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Editorial

We were very glad to welcome, at the beginning of this term, Mr. S. G. Barker, M.A., LL.B. as our new Headmaster. We hope that his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Mr. Barker has already stressed the need for co-operation and, above all, of an enthusiastic zest for the good name of the School if Devonport High School is to improve its present enviable reputation.

One of the most distressing of the factors in present-day life is the general aimlessness and apathy among schoolboys and other classes of society. This listlessness—physical, mental and moral—has been criticised from pulpit and lecture-platform, on the radio, and and in the newspapers. It is the attitude of mind expressed by colloquialisms such as "I couldn't care less," or "It's not my pigeon".

It has been attributed to many causes. The war with its disorganisation of normal life and training has, of course, been blamed; present-day restrictions on the liberty of the individual have been accused of stifling ambition; National Service has been blamed for the lack of decision over careers. The fact remains that to the majority life has ceased to have much meaning and real keenness and "joie de vivre" are frowned upon. Men who have the courage to "aim at a million" have become rarer, and too much interest has been centred on the "common-man," so that men prefer to remain "ordinary" rather than to use their God-given talents to be more than ordinary.

Satisfaction with the second-best and even lack of interest in the best show themselves in the modern attitude to religion. Amongst schoolboys, as elsewhere, religion is considered, all too often, as an impersonal matter rather than as a motive force for life.

This careless treatment of Christianity neglects the answer to this very problem, for Christ said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," suggesting a purpose in life and an enthusiasm which are sorely needed today.

That the ability to be "out and out" for any cause is considered unfashionable is shown by the lack of originality in the common employment of leisure time. Too many prefer to follow the crowd, to see popular films and listen to popular music, merely because it is easier. Support for any creative spare-time activity is lacking. What percentage of time does the "ordinary man" spend in being entertained and what in amusing himself?

The aim of a grammar school should be to provide "*education for living*." This should, and in the case of Devonport High School, does include the provision of adequate out-of-school activities, but however numerous the societies attached to a school, and however varied their aims, the out-of-school life of the school depends on the enthusiasm of the members.

In this connection a most heartening sight this past term has been that of certain members of the school endeavouring to change the gardens from

"Some strip of herbage strown,

That just divides the desert from the sown."

to something of which the School can be proud. Great progress has already been made, but there is still much to do, both this year and in the future, when the originators of the plan have left. That members of every school year have been willing to sacrifice some of their spare time for this purpose is a sign that keenness does exist in the school. It is to be hoped that it will be maintained.

School Notes

The most significant happening in recent School history is the advent of Mr. Barker, for upon the personality of a Headmaster depends in no small measure the destiny of a school. His introduction to us last term gave us an impression of one who would do us more than justice. We were relieved and hopeful. That hope is being amply justified. Now we know that our future is in good hands, and everybody is setting to work with a will born of infectious enthusiasm. The feeling that we shall go from strength to strength is an incentive to that end. Headmaster, Staff and boys are already working as a keen and co-ordinated team. The results rest with the future. We have no doubts:

From February 7th to the 12th, the School Dramatic Society staged R. C. Sherriff's "Badger's Green" at the Globe Theatre

Stonehouse, before full and highly appreciative audiences, so successfully as to embrace the Society's already high reputation in the city and to add to the School's laurels. To Mr. Whitfeld, the cast and all concerned, we accord this public tribute and our thanks. A word, too, is due to the Royal Marines who so generously place their Globe Theatre at the disposal of local dramatic groups. To say that we hope one day to have a theatre of our own in no way detracts from our gratitude to them. We look forward to, and wish the dramatic group, an equally successful time in the coming year.

On 17th March a party of boys attended the concert given by the Western Philharmonic Orchestra under its conductor Mr. Aubrey Pryor, L.R.A.M., B.A., and in connection with the Plymouth Schools' Music Association. The programme was a satisfying one. We look forward to more of these concerts, and thank the organizers for the pleasure and profit they have given us.

On May 6th some of us attended the performance of Richard II. by the Plymouth Shakespeare Society at the Globe Theatre. We have remarked upon the good work that the Society does in presenting to youthful and other audiences plays which they might have no other chance of seeing. May the good work long continue.

Those who grasped the opportunity to see the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra in action were wise to make an effort that was so amply repaid. Apart from the value of the aesthetic experience, which cannot be over-estimated, there was a revelation of the discipline implicit in the magnificent precision of the performance. We are grateful to the B.B.C. for a unique experience.

There is little need to refer in these notes to a function like the School Sports, to whose success most boys contributed before or during the event. It was a useful and enjoyable afternoon in spite of the weather, and an example of one of those corporate functions in which we, as a School, meet the outside world, and individual effort is merged into the common good of House and School. While on this topic we must congratulate ourselves on our general athletics. Some of the results are recorded in this issue. That we so stress the physical as well as the academic aspects of education is to the good, and is evidence of that balanced outlook without which education would be warped and unreal. *Mens sana in corpore sano* is the only criterion of a real education.

Representatives of the Upper 6th Form were present at the Investiture of the new Lord Mayor on 23rd May. Presence at such civic functions, entailing as it does participation in the affairs of the larger world, is a means of making history live and of arousing a very necessary interest in Local Government. We are grateful for the invitation, and are hopeful of extended facilities of that sort.

Reference must be made to the really fine work done by our teams at Dartmouth and at Torpoint. The Headmaster has already congratulated the boys concerned. Some of them will be leaving us. Others must see to it that the standard of keenness and efficiency does not fall.

We were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Buckley at the School Sports and to know that they are enjoying Mr. Buckley's retirement. They both looked well, which says much for the full life they are leading. Mr. D. Davies was there, too. He has returned to Plymouth on his retirement, and informed us that he would not wish to be anywhere else. Mr. C. H. Foster we frequently see. He doesn't alter. To them all we renew our good wishes.

Finally, at this late hour we cannot wish good luck to all examiners, but we do hope that they have done well. To all who are leaving we wish success and happiness in their new lives, and we remind them that there is an Old Boys' Association, with whose secretary they should get into touch immediately.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Here is a list of as yet unrecorded successes. The numbers are the final positions in the whole country.

ASSISTANT EXPERIMENTAL OFFICER (July—November, 1948) :

9, J. E. G. Townsend ; 33, D. G. Thomas ; 37, M. A. Cotton ;
43, F. J. Walford ; 73, G. R. Wattlely.

THE EXECUTIVE CIVIL SERVICE. This is the final result after interview :

1, N. F. Ley ; 2, D. Miles ; 22, D. H. March ; 28, D. G. Thomas ;
72, K. Blundell ; 83, G. Thompson ; 100, G. R. Wattlely ;
144, J. E. G. Townsend ; 220, D. Willcocks ; 259, N. E. Davies.

MAJOR BALLARD SCHOLARSHIP IN HISTORY of £85 per annum, tenable at The University College of the South West, Exeter: W. A. Drake.

NAVAL ENGINEERING CADETSHIP AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE and an ARMY CADETSHIP AT THE MILITARY COLLEGE, SANDHURST :
A. V. Porter.

OPEN EXHIBITION IN HISTORY, of £50 per annum, at Nottingham University : A. Wales.

EMPIRE SCHOLARSHIP, of £75 per annum, at Loughborough :
S. W. Pillar.

NAVAL ENGINEERING CADETSHIP AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE :
J. D. Peakall.

House Notes

DRAKE.

At one time it looked as if Drake might win the House Athletics competition this year, but lack of a good start in standard points allowed both Grenville and Raleigh to overhaul us in the Senior competition. According to the new system of scoring for the St. Levan Shield, we came first in the Junior events, a very fine effort and a good augury for the future. The House gained two cups, the "Under 13" Championship, and the "Victor Ludorum."

In other branches of sport also we have done quite well; the Rugged team finished second in the final table; a very young Soccer team was dogged by ill-luck and finished fourth. The House Chess team, coached by Mr. Adams, has done remarkably well and won the House Championship Cup.

The Cricket season has now opened, and, with many members of School teams available, we should do well. So far two matches have been played by the Seniors, one of which was lost, and one was an easy victory; the Juniors have also played twice, but are still without a win.

G. A. F. HITCHENS.

GILBERT.

Results 1948-49.	<i>Seniors.</i>	<i>Juniors.</i>	<i>House.</i>
Soccer	Second	First	Second
Chess	—	—	Third
Rugged	Fourth	Fourth	Fourth
Athletics	—	—	Fourth

Before these notes are published another School year will be ending, and we can review a further chapter in the history of the House. We have had our victories and our defeats, but our team spirit has prevailed, and next year we shall make even greater efforts to win the House Championship. This term we said good-bye to our captain, K. Blundell, who was a source of inspiration to the House in all branches of sport. We wish him the best of luck in his new appointment.

Our Soccer teams, having enjoyed a very successful season under the leadership of Bramich, were placed second after a thrilling tussle with Grenville. Our junior eleven won two of their matches and drew the third, whilst the seniors won two matches—a splendid effort from all concerned. On the rugged field we were less fortunate and lost all our games, but this may be attributed to the lack of experience and weight, in both the junior and senior teams. I ask more of the House to change to rugby, especially the juniors, so that we can once more build up our teams, and be a serious contestor for the championship.

At chess the House was third because of the gallant efforts of a few stalwarts, but there was difficulty in raising a team. In future I expect the House to give far more support to the team; so put your shoulders to the wheel and let's bring the Chess Cup home to Gilbert.

The athletics were very disappointing this time, and we were fourth, despite our frenzied attempts on the day itself. Once more we suffered the disadvantage of being in arrears as regards standards, a weakness which must be rectified next year. I thank the following for the work they did towards the sports: King, Bramich, Young, Scoble, Quick (B.), Hosking, Bray, Mills, and the Under-13 relay team, who have won for the second year in succession. On behalf of the House I also express our appreciation to Mr. Berry and the other Housemasters for the countless hours they have given this year to organising for the sports.

The seniors opened the cricket season with a convincing win over Raleigh by thirty-four runs to twenty-four; the juniors lost by one run in an exciting match with Raleigh juniors. We wish both teams a victorious season.

Congratulations to King (A.) on becoming House Vice-Captain and Cricket Captain, and to Bramich who has been elected Vice-Captain of Athletics. We are confident that they will fill their positions to the best of their ability.

W. H. A. STARKS, *House Captain.*

GRENVILLE.

Well done, Grenville! After three years we have finally regained the Athletic Championship by a narrow margin from Raleigh. Our success would have been more distinct had we commenced the sports proper with more standard points to our credit. To mention individual successes is unnecessary, but it may be noted, in passing, that five of the individual championships were awarded to Grenvillites, together with the Revington Relay Cup.

Athletics, moreover, have not been our only realm of success. The end of the Spring Term saw Grenville at the top of both the Rugby and Soccer Championships, with maximum points in the former.

Our outstanding success has been due to a wholehearted effort by both members and staff, and on behalf of the House, I thank Mr. Mallinson and his colleagues.

Although the St. Levan Shield is ours, let us not relax, but continue our efforts until the Cricket championship also is within our grasp.

J. D. PEAKALL, *House Captain.*

RALEIGH.

Although the afternoon was marred by rain, we saw this year the most thrilling sports meeting since 1945, when Grenville beat Raleigh by half a point. At the start the white flag was third from the top of the pole, and the House remained within two or three points of Drake and Grenville until about half-way through the meeting when we seized and maintained the lead almost to the end. We again took the lead, however, and were delighted to think that we had won the shield for the third successive year. Next morning we were disappointed to find that after all we were only runners-up. In spite of the result we thoroughly enjoyed the sports, and congratulate our conquerors; we shall go all out again next year to regain the shield.

Our rugger and soccer fared badly this year, and we held third positions in each. The seniors won one rugger and one soccer match, whilst the juniors secured two rugger victories and one soccer draw. So far the seniors have lost one cricket match to Gilbert, and the juniors have beaten the same house.

On the whole we have not done as well this year as we might, and I call upon every member to pull his weight next year in whatever he does, and to support all house activities.

R. GEORGE, *House Captain.*

School Library

After a period of hibernation caused partly by the confusion of the return to Plymouth, and a lack of settled accommodation, the School Library is now beginning to flourish again. One of the larger and brighter rooms has been obtained for the purpose, and the books have been finally transported there, catalogued and arranged on the shelves. Much work has been necessary to complete this task, which has taken a considerable time. Now the library is open to the whole School during every lunch hour, and there are facilities for reading periodicals and books of reference as well as borrowing books. After a lengthy search, some furniture, tables and chairs, well-nigh unobtainable, have been secured, and pictures to brighten the walls have been lent by the Plymouth Museum and Art Gallery. Since the re-instatement of the library the number of books has increased considerably so that a shortage of shelves, which are now difficult to obtain, is beginning to be felt.

Despite such difficulties the number of boys using the library, especially among the lower forms, is steadily growing. The plans for the future are many, including the provision of a comprehensive selection of periodicals, while it is hoped that the School Scout Troop will do a good turn by completely redecorating the room.

J. K. HOSKIN, *Librarian.*

Rugby Club

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Rugger Master : MR. H. MALLINSON.

Captain 1st XV. : K. BLUNDELL.

Vice-Captain 1st XV. : R. P. GEORGE.

Hon. Secretary : G. R. WATTLEY.

The 1st XV. had another good season. Seventeen games were played ; 15 were won ; one was drawn and one lost. The School scored 318 points and our opponents 57. No other school has beaten us for three complete seasons.

Many tries have been scored by quick heeling from the loose, quick passing and determined running for the corner-flag. The backing-up has often been excellent ; the tackling has been better than in recent years, and the speed, vigour and resolution of the attacking play have been most encouraging. On the other hand, one still saw occasionally the hasty pass at the wrong moment, the flippant, one-handed snatch at a pass, and the player tackled in possession. The goal-kicking was again lamentable.

The only team to beat us was the R.N.C. " Benbow " XV. They had a powerful pack well suited to the muddy, wind-swept hill-top at Dartmouth, where the game was played. Having got an early lead, they met our persistent attacks with quick, hard tackling, and, just at the end, drove home their superiority by scoring another try after admirable inter-passing amongst the forwards.

In a game in which the standard of play was most disappointingly low, Plymouth College very nearly became the first School XV. to beat us since 1945-6. The quick-breaking, hard-tackling tactics of their forwards reduced our mid-field play to a state of anxious inefficiency. Having scored a penalty-goal in the opening minutes, the College held their lead until the last seconds of the game, when Juniper confounded the touch-line pessimists and kicked a 30-yard penalty-goal.

We beat our Old Boys twice in vigorous rather than skilful games and also won both matches against Hele's School, Exeter, whom we met for the first time. In the first half of the home game with Hele's, the School's play reached a standard comparable with that of the first-half against Launceston College, at home, when 22 points were scored by first-rate handling, in drenching rain.

The climax of the season was the home game in February with Truro School. The November game at Truro had been cancelled because of Truro's tragic outbreak of infantile paralysis. Both teams came on to the field undefeated in School games. The match was played in appalling conditions with a courage and resolution

which stirred the hearts of the few spectators. Our pack, inspired by George, dominated the game, and, if the mud-plastered figure which scored the only two tries of the game was later identified as Rickard, it was a triumph for teamwork which all eight forwards and the scrum-half, Wattley, will long and proudly remember.

For the first time, we competed in the Devon Public and Grammar Schools' Seven-a-side Tournament at Exeter, and though heavily handicapped by our inexperience, we reached the final. After a first-round bye, we beat South Devon Technical School, 11—0. In the semi-final, we beat Hele's School, then the holders of the cup, 6—3, after an exhausting struggle that went to extra time. Our opponents in the final were West Buckland School, a very heavy, fast side. At half-time they were leading, 15—3, and it seemed as if our semi-final efforts had been too strenuous. But our "seven" rallied courageously to score two fine tries. Both were converted, to make the score 15—13. Another splendid attack broke down a few yards from the line; West Buckland at once counter-attacked, scored a decisive try, converted it, and so won the cup by 20 points to 13. Our "seven" was: Honey; Porter, Blundell, Wattley; Thomas, George, Peakall.

The 2nd XV. never had a settled team, and won six games and lost eight, scoring 153 points against 145. The best performance was at Truro, when Truro School 2nd XV. beat them by only three points. Three of the last four games were won, when there was a marked improvement in the handling and the speed and vigour of the attack.

The Colts' XV. had an indifferent season, winning four and drawing one of 14 games. But the team was repeatedly handicapped by the absence of the best players for trial and representative matches.

The Junior XV. played 14 games, won five and drew two. Three of their seven defeats were at the hands of under 15 sides. Like the Colts, the Juniors at all times played open rugby, and many of their players showed great promise.

At Christmas, George played for the Devon Schools against Somerset, Bristol and Cornwall. Blundell and Honey were reserves for these games.

Blundell, George, Wattley, Honey, Porter and Reid (P.) played for South Devon against the Cornish Schools' XV.

Reid (M.) and Selley played for the Plymouth Under 15 team. Reid went on to play for Devon and again reached the final trial for the England XV. It was very hard luck that he should twice reach the final trial and not be capped.

I thank most warmly all my colleagues who have so generously given their time, advice and experience to help the School rugby.

H.M.

Soccer Club

President : The Headmaster.
Master in Charge : Mr. H. G. Warren.
Captain : D. A. C. Letcher.
Vice-Captain : G. Thompson.
Secretary : G. A. F. Hitchens.

The Club has had another successful season, during which the School has regularly fielded six teams, one more than last season.

The 1st XI. with five of last year's team forming a strong nucleus, and some good recruits from the 2nd XI., began the season with a good deal of confidence that was justified. The defence has been very sound, the half-backs have supplied their forwards well, and the attack has scored in every game.

The 2nd XI. has been most inconsistent, but it is difficult to know why, because, whenever one of its members has been called on to play for the 1st XI. he has played well.

The other four teams show a great deal of enthusiasm and not a little skill, and appear likely to maintain the School's high standard.

The team spirit, throughout the season, has been excellent, and all boys have enjoyed their games irrespective of the results.

Our facilities show no sign of improvement and still compare most unfavourably with those of every other grammar school we play.

Our thanks are especially due to Messrs. Warren, Way, Wayne, Barkell, Berry, Vanstone, Adams and Pethick, who gave so willingly and regularly of their leisure time to ensure the successful organisation of our games, and to many other masters who readily deputise for them when required.

The complete record is :

						<i>Goals</i>	
	<i>P.</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	
1st XI.	18	14	2	2	75	22	
2nd XI.	14	9	0	5	54	25	
Colts XI.	15	10	3	2	61	24	
Under 15 XI.	16	7	4	5	28	25	
Under 14 XI.	11	7	0	4	42	35	
Under 13 XI.	12	8	3	1	39	7	

COLOURS :

1st XI. : Renewed—Letcher, Hitchens, Thompson, Townsend, Kelly, Bramwich.

Awarded : Bossom, Tremeer, Boyce, Davis, Cotterell.

2nd XI. : Renewed—Yate, March, Woodfield, Harris (D. S.).

Awarded—Daniels, Quick (M.), Quick (B.), Sanderson.

CRITIQUE.

HITCHENS (Goalkeeper). He is fearless, strong, and reliable.

TOWNSEND (right back). A sound defender, who has improved since his conversion from centre-forward.

BOSSOM (left back). He kicks well, but must stop dribbling in the penalty area.

TREMEER (right half). Very sound, seemingly tireless, he has given good service to the team.

LETCHER (Capt.) (centre half). Has played strongly all the season; needs practise in heading the high ball.

BOYCE (left half). An excellent ball player, feeds well but a little slow in recovery.

THOMPSON (right wing). He has played well in this unaccustomed position. Shooting not good.

DAVIS (inside right). Dribbles well, but must develop more fire.

KELLY (centre-forward). Has a good shot and good ball control, but should bring his other forwards more into the game.

COTTERELL (inside left). The brains of the attack, he has played well; he should try a surprise shot more often.

BRAMWICH (outside left). He has speed and good ball control. Has had a good season. H.G.W.

Senior.		HOUSE MATCHES.		Junior.			
Grenville	2	Gilbert	0	Drake	3	Raleigh	1
Raleigh	5	Drake	2	Grenville	1	Gilbert	1
Gilbert	4	Drake	3	Raleigh	1	Grenville	1
Grenville	2	Raleigh	1	Gilbert	6	Drake	0
Grenville	3	Drake	1	Grenville	3	Drake	2
Gilbert	2	Raleigh	0	Gilbert	4	Raleigh	2

G. A. F. HITCHENS, *Hon. Secretary.*

Boxing Club

President : The Head Master.

Master in Charge : Mr. J. P. Reynish, M.Sc.

Captain : G. R. Wattle.

Vice-Captain : R. G. Collings.

Secretary : A. P. B. Wilmot.

The Club, with its first season just completed, has achieved unexpected success.

Training periods have been held regularly twice a week, except during the first half of the Summer Term, and between 60 and 70 boys have, at some time or another, been along to "don the gloves."—some merely "birds of passage," but a strong nucleus of members has existed from the beginning.

Two matches were held against other clubs, followed later by individual contests in Championship events, as listed below.

MATCH RESULTS.

Match 1: Versus the combined 12th Plymouth and 13th Devonport Scouts. Held at the D.H.S. Assembly Hall, 20th December, 1948. Result: Win 8 bouts to 6. D.H.S. winners—Pick, Dooley, Ford, Wortlehook, B. W. Atkins, J. Evans, Jane, Wattlely.

Match 2: Versus Plymouth College. Held at the College, gymnasium 28th January, 1949. Result, Lost 4 bouts to 7. D.H.S. winners—J. Evans, Wilmot, Lloyd, Wattlely.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

1. *School Championship at 10st. 6lbs.:*
Wilmot beat Lloyd on points.
2. *Plymouth Schools Championships:*
Held at the Corn Exchange, 8th and 9th February, 1949.
WINNERS: A. C. Atkins, B. W. Atkins, Bradford, J. Evans, Jane, Seviour, Gibbs, Porter.
RUNNERS UP: Lloyd, Hugo, Garrett, Evens, Curtice.
3. *West of England Championships:*
Held at Poole, Dorset, 12th March, 1949.
WINNERS: J. Evans, P. Jane.
RUNNERS UP: Bradford, Seviour, B. W. Atkins.
4. *Western Area Championships:*
Versus the champions of Wales, held at Weymouth, 19th March, 1949.
WINNERS: J. Evans, P. Jane.
5. *British Championship Semi-Finals:*
Held at Slough Social Centre, 26th March, 1949.
RUNNERS UP: J. Evans, P. Jane.

A notable performance in these semi-finals was that of J. Evans, who battled on with a broken left thumb. He lost only very narrowly on points.

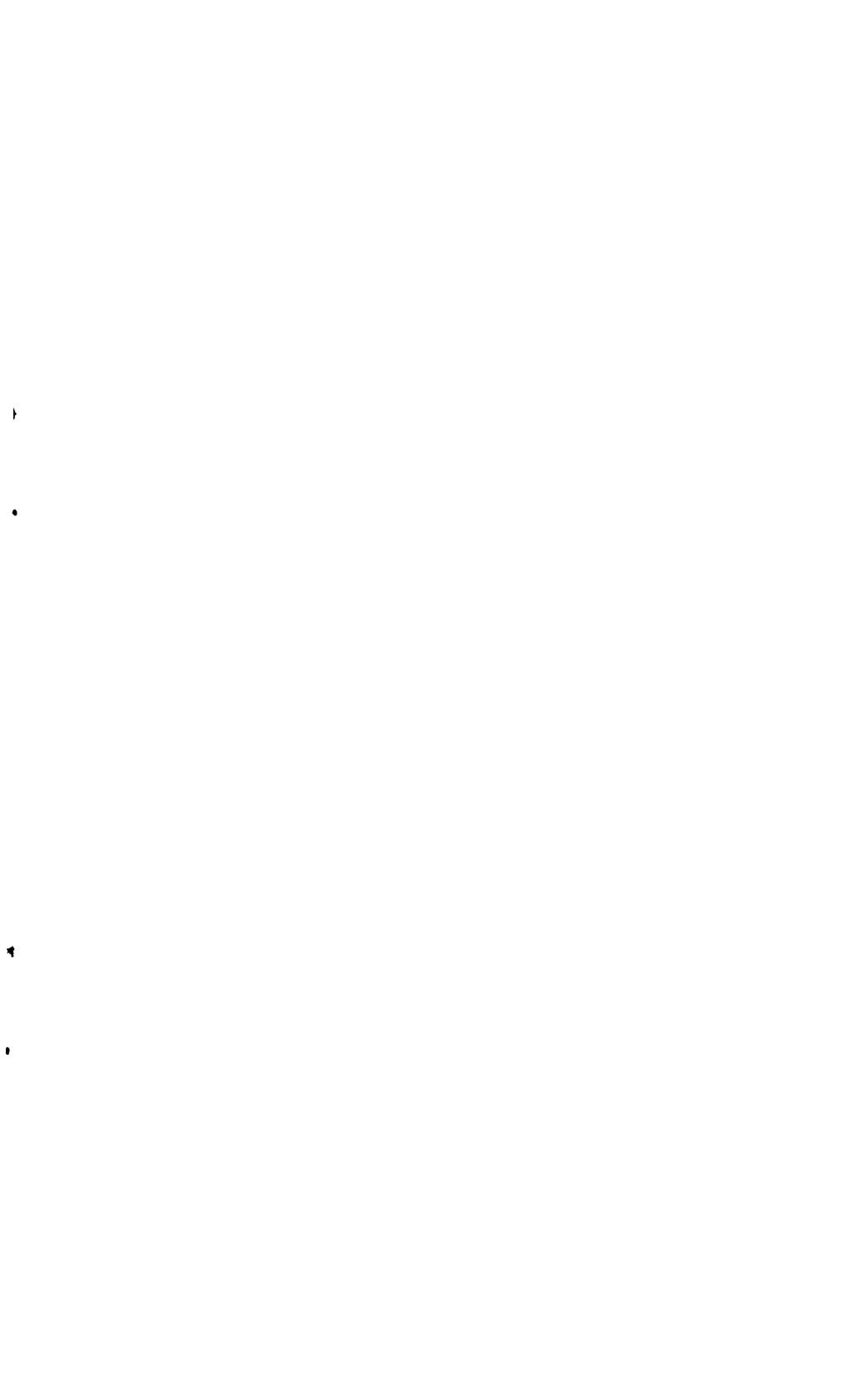
Presentation of Cups.

The then acting Head Master, Mr. R. Ferraro presented individual cups to J. Evans and P. Jane in his office on 1st April, 1949, in the presence of the Boxing Club members. The cups were in recognition of the fine performances of these two lads in reaching the semi-final stage of the British Schoolboy Championships.

Re-start of Training.

Training will begin again during the latter half of this term in preparation for next season. Times will be posted later.

A. P. B. WILMOT, *Hon. Secretary.*





WELCOME TO D. H. S.

“ The old order changeth, yielding place to new.”

And yet there is a continuity in life, for tradition survives even when challenged ; how much more it persists when the new shoot is grafted to the old branch, and the roots that are pruned remain to grow stronger. S. G. Barker, Esq., M.A., LL.B., to whom last term we were formally introduced, this term commenced life with us as our Headmaster.

The “ old order ” has yielded place ; but the new has done, and we feel will do, nothing to mar our long and honourable tradition : on the contrary. Mr. Barker is already very much of us, has impressed upon us the stamp of his personality, has shaken some of us into renewed vitality, and has identified himself with every aspect of School and out-of-School life, and with the preservation and continuance of our tradition.

It did not take us long to realize that here is a man who knows what he wants and how to get it, and who can inspire with enthusiasm and confidence—as Overbury said : “ His word and his meaning never shake hands and part.” We are fortunate that his desires are the School's needs, that what he wants we want, that his goal is ours ; the School identifies itself with him, and he with it.

Mr. Barker has come to us after wide and varied experience— at Wilson's Grammar School, as Head of the English Department at St. Alban's School, as Headmaster of the Newport Secondary Grammar School, Isle of Wight, and before that as a Major in the Hampshire Regiment during the war. We welcome him, knowing that he is going to be happy with us and we with him, and that in his hands the School will maintain its honourable place in academic spheres and the world of sport.

To Mrs. Barker also, whom most of us were privileged to meet on Sports Day, we extend a hearty greeting. May she and the Headmaster enjoy a long, happy and prosperous association with Devonport High School.

The Athletic Sports

Collings Park, Wednesday, 10th May, 1949

The fine weather which enabled standards and heats to be run and which remained for the mile and the finals of the long jump had broken by Sports Day. White flannels and blazers soon yielded place to raincoats, and the state of the track deteriorated as the afternoon wore on. We were, therefore, very grateful to the distinguished visitors who graced the function, and to all the many spectators for their presence. We particularly welcomed the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and Rear-Admiral Brockman who presented the trophies.

The competition for the House Championship Shield was very keen, and Grenville and Raleigh were so close that at the finish of the sports a wrong decision was given. Our congratulations are due to Grenville for a well-fought victory, and our commiserations to Raleigh for a bitter disappointment.

Though the standard of performance was generally high, the poor condition of the track prevented more than two records from being broken. Read reduced the record for the 100 yards (—15) from 11.4 secs. to 11 secs. Gibbs also broke the Hurdles (Open) record, reducing the record of 18.2 secs. to 18.1 secs.

The Revington Relay Cup was won by Grenville House.

The Victor Ludorum Cup (Track Events) was won jointly by D. Willcocks (Raleigh) and G. A. F. Hitchens (Drake).

The Treseder Cup (Field Events) was won by J. D. Peakall (Grenville).

The Under 16 Champion (Track Events) was C. D. Selley (Raleigh).

The Under 16 Champion (Field Events) was Thurston (Grenville).

The Under 15 Champion was Lang (Grenville).

The Under 14 Champion was A. D. Appleby (Grenville).

The Under 13 Champion was P. Miller (Drake).

The Under 12 Champion was A. C. Atkins (Grenville).

Final points in the *House Championships* were :

Drake 208½ ; *Gilbert* 166½ ; *Grenville* 220½ ; *Raleigh* 218½.

The Headmaster, introducing Admiral Brockman, welcomed the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. H. J. Perry) and all the spectators, especially in view of the weather. He hoped parents would support other school functions as well as they had supported the Sports and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Nash and the House Masters for the amount of work which they had put into the organisation of a whole season of athletics.

Admiral Brockman, President of the Devon County Rugby Association, hoped that the competitors would take the same spirit into everyday life as they had brought to the sports. Good health, he said, was one of the greatest of God's gifts.

DEVON PUBLIC AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS

A more glorious day could not have been chosen for the tenth meeting of the Association, held at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth this year. The running surface was in magnificent condition, as was shown by the many fine performances achieved, and the Captain and Staff of the College are to be congratulated on the smoothness and efficiency with which the meeting was held. With 14 schools participating the final placings were :

1st, R.N. College, Dartmouth ; 2nd, Blundell's ; 3rd, Kelly College ; 4th, Devonport High School ; 5th, Hele's School ; 6th, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

The excellence of our performance is borne out by the fact that only the public schools beat us. With better training facilities we should be able to overtake even them next year.

At the conclusion of the meeting the shield was presented to the College by Lord Roborough.

The standard on both track and field was high. In the field events Peakall, the Athletics' Captain, gained first place in the discus, throwing 114ft. 8½ins., less than 4 feet off the record, a very fine performance. Bramwich also did well to gain third place in the hop, step and Jump, jumping over 38 feet. Our entrants were unplaced in the Shot, Javelin, High Jump and Long Jump, and it is obvious that much practice is necessary in the future.

In the Track events the success of the Junior relay team—Read, Rose, Goswell and Lang, was first class. Their time of 1 min. 44.8 secs. was only 0.3 secs. behind the record created by our team last year. In the mile Hitchens gained 4th place, the winner's time of 4 mins. 45 secs. being a new record. In the 880 yards and 440 yards we were unplaced. A record of 2 mins. 6.9 secs. was set up for the 880 yards. In the 100 yards, won by R.N. in 10.4 secs., Peakall gained fifth place. Gibbs hurdled well to gain fourth place in the 120 yards hurdles event.

School Team : Peakall (Captain), Hitchens, Gibbs, Kelly, Thurston, Starks, Juniper, Willcocks, Bramwich, Read, Rose, Lang, Goswell.

On June 11th the School senior relay team of Peakall, Yate, Gibbs and Hitchens, took part in the Inter-Schools invitation relay at the South Devon Technical College Sports, held at Plainmoor, Torquay. The team failed to get into the final, but this failure may safely be adjudged to the fact that they drew the outside lane on a poor track, and were consequently unable to show their best form.

The Junior Relay team of Rose, Goswell, Allgood and Wotton, on the same day did exceptionally well to win the Junior Relay event at the Royal Dockyard Sports.

G. A. F. HITCHENS.

ATHLETICS MATCH versus H.M.S. FISGUARD

A new fixture has been introduced into the School's athletic meetings. Captain C. M. Morrell, C.B.E., R.N., Commanding Officer of H.M.S. Fisguard has presented a cup, to be competed for annually between the School and H.M.S. Fisguard.

The meeting this year was held on June 15th, in perfect weather, with a hard and fast track. After a really first-class struggle, the School emerged triumphant by four points. We thank the Captain and all concerned for this new opportunity and for a very useful and pleasureable evening.

The programme consisted of twelve events : one mile, 100 yards, high jump, long jump, discus, 220 yards, pole vault, 880 yards, javelin, 440 yards, putting-the-weight, four x 110 yards relay. H.M.S. Fisguard won seven events and the School five. Peakall our Athletics Captain, was outstanding, winning three events—the 100 yards in 10.6 secs., the discus with a throw of 87ft. 10ins., and the shot, which he threw 34ft. 10ins. In the most exciting event of the afternoon, the 440 yards, the School gained maximum points, Selley running extremely well to win in 57 secs. The mile was won by Hitchens with a time of 4 mins. 55 2/5th secs. In the four x 110 yards relay, after taking the lead, the School fell at the first change, and Fisguard won in 49 secs. The final points were : D.H.S. 55, H.M.S. Fisguard 50.

School Team : Peakall (capt.), Hitchens, Yate, Gibbs, Starks, Hugo, Thurston, Bramwich, Juniper, Thomas H. D., Smith, Letcher, Hurd, Daniells, Selley.

G. A. F. HITCHENS.

Tennis Club

After a lapse of ten years the Club has been revived. At the first meeting a Secretary was appointed, the election of a Captain being deferred until the question of possible inter-school matches has been settled. Such great enthusiasm greeted the revival that, unfortunately, membership has had to be limited to the Sixth Form ; even so, the Club is forty strong.

Regular meetings of the Club take place every Thursday at Collings Park, and two coaching lessons are held each week at School. Competition is very keen at the moment, and even if inter-school matches cannot be arranged, members hope with a little more experience to challenge the Staff to a match.

A. STAUGHTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

D.H.S. Dramatic Groups

President: The Headmaster.

"BADGER'S GREEN."

Many cricket matches have been seen on the famous Badger's Green since the memorable day on which Mr. Butler, a speculative builder—played by Maurice Cotton and Gordon Thompson—refrained from exploiting the beauties of that corner of rural England because he stayed on to help the gallant villagers to victory.

Not a good play in spite of its authorship, when produced by Mr. H. Whitfield and acted by D.H.S. boys it became excellent entertainment, and all are to be congratulated on a good piece of work. Most amateur groups find it difficult to fill the parts, but Mr. Whitfield has so much talent available that he allocated two players to one part, *and* the same evening produced a second play with another large cast.

The outstanding performance was by Kenneth Gilbert, who portrayed the part of Doctor Wetherby so naturally and convincingly that it was difficult not to forget that he was just a boy at School. His use of restrained gesture and movement at the right moment could have been an example to many older actors. To Derek March fell the difficult task of playing the peppery old Major Forrester. His complete and sustained change of voice and actions to match were admirable. Howard Pomeroy's Mr. Twigg was a delightful study, in comedy and mime, of the simple but sincere villager at the beck and call of his "betters" while still maintaining his own individuality.

How envious girls' schools must be over the question of the opposite sex in plays, for while it is possible for boys to play female parts convincingly, a girl seldom makes a successful boy. What a galaxy of beauty the School has produced during the last twelve years, and is still able to produce on demand. Mr. Butler's secretary was a charming young lady, with a charming voice, when played by Terence Sullivan, and Mary, the maid at the Doctor's house, played by Raymond Parnell, was an attractive young domestic. Both these characters were convincing. Antony Pinches was a typical student on vacation. The small parts were well played by Brian Reed, Michael Yates, Ronald Saunders and John Truscott, while Gilbert Hitchens as Mr. Rogers, the landlord of the Blue Boar, and Gordon Thompson and Maurice Cotton (Morgan, a villager) completed the cast.

AARON'S FIELD.

"I am amazed at the brilliance of their achievement, and have nothing but high praise for all concerned with the production," and later, "I was staggered by what they did. I think it was a wonderful and inspiring performance."

These are the words of Mr. Herbert M. Prentice, the adjudicator at the British Drama League's Community Festival, and every word was well deserved. I was thrilled with the beauty of the production, and left the theatre deeply moved. It seemed impossible that a group of boys, some acting for the first time, could rise to such heights and leave the audience wishing for more and yet more. Whether we think of stage setting, effects, costumes, music, speech or characterisation it is the story of perfect parts making a perfect whole. I am going to be bold enough to say that "Aaron's Field" was the most perfect performance I have seen this season, and it was the worst of bad luck that the cast was broken up before further performances could be given and before the Divisional Finals of the Festival.

David Honey, who played the title role, gave a most sincere and sensitive interpretation of the part, and his performance, which will always remain a cherished memory, must have been an inspiration to the rest of the large cast. There was not a weak link in the succession of characters who appeared, each giving a distinct and distinctive portrayal of a true-to-life individual. The various dialects were well spoken, and each character was completely convincing. It is difficult to single out any for special praise. My selections may not be yours, but I commend Donald Hamley who gave such a splendid portrayal of the Industrialist, Derek March who played the Squire with distinction, John Weatherdon who was so convincing as the Farmer, Michael Johnson for his aggressive socialist Hiker, and Ronald Sanders who gave such a fine performance as the Builder. Others may prefer Anthony Pinches (Vicar), Gordon Thompson (Town Planner), Malvern Cooke (National Trust) and John Davis and David Mills (Wardens). The beautiful voices of Terence Sullivan (Narrator) and Kenneth Gilbert (The Voice) made the performance complete. Tribute must be paid to that incomparable team who worked so hard and well to make the plays a success—Messrs. H. F. H. Whitfeld (Producer), A. W. Jenkins (Stage Manager), F. R. Coombe (Lighting), J. W. George and S. H. Quarterman (Settings), N. J. May (Musical Effects), Mrs. E. W. R. Warn (Verse Speaking) and Mrs. H. Whitfeld who was largely responsible for the convincingly spoken dialect. On behalf of all who so thoroughly enjoyed both plays and on my own behalf "Thank you, everyone." C. H. FOSTER.

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JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Once again the Junior Society have made creditable appearances at the Plymouth Youth Drama Festival. Very courageously, Mr. J. G. Nicholas decided to produce Act III. of "The Torch-bearers" by George Kelly. In the words of the Adjudicator, Mr. Hamilton Price, "this is one of the most difficult scenes I have ever had to produce in the professional theatre." With the aid of the skilled production and drive of Mr. Nicholas and the excellent team-work of his cast, however, these difficulties were overcome; once again in the words of the Adjudicator, the play was "very well produced and the overlapping speeches and dove-tailing were handled most professionally. A good rattling pace was kept throughout, and the atmosphere of burlesque was well-conveyed without being overdone. The team work of this company was exceptionally good—the "ladies" of the cast were excellent." Among those whose acting merited special mention were M. J. Rich, who sustained the key part of Madame Pampinelli most amusingly and convincingly, W. F. Baser, who made a delightful "leading lady," and W. J. Hunt, who showed good sense of character in the part of Teddy. B. Cross must learn to speak more clearly, and R. A. Cross marred an otherwise sound performance by being a little too self-conscious in his movements and gestures. A new recruit, K. W. Loach, gave a very promising performance in the part of Mr. Spindler, the highly flustered electrician.

A student teacher, Mr. E. B. Dunne, was kind enough to undertake the production of "The Man in the Bowler Hat" by A. A. Milne. In spite of his enthusiasm in so freely giving up of his spare time, the cast showed no realisation of the first lesson that every amateur dramatic society must learn—success and the enjoyment of that success are the reward of weeks of strenuous and heart-breaking rehearsal. As a consequence their play was not up to the high standard expected from the School Dramatic Society. A. C. Peak, who played the part of Mary, a domesticated housewife, showed considerable promise, however.

The Society would wish, I feel sure, to thank both Mr. J. G. Nicholas and Mr. E. B. Dunne for giving so freely of their skill and enthusiasm.

ANON.

ART CLUB

An Art Club has recently been revived for Seniors, and will be extended to the Junior School as soon as it is practically possible.

The aims are to encourage drawing, painting and craft-work as spare-time activities. Boys who do not take Art as a School subject, but who are interested, will be very welcome. I.W.G.

Out of School Activities

CHESS CLUB.

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Masters in Charge : MR. E. H. BERRY, MR. B. R. ADAMS,
Mr. J. D. White.

Secretary : L. W. Pillar.

The Club has come to the end of a successful year, characterised by increased activity and larger attendances at the weekly meetings. A Beginner's Section has also been formed, and attended regularly by about twenty boys. The programme of inter-school matches has been fuller than ever before, including a complete set of matches for the Juniors for the first time. We welcome the formation of a Chess Club at Plymouth High School for Girls, and a match with them has been arranged.

The record for the School teams during the year is as follows :

	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>
Seniors	8	5	2	1
Juniors	9	0	1	8

As will be seen, the Seniors have enjoyed a successful season. The most consistent players were : 1, G. Allin, 5G ; 2, L. W. Pillar, 6 Sc. ; 3, A. P. B. Wilmot, 6 Sc. ; 4, K. Blundell, U. 6 Sc. ; 5, B. L. Hutchings, 5 L ; 6, A. Evens, 2 A ; and 7, D. Hugo, 6 Sc.

The Juniors, however, have failed to find success, but have gradually been improving with the discovery of new material among whom A. Evens, of 2 A, has shown considerable ability, and should do very well in the future.

The "ladder tournament" is still in progress, the leading positions being occupied by : B. L. Hutchings, 5 L. ; L. W. Pillar, 6 Sc. ; A. P. B. Wilmot, 6 Sc. ; D. Hugo, 6 Sc. ; A. Taylor, 4 A.

We congratulate A. P. B. Wilmot on winning the School Championship Tournament, which has been in progress throughout the year. We thank Mr. Adams for providing a cup for this event and for devoting so much of his time to the welfare of the Club.

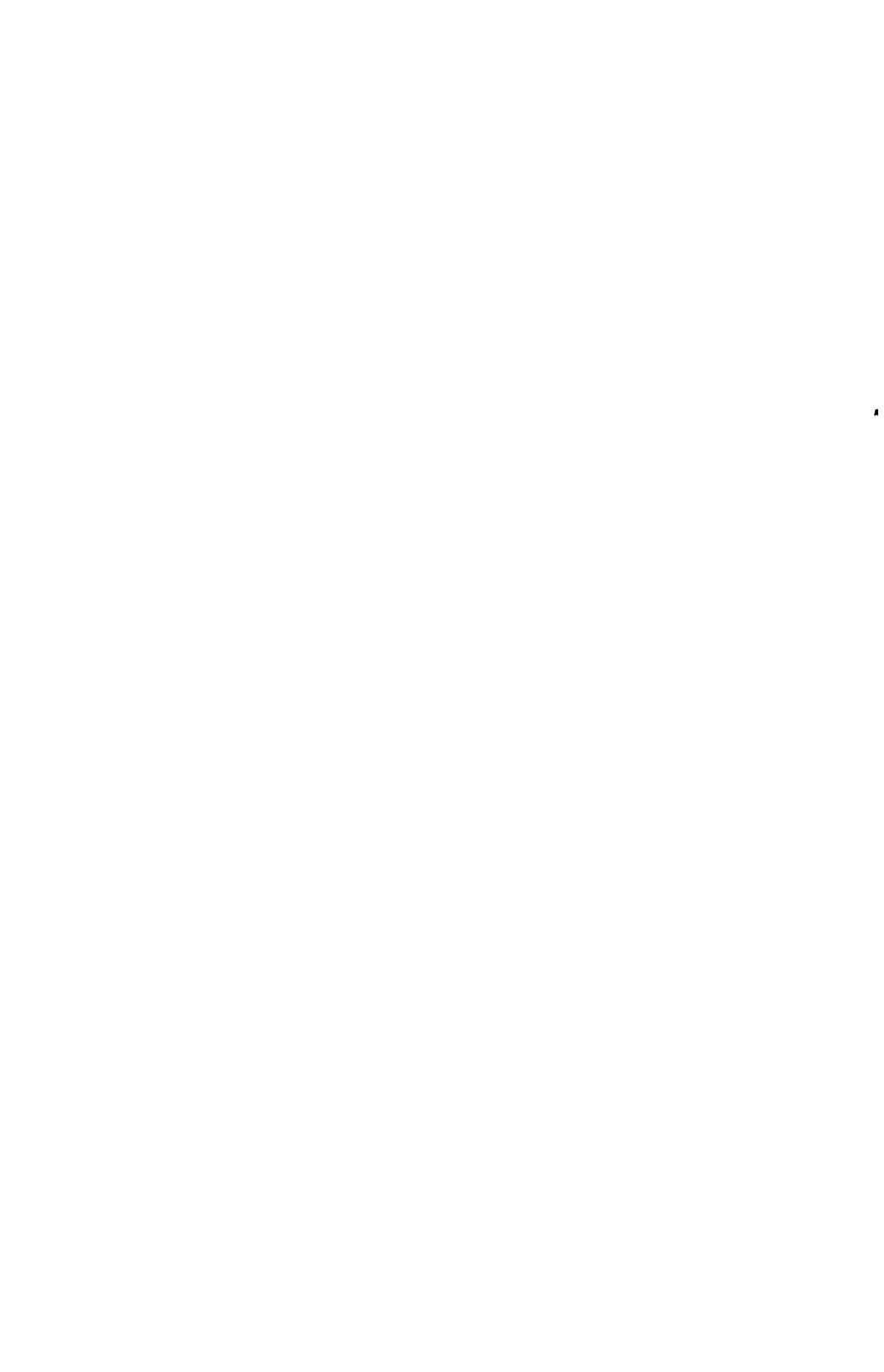
Two series of House matches have been played, for which a cup is being presented for the first time. The winners were : Drake, with 11 points ; followed by Raleigh, 7 points ; and Gilbert and Grenville with 3 points each.

Next term the Chess Club will be starting again on a full programme, and we shall welcome all newcomers of any age or ability.

L. W. PILLAR, *Sec.*



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SCIENCE SOCIETY.

President: The Headmaster.

The membership this session has exceeded sixty, which is satisfactory, just, for an organisation whose members are drawn from the fifth and sixth forms only. It is hoped and expected, however, that in such a body of enthusiasts will be found not only keen audiences and practical workers, but some few with the initiative to suggest and, with help, develop still more activities.

Since the last edition of the Magazine, the activities of the Society have been numerous. Members have had the pleasure and privilege of lectures on a variety of subjects, the majority of which have been illustrated by films or exhibits. Excursions have been made to several places of scientific interest.

An innovation to the structure of the Society has been the formation of a Radio Section, under the guidance of Mr. Carter. This section, available to all interested members, enables enthusiasts to build radio sets and carry out experimental work in electronics at the lowest possible cost to themselves.

The Photographic Section has been hard at work. The "still" photographers have been busy preparing an exhibition of work for the forthcoming Garden Party. The cinematographers have filmed the Rugby Club's 1st XV. home match with Hele's School, Exeter, and also the Annual Athletic Sports Meeting, and are now busy editing and titling the latter in readiness for public showing at the end of term.

Finally, the Committee, and the Society as a whole, wish to express their gratitude to those gentlemen who have so kindly lectured to us, or given us facilities for our visits.

J. D. PEAKALL, *Hon. Sec.*

D.H.S. STAMP CLUB.

This Club meets every Thursday afternoon after School at 4.05 p.m. in the form-room of Form IV. G. Block B. All boys interested in stamps should belong to the Club, as it gives excellent opportunities of increasing rapidly the size of your collection by teaching you much about stamps you have probably never even thought of. You will become more interested than ever in this fascinating hobby.

Whether you are a beginner with an empty album and your first packet of stamps or a specialist with many very valuable stamps you will be welcome and will find it interesting to compare notes.

The Club is competitive. There is keen rivalry to obtain points in competitions, or displays, or by giving illustrated talks to the Club, and some handsome prizes have been won.

As a member of D.H.S. and a stamp collector you owe it to yourself and the School to join YOUR Stamp Club.

J. D. MILLS, *Hon. Secretary.*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

President: The Headmaster.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. D. H. Clark.

Secretary: D. A. Pinches, U.V.I.A.

During the latter half of the 1948-9 session the Society has been forced to compete with many difficulties—the usual examinations, rehearsals of the Dramatic Society's production and recently-instituted dancing classes at Devonport High School for Girls. A very extensive programme has not, therefore, been possible.

We were privileged, during the Christmas term, to hear Mr. F. G. Holley speak on "America." Mr. Holley spoke from experience, having recently completed a period as Minister of a Congregational Church in the U.S.A. The talk was illustrated by a specimen of American taste in Clerical adornment. We are very grateful to Mr. Whitfeld for arranging this most interesting meeting.

A motion that "Blood sports are a necessary and desirable aspect of English country life" was defeated, as was a motion that "Universal peace would ruin Plymouth."

On the 11th March a "Brains Trust," composed of Mr. Clark, K. Blundell and K. Gilbert, ably answered members questions. Questions ranged from the value of pure mathematics to the employment of the last twenty-four hours of members' lives.

On the 25th March it was decided in a Balloon Debate that Bernard Shaw, Bishop Barnes and Sam Costa should, if necessary, be ejected from a balloon to preserve Professor Einstein.

Members of the Society, together with members from Plymouth College, were guests of Plymouth High School for Girls when the Secretary proposed the motion: "That this house is in full agreement with the maxim 'Let us eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.'" The motion was carried. We thank our hosts for their hospitality, and hope to return it next term.

D. A. PINCHES, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCOUT LOG (18TH DEVONPORT).

Since the last edition of the School Magazine, the Under-15 Troop has increased so much that it has been necessary to form a Fifth patrol—the Stags. Several years have passed since the Troop last had a Stag Patrol, and we take this opportunity of welcoming it back, and of wishing it the best of luck in future years.

Almost every member of the Boy Scout section has now passed his Second Class Badge, and several are well on the way to gaining their First Class Badge. During the Easter vacation they attended

a camp at Maker, in which all the newcomers to the Troop tasted their first sample of camp cooking. Whilst at camp, several Scouts passed the greater part of their Observer's Badge.

The Troop Camp for this summer will be held from the 16th July to the 23rd July, at Houghton Farm, Ringmore, Bigbury, and it is hoped that as many Scouts as possible will attend.

In the Senior Patrol, almost everyone has gained his First Class Badge, and is concentrating on the King Scout Badge. Six of the Patrol gained the Ambulance Badge during the holidays, and some were successful in their Adventure Hike for the Venturer's Badge. Progress is also being made in the Pioneer and Handyman Badges.

Unlike the Under-15 Troop, the Senior Patrol has not been increased. Last term, its Patrol Leader D. March left school for a position in the Civil Service. We wish him the best of luck, and "Good Scouting" in the future. Best wishes are also offered to G. R. Wattlely who is now in the Army. He used to be the Patrol Leader of the Scott Patrol when it was first formed, and on becoming a Rover Squire, helped to manage the Under-15 Troop.

During the "Bob-a-Job" week, the Troop collected approximately six pounds. This was earned in various ways, from house-decorating and tree-felling, to running errands. Everybody pulled his weight, and even the newest member contributed towards the total sum.

D.R.W. Form 6 A.

MUSIC CLUB.

After a successful trial term the Club has quickly established itself among the activities of the School. During the Spring Term activities have been varied and expansion has been slow but sure. As the Club increased in numbers and popularity, groups attended such noteworthy performances as the Gigli recital and a concert by the Western Philharmonic Society, at reduced prices. In these ventures the members supported the Club very well, and both were completely successful. Our first guest and lecturer, will, we hope, be Mr. Pryor, the musical director of the Plymouth Orchestral Society. We look forward to an interesting evening.

The Thursday concerts were in danger of being cancelled owing to a breakdown of the School radiogram, but we were saved by the timely help of Cross, of 6 Arts, who very kindly lent us a new, portable gramophone; to him also we extend our grateful thanks. These concerts have covered a fairly wide range of music, from Mozartian opera, of which Mr. Maw presented a very enjoyable programme, to modern British music. Now that the Club has gained self-confidence we can look towards the next Winter Term in hopeful anticipation.

T. M. BOSSOM, *Hon. Secretary.*

Parents' Association

President : The Headmaster.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. W. H. Way, B.Sc.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. H. G. Warren, B.Sc.

Committee : Parents representing each year in the School.

The Association has enjoyed another successful year both in providing valuable contacts between parents and staff and in assisting with the provision of prizes and sports equipment.

In November last year, in the School Assembly Hall, the Association was "At Home" to the Staff. During the evening a Brains Trust, consisting of parents and staff with Mr. Buckley as Question Master, provided entertaining answers to questions pertaining to school affairs, and then there was opportunity afterwards for staff and parents to meet informally. As this function marked Mr. Buckley's retirement as President, the Association wished him farewell and on their behalf Mrs. Peakall presented Mr. and Mrs. Buckley with a chromium tea-pot, hot water jug and tray.

During March a similar "get together" function was held when the earlier part of the evening consisted of musical items provided by boys in the School. On each of these occasions the Ladies Committee generously provided light refreshments.

In April, the Mayflower Players presented "The Man from the Ministry" at D.H.S. for Girls, on behalf of the Association funds. The play was greatly enjoyed by those present, but although the weather was far from kind we would have welcomed a larger attendance.

In May and June we organised two more enjoyable coach outings to Dartington Hall, where we were conducted over parts of the estate and given opportunity of seeing many of its activities. The return journey was via Dartmouth, Torcross and Kingsbridge. As many parents were unable to go this year we shall probably repeat the trip next year.

We feel that the Association has much useful work to do for the School and urge all parents to become members and to do their utmost to make its functions a success. H.G.W.

Careers

TO THE OLD BOYS.

The newly-appointed Careers' Master would greatly appreciate details from Old Boys—whose careers are of special interest, are unusual, or which open up new possibilities—of the method of attainment, special qualifications, scope and type of work or the duties involved. Routine jobs are well known. We want to extend our field by every possible means, and should welcome your help. *Please communicate with W. H. Way, Esq., B.Sc., Careers Master, at the School.*

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Some members of the Association had the privilege of meeting our new President and Headmaster of the School, Mr. S. G. Barker, M.A., LL.B., at the Rugby Club's Supper Party, but this is the first time since he arrived at Easter that the parent body have been able to express to him their very best wishes for a successful and happy sojourn at D.H.S. Mr. Barker has already shown a keen interest in the constitution and activities of the Association.

These general notes, coming as they do at the middle of the summer term, have very often to refer to events which have taken place some time ago. The most important of these references is to the Annual Dinner held at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel in December, 1948. About 90 diners sat down to enjoy the evening, listening to the speeches and the music. Mr. Michael Foot, M.P., was the guest of the Association, and he lived up to his reputation as a clever and witty speaker. He twisted and turned his words until he had the whole-hearted attention and acclamation of those present. For the President, Mr. W. H. Buckley, it was a sadder moment, as he had just retired from his Headship, and during the evening there were many references to this, and the General Secretary made a presentation to him on behalf of the Association. Sir Clifford Tozer was in good form during the evening, and, with Messrs. H. Ferraro, E. E. Cock, C. Gill, F. C. Olford, also spoke. Mr. Littlejohns arranged the musical programme, and Mr. Warn was the dinner secretary.

I appeal to all former boys of the School to support the Association in its activities, and to attend all possible School functions. As far as is practicable the principal School occasions are shown in the Magazine, a limited number of official invitations are sent out but most of us know boys at present at the School and they are as willing as ever to advertise important events. The Rugby club

is the most active branch locally, and it has had a good season. All Old Boys are asked to support them with their presence at matches, their suppers and their excursions.

There has been a fair response to a circular sent to over 1,000 Old Boys appealing for subscriptions to be paid at once, but the response is still far below expectation. So many Old Boys have been lost sight of during the late war that it behoves each one of us to encourage all D.H.Sians of our acquaintance to send their subscriptions to the Treasurer immediately. The annual subscription is 3/- (from July to July), but it is recommended that a cheque or P.O. be sent to cover a number of years. This overcomes forgetfulness and saves the Treasurer a lot of work.

PERSONAL COLUMN.

News and letters have been received from the following Old D.H.Sians.

Mr. R. J. Werry, B.Sc., is now Headmaster of Redcar Lane County School.

John Wakely, after serving for three years in the Navy, is now living in Wallasey.

Comdr. Clayton-Smith, R.N., has left the Admiralty, and is now at R.N. Barracks, Lee-on-Solent, Gosport, Hants.

R. Lewis, after ten years abroad, is now at The Hotel, Portreath, Cornwall.

John Carter is now an Instr. S./Lt., R.N., at the Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, Somerset, where he has met David Cliffe.

Mr. A. Hutchings, a former master, sends his kind regards to all to whom he is known. He is Headmaster of a school near Sheffield.

A. Boyd Cowan, writing from Shotley, Suffolk, is looking forward to the end of his twelve years' service in the Royal Navy. He hopes to settle as a civilian in Hong Kong, and would like to know if there are any Old D.H.Sians working there.

R. W. Barrow has been promoted from the Army Audit Staff to an Administrative post at the War Office.

R. Gaskin is at present serving in the Mediterranean on H.M.S. Liverpool.

N. E. Chaff has just returned from Trincomalee, and his new address is Park House, Queen's Road, Portland, Dorset.

Leonard Shortt, of Torpoint, informs us that he has been accepted as Fellow of the Philosophical Society as a result of a recently completed thesis.

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

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Plymouth.

Committee Member : S. D. Bartlett.

The Rugby Club welcomes the new Headmaster, Mr. Barker, and trusts that his association with the School will be a long and a happy one.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 30th May, 1949, at the School, the above officers being elected for season 1949-50. The Secretary in his report for the past season showed that the season had been a fairly successful one, although numerically the results did not reflect that state of affairs. We gave games to over 50 Old Boys, tried to play Rugby, enjoyed ourself in the process, and gave our opponents good and hard games. Our fixture list last season was quite formidable, including Paignton, Hayle, St. Luke's College XV. and S.E. Essex Technical College, as well as our traditional opponents, Kingsbridge, Salcombe, Argaum, etc.

The Club still uses the pitches at Roborough, and although it is a fair way out of town, we at least have a ground of our own, and even if the changing accommodation is a little "Heath Robinson," it is a far cry from the days when the Club played in the Central Park, and virtually changed in the hedge.

Several new features of Club activities were introduced last year such as a weekly training night at the Gym., and also the Club masseur, who was made available to treat all our members free of cost. The weekly training night, although not very well attended, was a great asset, and will be persevered with. Social events this last year were rather limited, but included the usual Club Draws and a highly successful Children's Christmas Party. The Club Dinner was held on the Tuesday after Easter, and was a great success. We were honoured at this function by the presence of Mr. Barker and also of Engineer Rear Admiral Brockman, the President of the Devon Rugby Union.

A loss to the Club was the departure of Mr. L. Warren from the town, to take up an appointment in Birmingham. Mr. Warren's services to the Club, both as Secretary in pre-war days, and as Chairman since the war, were praised by many speakers at the A.G.M., and he was unanimously elected as a Vice-President of the Club.

For next season, 1949/50, most of our plans have been laid, and with a little more fresh talent, we look forward to a successful season. We aim to take our membership over the 100 mark, and hope that any Old Boy who has played or even is interested in Rugby will join the Club.

The fixture list for next season is almost complete, newcomers to date being Launceston, Teignmouth Reserves and Brixham Reserves. It is hoped to arrange to return the visit of S.E. Essex Technical College, by playing a morning match with them in London, and then in the afternoon, visiting Twickenham to witness an International match. It is proposed to enter the Club for both the Lockie and the Devon Junior Cups.

We note that a number of the younger members are now in the Forces doing their service training. M. Brereton is in the Armoured Corps, and we believe has departed for the Far East; Reid and Honey are in the R.A.F. at Padgate; Page also is in the R.A.F., whilst J. Lakeman shortly joins the Army, R.E.M.E. Of course there is also a flow in the opposite direction, and we look forward to the return of such players as Quantick and Good. W. Ellis, having returned from service abroad with the Army, has unfortunately left the town to take up an appointment in Birmingham. J. Tozer is now in Iraq. T. Healey has returned from abroad and is now on a ship at Plymouth, so we hope to see a little of him, even if not in a playing capacity. H. Blasberry, a Wing Commander in the R.A.F., and a pre-war player, is in America on a staff job, whilst W. Wood, a pre-war Captain of the Club is at an Atom Research station, where he is also skipper of the Rugby side. The Secretary is always glad to hear from any Old Boy, and will always do his best, within limits, to keep in touch with all members.

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

Hon. Secretary: G. Rooke, Esq.

The Badminton Club playing on Thursday evenings at the School Main Hall and Gym, had during the winter months a very successful season. Membership was quite high, but we could do with some more Old Boys. The Club is a thriving one, and we shall welcome any new Old Boys, and can always promise then an enjoyable evening's sport. During the season we played a number of matches, and were quite successful. Like the parent Club we felt the loss of Mr. L. Warren, who was one of the forces behind the starting of the Badminton Section, and we hope that he has found

a Club to join in Birmingham. Jack Pester was another of our departures, leaving Plymouth to take up an appointment in the Customs and Excise, now being stationed at Worcester. New Old Boy members were F. Charles and R. George, the former considerably adding to the strength of the representative team.

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

An attempt is being made to revive the D.H.S. Old Boys Soccer Club to commence in September, 1949. During the first season of its formation membership of a competitive league will not be sought, but it is anticipated that a comprehensive list of friendly games might be arranged. Any Old Boy who is interested is invited to communicate with me at the School (Postal Address: Devonport High School for Boys, Plymouth), giving, if possible, details of the position preferred and an approximate estimate of his availability throughout the season (*e.g.* during University vacations, every Saturday, etc.).

D. G. BARKELL.

A Unique Opportunity

On 1st June we were delighted to welcome Messrs. Dooley and Carson, the Principals of the Plymouth Film Studios, who are producing a film in technicolour about "Intrusive Rocks," and wished to show it to a typical audience before finally editing it. Our interest was enhanced as Mr. Dooley is an Old Boy of the School. In the form in which we saw it the subject matter would be rather too advanced for the Lower School, and has insufficient detail for the Upper School. We felt it tried to cover too much ground, but with a little modification it would prove an excellent introduction to the subject, and should be followed by films on "Granite" and "Other Igneous Formations." Important aspects such as mineralization and kaolinization which have now had to be omitted.

We heartily congratulate the producers and assure them that it is one of the best, if not the best film we have seen dealing with Physical Geography. The choice of examples was excellent, though insufficient use was made of the local tors to emphasise the jointed character of granite, an omission which we understand will be rectified in the finished version. Finally, the animation of the diagrams and manner in which actual scenes were faded into the diagrams surpasses in its effectiveness any similar efforts we have seen in educational films, regardless of the resources of the producers.

We look forward to a repetition of this visit, and assure Mr. Dooley and Mr. Carson that films of this calibre are extremely difficult to find; they will be more than welcome.

—This is the first time that a Plymouth School has been used for testing a film in the making. We are proud and glad of the opportunity afforded us, and hope that it may be but the first of many.—(EDITOR).

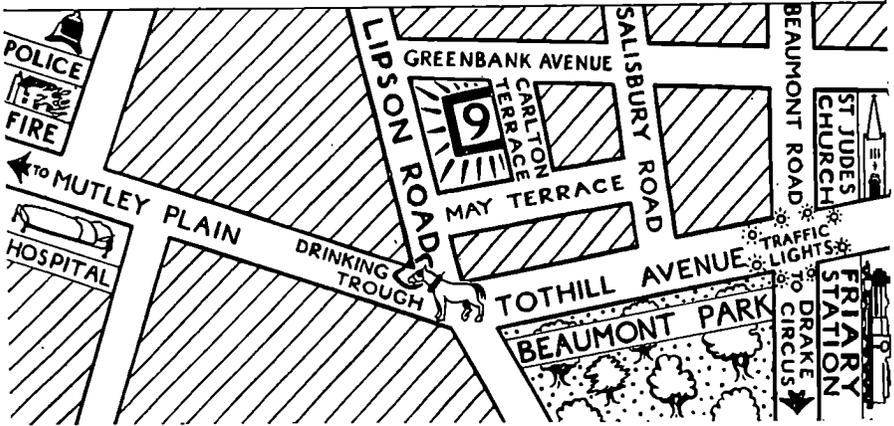
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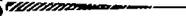
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