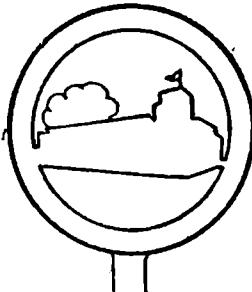


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Editorial

Is education outdated? Do students of today seek to attain rather a certain specified list of qualifications as opposed to an education in the broader sense? Perhaps it would be unjust to lay the whole blame at the door of the disciple because a general attitude of materialism, an attitude of "number one comes first" has branded itself deeply into the hide of the twentieth century. This decadence is a natural corollary of two savage world wars; but the generation of the New Elizabethans has no real pretext for prolonging this outlook on life, for they have been relatively unmarked by the turmoil of the war years. It is for them to restore the Christian standard of values, to restore self-sacrifice, courtesy and consideration for others to their rightful place in society, and to restore to our country a stability based on character.

At Devonport High School we have a wonderful opportunity to regard the renewal and revitalizing of our buildings as a symbol of the spirit within. But do we? We have been presented with a chance to readjust our sights. But have we? We are not all throwing in our total assets to raise the level of the school's prestige. But will we? This ideal could and should become a tradition, so that all the school's future achievements can be dated in relation to the period of reconstruction.

The school is still one of the greatest in the South-West but it could be infinitely greater if its total six hundred and fifty pupils pulled its weight instead of leaving the work, the organisation, and incidentally the joys, to a small minority. It is a tragic thought that so many boys lose the real pleasures of "the happiest days of their lives"—admittedly a misnomer—because they shun responsibility or because they are unwilling to give of their time after

four o'clock. Two years ago some rather remarkable statistics about the number of boys who took part in out-of-school activities at least once a week were printed in this magazine. Those heartening figures have increased, particularly in the lower school, but there are two distressing features which call for comment.

First, the really solid support and organisation of school societies rests with a small, hard core of enthusiasts, whilst the support of the majority fluctuates like a French parliament. Secondly, those societies which "educate" and refine are most poorly attended. The sixth form, for example, could afford to look more closely into the activities of the Music Society and the Literary and Debating Society—and even the C.U.—because these are the type of association which contribute the most permanent qualities to character and personality. Far too many boys leave school having gained little more than the thick skin in which they stand up.

As long as the school continues to thrive in its "extra" activities it will grow in stature, but its potential power has not yet been fully tapped by any means. This year will be one of the greatest in the school's history if we take the attitude of "all for the school" rather than one of free enterprise. Our record is a proud and accomplished one; let us intensify its glitter this year. Devonport High School is "High in name, in fame, in aim . . ."

J. H. ATHERTON.

School Notes

Before these notes are read 'Xmas will be but a memory and the new year will be well established. The policy of publishing in the early weeks of the Spring Term is dictated by the desire to include an account of the School play while our memory of it is still green; but while looking to the future we must not forget the past. We trust that all our readers enjoyed a good 'Xmas, and we wish them all a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

On June 17th the School First XI played Pembroke College. That the result was a draw matters little; but the link with university and collegiate life forged by such functions is important in the light of our hopes and aspirations for the Sixth Forms. May this not be the last of such functions.

"The play's the thing" and the Elizabethan Players were the persons to present "Hamlet" at Dartington Hall on June 26th. That it is a set play at A level made it almost imperative that members of the Arts Sixths should go. Even so attendance was limited. Those who went enjoyed a profitable and pleasing performance. More members of the Science Sixths would do well to take advantage of such opportunities for general culture.

Our usual Garden Party on July 16th was as successful as ever. The School should be grateful to all who give of their time and energy to provide funds for a host of useful purposes, and to make possible an enjoyable and valuable social event, that is also of material value to all members of the School. Every parent and boy with an imagination at all should be eager to support such a cause.

Mr. Vanstone has not revealed by what sins of omission or commission he inadvertently displeased the Gods of the Weather, but for the first time since its inception our Swimming Gala was cancelled because of inclement weather. Our annual cricket match between the Staff and the School suffered the same fate for the same reason.

On July 24th, the coach left Plymouth to begin the trip to the South of France. Here was a memorable experience of great educative value out of all proportion to the money spent—knowledge, width of outlook, self-reliance, and a sense of proportion among other things are the fruits of such a venture. We hope that many may be able to take advantage of future excursions and that their diaries will be as interesting as those produced this year.

At assembly on September 14th members of the Gideon Society presented a copy of the New Testament to every boy in the School. This is a practical form of Christianity, and we should like the donors to realise that much good use has been made of those neat volumes. It is not surprising that a society of Christian business men should be so practical. Here is our public expression of thanks for their good works.

As soon as we heard that Colonel Williams—Elephant Bill—was to be our guest speaker at our Speech Day on September 30th, we knew we were in for a dull evening or a jolly good time, because his books give the impression of a man who does not fade out half way: had he been other than he was—but what an evening we had; humour, shrewdness and understanding, personality, grace and a kind of humility that made personal courage but seem the greater, and a speech that kept his juvenile audience spellbound and their parents entranced. There is no need to second the good advice he gave: we shall remember it. We do record our gratitude for a fine speech and for the two autographed copies of his books that now repose in the School library.

To those who attended the annual general meeting of the Parents' Association there is naught to be said, for they know the good work that is being done for the benefit of every boy in the school. It is to those who do not identify themselves with the work of that association that we point out how much their own children may benefit, and that a mere sense of justice should prompt them to give as well as to take. Fortunately you are few.

If we may be allowed so to express it—meet Mr. Warren, take the bull by the horns, and so learn to put your hand to the plough.

The school was well represented at the Odeon Cinema at the presentation of the film "The Ascent of Kangchenjunga."

On November 12th the School Music Society ran a dance to raise money toward a new school gramophone, a Pye 'Black Box,' which has already been bought with the kind help of the Parents' Association who are to contribute half the cost. We hope that the next dance in February will receive the full support of the Fifth and Sixth Forms.

The Christian Union has been active. On October 5th they presented a film "Hidden Treasures" concerned with Fact and Faith; a second in the same series entitled "The Stones Cry Out" was screened on November 2nd, and a third, "The Prior Claim" on December 7th.

We have a special interest in the Grammar Schools Music Society which is in some ways our child. That it has cut its teeth and is now a thriving youngster is gratifying. Record recitals have been given at Plymouth College on October 6th, at D.H.S. on the 31st of that month, at Notre Dame High School on November 17th, and at Plymouth High School on December 12th. We wish them every success in a really worthwhile activity.

On November 14th we sent along a team to the Y.M.C.A. to give our annual demonstration debate. We are grateful to the Y.M.C.A. for this yearly opportunity to debate in public, and for their never-failing hospitality and courtesy. They always put us at our ease and make the evening as enjoyable for us as we hope it is for them. We look forward to next year.

By the time the Prefects hold their social on December 14th, we shall have gone to press. We hope, and don't doubt, that they will spend a happy evening.

Friday, December 16th is the last day of term when we hold our annual carol service at Stoke Church. Canon Caley has left us. We wish him every happiness in his new work, and we look forward to the kind co-operation of his successor in this most impressive annual service.

Mr. May leaves us this term to take up a new appointment as French Master at Truro School where we hope he will be very happy. We shall be able to keep in touch with him when our teams visit Truro. Congratulations to him and to Mrs. May on the birth of a son.

We welcome three new masters this term. They replace Messrs. Sherwood, Self and Austin. Mr. A. L. Bennett, B.A. (Wales), L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., is now running the Music Department; Mr. D. H. Green, B.A. HONS. (Cambridge), is making his presence

felt in the English Department; and Mr. A. L. Lunnon, B.A. HONS. (London). is Mr. Tamblin's right-hand man in the Geography Department. We welcome them heartily to D.H.S. and hope that their stay with us may be long and happy.

The December term has seen a number of innovations, the most important probably being the institution of a Prefect's Tribunal. This assembly meets once a fortnight to consider problems arising from everyday school life, and to try the cases and fix a punishment for any boy who habitually causes trouble. This calls not only for judicial and humane qualities but also psychological insight on the part of the prefects; the main function of the tribunal is corrective and not punitive.

In Memoriam

MR. CHARLES H. FOSTER came to D.H.S. from the Plymouth Corporation Grammar School in 1937 and remained here until his retirement from teaching in 1946. His main teaching work was in Geography, but he was for a period in 1940 and 1941 the master-in-charge of the First Forms, which were at that time operating as a detached Junior School at the Belmont Church Schoolroom. After his retirement he took a great interest in amateur dramatics and as critic to the local evening newspaper, he was often in the school and was always anxious to help the school productions in any way he could.

We should like to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Foster and the family in their bereavement.

MR. ARTHUR HUTCHINGS joined the Staff of this school in 1917 and remained with us until 1943, when he left to become the Head of a School in Derbyshire. His recent death, following on an early retirement enforced by ill-health came as a shock to all who had known him. He taught Junior Mathematics and was in charge of school music for many years. During the period of war-time evacuation to Penzance, he and Mrs. Hutchings were in charge of a very successful hostel for Junior Boys of the school. We should like to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Hutchings and Brian.

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We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following publications : The Beacon, Tech. Tatler (Toronto, Canada), the Devonian (D.H.S., Tasmania), S.D.H.S. Magazine, The Suttonian, The Truronian, The Patesian, The Plymthonian (2 vols.), The Plymptonian, and Plymouth High School Magazine.

French Trip 1955

The trip to France in the summer of 1955 started as an "educational tour," became a holiday, and finished as an endurance test. While this transformation was taking place, however, everyone concerned learned a great deal, although this was achieved not so much by a rigid schedule as by the unexpected and often amusing incidents which happened during the sixteen days of the tour.

The first thing we learned was to avoid Dunkirk harbour in future. A neolithic system of lock-gates kept us waiting for four hours. A "breakfast" at 2.30 p.m., with a delicious dinner afterwards, helped to build up our spirits after this woeful event, and soon the coaches were showing signs of a gradual awakening. (Everyone on the trip was extremely active, except for one morning on which cocoa, instead of the usual coffee, was served for breakfast.)

Paris, with Les Invalides, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Versailles, and its pavement cafes, was toured with quite a large amount of enjoyment. Two accidents concerning our coaches, with the usual arguments afterwards, added considerably to this enjoyment. French food and wine, apart from the odd mixture of half-cooked sausages and lentils, which constituted our first Parisian meal, was quite tasty and, when the diet had become our everyday one, enjoyable.

"Packed lunches" were introduced on the journey from Paris to the Pyrenees. The sight of Mr. Whitfeld staggering under the weight of an armful of French loaves almost as big as himself became common. Six cubic inches of bread containing a slice of ham was hardly a meal in which etiquette would be observed rigorously, and this informality added to the enjoyment of the tour. The height of informality was reached when, in the middle of a busy thoroughfare in Lourdes, we ate them seated on the pavement on blankets, much to the amusement of the local inhabitants.

Because of the wild dash from Blois to Pau we rested for a day, and then visited the Betharram Caves, Cirque de Gavarnie and Lourdes. Gavarnie was of considerable interest to the geographers, as was, indeed, the Pyrenees as a whole. A visit to Lourdes was hardly successful, as our dress was unsuitable for entering the Cathedral, and some of the party suffered from sunstroke as a result of waiting in the sun for a couple of hours.

On the way from Pau to Perpignan we stopped to visit the famous Niaux Cave containing prehistoric paintings, and because of this interesting delay we didn't arrive at Perpignan until midnight, too late for a meal. No miracle happened when the five loaves and one tin of sardines we had were shared out among forty boys, and we found ourselves gloating over the fact that we had one drop of sardine oil more than our fellows.

In the three days we stayed at Perpignan, we visited Carcassone and the Spanish frontier area, which were of historical and geographical interest. After this began the 1,000 mile dash home, with four days to go. Another day of travel resulted in our arrival at Lyons, where our opinion of French youth hostels was marred by the fact that we had to cross a muddy yard in order to wash in the pouring rain in a trough-like apparatus.

After a visit to Rheims and its champagne cellars, it wasn't very long before we were home again—late, as usual. The trip was, because of the many events which happened which were not on the schedule, one in which a spirit of humour and adventure prevailed throughout.

Careers

At the end of this month we shall have used the new Careers Room for one term and a new pattern for its use can already be seen emerging.

It is hoped to allocate one board to the Services and another to the Civil Service, but this will be difficult, for even at this early stage, it is becoming increasingly clear, that in spite of our own large additions, the board space provided is still inadequate.

Two new publications now appear at regular intervals and boys should note that they are of considerable interest and value to their general School work, apart from the careers they deal with. The papers in question are "Coal" issued monthly by the N.C.B., and three agricultural papers issued by the Ferguson Tractor firm, namely Farming Recorder, Farming Reporter and Industrial Reporter. All deal with topics of considerable interest to scientists, engineers, and biologists. The problem of flashlight photography in coal mines without explosion danger, is discussed and the solution explained in a most interesting article.

In the last School magazine, the plea for more doctors and dentists was underlined. It is to be hoped that parents noted this, and we earnestly draw the attention of our biologists to these careers.

In addition, for those who have no dislike of numbers, a career offering splendid opportunities of advancement is Accountancy.

Most of the appeals reaching this department recently, for boys with reasonable achievement in G.C.E. came from Accountancy firms. The prospects are excellent, and it is to be hoped that parents will note this.

An idea presents itself here, namely that the appeals appearing on our Situations Vacant Board might be of greater impact, could they but be brought to the parents' notice. This needs consideration.

W.H.W., *Careers Master.*

Parents' Association

The Association has continued its usual activities, they have been well attended and appear to have been enjoyed by those present.

On Saturday, 16th July, the Association and School combined for the Annual Garden Party which was opened by Air Vice-Marshal G. W. Tuttle, C.B., O.B.E., D.F.C. He spoke briefly on the value of such an association as ours and, after the official opening, showed considerable interest in the various displays and sideshows. All branches of School activity were represented in the displays in the laboratories, workshops and gymnasium while, in the Assembly Hall, an amusing concert was staged by Mr. Sherwood and the Sixth Form. The sideshows revealed much originality and ingenuity on the part of the boys and every form made some contribution. The day concluded with a Flannel Dance in the Assembly Hall. The weather throughout the day was warm and sunny, and in spite of rival attractions, the attendance was well up to average.

This term's programme has opened with the Annual Meeting early in November, the business part of which was followed by a Brains Trust answering questions concerning the welfare of young people. The team, which provided most excellent entertainment in addition to imparting much sound common sense, consisted of Councillor L. Paul, Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Best Harris, City Librarian, Mr. H. Haydon, Deputy Town Clerk, and Mr. S. J. Deans, District Superintendent of British Railways.

Towards the end of November the first of our Autumn Whist Drives provided enjoyment for nearly one hundred and fifty people. The Staff failed to provide a single prizewinner—this must be a record.

At this moment we are looking forward to our Annual Dance and advance sales of tickets suggest that it will be well supported.

The Association has made itself responsible for the maintenance of the School Honours Boards and is having several old ones cleaned and re-gilded. We also made possible the visit of Col. Williams, Elephant Bill, to present the prizes at Speech Day, and everyone agrees that this was an occasion to be long remembered. We have provided the Headmaster with the usual sum for Speech Day Prizes and expenses. A small Welfare Fund has been placed at the disposal of the Headmaster to use for needy boys in any manner he shall deem fit. The Association has also made possible the purchase of a Pye "Black Box," a high-fidelity record player, and has contributed a considerable sum towards it.

In addition to this not inconsiderable help to the School the routine service in the provision of refreshment for all visiting teams has proceeded as usual. The cash balance and the store of goodwill both stand at a high level and we look forward with confidence.

Speech Day, 1955

For the first time, the address at the Annual Speech Day, held on September 30th at the Central Hall, was given by an author and traveller—Colonel J. H. Williams, O.B.E. After distributing the prizes, in his address he drew upon his travelling experiences in Burma and the humour with which he portrayed these, and the experiences of his earlier school-days, did not obscure the excellent advice which they contained. He advised the boys never to forget their schoolmasters who, apart from their parents and relatives, were most interested in their careers. It was not until he became an Old Boy that he realised, perhaps for the first time, the debt of friendship he owed to the schoolmaster even though he may have been the victim of the cane. Referring to the prizewinners as the brains of the school, he advised the other pupils not to be discouraged, for success could also be achieved by the plodder. He concluded by presenting to the School Library autographed copies of his books "Elephant Bill" and "Bandoola."

The Headmaster, in his report, stressed the importance of a grammar-school education, especially that of the sixth form. The number of boys entering the sixth form was still increasing and, although this brought problems, was nevertheless an encouraging trend. He gave a clear picture of the academic results of the last year, emphasising that the results at the 'O' and 'A' levels of the General Certificate of Education were, on the whole, solid, rather than outstanding. The School had continued to excel in the field of sport, several boys having represented Devon at Athletics, Cricket, Boxing and Rugby. Once more he thanked the Parents' Association for its invaluable help to the School throughout the year.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor E. Broad, congratulated the School on the large number of successes obtained both academically and in the field of sport. Alderman H. Perry proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Williams and to the Lord Mayor, which was seconded by Councillor L. F. Paul. The School Captain, J. H. Atherton, made the concluding speech.

We must thank the Choir, and especially Mr. Bennett, who was attending his first Speech Day, for maintaining the high standard of choral achievement which we have grown to expect.

A. B. JEFFERY.

House Notes

DRAKE.

House activities have long been confined mainly to the field of sport, but Drake is at last making a determined effort to change this situation. By broadening our scope we are endeavouring to create a community in which all may participate with pleasure and pride. That changes must be evolved slowly and cautiously is inevitable, but the general support and particularly the keenness of the Juniors is most encouraging.

The Pestalozzi Refugee Village is now a familiar phrase in Drake House. This term members expressed their desire to raise funds for the Village, and that our first experiment should have been to help others is highly commendable. In this venture praise is due to Forest M.6, Hare 4C, and Hall 2A; and we also thank the school for its contributions. A Junior House party has been held and a film show given. To augment these enterprises new ideas will be welcomed.

We welcome our new Housemasters, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Lunnon, and we congratulate Protheroe, House Vice-Captain, Stephens, House Secretary, Boden, Lancaster and Forrest on their appointments as prefects, and Cooper on being made captain of the Devon Schools XV. Other House officials include T. G. Davey, Prefect and Soccer captain, R. Heale, Rugby captain, and R. Daw, Chess captain. We wish former House members every success; in particular we compliment P. M. Miller, ex-House Captain, on his State Scholarship, and wish E. R. Fairbeard a speedy recovery from illness.

Only the Senior Rugby positions have yet been decided, and our third position by no means indicates the zeal of the team; the one Soccer game was lost to Gilbert, both teams being short of 1st team players. Unfortunately the Senior Chess team, though possessing ability, seems to suffer from rheumatism.

On the other hand our Junior teams are strong, and the future is bright. If, maintaining our present spirit, we use our resources to the full we should do well in the Athletic Championship. In all things, however, we must emphasise the need for a united team effort.

In conclusion we thank Mr. Nicholas, our House Master, for his unfailing support, and for his diligent guidance of our more spirited elements.

R.A.M., *House Captain.*

GILBERT.

As usual, this term has provided very little inter-House activity to stimulate displays of enthusiasm other than an occasional frenzied "Check-mate!" The resulting points position can therefore give only a slight indication of which House is likely to hold the St. Levan Shield in 1956. Gilbert has achieved a little more this term than at a comparative time last year. So far we have won the first Senior Soccer match, which, alas, is as traditional now as losing each of the Senior Rugger games; the strength of the Chess team has tipped the scales by placing us in an extremely good position for removing the Chess Cup from Raleigh's possessive grasp.

The fate of the House is going to depend more than usual upon the Juniors this year: they must hold their own if possible in both Rugger and Soccer. Cricket holds pleasant prospects in both sections, whilst the Athletics Shield is well within reach if every boy in the House contributes to the stretch. The winners of the St. Levan Shield will probably be decided, with an appropriately exciting finish, at the Swimming Sports, for which points in the inter-House competition will be allocated for the first time.

Gilbert is still deservedly Cock House and will remain so while the House spirit lives. It means a sustained effort in every sphere of competition, because our opponents are beginning to stir themselves. Let's go forward and do the "hat-trick," Gilbert!

JOHN ATHERTON, *House Captain:*

GRENVILLE.

A shadow was cast over Grenville this term by the absence of our popular House Captain, M. W. Parnell, who has contracted tuberculosis and will have to rest for several months. His enthusiastic example has been missed by House and School. We send him our best wishes and hope to see him before the end of the School year.

The Autumn term gives us another chance to reinstate Grenville as Cock House. This year we should improve our position in the St. Levan Shield competition as we retain the services of many of our more active members. Nevertheless there is still a dearth of outstanding athletes in the House and this can only be compensated by fostering a fiercer House spirit than has been apparent in previous years. The work of senior boys in this direction would prove invaluable if we are to regain the position Grenville held for many years.

All three of our Senior Rugby matches have been played already this year. The House lost to Raleigh, whose team included about half the first fifteen, by 22 to 15 points, the game being distinguished by much open play. We beat Drake in a very

close game and finally defeated Gilbert comfortably. Only one of our senior soccer matches has been played this term when Raleigh again beat us with a very powerful team. Our prospects for the remaining games are promising, however, for the team played with determination. A displeasing incident decreased our chances of winning the Senior Chess championship when we fielded an incomplete team.

We would like to congratulate Badcock, Baker, Childe, Kimmings, Thomas, Walford and Warlow, who are appointed School Prefects.

Finally our renewed thanks are due to Mr. Mallinson, our Housemaster, for his continued guidance in all our House activities.

J. G. R. BAKER, *House Vice-Captain.*

RALEIGH.

The House was most disappointed when the Swimming Gala was cancelled for our chances of success were very good in this competition. We were joint Cricket Champions with Gilbert, but our final position in the St. Levan Shield was only third. This year we have started well, winning all our Senior House Rugby games with a total of eighty-four points, and the Soccer XI beat Grenville by four goals to two in the only game played so far. The House possesses a strong body of seniors, but the juniors are as yet unproved, although we know that many individuals are outstanding performers in the junior school teams. In fact, the House provides over one third of the boys playing in School Rugby or Soccer sides.

The Chess Championship, which, in previous years, has come to be regarded as almost a monopoly of the House, now appears to be in danger of slipping from our grasp. It is still sufficiently early, we hope, for this position to be improved. We congratulate all those teams which have scored successes, and encourage those with matches still to be played to do the same.

It was not so very long ago that the supremacy of Raleigh House was rarely disputed. At that time the whole House was inspired by a keenness which the other Houses could not equal. Now it is certain that if that spirit could be reawakened, Raleigh would once more reign as "Cock House." The problem concerns each individual member of the House.

We must congratulate Green on being elected Vice-Captain of the School and Captain of Rugby, and the following on being made prefects : Langdon (House Captain), Clarke (Soccer Captain), Blackler, Matthews and Share (School Librarian). This galaxy of officials makes the prospects of the House for this year look very promising indeed.

B. Y. LANGDON, *House Captain.*

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*President : THE HEADMASTER. Master-in-Charge : MR. MALLINSON.
Captain : A. GREEN. Vice-Captain : J. G. R. BAKER. Secretary : B. HAY.*

The season has started well for most of the Rugby teams, and open rugby has made its mark with the number of tries scored by the threequarters.

The 1st XV, which contains seven of last year's team, has won five and lost four of its nine games, losing only one of the five inter-Schools matches. The team has shown determination, which was proved in their match against an older, and heavier Dartmouth side, this being the heaviest defeat this year. The open code of rugby has shown fine results, as in the Launceston match, where all points were scored by the back division. The team has found a good goal-kicker in Allison and congratulations are due to him, together with Baker, Hay and Heale, whose names have been forwarded for a Devon Trial.

The 2nd XV has also had a good season, with the team winning four, and losing three of their seven matches. An early surprise was the defeat of Okehampton, who have proved too powerful in past seasons. The team has shown spirit, but could improve its results by practising whenever possible.

The Colts XV, under Mr. Lunnon, have not had such a good season to date, losing all but two of their matches. Cooper has proved a mainstay to the team and must be congratulated on being chosen to captain the Devon Under 15 side.

The Junior XV has lost only one of its five matches so far, and the Under 13 XV has also enjoyed a good start with their defeat of all the teams played.

The Club's thanks are due to Mr. Mallinson, Mr. Warn, and Mr. Nash, who so willingly coach the teams, and referee matches. The best wishes for a quick recovery are sent to Parnell.

B. HAY, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SOCCER CLUB

*President : THE HEADMASTER. Master-in-Charge : MR. WARREN.
Captain : N. W. CLARKE. Vice-Captain : F. W. FLEMEN. Secretary : T. BLACKLER.*

The opening of the new season saw the introduction of about a dozen new faces into the senior teams. As most of them are just entering upon their Sixth-form course, the needs of the 1st and 2nd XI's should be satisfied for the immediate future.

The 1st XI has started the season very successfully, having played nine games with only one defeat and this by the narrow margin of one goal. It has recorded fine victories against Seale-Hayne and St. Austell sides and a Public Secondary School eleven which included two of their members of staff. If the standard

of play, now being displayed, is kept up, the team should have a very successful season.

The fortunes of the 2nd XI have been somewhat more varied, but with a better understanding between the forwards and defence, they should improve. Some attractive football has also been played this season by the Under 15 XI, but more determination in front of goal is needed to produce results. We congratulate Rosevear, Ward, and Sammels on their election to the Plymouth Schoolboys' team.

The Under 14 XI has started the season fairly successfully, having recorded several big victories. Good football is being played, which augurs well for future years.

However, the Under 13 XI is most disappointing and has recorded only one victory so far. To remedy this, more first-time shooting in the attack and keener tackling in defence are needed.

Once more we are indebted to Mr. Warren and his colleagues on the Staff, and to the Parents' Association, for their many services to the teams, both on and off the field.

Record to date:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
					For	Against
1st XI ...	9	8	0	1	32	10
2nd XI ...	8	4	0	4	20	23
Under 15 XI	5	1	3	1	19	13
Under 14 XI	8	5	0	3	44	22
Under 13 XI	5	1	0	4	5	12

T. BLACKLER, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE CRICKET CLUB

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

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

This year the 1st XI had the youngest team for some time, but on the whole the season was reasonably successful. Towards the end of the season the cricket of the 1st XI tended to deteriorate. Some of the drawn games could have been turned into convincing victories if the players had been more enterprising. However, fine victories were recorded over Plymouth C.C. 'A' XI and Sutton High School. One of the most enjoyable games of the season was the match against Pembroke College, Cambridge who amassed the total of 242 runs, the combined school and Staff XI replying with 175 for 9 wickets.

The 2nd XI suffered the fate of many second teams in that it had to field a changed side week after week owing to the frequent demands of the 1st XI. Consequently at times their strength was appreciably weakened.

Although they were without Parsons and Widger, a promising start was made to the season by the Colts XI, but later their loss

was more keenly felt. However, there is undoubtedly talent and keenness in this team.

After a rather shaky start, the Junior XI fared well and at times their batting was quite spirited—a good trend in a Junior team.

The innovation of an Under 12 XI, although they were defeated in two of their three fixtures, will undoubtedly contribute in no mean fashion towards raising the standard of cricket in the School.

Our congratulations are extended to Clarke on being selected to play for the Devon Colts XI against Plymouth Cricket Club, and to Parsons, Martin, and Widger on their selection for the Plymouth Schools' Team, and further to Parsons and Widger on their selection for the 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 team, as well as to the Parents' Association which has so kindly provided and prepared the teas for the home games.

Colours Awarded 1955:—

Re-Awards: Full Colours: J. H. Atherton, A. J. Blencowe.

Awards: Full Colours: N. W. Clarke, B. Widger.

Re-Awards: Half Colours: T. G. Davey.

Awards: Half Colours: R. Perry, J. R. Parsons.

<i>Team Records:</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI	...	11	5	2
2nd XI	...	8	2	3
Colts XI	...	7	2	1
Junior XI	...	10	4	2
Under 12 XI	3	1	—	2

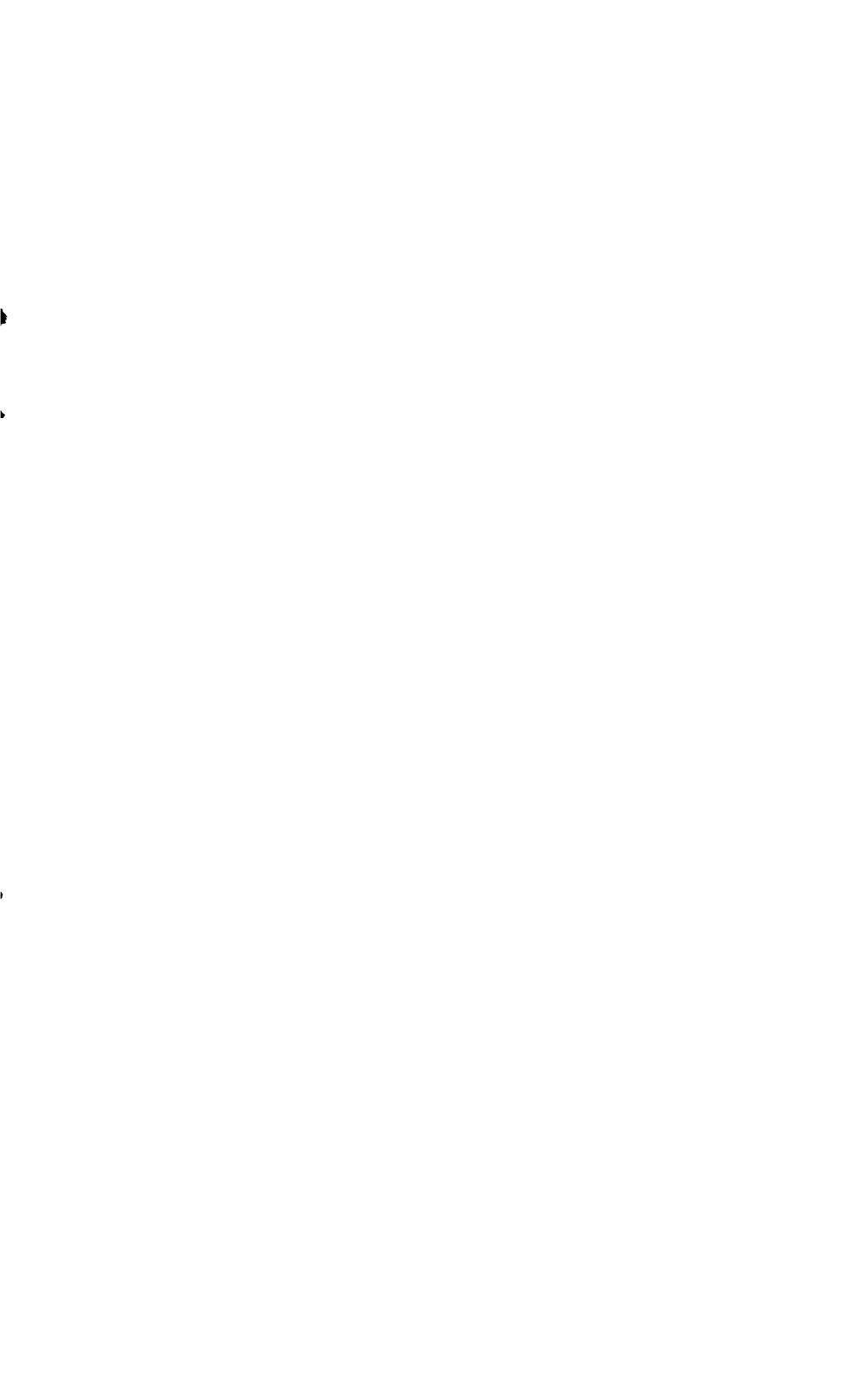
T. G. DAVEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

Out of School Activities

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Delay in the delivery of new fittings has prevented the Library from opening this term. Anxious enquiries for books from both Staff and boys have at least shown the importance of the Library to the work of the School. However, I think that all will excuse the delay when they see the final effect of the fitting of new wall bookcases and of linoleum.

New books are being continually received and last term the problem of shelf space arose, but this has now been solved by the arrival of the new bookcases. The removal of the Junior Library to a room of its own has also helped to make the Library more spacious.



1st XI. CRICKET 1955



Standing (Left to Right): R. D. Smerdon, C. I. Chatfield, R. Perry, W. J. Badcock, M. J. Beer, J. R. Parsons, J. Mitchell.
Sitting (Left to Right): Mr. Wayne (*Hon. Sec.*), T. G. Davey, A. J. Blencowe, J. H. Atherton (*Capt.*), N. W. Clarke (*Vice-Capt.*), The Headmaster.

At the beginning of this term the Library lost the services of B. R. Blackler, last year's School Librarian. We thank him for the tremendous amount of work and enthusiasm which he put in, and in particular for the energetic way in which he settled the Library on its return to 'C' Block.

Without doubt the Library is now housed in the finest room in the School, and we hope that the pleasant surroundings and the excellent facilities offered will be used to advantage by everyone.

B. SHARE, *Hon. Librarian.*

CHESS CLUB.

The club was unfortunate to lose three of its strongest players at the end of the Summer term, but despite this loss the senior team has won two matches out of three in the Goodman Cup, and in their first Moyle Cup match (a Devon senior event) they did well to defeat Tavistock Chess Club (4—2).

A School v. Staff match resulted in a win for the School by $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$!

Matches for a School 2nd team have been arranged with Plymouth College II and Tamar Secondary, and it is hoped that these matches will provide boys who are not in the school team with experience of competitive chess.

The junior team played three matches, winning one and losing two: these matches provide the opportunity for young players to gain much-needed match experience.

The House Championship has again been keenly contested, and clocks were used on the top boards in these matches for the first time; at the "half-way stage" Gilbert led with ten points, followed by Grenville with six, Raleigh and Drake each having four. All the junior matches are being played next term.

The 1955 School Championship resulted in a triple tie, B. J. N. Blight, J. D. Mills, and R. T. F. Williams first, each gaining six points out of a possible seven. B. Blight was selected to play for the Devon senior and junior teams, and R. Hitt and K. W. Horley were also chosen to play for the county juniors.

The attendance at the Senior Chess Club on Fridays has been rather disappointing, but the Junior Club and the Dinner-time Club are both thriving. (We are now looking forward to the Plymouth Junior Congress at 'Xmas, and it is hoped that the School will have a strong entry in all sections).

We must again thank Mr. Adams and Mr. Berry for their interest in the club, for their patience, skill and experience have helped to make the club a success. The club is open to all members of the school, and any boys wishing to learn the game are most welcome.

B. J. N. BLIGHT, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The excursions forecast in the previous issue took place during the closing weeks of last term, after the School examinations had been disposed of, and were most successful. The first, to Messrs. Thomas and Evans' mineral water factory at Prince Rock, was, like all the visits this year, made in glorious weather, with the result that the free sample which each member of the party received at the conclusion of the visit was most welcome. The remaining three visits, equally as interesting as the first, were to the Co-operative Bakery at Peverell, the Radiography Department of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, and to the Sulfuro-phosphate Works at Richmond Walk. On all of these visits, we were most grateful for the hospitality extended to us and to the guides who made them so interesting.

The Society played its usual part in the Garden Party at the end of the Summer Term. A re-edited version of last year's film, "Operation Phoenix," dealing with the reconstruction of the School, was shown by the Cine Section, and the Photographic Section gave an excellent display of colour transparencies and monochrome enlargements.

The activities of the Society last term were brought to a close by the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Secretary, in his report on the 1954-1955 session, noted that the innovation of 'membership cards' for admission to films, and the practice of showing the films twice a day, once in the lunch hour and once in the evening, seemed to have continued to work quite well. After the various officials of the Society had presented their reports, their resignations were accepted, and the business of electing new officials for the coming year was undertaken. C. E. Matthews, U.6, was elected Chairman, and E. J. Thomas, 6S., Vice-Chairman. The Society extends its sincerest good wishes to its retiring Chairman, R. T. F. Williams, who is continuing his studies at Imperial College, London.

The 1955-1956 Session made a prompt start with the showing of three films on the first Tuesday of the term. Up to the time of writing, thirteen films have been exhibited, and have dealt with many interesting topics, as far afield as steel tube manufacture and telescope-mirror grinding. It is pleasing to report that increasing numbers of coloured and dramatised films are being produced by the large industrial concerns, making them entertaining as well as instructive. This is manifested by the steady increase in the numbers attending the film shows. The average attendance so far is sixty, including the lunch hour showings. By the time of publishing, many more interesting films will have been shown, as an extensive programme has been arranged, covering every Tuesday of the term.

In the third week of the term the Society was honoured by a visit from Dr. Parker, of the Research Department of English Clays, Ltd., who delivered a lecture on "The Geology and Uses of China Clay in Devon and Cornwall." This opening lecture of the Session was received with great enthusiasm. Dr. Parker made his lecture very interesting and easy to understand by the use of excellent diagrams and exhibits, to the preparation of which he must have devoted much time. That his address aroused much interest is clearly shown by the hearty discussion which followed it. At the time of going to press, the Society will have enjoyed two more lectures, "Coal Tar Distillation and its Products," which should be of great value to those in the Upper School, and "Helicopters."

The membership from the Sixth Form is quite large this year, but nevertheless, more members from the Arts Sixth would be welcomed, for they can rest assured that the films and lectures will be of great interest to them without being too technical.

Finally, our thanks are due to all those who have so kindly entertained us on outside visits, and have addressed us at various times throughout the term.

M. J. STEPHENS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

We were all very sorry to hear, when we came back to School last term, of the death of Mr. Self's daughter, and we extend to him and his family our sincerest sympathy.

At the beginning of this term, the Choir was very pleased to welcome the new Music Master, Mr. A. L. Bennett, B.A., to whom we offer our sincerest wishes for a long and happy stay at D.H.S. He was immediately faced with the annual Speech Day and as a consequence of his devoting much of his spare time with constant practice we were able to perform with merit on the actual evening.

The items which we performed were, "Three Songs of Courage," by George Dyson, and "The Silver Swan," a madrigal by Orlando Gibbons. Although the first was a new venture and rather difficult, the choir managed to surmount the technical difficulties involved. The beautiful madrigal was sympathetically rendered by a section of the choir.

Unfortunately, when a School year ends, some of our number leave, and this time we were especially sorry to lose the services of A. Mantle, a fine tenor, and Arnold Leigh—our late secretary—who was always full of vitality and was one of our best basses.

There must never be complacency about the future of a choir. It is imperative that we should all work together and with a purpose, and display an increased enthusiasm and sense of team spirit.

M. A. HARRISON.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

Where do the flies go in the winter-time? Where do D.H.S. Christians go in the week days? The Englishman is reticent by nature but he is not evasive! We have it from Christ himself that we should not hide our light under a bushel, yet attendances at C.U. meetings during the Christmas term have been very scant. The sixty-four dollar question is: why? There are many Christians in the School who could give us far more support than none at all. Advice, suggestion, criticism and help are urgently needed if this society is to live and crusade as it should.

This term, as is customary, we have listened to talks on extremely diverse topics by outside speakers. Amongst them was an extremely authoritative talk on the Hebrew Bible by the Rev. Shearer. "Fact and Faith" films have again directed their very searching questions to us, and on each occasion we have had a follow-up discussion on the message of the film. At the showing of "The Stones Cry Out" we were very honoured by a visit from the Rev. L. Lawrey, one of the travelling secretaries of the Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship. Besides these mid-week meetings there has also been the usual small gathering each Friday dinner-time who pray in Stoke Damerel Church—this meeting, incidentally, is open to all the Christians in the School.

The prospect of joining the Senior C.U. appears to frighten most of the younger boys, so we propose to start a junior section some time in the new year when the pre-occupation with academic work places less strain upon the U.6. We should welcome far more support or assault from the Upper School; we are not averse to being baited by agnostics or atheists! At all events, we call upon the Christians in the School to support the C.U.—it is something more than a Society.

JOHN ATHERTON, U.6.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

At the first meeting this term it was decided that, in order to help the secretary, a representative committee should be elected and those elected were N. H. Dingle, L6A, Protheroe, 6Sc., and J. Atherton, U6A. Childe, U6Sc. was re-elected as secretary.

Our thanks are due to R. Miller, U6A, who gave two lectures on his recent American visit and illustrated them with excellent coloured slides taken whilst he was there. These, together with the many questions he answered, considerably enlarged our knowledge of the United States of America and of its people.

At an evening of impromptu talks the subjects ranged from "Care of a baby," and "Square root of minus one," to "Penants" and "The letter 'z,'" and it is to be noted with satisfaction that everybody not only had something to say, but lasted for a minimum of two minutes in saying it.

The annual Y.M.C.A. debate was held at the beginning of November, though it was unfortunate that Plymouth College also had their Inter-Schools Debate on the same evening. The subject "That life is made too easy for the young," was proposed by A. Green, U6Sc. and Wickenden, L6A, and opposed by J. Atherton, U6A, and M. Walford, U6Sc. After an enjoyable evening the motion was defeated by 19 votes to 16, with seven abstentions. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Green who was our Chairman for the evening.

Atomic energy was the topic for a debate in which Harrison, 6Sc. was the proposer, and Protheroe, 6Sc. was the opposer, the actual motion being "That atomic energy will be more of a menace than a blessing." After a lively session from the floor the motion was narrowly defeated by five votes to four, with six abstentions.

Early in the new year it is hoped that we shall be able to hold an Inter-Schools Debate at our school. It was impossible to hold it last term owing to examinations affecting not only our school, but also many others in the city.

It is deplored that more members of the fifth form have not availed themselves of the opportunity of joining the Society. All sixth formers are entitled to belong and it is hoped that many more will attend to swell still further the increasing numbers.

B. CHILDES, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCOUT LOG

The past term has seen a great improvement in the condition of both troops. We welcome the new members and hope that their stay with us will be long and happy.

The summer camp, which was held this year at Clearbrook, was a great success and an enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

Many badges have been gained by the troop in the last year, and we congratulate P. G. Eames on gaining the most coveted Queen's Scout badge. Together with T. S. Knight he travelled to Bilwell to receive the Certificate from Lord Rowallen, the Chief Scout. It is hoped that many more will be travelling there soon.

The annual Jumble Sale and Whist Drive, which were held recently, were very successful, and the money gained is being contributed towards Scout banners for both troops.

Throughout the past few months several scouts have been working hard on the hut, and they have nearly completed its re-decoration. Several more members have successfully passed the adjudication test to appear in the 1956 Gang Show.

Finally we thank, on behalf of the troop, the hard-working Parents' Committee without whose help many of our activities would be fruitless.

T.S.K.

DANCING CLUB.

The Dancing Club has restarted its weekly classes in conjunction with the Devonport High School for Girls, and intends to continue them until the end of the Spring term. The arrangements for these classes had to be altered slightly at the commencement of the term to conform to the regulations of the Education Authorities, whose blessing we now have. We must thank Miss Priddle, the Acting Headmistress of D.H.S. for Girls, for her efforts in this matter.

Membership of the club is still limited to boys in the Upper and Middle Sixth forms because the classes are limited to a maximum of twenty from each school. However, the requirements of the Lower Sixth forms are now catered for by their own Social Club. The last class held this term was a combined class to which all members of the Sixth, who had some knowledge of dancing, were invited.

We again thank our pianist, Mrs. Bradley, and welcome back our new instructress, Miss S. Tout. We continue to marvel at the tact and patience of our partners.

B. Y. LANGDON, *Hon. Secretary.*

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

This term has been a quiet one for the Music Club.

At our first meeting it was found that the inscrutable School gramophone had finally lost its last legs and so, for most of our subsequent meetings we have had to rely on our Treasurer's portable machine. Small audiences at our recitals are quite usual at this time of year because of the powerful counter attractions of rugger and soccer practices. After Christmas and with the aid of the long-awaited, new gramophone it is intended that meetings will be more regular than has been possible this term. One advantage of the present small membership has been apparent in the wider variety of records played, large societies have frequently to adhere too rigidly to the well-known programmes.

The Plymouth and District Grammar Schools Music Society has reached its third year without sign of weakened vitality. Since the last issue of this magazine, two film evenings, two dances, and four gramophone recitals have been held. On July 8th at Devonport High School for Girls, the film show included the original "Polovtsian Dances" by Borodin, and a moving account of the Life of Chopin in "A Song to Remember." At Saint Boniface College on 25th November "The Student Prince" was presented before an audience drawn from ten schools. Both evenings were exceptionally well attended.

MICHAEL WALFORD, *Hon. Secretary.*

FIELD CLUB.

At the beginning of the term it was decided that the club should undertake an ecological, geographical and historical survey of Stonehouse lake and the surrounding area.

This has provided much interesting study for the group. The historians have found much to fascinate them and have uncovered many surprising facts about the old and the new buildings bordering the lake. Careful observation by the ornithological section has been rewarded by the sight of several common sandpipers and a dabchick. Daily reading of the air and water temperatures have been taken and samples of the water examined microscopically yielded evidence suggesting layering of water over the incoming tide.

This survey has not been the only work of the club during the term. The Monday-evening meetings have been continued and have included lectures on the geology of Devon, and the protection of Dartmoor as a national park.

Field excursions to the River Exe and the River Tamar revealed many new and interesting birds including sandwich terns on the Exe.

The gull and duck counts, on Stonehouse lake and The Erme estuary respectively, have yielded satisfying if not unexpected results. The 'Pets' section of the club remains as flourishing as ever.

It is hoped to continue all these activities next term and also to encourage more individual work by members in the lower part of the School.

R. GOULD, *Hon. Secretary.*

STAMP CLUB.

The Summer term saw a large variety of competitions in the Stamp Club, among which was a catalogueing competition and one entitled, "My best twenty-five stamps." Towards the close of this term the Club also contributed to the efforts of the Garden Party in holding an exhibition, thanks being especially due to Jeffrey, Crago, Buzzo, Thompson, Adams and Winterton for the many splendid stamps which they submitted for display.

Last term we unfortunately lost the services of Griffiths, who had been our secretary for a year. We should like to thank him for the work which he did for the Club. This new school year started with the drawing-up of a time-table, for the term

R. Williams of the Third Form has kindly offered to restart the circulation of books and magazines belonging to the Club.

A School Album which has been given to the Club and which will contain all stamps presented to the School has been placed under the care of Merrifield, Thompson and Reburn, amongst others.

R. J. WARREN, *Hon. Secretary.*

LOWER SIXTH CLUB.

Last year the Lower Sixth decided to form a social club much after the pattern of the Fifth Form Club but after a hike in the snow across Dartmoor, and a rather entertaining hockey match against D.H.S. for Girls the club ceased to function. The present Lower Sixth decided to re-create the club and so a general meeting was held to elect a treasurer, a secretary and a committee. At the subsequent committee meeting it was arranged for the club to meet once a fortnight.

Table tennis and badminton are very popular and tournaments are in progress at the time of going to print. Billiards and snooker are also played but are less of an attraction because of the small table used. A larger table is available but is in need of recovering and the expense prevents this. Dancing classes are well attended and we thank the members of the Upper Sixth who have given us instruction. Record evenings, with music ranging from jazz and popular music to the classics, have been a popular novelty. Our thanks are due to Clarke, Davey and Blackler, prefects who have given us help.

Attendances are well up to those of other School Societies so that prospects for the future seem favourable. A social has been arranged and next term it is hoped to extend activities with badminton and table tennis matches.

N. H. DINGLE, *Hon. Secretary.*

FIFTH FORM CLUB.

Three years ago B. Cross founded this club which was then known as the Middle-School Social Club. Its original programme being rather ambitious, Perry, who was Prefect-in-charge during its second year wisely restricted membership to boys in the Fifth Form.

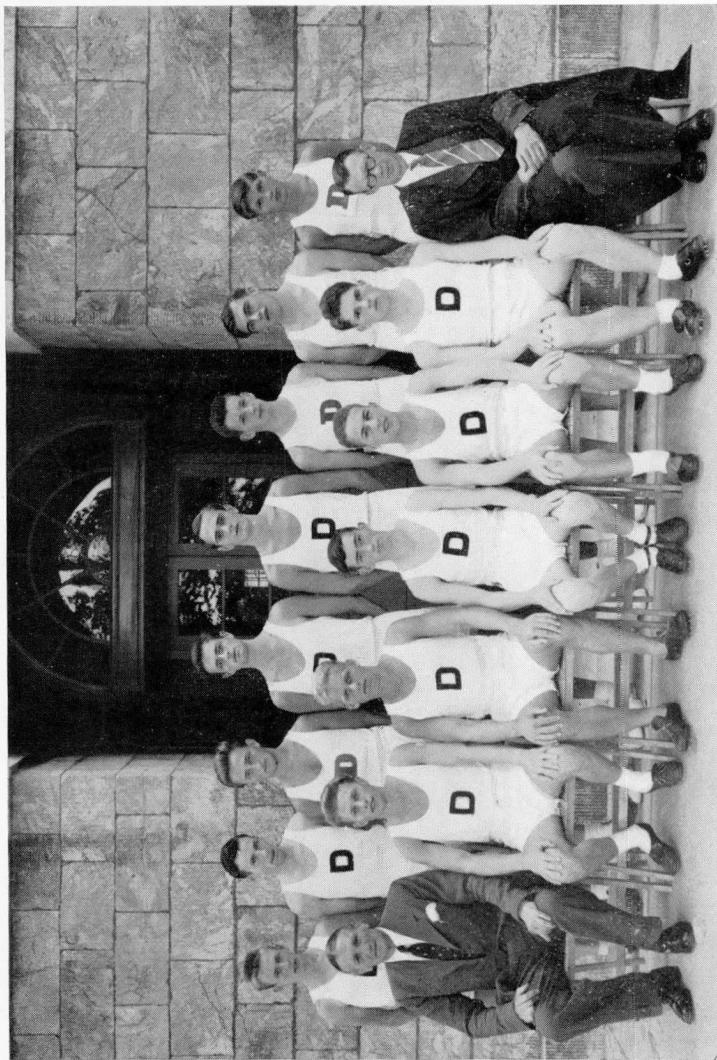
This term the club has been run by Clark and Davey. Badminton has gained in popularity, the purchase of two new racquets by the Headmaster enabling more boys to play this exciting game. The table-tennis table has finally been completed. This has proved a great asset and we thank Mr. Quartermann with whose assistance the members built it.

At the end of the Autumn term we intend to hold our first social of the year, and it is hoped this will be as successful and as popular as our others have been.

Our thanks are finally due to Perry and Dingle whose efforts in the past have made our future so promising.

R. MARTIN, *Hon. Secretary.*

SENIOR ATHLETIC TEAM 1955



Standing (Left to Right): J. G. Williams, M. J. Allison, M. E. R. Walford, J. H. Atherton, A. R. Pinches, M. J. A. Griffith, P. F. Wickenden, G. Potapowicz.
Sitting (Left to Right): Mr. W. Nash, R. F. Dowrick, J. G. R. Baker, J. A. Breckon (*Secretary*), P. M. Miller (*Vice-Capt.*), D. G. Protheroe, The Headmaster.

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THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

During the week beginning Monday, January 9th, at the Globe Theatre, the Dramatic Society presented "The Miser", Miles Malleson's version of Molière's "L'Avare". In addition to the usual six evening performances, there was a matinée on Wednesday for children from the city primary schools.

"The Miser" is an adaptation, but by no means a translation, of Molière's famous play; for whilst the complicated plot, the incredible coincidences of its *dénouement*, much of the humour and those farcical elements with which Molière was accustomed "to moderate the tonic bitterness of his satire"—whilst all that remains, Malleson has quite changed the tone of the play by passing lightly over the tragic element in Harpagon's avarice and its evil influence on all his household. Further, the adapter's colloquial English prose makes no attempt to echo the seventeenth-century language and the resulting incongruity between the period costumes of the actors and their modern speech adds greatly to the fun. This, then, is no sordid piece of realism, but a play to be acted briskly and gaily.

The one setting needed was just right; it was well-lit; the drapes allowed the fullest use of the rather small stage; the furniture was composed of genuine period pieces such as Harpagon might have owned, for he liked to turn his money into solid, enduring things—it was much safer than in a box in the garden! Yet a well-worn carpet avoided the impression of squandered money. The costumes were colourful and well-fitting and, when the players were skilfully grouped on the stage, made delightful pictures. Even the wigs, so often a disappointment, were excellent. Cléante's costume could have been a little more ornate; it was gay enough in colour, but it had not the profusion of lace and ribbons that the text suggests it should have had. Except that Elise's cheeks were, on more than one occasion, too red, the make-up was admirable. It was hard to realise that Elise, Frosine and Mariane were three young schoolboys, so perfect were their costumes, make-up, movements and poise.

The acting was dominated by B. A. Finch in the title-rôle, who sustained a very long part with remarkable assurance and skill. His sense of timing was flawless. He looked, moved and talked like a foolish old man. His voice and gestures suggested every mood from ingratiating hypocrisy to ungovernable rage. Though once or twice his by-play distracted attention from what others were saying, this fault sprang from the merit of acting all the time, even when not speaking. His playing of the great solo scene (after Harpagon's discovery that he has been robbed) when he swayed every audience to peals of laughter and sudden, intense silences, was quite masterly.

A. M. Kimmens and G. A. Lancaster, who took the parts of Cléante and Valère, are both experienced players who radiate self-confidence. The clarity and pleasing quality of Kimmens's voice

were noticeable even in this well-spoken production. He seemed perhaps a little too pleasant for the foppish wastrel, Cléante. Lancaster was a tall, dignified, handsome Valère. His timing and gestures were admirable, though his performance would have been better had he made a greater difference, in voice and manner, between his flattery of his master and his conversation with others.

The three ladies were played by F. W. H. Sadler (Elise) K. C. J. Hughes (Frosine) and P. F. Slade (Mariane). How charming they looked! How skilfully they managed their long dresses and their fans! How feminine were their gestures! Sadler was outstanding for the excellence of his voice and for his mastery of the difficult art of listening to others. But all three deserve our thanks for never for a moment destroying the dramatic illusion that they were a trio of attractive ladies.

The four servants of the household are a comic crew. N. P. Raven and P. B. Naylor, the one very tall and the other very fat, looked vacantly bovine as the miser's underpaid lackeys. R. A. Heale was Jacques, the cook-coachman. He is the only person in the house that has any affection for Harpagon, liking him almost as much as he does his horses. Heale well brought out his simple, good nature and his bewilderment when he, an honest man, discovers that honesty does not always pay; and his downright manner of playing Jacques, with the touch of slap-stick which the part permits, contrasted strongly with the gesticulations of Harpagon and the elegances of Cléante, Valère and La Flèche. This last, Cléante's manservant, was delightfully played by P. G. Eames. In 1668, in Molière's original production, his brother-in-law, who took the part of La Flèche, had recently damaged a leg and limped heavily about the stage; his name, The Arrow, is ironical. But Eames had no such limitations; he was all gaiety and agility; at times he suggested the ballet; and he so obviously enjoyed his part that it was a pleasure to watch him.

M. A. Harrison (Master Simon) B. E. Share (Justice of the Peace) and T. Webb (Clerk to the Justice) played smaller parts very thoroughly and all revealed in some way the producer's inventiveness, e.g., the comic cowardice of the Justice. J. H. Atherton brought to the part of Anselm a dignity of voice and presence which triumphed over the astonishing fairy-story which his lines reveal.

It is pleasant to record that there was a full house for every performance, that the audiences enjoyed the play immensely and that, throughout the week, no performance fell very far below the standard of the best. For twenty-one years, Mr. Henry Whitfeld has been producing plays for the School Society; "The Miser" was undoubtedly one of the best he has ever done.

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LONDON UNIVERSITY LETTER

Dear Sir,

I feel that everybody who has been at University will agree that University life comes as rather a shock after the comparatively sheltered existence of school. This is felt very much at London since the University and its hostels are scattered over such a large area; it is difficult to meet and get to know other students except at lectures and in the Union Building. I found the first month was a transition period during which I often wondered what was going on, whether I would ever become an integral part of the College, as I, like most other people, imagined everyone else to be, and, at times, just what I was doing there.

This period is much more bearable if, like myself, you manage to get a place in a Hostel because it has a communal life of its own and helps to make you settle down more quickly. However, after a month, you know the majority of people in your own department having made quite a number of friends and acquaintances through societies and games; you no longer feel out of place among hundreds of freshers who seem to know everybody and everything, but are losing that 'bewildered Fresher' look and are settling down to enjoy University life to the full. I found this transition period quite a problem.

There were quite a number from D.H.S. who came up this year and each has made a niche of 'fame' for himself. Malcolm Pine, among other things, wields a table-tennis bat for King's College Second team and is always to be found at the King's and Union Hops.' Colin Bray is (of course) playing regularly for King's 1st XI Soccer team and is reputed to have recently developed an interest in all-night Bridge parties. Colin Dawe is also at King's studying Theology. As for the less well-known establishments, James Holding of University College has gained a place in his College II Badminton Team (and has recently, I am told, just missed being awarded the title of 'The best-dressed man in Woburn Square,' however, I may be wrong on that). Arthur Trice at Imperial College plays soccer for I.C. 2nd XI and has played once for the 1st XI; also at Imperial is Raymond Williams, who incidentally, has played for the University Chess Team, but, on the more serious side, was seen somewhere in Battersea brandishing what appeared to be a badminton racquet! Last, but by no means least, Sergeant Terry Cooke, still sweating after his escape in Bodmin, is studying Russian at the School of European and Slavonic Studies.

I must apologise for the great gaps in the list of people mentioned, for example Mike Wotton, Ian Trigger to mention but two, however I have neither seen nor heard of them since I came up. In fact the London Old Boys' Dinner seems to be the only way of meeting them all, and this, unfortunately, is rather too expensive for very impecunious University undergrads.

Yours respectfully,

R. PERRY.

Le Collège d'Europe,
Bruges.

Dear Sir,

It is always a source of pleasure to be able to maintain through correspondence a contact with the School, which prolonged absence from Plymouth makes otherwise impossible. My motives in writing from Bruges include, however, the feeling that it is my duty to the School and to the College to extend the sphere of influence of this comparatively new institution.

A cautious reserve, rather than apathy, would be a fairly adequate description of the attitude, which seems to prevail in Great Britain with regard to the recent, enthusiastic propagation of the European Idea in some continental countries. Our insular position helps to determine this frame of mind, just as our Commonwealth connections constitute a valid reason for caution when practical issues are at stake. While a narrow strip of water may encourage a spirit of 'dégagement,' or pre-occupations in Cyprus or Kenya hinder more active participation in Western European Union, neither of these realities can explain the fact that the Collège d'Europe is almost unheard of beyond Ostend. To announce one's departure to attend the College would seem generally to provoke only a smile of faint interest, if not a vacant expression of utter incredulity.

Since its opening in 1950, the College has welcomed students from nearly every European country to six post-graduate courses of one year's duration. The ultimate object of study is Europe, 'L'Europe sans Rivages' as revealed in the various fields of university learning: history, geography, law, economics, sociology, political science and literature. Since the lectures and seminars are held in French and English, these languages are a prerequisite for all students. Fortunately we are not required to choose, as a minimum of work, more than three of the above subjects, as well as a compulsory course in European Institutions. If we wish to attend each lecture and seminar, besides producing the fruits of individual research in each of our chosen fields, even this number may seem excessive and allow only a superficial treatment, es-

pecially when we are tackling a new subject. Such an apparently overloaded syllabus may be within the scope of those, whose training in a continental university has developed a wider intellectual capacity than does its British counterpart. In any case, the latter has compensations in nurturing an ability to compromise on the demands of different professors.

The problem is resolved to a large degree by the lecturing staff itself. Despite the occasional difficulties of language and in arranging a suitable programme for visiting lecturers with commitments elsewhere, we are fortunate in having an admirable corps of permanent and temporary tutors, many of them experts of international repute. The Rector of the College, M. Henri Brugmans, a Dutchman, never fails to make a profound impression on newcomers, not only by his exceptional linguistic abilities and the scope of his erudition, but also by his almost paternal concern for the students and their interests. It is inevitable that many students should show a preference for lecturers of their own nationality, since they have similar backgrounds and methods. However, it is the international character of the teaching body which constitutes its strength and special value.

The pooling of different methods and traditions is the keynote of our activities and of student-life in the College. It is not that we try or even could assume a superficially attractive European approach to our work, or don a mantle of international abstractions, in order to make social intercourse appear smoother. Our differences and the problems of Europe will not be solved in this way, but in each stating his own views without fear and in trying to understand the attitude of others. Europe is not foremost an ideal but a society of peoples. As the Rector warned us, none of us will or should abandon completely his original convictions but a year in Bruges will certainly add something to those beliefs.

May I send warmest regards to you, Sir, and to the School, remaining,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN K. HOSKIN.

U.C. of North Staffordshire,
Keele.

Dear Sir,

One of the things that is taught to everyone is that we should not make general statements unless we have evidence with which to substantiate them. With this in mind I am fully aware of the crime I am committing when I quite unhesitatingly state that I am sure that a large proportion of those who read this letter will not have heard of the University College of North Staffordshire.

Very few will have heard of the village where it is situated, Keele—hardly anyone will be fully acquainted with the aims and nature of the College itself. This will be because it was granted its charter but six years ago and because it is a university college which is quite different from any other in the country.

It was founded as a result of a movement which originated in certain university circles during the past thirty years. The people who formed the movement were inspired by the belief that the specialised degree courses as catered for in the universities was inadequate preparation for post-graduate life in the modern world. They felt that such was the diversity and range of interest of modern life that specialised knowledge in one subject alone was insufficient, on the grounds of its being too limited. In one sense they wanted to form a university such as the term had originally signified—a place where all branches of knowledge were studied and formulated into a whole.

The University College of North Staffordshire was granted its charter in 1949, in the specific condition that its degree course should be in the nature of an experiment, where students should treat of more than the one subject in which their main interest would normally lie. The course as it now stands lasts for four years, during which time undergraduates study a number of subjects, usually four, for differing periods of time. The degree of B.A., which the college is empowered to confer, connotes the satisfactory completion of studies in groups of subjects from the Humanities, Social Studies and Sciences.

Perhaps Keele's supreme characteristic, for we will leave a final decision upon the value of its course until after further consideration, is that it is fully residential, and remains so for the whole of the course. Students live in converted army huts which, externally perhaps somewhat uninviting, internally are excellently furnished and hearteningly comfortable. The unit for which they provide, moreover, seven or eight, ensures that each student has at least that number of close companions and makes for a considerable degree of self-sufficiency and independence unique in university circles.

The last word for Keele must for the time at least, be experiment. Not yet fully established it has not failed to appeal to each of its generation of students. Above all, it is an experiment still in the process of being worked out. Let it not be condemned by experience and tradition—at least not until some results have been achieved and their future made evident.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. ANDREWS.

Royal Naval Engineering College,
Keyham,
Devonport.
10th November, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I was extremely delighted to see so many old faces when I paid a visit to the school last month, and the new reconstruction is something well worth while.

I write to you now from R.N.E.C. as a comparative newcomer to the Royal Navy. I left D.H.S. in 1950 at the end of the Christmas term, to become an electrical-fitter apprentice in H.M. Dockyard, Devonport. Other old boys, most of whom are now at College, entered the Dockyard at this time, among them Collier French, now at Bristol, and Brian James, now at Plymouth Technical College with Raymond Gerry. Brian Olney and David Tozer are going to evening classes at the Plymouth Tech.

We all did four years in the Upper School of the Dockyard Technical College and were awarded scholarships, etc. on the Fourth Year Midsummer Exam. Collier French and I took the Whitworth Scholarship Examination and both gained Whitworth prizes, Collier being fifth and myself seventh in the country.

On the results of the fourth year examination I was awarded an appointment as a Probationary Assistant Electrical Engineer by the Admiralty.

As such I have to do my training as a naval officer, becoming a lieutenant next year. There is one term's training here studying Dockyard administration and a three years eight months course at R.N.C., Greenwich, during which time I hope to get my engineering degree. After that there is one year's training with private engineering firms studying administration and one year's sea time—to see how "Jack" lives !

At the moment I am feeling my way with the chaps out here, who by the way are a thoroughly good crowd.

Yours sincerely,

R. Locock, *Sub-Lieut. R.N.*

22 Pennycross Park Road,
Plymouth.

Dear Sir,

The peoples of the world, pitted together by the struggles of the Post-War Period, and the rapid development of science, are gradually seeking to broaden their horizons and are accepting internationalism. The necessity for mutual understanding and friendship among the nations is now realised. Yet while the

number of student exchanges rapidly increases, few scholarships are granted to high school students to travel abroad; and it was to ameliorate this condition that in 1947 the American Field Service invited fifty high school students to study for a year in the U.S.A.

The American Field Service was founded in 1914, when a group of young Americans in Paris volunteered their services to the French Army as an ambulance corps. Between 1920 and 1937 the ex-servicemen embarked on a programme of Fellowships for French Universities, but when war again seemed imminent, A.F.S. was reorganised for service with the French, and later, the Allied Armies, and performed an invaluable service throughout the war. From fifty scholarships in 1947 the number has increased to over 500 in 1955, showing the remarkable success of the scheme.

Last year I was one of twenty British students selected from eighteen hundred applicants to receive a scholarship. My year was to confront me with a wide variety of situations and experiences. At first I was amazed by the sight of the towering cement canyons known as sky-scrappers; the hustle of such a cosmopolitan city and the excessive mechanisation of everything. As I walked around in my school blazer it was obvious that I was a foreigner: busmen would ask me how was the Queen, as I paid my fare; a friendly snack-bar assistant wanted to know if I was feeling ill when I asked for tea with milk in it; and most of all people enquired: "How can you speak such good English for a foreigner?" Yet soon I knew many people as intimate friends, and was rapidly welcomed as a member of many homes and communities, staying as I did with people in all walks of life. Especially in the family with whom I stayed for six months in a suburb of New York City was I particularly accepted, and the young mother and father soon treated me as a younger brother, while their young children would defy anybody to say that I was not their elder brother: their simple, touching argument being that I was a full member of the family, and we treated each other exactly as brothers and sisters. I shall always remember with gratitude the warmth of the Robinson family, for which alone it was worth travelling 3,000 miles.

Travelling over an area stretching from Boston to Atlanta I became aware of certain trends and characteristics of the American people. Materialism is a dominant factor in life, and the majority work hard to improve their living standards. Social, racial and national barriers are broken down wherever possible and in the Y.M.C.A., where my American father worked and which provided many of my expenses, Catholics, Protestants and Jews worshipped, worked and played together in a spirit of amiable toleration. The American family has almost emerged into a new society, which, drawn away from the hearth, has evolved a keen community spirit.

While in New York City there are thirty-six language publications, the United States motto "E Pluribus Unum" is ever apparent, the people being very nationalistic and following with pride the growth of their young nation.

Schooling also affords little opportunity for distinction. Staying in a rich community I found the sons of the wealthiest families studying alongside the poorest Negroes; parents paying slight attention to private or religious schools. My school was, of course, comprehensive, and had fifteen hundred pupils with a staff of one hundred. Subjects ranged from Latin to typing and auto-driving, each student taking about four subjects; and a great emphasis being placed on civic and current affairs. Pupils are loyal to the school, and the student government never had difficulty in raising funds for activities. The advantage gained by the American system is, I feel, that it produces a better overall standard, though the academic achievement cannot compare with our own high-school level. That young people have more autonomy is undoubtedly true, but while, in the face of the evils of large cities this is often detrimental, the picture of the young American terror so often conveyed is not at all typical. I, indeed, found smoking and drinking often accepted by parents, but teenagers are by no means lazy and think little of earning their own pocket money by doing menial tasks, or, on the other hand, of working on Saturday to raise money for charities. Always I found those with whom I mixed friendly and considerate. Let us not judge the American youngster always by delinquency figures and "Blackboard Jungle," and let us note, pausing to view our own membership, that 30,000,000 people are enrolled in Sunday schools in the U.S.A.

America certainly faces many problems revealed to me as I visited different places. The lean, unsettled look of the outcasts that I saw when visiting a State Prison and when wandering in the Harlem slums, or when accosted by beggars is unforgettable. In Massachusetts I saw mills whose production is now seriously threatened by the movement of industry to the South, and the moving of factories to areas with cheaper labour produces many difficulties. Other serious problems included the rise of crime and the low moral standard in slum areas. How to combat poverty and to provide social services for those in need is no small question even in such an immensely wealthy country. In contrast to this I visited new developments and saw many modern hospitals and clinics. On a tour at the end of the year I saw the great factories of the General Electric Company, and the smaller yet modern factories of the East Coast; the progress of automation being very apparent.

It was while touring at the end of the year that I visited a Negro mental institution where the sight of three thousand inmates

in compounds appalled the other students and myself. We had been wandering through the fertile corn, tobacco, and cotton fields of the Southern States. The dejected state of most Southern Negroes was truly pitiable, but, in fairness, I should note the reverse of this situation in the North where I found almost complete integration. Indeed, the strides which the U.S.A. has made in blending together different national and racial backgrounds are, I think, highly commendable, and there is undoubtedly a great deal which we in the Commonwealth could learn from America in this sphere.

No account of my year would be complete without mention of the friendship I made with other foreign students, or of my several visits to the United Nations. It was in the United Nations building that I heard men like Harold Stassen, Sir Alan Burns and Dag Hammarskjold speak. I listened to debates on Re-armament, international trade, and the French Cameroons. I questioned members of the international staff and they spoke to me on topics ranging from the World Health Organisation to Plymouth Argyle! Our American Field Service became for the students a small United Nations of its own, as students from all over Europe, from New Zealand and Japan, mixed together exchanging views and, what is most important, met in open friendship. The bonds of friendship formed in America and on the voyage home will never, I hope, be broken, for all returning students endeavour to further student exchanges and remain in various ways adherents to the A.F.S. principle of international friendship.

A wonderful year came to a conclusion in Cowes on August 1st, 1955, but its memory and associations will live for ever.

In gratitude to the American Field Service and to those who contributed to the success of my year, I would say, here, indeed, is a scholarship, full of experiences, thrills, and reality, which is definitely worth obtaining, and which I would recommend anybody to seek.

Yours sincerely,

ROBIN A. MILLER.

Willems Barracks,
Aldershot.

1st December, 1955.

Dear Sir,

Lately I have met several Old Boys in similar circumstances to my own. We are all in excellent health and temper, and send to the school our sincerest wishes for an outstanding year in all spheres.

Let me first assure you that, like thousands of others of my age, I am enjoying and profiting by the opportunities which the

Army offers and that I am gaining much valuable experience. I have, by the way, used a shortened form of my address as I thought it wise to omit its other seven-eights for considerations of space and economy. Please also forgive any Army terms or expressions which may slip into this letter. For my own part, I have excluded the more expressive to save the editor using the censor's blue pencil.

These first three months of service have been spent in training. This training is not intended to be easy. It is designed to produce men capable of fulfilling their allotted tasks and above all to instil an individual and co-operate discipline. These aims are necessarily obtained with or without one's co-operation. During this period life is one hectic rush. A typical time-table is " reveille " at 0600 hours and to be " on parade " by 0715 having washed and shaved, cleaned billet-room and breakfasted. From 0800 to 1215 hours you are drilling, learning how to use weapons, attending course and recreational periods. At 1320 hours you start again and finish at 1700 hours. The evening is yours apart from cleaning your kit, preparing the billet room for various inspections and "bulling" best outfits. It is inevitable that you are accused of being idle, of course.

You have missed much that is inherent in such training if you have not been threatened with a " charge " or " a little room all to yourself," called various names, some repeatable, others not so, compared with certain animals in the most peculiar states or told to get a hair-cut. Sometimes the latter assumes the form of " Get two hair cuts, . . . get an estimate." Occasionally, you go to the ranges. Some recruits are good marksmen others . . . One result of recruits' first visit to the ranges is that, although everyone is issued with ten rounds, some one inevitably finishes with thirteen cartridges, and in the butts it is found that a few targets have a number of hits on them in no way connected with the number of rounds officially fired at them.

However, by the end of your training you have developed a sense of responsibility to others and of discipline. You have by then reached the stage of being fit to serve. Realization of this is not immediate but you are suddenly made aware of it by the postings which you and your friends are allotted. It is possible that you have been with them for many months and that firm and lasting friendships have been formed. Soon you find they are posted throughout the world: Alaska, Scandinavia, America, Jamaica, Germany, Cyprus, Tripoli, Singapore, Korea and Australia to mention but a few places.

In lighter vein now I will touch on the subject of fatigues. One of the more fascinating is the now legendary leaf-sweeping. This is generally done before an autumnal gale, but inspected after with the obviously usual result. However, compensation

is gained by swilling-down the top veranda while "the-old-so-and-so" is just below. It is questionable who laughs last though. One member of the billet, who has had more fatigues than the rest, is now addressed as 21/C Swill Bins.

Let me make it clear that whether your period of service is pleasant or detestable depends entirely on you. If you decide that you intend to enjoy service-life you will enjoy it; if not, you have only yourself to blame for the result. No organisation of the magnitude of the Army can nurse an individual. The opportunities, the work, the play, the room for advancement, all are provided; the choice is yours.

In the Army, you will find there is no room for individuals in a corporate effort. Lives depend on the ability of one and all to obey. However, in training much amusement and embarrassment is caused by the individualist interpretations of "Right Turn" or "Halt." These interpretations besides causing some commotion provoke some curious, spontaneous (?) remarks as "Army Right" or "Ah! we have a Charlie amongst us."

Here I must end. When you enter the Services, choose your friends and ways carefully. From all remarks directed at you take what you are meant to take. Make up your minds to enjoy and derive every possible advantage from your service. As an illustration of the fact that as in civilian life, you will find all extremes in the Army, the membership of my squad ranges from double-firsts, solicitors, accountants, fuel technologists and persons straight from school to those whose vocabulary is so limited that one "all-purpose" word, used for all the parts of speech occurs with every other word. In conclusion I would add that previous military experience is a great help and that the comradeship found in the Army is very difficult to equal elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,

P. M. MILLER, 23171892.

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

Thanks to the efforts of the Headmaster and Staff the Extraordinary Annual General Meeting held at the Continental Hotel on the 7th July, 1955, was well attended. The Headmaster expressed the view that the School merited a strong Old Boys' Association and it is to be hoped that the new committee backed by revived interest will bring good results.

I hope that any Old Boy who has ideas on improving the strength and activities of the Association will contact me at his earliest opportunity. I think we should endeavour to help the School more if possible and suggest that, as some of us probably have books that we no longer require, we pass them along to the

School Library, where, I am sure they would be appreciated. Kindly send them along to the School or to me at my home address. If you send me a postcard I will call and collect them.

The rugby, soccer and badminton teams are keeping the name of the Association alive in local sporting circles. The reports from each Section Secretary give their news.

Playing members are always welcome. This is particularly true of the Cricket team. Last season members of the School team came to our assistance again, without them we should never have had a full side. Our thanks are especially due to Messrs. Blencowe and Clarke. If any Old Boy would welcome a game of cricket in one of the local leagues I should be pleased to hear from him.

Finally may I ask you all to tell any Old Boy you meet that we are always interested to hear their news.

J. GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' A.F.C.

After having a very encouraging return to local football last season the Club decided, at its Annual General Meeting, to take a further step in the revival of the Soccer Club, and to enter two teams into League football this year.

As far as the 1st XI are concerned the season so far has been a very successful one. They have only been defeated once in the nine league matches played to date, and by virtue of the fact that they have won their first four rounds of the Devon Junior Cup, they are now through to the quarter-finals for the West-Devon area.

The first round of the Plymouth Combination League Challenge Bowl was played recently and the Club was drawn against Princeton. The game was thoroughly enjoyed by the team and its supporters, and after being one goal to nil in arrears at half-time we managed to finish up with a fine win by three goals to two.

Unfortunately, the 2nd XI have not enjoyed a very good start. They have managed to win only one of their first ten matches, and as can be seen from the table below their record to date is not very encouraging. This is mainly because the Club is still short of members who can play regularly every week: we have not been able to field the same 2nd XI for any two consecutive matches, so if there are any Old Boys who are interested in joining the Club would they please contact the Secretary at 23, Trevarthian Terrace, Milehouse, Plymouth.

Team records to date:—

		Goals						
		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Points.
1st XI	...	9	5	3	1	24	16	13
2nd XI	...	10	1	2	7	12	36	4

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

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

The fair sex has continued to take its toll of the Rugger Club and congratulations are in order for Messrs. David Cliffe (our last year's Skipper), Mike King, Bob Rendle and Pete Quantick. We wish them the best of luck and are always pleased to see the ladies on the touch line. Perhaps would-be-bridegrooms would however, take the plunge during the closed season and not cause havoc amongst the selection committee.

Mr. Bert Cambridge, our Secretary for the past two seasons, has gone to York where no doubt he will soon find his feet in rugger circles. We might add that Mr. Pete Quantick went to York also, but, so far, Bert is still single.

The season started well with two successive wins including the 15—0 win over our old rivals, Plymouth Argaum, but through injuries and shortage of players, our initial success did not continue.

There is a serious shortage of players at present, and as the older members hang up their boots it is becoming increasingly difficult to field a full team. We have been helped out on some occasions this season by members from the School XV, Henry King has also returned and Ted Gynn and John Ferchal have played whilst they were on leave in Plymouth, but despite this, we have played no fewer than six matches with only fourteen men. This is not good enough. We have a good Rugger Club, with a fine record for clean and open games, and it is up to the school leavers now to see that we continue to maintain our standard of play. We cannot do this without recruits.

P. K. JANE, *Hon. Secretary*.

THE LONDON BRANCH DINNER.

Thanks to the efforts of T. R. Bossom, the London Branch held its first dinner since the War, at the Kingsley Hotel, Holborn, on November 26th. A most enthusiastic gathering which included the Headmaster, Mr. E. T. Heather and Mr. R. Ferraro received the toasts of "The School" and "The Association" with acclamation. Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds, now the Principal of Trent Park Training College moved us all profoundly when proposing "The School." T. R. Bossom proposed "The Association." We then listened with enjoyment to the replies of R. H. Werry and 'Tex' Austin which, needless to say, were in lighter vein. During the evening a committee consisting of S. G. Ash, T. R. Bossom, D. P. Jones, T. G. Ross and R. J. Werry was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Austin, so that there is little doubt that the future prospects for the Branch are bright. The main theme of all the speeches and of the general talk afterwards was the pride of belonging to D.H.S. and the grand opportunities in life the School prepared its pupils for. Ash, Grant and Greet all added the timely reminder that effort—hard work—is always necessary, but the reward all the more enjoyable.

PERSONAL COLUMN — News of Old Boys

May I reiterate my pleasure in compiling these notes. Do write. Perhaps the best news this term is the revival of the London Branch Annual Dinner of which a report appears elsewhere. Those who attended know how well worth while was the effort, and it was good to see young and old Old Boys there. Congratulations to Bossom and to Mr. Tamblin who made it possible. Mr. Austin is now a Londoner—give him your full support.

B. C. VINCENT (1937-43), writes to us from Frome, Somerset, where we gather he is instructing the young. Hopes to be with us for the Annual Dinner. Remembers ALEX HIGSON and "JOHNNY" GORE very well!

R. SAINSBURY (1944-52). Hoping to be able to attend the Dinner.

P. A. J. CAINES (1943-51). Looking forward to some leave but still flying around Geilenkirchen.

D. M. WOOD (1947-50). Finished his National Service in August and wishes us well. Anticipates now being able to be more active in the Association.

F. H. LEAR (1933-39). Is still enjoying life in Scotland.

J. COATES (1947-52). Another who has recently joined the married ranks. At present in Germany serving with the R.A.F. Hopes to meet CARNES & Co. before long.

D. J. DEWDNEY (1944-49). Flying Officer in the R.A.F. and stationed at Leeming. Hopes to have a D.H.S. R.A.F. reunion one day.

R. H. PARNELL (1945-51). Corporal in the R.A.F. Stationed with the M.E.A.F. in the Canal Zone. Anticipates moving to Cyprus.

D. A. ELLIOTT (1944-50), in the R.A.E.C. as a Sergeant with BARRY CROSS. Would like to know of any Old Boy working with the Ford Motor Company or any Old Boys in the Windsor Area.

T. N. HICHINGS (1926-32). Mayor of Shaftesbury in 1949, and Vice-Chairman of the Juvenile Court. Will be delighted to meet any Old Boys in his area.

R. W. HAMMICK (1920-27). A staunch supporter of the Association in Plymouth. Anyone interested in a

career in Surveying, Civil Engineering or Architecture would do well to contact him.

KENDALL MEEK (1917-23). Now in Torquay. Meets H. C. T. HAILES (1919-25) and J. N. KENNEDY (1920-26) occasionally. All are strong supporters of the O.B.A. and will do all they can to attend our functions.

F. EASTON (1944-52). Studying for his L.I.B. at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Wishes the Summer (French) School every success.

A. STAUGHTON (1942-49). Promoted from Clerical to Executive Civil Service last month and is now an Officer of Customs and Excise. Address in London 42, Trinity Square, E.C.3. Has a brother in the Fourth Form.

A. C. HAM, has added to his recent Ph.D.—a wife. Married on Sept. 3rd at Exeter. We'll be able to drink his health at 'Xmas. He's still at Farnborough.

J. W. SHINNER (1946-51). Member of the successful O.B.A. Soccer team is hoping to train as a teacher.

J. K. HOSKIN (1945-50). Now at the 'College d'Europe,' Bruges. Wrote us a most interesting letter on life abroad. Took an Upper Second at Cambridge last June and then toured Spain.

L. W. TUCKER (1939-46). Upper Second in French, followed by a year in France as an 'Assistant d'Anglais,' is now Assistant to the Managing Director of a Birmingham Engineering Firm. (Arts Students please note!) Wishes to contact any O.B.'s in Birmingham. Has met—

J. REARDON (1936-44). Married. Sales Manager at Lewis. (Arts student too!)

- D. WALKER (1939-47). Recently married, engaged on research for Bakelite.
- K. BIRD (1940-48). Civil Service—auditing, etc., in Birmingham—not married yet.
- C. A. RICH (1948-53). Cadet Apprentice Merchant Navy—called in on return from Calcutta via Colombo Expected to be off to Australasia—developed appendicitis—will now be at the Annual Dinner.
- R. T. S. LOCOCK (1945-50). Sub-Lt. Probationary Electrical Engineer, now at R.N.E.C. via Dockyard Technical. Sent us a very interesting letter.
- B. R. FOX (1945-52), R. M. HANCOCK (1943-51), R. W. JUNIPER (1946-50) E. W. PERKINS (1943-49). All now at Royal Military College of Science Shrivenham, and all enjoying life. Fox got a full length column front-page of the *Daily Herald* all to himself recently. Juniper playing in the College 1st XV. Hancock in hospital with a badly broken leg. Perkins cheering them all on and tells us hard work is the only answer.
- C. H. SUTTON (1947-52), now Head Prefect at Holloway Grammar School, was awarded an Exhibition in Modern Languages to Oxford. Called to see us early in the term.
- D. J. SHARE (1945-50), now teaching in Glastonbury—is expecting to take Holy Orders and go out to Borneo. He recently met DAW, an ordinand at King's College, London.
- C. A. SHAW (1946-51). Stationed at Tangmere flying jets, called in to see us. Recently met CAINES in Lincolnshire. Both are thoroughly enjoying the life.
- F. L. ANGLE (1946-52). Stationed at Salcombe—enjoys plotting courses in R.A.F., goes to St. Luke's in September, 1956.
- A. R. LEIGH (1947-55), now on National Service in the R.A.F. Met M. WHITEAR and C. SYMONS recently at Hednesford.
- P. J. CONGDON (1951-54). Enjoying life very much at St. Luke's but agrees the best days of your life are schooldays.
- E. R. FAIRBEARD (1947-55). Ill in hospital but making good progress has written us several letters thanking all for visiting him and GORDON and COLIN WOOD. Has set up a printing press—any cards required can be done in any colour.
- P. J. DAVIES (1945-52). Working hard at Exeter and hopes to meet you all at the Annual Dinner.
- G. J. IDE (1947-52). Recently attended a Summer School of the Stationers' Association at Oxford. Passed the first examination and will sit Intermediate in May.
- V. B. WOODFIELD (1943-49). Wrote an interesting letter from Germany where he is now serving in the Army Dental Corps. Has played soccer for Southern Command, Royal Army Medical Corps, and is now selected for the B.A.O.R. XI. In June he competed in the B.A.O.R. Athletic Championships. Hopes to be home for 'Xmas and will attend the Dinner. Any Old Boys in Germany can contact him at 700 Army Dental Centre, Dortmund. Free treatment—with a cup of tea.
- R. T. F. WILLIAMS (1947-55), called in with A. R. TRICE before leaving for Imperial College. Life seems good for them.
- BILL BOWDEN (1927-34). Missed the London Dinner owing to previous unavoidable commitments. Will be with us next year. Asked for news of DR GRUCHY and BURTON.
- A. T. BROOKS (1914-16). Recently in Paris on business also unavoidably absent from the dinner but will be with us next year.
- A. R. PINCHES (1947-55). Sent me a grand letter from Chelmsford where he is a Student Apprentice with Marconi. Marconi will have to use him in their recruiting branch. His letter is most cheerful and encouraging. Boys joining the firm with 3 'A's' are encouraged to take a B.Sc. degree.
- T. M. BOSSOM (1943-51) has probably an increase in family by the time we go to print.
- J. F. HOOPER (1948-55). Now a regular in the Army is hoping to get a Commission. Any Old Boys in the Worcester area look out for him.

- E. B. GREET (1926-32). Now an Accountant in London. Married with three children. Tells us of the excellent opportunities for boys, who are prepared to work, in his profession—two prerequisites good ability to express themselves in writing, and good presence.
- A. DURSTON (1943-49). Contemporary of BOSSOM and TOWNSEND, now in the Metropolitan Police. Asks for news of THOMPSON, D. HUGO, K. BLUNDELL and J. DAVIS. Let me know.
- A. PENGELLY (1936-43). Joined the ranks by getting married in August—and spending a honeymoon in Paris. His uncle L. R. PENGELLY says its about time too.
- A. B. GOODWIN (1945-48). Leaves the Army at 'Xmas and will then take up an appointment as Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at Leicester Technical College. His address will be 85, Vaughan Street, Leicester.
- R. A. MILTON (1945-50), has left the R.A.F. and is now working in London. Address 20, Sloane Gardens, S.W.1. Hopes to become more active in the O.B.A. now.
- R. H. HUZZEY (1936-43) is now at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.
- R. TOWNSEND (1943-51). Contemporary of Bossom, and one of the men who helped restart the London Dinner. Is an Executive Officer in the Ministry of Supply, London H.Q. He mentions A. C. HAM, D. WILLCOCKS at M.O.S., Cheshington, D. LETCHER and D. MARCH.
- F. J. TREVITHICK (1921-27). Address 16, Jameson Road, Shirley, Southampton. Any O.B.'s in the area please contact him.
- J. M. BOWLEY (1943-51), is having a roving time. Writes from the Constitutional Club, Shepton Mallet. Hopes to visit Plymouth in term time in the near future.
- K. WOODWARD (1947-54). Now in the R.A.F. in Cyprus.
- D. J. DEWDNEY (1945-52). Now a navigator, night fighters, R.A.F. Stationed at Wahn in Germany and is enjoying Squadron life.
- D. R. JANE (1948-53). Chairman of the Young Farmers Club, Modbury. Won the individual Cattle Judging Contest for Devon at this year's Dairy Show and selected to represent England in the Royal Show at Nottingham.
- J. E. STONE, O.B.E. (1926-31). Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding H.E. Lanc. Regt. (T.A.), called in to see us with his wife and family. Revived many memories of Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Austin.
- W. J. POPHAM (-1885). Is he our oldest Old Boy. Called in bringing his two grandsons who have now joined us. Even Mr. Ferraro had to admit defeat.
- MR. SIMMONDS gave us news of his sons. WILLIAM A. has his Ph.D. MICHAEL is now a Commander, R.N. ARTHUR is also a Commander, R.N. JOHN is in the Colonial Service on the Gold Coast. DAVID is a veterinary surgeon.

A LATE NOTE

We welcome Miss D. Jago, B.A. HONS. (London) who has come to fill the temporary gap left by Mr. May's translation to Truro. We hope she will be very happy with us.

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