved old quarters on the top floor of Block C: the room has been lengthened, the lighting improved and we hope to have linoleum on the floor.

The library is now housed in what is probably the best room in the school, which fact is only to be expected since a really fine library is of paramount importance and an invaluable asset to a good grammar school like D.H.S. Our only hope now is that even more boys will make use of the excellent facilities that the library offers.

B. R. BLACKLER, *Hon. Librarian.*

THE SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA.

*"Come lift we up our loftier song,
And wake the SON that lyes too long."*

The sacred season of Christmas was heralded by the School with the Annual Service of Lessons and Carols held in Stoke Damerel Parish Church on 17th December, 1954. The readers ably narrated the Christmas story; the choir, under Mr. Self's capable direction, sang various carols and led the congregation in our hymns of praise to the Christ-Child. We are indebted to Canon W. L. B. Caley for the use of the Church and for his presence at the service.

The Summer Term brought new vitality to the Society with the approaching Music Concert. Our programme, presented on 6th and 7th May, consisted of the following items:—Sonata in G for Recorders (Hook); Two pieces for percussion (G. Self); Sonata in C for Recorders, accompanied on the violin by Miss Adams, (Michael Gover, Form 3A); Violin Concerto in A Minor: Op. 3 No. 6 (Vivaldi), Soloist John H. Atherton; An introduction to "Saul" (Written and read by the Secretary). After the interval the choir and orchestra performed a shortened version of the Oratorio "Saul" by G. F. Handel. Our soloists were Peter Wright (Form 2), Mr. Gwilym Owen, Mr. Edgar Hannam, and Mr. Edgar Harris. Both Mr. Hannam and Mr. Harris are Old Boys. We are indebted to all four soloists for a splendid performance.

After the performance on the Saturday evening, the Headmaster thanked all who had taken part in what was a most successful Concert. He mentioned the fact that the participation of Old Boys made the occasion rather a family one. "But as a family",

he said, "has its sons who grow up and leave home, so one of our sons is to leave us. Mr. Self is going from Devonport High at the end of this term." The Head-master thanked Mr. Self for all his work, and commented upon the grand musical tradition which he had established. Mr. Self was presented with a music case by the Society. The evening ended with the singing of the School Song.

The lack of time between the start of the Christmas term and Speech Day is an annual difficulty for the choir in preparing for Speech Day. I wish to make a special appeal this year to choir members to give their full support to the new Music Master, Mr. Bennett, from the very start of next term, so that our music tradition may be maintained.

MR. GEORGE SELF.

*"And Jonathan said to David, 'Go in peace . . .'
And he arose and departed."*

After six years in our school Mr. Self is to leave us for a new post in London. I wish to express here the feelings of the Choir and of the Orchestra: the feelings of regret at his going, and of gratitude for all his hard work in Devonport High. We are sorry to lose him because his likeable personality and friendliness have endeared him to many.

We can never fully thank Mr. Self for all his work: in his six years at Devonport High he has worked so hard to build up a music tradition that none of us has been able to see the full extent of his work. When Mr. Self came to us in September, 1949, he immediately began to revitalise the remnants of the choir that Mr. Barkell had helped to keep together. Within a month or so Mr. Self had started classes for 'cello, violin and recorder, with the intention of building a school orchestra.

His steady drive soon brought results and 'put us on the map' in the sphere of music; the School Song was set to four parts for the first time by him. Under his supervision, the Music Concerts were revived for the first time since before the war. The notable successes which his direction has inspired are mainly these:— 1952: "The Peasant Cantata" (Bach); Mozart's Piano Concerto in D. 1953: With Mr. H. Whitfeld, "Let's make an Opera" (Britten); the oratorio "Solomon" (Handel); "The heavens are telling" (Creation: Haydn); 1954: "In tears of grief" (St. Matthew Passion: Bach); The Toy Symphony (Haydn); 1955: The music for "The Birds"; "Saul" (Handel).

All who have worked with him have shared in his vitality and enthusiasm. "We shall miss you, Sir, but we all wish you and your family the very best of fortune for the future."

ARNOLD R. LEIGH, *Hon. Secretary.*

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DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE ONE-ACT PLAYS.

The great difference between the School Play and the One-Act Plays is that the one, even if it happens to be rollicking comedy, is such a matter of life and death, while the others contrive to be good fun, whether they be farce or the most sombre tragedy. This year's batch was no exception; there was great variety in the type of play, the age of the players, the treatment and the standard of achievement, but in all there was enthusiasm and enjoyment which could not fail to be communicated to the audience.

"The Grand Cham's Diamond" by Ian Hay is not a good play, when viewed from any angle; farce at its best is difficult to do well and is bound to impose a heavy strain on a cast which is entirely without experience and at the same time physically incapable of portraying the characters they are meant to represent. It was therefore no mean achievement for Form 3c to attempt it at all. Dress up a boy of twelve in his father's clothes and he looks ridiculous; let him pretend to be an adult in his own Sunday best and he remains just William or Jennings. In a costume play on the other hand he can forget that he is a boy and we forget with him. The actors in this play were not helped by late arrivals among the audience and an unforgivable series of unrehearsed 'noises off,' which undoubtedly contributed to the somewhat painful pauses. At the same time it must be granted that D. A. Smith, who took a part at very short notice, showed promise, while R. Challice had his moments as the mother and B. M. Falconar as her daughter. Perhaps the most valuable lesson these learners will have learnt from their first effort is that an actor's prime duty is to make himself heard.

"The Spartan Girl" by A. J. Talbot gives endless scope for originality and ingenuity in production and for versatility in acting; all of these qualities were displayed to the full. There was much very good acting, especially by K. C. G. Hughes, D. E. Martin and P. G. Eames, who gave a clever portrayal of the prodigal son, even though his inebriation was somewhat overdone and not well sustained. The introduction of different accents added interest and variety, but should have been suggested rather than overworked; it was difficult to understand the meaning of some of the Cockney's remarks because of the broadness of his speech. Otherwise the audibility was excellent throughout. In the minor parts both T. Webb and R. E. Rowe were inclined to overdo their tricks, but they were certainly amusing. R. C. Griffin was an authentic 'Jeeves' in manner and voice. The Chorus of 'skivvies' was well drilled and had a wide range of voices and the Bathing Belles were most 'posterisque.' This was clever burlesque, with never a dull moment.

J. J. Bell's "Thread of Scarlet" is a good old melodrama which, when competently presented; rarely fails to grip an audience throughout and to shock those who do not know it by the unexpected dénouement; but familiarity with the story inevitably causes us to make comparisons with the other productions we have seen and to watch the actors objectively instead of getting absorbed in the drama. It reflects great credit, therefore, on the producer and cast, that there were moments in this play when it really became alive and we forgot that we were watching Form 5L. There were the rustics, apparently quite at home in the 'Pig & Whistle,' sinking their pints with such gusto that we began to feel quite thirsty, and secretly to hope for their sakes that it really was only burdock stout in the tankards. Then unfortunately some little thing would happen which brought us back again to earth and the School Hall. The faults were chiefly those of inexperience; I. Daymond, who has an excellent voice and otherwise gave a sound performance, would show that he has not yet learnt the art of standing still, perhaps the most difficult lesson the actor has to learn; or L. Spark, whose part was played with restraint and understanding, would experience difficulty in finding something for his hands to do. D. Baldwin, though not always entirely audible, had an easy manner and R. Seager seemed quite at home on the stage. P. Wickenden had a difficult part, in which he gave a very sincere rendering, and B. Widger was convincing in the way he showed us how to drown our sorrows.

The last performance was that of Chekov's "The Bear," a play which demands tremendous speed and attack. It seemed almost too much to hope that a group of boys could put it across; we need have had no fears, for as soon as the curtain went up, it was obvious that both producer and players knew what was expected of them and were capable of carrying it off. The parts were played by S. A. J. Hill, G. A. Lancaster and A. M. Kimmins; their teamwork was so good that it would be invidious to single out any one of them. They showed at every turn that they knew what they were doing and they were supremely confident in their ability to do it. The characterisation was good, the voices clear and the tempo excellent. It was in fact a fitting climax to a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Q.H.F.

D.H.S. STAMP CLUB.

The Club has had a very successful year and has been very well supported by the younger collectors in the School. If you collect stamps, do not hesitate to come to the Club's meetings on Wednesdays. There is no compulsion to join or even to come regularly but I am sure you will quickly realize the added enjoyment membership of the Club will give to your hobby.

Every week the programme is different: sometimes we have a talk on some aspect of collecting or a discussion, sometimes a display or competition, sometimes a quiz or brains-trust or an evening of friendly co-operative work at our albums.

At the moment we are beginning to group our best acquisitions of the year for the Garden Party Display.

Prize-winners this year have been: Smith IIIb, Booth Ib, Sleep IIc, Crago IVb, Dunn IIA, besides some very commendable entries from Jeffery IIIb, Sutton Ic, Bignell IA.

The Club is grateful to the officers for duties rendered: Griffiths VR, Sleep IIc, Booth Ib, Bignell IA, Perrett IIIb, Smith IIIb, Crago IVb.

At the end of the Spring term 12 members made the now annual visit to the G.P.O. Sorting Office, which new members always find of absorbing interest. We are very grateful to the G.P.O. for their ever friendly welcome to our parties.

The members are divided into teams for competitive purposes. As we go to press the state of points is:

A team 92½ B team 62 C team 35.

Now, as always, the most appreciated part of the club meetings is the sale of approvals which are sometimes very much sought after. The periodical auctions cause great excitement and many stamps have also been given away as prizes.

M. J. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Secretary.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL CLUB.

By the time these notes go to print, this society will have been in existence for a year. On the whole it has been a very successful year and one which has shown that the formation of such a club was an asset to the activities of the School.

Unfortunately, owing to the proximity of examinations, the Fourth Form side of the Club has had to remain latent during the Summer Term, but it will come to life again next term. The Fifth Form have shown immense interest and enthusiasm and will, I hope, take over the complete running of the club in two years' time.

A Christmas Social was held last year, ably managed by Mr. Sherwood. The Fourth Forms of Plymouth High and Devonport High School for Girls were invited, and an enjoyable and highly successful evening was had by all. We hope to repeat this social at the end of the Summer Term if the hall is still available.

The Club's most sincere thanks are offered to the small group of boys who are still engaged in constructing a table tennis table which, it is believed, should be completed this term. Our thanks are also offered to N. Dingle, the Secretary, who has done everything

in his power to keep the club running smoothly; without his enthusiasm and unselfishness the club could not have had so successful a beginning.

R. PERRY, *Hon. President.*

CHESS CLUB.

The Club has again had a successful season. The Senior Team retained the Goodman Cup with an unbeaten record, scoring 17 points from 9 games. They finished third in the Moyle Cup, a Devon Senior event, winning 4 of their 6 matches. We thank the members of the Parents' Association who provided and served excellent teas for these matches.

The Junior Team played 8 matches, winning 3 and drawing 2. The introduction of an Under-13 Team in addition to the Under-15s enabled over 30 boys to participate.

The House Championship was again won by Raleigh. The competition was however much keener than in previous years and the final winning margin was only 2 points.

Results:—

	<i>Raleigh</i>	<i>Gilbert</i>	<i>Grenville</i>	<i>Drake</i>
Senior	14	18	8	8
Junior	9	3	9	3
Total	23	21	17	11

The outstanding individual performance was that of 15-year-old B. N. Blight. He won the Devon Under 18 Championship at the Plymouth Congress. He scored 6½ points out of a possible 7 and was a clear point ahead of his nearest rival. This was no mean achievement in such a very strong contest. This success gave him the honour of captaining the Devon Junior Team and of representing Devon in the Southern Counties Championship. He did well against top-class opposition which included England-International players.

The School was well represented in the Plymouth Congress and had 5 representatives in the prize-list. Besides Blight they were:—R. T. F. Williams, 2nd Under 21; A. J. Blencowe 4th (Devon Junior); and R. Hitt and K. Legassick who shared 3rd prize in the Under-15, Section A.

J. D. Mills, the School's Match Captain, and Williams, played for the Senior County Team while Blencowe, Hitt and Legassick played in the Junior Team.

We must thank Mr. Berry and Mr. Adams for their interest in, and service to, the Club. It is their kindness, skill and experience which makes the Club's successes possible. The Club is open to all members of the school and welcomes new members at any time, whether beginners or experts.

R. T. F. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Secretary.*

MUSIC CLUB AND P.G.S.M.S.

Once again we must attribute the rather small audiences at this year's music club meetings to the numerous counter-attractions. It is rather difficult for a society of purely aesthetic interests to lure boys away from the more demonstrative arts of soccer and rugby and so on. Unfortunately, an ear for music is something which has to be cultivated by dint of much cramp and boredom, but through shunning this, many miss the joy of really appreciating the greatest of the Arts. We have tried, this year, to make the programmes of as wide an interest as possible, whilst tending more towards such modern composers as Vaughan Williams, Frank Martin, Stravinsky and Sibelius.

After holding two very successful dances this year—one on the 19th February and the other on April 2nd—the P.G.S.M.S. is now solvent and has finished paying off the balance on the new gramophone. So far three record recitals have been held: at Plymouth College where the programme was Rossini's overture "La Scala di Seta", Vaughan-Williams' 6th Symphony, the "Polovtsian Dances" by Borodin, and "La Boutique Fantasque" by Rossini; at Notre Dame High School we heard Wagner's "Flying Dutchman" overture, Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor, and Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique"; and, finally, at St. Boniface's College, where the programme consisted of Beethoven's overture "Egmont," Sibelius' 7th Symphony, Beethoven's 1st Symphony and Elgar's "Enigma Variations." The initially large attendances at these recitals have dwindled somewhat, leaving the core of about seventy to a hundred enthusiastic music lovers. We hope to build upon these numbers as more and more young people in the Plymouth grammar schools become acquainted with music.

Experience has taught us that films are a popular attraction, so this term it has been arranged to show Chopin's life-story, in "A Song to Remember," at D.H.S. for Girls. As this is a fairly short film there will be two brief features including Borodin's "Polovtsian Dances". This should prove a popular programme.

Thus, the society has continued to flourish under its new committee, and we hope that it will grow in influence, thereby helping to raise the standard of musical appreciation in the city.

JOHN ATHERTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

CHRISTIAN UNION.

For the last two thousand years the pundits have been forecasting the extinction of Christianity, yet it is still with us. Why is this? Amazingly few intelligent people ask themselves this question. Twelve months ago last Easter the riddle was solved for a small number of sixth formers who went to Lee Abbey, on the North Coast of Devon, and upon returning to school they decided to

form a Christian Union. This organisation has grown in stature and spiritual strength ever since.

We have continued with the plan of having one meeting after school each week—on Monday evenings—and a short prayer meeting in Stoke Damerel Church each Friday dinner-hour. Bible-study has been abandoned this term since all agreed that it did not encourage “outsiders” to join. Instead, we have arranged a series of talks in which ministers of the leading denominations describe the fundamental characteristics of their respective sects. In this way we have been enabled to examine the vexed question of disunity in the Church. Subjects of forthcoming talks by noted speakers are “Existentialism” and “Buddhism”; there will also be an “Any Questions” in which the panel will consist of the Rev. J. D. Wakeling and the Rev. Butler. An innovation which has attracted a good deal of interest is that of showing one “Fact and Faith” film each month; this term’s films are: “God of the Atom,” “Dust or Destiny,” and “The Voice of the Deep.”

At the end of the term, when the exams are finished, the Christian Union intends to issue a more formal challenge to the school by way of a campaign. What we want is virile support or antagonism, not insipid, indifferent tolerance. Apathy in any community is pitiable, but apathy in an intelligent society is more—it is disastrous. We are extremely fortunate to have a Christian Society at D.H.S.; may we all seize the advantages of this privilege before we pass from its sphere of influence.

JOHN ATHERTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

FIELD CLUB.

At our Monday evening meetings we have been pursuing our policy of trying to cultivate a general interest in Field studies, hoping, thereby, to eliminate “over-specialization” by our members.

The Club is still primarily interested in birds. A number of interesting records sent from the Club have been published in the annual report of the Devon Bird-Watching and Preservation Society.

Our patient vigilance on Stonehouse Creek has been rewarded in the form of a rare Black-Throated Diver as well as of a number of rare but more regular visitors.

As the Club is mainly an “Ornithologist’s Union,” field expeditions have had bird-watching as the main objective. These have been numerous and very diverse. Places visited include: Dawlish Warren, where in February an interesting but cold day was spent observing estuarine and sea birds; Newton St. Cyres, near Exeter, for an American vagrant, the Myrtle Warbler, this being the only known occurrence of this species in Europe; and Chudleigh Knighton Heath, on an official expedition, run by Devon Bird-Watching and Preservation Society, to hear the Nightingale. Besides these there have been many fruitful local

trips. Before the end of term the Club hopes to make a rough study of the status of the Stonechat and Rook within the City boundaries.

Finally the Club would like to thank Commander R. J. B. White, R.N., through whose kind permission a number of senior boys were able to carry out a monthly wildfowl count on the estuary of the River Erme.

C. J. RUSE, *Hon. Secretary.*

JAZZ CLUB.

This term's meetings of the Jazz Club have been by far the most successful held since the club was formed just twelve months ago. We succeeded in buying a number of records from money raised at very successful dances held during the term. The one thing which makes the running of such a club as this difficult is the unfortunate lack of good-quality records among our members. Thus it is essential for the club's existence that our members should give us their assistance at all the meetings.

Programmes presented this term included another tremendously popular programme by Mr. Adams, another by Mr. Fuge (who also played at our dances), and the 1937 Carnegie Hall Jazz Concert on long-playing records, which the club bought out of funds.

At this point I would like to thank J. P. Holding for the vast amount of work he has done for the club in the last twelve months. We shall all be very sorry to see him leave us at the end of this term.

Next term's meetings are to include a programme by a master from another Plymouth grammar school, a debate, and three other possible talks by outside speakers. We look forward to an increase in our numbers, once the stress of other activities has been removed from our regular members.

G. LANCASTER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Correspondence

OXFORD LETTER.

June, 1955.

During two of the past three years, when there was regretfully no Oxford Letter in the Magazine, there were four representatives of the School up here, until paterfamilias Arthur Wilnot transferred his affections to the Bristol Aeroplane Company.

Now there are two of us at Exeter whilst M. S. Warren, Captain of the School 1949-50, is just across the road at Jesus; but as feeling runs high between the two Colleges—still!—we on this side of the Turl see little of him, apart from occasional glimpses on the river as he rows well in the Jesus 1st Torpid. No doubt he still reads Physics and continues his badminton activities.

At Exeter, I. C. F. Treby, whom *some* of his contemporaries may have known, if not a few members of staff, now leads a semi-bohemian existence in Walton Street lodgings, reading Biochemistry in his brighter moments and singing lustily in the Oxford Harmonic Society Choir on wild Wednesday evenings. He is, at the moment of writing, battling with the Schools examiners, a "pleasure" I myself endured rather reluctantly last week, but has also had original work of wider appeal published in a notable national magazine during recent months. Next year he alone, in all probability, will remain to welcome our single new "recruit," C. H. R. Wood. We hope he will be followed by many more of his school-fellows in the near future.

Of an earlier Oxford vintage, Claud Ham is occasionally seen in the city of dreaming spires, but again on the wrong side of Turl Street.

For past Oxonians from D.H.S., it may be interesting to note that Oxford life has changed little since the immediate postwar years, though gown-life is reported to be a trifle less boisterous now than then, whilst the pace of town-life increases, even if that of internal road traffic does not.

The latter problem stems largely from road works in Cornmarket Street which have been in progress for most of the past two years but are at last nearing completion. Meanwhile an intricate one-way traffic system operates in the streets of the city centre, and this system finally achieved "artistic perfection" during the week as motor vehicles formed one line nose to tail without a break from Magdalen Bridge through the city to St. Giles, a far cry from the days when weeds grew in The High during vacations.

But as I go down a solution is at hand—the folly of trying to anglicize Welshmen, for which purpose the statutes of Jesus College are framed, must surely be realised in the near future. Then when the inner relief road is built through The Parks, Jesus will be converted to a multi-storey car park, and Oxford will once more be quiet and peaceful!

K. R. HOLLOWAY.

South Stoneham House,
Southampton.

You may be travelling on the Southern Region permanent way or road A336 and be lucky enough to see a liner docking at the large, cumbersome-looking quays—a poignant reminder that you are approaching the city commonly called the 'gateway to England.' Twice a year, in April and October, a certain percentage of the arrivals by land, sea or even sometimes by air, do not push for boat trains (they do not need them) or taxis (they cannot afford *them*) but disperse quietly (at this stage) to Halls of Residence or approved lodgings affiliated to the University of Southampton.

I think the person who coined the phrase 'Redbrick' to denote the provincial University must have been looking at Southampton at the time. Indeed, even the small sheds attached to the Halls are of square, comparatively unlovely red brick. But the buildings are adequate, well heated and furnished and very well situated. The University itself is set on the two sides of University Road, Highfield. On one side are the Departmental Buildings separated by extremely well kept lawns and pathways though at present the scene is marred by contractors (slowly) erecting a new Arts tutorial block and a few rows of sadly mishapen huts (condemned!) from which issue the irritating 'ping' of Morse Code stabbed out by the Navigation School attached to the University. The blocks are quite compactly arranged and you lose little time in moving from one department to another. The Zoology, Chemistry and Engineering block are very modern and spacious and this especially applies to the Chemistry 'labs' and Aeronautical department where an air tunnel has recently been established (the noise made by this apparatus makes Zoology lecturing quite difficult). There is a large Library (a true University is a collection of books—*Carlyle*), with specialised sections housed in their appropriate departments, which along with the Arts Faculty and Administration constitutes the Main Building.

On the opposite side of the road, flanked by tennis courts and car park, is the Union and Refectory building which hides the University garden from sight of the public highway. This is a pity because although Southampton parks are extremely well kept the University gardens are a joy to see and are probably the most attractive in the city. The gardening staff are competent and combine with the Botany Department to organise the floral arrangements. The gardens are centralised around a picturesque stream and are in a terraced formation. Also the Hall of Residence, from where I am writing, is set in its own grounds (once the home of Lord Swaythling).

On the academic side a rather informal atmosphere prevails. One can consult any member of staff at *any* time and in this way you get to know their likes and dislikes (very useful at the time of terminal examinations). One also finds that you settle quickly into the community with the knowledge that help is available at any time and not 'from 5.30–6.30 on Tuesdays only' as is the case at the older Universities.

But if you do not feel inclined to support our motto '*Strenui ardua cedunt*' there are social and athletic activities guaranteed to keep you away from lectures for as long as your conscience (or tutor) will allow. The prospectus in the Careers Room will show a complete list of these Union subsidised activities. The sports ground is especially fine with room for hockey, netball, rugby, soccer, lacrosse, and there is a good cricket square. The pavilion is

very adequate with hot showers (and a bar). This ground is conveniently situated across the road from two of the Halls of Residence.

D. W. HENDRA.

LONDON LETTER.

King's College,

At Whitsuntide, the London lecture term comes to a rather premature end, and the undergraduate, with three weeks or even less before Sessionals, Inter, Finals or what have you, turns his meditations from examinations to any attractive diversion he may find. My own meditations recall D.H.S., memories of which are occasionally revived by the welcome appearance of one or more of the old confederates.

In London one may encounter Old Boys in the oddest, yet somehow not unexpected places, for most of them we knew well of old. Barrie Colman can invariably be disentangled from the heart of any major disturbance near South Kensington Station, where, it may be added with some relevance, an entirely innocuous porter was efficiently kidnapped in resisting the removal of a London Transport ticket machine. Also at Imperial College are John Goody, Gerald Clapp, and John Martin, all of whom have now progressed to the second year of their course.

King's at present has only two Old Boys in residence—Bob Stroud, a second-year Theology, who spent a year at D.H.S. just before the war, and remembers several members of the Staff, and myself. We understand that the advent next year of Messrs. Pine, Perry and Leigh will increase our representation here.

At St. Mary's Hospital, Mike Wotton is busy adding more honours to his Purple. Already the University 220 yards champion, he ran second for London in Paris, and third in the U.A.U. Championships in Manchester recently.

On a muddy November afternoon at Motspur Park last year, a close look at the Reading University right-winger would have revealed Paul Kelly, now a Finalist in Botany and Zoology after his dental sojourn at the University of Bristol.

London, unlike Oxford or Cambridge, has some attraction apart from its Universities, and for this reason we find a number of Old Boys other than the impecunious undergraduates. Terry Bossom, now married, has a flat at Streatham, Derek March lives within three minutes of my hall of residence, and Ray Townsend appeared in Leicester Square Underground not so long ago. In the East End, Derek Letcher is gallantly performing the hazardous duties of a Customs Officer.

At Ealing, Barrie Cross is "recruiting" for the R.A.F., and we hear that the personnel of the Army and Navy is rapidly increasing as a result! A.C.2 Bill Joint, stationed near Newmarket Race-

course, has apparently developed a passionate interest in the architectural beauties of Furzedown College, and is usually accompanied on his expeditions to that seat of learning by Derek McManus, of Sandhurst (still!). "Mac" informs us that he is in training for an attempt upon the world's putting record!

I must apologise for any major errors in this jumbled epistle, and I hope you and the victims will forgive them—I am afraid some of the sources were a trifle doubtful!

In conclusion, may I, on behalf of all of us here, send best wishes to you and to the School, and anticipate the arrival of some Freshmen next October.

COLIN BRAY.

Parents' Association

The social activities of the Association have followed the pattern of recent years—a pattern which caters for a variety of interests and which finds continued support from parents.

So well supported was the Autumn Whist Drive that another was organised for February and once again an enjoyable evening was experienced by some hundred parents and staff. The latter repeated their autumn success by appearing among the prize-winners.

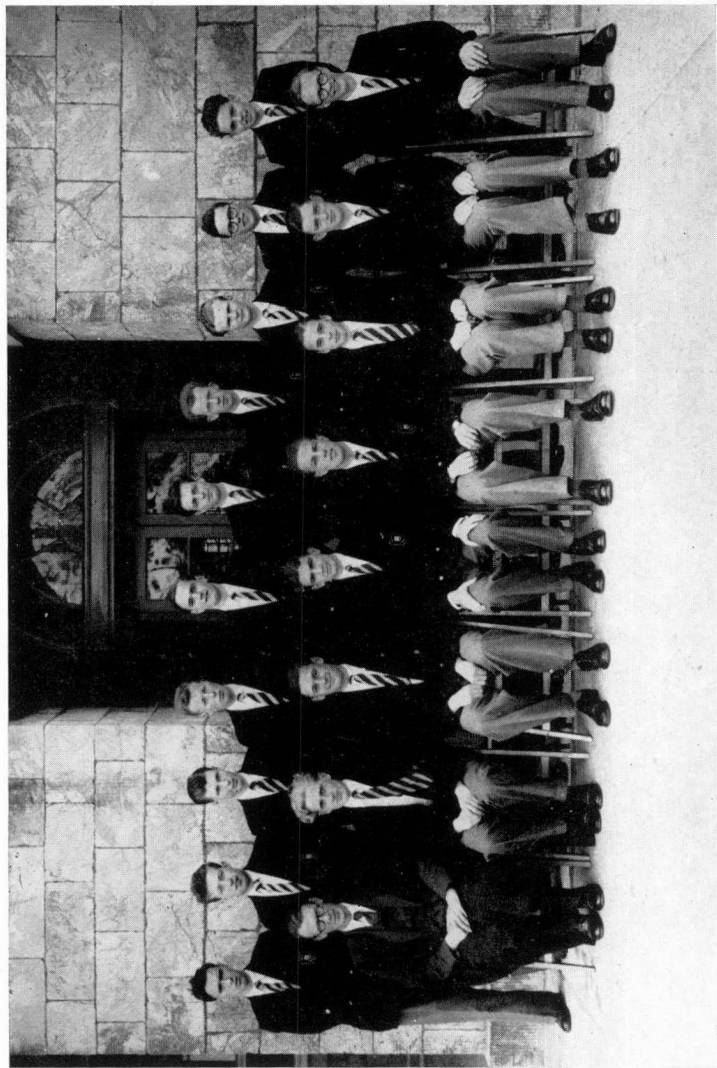
During March a whole evening was devoted to the "At Home" to the staff, and many mutually beneficial conversations ensued between parents and members of staff. It is still true, however, that many parents whom we would most like to see are those who do NOT attend.

For the coach trip in June we paid a return visit to Dartington Hall where we heard of the history of the Hall and Estate, visited the Gardens, Farm and School, and finally, were graciously received by the Headmaster, Dr. Curry. Parents asked many questions concerning education at the School and were stimulated, provoked and even shocked by some of the replies they received. It was an experience few would willingly have missed. Our return journey was via Haytor and Widecombe.

During recent months Chess clocks have been purchased to enable the chess teams to compete more satisfactorily in local and county competitions. Again this year the Association has entertained the soloists, guests and staff at the Music Society Concert. Teas have been provided for all visiting football and cricket teams. For these efforts, and especially for the magnificent manner in which they entertained the touring Pembroke College cricket team, our grateful thanks are due.

At present our energies are devoted to preparing for the Annual Garden Party on Saturday, July 16th. to be opened at 2.45 p.m. by Air Vice-Marshal G. W. Tuttle, C.B., O.B.E., D.F.C. We look forward to an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

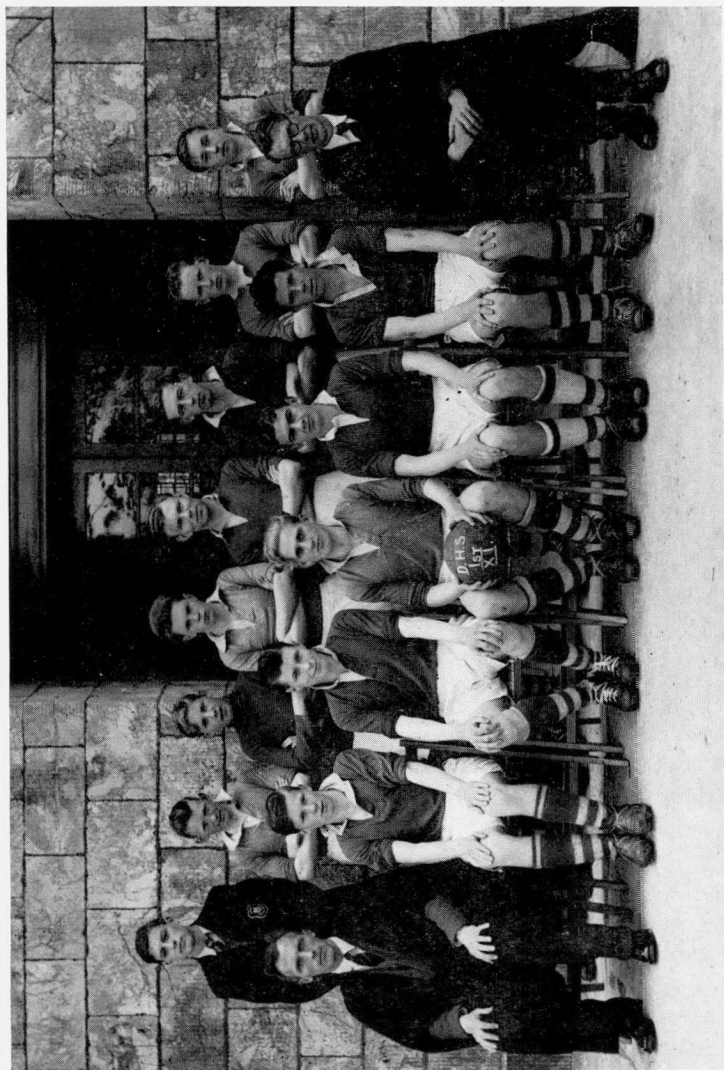
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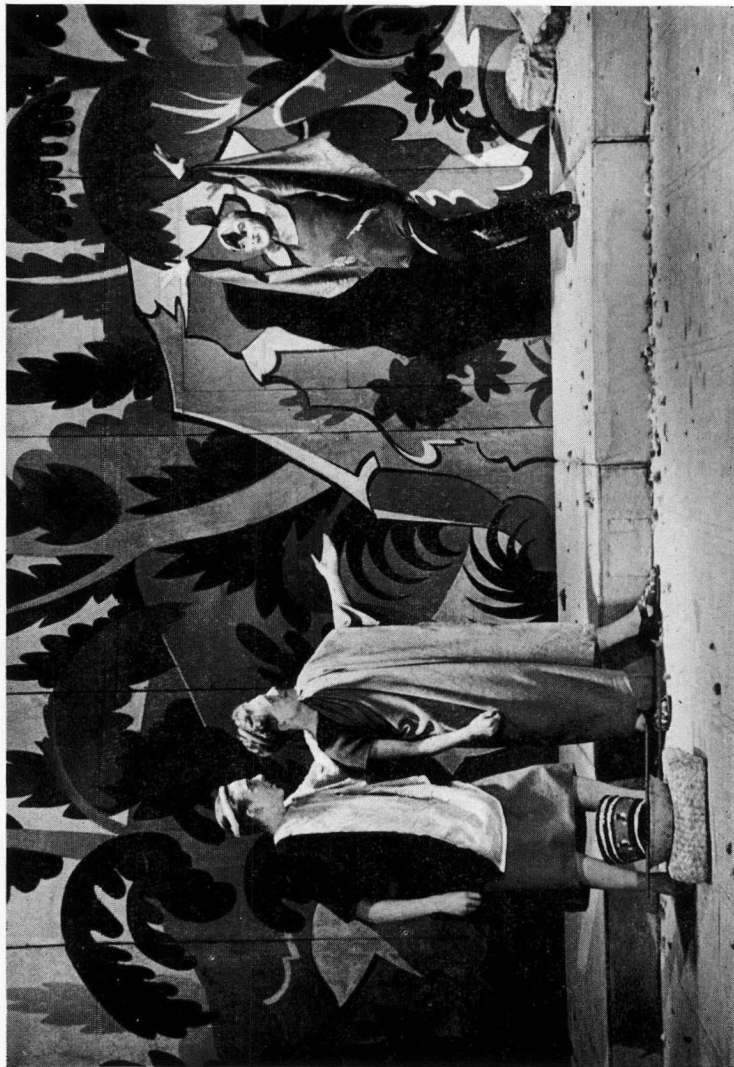
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SCHOOL PLAY
"THE BIRDS" OF ARISTOPHANES



A. R. Leigh (*Pithetaerus*)

A. M. Kimmins (*Euelpides*)

I. J. Trigger (*Hoopoe*)

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F. T. HEALY.

The most important item since the publication of the last issue of the School Magazine is that the Sub-committee appointed by the A.G.M. of last December has managed to meet. Although some delay in arranging a meeting was experienced (due entirely to matters outside the control of the sub-committee) events have since moved fast. By the time that you read these notes each Old Boy should have received a personal letter from the Headmaster. Over 600 will have been posted, each with the request that the contents be made known to any Old Boy the recipient may know. Dr. Cresswell has asked me to apologise to any who have not received, or seen, a copy of the letter. It is now open to members to pay their Annual Subscriptions by the simple procedure of filling in a Bankers' Order—a method that it is hoped will be generally adopted since it solves the problem on the one hand of paying and on the other of reminding and collecting. The annual subscription is 5/-. An extraordinary A.G.M. has been called for July 7th, and a departure from normal custom is that it will be held at the Continental Hotel. This venue should attract, being central and licensed. For those who live in the London area there is very welcome news—the Annual Dinner is to be revived. The above details have been included in the Headmaster's letter. Attached to the letter are certain forms for completion—you will assist by filling in and returning these forms as applicable, and above all tell other Old Boy acquaintances about it.

Thanks to Dr. Cresswell the Personal Column continues to grow and to prove a welcome addition to our news of each other. An annual Bulletin Circular has been suggested; another suggestion is a Year Book. Does this mean an increasing interest in the Association? I understand that these suggestions will be discussed at the July meeting. It would mean increasing the Annual Subscription to meet the cost unless it is thought better to replace the Magazine and I know that many of you look forward to receiving the Magazine and to reading the contents. Personally I have to read it (one of the joys, or otherwise, of being the Printer).

The Annual Dinner reported on in the last issue was a reminder of the 25 years of the existence of the Rugger Club. It is also the year in which the person who revived Rugby at D.H.S., and has thus given so many an added interest in life, is retiring. After July 22nd Mr. Austin will no longer need to "rise and shine" to be at School for 9 a.m.—he can revel in a well-earned retirement. Read the letter you receive and let us express our gratitude to him in an appropriate manner.

MR. C. F. AUSTIN, M.A.

On Friday, July 22nd, 1955, Mr. Charles F. Austin will be leaving D.H.S. for the last time in person as a member of the staff. The last phrase can convey much to the many thousands who are privileged to know him; to them the School will be incomplete without him, and after over 30 years his personality must surely be indelibly imprinted on that structure (Staff, Pupils, Old Boys and buildings) which is known as D.H.S. He is leaving the School it is true and that will mean a potential loss to those boys who have not yet joined, but to those who came to know him throughout those 30 years and more he will be about and, we sincerely trust, for many more years yet. His many interests outside of School life bring him constantly in contact with his former pupils, and the respect which is then accorded to him is surely a fitting tribute to his teaching (both academically and in the moulding of character). His forthrightness has always been readily apparent, but with an honesty of purpose; and there are very few who cannot say, "He is right." Wherever he may be his advice is frequently sought and respected. He has always been keenly interested in the O.B.A. and very few Dinners or Annual Meetings passed without his being there—and, more remarkable, his memory for faces and names was truly amazing; he seemed to know us all, no matter how long since we had met. His service to the Old Boys Rugger Club is now well-known. It was to him that a group of very young Old Boys went to seek advice and assistance in the formation of the Club, and so discreet was the assistance given that for many years several of those rugger members playing for the Club in its early days just did not know how it had been made possible for them to enjoy their Saturday afternoon game. It is not easy to record in the limited space available all that can be said about him, but is there any need? We already know it. The O.B.A. will not lose him but rather in his retirement we may even see more of him—our gain being the loss of the boys to come. Nevertheless I, who have the privilege of making frequent visits to D.H.S., shall miss meeting him in his true environment. I am sure that every Old Boy of D.H.S. will join with me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

D. F. MALLOCH, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Flat, Alexandra Road, Mutley, Plymouth.

The 1954-55 season proved as successful and enjoyable as any that has gone before, but for the purpose of these few notes interest must, for the sake of brevity, be centred on the Club's playing record. From the team's low position in the League table of Division I of the P. and D. Churches' Badminton League one would assume that this was a disappointing season, but such was not the case. This second year in the higher division was one of keenly contested games, with many lost by very small margins, and of a greatly improved standard of play generally.

Results in the League Knockout Tournaments were the best on record with no less than five members playing (and unfortunately being beaten) in the finals of the Mixed Doubles and Mixed Doubles Plate events, and the semi-finals of the Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles, and the Men's Singles.

Friendly matches included the annual men's fixtures with R.N.E.C. Manadon and Ladies' Matches with the W.R.N.S., St. Budeaux.

The next season starts in the first week of September.

THE RUGGER CLUB—SEASON 1954-55.

The past season was quite an enjoyable one in spite of the shocking weather which made our cancellations list unusually large.

The record reads as follows:—

Played 26, Won 12, Drawn 5, Lost 9, Points for 246, against 152 (after Christmas we won 5 games, drew 3, and lost 5).

Two sides were entered in the Devon County 7-a-side competition, one progressing as far as the second round.

We were very pleased to have a number of old friends with us as regular players; these included Messrs. T. Sullivan, J. Southern, and J. Ferchal. During holiday periods we were happy to receive the good services of Messrs. D. Parr, A. G. Powell and P. Venn, and our thanks are also extended to those members of the School team who so ably assisted in a number of games.

Once again Mr. M. Brereton was among the highest point-scorers (in fact at Teignmouth and Exeter the press complained bitterly of the lack of variety in the scorer's names). Our congratulations go to him.

We also congratulate:—

Our "Skipper," Mr. D. J. Cliffe, on his marriage to Miss Zita Prior. To them both we extend our very best wishes for the future. (We understand that the wedding was not held "in camera").

Mr. J. Ferchal on his joining the R.A.F.

Mr. G. Wortelhook, who has also embarked on a matrimonial course.

To date the A.G.M. has not been held, so that notification of any change in the officers of the Club cannot be given. The meeting will take place on July 5th and it is hoped that a larger attendance than usual will be in evidence.

On behalf of the Club we extend our heartiest good wishes to all Old Boys, with the hope that we shall be seeing them in the future.

ROBERT E. CAMBRIDGE, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SOCCER CLUB.

Our first season since the revival of the Soccer Club was very promising and we were finally placed sixth in Division I of the Plymouth and District Combination League.

The usual complications of a new Club were experienced at the start of the season. These were soon overcome and the team settled down to produce some excellent displays of football. Perhaps the most notable achievement was the two-goals-to-one victory over Coxside F.C.—the League Champions. This made the Club the only team to deprive them of a 100 per cent. record.

The fixture that aroused most interest was played against the London Exiles XI on Boxing Day. Despite the Christmas festivities, two very energetic teams met and a high standard of football was maintained, the Club narrowly defeating the Exiles by two goals to one. The game was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned and we hope to make this fixture an annual event.

We look forward with enthusiasm to the coming season when we hope to enter two teams in league football. This will necessitate the recruitment of new players and we should like to take this opportunity of inviting any Old Boys who are interested to contact the Secretary at 23 Trevarthian Terrace, Milehouse, Plymouth, or Mr. H. G. Warren at the School.

In conclusion we should like to extend our thanks to our Chairman, Mr. H. G. Warren, for his great help during our first season, and to all members who have done so much to help revive the Club.

Record:—

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Goals for</i>	<i>Goals against</i>	<i>Points</i>
28	15	4	9	89	60	34

Leading Goal Scorers:—

J. Boyce 16. D. Pike 14. D. G. Barkell 12.

P. W. W. COAKLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

It has indeed been gratifying to note the number of Old Boys who have continued to call in and see us, and all seem to have news of others, sometimes duplicating each other, frequently adding a little more light on an unsung glory. We do want news of any kind. Don't think, "Of course they will know that!" You would be surprised at the difficulty we have in extracting news of successes, degrees, diplomas, promotions, academic, athletic, social, political, from you. Pick up your pen, forget modesty, and write. Call in and see us too. The School, with its "new look," is worth a visit.

C. F. DAWE (1944-1950), now in the R.A.F. at Southampton, goes up to Kings' College in October to read for a degree in Theology.

R. CAMBRIDGE, Secretary of the Rugby Club, is always happy to know of any Old Boy who wants a game, and while you are thinking of Games, don't forget the Badminton Section, which spends two pleasant evenings a week in the School Gym.

N. W. BEHENNA (1946-54), now with G.E.C. in Coventry on a Student Apprenticeship Course, gave us some interesting inside information. Prospects are excellent for boys with 'A' level subjects.

A. HOOPER (1947-54) finds life in H.M.S. Ceres—in Yorkshire—fascinating, and recommends without stint the Writer Branch in the R.N.

C. J. PEARCE, an Instructor-Lieutenant, is helping to keep H.M.S. Fisgard cadets up to their usual high standards.

A. HIGSON (1937-43) writes most interestingly to our Treasurer. We quote two paragraphs from his letter. "The Old Boys' Dinner seems to be held for the convenience of those on long vacation—there are others to think of."

"May I also suggest a remedy for unpaid subscriptions—a banker's order. There must be many others in addition to myself who need keeping up to the mark!"

D. WONNACOTT (1948-53) has joined H.M.S. Caledonia. He left H.M.S. Fisgard with 1st class passes in School and Workshops.

E. W. FARNDON (1949-53) has also joined H.M.S. Caledonia. He shared the Second Prize in his Branch for Workshops at H.M.S. Fisgard.

J. HILL (1945-52), at present with the National Smelting Co., Avonmouth, as a Student Apprentice, where he is preparing to be an Industrial Chemist, gave us news of D. CLARK (1944-50), formerly with G.P.O., Telephones, now in the R.A.F., and of B. FOX (1945-52).

A. R. TOLCHER (1947-54), commissioned in the R.A.F. as a Navigator, has just left for training at the Winnipeg Air Navigation School, Canada.

D. E. PROSSER (1945-54) called in one day closely followed by G. W. ASHWORTH (1945-52), HAUGHTON (1949-54), and LAVERICK (1948-54). They all seem to be enjoying life but viewed School with some nostalgia.

G. WOOD (1946-54), H. S. JAMES, now posted to R.A.F., Mount Batten, and B. CROSS (1945-54), with news of all our present R.A.F. National Servicemen, called in the next day. They too seemed very fit and to be rapidly outgrowing their civilian clothes.

PARNELL, on embarkation leave, bound for West Pakistan, training in Radiography in the R.A.F., had news of P/O. WELCH, a patient under him, D. RENDLE (1945-51), curing the sick at St. James' Hospital and W. I. JOINT (1945-54), who is stationed at Yatesbury.

R. PULLEN (1946-54) told us he had recently met J. ROTHWELL (1946-51) and B. A. REID (1951-53) at Cambridge. They are hoping to arrange a D.H.S.O.B. dinner up there one day.

A. E. MASON (1948-53), on a half-day leave from H.M.S. Fisgard, called in with news of I. R. PIKE (1948-54) and B. J. LOCKYER (1949-54).

- B. M. COLMAN (1946-53) wrote us a most cheerful letter from the Imperial College. He is enjoying life but adds one apt word to all . . . "You don't know what work is until you get here. Start now!"
- D. R. HILL (1939-43), a Sanitary Inspector, has been in twice recently to see us. He asked us how many boys in School were sons of Old Boys. We must find out. He had news of G. VODEN (1937-42), now married.
- D. J. PURCHASE (1946-54), with C. K. WOODFIELD (1946-54) brought news of H. S. POMROY (1944-52) and D. R. LE P. QUANTICK (1944-52). Quantick is now an Executive Officer in the Launceston Tax Office.
- C. H. B. EVANS (1948-53), on leave from Dartmouth pending posting to H.M.S. "Triumph," brought news of D. A. ROWE (1947-53), Cadet Captain at Dartmouth, and D. T. PRESTON (1945-51), now posted to Hong Kong.
- What a galaxy of scarves towards the end of term—M. J. RICH and P. WARLOW (U.C.N.S.), PULLEN (Cambridge), D. HENDRA (Southampton), COLMAN (Imperial College), ROWE and COX (Nottingham), P. GOODFELLOW (U.C.S.W.).
- C. A. RICH (1948-53), on leave after a visit to East Africa, met J. COLES (1947-52), recently in Karachi. Both are fit and happy in the Merchant Navy.
- D. A. C. LETCHER (1945-51) and D. MARCH (1941-49) called in together. March is getting married shortly and expects a posting abroad soon. They are working hard to get the London O.B.A. Branch going again.
- M. WOTTON (1946-53) continues to perform brilliantly on the track and will represent Britain. He was seen on television at the Empire and Counties' Meeting.
- K. H. PILLAR (1935-41) addressed the School's Christian Union during the term.
- R. H. HUZZEY (1936-43) has completed his medical and surgeon's qualifications. He is now L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S.
- I. V. NICHOLLS (1943-48), WARWICK, and H. THOMAS (1942-50), recently married, all met in School one day. Memories of Penzance and evacuation were very evident.
- R. A-LANGSDALE (1946-53) goes up to Pembroke in October. At present he is still with the Forces.
- K. R. HOLLOWAY (1946-52) has been accepted by the Rootes Group for a Special Course, specializing in the Supply side of the Industry.
- D. S. CHISWELL (1946-54) writes to tell us that he is enjoying the Civil Service.
- J. PICK (1947-54), looking very fit, brought us news of his commission as a Signaller (Aircrew).
- H. KING goes up to Exeter in October to read Honours History.
- G. W. COLLINS, ex-Rugby Club Secretary, now in Winchester, writes to tell us how much he misses the O.B.A. and how much he hopes to be with us for the Annual Dinner.
- T. G. TARR (1944-49), now in the R. A., was married on April 2nd.
- T. A. J. SAUNDERS (1947-52), is now on National Service in the R.A.F. at Chippenham.
- R. W. HAMMICK, recently awarded the T.D., wrote a long letter. Any prospective Civil Engineers should get in touch with him.
- H. G. EASTLEY (1945-50) writes to tell us he is not yet in Southern Rhodesia and offers to help any boys interested in Agriculture.
- H. R. WILTSHIRE (1918-22) has been appointed Financial Editor of the *Express and Star*. Free advice to prospective Stocks and Shares experts.
- A. J. PORTER (1947-54) now at Greenbank Hospital, brought us some special X-rays for use in the Biology Lab. We appreciate these very useful contributions to School work.
- F./O P. CAINES (1943-52) is enjoying one of the "plums" of R.A.F. Life, flying with 2nd T.A.F., and finding the German he learned at School very useful.
- A. O. CHESTERS, M.A., B.SC., now Headmaster of Wisbech Grammar School, wrote with memories of "Daddy" Packer, the Ferraro brothers and, naturally, Mr. Treseder.

B. R. T. KEENE (1943-51) is carrying out research with H. M. HOWARTH (1940-47) and J. V. WILLS (1942-50) for his Ph.D. degree.

D. A. VARCÔE (1936-41) has again sent us a long letter with full news of London O.B.'s. Thank you. He mentions particularly D. HAMLEY (1942-49), now in Kuwait, C. R. MORGAN, in the Australia House, London, G. WALFORD (1935-43), M. BALL (1937-44), R. QUARM (1936-41), and T. G. ROSS (1941-47), all of whom he meets frequently.

A. COSWAY has visited School a number of times recently, armed with his Press camera. At the presentation of Sports Day trophies he renewed

acquaintance with Capt. C. G. Gosling, R.N., (1918-25) who, as reported elsewhere; presented the awards.

Old Boys will have been stunned to hear of the deaths recently of two of their fellow-men, Mr. F. C. OLFORD and Mr. F. GLOVER.

R. J. MILLS (1950-52) who removed to Hull three years ago, and is now attending Hull Grammar School, recently became Yorkshire Junior Champion in the high jump with a jump of five feet one and three quarter inches. He now goes to Manchester to compete in the All England Schools Athletics Meeting in July.

In Memoriam

MR. FRANK C. OLFORD.

The news of the passing of Mr. Frank C. Olford after a brief illness came as a great shock to all who knew him. He was one of the older members of the Old Boys' Association (he left D.H.S. in 1912) but also one of the most active. The nature of his employment kept him away from Plymouth for many years but even in exile his interest was with the O.B.A., and when he returned to Plymouth some five years ago, as Inspector of Taxes for Plymouth No. 1 District, he was immediately elected to the Committee and soon after was presented with the badge of office as Committee Chairman, an honour long delayed. During his two years in office he made a great point of interesting himself in the affairs of the various sections and of the London Branch. His service to the School after his return until his passing, although little known, will surely be long remembered by those who benefited by his advice and guidance when preparing themselves for Selection Boards. After he retired from the Chairmanship, the many calls on his services from other public bodies prevented him from giving as much time to the O.B.A. as he would have wished. He retired from full employment at the age of 60 but continued in a part time capacity because of his valuable experience. His retirement proved to be very short. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Olford.

MR. FRED GLOVER.

Mr. Fred Glover passed away on May 23rd, 1955, at the age of 49 years. He joined the School in 1919 and remained until 1923. On the Sports Field and among his form-mates he was very popular. On leaving D.H.S. he became one of the founder members of the Old Boys' Association and always maintained his connection—rarely an Annual Dinner passed without Fred Glover was present renewing acquaintances. His popularity extended to his business life, and he became a prominent member of local business circles and was honoured by the Plymouth Branch of the Commercial Travellers' Benefit Society with the office of Chairman. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Glover and to her daughter Margaret.

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