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EDITORIAL.

Earthquakes abroad, storms at home, unrest industrially, turmoil politically have been features of the term through which we have just passed and such an atmosphere has not been conducive to the calm of mind required by a harassed editor for the production of a Magazine.

True tranquillity is needed ; not the stagnation that accompanies lack of interest, but the philosophic calm that is the concomitant of work that has to be done, and that is being done, wholeheartedly and with singleness of purpose. It is to be hoped that the feverish interest that has marked of late some not unimportant phases of the nation's life, betokens a sincere desire to secure real benefit for the community and therefore for the individual. That this may be, it is imperative that men, and women, may have the time and will to think, to form clear judgments and not merely to broadcast parrot cries, to see life clearly and to see it whole.

In this connection the interest awakened in matters educational must never be allowed to flag. The materialistic tendencies of the age must be unceasingly, resolutely and successfully combated, if the intellectual development of the people is to keep pace with returning commercial prosperity. In so far as the work of the school has contributed to this end, both masters and pupils, past and present, may be justifiably proud.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

PREFECTS.—A. J. Millett (Senior Prefect), B. Durant, F. W. Hawton, J. H. Hamilton, A. I. Jeffery, A. R. Owen, T. H. Price, J. H. P. Proctor, S. L. Riggs, R. J. Werry.

SPORTS' COMMITTEE.—Masters and Prefects.

1st XI. Football.—*Captain*, T. H. Price ; *Vice-Captain*, S. Spray, *Secretary*, A. J. Millett.

1st XI. Cricket.—*Captain*, C. E. Pritchard ; *Vice-Captain*, T. H. Price ; *Secretary*, A. J. Millett.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.—“Drake,” A. J. Millett ; “Gilbert,” S. T. Ternouth ; “Grenville,” J. H. P. Proctor ; “Raleigh,” T. H. Price.

CADET CORPS.—Officer Commanding:—Cadet Capt. J. H. Ferraro ; Cadet-Lieuts. A. Hutchings, and C. F. Armor.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY:—*Chairman*:—A. J. Millett ; *Secretary*, A. I. Jeffery ; *Committee*, B. Durant, A. R. Owen, R. J. Werry.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.—*President*, A. Treseder, Esq., M.A. ; *General Secretary*, J. H. Ferraro, Esq., B.Sc. ; *Secretaries*, London : A. T. Brooks, Esq. ; *Headquarters*: C. Gill, Esq.

SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—*Secretary*, Mr. A. Hutchings.

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

E. R. HARRIS.—Entered School, September, 1916 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1921 ; Senior Prefect, January, 1923 ; Sergeant Major, Cadet Corps, September, 1922 ; Chairman, Literary and Debating Society, January, 1923. Entered E.U.C.

D. W. DIMOND.—Entered School, September, 1916 ; appointed Prefect, January, 1922 ; House Captain of “Grenville,” 1922. Secretary of Literary and Debating Society, 1922 ; Cricket colours 1922 and 1923 ; Captain of D.H.S. Tennis Club, 1923 ; Entered E.U.C.

- F. H. HODGESS.—Entered School, September, 1916 : appointed Prefect, January, 1922 ; House Captain of " Raleigh," 1922 ; Half-colours 1st XI, Football 1922-23. Colours 1st XI. Cricket, 1922 and 1923. Committeeman 1st XI. Football and Cricket 1922-23. Entered the teaching profession.
- A. E. STEPHENS.—Entered School, September, 1916 : appointed Prefect January, 1922 ; House Captain of " Gilbert," 1922 ; 1922. Entered the teaching profession.
- F. E. A. THOMPSON.—Entered School, May, 1920. appointed Prefect January, 1921 ; Corporal, Cadet Corps 1922. Now studying for ' final.'
- F. R. CURTIS.—Entered School, September, 1917 ; appointed Prefect, 1922 ; Sergeant Cadet, Corps, 1923 ; Entered E.U.C.
- C. E. JONES.—Entered School, September, 1917 ; appointed Prefect, 1922 ; entered E.U.C.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To ' Drake,' and its Captain, Pritchard, on winning the St. Levan Challenge Shield.

To C. E. Jones, who won an entrance Scholarship to Exeter University College.

To D. W. Dimond and E. R. Harris, who obtained free studentships at the same college.

To C. E. Pritchard who was successful at the London Matriculation Examination in June.

To the eight, Harris, Dimond, Hodgess, Jones, Thompson, Price, Curtis and Millett who obtained their Inter B. Sc., at the July examination.

To B. Durant who obtained seven distinctions out of seven subjects in the Senior Oxford Locals.

To those successful in the July Cambridge examination.

To Mr. T. H. Martin, one of our late Senior Prefects, who has become a Wrangler at Cambridge University.

To Mr. J. L. May, now at St. John's College, Cambridge, who has obtained his degree, with Honours in Chemistry, at London University.

To Messrs. A. L. Stephens and E. J. Riggs, now at University College, Exeter, on passing in the subsidiary subject for London 'final.'

NUGAE.

Who was responsible for the following on the outside of a batch of 'late' lines?

It was the schooner Hesperus
That sailed the wintry sea,
And it brought the seventy late lines,
From W. H. C. ——— to thee." ?

Who was the master who, on getting off a car, in a fit of absent-mindedness, threw away his gloves and kept his ticket?

Why will masters continually inform us in prayers, that "much study is a weariness, to the flesh." ? They needn't rub it in!

A certain junior member of the school described one of the structures attached to the gasworks as a 'gas omiter'. Rather a slighting description of our gas supply!

Who was the person who said that the musical note given out by telephone wires was due to some fair telephone operator warbling in the mouthpiece?

Who was the gentleman who uttered this epigram:—

Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone.

THE SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Sports, were held at the School Recreation Ground, Montpelier, on Wednesday, May 9th, and from every point of view was a great success, though a heavy shower at the outset made things rather damp, and so marred the comfort of the large attendance.

The proceedings were enlivened by a splendid programme of music, by the Corporation Tramways Band, under the leadership of Mr. H. Wraight.

The events were keenly contested, and as a result the highest aggregate of points was won by "Gilbert" House. Price won the Senior Championship, and Monson the Junior.

At the conclusion, the prizes, which were provided through the generous contributions of parents and friends, were distributed by the Mayoress, who was accompanied by the Mayor (Solomon Stephens, Esq., C.C.)

In responding, on behalf of the Mayoress, to a vote of thanks proposed by the Headmaster, the Mayor expressed his great pleasure at being present, and commented on the fine spirit shown towards the prizewinners by the unsuccessful competitors. He advised the boys to have high ideals, and to strive by uprightness of action and loftiness of aim to benefit fully by their association with the school, and so fit themselves for the work of their lives whatever it was, and wherever it called them.

Results :—

100 yds. (Preparatory)—	1. Bidmead. 2. Pattle. 3. Salisbury.
„ „ (under 11)	1. Gay. 2. Down. 3. Pengelly.
„ „ (under 13)	1. Thomas. 2. Gibson. 3. Alway.
„ „ (under 15)	1. Williams.* 2. Monson. 3. Gardner, 12 1/5 secs.
„ „ (Open)	1. Palmer. 2. Baker. 3. Hodgess.
220 yds. (under 11)—	1. Gay. 2. Irish. 3. Down.
„ „ (under 13)	1. Thomas. 2. Alway. 3. Gibson.
„ „ (under 15)	1. Williams. 2. Monson. 3. Gardner.
„ „ Open—	1. Price. 2. Hawton. 3. House.
440 yds. (under 13)—	1. Thomas. 2. Wickenden. 3. Taylor.
„ „ (under 15)	1. Williams. 2. Monson. 3. Gardner.
„ „ Open—	1. Baker. 2. Price. 3. Palmer.
880 yds. (under 15)—	1. Stone. 2. Cunningham. 3. Pearce.
„ „ Open—	1. Price. 2. Baker. 3. Gosling.
High Jump (under 11)—	1. Smith. 2. Potts. 3. Baker. Pengelly (aeq).
„ „ (under 13)—	1. Alway. 2. Cunningham. 3. Gibson.
„ „ Open—	1. Widger. 2. Proctor. 3. House.
„ „ (Prep.) —	1. Bidmead. 2. Freathy. 3. Bevan.

- Sack Race (Prep).—1. Salisbury. 2. Pattle. 3. Bevan.
 „ „ (under 11) 1. Pengelly. 2. Potts. 3. Pengelly 6.
 „ „ (under 13) 1. Irish. 2. Pearn. 3. Taylor.
 Long Jump (under 13)—1. Alway. * 2. Gibson. 3. Pearce, 14' 3"
 „ „ (under 15) 1. Monson. 2. Cracknell. 3. Widde-
 combe.
 „ „ Open—1. Palmer. 2. Widger. 3. Gosling.
 Mile, Open—1. Price. 2. Baker. 3. Sampson.
 Throwing Cricket Ball (under 15)—1. Monson. 2. Holloway.
 3. Northcott.
 Throwing Cricket Ball, (Open)—1. Gosling. 2. Palmer. 3. Baker.
 Slow Cycle Race, (Open)—1. Smith. 2. Werry. 3. Williams.
 Potato Race, (Prep).—1. Pattle. 2. Watson. 3. Pearn.
 Plant Pot Race, (Prep).—1. Pidgeon. 2. Pearn. 3. Taylor.
 Team Race (under 13)—1. Drake. 2. Gilbert. 3. Grenville.
 „ „ (under 15)—1. Raleigh. 2. Grenville. 3. Gilbert.
 „ „ (Open)—1. Raleigh. 2. Grenville. 3. Drake.
 Relay Race (under 13)—1. Gilbert. 2. Raleigh. 3. Grenville.
 Relay Race (under 15)—1. Raleigh. 2. Gilbert. 3. Drake.
 „ „ (Open)—1. Raleigh. 2. Drake. 3. Grenville.
 Fielding Competition.—1. Drake. 2. Gilbert. 3. Raleigh.
 Tug-o-War. Junior—1. Gilbert. 2. Grenville. 3. Drake.
 Tug-o-War. Senior—1. Drake. 2. Raleigh. 3. Grenville.

* indicates a record.

Championship points.

Junior	1. Monson	12.
	2. Williams	9
Senior.	1. Price	11
	2. Baker	10
	3. Palmer	9

HOUSE POINTS.

	Football.	Cricket.	Sports.	Total.
Drake	83.33	100.00	30.00	213.33
Gilbert	70.83	33.33	27.14	131.30
Grenville	12.50	66.67	29.39	108.56
Raleigh	33.33	0	42.86	76.19

THE CADET CAMP.

On Wednesday, July 25th, the five members of the advance party from D.H.S. assembled at the School at the unearthly hour of 8 a.m., to the great surprise of the Janitor, who was probably accustomed to seeing the same gentlemen appear with a rush some sixty-minutes later. The sergeant-in-charge had evidently heard of the value of a bed at camp and was determined to take advantage of his, until the last possible moment, for it was owing to his deplorably late arrival that we just managed to catch the train at Millbay Station. We travelled to Paignton, or rather to Newton Abbot, reclining in comparative comfort on piles of luggage (our own included) in the Guard's Van. Arrived at Paignton, we met the advance parties of Kingsbridge, Crediton and Tavistock, and also the R.S.M., who superintended the unloading of the camp from two railway trucks.

Part of the combined advance parties travelled to Goodrington, where the camp was held, on the dilapidated and protesting Ford Lorry which conveyed it, in easy stages, to its destination; while the others had the task of unloading a truck which had at some recent date contained coal-dust. By five o'clock the field where the camp was held looked quite civilised, and with the arrival of a plumber to lay on the water we all had tea, a decided relief after labouring so strenuously erecting bell-tents.

Thursday was spent in putting up still more bell-tents and several marquees for the orderly-tent, canteen, mess-tents, etc., so that when the various main bodies arrived on Friday morning they found everything ready for them.

The days at camp were spent something like this, although it would be impossible to give an account of all that we did, and all that we did not do:—

6-30 a.m. Reveille.—An inhuman torture for the purpose of waking camp, consisting of a long and very lingering bugle call, which made further sleep impossible.

7.0 a.m. Physical Training.

7-50 a.m. Prayers—The bugle-call for prayers was very misleading; one saw Cadets in various stages of undress tumbling out with plates and mugs thinking it was breakfast, ten minutes later. One morning our O.C. failed to put in an appearance at all; he *said* he was cleaning buttons!

8-0 a.m. Breakfast—(at last!)

8-45 a.m. Sick Parade.

9-0 a.m.—Parade with arms either for Company drill or for Tactical Exercises. (This latter was most enjoyable of all —except, of course, meals; it consisted, usually, of locating and killing enemy scouts; great zeal was shown, one misguided youth even capturing the Commandant).

11-30 a.m.—Bathing Parade.

The afternoons were devoted to various forms of sport; three cricket matches were played in Queen's Park, Paignton, D.H.S. being represented in all, while the sports were held there on Wednesday afternoon. We did fairly well considering our lack of representation, and brought off a good win in the relay race; the medals that went with this race have been received at D.H.S. and presented to the team. The weather made it impossible to hold the swimming sports, and after everyone was prepared the sports had to be abandoned.

On Wednesday morning the Camp was inspected by General May, who expressed great pleasure at seeing us under canvas; on Sunday we marched to Church at Paignton to the blare of the bugles and the rattle of the drums, several of the townfolk at first taking us for a contingent of the Salvation Army.

Far more interesting is the unofficial side of camp life, but I shrink from mentioning the name of the Cadet who demanded a late-pass "between two of us"; or that of the culinary corporal who unfortunately went to sleep in the wrong tent, putting the matter right in the middle of the night, to the inconvenience of his own tent! Again, I must refrain from disclosing the identity of the cadet who showed such marked ability in putting away his own and any remaining supper, and such strange devotion to "Brasso" that he actually cleaned his buttons three times in one day.

In spite of the weather, which left much to be desired, we all had a splendid time, although we should probably have become more riotous if the rain had held back a little more and the sun come forward. However, there are many worse places in wet weather than a bell-tent, and many of us look forward to another such happy camp next year.

The Corps owes its thanks to Captain Ferraro and all who helped to make the camp a great success; to the Headmaster for his present of a luscious and soul-satisfying cake, greatly appreciated by all who were concerned in its demolition; also to the R.S.M. and the R.Q.M.S. for the efficient way in which they respectively spotted the carefully-shaded candles after Lights Out and superintended the meticulously exact distribution of the stores.

The Camp broke up on Friday, August 3rd, after a thoroughly enjoyable week under canvas.

Results of the Sports :—

Relay Race	1. Devonport.
Tug-o-war	2. Devonport.
100 yds. under 15	2. Cadet Gardiner.
220 yds. under 15	3. Cadet Gardiner.
440 yds. Open	2. Sgt. Price.
Throwing Cricket Ball, Open	2. Sgt. Pritchard.

J. H. P.

CRICKET.

The Cricket season was the most successful we have had for several years. The somewhat rainy period at the beginning of May, made it possible to get the ground into better condition than usual, though towards the end of the summer, the absence of water, for obvious reasons, made fast bowling rather dangerous. There was an evident keenness to practise, and the interest was sustained up to the very last. Altogether 64 matches—School, House, and Form, were played, the "House" honours going to "Drake."

As usual two elevens were played and the results were as follows :—

1st Eleven :—Played 13 ; Won 8 ; lost 5.

2nd Eleven :—Played 10 ; Won 4 ; lost 6.

For the first eleven several very creditable scores were made, the best being by Gosling, Baker, Robins, and Dimond. Bowling honours went to Gosling, and Baker, who both did extremely well.

For the second eleven the best batting was shown by Williams and Sampson, while the bowling of Williams and Dicker deserves mention.

Our warmest thanks are due to Messrs. Heather, Armor and Austin, for their great kindness in giving up so much time to supervising the net practices on the various evenings of the week ; and the success met with was a fitting result to their earnest endeavours. "Colours" were awarded to Pritchard, Price, Gosling, Dimond, Robins, Baker, Hodgess, Proctor.

Half Colours to Smith, Evans i, Millett, Richards.

THE ELEVEN.

PRITCHARD.—*Captain*; hardly a success as a batsman, but fielded splendidly; a good leader.

PRICE.—*Vice-Captain*; good in the field, but batting suffered from lack of practice through Exam work.

GOSLING.—*Committee*. Bowled and fielded finely; batting variable; badly needs steadiness.

HODGESS.—*Committee*; Batting quite good; needs more patience to stonewall; good change bowler.

BAKER.—Bowled and fielded well; play at times sadly lacked energy; batted nicely.

MILLETT.—*Secretary*; batting weak, but did quite well as wicket-keeper.

ROBINS.—*Committee*; Good bat, but had very poor luck; fielded well.

DIMOND.—Best fielder in side; full of life; batted quite well.

SMITH.—Batting variable; did not shew in games the promise shewn at the nets; fielded quite well.

PROCTOR.—Batting good; fielding weak; good change bowler.

EVANS.—Fielding good; Good bat, but rarely came off.

1st XI. Played 13. Won 8. Lost 5.

v.

Corporation Grammar School at Prince Rock. Lost 14-39. Lack of practice was shown up by the feeble batting of the side as a whole.

Kingsbridge Grammar School, at Kingsbridge. Lost 67-73. Although defeated we were not disgraced, and after we had lost 4 wickets for 12, a fifth wicket stand of 20 was made by Robins and Dimond. Kingsbridge owed their success to a fine innings of 41 not out by Woodhead, who, unfortunately, was missed at the wicket in his first over.

Plymouth College 2nd XI. at Montpelier. Won by 1 wicket. Heavy, continuous rain made the pitch very difficult and the game was poor and uninteresting until the end when our last wicket pair had to make 7 to win.

Corporation Grammar School at Montpelier. Won 46—28. School batted first and put together a total of 46. (Gosling 15, Dimond 12) Our visitors could not settle down and were soon dismissed.

St. Devereux C.C. at Montpelier. Lost 41—50. School batted first and but for a patient innings of 19 by Robins we should have been badly off.

Plymouth Technical School at Montpelier. Won 50—28. The visitors batted first and found Gosling unplayable (7 wks. for 10)

Hoe Grammar School at Oreston. Lost by 2 wks.

School batted first and scored 25, to which Hoe replied with 39. On batting a second time, School declared with the score at 46 for 7 wks. School made a brilliant fight to win, Gosling taking 5 wickets for 3 including the 'hat trick,' but on the stroke of time the winning hit was made for Hoe.

Callington County School at Montpelier. Won 50—14. Thanks to a steady 21 by Baker we obtained some mastery of the bowling. The visitors were routed by our bowling (Gosling 4 for 7, Baker 5 for 6).

Hoe Grammar School at Montpelier. Won 64—22. A patient innings of 30—the highest for the season—by Baker enabled the School to reach the second highest total for the season. Hoe, on batting, found this total too high and were soon dismissed.

Kingsbridge Grammar School at Montpelier. Won 31—25. Our second win against Kingsbridge since the war. School fielded first and on batting lost 7 wickets for 12, but a stand by Proctor and Dimond (10 each) turned the game in our favour.

Regent St. School at Montpelier. Won by 7 wks. School fielded first and dismissed our opponents for 25, to which we replied with 36. Regent St. in their second innings made 22 and School were left to make 12 runs in about seven minutes.

Callington County School at Callington. Won 50—20. (Evans 15, Gosling 14).

St. Devereux C.C. at Montpelier. Lost 91—9. Weakened by the absence of 4 of the team taking their "Inter" in London, we were hopelessly outclassed and could do nothing with the bowling of Hayes-James (8 wkts. for 4)

2nd XI. Played 10. Won 4. Lost 6.

v. Plympton Grammar School 1st XI.	Lost.
Hoe Grammar School	Won.
Plymouth College 3rd XI	Lost.
Mutley Grammar School 1st XI	Won.
Plympton Grammar School 1st XI.	Won.
Hoe Grammar School	Lost
Corporation Grammar School	Lost.
Mutley Grammar School 1st XI.	Won
Corporation Grammar School	Lost.
Plymouth College 3rd XI.	Lost.

Batting Averages.

1st XI.
Gosling 7.46
Dimond 6.89
Baker 5.85
Evans i 5.60

Bowling Averages.

1st XI.
Gosling 3.25
Baker 3.50

HOUSE MATCHES.

Drake v Gilbert	34-21
Drake v Grenville	59-30
Drake v Raleigh	41-16
Raleigh v Grenville	25-27
Raleigh v Gilbert	23-63
Gilbert v Grenville	13-50
Drake v Rest of School	21-25

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL CADET CORPS.

(Affiliated to the 5th (Prince of Wales's) Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment).

Officer Commanding	Cadet Capt. H. Ferraro.
Chaplain	The Rev. Preb. J Heywood- Waddington, M.A., C.F.
Cadet Lieutenants A. Hutchings, C. F. Armor.
Sergeants	B. Durant, J. H. Hamilton. A. J. Millett and T. Price.
Corporals	C. G. Gosling, T. Hamilton, A. R. Owen and R. Werry.
Lance-Corporals H. Connor, C. B. Hele, J. H. Proctor, E. C. Remfry.

The present season of the year is a time of reconstruction for the Corps. The first parade in every school year always reveals a sadly depleted membership and this term we find ourselves without many who have long been associated with the Corps. We wish all those members every success in the careers they have chosen. They will be glad to know that the Corps is still profiting from the results of their efforts, for the Cadets they helped to train have now blossomed out as N.C.O.'s, and these in their turn, are taking an active part in the training of the goodly number of Cadets who have come to swell our ranks.

The whole of the Summer Term was occupied in carrying out the various competitions with the Lampard Cup. As in previous years, all four Sections took the Competition very seriously and a number of keen contests resulted. Our thanks are due to Lieut. Treays for so kindly undertaking the difficult task of adjudicating in a part of the Competition. Section I. (Sergt. Hamilton) again scored the highest number of points and so retains the Cup for another year.

The Lucas-Tooth Competition for Devon Secondary School Cadet Corps took place in July. Our Corps was placed second on the list, the winning Corps being that of Crediton Grammar School.

A very successful combined Schools Cadet Camp was again held at Goodrington. The weather could have been better, but in spite of occasional duckings the health of the Camp was excellent. Officers and Cadets spent a most enjoyable week and were glad to have an opportunity of renewing friendships formed at the last Camp. An account of our doings at this Camp appears elsewhere in this issue of the Magazine. It is pleasing to record that our Corps was more strongly represented than at the previous Camp and it is hoped that if a Camp is held in 1924, a still larger contingent will be sent from Devonport High School.

Thanks to the kindness of the Devonport Rifle Club in according to us the use of their Range a considerable amount of shooting practice has been carried out under the instruction and supervision of Lieut. Armor. This branch of Corps work is one that is very popular with the Cadets. Added interest was given to the range practice this year by the fact that up to the close of the term the shooting promised to be the deciding factor in the Lampard Cup Competition.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, March 21st, a mock Parliamentary debate was held. Mr. E. R. Harris was the Speaker and Mr. D. W. Dimond the Prime Minister. Mr. A. J. Millett led the Labour Opposition while Mr. B. Durant led the Liberals.

The Prime Minister's first motion was that "Trade Unions should be abolished." An amendment introduced by the Labour Party failed owing to the non-cooperation by the 'Lloyd George' Liberals by 31 votes to 15. Another amendment by the Liberals had better result, and, being supported by Labour, was carried. Amidst tremendous excitement the result was announced—30 votes to 16. On getting to his feet the Premier was greeted with loud cries of "Resign" but he said "The Government will **not** resign."

The Prime Minister's second motion was "Prohibition should not be introduced into England." Labour's amendment was rejected by 24 votes to 16.

The Premier's third motion was—"The Ruhr should not be forcibly occupied." Again the Labour amendment was defeated by 21 votes to 17.

The meeting which consisted of about 50 members of the upper school and staff, was voted an entire success.

The opening debate of the new season was held on Wednesday, October 10th, when Mr. A. J. Millett, the recently elected chairman, presided.

Mr. B. Durant, proposing that "Facilities for sport should be increased," stated that as manual toil was giving place to the office and factory, there was great danger that our race would degenerate. Increased sport would perfect manhood and cultivate a healthy spirit of fair play.

Mr. K. C. Dicker, who opposed the motion gave some interesting statistics, mentioning that over 620,000 people actually played football during the season, besides those engaged in other games. The professional system catered for those who wished to watch the game.

Mr. A. R. Owen, who seconded Mr. Durant, deprecated England's low position in the Olympic games, and the detrimental effect of professionalism in sport

Mr. S. L. Riggs seconder of the opposition, reminded the meeting of the work needed to restore the world to a settled state. Standing in the rain watching football was certainly not conducive to good health.

The motion was carried by 18 votes to 4. Pianoforte solos were rendered by Hamilton and Gudridge, while R. Woodward gave a violin selection and Dicker a humorous reading.

On Wednesday, October 24th, Mr. B. Durant proposed that "Socialism is Impracticable." It was notorious that state undertakings cost more than private enterprise and also reduced the incentive to work. The result of the experiment in Russia had proved Socialism not to be the government of the Golden Age. However justifiable in theory the aims of the Socialists are, their practice is a different matter.

Mr. A. R. Owen, who opposed the motion, pointed out that Socialism *i.e.* the state control of industry, was not Communism. The benefits of British manufacturers went to the capitalists and not to the workers. The housing problem and unemployment were due to the present system. Socialism could not be worse than this and should be given a fair trial.

Mr. J. H. Proctor, seconding Mr. Durant, asked how the costly Socialist programme could be carried out while the leaders promised less taxation.

The seconder of the opposition was Mr. S. Spray, who stated that the wages level was much below the food prices level. Taxation was still excessive, and on the wrong commodities. Under Socialism this would not be so.

After a keen debate the motion was carried by 20 votes to 12.

The programme included much appreciated violin selection by Sampson, a pianoforte solo by Hawton, and a humorous reading by Varney.

The controversial subject of Protection came before the Society on Wednesday, November 14th, when Mr. R. J. Werry proposed that "Britain should retain Free Trade." The problem of unemployment could only be solved by increased trade. To favour British industry in preference to that of any other country made the British workman lazy. Free trade and competition would make him work harder, reduce prices and be beneficial to all. Free Trade had stood Britain well since 1860, and will again arouse Britain from slothfulness.

Mr. L. A. Jackets seconded the motion.

The case for Protection was taken up by Mr. J. H. P. Proctor. Free Trade placed us on unequal terms with our foreign competitors. The British market was being overwhelmed by inferior foreign goods, resulting in unemployment and distress. Protection would give our own industries a chance, and Colonial Preference would develop the Empire.

The Opposition was seconded by Mr. C. H. Wellington.

After a keenly contested debate the motion was rejected by 11 votes to 10.

Pianoforte solos were rendered by Hailes and Gudridge and readings by Hawton and Westlake.

On December 5th a Mock Election was held. Mr. Davis was in the chair and there were three Candidates for one seat. They were :—

B. Durant, Liberal.
A. J. Millett, Labour.
J. H. P. Proctor, Conservative.

The Candidates in the above order put their views before the meeting and were then subjected to a barrage of questions. Amid tremendous enthusiasm the result was then declared as follows :—

Proctor	53 votes
Durant	32 "
Millett	22 "

The evenings proceedings were enlivened by a Pianoforte solo by Farrant, three greatly appreciated and loudly applauded songs by Mr. Davis and a recitation by Joslin.

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

President : The Headmaster.

General Secretary : Mr. H. Ferraro.

The Association is now well into its second year, and as the reports of the Branch Secretaries show, continues to make progress. Every effort has been made to bring the Association to the notice of all Old Boys, but there are a number with whom it has not been possible to communicate. Members are requested to inform their Branch Secretary of any such cases that may come to their knowledge.

An Association Tie has now been adopted and may be obtained either at the School or through the Branch Secretaries. A number of Badges for blazers are also available. The price of the Tie is 2/6 and of the Badge 4/6.

HEADQUARTERS' BRANCH.

Secretary : Mr. C. E. Gill, 14 Haddington Road, Stoke,
Devonport.

Committee : Messrs. W. J. Andrews, W. J. Ching, B. H.
Chowen, E. E. Cock, P. Gollop, W. Hurden, F.
Hurrell, J. Maddock, A. Pryor, H. Taylor, and H.
Tresise.

The membership of the Branch is still increasing there being now over 130 members. There are, however, a number of Old Boys in the town whose names we should be glad to see on our roll.

The Annual Dinner of the Branch will be held on Saturday, January 5th, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. The price of ticket is 7/6 (excluding wine), and morning dress will be worn. The Committee hope that members will support this event and help to make it a success by purchasing tickets as early as possible. The Annual Association Dinner was held in London on November 3rd, and as in previous years proved a very enjoyable function.

The Summer Outing was held on June 30th, Members and friends proceeded to Newton Ferrers and assembled at the Yealm Hotel for tea. A Charabanc Trip is contemplated for the next Outing, particulars of which will be given in due course.

A well-attended Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at the School on July 23rd, when the Secretary gave a report of progress during the year and the Balance Sheet was presented. Members were interested to hear an account given by the General Secretary of the work of the London Branch.

During the Christmas holidays, two Football Matches will be played between the Old Boys and the School XI. Members wishing to play should inform the Secretary of the period during which they will be available. It has been suggested that a Holiday XI., should be formed to play during the Christmas and Easter vacations. Will those members who are desirous of joining such an Eleven, please write the Secretary so that it may be possible to fix up matches for the next Easter vacation ?

May we again remind all Old Boys that the Membership fee is only 2/6 per annum and that this includes the post free delivery of both copies of the School Magazine. The financial year ended on July 31st last, so that subscriptions for the year ending July 31st, 1924, are now due.

C. E. GILL.

LONDON BRANCH.

Secretary : Mr. A. T. Brooks, Fulwood House, High Holborn,
London, W.C.1.

Committee : Messrs. E. E. Cammack, B. M. Featherstone, L. H.
Harwood, F. C. Olford, J. Phillips.

The last issue of this Magazine dealt with events in London, up to and including our Branch Dinner, at Pritchard's, Oxford St. W.1., on February 24th, last.

This was followed by a Dance at the New Oxford Galleries, on Wednesday, March 7th, and by a Social evening at the Club on March 17th. Both these events were well attended and much enjoyed.

The only event in April was Ladies Night on the 10th. This evening proved to be the most successful of its kind, since such evenings were first started.

A Dance at the New Oxford Galleries on Wednesday, May 2nd, concluded the Winter Season's programme.

The Club was closed during the summer months on account of the rival attractions of Tennis and other outdoor sports.

We re-opened the Club on September 29th, with a Social evening which was a success in every way.

October 17th, was Ladies Night and this was followed by the Annual Association Dinner, held at Pritchard's, Oxford Street, on November 3rd, an account of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

We were pleased to welcome Lieut. Treays at the Club on October 3rd, and trust he will remember his promise to attend as frequently as possible.

It was a great pleasure to us to welcome our visitors on the occasion of the Annual Dinner and an interesting conference was held between members of the two Branch Committees on the morning of the same day at Fulwood House.

The arrangements for this season provide for a social event on alternate Saturdays up to May 24th.

The Committee are still far from satisfied with the average Club attendance (apart from Social events), and sincerely trust that Old Boys will rally round and give it more active support in the future. If this support is forthcoming, and I feel sure it will be, better Club premises will be secured at once.

For the members of the Committee I have nothing but praise, as I have had their active and valuable support at all times, and if every Old Boy showed one half of the interest shown by these members the success of the Old Boys' Association in London would be certain.

Old Boys resident outside Devon and Cornwall are eligible for membership of this Branch, the subscription for which is 5/- per annum for full membership, and 2/6 per annum for honorary membership.

Membership cards have now been sent out to all Old Boys registered as Members, and Old Boys' ties are available at 2/6 each, post free.

The Committee is prepared to deal with any enquiry made by Members, and will offer any assistance possible to Old Boys who are in any difficulty or doubt upon any matter.

The policy of this Branch remains the same and it is the intention of the Committee to continue to provide a social club on one evening of each week, and to arrange an interesting programme of events, each at the lowest possible cost. Given a greater measure of support the progress of this Branch is assured.

A. T. BROOKS.

THE OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DINNER.

It was London's turn this year for the D.H.S. Old Boys Dinner, and accordingly on the evening of the first Saturday in November, there gathered together at Pritchard's Restaurant, Oxford Street, the following members of the Old Boys' Association : A. T. Brooks, E. E. Cammack, G. A. Chamberlain, T. W. Causdate, B. H. Chowen, E. E. Cock, M. J. Collier, R. N. Curnow, W. V. Curtain, B. M. Featherstone, H. Ferraro, L. H. Harwood, W. Lawley, A. E. Lillicrap, R. Lillicrap, J. Maddock, H. S. Marks, A. J. Read, A. Perkins, J. Phillips, C. Pritchard, J. A. Screech, H. C. Taylor, W. H. Treays, A. Treseder and L. J. Wannell.

After the goodly menu had been carefully traversed and the toast to "The King" loyally and enthusiastically drunk, came the welcome mandate, "Gentlemen, you may smoke." With the appearance of Lady Nicotine—the only lady present—came also the many-hued speeches. Pathos and wit, memories, rekindled friendships, the joy of living, delicious repose like awakening an hour before the time for rising—all these were expressed or felt, and commingled in one harmonious whole.

Mr. C. W. Bracken, B.A., who was the principal guest of the evening, in proposing "the School," had so many nice things to say about it and about the Headmaster, and he said them in so kindly and charming a manner, that Mr. Treseder, in replying (after being vociferously declared to be "a jolly good fellow"), assured his Old Boys that he felt himself blushing—the first time for an indefinitely long period.

Proceeding and acting as newsbearer from "down West" he remarked on some latter-day phases of the school, phases and episodes which had occurred since most of those present had left school. The passing of the small boy was one of the most remarkable of these phases. He regretted it. He thought it most unwise. As, however, the Preparatory Forms were no more, he endeavoured to strike some sparks of amusement from a vein of reminiscence. The little boys—dear little fellows that they were—were undoubtedly the most fightable element in the school. Never was their attention more wrapt than when a thoroughly bloodthirsty tale was read to them. They did not always "trail glory" after them, but often exhibited the traits of primeval man. He well remembered the shock he received when it was reported to him that one small boy had deliberately but surreptitiously eaten another small boy's dinner. Other disclosures of an equally startling nature followed. He then went on to recount recent structural improvements in the school, including the dark room, of which the angel of light was Mr. Ferraro. Prior to the coming of the dark room some of their experiments connected with lenses and

light had been conducted in a coal cellar, and yet, there had been won three science Scholarships—one at Cambridge and two at Oxford.

Commenting on a remarkable achievement of the senior English Master, (Mr. Pritchard), in connection with the last Cambridge School Certificate Examination, in which pupils from the High School obtained seven distinctions out of a total of 32 throughout the United Kingdom, he informed his hearers that the firm, whose English books were in use at the School, had offered to issue pamphlets throughout this country and the United States, advertising both their text books and Devonport High School.

Whilst feeling that he could not permit the name of the school to be thus broadcasted in the interest of a trading concern, the Headmaster contrasted the attitude thus shown towards advertising with that of the Education Authority. Finally he alluded to what might be termed the school's most recent star turn, eight Sixth Form boys submitted for the Inter. B. Sc., examination, London University, and all successful.

The other toasts included "The services" proposed by Mr. Cammack, and acknowledged by Lieut. W. Treays and Mr. J. Phillips, both of whom recalled cheery and vivid remembrances, the former stating that one of the first persons he met in India was an old D.H.Sian., Lieut. J. Oliver, together with his wife and young child. "The professions" given by Mr. M. J. Collier (who is to be congratulated on his new appointment as Inspector of Taxes in one of the west end districts), was responded to by Mr. B. Chown (legal), and Mr. A. J. Reed (medical), the former in facetious mood, the latter in deadly earnest, as befitted one engaged in panel warfare. Mr. B. M. Featherstone, of kindly mien, toasted "Absent Friends", and Mr. A. T. Brooks, the Secretary of the London Branch, submitted, with characteristic sparkle, "The visitors," to which responded the General Secretary, Mr. H. Ferraro and Mr. E. E. Cock, a member of the Headquarters' Branch Committee.

In acknowledging the welcome offered to the visitors, Mr. Ferraro paid a tribute to the excellent work done by the London Branch, especially among members who came direct from the School to London. While heartily endorsing the remarks of the previous speaker, Mr. Cock declared himself an optimist as to the future of the Association. He considered the progress that had been made during the short time the Association had been in existence, proved conclusively that it made a strong appeal to all D.H.Sians.

"The Press," was then given by Mr. A. E. Lillicrap.

The speeches over, there followed a delightful programme of music in which Messrs. Brooks, Cansdale, Curtain, Featherstone, Harwood, Phillips, took part. So swiftly and pleasantly had time glided that eleven p.m., had arrived and the "God save the King," was sung without the last toast, "The Artistes," being submitted, a toast that was thoroughly deserved. Whether Mr. Curnow, to whom this task was allotted, was glad or sorry will always be a matter for doubt. But one thing is certain. He must on no account be "let off" on a future occasion.

No account of this gathering would be complete without a special meed of praise to Mr. A. T. Brooks. As secretary of the London Branch he is priceless; his energy, capability and power of overcoming difficulties must be known to be realized.

THE TRIALS OF THE DARTMOUTH POLICE.

(A True Story)

Oi'll tell 'ee a yarn ef yu'll listen tu oi,
 Consarnin' the evils o' Stoake, Zurs,
 Tes a braw little villidge not ten moile away,
 Where zum pape amade oi a moake! Zurs.

Ther wunce wor a man in this raygion yu know
 Who drink'd loike a vish'll aite warms! Zurs,
 An' ef you just spoake 'pon rayligion, my law!
 'E'd ac' loike es ef 'e were barm! Zurs.

Oi'd yeard vrum a man ther called Pater Paul Vry
 A raylly moast shockin' accoun' Zurs,
 Of 'ow Dick bin slaping, unbenownst tu oi,
 In gen'l'men's barns all aroun'! Zurs.

Zays oi tu moiselve "Oi'll just ask Pater Vry
 To tell oi this very zame noight, Zurs,
 A where 'e be tu"—an' the Lord dang me oiye
 Ef'e warnt up to Squire's pon the roight, Zurs!

So when tin were stroikin' oi jist creepit out,
 An' crawl'd up the rawd to the barn, Zurs.
 Thin makin' quote sure there war'nt naw won about,
 (Tu that pint oi cud a swarn, Zurs).

Oi slipped back the boalt an' oi open'd the dowr,
 Shinin' me lamp:roun' an' roun' Zurs.
 An' up in the corner oi seed, on the vlowr,
 Zum 'ay piled in a girt moun! Zurs!

Zays oi, " Now oi got yer, yu naden't tu shout,
 Vur oim dang'd sure yu'm ther!" Zurs,
 " So the sooner me laddie, that yu cums right out,
 The less 'ee'll cause oi tu sware," Zurs.

Oi yeard but a znort an' oi gives tu the lump,
 A bit of a pawk vi' me tow, Zurs,
 And the wery nex' enstant oi went roight down, bump!
 Vur out cum the Squoire's vat sow! Zurs.

Es oi told 'ee afore oi 'ed looked fore'n aft
 Tu see ther warn't none tu provoake, Zurs,
 But oi'll swear 'pon me deathbed that zumbody laft,
 An' oi vear 'twore a native of Stoake! Zurs

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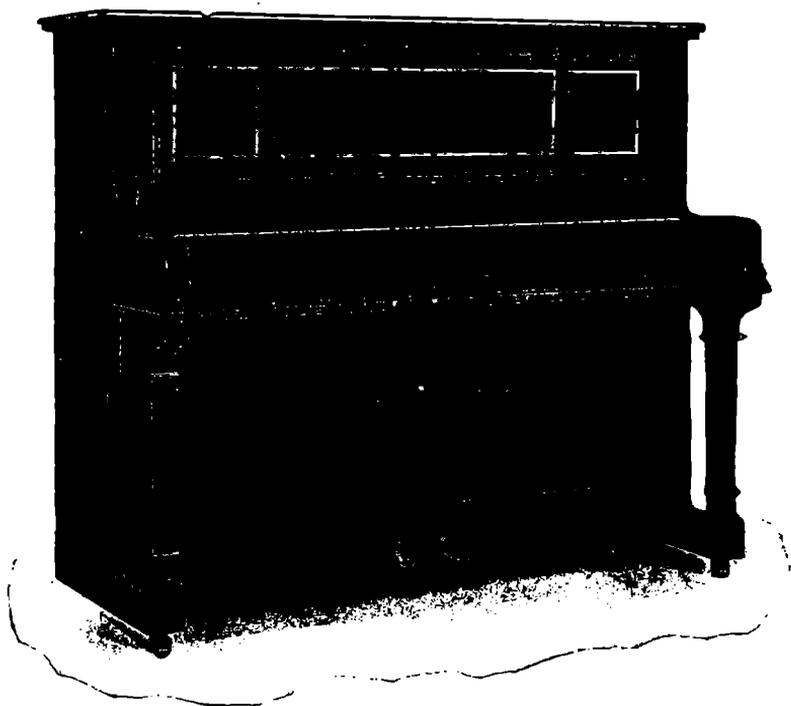
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