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## Editorial

What flashed through the minds of most of the boys when listening to the excellent talk given by Mr. Sale on Speech Day is a matter of speculation. Work was the theme of that talk and as such in line with the Headmaster's frequent exhortations at our assemblies. The real justification for a boy's presence at a Grammar School is his capacity and desire to work hard at those subjects that such a school should and does offer. Opportunities and facilities are his, but whether they are exploited to the full is doubtful.

Increasing numbers of boys are using the Library ; the Current Affairs room and Careers room are catering for an ever growing demand for knowledge ; our boys are becoming more alive to the need for study and more conscientious in their pursuit of it.

Knowledge alone is not enough. "Mens sana in corpore sano" is a good motto, and "All work and no play" a bad policy. To academics then, must be added bodily activity, and this is best controlled and directed in the form of games and athletics, which contribute to the homogeneous development of personality and character. These are essential, because without leaders in thought and action the country cannot survive ; and it is the function of the Grammar School to provide such men for government, industry and commerce.

We must learn to struggle against odds, to win with grace, and lose good-temperedly, to strive against hope, and, in spite of Browning, to arrive sometimes. It is the training gained on the sports field and the running track that, re-directed to the world of study, enables us to achieve such academic distinction as we crave.

Our aim, then, must be a rightly-proportioned allocation of time to games and to work. The flaw in all this is an assumption that games and academics are two distinct activities. It is never true that a *part* of an individual acts on its own. In games the brain is as active, or should be, as in doing a piece of scholastic

work. Ambition and the urge to succeed are present in both. The one activity should demand as much energy and power of attack as the other. They cannot be so split that they constitute two distinct worlds.

So we return to Speech Day and the desire to work so ably expressed by Mr. Sale. Whatever our hands—and that means feet and brains too—find to do, we should do it with all our might. We cannot meander through life in a purposeless sort of manner. Real thought must have an end or aim in view ; observation must be directed ; games must be played to some purpose—possibly to win, but definitely to draw from us every ounce of energy and determination, all the knowledge and skill that we possess, and finally to give us and others the maximum of enjoyment and physical benefit.

Life itself is a game ; study is a game also, if we can view it from this point of view. If work were approached in the spirit of an inter-school's match, it would be harder, faster, better in every way and more enjoyable ; it would also be refreshing, and the results would speak for themselves. We could learn to work with fierce joy and hurl ourselves into the scrum of maths or irregular verbs.

Mr. Sale stressed the need for and the virtue of work. Let us strive hard at all we do—work, out-of-school activities, games and athletics, knowing that we are helping the School as well as ourselves by our efforts.

D. W. HENDRA.

## School Notes

We welcome those boys who have come to us this term from all over Plymouth to spend years of work and sport with us. Serious life has begun for them, work with a purpose and play with an end in view.

“ 'Tis education forms the common mind ;  
Just as the twig is bent, the trees incline'd.”

Our task is to bend these twigs in the right direction. The real problem of education is to cultivate the best sentiments in those committed to our care, the linking of the finer emotions with the highest of objects ; the development of a love for the right things, moral and intellectual. Much hard work is inevitable, but with the right spirit work is a joy, and the rewards are large and lasting. Good luck, then, to those who are setting forth on this great adventure. May they be happy and successful, bringing to themselves and to the School the highest service and the honour of outstanding achievement in the years to come.

Twice recently we have had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Adams among us. That he is now well enough to pay us a periodic visit is a good augury for the future. We were glad to see him looking so well, and we look forward to the time when he will again enjoy his work and recreational activities with us.

To Mr. George we extend our hearty wishes for a speedy return to us and to all that that means for him. He has been through a trying time, but anxiety is a thing of the past, and the time is approaching when he will again take over his work in the art room and at least some of the activities that mean so much to the School. It is more than possible that our wishes will come after the event : they are none the less sincere.

It is now too late to welcome Mr. E. Wyndham Hull and Mr. R. I. Jenkyn, B.Sc., who have come to us to fill the gaps left by the enforced absences of Messrs. George and Adams respectively. They know how much we appreciate their presence ; they are of us as well as with us, and that speaks for itself.

On July 10th we again had the pleasure of a visit from Lady Astor, who came to present Astor Essay prizes to A. D. Whitear and C. Boden, whom we congratulate on the success which gave us an opportunity to listen to the wit and wisdom that we have come to expect from our distinguished guest. Her abounding vitality is a refreshment ; her worldly wisdom a spur to the best in us ; her sincerity an inspiration. We hope that we may for a long time to come give her cause to visit us again and again.

Lord Astor is dead. The world has lost a great man, and Plymouth her greatest friend. To her ladyship we extend our sincere sympathy in her bereavement. He lives in the good works he has left behind him, and not least for us in the new Plymouth that owes so much to his inspiration and unflagging zeal. Honours he has had, but

“ He gave his honours to the world again,  
His blessed part to Heaven, and slept in peace.”

Our swimming sports have now become an annual event, and on July 21st we were blessed with a hot and brilliant day, with a well-organized series of events, and with the presence of many parents. That the standard has again risen is proven by the number of records broken. Our thanks are due to all who contributed to the perfect timing and smooth running—or is it swimming?—of the events. To Mrs. Gillhespy too we are grateful for presenting the cups.

It is not for us to comment upon the examination results set out elsewhere in this issue, but we congratulate those whose names appear, and those who have been successful since. Much has been said for and against examinations. One thing is certain—they are some measure of endeavour and achievement. The race is not always to the swift. Steady conscientious work in the lower forms will always pay dividends.

In this world of material values where the criterion is getting rather than giving, it is good to find boys prepared to devote time and energy to the production of something that will do them little material good. The mental and spiritual benefit received should be immeasurably great. Here will be a wider combination of

the arts than ever before—music, the human voice, decor, histrionics, the art of the actor, design, architectural values in stage-setting ; a feast of valuable experience and training.

This combination of music and the drama is a correlation of two of the most formative influences in school life, all the more important because it helps to remove the purely artificial barrier that Specialization has raised between the arts and indeed between so-called spheres of knowledge and practice everywhere. We owe much to Mr. Self and to Mr. Whitfield for a great experiment in presenting "Let's Make an Opera" to a Plymouth audience.

Mention of music naturally brings to mind the visit of the Halle Orchestra to Plymouth on August 27th. In spite of the fact that the School was in recess at the time, many boys enjoyed what for them must have been a unique experience. Incidentally—and there is no intention here of anticlimax—we are informed that too few boys are attempting to learn to play stringed instruments. Great patience and determination are necessary. Too many boys give up when they are faced with a real difficulty. Then is the time to persevere and so ensure success.

We hear unofficially that in February the London Philharmonic Orchestra will visit Plymouth and play under the baton of Eduard Van Beinum, and that there may be a special performance for schools. This will be a notable occasion and an opportunity that may not come their way again. No boy of sensitivity and insight will dream of missing such a musical treat.

Our School Parliament which hibernated throughout last summer has now, upon the approach of winter, awakened to a new upsurge of energy and interest. The present Moderate Government is certainly alive ; bills are being read, and particularly there is a drive to improve lunch-hour amenities and to modify the games system in the school. Many boys remain for lunch, and now in addition to the Careers Room, the Current Affairs Room, the Library and the indoor-games room, Parliament has obtained facilities for the enjoyment of lunch-hour radio programmes. A bill for the establishment of Junior Table Tennis has been passed. By this time it will have been presented to the Sovereign. Badminton, hard-court tennis and our other usual activities have not suffered by these innovations. On November 13th a lunch-time soccer match was played between Forms VI Arts and VI Science. A very large percentage of the School saw the Arts Form win by the narrow margin of four goals to three. We make no comment on the Prime Minister's efforts to play soccer.

We note with interest that major alterations and repairs to the school buildings are to begin in March.

School Christmas Cards are already popular, judging by the numbers of boys who have obtained delivery of their orders. Pride in the School is a good thing if the proud have done anything to enhance its reputation. While providing a pleasing and dignified

picture of the frontage of the School buildings, which is away from the road and only occasionally on view, these cards are a reminder of that personal link that makes the School itself a corporate body and a live entity. It is good that our friends should know where we work.

The meaning of work varies according to the context. For some it connotes something unpleasant that has to be done ; for us it is an obligation and should be a joy. Work is the life-blood of the Grammar School, it's *raison d'être* ; and in the spirit of work alone can it survive together with all that culture and living owe to it. We have a moral obligation to work, for work is our only reason for being in the School—to work at our studies and to play our games in that same spirit of whole-hearted drive.

How fitting it was then that Mr. Sale, M.A., who so kindly travelled so far to be our guest of honour and to present the prizes at our Speech Day on October 10th, should make work the subject of his discourse and insist upon it as the *sine qua non* not only of our type of institution but of civilisation itself. We are grateful to him for a speech that all who were privileged to hear it will long remember for its happy blending of light-hearted wit with profound and telling thought. Our greatest thanks to him will be to act upon his advice and make work the key-note of happiness and success wherever we be. Lewis Mumford sums up the broad issue thus :

“The role of work is to make man a master of the conditions of life : hence its constant discipline is essential to his grasp of the real world. The function of work is to provide man with a living : not for the purpose of enlarging his capacities to consume but of liberating his capacities to create. The social meaning of work derives from the acts of creation it makes possible.”

In those famous words that are now part of history, “Go to it.” Remember your work now is the measure of your potential and of your contribution to life in the future. Again our whole-hearted thanks to Mr. Sale.

Rugger was in the doldrums last year. A pendulum is bound to swing, there must be a nadir as well as a zenith ; we cannot always be on top of the wave ; but it is good to note that our rugger has now begun to swing back towards what we have grown to regard as its normal state. This revival, evident below the level of the first XV, is a healthy sign for the future. More boys are playing, there is greater scope in the choice of teams, standards are inevitably higher and enjoyment and benefit are more widely spread. We can look forward now.

Our link with the wider life of the town, so necessary to the cultivation of that civic spirit that real education should implement, was strengthened again this term when boys from the Upper School were privileged to be present at the presentation of the Freedom of the City to Sir Clifford Tozer and Alderman Medland.

Real service, such as theirs, seeks no public rewards ; but adequate recognition of devotion to the public weal is a just tribute and an incentive to those who come after. The value and the pleasure are in the doing : the Freedom is an unsought honour and an expression of our corporate thanks. It is good that our future citizens should witness these things.

Again we record our appreciation of Mr. Frere's visit to us, his talk on careers, and the valuable advice he so freely gave to all who sought it. He opens some of our windows to the outer world, and the fresh air of a competitive society blows away some of the cobwebs of self-sufficiency that tend to cling to institutional life. For all this we thank him.

The close and friendly relationships between H.M.S. Fisgard and D.H.S. have been further strengthened by a kind and timely gift of four house plaques in metal, mounted on wooden shields, representing the arms of the ships whose names our houses bear. They were made by artificer apprentices with the meticulous care and accuracy that mark everything the navy does. We are very grateful for this practical expression of a friendship that we hope will long continue.

On November 11th the School remembered the fallen of two world wars by a service in the School hall, when stress was also laid on the sacrifices made by those old boys of the School who laid down their lives, and upon the memorials on the walls of the corridor and the Library in Block C. The Headmaster addressed the School upon the subject of selflessness, and the great example that those who had died gave to all subsequent members of the School and not least to those then present.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Jenkins, who left us to become headmaster of Stoke Modern Secondary School, has had to have an enforced rest for health reasons. The coincidence of his appointment and illness and death in the family was most unfortunate. He has our sincere condolences for the happenings of the past and all our good wishes for the future.

Our new School Captain is D. W. Hendra, Upper VI.s. His is an onerous and difficult task. That he will do himself and the School credit we feel sure. He has our congratulations and best wishes.

In the Summer Term 1953, from the 13th to 19th of July, a cricket team from the William Ellis School, London, will visit us in order to play a series of matches with local schools. On Sunday, 19th July, they and a team from D.H.S. will travel to London, where our boys will spend a week playing local teams. These exchange visits are an excellent idea being educative in the broadest social sense, and of great value from the point of view of cricket to the boys concerned. We hope that this may become a permanent annual feature of the link between the two Schools that had already been forged at the time of the Festival of Britain.



## Speech Day, 1952

An inability to remain still for any long period of time is in all boys a recognised in-born quality whose veracity has been proclaimed by maternal sages from in memoriam ; however, at the School's Annual Speech Day the boys proved that on certain occasions, at least, the saying is quite false—not that there was anything to try their patience, for it is many years since the School was entertained by such an accomplished group of speakers, notable among whom was the principal speaker for the evening—Mr. G.S. Sale, M.A., the Headmaster of King's School, Bruton, whose amazing stock of stories brought forth the best from the other speakers, much to the delight of both school and parents.

The usual Speech Day theme of "work" was given a new vitality, enlivened by the wit of Mr. Sale. He admitted the drab monotony of work and of many present-day tasks, but exhorted one and all not to wilt before the prospect. His speech ended in an air of mystery, surrounding a story which, he said, was the only one he knew suitable to tell at a Girls' School Speech Day. Before the end of the proceedings, however, the weight was lifted from our minds.

All speakers remarked on the admirable delivery of Mr. Barker's report. The Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Alderman Wright, countering the Headmaster's comment that the previous school year had been satisfactory, wondered what a successful year would be like, considering the length of the prize list and the number of examination results printed on the programme. The sporting year, the Headmaster stated, was satisfactory, the first XI Soccer, and Cricket having fine seasons. He stressed the importance for boys to join the various School Societies, which were too numerous to mention by name, and thanked the Parents' Association for the fine work it was doing, and for the numerous benefits to the School, for which it's members were responsible.

Dr. Andrew Scotland, in seconding the vote of thanks to Mr. Sale made it quite clear that no-one would rest until the latter's intriguing story was told, and, goaded on by the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sale obliged.

The vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor was proposed by Alderman Stott (Chairman of the Governors), and well seconded by the School Captain, D. W. Hendra.

Several speakers had occasion to remark on the fine performance of the choir, for which tributes we must once again thank Mr. Self for his fine direction.

The evening, surely one of the most enjoyable Speech Days in memory, ended with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We have received the following publications : "The Truronian," "The Suttonian," "The Plymothian," "The Medina," "The Tamaritan," "The Albanian," "The Oketonian," "The Fisgard Magazine," and "The Beacon." Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omissions.

# School Successes 1951 - 1952

## State Scholarships

M. J. MERRETT      I. C. F. TREBY  
M. B. SUMMERS      C. H. R. WOOD

## University College of the South West, Exeter

Ballard Scholarship in Geography .. .. . K. R. HOLLOWAY  
Ballard Scholarship in Botany .. .. . M. J. MERRETT

## University College, Leicester

Open Exhibition in English .. .. . L. C. NETHERCOTT

## The Services

Naval Cadetship—Executive (1st place) .. .. . D. HOSKING  
R.M. Academy, Sandhurst .. .. . F. S. G. EASTON, B. R. FOX, A. J. HILL

## The Civil Service

Executive Appointments. .. .. . F. S. G. EASTON, J. B. KNIGHT  
D. R. le P. QUANTICK, L. C. NETHERCOTT, P. TOWNSEND  
H.M. Customs and Excise .. .. . D. A. C. LETCHER

## Abraham Memorial Prize, 1951

T. W. BOSSOM

## Overseas League Essay Prizes

B. A. CROSS, R. A. LANGSDALE, L. C. NETHERCOTT, M. J. RICH

## Astor Essay Prizes

C. R. L. BODEN, M. D. WHITEAR

## General Certificate of Education - Advanced Level

**Arts** *Figures in parentheses show number of subjects passed*

G. W. Ashworth (3)	F. S. G. Easton*(3)	J. B. Knight (3)	R. J. Sainsbury*(3)
R. W. Boote (1)	R. B. Evens (1)	R. A. Langsdale*(3)	R. W. Shead (3)
P. A. Caines (3)	A. G. Goswell (3)	L. C. Nethercott (3)	E. G. W. Tregaskis (2)
P. R. Champion (2)	A. J. Hill (3)	D. R. le P. Quantick(3)	J. Turner (3)
B. A. Cross (3)	K. R. Holloway (2)	M. J. Rich*(3)	B. A. Woosey*(4)

\* Denotes exemption from Inter B.A.

## Science

G. W. J. Clapp*(3)	D. W. Hendra*(3)	G. W. G. Matthews(2)	M. B. Summers*(3)
P. J. Dare*(3)	J. Hill* (4)	M. J. Merrett*(3)	I. C. F. Treby*(3)
P. J. Davis*(3)	J. B. Martin*(2)	D. F. Parr*(4)	C. H. R. Wood*(4)
J. H. Goodey*(3)	P. Mason*(4)	H. S. Pomroy*(3)	

\* Denotes exemption from Inter B.Sc.

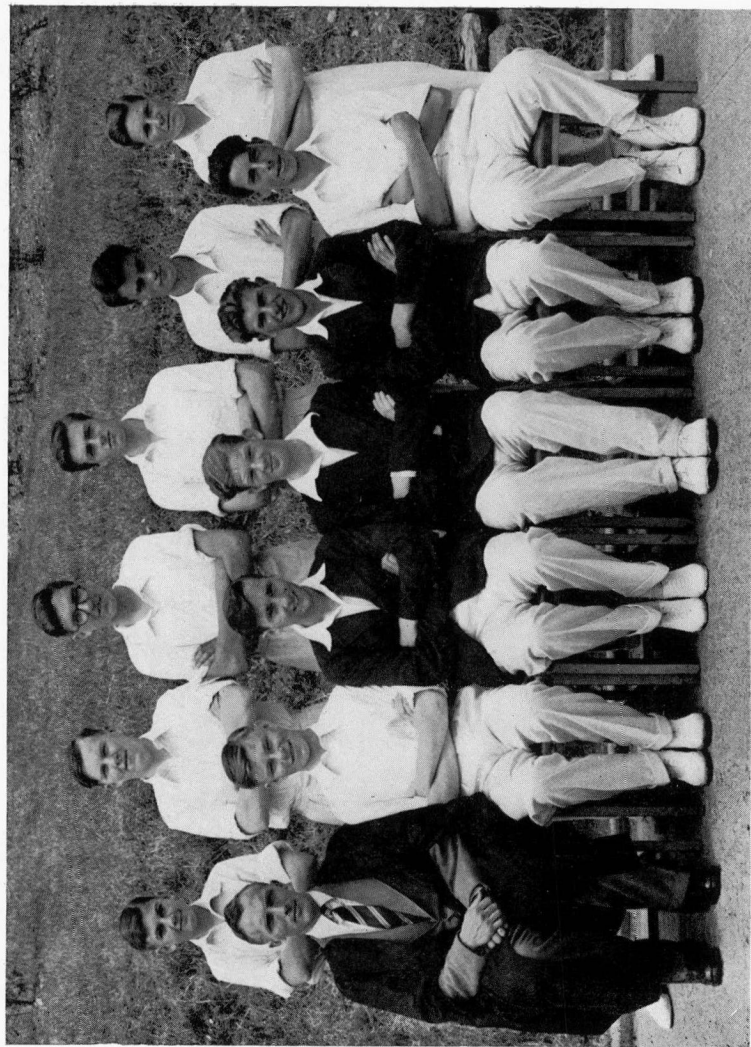
## General Certificate of Education - Ordinary Level

*The following boys passed in three or more subjects*

R. J. Adams(5)	F. H. Fletcher (3)	B. G. Martin (3)	A. R. Tolcher (8).
R. F. Ayers (6)	G. R. Foster (4)	L. A. Middleton (4)	J. T. Truscott (3)
N. A. Beckett (3)	G. R. French (4)	P. R. Miles (7)	P. Varcoe (5)
N. W. Behenna (6)	M. H. Goodfellow(5)	P. M. Miller (7)	P. Warlow (6)
R. J. Bowden (3)	T. H. Hocking (3)	J. D. Mills (3)	R. B. Weir (5)
G. J. Brazendale (4)	L. M. Hurst (6)	C. B. Owen (3)	R. T. F. Williams(5)
D. S. Chiswell (4)	G. A. C. Jay (3)	R. Parnaby (5)	J. A. Wise (4)
J. H. Coates (3)	A. J. Lakeman (4)	A. W. Pudner (4)	G. W. Wood (7)
J. D. Coles (6)	F. B. Langworthy(6)	D. J. Purchase (4)	C. K. Woodfield (6)
R. S. Cox (6)	H. J. Lillicrap (8)	M. J. Rouse (6)	K. H. Woodward(5)
J. R. Cooke (6)	J. W. Lowther (4)	E. G. Rowe (6)	R. W. A. Wyatt (3)
F. G. Evans (4)	I. J. Macbean (6)	J. M. Sargeant (3)	G. E. F. Young (6)
M. J. T. Evans (4)	A. T. Mantle (7)	T. A. J. Saunders (3)	



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R. Perry	D. W. Hendra	J. W. Ede	J. H. Atherton	M. T. G. Rowe	D. W. Green
Mr. Barkell	N. W. Clarke	A. G. Goswell	C. J. Bray ( <i>Capt.</i> )	M. H. Marshall	W. I. Joint ( <i>Secretary</i> )

# Cambridge Letter

Pembroke College.

MICHAELMAS 1952.

Dear Mr. Editor,

A recent freshman's essay competition in "Varsity" was marked by the popularity of one subject which was exhaustively and very skilfully tackled by the majority of the contestants: the subject was "The Great Disillusionment."

This year there are three of us at Pembroke qualified to write on that subject as we come into residence (J. K. Hoskin, Modern Languages; C. Newey, History; D. A. Pinches, English). One minor surprise is the discovery that many people sheltering behind the skirts of Alma Mater are not so very different from the less fortunate beings we knew outside. Indeed we discover that some of them are the same. E. Widdecombe, for instance, is becoming as much of an institute here at Downing as he was at D.H.S.; P. I. Reid at Queen's, and D. Honey at Fitzwilliam retain unaltered their enthusiasm for and prowess in Rugger and Running respectively. Even the occasional glimpses we have of D. Mills and D. Wanstall, by kind permission of the Combined Services Modern Language School, remind us somewhat of the two gentlemen of those names we knew before. "De mortuis"—and of members of the same college—"nil nisi bonum," so let it suffice to say that D. Morton in his second year at Pembroke has gained sufficient knowledge to give upcoming freshmen much valuable advice as to possible pitfalls. We were then able to discover other pits in which to fall. Yet one glory has departed for the almost legendary P. Taylor has gone down—rumour has it—to the British Museum.

The visions which we saw in far-distant past, when we wore green uniforms, and blue and khaki ones, of the 'madly gay' social round now prove partly illusory. On the other hand, there has been some satisfaction in discovering the Debates at the Union are somewhat different from those in the Literary and Debating Society, and that the standard at the A.D.C. is—dare we say it—slightly higher than that of the School Dramatic Society. We have already been vouchsafed new experiences in the Town, on the Town, on the River and in the River. Fresh horrors—we are told—await us this week—not the American elections—but Poppy Day which will be no more than an embarrassing memory by the time this is printed.

Weird and wonderful, multiple and multifarious are the Societies, Clubs and Institutions which solicit our interests and our subscriptions. They range from a Potholing Club to a Mau Mau Society. A more serious assault is being made this term by the C.I.C.C.U. who are holding their tri-ennial Mission to the University.

Amongst headline topics in 'Varsity' are proposals to demolish parts of Emmanuel and Christ's to build a new bus-station, the forthcoming visit of the Duke of Edinburgh, the possibility of forming another "Ladies College" and the even more revolutionary possibility of allowing ladies permission to speak—at the Union Society Debates, together with other privileges of membership.

So, it seems, another academic year creaks into motion and the perennial mystery arises: "How and when does anyone fit in any work?" So far the only time free from lectures, sports or evening activities seems to be between the hours of twelve and seven . . . A.M.

Yours sincerely,

D.A.P.

## PRAEFECTI VALETE

- G. W. ASHWORTH. Entered School, 1945; General Cert. of Education 'O' level 1951; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952; Prefect 1952; 2nd XI Cricket 1952. Now studying architecture at the Technical College.
- R. W. BOOTE. Entered School, 1948; School Certificate (Matriculation) 1948; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1951; Prefect, 1950-52; 2nd XI Cricket, 1950-52; 1st XI Soccer Colours, 1951-52. Now at the Royal College of Music (Pianist).
- P. A. J. CAINES. Entered School, 1943; School Certificate (Matriculation) 1948; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1951; Prefect, 1950-51; School Captain, 1951-52; 2nd XI Soccer, 1950-53; Drake House Captain, 1951-52. Now on National Service prior to entering Bristol University.
- F. S. G. EASTON. Entered School, 1944; School Certificate (Matriculation) 1949; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1951, Inter B.A.; Prefect 1951-52; 2nd XV, 1950-52; Raleigh Vice-Captain, 1952. Now in the Executive Civil Service.
- R. B. EVENS. Entered School, 1945; School Certificate (Matriculation) 1949; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1951; Prefect, 1951-52. Now studying Music and French at Reading University.
- A. J. HILL. Entered School, 1944; School Certificate (Matriculation) 1949; General Cert. of Education 'A' level, Inter B.A., 1952; Prefect, 1951-52; 1st XV, 1950-52. Now at Sandhurst.
- H. K. HOLLOWAY. Entered School, 1946; School Certificate (Matriculation) 1949; General Cert. of Education, Inter B.A., 1951; School Vice-Captain, 1951-52; 1st XV Captain, 1951-52; Grenville House Captain, 1951-52. Now reading Geography at Exeter College, Oxford.
- H. S. POMEROY. Entered School, 1944; School Certificate (Matriculation) 1949; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1951, Inter B.A.; Prefect, 1951-52. Now at Bristol University reading Physics.
- M. SUMMERS. Entered School, 1945; School Certificate (Matriculation) 1949; General Cert. of Education 'A' level 1952, State Scholarship; Prefect, 1951-52; 2nd XI Cricket, 1952. Now studying Mathematics at U.C.S.W. Exeter.

## The School Parliament

As usual, Parliament was dissolved by the King at the end of the summer term, to pave the way for an early Autumn election. In fact, before the term was a week old, the first posters, some brightly coloured, some otherwise, already displayed the programmes and slogans of the three parties on the school walls. The party leaders—Leigh (L.6A) of the Independents, Woosey (U.6A) of the Progressives, and Cross (U.6A) of the Moderates—wasted no time in making their ideas known vocally, and speakers haranguing a crowd of either hostile, apathetic, or enthusiastic boys became a familiar sight.

On the third Friday of term the election was held, resulting in a political landslide in favour of the Moderates, who gained an overall majority of six, which destroyed the too perfect balance of past Parliaments for the first time.

The new Government at once brought forward a Junior-Table-Tennis Bill which aimed at having a Table made for the Junior School, with costs paid by means of a sixpenny levy from those interested. This bill provoked much lively discussion among both juniors and seniors, passing the Commons on its third reading by 96 votes to nil, with 16 abstentions. However, certain verbal amendments were necessary before the Headmaster would consent to pass it.

At the time of writing, six Bills are being considered by the Commons. The School Meals Bill has been passed by the Lower House by 85—0, and is awaiting the verdict of the Lords and of the King. The Public Provisions Bill and Late-Passes Bill have received their second readings, and various others under the title of "House Reform" have been given a single reading.

With our Parliament at last fulfilling its purpose of passing Bills—which previous governments have been apt to ignore—the time is ripe to air a few grievances which would considerably improve its now regular meetings.

Firstly, the attendance is still far from what it should be, although, on an average, six times as many boys are attending this session; but this, it should be pointed out is only a moderate percentage of the School. It is not so much the Junior School, as the Sixth Form which must be criticized for this lack of support. It is to them that the Junior School looks for example and guidance, and at present they are receiving neither, as only ten from the Science Sixth, and four from the Arts Sixth have attended meetings—fourteen seniors whom the government would like to thank for their support.

Secondly, the attitude of a minority in the Junior School (towards Parliament) is not mature enough. They tend to treat the Parliament as the game it has been in the past, instead of a

valuable legislative body. But again it must be admitted that this attitude would probably disappear if the steadying influence of the Sixth Form were more evident in Parliament.

With the sixth forms pulling their weight our School Parliament will be a fine organisation. The Junior School are backing it, but its fate lies with the seniors.

CROSS (U.6), *Prime Minister.*

## The Garden Party

Once again during the week previous to the Garden Party, it seemed as though the elements were determined that this function should again not be blessed by fine weather: all fears were dispelled however, when Saturday morning dawned with perfectly clear skies.

In ideal conditions, the opening ceremony was performed by Brigadier Daunt, who spoke from the terrace to a large gathering of visitors seated below. He was followed by the Headmaster and the School Captain, who both expressed how delighted we were to welcome such a distinguished visitor.

Once the ceremony had ended, the aspiring salesmen, from all levels of the School, whose wares were displayed along the collonade and at various strategic points on the grass, broke the carefully maintained silence, inviting visitors to empty purses and pockets. For a small sum it was possible, among other things, to have one's fortune told, shatter the stumps of the First Eleven batsmen in the nets, guess the weight of . . . , hazard how many . . . and patronise the scores of other stalls. The school exhibitions were, naturally, the great attraction, including a most entertaining gymnastic show presented with great precision by Mr. Nash, and physics, chemistry, biology, art and woodwork displays.

The Parent's Association (the "back-room boys" of the Garden Party) which had been thanked for all its work by speakers in the opening ceremony, showed its work in the Teas, served by the ladies. Their work behind the scenes is easily forgotten, so we should like to pay a special tribute to it, and at the same time to thank all those by whose efforts the Garden Party was enabled to run so smoothly and profitably, for in spite of the rival attraction of a girl's school Garden Party, ours proved an even greater financial success than last year.

One last group of entertainers who must be thanked is the whole cast of the evening's Concert, Mr. Sherwood who wrote and produced the first half of the show so successfully, and Mr. Whitfield, whose most amusing production of a dress rehearsal of the school play—Shaw's "St. Joan"—was a fine conclusion to a highly successful day.



# The Swimming Sports

July 21st, 1952, proved to be a fine day, a rather rare occurrence for an outdoor School function! At 2.15 p.m. sharp, the Swimming Sports began with a race for the 'beginners' of that season. Many events followed for the six different age groups. The general performance of all the competitors was of a much higher standard than last year's, which were the first sports to be held since the war, and it is hoped that the Swimming Sports will become a favourite annual event. That the standard of swimming in the School is improving is shown by the facts that eight records were broken this year and also that a greater number of boys have attained bronze medals or crosses for life-saving. We must, here, congratulate G. Matthews on becoming an Instructor.

J. Smith of Grenville House was again outstanding in breaking, in the Under 15 age group, both the Free-Style fifty yards record in 29.8 secs. and the Back-Stroke fifty yards in 39.2 secs. Other records broken included :—

*Breast-Stroke*, 50 yards, Under 15, 43.4 secs.

*Breast-Stroke*, 50 yards, Under 16, 40.6 secs.

*Free-Style*, 50 yards, Under 16, 31.0 secs.

*Back-Stroke*, 50 yards, Under 14, 49.2 secs.

and the two Relays (Under 15 and Under 16), the time being 112.4 and 106.8 secs. respectively.

The winners of individual championships were :—

Under 12, Cooper (Drake).

Under 13, Howton (Drake).

Under 14, Rowe (Raleigh).

Under 15, Smith, J. (Grenville).

Under 16, Green (Raleigh).

Over 16, Tabb (Gilbert).

Raleigh were easily the winners with seventy-two points, but the struggle for second place was not decided until the last events had been swum. Grenville won a relay in which they also broke the record and thus were second with fifty-one points, Gilbert were third with forty-eight and a half points, and Drake fourth with thirty-eight points.

The cups were presented by Mrs. Gillhespy, the chairman of the Ladies' Committee of the Parents' Association. We thank her most sincerely for attending the Sports, and also for a kind gift of a cup. Lakeman, an old boy, who unfortunately had to leave the School last year, also presented a cup, won this year by the under-14 champion.

A very pleasant and exciting afternoon was concluded by the presentation of the House Swimming cup to the Raleigh House Captain, R. J. Sainsbury.

## Cricket Club

*President :* THE HEADMASTER. *Master-in-Charge :* MR. BARKELL.  
*Captain:* C. J. BRAY. *Vice-Captain:* M. H. MARSHALL. *Secretary:* W. I. JOINT.

The season 1952 was a successful one in almost every respect for the cricket club, not least in importance being the discovery of hitherto unsuspected talent with its promise of a strong 1st XI for a few seasons to come. At the beginning of the summer term a revision of the 1951 team lists indicated that less than half-a-dozen players remained from last year's 1st and 2nd XI's, and an effort had to be made to build a 1st XI around a nucleus of three members with regular experience of the senior side. As a result, the earlier part of the season saw numerous team changes, but eventually a settled team was obtained and the success of the newcomers can be judged by the fact that the 1st XI were undefeated.

The 2nd XI suffered the fate of many 2nd teams in that it had to field a changed team week after week owing to the demands of the 1st XI, but it enjoyed some keen cricket.

The Colts XI and Junior XI showed the usual lack of attacking spirit in their batting, but it is to be hoped that the provision of concrete wickets in front of the School will assist in the elimination of this fault.

The thanks of the club are due to all those many members of Staff who gave so fully of their time to umpire and coach the teams, as well as to the Parents' Association who so kindly provided and prepared the teas for the home games.

TEAM RECORDS :	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
1st XI	10	5	5	0
2nd XI	10	3	1	6
Colts XI	8	2	1	5
Junior XI	9	4	0	5

### COLOURS AWARDED 1952.

*Re-awards.*—1st XI Full Colours :—C. J. Bray, M. H. Marshall.

*Awards.*—Full Colours :—A. G. Goswell.

*Award of Half Colours :*—N. W. Clarke, J. H. Atherton, D. W. Green.

W. I. JOINT (*Secretary*).

## Rugby Club

*President :* THE HEADMASTER. *Master-in-charge :* MR. H. MALLINSON.

*Captain of 1st XV :* A. G. GOSWELL. *Vice-Captain :* M. T. G. ROWE.

*Hon. Secretary :* R. PULLEN.

The School teams began this season as vastly improved sides. At the time of going to print the 1st XV is undefeated having beaten Sutton High School 6—0, Plymouth College 3—0, Launceston 6—0, Truro 9—8, and H.M.S. Fisgard 8—6, a notable achievement when it is realized that this is their first defeat of H.M.S. Fisgard for three years.

The 1st XV backs have been strengthened considerably with some of last year's Colts, with the result that they have much more

drive and attacking ability than last year. Our forwards, however, seem to be rather on the small side and the only remedy for this is to keep them perfectly fit by conscientious training and practice. In all the matches to date, they have been outweighed but still continued to play hard and have given worthy performances.

The 2nd XV have a much stronger team than last year, and after losing the first two matches, have been unbeaten in three games. They should enjoy a successful season.

Although ability is not lacking in the Colts and Junior XV's they seem unable to produce their best form. On the other hand, the Under 13 XV's are continuing the high standard set by previous teams. They are undefeated and under the guidance of Mr. Nash they are developing into quite useful sides.

The support given by a few stalwarts has been greatly appreciated, yet more is needed because it does make a surprising difference to the teams.

R. PULLEN (*Hon. Secretary*).

## Soccer Club

*President* : THE HEADMASTER. *Master-in-charge* : MR. WARREN.  
*Captain*: C. J. BRAY. *Vice-Captain*: D. L. McMANUS. *Secretary*: W. I. JOINT.

It is early in the season to assess the merits of the School teams, and the fact that the 1st XI have lost two out of their first five games is not a true reflection of the team's ability. The team lost by the odd goal on each occasion, but proved their capability by a good win over H.M.S. Figgard. The 1st XI contains many young players, who should gain more confidence as the season progresses.

The 2nd XI have started the season extremely well and their five victories have been against strong opposition. The victory over R.N.E. College, Manadon 2nd XI is particularly noteworthy. There are many members in the team who are worthy of playing for the 1st XI.

The Colts XI have not done very well so far. Their size is a serious handicap to them when playing against teams bigger than themselves.

Our two teams in the Plymouth Schools' leagues have begun the season quite successfully, and we look forward to a good season. We congratulate Covington, the Under-15 XI captain, on his selection for the Plymouth Schoolboys' team.

The Junior XI contains many promising players, and should have a successful season.

RECORD TO DATE :		Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals.	
						For.	Against.
1st XI	...	5	3	0	2	18	10
2nd XI	...	5	5	0	0	22	8
Colts XI	...	5	1	1	3	19	24
Under 15 XI	...	6	4	1	1	18	11
Under 14 XI	...	5	2	2	1	21	12
Under 13 XI	...	7	3	2	2	17	8

W. I. JOINT (*Secretary*).

# House Notes

## DRAKE.

The beginning of a new year is always a time of mixed feelings in the House for we have to announce the departure of many old members, while welcoming the new at the bottom of the School. This year we were unfortunate to lose our House Captain, P. A. J. Caines, our athletics captain, P. Quantick, and H. Pomroy who have gone on for further studies. We wish these and all other boys who have left this year the very best in the future.

At present the House is not doing very well on the sports field. Both the senior soccer and rugby inter-house competitions have been played ; the soccer side lost all three of its matches while the rugby team won only one. This will be offset, we hope, by our junior sides which are the best we have had for a long time. Of the future we can say but little : our athletics team promises to shape very well and, if last year is an example of our junior talent, then our hopes lie again with them. The swimming team still retains most of its members and although the season is now over we hope that many of the new boys will make up their minds to be included in the team next year.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and boys of H.M.S. Fiscard for their very generous gift of a House shield which is now displayed prominently in the House room. We hope that this shield will spur us onwards to still greater efforts to regain the coveted St. Levan Shield.

B. P. GEORGE.

## GILBERT.

1951—1952 RESULTS :	<i>Juniors.</i>	<i>Seniors.</i>	<i>House.</i>
Soccer ... ..	2nd.	2nd.	2nd.
Rugger ... ..	4th.	3rd.	4th.
Chess ... ..	—	—	3rd.
Athletics ... ..	1st.	4th.	3rd.
Swimming ... ..	—	—	3rd.
Cricket ... ..	2nd.	1st.	1st.

As anticipated in our last notes, our cricket teams played sufficiently well to gain us the honour of being joint-champions with Raleigh. Indeed, we would have won the championship outright had the Seniors beaten Drake, but as it was, in twenty-four minutes of hilarious cricket, we failed by only two runs to score the sixty-five needed for victory. Later in the term we occupied third place in the Swimming Sports, only two-and-a-half points behind Grenville—a great improvement on 1951.

These performances are typical of the new enthusiasm which now prevails in Gilbert. A single glance at this year's achievements will prove that it was no flash in the pan. To date, both our soccer teams are undefeated, and we trust that they will complete the season in that encouraging position. Neither is there any cause for despondency at rugby. True, the Seniors lost their three

games, but two were only by very narrow margins, while in the third, several late illnesses and injuries caused us to play two men short, with the result that we were easily defeated. Nevertheless, at all times the fighting spirit of this courageous XV had to be admired, by opponents and spectators alike. The Juniors have not yet played, but there is no reason why their season should be fruitless, for trial matches have shown that abundant material is available.

Our position this year will probably depend on our showing at athletics. Wholehearted co-operation in this sphere from every boy in the House will mean that next July Gilbert will at last be challenging for the St. Levan Shield. C. J. BRAY, *House Captain*.

### GRENVILLE.

At last, to our disappointment, the St. Levan Shield has passed out of Grenville hands. Our present House Master, Mr. Mallinson, cannot remember any other House winning this trophy since 1934 and before this, we believe, Grenville were still "Cock House." The Shield is presented to the House with the highest number of points attained by both Seniors and Juniors in all the recognised sports, association football, rugby, cricket, and the points gained on Sports Days. This year Raleigh have beaten us into second place, but they may as well be warned that they will not hold this position for long.

This season has started well with the Senior Rugby team winning all their games, *v. Drake* 22—0, *v. Gilbert* 28—0, *v. Raleigh* 12—6. The Junior Rugger matches have yet to be played. Drake, with twelve of the School Junior team in their side are very strong, but if we play hard we may catch them on the wrong foot.

On the Soccer field our position is not so rosy. The Seniors have lost to Raleigh 4—2, and have beaten Drake 6—1. The Junior side is very weak and although they tried hard were well beaten by much stronger sides; *v. Drake* they lost 6—0 and *v. Raleigh* 13—1.

It is up to every boy in the House either on the football field or in athletics next year to replace Grenville in its rightful position as "Cock House."

Congratulations must go to R. Pullen who has been appointed a Prefect, and A. G. Goswell who is the School Rugger Captain and House Vice-Captain.

Also the House wishes to thank K. R. Holloway, now a freshman, at Exeter College, Oxford, who captained the House in an extremely efficient manner last year, and to our friends at H.M.S. Figgard who have presented all the Houses of the School with handsome plaques depicting the coats of arms of the ships after whom we are named.

D. H. HENDRA, *House Captain*.

## RALEIGH.

The year has been one of success for Raleigh House. It is many years since the St. Levan Shield has been in our proud possession. For this achievement the House, as a whole, is to be congratulated.

In a resumé of the causes which have led to the winning of this shield one aspect stands apart. This is the new House spirit now prevalent within our ranks. If the new boys, whom we welcome this term, quickly succeed in capturing the spirit then we should retain the shield next year and hopes for the future should be considerably strengthened.

Our results in the inter-house rugby and soccer games give every encouragement. The Senior Rugby team lost only one of three matches, this being to a strong Grenville team by 12—6. In soccer, the Senior side, with one match to play, is undefeated, whilst the Junior soccer team made amends for defeat in their first game by beating Grenville by 13—1.

We congratulate the individual boys concerned in winning the Athletics Shield and Swimming Cup, and thank very sincerely H.M.S. Figard, for the new House plaque. Congratulations also to the new School prefects of Raleigh House. This achievement, although having no bearing upon inter-house competition, speaks highly of the general House character. The year has presented a high standard of success and it will call for great efforts from each boy to maintain this standard.

R. J. SAINSBURY, *House Captain.*

## Careers

The Careers department of this School is now an accepted and established part of the many-sided organisation called D.H.S., and for the newcomers among us it would perhaps be useful to outline briefly the facilities provided for all boys, from the lowest to the uppermost forms.

All notices of forthcoming exams. and dates of application as announced by the Head and in the Press are immediately posted on the notice board. Full details of the exams.—and in many cases the syllabus—is displayed. Old exam. papers are in folders and covers on the tables in the Careers Room.

The Civil Service Executive, Clerical, Customs and Excise, and all three Services Exams. have special notice board areas allotted. An early attempt at titles for sections was made but had to be abandoned in favour of fewer titles for larger areas. These name plates have yet to appear as no stencil is at present available.

Careers with a smaller following find advertisement on less prominent boards, while others still less popular are to be found in the many pamphlets and books on the tables.

It is gratifying to note that intending University candidates are at last seeking their own ways in the labyrinthine paths of the prospectuses displayed in the West window. In many cases it is a major achievement and betokens a useful grasp of the legal phrase. It is a very great help to the Head in suiting the University and Faculty requirements to the candidate's qualifications, and the really determined student, aware of the amount at stake, will do his utmost to find an interpretation of the schedules which will suit his case. It is much more stimulating for his mentors, both here and at the university that he should be able to suggest alternatives rather than passively accept the first decision given. It can be a phase of his developing character and self confidence, and it should be axiomatic that he, whose future is involved, should prosecute the search far more ardently than any other single person.

## Parents' Association

*President:* THE HEADMASTER.

*Hon. Treasurer:* W. H. WAY, B.Sc.

*Hon. Secretary:* H. G. WARREN, B.Sc.

The year's activities prior to the Garden Party, were detailed in the last issue of the magazine.

The Garden Party itself is the highlight of our year's work and involves a great deal of effort from members of staff, boys and parents. The weather favoured us and following the opening ceremony performed by Brigadier Daunt, D.S.O. about one thousand visitors were able to wander among numerous displays, stalls, and demonstrations. A feature of the day was the consistent efforts of the boys in the school, every form organised a stall or sideshow of some kind, and their persuasiveness materially helped to produce a record profit of £147, a few pounds over last year's figure. To all who helped to make the day a success we express our sincere thanks.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held at the School on October 21st. Several members of the retiring committee had left the district and new members were elected. We take this opportunity of welcoming those who were elected to take their place and hope that they will enjoy their period of office. After the business was concluded the meeting was addressed by Mr. Frere, of the Regional Office of the Ministry of Labour at Bristol, who was able to answer many questions put to him by the parents.

The Annual Dance is planned for December 6th, 7-30 p.m. to 11-30 p.m. in the School Assembly Hall and we hope for a good gathering of parents and staff.

Information about future activities will be available shortly from area representatives.

H. G. WARREN, *Hon. Sec.*

# Out of School Activities

## SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The excursions announced in the previous issue were very successful. The visit to Burrator was made in good weather, and rewarded the members of the party with a privileged inspection of equipment whose existence is not suspected by the casual visitor to the reservoir. The afternoon spent at the Weights and Measures Office was equally enjoyable and profitable, and revealed the many unexpected responsible functions of that department in a large community.

The film "The High Code" was completed in time for the Garden Party, and proved to be at least as popular as former productions of the Film Unit. The annual exhibition of 'still' photographs attracted a larger entry than ever, and the invitation extended to visitors to register their opinions of the prints of their choice proved both interesting to the public and instructive to the exhibitors.

The 1951-1952 Session was brought to a close at the end of the Summer Term by the Annual General Meeting, at which G. Wood, 6S, was elected as Chairman, together with a new committee.

The opening of the present session revealed that a change of time-table allocates Ham Field to the Fifth Forms for games on Tuesday afternoons, thus making it impossible for members at that level to attend the usual Tuesday meeting. A method of reducing the difficulty is now in experimental operation and appears to be a great success. Wherever possible, the meeting is held twice every Tuesday, once at 1.15 p.m. and again at 4.5 p.m. Minutes of the last five meetings reveal average attendances of thirty-five at midday and thirty-three in the afternoon, and ninety-six names appear on our records. The enrolment of eleven members from the Arts side of the School is noted with pleasure.

The Committee once again extends warm thanks to all those good friends of the Society who make its work possible, profitable and enjoyable. An incident early this term illustrates in no uncertain manner the excellent service which is rendered to us, and kindred societies, by industrial organisations. Arrangements had been made to borrow a film from a well-known British firm of international repute. On the morning of the day of exhibition, however, a telephone call was received informing us that as the result of an oversight the film had not been posted, but offering to send it by a special messenger on a motor bicycle if it was considered probable that he would arrive in time. It was considered probable, and five minutes before the show was scheduled to commence the despatch rider strode into the Physics Laboratory with the film. Needless to say, that firm has an even higher reputation now.

B. P. GEORGE, *Honorary Secretary.*



## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Despite a threat, last year, of the extermination of our Society by the School Parliament we are now stronger than we have been for some time. After our usual summer recess the Annual General Meeting was held and it was decided that we should have our meetings on Wednesday. A committee of three was elected to help the secretary to arrange a programme.

At our first meeting members were asked to make "Impromptu Speeches" on selected subjects. This was done in order to give all attending a chance to speak and get used to the feeling of talking in public.

The committee have drawn up an interesting programme which includes two debates, one, which should arouse great interest, being "This House thinks that the School should collaborate with the Girls' School for out-of-School activities." The programme also offers a Balloon Debate and an evening in which Parliament will be asked to justify its existence to the members of the Debating Society. If Parliament fails to do so it is likely to be blown up, the date of the meeting being November 5th.

On Friday, October 24th we were invited to an Inter-School Debate at Sutton High School. The subject was that "This House is of the opinion that the Atlantic is too wide." We were asked to supply a seconder for the motion, which position was amply filled by B. Cross. The two disappointments of an otherwise very pleasant evening were the indisposition of our potential chairman and the very poor support of the School.

It has been decided to admit a few Fifth formers to our Society, and it is hoped that they, as well as the Sixth, will give their full support.

D. F. PARR, *Secretary.*

## THE STAMP CLUB.

The Club had a very successful year. Many interesting meetings were held during the two winter terms which included quizzes, album competitions and auctions. During the summer term (as usual), although the attendances were rather low, our activities culminated in the Garden Party exhibition. This term, the first three meetings have been well attended although it is appreciated that it is rather difficult for members of the fourth forms and 5x to attend owing to School games. The three meetings this term have been a general meeting to elect officials, lecturettes, which proved very popular, and a general work evening. In the future the Club is hoping to secure some films, to arrange another visit to the sorting office at Pennycomequick, and a visit to an outside auction, beside our own Club activities. New members are always welcome to the Club.

D. M. KESTELL, 5B, *Hon. Secretary.*

## MUSIC CLUB.

How many former members of the Music Club would have realized where they were if they had attended a meeting of this club, early in October. Instead of the normal ten or twelve, eighty-two boys from all forms in the School attended, completely filling the Music Room. They had come to support the Club's new venture "Jo Stafford versus Beethoven"—a record programme contrasting the two spheres of music, presented by Cross and Easton of U.6. The evening proved so successful that similar programmes are being planned for the future.

In the past, our evening recitals have received little support, and we have come to the unwelcome conclusion that they have possibly been too ponderous, so this year we intend to broaden their scope in an all-out effort to increase our membership. Not only will light music figure on some evenings, but illustrated talks, by club members, masters, and outside speakers, will occupy more time than in the past. Already Messrs. Cocks and Symons have presented exceedingly interesting programmes.

Thanks must also go to Mr. Self, whose offer to start the season with a piano recital was eagerly accepted. The result was a varied and highly-appreciated programme, which we hope will be a forerunner of many similar recitals presented at the Music Club.

Richer though we are in all these new ventures, we are poorer in the loss of our former secretary, R. W. Boote, to whom we wish every success in his future career.

B. CROSS.

## SCOUT LOG.

The summer camp this year was held at Glyndyfrdwy in North Wales. The Senior Troop, under Mr. Dodd, hiked from Shrewsbury to Snowdonia and finally reached Mount Snowdon. Bad weather prevented us from climbing the mountain for one day, but the next day we did so, although visibility was reduced to a few yards.

Meanwhile at Glyndyfrdwy, Messrs. Cocks and Innes had had the anxiety of having six boys ill, but the problem was soon solved when we moved to another camp-site further up the River Dee. At this site, the river provided an excellent place for both swimming and canoeing. The troop was honoured during the second week by the visit of General Sir Bernard Paget.

It has not yet been decided where the troop is to go next summer, but the Seniors hope to go canoeing on the Continent, with the canoes which they are now building.

The Parents Association is holding a Whist Drive on Saturday, November 22nd, and it is hoped that it will attract a good attendance.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Cocks, Innes and Dodd, and to the Parents Association for all their help during this year.

M. ROWE.

## FIELD SOCIETY.

Partly owing to better weather this term and partly due to the admission of keen boys from the Middle School we have been much more active though we are still handicapped by the fact that many boys, who are particularly interested in our proceedings, are also games' players and so are unable to accompany us.

P. Goodfellow and P. Dare exhibited an excellent collection of Birds' Wings at the Garden Party, and the former is now directing the activities of a number of boys who are keen on bird watching, and are becoming increasingly proficient in this direction.

Our first expedition this term consisted of a walk from Newton Ferrers to Elburton via Wembury Beach. Altogether forty-three varieties of birds were identified, including a rather rare Scandinavian type of Lesser Black-backed Seagull. We were also fortunate in being able to see the form of the sandbar at the mouth of the Yealm, whilst the bird sanctuary and raised beach west of Wembury also claimed our attention.

A visit was next made to Erme Pound which provided ample scope for those interested in prehistoric Dartmoor. A new road to the Ivybridge Water Works makes this walk much easier than it was formerly. During the walk we saw numerous hut circles, a number of enclosures and the Stall Moor Alignment as well as the Pound and neighbouring points of interest. In the middle Erme Valley there was quite a large herd of black Irish cattle and with them a number of calves. Opposite Pitts Wood we saw at least ten buzzards on the wing at one time. The remains of eight sheep bore eloquent witness to the hazard of running the animals on the moor.

On October 25th our walk was from Bere Ferrers to Maristow and Roborough Downs.

## CHESS CLUB.

This term the Club is stronger in numbers than it has been for many years. At the time of going to print the membership was 84. The standard of play has also improved since last season. The Club now has many keen and promising juniors who are improving rapidly. This is an encouraging sign for the future.

The senior team lost by  $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$  to Plympton Grammar School. The Juniors drew 3—3 with Plympton Grammar School and lost by 4—2 to Plymouth College.

A ladder competition has been organised this year. Next term, the top four players will play-off for the Cup.

All new members will be welcome at the Club meetings in the Current Affairs Room on Wednesday evenings or in 1A room in the lunch-hour. Mr. Berry is willing to teach the game to all interested.

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

## CHOIR NOTES.

Since our concert last March, the choir has been on view only at the Speech Day in October. This year fewer items were included in the programme and the number of choristers has been decreased. The net result can be judged on the Speech Day performance. Without blowing our trumpets too loud we can honestly say that the singing reached a higher standard than anything we have yet attained since the Choir was re-formed by Mr. Self. To him must go the honour, and also the thanks of the whole School.

He has been helped, this year especially, by the greater keenness of the Upper School. Our tenor and bass sections have never been stronger, and all the members are very enthusiastic as full attendances at the practices have shown. The sopranos, owing perhaps to the reduction of their numbers, are a little weak ; but all that is needed is more confidence, for the ability is certainly there.

The choral items rendered at Speech Day were Handel's "Come see where golden hearted Spring," "There were three ravens," two madrigal-type songs "In these delightful pleasant groves," and "How merrily we live," and finally a repeat, requested by several persons, of the two choruses from the "Messiah" namely "And the glory of the Lord" and "Lift up your heads."

At the moment the Choir is rehearsing for the Carol Service in December and next year's Concert. On the latter occasion we hope to perform Handel's "Solomon" with Choir and Orchestra ; in a shortened form, of course, as the original takes about three hours to sing. Members of the Choir who are singing in "Let's make an Opera," which is to be presented in January in place of the usual School play, are naturally very busy. As if this programme is not full enough, we are intending to sing the "Hallelujah" from the "Messiah" at one of our Assemblies.

D. W. HENDRA, *Hon. Secretary.*

## WOODWORK CLUB.

The period of greatest activity is usually the Christmas term, and this year has proved no exception.

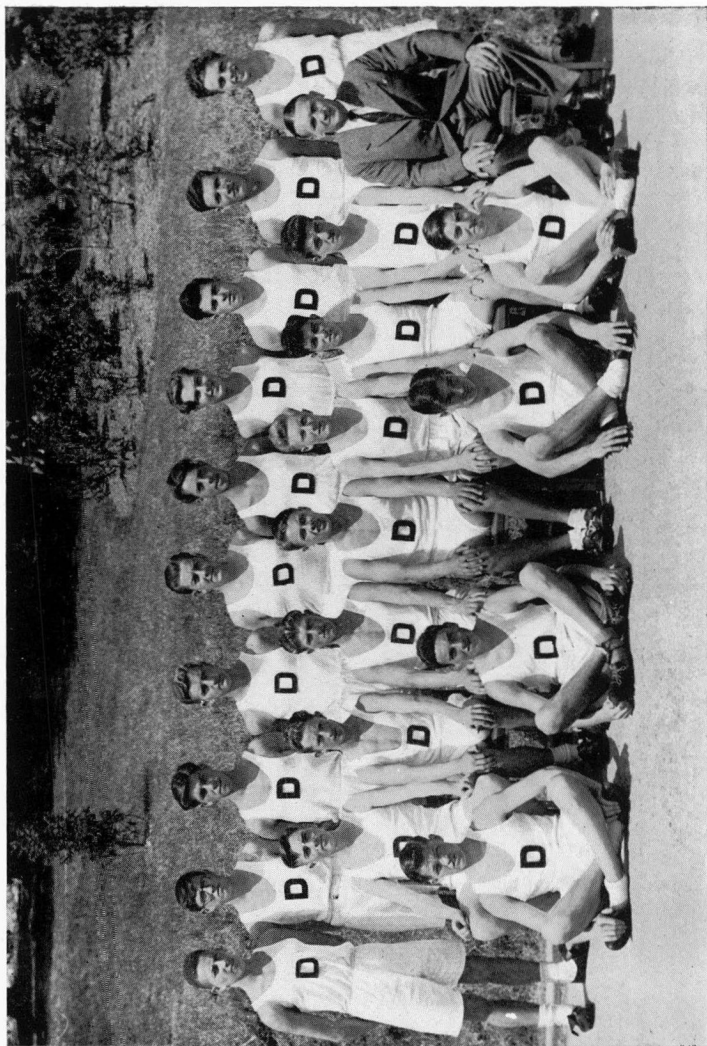
We started the term with enough former members to maintain continuity in organisation and activities, and a steady flow of new members has brought the Club up to very nearly its maximum strength.

Now that we have been able to buy further supplies of materials, members have been able to embark upon more ambitious projects, with the result that there are at present several fairly large items under construction.

Any boy who wants to make something is welcome to join, so long as we have room for him to work.

S.H.Q.

# SENIOR ATHLETIC TEAM, 1952



P. M. Miller, J. D. Mills, D. L. McManus, D. F. Parr, K. R. Holloway, W. I. Joint, J. R. Brooks, G. Gilliespie, W. G. Marchant, P. J. Congdon  
 R. Parnaby, M. J. Ford, M. H. Marshall, A. D. Appleby, B. D. Porter, A. J. Herring, J. M. Sargeant, Mr. W. Nash  
 R. Pullen, J. G. Fershall, W. J. Foster, B. P. George



## LIBRARY NOTES.

During the term, the number of books in the Library has continued to increase at a satisfactory rate and the total number of volumes now numbers nearly five thousand. The new books this term have been derived from four main sources. The normal term grant has accounted for some twenty-five, most of which are "Penguin" books, a series which is both cheap and good reading matter. Specially recommended for light reading are Hasek's "The Good Soldier Schweik" and Linklater's "Poet's Pub." The War Memorial Library Fund is still not exhausted, and the English Literature section is the latest to benefit from this by the addition of such books as Wilson Knight's "The Wheel of Fire," Grierson's edition of John Donne's poems and Tillyard's "Shakespeare's Last Plays."

The third was a rather unexpected source. In September, we were fortunate enough to hear of the sale of a private library at Tavistock. From this library, we purchased over five hundred books; English Literature benefited most from the sale, but the French, German and Classics sections have also increased as a result.

Again, we must thank friends of the School for kind gifts. To Mrs. C. Anthony-Langsdale, we owe thanks for over twenty "William" and "Biggles" books for the Junior Library. It goes almost without saying that Richmal Crompton and W. E. Johns are great favourites, although some juniors, stimulated no doubt by a recent film, are beginning to take an interest in Scott.

The Library, despite the counter-attractions of the Entertainments Room and playground football, is still used by a large number of boys during the lunch hours. Although "Picture Post" and "Meccano" are the great favourites at this hour of the day, it is surprising to find that the majority of juniors take an almost morbid delight in perusing our massive volumes of the First World War. No one can claim that D.H.S. is not serious minded.

J. B. KNIGHT, *Hon. Librarian.*

## THE CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY.

At this year's Garden Party the Current Affairs Room was open to visitors for the first time, and it created a fair amount of interest.

There is an increasingly wide range of useful material at the School's disposal, and it is hoped that senior members will use it to their obvious advantage.

Two members of the Upper Sixth will again be attending the C.E.W.C. Conference, at the Central Hall, Westminster, during the Christmas holidays. This affords an excellent opportunity for these boys to see the metropolis, and hear such distinguished personalities as Mr. Anthony Eden, M.P., and Lord Ismay.

R. G. SAINSBURY, *Hon. Secretary.*

## LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The season started well with a home win against H.M.S. Fisgard, which was followed by an away win against the same team. Both of the fixtures against Kelly College were lost, their standard of play being very high and one which the School should strive to emulate. Plymouth College, who started inter-school matches this year, beat the School in games which were closely contested, though the standard of play was poor as both teams seemed to play for safety rather than their natural game. This was a great pity for with two such equally matched teams an excellent game should have resulted.

An enjoyable Thursday evening was spent in a match against the Parents, in which the Staff supplemented—and strengthened—the School team. Owing to bad light, the match was stopped with the Parents winning by seven games to five. It is hoped, that this will be an annual event in the tennis fixture list. The Staff trounced the School the following Thursday in the annual Staff match, though the School first pair played excellently and was successful in each of its matches.

The standard of play was much higher this season, but a spirit of grit and determination would do much to produce better match results. Safety play early in what might be a well contested game, frequently led to adverse results which might well have been successes. Our first pair, B. George and B. Colman played well so that the former was awarded full colours, and the latter half-colours, while the third pair often played with determination.

A tournament was held after the General Certificate Examination, B. Colman winning the Singles Championship and was partnered by G. Wood in the Doubles.

Five of this season's team are available for next year and a number of promising players suggest keen competition and a steady improvement in our standards next season.

GORDON WOOD, *Secretary.*

## BADMINTON CLUB.

This year the Badminton Club promises to be more successful than it has been before, since players of some experience have been admitted to the Club from the fourth and fifth forms. Equipment has also been much improved this season, and the Club now owns four racquets, three of which were restrung at the beginning of the season. In the Club there are eighteen members, most of whom attend regularly.

Meetings are held four times during the week, twice during the lunch-hour, and twice after school.

In the latter part of the season a Badminton team will be chosen to represent the School in a fixture with the Old Boys.

B. COLMAN, *Hon. Secretary.*



## TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

This year the Table Tennis Club has been fortunate to possess its own Clubroom in the form of a changing room under the gymnasium, and renewed enthusiasm amongst its members has resulted in a noticeable improvement in the general standard of play compared with previous years, although the Club still lacks a good table. No inter-school matches have been played to date, but it is hoped to arrange fixtures with Sutton H.S. Public Secondary and Devonport High School for Girls, who provided strong opposition on two occasions last year.

A keenly contested match, however, was played against the Staff earlier in the term and although honours were shared in a 3—3 draw we marvel that the Staff can produce such excellent form with so little practice. Judging by the number of spectators, this match proved to be a popular event and similar matches will take place in the near future. Although two of last year's team, Evens and Boote, have left us, this year's team of P. R. Miles, R. J. Sainsbury and J. W. Ede promises to be a strong combination.

At the moment, the senior club must by necessity be restricted to sixth formers. The School tournament which begins next term will, however, provide the lower school with an opportunity to show its talent.

J. W. EDE, *Hon. Secretary.*

## D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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Although these notes are published primarily for the benefit of those Old Boys who are exiled from Plymouth and who are anxious to keep in contact against their day of return, they also provide an opportunity of presenting a calendar of forthcoming events for those who, whilst resident in Plymouth are not connected with any particular section of the Association. I make no apology, therefore, for commencing these notes with a notice of two outstanding events, then following with a report on the past.

Firstly, the attention of all Old Boys is drawn to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING which is to be held at the School on Friday, December 19th, at 7 p.m. This is the last day of term which means that in many instances the Magazine will arrive too late ; nevertheless it might reach some in time and should serve as a reminder,

previous notice of the meeting having been given by circular letter. During the last two or three years attendances at the Annual General Meeting have been most disappointing and discouraging to the Officers who are working hard to make the Association a credit to D.H.S., and of some intrinsic value to boys when they leave School. Please try to be at School on the 19th—you can be sure of an enjoyable evening. If you haven't had prior notice of this meeting, the Treasurer, Mr. E. W. R. Warn, would be pleased to hear about it at the School. I say pleased because I am sure that in many instances the cause will be a lapsed subscription—if not it will ensure that the error can be righted in future.

Secondly, but of really outstanding interest and importance is the ANNUAL DINNER. The date—Friday, January 2nd; the place—The Continental Hotel, Plymouth. Tickets at the very nominal cost of 10s. od. can be obtained from any member of the Committee or direct from Mr. J. G. Polkinghorne at 1 Green Park Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth, who is acting as Dinner Secretary. We have made two changes this year, the date and the place. The date has been altered to enable those Old Boys who in the past have been prevented from coming by family commitments at Christmas. The Continental Hotel will afford more spacious accommodation with obviously more comfort for the greater numbers expected this year. Our principal guest will be Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds, a Vice-President of the Association, remembered better as a former Headmaster at D.H.S. in succession to the late Mr. Arthur Treseder. In addition to Mr. Simmonds we shall have The Lord Mayor (Alderman H. E. Wright), and those of you who were privileged to hear the Lord Mayor at the School Speech Day will realise his worth at any function such as this. Tickets are already selling well but there will be room for many Old Boys.

SIR CLIFFORD TOZER.

Before proceeding with Old Boys' news I should like to put on record the pleasure of the Association on hearing that one of its Vice-Presidents, Sir Clifford Tozer, has been admitted to the Honorary Freedom of the City of Plymouth, an honour that all will readily agree has been richly deserved.

JUMBLE SALE.

The Jumble Sale, held to provide funds for the Christmas Party arranged for children and friends of Old Boys, proved an outstanding success and before we go further, tribute must be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Polkinghorne for the tremendous amount of preparatory work which they undertook without which the Sale would never have taken place. The financial result—a profit of £11—was a fitting reward for their efforts. We were anxious about three things, but our anxiety proved unnecessary,—(a) to gather together sufficient goods for sale—we had ample: (b) getting people to buy the goods—a queue started to form two hours before the sale;

and (c) sufficient helpers to sell and to stop the inrush of possible buyers. From a purely Association point of view (c) proved most outstanding, the support being amazing. Every section of the Association was represented and in addition we had several members of the Parents' Association with us. We thank all who assisted, but Old Boys we expect to help, their wives we hope will help, so that no excuse is offered for expressing our especial thanks to those members of the Parents' Association who assisted, including those who sent Jumble. It was great fun and the cup of tea after was very welcome.

#### BADMINTON CLUB.

*Hon. Secretary* : MR. H. J. BRENTON, 28, Furneaux Road, Milehouse.

To date the Badminton Club are having a very enjoyable and successful season. The Club meets on Thursday evenings and can boast a strong membership of Old Boys, their wives and friends. Matches have been played against several other clubs both at first and second team level. In the Plymouth Churches' Badminton League (Second Division) two matches have already been played ; the first against Central Hall resulted in a 9—0 win, and the second against Charles in a 7—2 win ; both wins giving cause for considerable satisfaction, and even though the result would suggest uneven and uninteresting games, as a spectator I can vouch for a very keen and sporting performance by both sides on each occasion.

(Two other matches have since been won—against Devonport, 8—1, and against Greenbank, 9—0).

The Club were more than delighted to welcome back to Plymouth, from Singapore, their former Secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rooke, together with their new-born son. We trust they will enjoy a long stay with us—they have been along to get the feel of the "shuttle" and are eager for more.

#### RUGBY CLUB.

*Hon. Secretary* : G. W. E. COLLINS, 44, Ford Park Road, Mutley.

The 1952-53 Season being well under way the Rugger Club find that they are able, for the first time since the war, to field a complete team of Old Boys and still have reserve playing strength, which would suggest that the difficult times are now behind them and that soon former glory will be restored. The example set by those stalwarts who, under normal conditions, would have considered their playing days over should inspire the younger element to take over some of the responsibility or at least support the endeavours of their officers at all times and not only on match days. Finance is still a big problem but given proper backing the "money spinners" organised by the Club should keep the Treasurer happy. Messrs. King, Duddy and Thomas have returned to Plymouth, and are again playing for the club which is under the captaincy of R. Cambridge, with A. Curtice as his Vice-Captain, and Messrs

Dunstan and Gillhespy are newcomers to the side. It is pleasing to hear that Mr. A. E. King is now restored to health and travelling with the team whenever possible, but not yet playing. The club would like to see many more supporters on the touch lines and suggest you visit them on the following dates :—

December 20th. v. School.

v. Launceston. (Two games, two teams).

December 26th. Club v. Exiles.

December 27th. v. Kingsbridge 1st and 2nd XV's. (again two games, two teams).

#### CRICKET CLUB.

The Cricket Club is fostered by the Rugby Club and has now been functioning for two seasons. In the season just past they were promoted to the Second Division of the P. & D. Evening League, but suffered from a depleted playing strength. Nevertheless they were able to complete a full fixture list and retain their place in the Second Division and now look forward to an increase in membership next season enabling them to win the championship of the division. Any Old Boy who feels he would enjoy this type of evening cricket would be welcome to play. Messrs. F. Hoare, Polkinghorne, Lyon, Taylor (all actively interested in other activities of the Association) are among those who help to keep the Club going with assistance from the School when necessary.

#### THE TENNIS CLUB.

Rather late in the season Tennis Courts became available at the School and it was decided to form a Club as a basis for a stronger contingent of Old Boys next year. Membership was composed in the main from members of the Badminton and Rugger Clubs and a fair amount of play was possible. As a result of the experience now gained a full Tennis Club will be launched early next year and it is hoped that many Old Boys, particularly those who are not yet playing in any other games, will come along.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

It is hoped to arrange the Children's Christmas Party for January 10th. All children of Old Boys are welcome at a cost of 2s. 6d. per head which helps (I say helps advisedly as the expenses are high) to cover the cost of a gift to each child. If you are interested contact either the secretary of the Badminton Club or of the Rugger Club.

#### JOTTINGS.

We would like to put on record our appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. J. G. Polkinghorne as Assistant Secretary. During the past three years he has put in a tremendous amount of hard work in an endeavour to widen the social sphere of the Old Boys' Association—work which at first appeared to be in vain but the success of which is now becoming apparent. We regret that Mr. Polkinghorne has found it necessary to relinquish his office.

Mr. Peter Taylor, of Queen's College, Cambridge, has been awarded a Ph.D. in Geology. He also gained a Research Associateship in Palæontology tenable at the Museum of Palæontology, University of Michigan, U.S.A. On the completion of the Research Dr. Taylor expects to engage in Oil Work in Western Canada.

Mr. J. Bickle, of the University College of the South West, has obtained an Honours Degree in Economics, London University.

Mr. Hussey has been appointed to the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors.

Mr. D. Phillips, who has been working as Agricultural Officer under the Colonial Office at Tanganyika has now returned to England on leave after the completion of his first tour.

Mr. E. E. Hannam has been appointed headmaster of St. Andrew's, Plymouth (controlled) School. Mr. Hannam is at present an assistant master at Charles School.

It might not be generally known that Mr. H. Ferraro acts as Correspondent for the Association and from the letters he receives is able to compile items of interest for the Old Boys' Notes. He would be more than pleased to hear from any Old Boy on any subject and as often as you like. His address is Morwell, Dimson, Gunnislake, Cornwall. All other items for inclusion in the notes should be sent to me at my business address, i.e. 50 Adelaide Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth.

E. J. BRIMACOMBE.

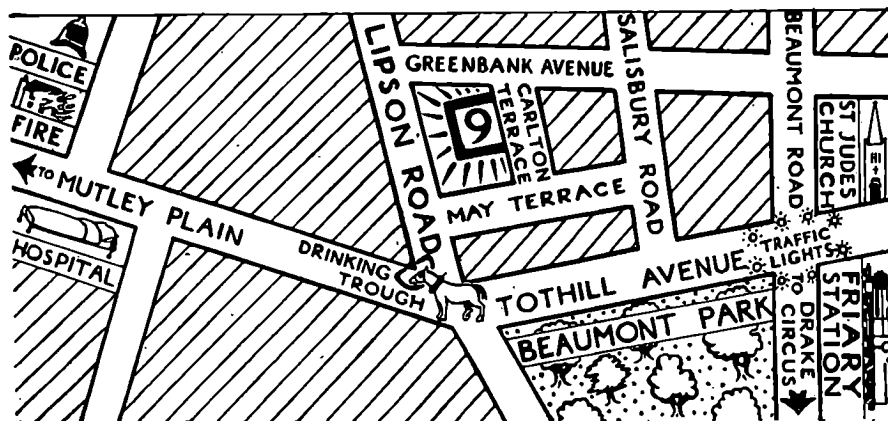
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D.H.S. Old Boys' Association.

11th December, 1952.

Dear Old Boy of D.H.S.,

For the fourth year in succession the Old Boys' Association, through the Rugby and Badminton Clubs, have arranged a Christmas Party for the children, nephews, nieces, and friends of Old Boys. The arrangements will follow the pattern adopted in previous years, and are set out below. You will, no doubt, realise that the success of the Party depends entirely on the assistance given by members of the Association (a) in helping to prepare the Hall and erect the roundabouts and slides (b) in providing delicacies for the childrens' tea in the form of Jellies, Cakes, Sponges, Savouries, etc. (You will be advised at a later date as to our requirements).

Offer of help in either way should be made to Mr. H.J. Brenton at 28 Furneaux Road, Milehouse, as soon as possible.

The arrangements for the party are: Saturday 10th January, 1953, at Devonport High School, from 3.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Entertainment includes tea, a film show, and a present from the tree presented by Father Christmas.

Will you please fill in the necessary particulars below, and forward to either Mr. H.J. Brenton, 28 Furneaux Road, Milehouse, or Mr. R. Lyon, 46 Balmoral Avenue, Stoke, before Wednesday December 24th, together with a remittance of 2/6d. for each child.

Yours sincerely,

E.J. BRIMACOMBE

Chairman.

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