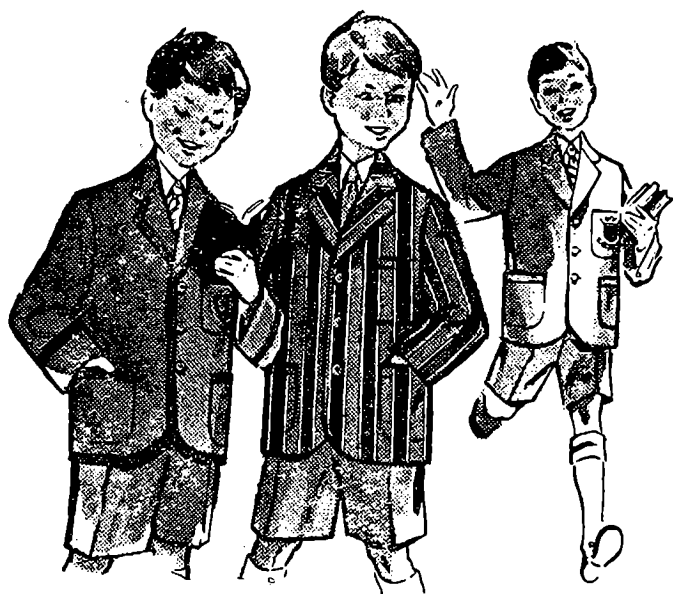


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Editorial

During the twentieth century tremendous advances have been made in raising the general standard of living, but the growth has not been balanced. Consideration has been made for material benefits, whilst culture has been quietly pushed into a rut to meditate over its wire constructions and wholetone scales. Both radio and television, in trying to cater for the largest possible public, have arrived at a mediocre compromise, leaving the "educated" man dissatisfied. Since the majority of people rely almost entirely upon the broadcasting medium for their entertainment the vicious circle holding back culture continues. Theatres have been forced to close down and companies have been driven out "on the road"; the professional artist is no more certain of earning his living from day to day than the professional gambler. A healthy, constant exchange between poets, musicians, painters, sculptors and their public is not likely to be achieved for many years while these conditions prevail.

Whereas in society the man seeking culture is inevitably compelled to join in somewhat esoteric groups (another vicious circle!), at D.H.S. everything short of high-pressure evangelism has been tried to draw boys into societies which foster an appreciation of the arts and sciences. There are no barriers whatsoever to joining or helping in any school society; ignorance of the subject is soon remedied. Yet to many boys, school is an academic shop where they serve between the hours of nine and four each day; they do not seem to regard it as a small cosmos which dominates their everyday life. Consequently, that intense unity and pride of belonging, which should characterise the grammar school, tend to suffer.

It rests with young people in public and grammar schools, who will form the enlightened section of the community, to give culture its due stress in everyday life. In a few years leisure hours will probably form the greater part of many people's lives, and

they will be faced with three possible groups of pastimes: those which are self-educative, creative and satisfying; those which are superficial or imbecile, or both; those which are abysmally boring. The last two categories are taboo for any boy who has learned at school to appreciate truth, goodness and beauty.

Mr. R. Ferraro

Mr. Ferraro retired at Easter this year after a personal association with the School covering all but a short period of the past fifty years. He was a new boy in 1904 when it was a private school catering largely for entry as cadet into the Army and Navy, and when the School was taken over by the Devonport Education Authority in 1906, he was in the Sixth Form. He became a teacher and after serving on the staffs of Hoe Grammar School and Wolverley School, near Kidderminster, he returned to D.H.S. as a master in 1917, though only for a period of six weeks, when he joined the Army and served with the Army Meteorological Service in France. He came back in 1919 and was with the School until his retirement. At one time he taught a good deal of Science, but from 1936 he taught only Mathematics and he was for many years Senior Mathematics Master. On the retirement in 1947 of his brother, Mr. J. H. Ferraro, he became Senior Master of the School and, shortly afterwards, he was called upon to act as Headmaster for a term, pending a new appointment. As Acting Headmaster, he was strikingly successful and, without any change in his usual quiet demeanour, he retained the respect and confidence of the whole School, masters and boys alike. The "Interregnum" is famous in recent school history.

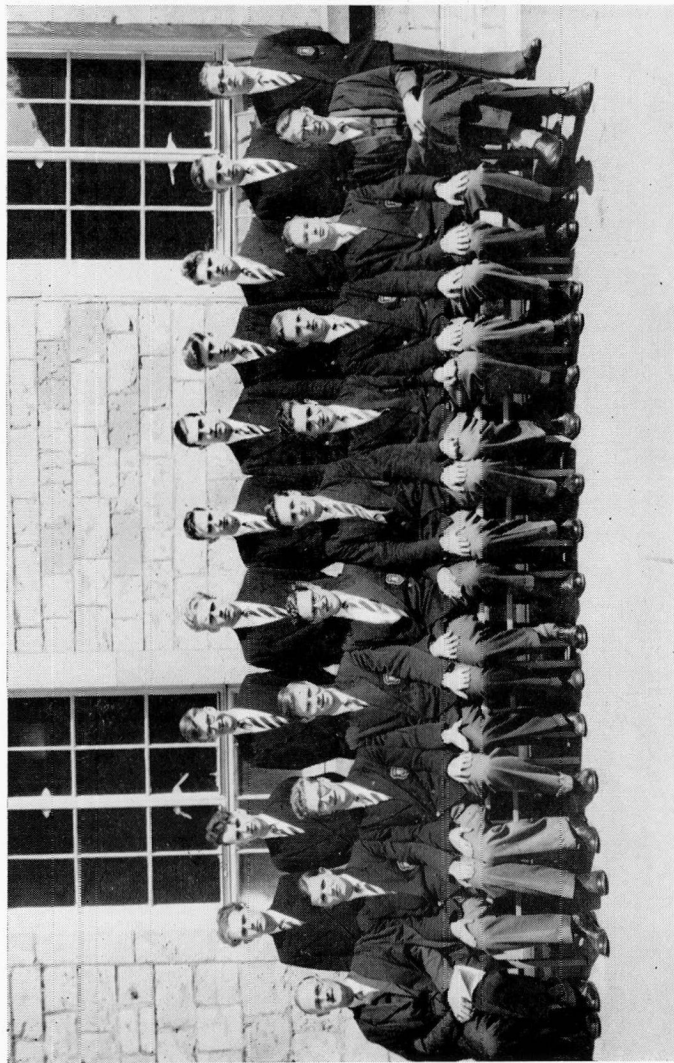
Mr. Ferraro was on very good terms with the boys. He claims that any success he had in teaching was due to his practice of enlivening what might have been dull routine by his "footnotes." He had a stock of appropriate witticisms and would produce them with recurrent freshness and unerring accuracy. At a farewell dinner, Mr. Ferraro recalled that one form had retaliated by making him a present of a book of new jokes. But any boys who have had the benefit of his teaching will know that this picture of his work is quite inadequate and that in him they had a master who would spare no efforts to help them. Like Mr. Ferraro himself, his boys always knew exactly where they were and what ground had been covered. If they did not know what remained to be done, they could be confident that he did and that the end would be reached in good time.

As one associated with the School from its foundation, he came to be regarded as a repository of its great tradition and, in bidding him farewell and in wishing him a long and happy retirement, we who remain can give him our assurance that, so far as we are able, we will see that those traditions are maintained.



R. FERRARO, Esq., M.A., 1904-1956

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1955-56



Back Row (left to right) : A. M. Kimmins, B. E. Share, W. J. Badcock, J. G. R. Baker, G. A. Lancaster, C. R. L. Boden, J. D. Forrest, D. G. Protheroe, M. J. Stephens, E. J. Thomas.

Front Row : Mr. A. C. Truman (*Senior Master*), A. B. Jeffery, R. A. Miller, N. W. Clarke, A. Green (*Vice-Capt.*), J. H. Atherton (*School Capt.*), B. W. J. Childes, T. C. Blackler, C. E. Matthews, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*).

Absent : B. Warlow.

School Notes

Again a school year draws to a close; a year marked by great changes, some misgivings and many hopes. We have witnessed the passing of staff and of boys, like waves that travel to an unknown shore and leave us floating more or less where we were. So we have our ups and downs, but tradition remains and the vital continuum that is Devonport High School.

Mr. R. Ferraro has left us. A gentleman and a master of the older school has fulfilled a vocation and sought peace. His was a quality that we could ill afford to lose, and a personality that few had really known until a farewell speech revealed what a retiring disposition had loyally withheld. To our best wishes for health and happiness for years to come we add,

“time be thine,

And thy best graces spend it at thy will.”

We are glad to note that the Grammar Schools' Music Society continues to flourish. Apart from its social value, yet very much part of it, is its contribution to an interest in things that are “good” rather than “good for,” of value in themselves first and then as an antidote to a materialistic and money-minded world. Let us look for Beauty wherever we may hope to find it, and having found it, we realise that “Beauty is its own excuse for being.”

The Post War Society continues to flourish and to do its useful work. Discussions of a wide range of pertinent subjects, contact with the thought of specialists from outside the schools, and the social activities involved contribute much to that peculiar and particular form of education that is closely associated with the Grammar School. Our thanks are due to Mr. Evans for his skill, time and energy in looking after our part of this work. We shall be glad to report more fully on it in the future should he so wish.

While making special mention of the School Music Society's Concert and congratulating Mr. Bennett upon it we find ourselves very conscious of the enormous amount of voluntary work done out of School hours for the benefit of the School by those who run societies and clubs and sports and other activities. Its only award is the satisfaction of useful service to those who desire and make a real effort to benefit from it, and sometimes the added joy of gratitude shown by some gift to the School or service to it by those who are leaving it.

At the moment of writing Mr. Nash is in hospital undergoing an operation. By the time we appear in print we hope he will be about among us again. He has our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Mr. George is recovering from his serious illness, and should be with us again before you read this.

On May 17th a party of boys in the Middle and Upper School saw the film Richard III. It raised the interesting question of how much realistic detail is necessary in such cases, and of the contribution that good films can make to the education of adults and children. Visual Aids play a big part in education today. When there are cinemas catering for children—may it be soon—great work may be done with the right kind of film.

Annually we express our thanks for the privilege that some of our boys enjoyed of witnessing the Mayor-Choosing Ceremony. We hope that many of our boys of today will become the influential citizens of tomorrow. Participation in such a ceremony is a valuable part of their training to that end. So once again we thank those who are responsible for the invitation.

The General Certificate of Education examinations are over. We have but to await the results and hope that they are good. For many it will be the last. To all who are leaving we wish success, health and happiness. Just a hint: it would be as well to join the Old Boys' Association before you leave. Remember that the Headmaster and Staff are glad to welcome, and to be of service, to those who visit them. Come and see us whenever you have the chance.

Mr. Carter leaves us this term to take a post as Physics Master at Plympton Grammar School. We are sorry to lose him, but with him go our sincere wishes for his happiness in his new post. Mr. Sherwood has been in to see us this term, and we hope Mr. Carter will pop in for a chat occasionally.

We are sorry that poor conditions compelled the cancellation of the cricket match with Pembroke College, Cambridge. We look back with pleasure on the last game we played with them, and are disappointed not to have been their hosts on this tour.

We go to print too early to say anything about the annual Staff versus School cricket match. If the weather be fine we shall again take part in a school and social occasion that does much to foster the healthy spirit of Devonport High School. There is nothing to say of the Swimming Gala which will take place on July 23rd, except that we hope that Mr. Vanstone will not remain upon the bad books of the Clerk of the Weather.

Finally a word must be said about the School Garden Party to be held on July 25th. Much will depend upon the weather, but even more on the efforts made to ensure its success. So let's have an all-round all-out effort and our biggest success yet.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines : The Oak Tree, Figgard, The Truronian, The Plymothian, The Devonian, Hove County School Magazine.

PRAELECTI VALETE

- ATHERTON, J. H.** Entered School 1947; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Inter B.A. 1955; Prefect 1954-6; Head Prefect 1955-6; Gilbert House Captain 1954-6; 1st XI Cricket 1952-56 (Captain 1955-6); Colours; Athletics Team 1954-56; Editor of School Magazine 1955-6. Now entering Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.
- GREEN, A.** Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Inter B.Sc. 1955; Prefect 1954-6; Deputy Head Prefect 1955-6; 1st XV 1953-6 (Captain 1955-6); Colours; House Captain Raleigh 1956; Now entering Birmingham University.
- BAKER, J. G. R.** Entered School 1947; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Inter B.Sc. 1955; Prefect 1955-6; Grenville House Captain 1956; 1st XV Rugger 1953-6 (Vice-Captain 1955-6); Colours; Athletics Team 1955-6. Now entering Bristol University.
- BLACKLER, T. C.** Entered School 1948; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Inter B.Sc. 1955; Prefect 1955-6; 2nd XV Rugger 1955-6; School Chess Team 1954-55. Now entering Sir John Cass College, London.
- BODEN, C. R. L.** Entered School 1948; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Prefect 1955-6; 1st XI Cricket 1954; 2nd XI Cricket 1955-6 (Captain); 2nd XI Soccer 1954-6; Mayflower Essay Prize 1955; Now entering Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.
- CLARKE, N. W.** Entered School 1947; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Prefect 1955-6; 1st XI Cricket 1952-6 (Vice-Captain 1955-56); Colours; 1st XI Soccer, 1954-6 (Captain 1955-6); Colours; School Chess Team 1954-6; Now entering National Service before going to college.
- KIMMINS, A. M.** Entered School 1948; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Prefect 1955-6; Sub-Editor School Magazine 1955-6; Executive Civil Service.
- CHILDES, B. W. J.** Entered School 1947; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Inter B.Sc. 1955; Prefect 1955-6; 1st XV Rugger 1954-5; 2nd XV Rugger (Captain 1955-6); Now entering Bristol University.
- JEFFERY, A. B.** Entered School 1947; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954-6; Prefect 1955-6; 2nd XI Soccer 1954-6; 2nd XI Cricket 1955; Now entering King's College, London, on an Open Scholarship.
- LANGDON, B. Y.** Entered School 1947; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1952; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1954-5; Prefect 1955-6; Raleigh House Captain 1955-6; Captain School Table Tennis; Now in National Service prior to taking a Civil Service Executive post.
- MATTHEWS, C.** Entered School 1948; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Inter B.Sc. 1955; Prefect 1955-6; 1st XV Rugger 1954-6; School Swimming Captain; Now entering Leeds University.
- MILLER, R. A.** Entered School 1948; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Prefect 1954-6; Drake House Captain 1955-6; 1st XV Rugger 1955-6; American Field Scholarship 1954-5; Now entering Wadham College, Oxford.
- PARNELL, M. W.** Entered School 1948; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Inter B.Sc. 1955; Prefect 1954-6; Grenville House Captain 1955; 1st XV Rugger 1953-5 (Half-Colours); Athletics Team 1954. Now convalescing in Didworthy Sanatorium prior to going to University.
- SHARE, B. E.** Entered School 1948; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Prefect 1955-6; School Librarian 1955-6; Now entering H.M. Customs.
- WALFORD, M. E. R.** Entered School 1948; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955; Inter B.Sc. 1955; State Scholarship 1955; Prefect 1955-6; 1st XV Rugger 1955-6; Athletics Team 1955; Sub-Editor School Magazine 1955; Now in National Service prior to entering Pembroke College, Cambridge.

The Lord Mayor Choosing Ceremony

On 24th May, three prefects were amongst those present to see the election of Councillor W. J. Oats to the position of Lord Mayor. The ceremony was opened by the playing of the National Anthem, followed by prayers led by the Bishop of Plymouth, Rt. Rev. N. H. Clarke.

After this, Councillor E. Broad fulfilled his closing duties as retiring Lord Mayor by calling for nominations for that high position. Councillor W. J. Oats was proposed by Alderman Wingett, and seconded by Councillor Thompson. The voting of the Council was—of course—unanimous.

Next came a most impressive part of the ceremony—namely the robing of the new Lord Mayor and his taking of the Oath of Allegiance and the Judicial Oath. He then appointed Alderman Watkins as Deputy Lord Mayor and Rev. Foinette as his Chaplain.

In his speech the Lord Mayor first thanked his proposer and seconder and then went on to the old problem concerning a crossing of the River Tamar. He proposed to continue and expand the City housing plan and to endeavour to encourage holiday makers to come to Plymouth.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Councillor E. Broad and Councillor P. D. Pascho, the retiring Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor respectively, to which Councillor E. Broad replied. The playing of Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March 'Land of Hope and Glory' brought to a close the impressive ceremony. In closing we regret that in view of the number of empty seats, not more than three members of schools were asked to attend.

BRIAN W. J. CHILDES.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1956

- April 16th. Term began.
- May 1st. P.D.G.S.M.S. Meeting.
- „ 2nd—8th. Pre-Sports Day Finals.
- „ 4th. Post War Society at Stoke Damerel Girls' School
- „ 11th. School Music Concert.
- „ 15th. Annual School Athletics Sports.
- „ 17th. "Richard III" shown at the Odeon.
- „ 17th—22nd. Half-term.
- „ 24th. Lord Mayor Choosing Ceremony.
- „ 26th. Devon Public and Grammar School Sports.
- „ 31st. Plymouth Schools' Sports (Track).
- June 11th. Plymouth Schools' Sports (Field).
- „ 16th. Devon Schools' Sports.

- June 18th. G.C.E. starts.
- „ 19th. 1st XI v. Pembroke College.
- July 13th. G.C.E. ends.
- „ 19th. 1st XI v. Staff.
- „ 20th—21st. All England Youth Athletics at the Brickfields.
- „ 23rd. Swimming Sports.
- „ 25th. School Garden Party.
- „ 27th. Term ends.

Careers

Parents may not be generally aware of a scheme recently developed by the F.B.I. in conjunction with the Youth Employment Service which enables the sixth-former to sample the life of an industrial executive before actually committing himself to it as a career for a lifetime.

Parents should also keep well in the forefront of their minds that the sixth-former aiming at a university degree need not commit himself to any particular career before graduating. Of course, many can and do and it helps, but in many cases all that the big business firm demands is a good honours degree. This is the evidence of the employee's calibre and at this stage the training for the executive and later administrative job begins.

What do these executive duties entail? Are they boring or interesting? The answer can be found very easily and at no risk of commitment by a Vacation Course in Industry.

Several boys have this term applied to the Secretary of the S.W. Region Careers Advisory Council for a week's visit to some business or industrial concern. Clarke's shoe factory at Street in Somerset is an example. Other firms making opportunities are the Westinghouse Brake and Signal Co., at Chippenham, Brook's Dye Works at Bristol, British Railways and the National Coal Board.

In all cases accommodation and meals are provided.

Parents will agree that this scheme affords a boy valuable knowledge in advance of the business of earning a living, and may prevent unhappiness or loss of time by change of occupation. It is, of course, prompted in some measure by the need for recruits, but no obligations are incurred. A sixth-former might well sample several such firms and should seriously consider such a scheme; for, while full employment lasts, youth, well-qualified, will continue to be embarrassed by the number of careers available. Immediate prospects sometimes obscure the long term advantages and high wages in the early years usually end in lower maxima in later years, while moderate rewards at the start usually indicate a sound career in a financially sound and honest firm.

W.H.W.



Careers in the Coal Industry.—Modern Coalmining is very largely a new industry. More accurately, it is an old and vital industry which is being reconstructed to serve the present and future needs of the nation. While other forms of energy will help, the main source of power in the foreseeable future will continue to be coal.

Technical Careers.—Many well-paid and absorbing jobs are available and the Coal Board are ready to train you for them, either through a University Scholarship or—if you prefer to earn and learn at the same time—by taking you into the industry straight from school and providing technical training without loss of pay.

University Scholarships.—Highly-trained mining engineers are urgently needed. The National Coal Board offer a hundred University Scholarships a year : most are in Mining Engineering, but some are available in Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical Engineering and in Fuel Technology. They are worth about the same as State Scholarships and successful candidates receive them in full—parents' financial position makes no difference to the value of the awards.

Practical Training.—When you have qualified—either through the University or through technical college while working—you are eligible for a two or three year course under the Coal Board's management training scheme. Each trainee has a course mapped out for him personally and a senior engineer gives him individual supervision. If you come in to the industry on the mining engineering side, you have a very good chance of becoming, between the ages of 25 and 30, a colliery undermanager at a salary between £975 and £1,300 a year—or even a colliery manager with a salary in the range £1,050 to £1,800.

Other Careers.—There are also good careers in the Board's Scientific Department and in administrative posts. Young men and women of good educational standard (who have preferably spent some time in the sixth form or have attended a university) are also needed in such fields as marketing, finance and labour relations.

Full details can be obtained from any Divisional Headquarters of the Board or from the National Coal Board, Hobart House, London, S.W.1.

Sports Day

Although the standards and the pre-sports day events contributed largely to the final totals, the sports day opened with Raleigh, Drake and Gilbert within fifteen points of each other, but with Grenville forty-three points from the nearest rival. For once the elements were gracious and the sports day opened under a cloudless sky and with little wind; fine conditions for good performances.

During the pre-sports day events, eight records were broken. Ellis set up a new under-sixteen record for the mile, only 0.2 secs. outside the open record of 4 min. 48.4 secs. set up by Wickenden of Gilbert.

The senior events on sports day were somewhat disappointing, the only outstanding ones being Breckon's attempt at the Open High Jump which he equalled at 5 ft. 4 in. What the senior events lacked in excitement was counter-balanced by the standard of the junior events.

When the relays were run, the first, second and third places were still in doubt although it was obvious that Grenville would be unable to overcome the setback they suffered at the beginning of the sports. It was only during the last two relay races that Raleigh established themselves as the winners by only three and a half points. Drake were a close second with 447½ points, and Gilbert were third with 429½ points.

As usual the sports ran exactly to time, and we are grateful to Capt. C. Gatey, C.B.E., A.D.C., R.N., for presenting the prizes.

Altogether seventeen records were broken and three records were equalled.

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

This year, with the inclusion of five new junior events, there were 66 pre-sports and sportsday events in all. Ideal conditions made possible the establishment of 17 new records, and the equalling of three others. Of the twenty-four events held at School, in one third of them records were broken, amongst them the 17.9 secs. off the Under 16 mile time by Ellis; the new Over 16 mile, at 4 min. 48.4 secs., by Wickenden; and two, the Under 13 Weight and Javelin by Hall.

With members of staff officiating, the whole affair of Sportsday went off, right to time, as has now come to be expected. The keen competition between the Houses left the result in the balance, right to the end, with the final victory going to Raleigh. The spectators must have been impressed by the will to finish; shown in every event, whatever the result. The prizes were presented, at the end of the afternoon, by Captain C. Gatey, C.B.E., A.D.C., Royal Navy.

Eleven days later, the School sent a senior team to Kelly College, to compete in the seventeenth Devon Public and Grammar School Sports. From a total entry of sixteen, the School team came third, Kelly College being the winners. A good point about the school's results was that we were represented in the first six places of almost all the events, and, although only one first place was gained (the Hop, Step and Jump—42 ft. 4 ins. by Breckon) a good, above average standard provided the necessary total.

During the following week, an Under-15 team, competing again at Kelly College, gained third place. Second places were gained in the Javelin and Long Jump by Collins and Henderson respectively, while several third and fourth places were obtained.

Members from School have done well in locally run sports; teams gained good positions in the Plymouth Schools sports (Beer obtaining a double in the 100 yards and 220 yards), and we may look forward to seeing some of the school's team in the All England School Championships Senior and Intermediate sections (Hawken having been chosen to represent Devon in the S.W. Counties Regional Championships—110 yards Hurdles). J. R. BRECKON.

THE SOCCER CLUB

President: THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-Charge: MR. WARREN.

Captain: N. W. CLARKE. *Vice-Captain:* F. W. FLEMEN. *Secretary:* W. J. BADCOCK.

The 1955-56 season was one of varied fortunes for the School Soccer teams, but, generally, the standard of football was commendably high.

The 1st XI, with a strong defence and lively forward-line, had an excellent season. Ample proof of this is the fact that they won 19 of their 21 matches, including fine victories over R.N. College, Dartmouth (twice), Exeter University (twice), and Seale-Hayne College (twice). A magnificent team spirit prevailed throughout the season, and, as the team is comparatively young, continued success appears likely in the future. We congratulate Smerdon on being selected to attend the F.A. Schools Week at Oxford.

In contrast, the 2nd XI, with somewhat varied opposition, had a very mixed season, and, although recording good victories over Seale-Hayne College and Kingsbridge (twice), were unable to repeat these performances. The loss of a few established players at Christmas possibly accounted for the team's marked lack of success in the second half of the season.

The Under 15 XI played attractive football throughout, and finished third in Division I of the Plymouth Schools' League. With more luck and better finishing, they might have carried off

League honours, for they showed their undoubted ability by beating Plympton Grammar School, the eventual champions, and Sutton, the winners of the Senior Cup. Congratulations to Ward, Sammels and Roseveare on their selection for the Plymouth Schoolboys' team.

The Under 14 XI had a moderate season, and, although gaining several big victories, were also beaten by some substantial scores. However, they played with spirit and determination, and this, coupled with improved team-work, should bring success in the future.

For various reasons, the Under 13 XI were most disappointing, recording only one win in fourteen games, and a marked improvement in both defence and attack will have to be made if the team is to hold its own in future.

Once again we extend our grateful thanks to Mr. Warren and his colleagues for coaching the teams and refereeing matches, and also to the Parents' Association for generously providing refreshments.

<i>Team Records</i>			<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
							<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XI	..	..	21	19	0	2	79	33
2nd XI	..	..	16	5	0	11	34	65
Under 15 XI	..	..	14	6	4	4	36	24
Under 14 XI	..	..	14	7	2	5	59	36
Under 13 XI	..	..	14	1	0	13	14	44

Full Colours: N. W. Clarke, T. G. Davey, T. Blackler, B. Widger, W. J. Badcock, R. D. Smerdon, F. W. Flemen, R. W. Woodacre, M. J. Beer, A. E. Brimacombe, J. Mitchell.

W. J. BADCOCK, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE RUGBY CLUB

1955-56 was an encouraging season for the Rugger club. There was plenty of enthusiasm and the results were, on the whole, better than those of the previous year.

The 1st XV had the advantage of being captained for the second successive year by Green. His zealous leadership and experience were of great value. Nine games were won and nine lost. Though these figures are not remarkable, the team always played good, open rugger; for example, whilst we were well beaten, 18-6, by the powerful St. Boniface's College side, our points came from two perfect tries. We beat Kelly College for the first time since fixtures between us began in 1949. No less than six of the nine defeats were by five points or fewer; we scored 112 points more than our opponents. In the Spring term, when the great frost reduced the programme to five matches, four of these were won and, by the time of the last match, when we beat

Shebbear College, 15—6, the team was playing with vigour, ability and confidence. The forwards, though lacking weight and height, played very hard in the loose, where Baker, Heale and Wilson were outstanding; Bennett hooked well; Hay and Ellis were a fine pair of half-backs and, at centre, Allison, who scored most of our tries—some of them, excellent ones—developed into a fine player both in attack and defence. With more pace or determination on the wings, we should have had a most successful season. The loss of Parnell, who played only one game and scored the decisive try, was a heavy blow. We send him our warmest wishes for his complete recovery.

In the Devon P.& G.S. seven-a-side competition at Exeter on March 14th, we lost, 6—0, in the 1st round to West Buckland School. We were never in possession and, though the tackling was keen, the result was inevitable.

At the end of the season, Full Colours were awarded to Green, Baker, Hay, Allison, Heale and Wilson; and Half-Colours to Blackler, Ellis and Pease.

The 2nd XV, who won six of fourteen games, were a better side than for some years. Again, several of the defeats were by very small margins and more points were scored by us than by our opponents. When attacking, the team looked very good; when defending, the tackling and covering were at times pathetic and tries, and matches, were given away.

The Colts were our least successful team, as the previous year's results had suggested they would be. Only two games were won. The side was lacking in pace and weight and, in some cases, in keenness. The Captain, Cooper, did his best to hold the team together and he is a forward of great ability. We congratulate him on captaining the Devon Under 15 team in all its three games.

The Junior XV had a good season, winning seven of ten games. There were plenty of good forwards but few backs, so that Woodward, a most promising forward, had to play at stand-off half, where he was easily the best player and a fine Captain.

In the Under 13 XV, the opposite was true, for there it was the forwards who were rather small and, by Mr. Nash's exacting standards, "lifeless," whilst the backs had both pace and great ability. Rarely have we had three players of such promise as Axworthy, Finemore and French, who scored the great part of our 422 points. The defence, in which Hallett was outstanding, gave away only 41 points in 16 games, 23 of them to Plymouth College, the only side to beat us. Ten of the fifteen victories were won by 24 points or more.

The Under 12 XV, composed of Form I boys, maintained the healthy state of rugger in the School. They won seven and drew one of ten games, scoring 146 points against twenty.

The Club's thanks are sincerely offered to Mr. Lunnon, Mr. Nash and Mr. Warn for taking charge of teams and to those masters who refereed and did "away" duties. We are again most grateful to the Parents' Association for providing such excellent teas for our visitors and to those parents who gave up their Saturday afternoons to do the work involved.

H.M.

THE CRICKET CLUB

President: THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-Charge: MR. WAYNE.

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

The 1st XI, on the showing of the first five matches this season, have the strongest side for many years. This is especially noticeable in the batting, for no fewer than five hundred and twenty-six runs have been scored in five innings and not once has the whole side been dismissed. So far they have registered four fine victories over Okehampton Grammar School, Plymouth C.C. 'A' XI, Infantry Boys Battalion, and Sutton High School, and have drawn their fixture with Plymouth College.

Although they started the season with a convincing win over Technical Secondary School, the 2nd XI won only one of their next three games, but balanced this with a convincing win over Plymouth College. Perhaps this inconsistency is accounted for by the demands of the 1st XI.

The Colts' XI have not started the season well, their only victory being over Plymouth College. In this side the weakness seems to lie in the batting, for in only one of their three fixtures have they totalled over fifty. Our congratulations are extended to Williams for his selection for the Plymouth Schools' Team.

The Junior XI are, perhaps, the best Junior XI for a number of seasons. They have won their first four fixtures and there are high hopes that they will remain unbeaten throughout the season. In each of their matches, they have amassed large totals, two of them being over a hundred, and have dismissed their opponents cheaply.

The thanks of the Club are due to the many members-of-staff who have given up so much of their time to umpire and coach the teams, and also to the Parents' Association who have provided and prepared the teas for home games.

			<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI	..	..	5	4	1	0
2nd XI	..	..	5	3	0	2
Colts XI	..	..	3	1	0	2
Junior XI	..	..	4	4	0	0

B. WIDGER, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE TENNIS CLUB

Tennis has been handicapped this term by the poor state of the courts at Collings Park and the necessity to build an almost new team—Breckon being the only colours player left. There has been a welcome awakening of interest in the second and third forms which has revealed some quite promising players.

The School has entered a team for a knock-out tournament organised for the Public and Grammar Schools and are due to play St. Boniface's College.

Results to date are:

v. Dartington Hall. Lost 3—6.
v. Kelly College "A" Won 5—4.

Our home game against H.M.S. Fisgard had to be cancelled because of rain. Before these notes appear in print we hope to have completed another four fixtures.

House Notes

DRAKE.

A spirited but disappointing Winter Season left Drake in no position to win the St. Levan Shield. Yet the conclusion of the Athletic Sports, though seeing Drake narrowly beaten, gave the House sixteen valuable points, and we now eagerly vie with Gilbert for second place. The Senior Cricket team lost two games and drew one, but with many young and inexperienced players deserves to be applauded; the Juniors, however, should win their games. Since our prospects in the Swimming Sports are hopeful, our final position may indeed be second.

This achievement will be the result of the co-operation and enthusiasm of all. The following we congratulate on their achievements and thank for their services:

Breckon: School Athletic Captain and Victor Ludorum;
Roberts: —16 Athletics Champion;
Protheroe: House Athletics Captain;
Boden and Rhodes: Cricket Captains;
Spicer and Medway: Swimming Captains.

We thank our House Prefects, and Shepherd, Austin, and Pengelly for their help. Also worthy of our appreciation are M. Stephens, who has proved a particularly conscientious secretary, and J. French, whose ability has demonstrated the advantage of having a Junior House Captain.

Outstanding academic results include one common entrance to Oxford, and one to Cambridge, and D. G. Watt's Exhibition at Exeter.

Next year an attempt should again be made to aim at a further extension of House activities until everybody is a full member of the House. It is vital that more seniors obtain places in School teams. The proposed re-introduction of "House families," and a House record of every boys' activities should remedy several weaknesses. Above all let our results be those of a team, and let us show the pessimists that the harder the contest, the more glorious is our victory.

In conclusion we thank Mr. Nicholas for his direction and advice.

R. A. MILLER, *House Captain*.

GILBERT.

Partisan spirit between the Houses this year has been so intense that Gilbert's firm foundations have begun to slip. However, we have in no way compromised our principles of an equal regard for the contribution of every boy towards House activity and for allowing a "universal franchise"—principles essential to a healthy House spirit.

Although we managed to hold the Soccer Championship by a comfortable margin, conceding only a draw in the Junior match against Raleigh, our Rugger again let us down when our only success was a Junior victory over Grenville. The standard of our Rugger cannot be wholly attributed to tradition; it would be in the interests of the House for the next captain to investigate closely the leakage of points. Raleigh were at last checkmated in the Chess Championship and forfeited the cup to Gilbert, whose chess has made a very steady improvement over the last few years.

Athletics standards, the one sphere in which the enthusiasm of the whole House is seriously tested, again proved Gilbert to be still in the lead. In spite of this, we were unable to hold off the powerful Raleigh and Drake on Sports Day, and had to be content with third place. Worthy of special mention are Wickendon, Beer, Henderson, Webber and Scullion who put up some very fine performances.

Unfortunately, our cricket is not as strong in the Junior division as it usually is so we have been forced to concede a number of valuable points. This means that our maximum effort will be needed in the Swimming Sports if we are to retain our corresponding position of last year. Whatever the outcome, it should be remembered that cups and shields are purely incidental to House activity; they are awarded for ability and not sportsmanship.

Mr. Berry, now a wise veteran in the inter-House campaigns, deserves our thanks for his continued guidance and support.

JOHN ATHERTON, *House Captain*.

GRENVILLE.

As the end of another year in the life of the House approaches, we can look back on our efforts with the satisfaction that we have done our best. We have fought, with great determination and enthusiasm, a losing battle for the St. Levan Shield, and must not be discouraged even though we are temporarily at the bottom of the table.

Since the last publication, the soccer championship has been decided. We finished third, our senior team gaining a victory over Drake House. The main event this term has been the School Athletic Sports in which we finished fourth, a rather unrewarding position considering the supreme effort made by the House. The pleasing feature of the athletics was the eagerness shown by the junior boys to represent the House, resulting in the —12's going very near to scoring the maximum points for their group and also setting up a record in the relay. We congratulate Barrett on winning the —14 cup and setting up a record in the javelin, Mills on winning the —12 cup, and Hawken on setting up a record for the —16 hurdles.

In the House cricket our juniors have played all their matches and have won one. The seniors have yet to play and could improve our position a little.

We send our best wishes to Parnell who is still convalescing, and to Walford who is now serving in the R.A.F. before going to university.

Our gratitude is due to Mr. Mallinson for his supervision of our House activities.

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

RALEIGH.

Now half-way through the Summer term, Raleigh House is within striking distance of winning the St. Levan Shield. All sides of the House activities have contributed to this effort. We must particularly congratulate the House Junior football team, who, with only two members of the under-fourteen team to add weight to a small side, were first in the junior house competition after drawing one game and winning the other two.

A great effort by the House brought victory in the Athletic Sports. The success of the House was not due entirely to the very fine performances of its very few outstanding athletes such as Bond, Allison and Ellis among the seniors, and Voysey and Axworthy of the juniors, but to the many people who gained second and third places in their events, as was shown by the fact that we were unplaced in only twelve of the forty-three events on Sports Day.

Although the position in cricket looked doubtful, the House has in fact started well, the juniors dismissing Grenville for only eight runs and the seniors, with only three members of the first team, forcing the strong Gilbert side to a draw.

The annual swimming sports at the end of term will be included in the St. Levan Shield activities this year, and already the calm waters of Mount Wise are being broken in an attempt to mould the team into shape.

The House Captain, Langdon, left at the end of the Spring term to do his National Service, prior to taking up a post in the Executive Civil Service. We wish him luck. Green of the Upper Sixth was appointed the new House Captain.

A. GREEN, House Captain.

ST. LEVAN SHIELD (To DATE)

	<i>Gilbert</i>	<i>Drake</i>	<i>Grenville</i>	<i>Raleigh</i>
Senior Soccer	12 (1)	0 (4)	4 (8)	8 (3)
Junior Soccer	5 (1)	2 (3)	0 (4)	5 (1)
	<hr/> 17 (1)	<hr/> 2 (4)	<hr/> 4 (3)	<hr/> 13 (3)
Senior Rugger	0 (4)	4 (3)	8 (2)	12 (1)
Junior Rugger	2 (2)	6 (1)	2 (2)	2 (2)
	<hr/> 2 (4)	<hr/> 10 (3)	<hr/> 10 (3)	<hr/> 14 (1)
Senior Athletics	8 (2)	12 (1)	0 (4)	4 (8)
Junior Athletics	2 (8)	4 (2)	0 (4)	6 (1)
	<hr/> 10 (2)	<hr/> 16 (1)	<hr/> 0 (4)	<hr/> 10 (2)
Senior Cricket	10 (1)	2 (3)	2 (3)	6 (2)
Junior Cricket	0 (4)	2 (2)	2 (2)	4 (1)
	<hr/> 10 (1)	<hr/> 4 (3)	<hr/> 4 (3)	<hr/> 10 (1)

Out of School Activities

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

At the time of writing, the Society awaits the end of the G.C.E. Examinations, when it will resume its activities by visits to places of scientific interest. However, the Committee continues its regular meetings, a daily weather report is published, and the notice boards outside the Physics Laboratories remain full of topical scientific press cuttings.

Since the last report, a full programme of lectures and films has been enjoyed. An eagerly awaited visit was that of Mr. H. G. Hurrell, the celebrated ornithologist, who always presents a most interesting and profusely illustrated report of his recent work. This year his subject was that remarkable little bird, the dipper. He showed two beautiful colour films, one photographed on Dartmoor, and the other in Scandinavia.

In December the Society was honoured to have as its guest Mr. Billings, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures in the Plymouth area, who brought three American films on the standardisation of weights, and was afterwards pleased to answer, with authority, the many questions put to him. An address of particular interest was that given by Mr. Bailey-Watson, of the Bristol Aircraft Company, on 'The Changing Pattern of Aviation.' Mr. Bailey-Watson's virile sense of humour made his lecture both interesting and entertaining. In March the Society welcomed Mr. Ballam, of Skefco Limited, who gave an address on 'Non-frictional Bearings,' with the aid of colour film, slides and exhibits.

At the close of the term, a party of members was invited to an illustrated lecture on 'Diesel Engines,' given at Messrs. Allen's Garages, by a representative of Messrs. Perkins, whose mobile instruction unit was subsequently inspected.

Notable among the numerous films shown during the Spring Term were 'A Place in the Sun,' concerning the Industrial Revolution; 'Down a long Way,' about the geophysical methods employed in surveying for oil, and 'Handle with Care,' a light-hearted film showing how, and how not, to handle large packing cases containing delicate machinery. Indeed, the films exhibited this year were of such excellent quality that the Committee has decided that a selection will be shown at this year's Garden Party. The films have been specially selected for their general interest and entertainment value, assuming no scientific knowledge, and we feel sure that they will prove popular with visitors.

In conclusion, we would like to add that this year the Society's membership reached its highest-ever total. However, there is still room for more members, and larger numbers from the Lower Sixth, both Arts and Science, would be especially welcomed, so we have high hopes of a three-figure membership next year, which we trust will be as full of interesting activity as that which has just passed.

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

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Owing to a large number of examinations during the Spring term, meetings were very sadly curtailed. To add interest, however, there was one outside visit to a meeting of the City Council.

A debate was held on the subject, "That Anti-Materialism has failed," which was proposed by N. Clarke, U.6Sc. and opposed by A. Kimmins, U.6A. The voting showed one person in favour of the motion and ten against it with four abstentions.

An Inter-Schools Debate was held on 29th February. There were representatives from eight schools present and we thank them for their attendance and contributions to making the evening a lively one. The subject debated was, "That modern youth is insufficiently disciplined," and it was defeated by a narrow margin.

Shortly after this on 5th March, eleven members of the Society were privileged to visit a meeting of the City Council, which revealed to us the standard of our local government.

It was unfortunate that an evening of play readings had to be cancelled owing to poor attendance. We extend our thanks to Finch, U.6A, and Lancaster, 6A, for preparing this evening and apologise for the poor attendance.

As retiring secretary I should like to extend my thanks to Mr. Clark for his invaluable aid to me over the past two years, and also to J. Atherton, U.6A, Protheroe, 6Sc., and Dingle, L.6A, who as members of the committee have assisted me over the last year.

BRIAN W. J. CHILDES, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

This term has seen several innovations in the Library. All new books are now covered with plastic jackets before being issued, whilst many of the more valuable books already in use are also being covered, in an effort to lengthen their lives. The reader's comfort has been catered for by the replacement of the wooden chairs by cushioned armchairs. Another new feature is the use of a display window. Already attention has been focussed on some new French magazines, the classics and transport. Much of the credit for these displays must go to A. Smith (5L) who devised and produced the effective backgrounds needed for the displays.

For some time there has been a demand for an author's index to supplement the present numerical and subject files which provide an easy reference to all books in the library. Producing an authors' index will be a lengthy task, but it is hoped that it will be ready for use at the beginning of next term.

Some mention must also be made of the work of the book repair section, which has undertaken the task of rebinding many of the well-worn books. The success of this enterprise has been mainly due to the efforts of Rowe (5S) with the aid of Hare and Falconar (4C).

B. E. SHARE, *Hon. Librarian.*

THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

The first event of note was the annual Service of Lessons and Carols at the end of the Christmas term. It was just too late to be reported in our last notes. As usual Stoke Damerel Church was packed to its capacity and the spirit, at once joyful and solemn, was, we hope, enhanced by our singing. A solo by Wright, 3A, was well performed and the occasion was appreciated by all.

Apart from this the most important item of the year, however, has been the Concert given this term by the Musical Society of which the choir forms the greater part. It was arranged in three sections: vocal, instrumental and choral. The junior choir sang a series of unison songs followed by two madrigals from a section of the choir. Next came the instrumental part with violin solos by J. H. Atherton, K. F. G. Low and L. Rowe. A cornet solo was given by D. G. N. Carter, and a recorder solo by G. Palmer, who also performed in a recorder trio with M. Gover and T. Webb. This part was brought to a close by a violin duet by Miss F. Adams and J. H. Atherton. The interval over, the choir returned with two madrigals after which the evening was brought to a rousing finish with "Four Songs of the Sea," arranged by C. V. Stanford, and our warmest congratulations go to the soloist, G. Miller. The Society also wishes to record its thanks to Miss F. Adams for her valuable services in the preparation of some of the instrumental performers.

E. J. THOMAS.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The evening of one-act plays at Honicknowle last term gave the junior members of the society an excellent means of obtaining recognition of their talent for future productions by the senior members. It also provided a most entertaining evening both for the audience and the actors, but it was a pity that it was not better supported.

The first play was "The Golden Room" by Lord Dunsany, produced by Mr. J. G. Nicholas. For such a young cast this play achieved a surprising amount of atmosphere. The pace was good and the enthusiasm of the cast made up for any small difficulties with the words. Movements were precise and convincing, although the set could have been made more interesting. Each boy's performance was of a high standard, with R. Prowse, J. D. Surman, and D. Wilson deserving special mention.

This was followed by "Something to Talk About" by Eden Phillpotts, produced by Mr. D. H. Green. Here pace and characterisation were not as strong as they could have been, and the play lacked that final polish found in the other productions. Nevertheless, the play itself and the humour of its situations were good compensations for these defects. The audience appeared

to enjoy this play, and special mention must go to E. M. Pickering, P. F. Slade, and in particular N. P. Raven for their good sense of comedy and their ability to put it into practice.

The third play was "The Dear Departed" by Stanley Houghton, produced by B. A. Finch. Here was a cast working as a team. The pace was good, and full advantage was taken of the chance to contrast the characterisation. The whole cast must be congratulated, but special praise must go to K. W. Sadler, B. R. Anstall, P. M. Wonnacott, and M. I. Woodward for the high standard achieved.

The final play, "The Boy with a Cart," by Christopher Fry, was produced by Mr. D. H. Green. Again a young cast made a good attempt at a difficult play. Once more enthusiasm was the key-note to success. The dialogue was beautifully spoken, but at times it seemed rather mechanical and the groupings and movements tended to be a little confused. Worthy of attention and note were G. F. Walker, C. Binns, R. Doidge, and J. Squance.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable evening with stage management, lighting, and make-up rising to their usual high standard. Thanks must be given to all connected with the productions both on and off stage.

B. A. FINCH.

G. LANCASTER.

THE FIFTH AND LOWER SIXTH FORM CLUB.

The present Lower Sixth form has been running this club with the same officials ever since they were at the Fourth form level, and next year they will resign the leadership once more to the new Fifth form, who will enjoy the aid of a prefect.

Since the publication of the last magazine the activities of the club have been enlarged and extended. Many old ideas have continued in service side by side with the many new improvements. During the Spring term the club entertained the Lower Sixth form of Devonport High School for Girls at a social evening. The main event of the evening was a badminton match and while this was in progress many of the remaining guests entertained themselves either by playing table tennis or by dancing to the club's records in the main hall.

The club would like to express its thanks to Plymouth High School for Girls for their kind invitation to a social held in the Spring Term.

For our social at the end of last term we invited members of the fifth forms of all girls High Schools in Plymouth to attend. These evenings are useful in so far as they promote a greater understanding and friendliness between the schools, and this would most certainly not have been achieved without the services of Mr. Warren as M.C., and the provision of refreshments by the Parents' Association. We would like them to know that we are very grateful.

Now that the Summer term is upon us tennis has been added to our activities and although the attendance figures of the club are still above average for any other society in the school, numbers have dropped as a result of the G.C.E. this term.

As a club we like to think we are serving a purpose in the school by helping the members of the more senior forms to get to know one another socially. We feel that we have already gone a long way towards achieving this, and the achievement of this ambition now rests on the aspirations and enthusiasm of the fourth form.

In conclusion we should like to express our very sincere thanks to Mr. Mortimer, our caretaker, for without his kind help and interest in the past this club would have ceased to function long ago, and we hope that we shall be blessed with his invaluable assistance in the coming year.

N. H. DINGLE, L.6A.

R. MARTIN, 5G.

CHESS CLUB.

Once again the club has had a very successful season. After many keenly-contested and enjoyable matches the senior team retained the Goodman Cup winning seven of their eight fixtures, and did well to finish second in the Moyle Cup (a Devon Senior event) to a very strong Plymouth Chess Club team. For the first time, this season the school "fielded" a second team which played two matches, winning one and drawing the other.

It is also very encouraging to see the improvement in the School junior teams; the —13's won all four of their matches, and the —15's won one and lost two.

One of the highlights of the season was the house championship which was, after many changes in leadership, won by Gilbert with 21 pts.; closely followed by Drake (20), Grenville (18) and Raleigh (13).

The School also recorded many successes at the Plymouth Junior Congress at Christmas; B. Blight retained the Devon Junior Championship; and excellent chess was played by G. Tucker (2nd, —15 "B"), H. Whitfield (2nd, —15 "C"), M. Ryder (1st, —15 "D"), J. Couch (2nd, —15 "D") and D. Lightfoot (1st, —15 "E"). The —21 section was won by R. T. F. Williams, an old boy of the School. F. Cooper was awarded the "best-game" prize for an —15 player.

B. Blight, R. Hitt and G. Hurst, were selected to represent the Devon Junior team in the final of the English Counties' Championship in London, and scored 2 pts.; out of the team's total of 4!

Once more the club is grateful to Mr. Adams and Mr. Berry, for we realize that it is due to their interest and experience that both the senior and junior teams have enjoyed such a fruitful season.

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

STAMP CLUB.

Meetings of the Stamp Club this term have not been as regular as usual owing to the fine weather. However, we have had some good attendances which at some meetings have been well over average. The first meeting was held on January 19th, when the time-table for the term was discussed and an album competition arranged. January 26th was a general work evening, and on February 9th there was a general knowledge competition. Many such competitions and quizzes have taken place throughout the year and have been found most entertaining. An auction held on February 23rd was especially enjoyable.

We would like to thank the approvals secretaries, Sleep (3C) and Thompson (4A) for the work they have done for the club this term. The School album is now beginning to contain some interesting items and we appeal to anyone who is no longer interested in collecting, to give spare stamps to the School to be included in this collection. A committee consisting of Merrifield and Thompson (4A), Crago (5G), Reburn (5R), and Pollard and Couch (1A), to be responsible for the album, has also been appointed.

Altogether, this has been a term of quiet progress, and we would like to thank all those boys who have given us their help.

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

CHRISTIAN UNION.

Attendances at this year's meetings have been decidedly larger than in the past. This has been due partly to the regular support of the increasing number of Christians in the school, and partly, we hope, to the programme, which has covered more fundamental problems.

The Summer term has had a definite flavouring of Science and Religion, such questions as "Does evolution refute Christianity?" having been considered. Most of our speakers have worn a clerical collar, but we have tried to ensure that at each "Any Questions" there has been a layman on the panel. On 27th February the team was: Rev. Hunter, Rev. Chamberlayne, and Mr. Whitfeld; on 8th May, it was Rev. Ackroyd, Rev. Wakeling, and Councillor Stanley Goodman; whilst on 12th June there was an all-lay panel: Messrs. Clarke and Whitfeld, Kimmins and Atherton, which acquitted itself quite favourably. Perhaps one of the most stimulating meetings, though some questioned its efficacy, was that led by Rev. Dick Rees on 6th June: his subject was "Is man significant in the universe?"

We have continued with the programme of two meetings each week: one on an evening after school and another for prayer every Friday lunch-time in Stoke Damerel Church. The Rev.

Adams, Messrs. Whitfeld, Hopford, Pethick and Green have each helped us at the latter meetings; we thank them for sparing their time. The "Fact and Faith" films continue to draw support; on March 19th we showed "The Prior Claim" and on July 10th "Time and Eternity," which has only recently been released.

Christian activity continues to grow at D.H.S. but in order to survive it must stress variety and vitality. Next year's committee will consider the possibilities of practical Christian work for such organisations as Toc H and Y.M.C.A. Above all things the C.U. has avoided and should continue to avoid becoming a "closed shop."

JOHN ATHERTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

MUSIC SOCIETY.

Why boys are not more interested in the divinest of the arts is a perennial question which so far has evaded an answer. Experimenting over the past few years in an effort to find the touchstone of success, the Music Society has ranged from programmes of great popular appeal to less-known music by contemporary composers. On no occasion have we had an attendance calling for wild jubilation. Always we have had to rely upon a moderate gathering of "old faithfuls" instead of the large numbers to be expected from such extensive fifth and sixth forms.

The root of the problem appears to be time, though it is almost incredible that boys can find no time for listening to good music. It has been noticeable at P.D.G.S.M.S. meetings this year that, on the whole, far more girls than boys attend. This is an observation, not a criticism! Owing to the increased pressure of work during the new year it was decided to hold only three gramophone recitals; on 9th February the programme was Humperdinck's overture, "Hansel and Gretel"; Frank Martin's *Petite Symphonie Concertante*; "L'Apprenti Sorcier" by Dukas; Franck's D Minor Symphony; and "Orb and Sceptre" by Walton; on 7th March, "Vltava" by Smetana; Mozart's 39th Symphony; "Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini" by Rachmaninov; and Walton's *Faeced Suite*; on 1st May, Mendelssohn's overture "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; Franck's *Symphonic Variations*; Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto; and the *Polovtsian Dances* by Borodin. A highly successful dance was held on 24th March, and another will take place after the end of term. With the money thus gained the committee hopes to hire the services of a first-class artist for a "live" recital before the end of the school year.

We hope that the Society will continue to flourish under its new management next year. It has undergone a proving period of three years, so it should be fully established by now.

JOHN ATHERTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

FIELD CLUB.

Since the last magazine was published there has been a tendency for the members of this club to concentrate their efforts on field work. This tendency augurs well for the future, for although the Monday evening attendances have dropped, the prime aim of the club is to promote and encourage individual field observation.

The Duck Counting and Gull Inquiry have proceeded with appreciable success and many members had some of their records published in the Devon Bird-Watching and Preservation Society's Annual Report. The records included birds such as the Ferruginous Duck, the Avocet and the Black Throated Diver, and also a record of a Swift, seen over Devonport in December, of which we are particularly proud because it is the latest record of this bird for Devon. It was first seen and last seen by R. Hannaford, to whom we wish a speedy recovery from his illness.

Several field excursions were made, including an interesting visit to Berry Head, where members saw the Fulmar Petrel on its impressive breeding cliffs.

We shall soon be enjoying several lectures by some of Devon's best ornithologists, and also some film strips illustrating the haunts of the birds of Devon. We are indebted for these exciting prospects to the Devon Bird-Watching and Preservation Society's Education Committee.

Lastly the club would like to thank Mr. B. N. Snell for the fine collection of eggs which he has presented to the Society.

R. W. GOULD, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCOUT LOG.

On the whole, this term has been a satisfactory one for the Group, but, though we have had some new recruits from the lower school, we shall be very pleased to have more. Moreover, it would be encouraging to see many new members on the Group Committee—a Committee composed of parents—because the present members have done much good work for the Group already.

We have added two more Queen's Scouts to our number, P. Hawken and A. R. Smith, now making five. These two went to Gilwell in May, to the Chief Scout's reception of Queen's Scouts, to receive their certificates. They took with them, to London, a photograph of the Troop Flag, which was given to Mr. C. F. "Tex" Austin: The Flag was presented by the Group Committee in appreciation of his work and encouragement. T. Knight, another Queen's Scout, was present at the Windsor St. George's Day Parade of Queen's Scouts, and five boys from the Group were in the District Gang Show.

We have been working throughout the winter months on our camp-site at Clearbrook, and we now have four permanent kitchens. The Seniors ran a camp just after Whitsun, when they invited fifteen members of the Junior School Society to spend a week-end under canvas, and, because this was quite successful, we hope to make it an annual event. Work has also been done on our two canoes, and our Senior activities have been widened, to the inclusion of canoeing and adventuring.

This has been quite a successful term, and our broad horizon justifies a bigger membership. We hope to see many new faces next term.

P. EAMES.

Parents' Association

Since our last report appeared we have continued to serve the School in many ways, while, at the same time, enjoying our social functions.

The dance last December again proved to be one of our most popular events and it was clear from the gay atmosphere that parents and staff look forward to this occasion. Following our highly successful whist drive last November we organised another, jointly with the Old Boys' A.F.C., for early February. Unfortunately we happened to select the worst evening for the winter, snow and ice deterring all except the most hardy. In view of these difficulties an attendance of eighty was a major success!

During March we held our annual "At Home" to the Staff. The number of parents present seemed greater than ever and, in spite of a full staff attendance and improved organisation, many of us were there till a very late hour. We feel sure that this function is of great benefit.

The coach trip this year paid a return visit to Seale Hayne Agricultural College where we were shown the buildings and much of the work of the farm. We appreciated the efforts made on our behalf by the staff there which increased the pleasure of our trip. After tea at Newton Abbot we returned home via Shaldon and Torquay.

We have fulfilled our normal duties of providing teas for all visiting teams, a service which greatly increases the pleasure of our games; we have also purchased four umpire's coats, provided refreshment for guests and staff at the Music Society Concert and assisted the School financially in several ways.

In conclusion, the Association extends to Mr. R. Ferraro their very best thanks for his devoted service to the School and hopes that he will enjoy his well-earned retirement.

H.G.W.

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June 4th, 1956.

Dear Sir,

Easter Term in Cambridge is characterised by a marked contrast between its beginning and end. The solution to this apparent mystery lies in those events which annually drive a few of the Student population up here to suicide (only two this year)—the Tripos Examination.

Compared with other towns Cambridge is a *little* quieter, the attendance at Union debates drops to a mere fifty, society meetings become less frequent or non-existent, the cinemas even begin to "feel the pinch." Faces tend to become gloomy and even the liveliest of students seem to lose much of their vitality (affected perhaps by that dreadful disease "examinitis?") One attempt by an undergraduate motor-cyclist to obtain an aegrotat failed miserably: he merely succeeded in breaking his leg in a collision.

Nevertheless with the revolutionary step being taken of having no segregation in the examinations this year, the prospect of sharing their torture together with the fair sex from Girton and Newnham gave encouragement to some; however, it apparently distracted others!

With the Tripos over, the emphasis shifts to entertainment. Once again punts jam the upper reaches of the Cam and disturbs the peace of Grantchester. Most 'punters' once they have mastered the art of avoiding falling in the river and not losing their pole, valiantly endeavour with little success to keep their vessels moving in a straight line. Several of the less sane members of the community do not fall in the Cam by accident, but by design. Students have been diving off the Mill bridge in increasing numbers of late to win bets of various kinds.

Early in the term the City was overtopped by a huge Elephant (balloon) suspended in the sky. This elephant was the cause, apparently, of several road accidents occurring to those gazing up into the heavens.

Visitors to Cambridge this term included Father Huddleston who came to speak against the racial policy of the South African Government; he attracted a huge audience unparalleled since the visit of Billy Graham in the Michaelmas Term.

Danny Kaye, in a more serious rôle than usual, although full of his usual wisecracks, came to the city to speak for the United Nations Children's fund.

The University inevitably became involved in the "U" versus "Non-U" struggle. Nancy Spain rallied the "Non-U" members of the Union to defeat the motion that "This House would like to be 'U'" by 78 votes to 43.

We look forward to seeing our ranks strengthened next term when John Atherton and Colin Boden come up to join us.

May I take this opportunity of wishing the School success in the next year both in the academic sphere and in the field of sport.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. ADAMS.

Collège d'Europe,

41, Rue St-Jacques, Bruges.

Dear Sir,

The Whitsun weekend is perhaps the most important date in the calendar of the College of Europe. It is a tradition that the former students, the 'Anciens,' gather here for the 'Journées de Bruges,' thus renewing the contacts and friendships made during their year at the College. The latest re-enactment of this custom must have inspired others, besides myself, to reflect upon the idea of community as revealed in the College's activities.

As the end of our short year approaches, it is natural that we should assess the benefits which the College has bestowed upon us and compare them with our expectations on arrival last October. Many of us were doubtless attracted by the possibility of deepening our knowledge of our own fields or of extending our studies to other branches. Many thought of the help which the Collège could provide in finding them positions in the international organisations. Other powerful incentives must have been the opportunities for improving fluency in languages or for European travel, with the consequent satisfaction of other interests more or less intellectual and cultural in character. Each of us has probably found his own way of achieving his particular combination of these objectives. However, with the sense of imminent disruption becoming more acute as the weeks slip by, it is of the community, with all its precious qualities, that we become most conscious, even jealous. It is not that a corporate feeling has been absent in earlier months but that its marginal utility becomes greater at this time.

Looking back upon the activities of the year, we realise how each event contributed to the development of the community. The very first act of the year, the opening ceremony held in the Town Hall of Bruges, was to announce the name of our patron, Virgil. Since then, the 'Promotion Virgile' has been made a living reality, of which the poet's name is an esteemed symbol. One of the first acts of the students themselves was to elect their own

Bureau, a president and two assistants, whose tenure of office lasts for one term. Yet, although it is from this Bureau that much of the initiative comes, plans for the social activities of the College are elaborated only in consultation with the full assembly of the students. For obvious reasons, this corporate activity is to be seen most often in the extra-academic sphere. But, even in the academic sphere, the most striking features of the College are the seminars where the keynote is co-operation amongst the members of a group studying the same problem, and the study tours, undertaken by all the students whose observations upon the subject of study are combined into one report. In this way, the emphasis is laid implicitly upon joint action and the common good.

The community has, however, more significance than one promotion can give it alone. In an institution as young as this, the experimental nature of many of the officially sponsored activities is reflected in the willingness of the authorities to profit from constructive criticism offered by the students. It is sometimes difficult to make the effort to correct mistakes from which one has suffered oneself, just as it may be easy to abuse privileges without giving a thought for the evil consequences which this may have for future promotions. The fact that the effort is made and the thought is given is proof that a community is being shaped, not only within the limits of one year, but also through the successive years of the College's existence. Such initiative and restraint are quite as important as the material additions, which may be made in the course of the year to the amenities available for study and recreation. Now, by experience, for the first time the gathering in Bruges of the 'Anciens,' the Virgilians have been accorded an opportunity of seeing how real the community is and how durable.

The creation of a community inevitably poses a series of problems arising from the natural obstacles encountered during the year. It is tempting to see the diversity of background and consequently of regional idiosyncrasy and attitude as such a difficulty. Certain it is that the artificial aspect of such a mixture of nationality produces special problems, the solution of which is made more imperative by the vulnerable position of an international group set in the midst of an inquisitive, homogeneous society. Some of us were undoubtedly surprised by rules, which seemed disproportionately severe by comparison with the tolerance to which we had been accustomed. Their strict observance, demanding a certain sacrifice of personal liberty, may at times have persuaded us to think of the community merely as a restraining influence, a tedious limitation of individual action. To take such a negative view is to forget that the purpose of the rule is to ensure the adequate protection of the group. Once this immunity is thus guaranteed, then the society becomes a mould into which the talents of each member can be poured, with the result that the

harmonious synthesis of the different contributions becomes a co-operative process to the advantage of all. The experience of this year has shown that, far from being a liability, the diversity of background, has been an asset in vitalising the amalgam of corporate activity.

The application of this notion is not, of course, limited to our brief stay in Bruges. On the contrary, it has considerable meaning for the immediate task of securing European co-operation. Some have seen the diversity within Europe only as an obstacle to agreement. Surely it should be seen as a precious ingredient, to be cultivated for the enrichment of the community. If a year spent in Bruges makes every Virgilian fully aware of this lesson, then the College of Europe is indeed fulfilling a useful task.

Yours sincerely,

J. K. Hoskin.

University College,
London.

Dear Sir,

Whilst it may seem pedantic to say it, it is the habit of humans to suppose that the points on the surface of England where they were born, reared, sent, or merely where they arrived are the most superior ("U") of all such places.

There are many rumours of a growing establishment in South Kensington (Imperial College) and occasional snaps from a turning off the Strand (King's College). However, not everyone forsaking Plymouth for London (I hear the Dockyard is cutting its numbers) has been irrevocably twisted for life. For myself, I was fortunate enough to go to University College.

This is by far the largest of all London Colleges, having almost twice as many students as any other College.

One of the big events of the College Year was the Foundation Ball (from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m.) which all "old hands" avoid but to which I faithfully went. This was held in the Festival Hall which I would advise all to visit as being one of the most beautiful interiors (especially to the concert hall) I have ever visited.

The third term is now at hand and the hand is pointing towards exams—mine begin next Thursday—whilst everyone is studiously pointing out that the real purpose of a University is to educate yourself not to pass exams. Last term I happened to meet Goswell who seems to be doing well in the Civil Service and yesterday I met Cheffers who is now a constable. Finally, I must recount how at a party last Christmas a lady came up to me and said, "And how are you getting on at school up in London, Jimmy."

Yours faithfully,

J. P. HOLDING.

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Despite the severe winter, which is now fortunately behind us, our Rugger and Soccer Clubs continued to enjoy a fair measure of success. They still require additional playing members and will welcome any Old Boy who enjoys his Saturday afternoon game. If you are interested please let me know and I will put you in contact with the appropriate secretary. The Badminton Club would be pleased to enrol more players too; if you are not acquainted with their game they will teach you! Whilst talking sport a special mention is due for Mike Tait—top points scorer for Plymouth Albion last season. We hope his good work on the field continues to keep him in the limelight and trust the Devon Selectors will award his obvious talents with a cap in the very near future.

Two events last winter were marred by bad weather. Ice-covered roads prevented a large attendance at the Parents' Association Whist Drive run to help our Soccer Club's depleted finances, whilst torrential rain reduced the attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

Although the Parents' Association did not profit to the expected extent from their venture they still gave our Soccer Club a donation of £5. We are extremely grateful to them for this kindly gesture. The evening proved an enjoyable one to those who managed to slide their way to the school hall, particularly to the secretary of the Soccer Club—he won the first prize!

Nineteen somewhat bedraggled members attended the A.G.M. at the Albion Clubroom. This proved to be a very interesting meeting and every member present spoke at least once on the varied subjects discussed.

It is regretted that the Cricket team has not played this year owing to a misunderstanding. No application to the local league was made and thus no allocation of pitches was forthcoming. However the annual Old Boys v. The School cricket match is being revived and will be played at Collings Park on the evening of Thursday, 26th July.

Committee meetings have been very well attended and, although you do not hear from us as often as we would wish, you

may rest assured that we are continually working with the best interests of your Association at heart. We are very fortunate in having an exceedingly keen President in Dr. Cresswell. His enthusiasm has done much in keeping the Association alive. Will you back us up by supporting our Rugger, Soccer and Badminton Clubs? Also by attending the Annual Dinner?

At last year's Dinner we were pleased to pay tribute to Mr. C. F. Austin. This year a fund has been inaugurated similarly for Mr. R. Ferraro. Donations are invited—also any unpaid subscriptions!

As Messrs. Perkin Bros. have closed their business Messrs. E. Dingle & Co., will supply ties, badges and blazers in future. Our ties have deteriorated in colour of recent years and the new stocks will be in our true colours—dark green, black and white.

A note for your diaries—the Annual Dinner (it will be a Dinner and Dance if sufficient members give their support) will be held at the Continental Hotel, on Friday, 28th December, 1956.

B. GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE OLD BOYS' RUGGER CLUB

Since the last report there has been little change in the recruitment position of the Old Boys' Rugger Club and the shortage of players continued throughout the second half of the season. We were again helped out by school players and we are particularly grateful to John Baker and Raymond Heale who, besides playing themselves whenever available, were very helpful in finding other players.

Our scoreboard for 1955-56 reads:

Played 26	Won 12	Drawn 1	Lost 13
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Next season I feel we shall be even more in need of players than during 1955-56—Allen Burroughs has already moved to Guernsey and will not be available whilst our Captain, Ron George, is possibly taking up a position at Bradford. We shall miss them both very much and will need good players to replace them.

We have a full fixture list for 1956-57 including some new fixtures and, providing we can find the players, we should have a good season.

B. K. JANE, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE OLD BOYS' BADMINTON CLUB

At the conclusion of the 1955-56 season the Old Boys' Badminton Team (mixed) finished midway in the table of the 1st Division of the Plymouth and District Churches Badminton League. The standard of play in this division is much improved, and we have considerable satisfaction in holding our place in spite of the depletion in our membership, our reserve strength being very low. Progress in the Beckly Cup Tournament terminated in the Quarter Finals when we found a handicap of 75 points a

little too much. Match evenings have been especially enjoyed by the members, both at home and visiting. These are occasions when the opportunity arises for friendly contact with other teams in the League. The Ladies also had friendly matches arranged with the Plymouth Command W.R.N.S., prior to the latter taking part in Inter-Command matches.

Our only representative in the League Tournament Finals, Mrs. M. Down, was most unfortunately taken ill just a few days prior to the event and had to concede a walk-over to her opponent.

Club nights are Tuesdays and Saturdays at the School, commencing at 6.30 p.m. We extend a welcome to new members to the Club, and would mention that we are in a position to accept additional Ladies, with the proviso that their playing ability is sufficiently good for the opposition we are likely to encounter next season.

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

THE OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

The 1955-56 season proved that the Club has now firmly made its way back into local football.

The 1st XI finished in fourth place in Division 1 whilst the 2nd XI, after a poor start to the season, managed to fight back and finish just below half-way in the Division 2 table.

It looked at one stage of the season as if the Club were likely to gain honours in one of the two cup competitions that were entered. Then, unfortunately, the team hit a bad patch for a few weeks when they lost by 3 goals to nil to Walkham Rangers in the area final of the Devon Junior Cup, and by 4 goals to 1 to Plymouth Spurs, in the quarter-final of the Challenge Bowl Competition.

Another step forward is likely to be taken during the coming 1956-57 season. The league management are contemplating re-organising the Divisions and instituting a second section to the Premier division. The club has been invited to take part in this new league, which would of course mean that the 1st XI would then be playing Senior instead of Junior football.

Brian Rollings, our outstanding goalkeeper for the past two seasons, has unfortunately had to leave us to go to Police Training College, but otherwise it looks as though the playing strength of the club will remain about the same.

I should once more like to thank our Chairman, Mr. H. G. Warren, our Captain, Donald Mackay, and all club members for their help and hard work which assisted in making the past season so enjoyable and successful.

The club still needs more playing members and we should be very pleased to hear from any Old Boys who are interested.

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

PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

May I preface these notes by two very important notices:

- (1) Please read carefully the enclosed circular and let us have your replies.
- (2) London Old Boys note Mr. Austin's address: 10 Northfields Road, Acton, London, W.3., and write to him: Reunion probably Saturday, November 3rd.

Do continue to write. I've had several interesting letters as a result of this column and I'm told that O.B.'s appreciate the news of each other. Give us news of any Old Boys.

A. W. CHAMBERS (1926-1932). Detective Sergeant. 'Bill.' Awarded the George Medal. Congratulations.

G. PALTRIDGE (1937-42). Lieutenant Colonel appointed to C.B.E. Congratulations.

N. A. DOLTON (1927-33). Commander R.N. Awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division). Congratulations.

NORMAN HUGHES (1891-1897)—read the last paragraph of this column.

G. J. LLOYD (1948-54). Called in at School, is now a regular in the R.A.F. and takes up a posting at Credenhill shortly.

J. TREVERROW (1948-54). Is also serving in the R.A.F. and is also posted to Credenhill. Clerk Accountant—other R.A.F. watch your pay!

D. J. VODEN (1948-54). Is now at R.A.F. Credenhill Pay Accounts. It looks as if D.H.S. is taking over. With him are also JORY, TAYLOR and VICKERY.

R. T. F. WILLIAMS (1947-55). Awarded a half-purple for Chess at London University (Imperial College). He also did very well in the Devon and National Championships.

RAY TOWNSEND (1943-51). Took onto himself a wife. Saturday, 16th June. I managed to get to the wedding. Any more Old Boys contemplating the same step let me know. LETCHER was best man. COUSINS an usher—he's to be married in March—Bossom and Mrs. Bossom also there to see them safely off.

A. R. SMALE (1916-22). 105 West Town Lane, Brislington, Bristol, writes: "I am still interested in the bricks and mortar wherein I had many a

tender palm." Anyone in Bristol look him up. He has just returned from Overseas, was a member of 'Gilbert' House.

G. R. A. ANDREWS (1940-47). Writes to us from Calcutta where he is an Accountant with the Bank of India on Chrowinghee. Has been in Rangoon, Burma. Now swotting for a Colloquial Hindustani and Fuiat AIB (Banker's Diploma). Coming to U.K. in August on a month's leave to get married—doesn't say to whom or where. Will be delighted to meet any Old Boys for tiffin in Calcutta. I spent several month's there and strongly recommend Fripo's.

F. BLIGHT (1922-1929). Married with a family. Met Mr. Austin in London. Is now with Permutat and travels extensively. Wishes to be remembered to the old 15th Plymouth.

D. J. SHARE (1943-50). Obtained Teacher's Certificate at St. Luke's and is to take Orders. Enters Salisbury Theological College this Aug.

B. M. COLEMAN (1950-53). Commissioned R.A.F. Fighter Control. Will take an Engineering Degree at Imperial College.

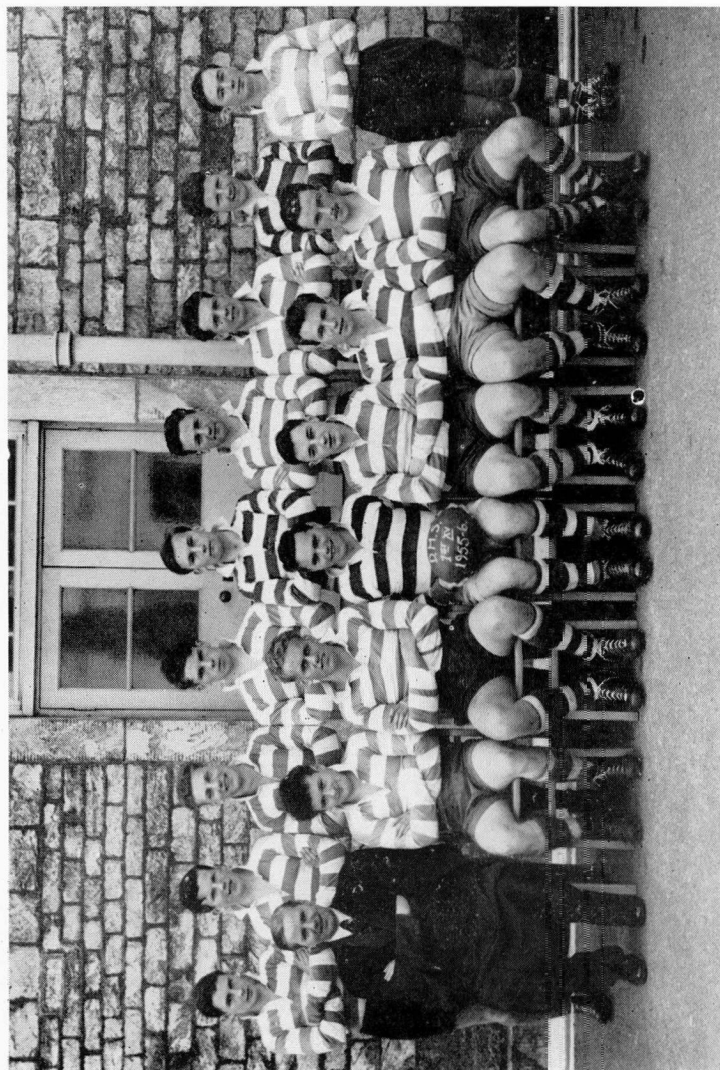
COLIN GRANT, TERRY ROSS, JOHN SIMMONDS, F. BARRY, all had a meal recently with Mr. Austin. They have found a nice little place in Holborn.

NORMAN TAYLOR (1913-22), L. MILLS (1925-33), REG. HODGE (1933-39), also had a get together with "Tex" and they are meeting H. E. BARRY, NORMAN DARK, A. T. BROOKS (1910-16), N. E. CHAFF (1931-39), and R. C. HORNE in the near future. What a party! We must compile a list of addresses.

- TONY SWAN (1920). Inspector of Taxes, Soho, has also met Mr. Austin. Confirms the cheerful spirit of adventure of "Tex."
- BOB DENYER (1926-33). Working hard in Bath just missed the party when on a visit to London.
- B. CROSS (1947-54). Called in on leave from London. Looks very fit indeed. Getting ready for Oxford—his next objective.
- T. G. ORCHARD (1926-33). Posted back to the land of his fathers. Is house hunting in Plymouth. Called in to cheer up his contemporaries, Mr. Warn and Mr. Tamblin. Cheered us all up too.
- F. C. PENPRASE (1949-55). Now with I.C.I. at Slough. Thoroughly enjoys his life there and strongly recommends a student apprenticeship.
- T. M. HOCKING (1947-55). Enjoying National Service with the Army but looking forward to going up to Loughborough in the near future.
- L. W. GIDDY (1920-28). Wrote to us from 11 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Is a professional Engineer and will welcome mail and visits from Old Boys.
- P. D. DONALDSON (1942-48). Called in. He is enjoying life on the Isle of Sheppey where he is a cashier with a Building Society. Looked very fit and prosperous.
- B. P. GEORGE (1947-54). Stationed with R.A.F., Portland, called in looking very vigorous and energetic indeed. Goes up to Oxford this September.
- P. M. MILLER (1947-55). Commissioned in the Army. Looks well, happy and as cheerful as ever. He too is looking forward to Oxford.
- GEORGE MEERS (1916-19). Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs.—a baby daughter.
- A. COSWAY (1932-37) was very much with us on Sports Day. Nice to see M. C. WOTTON (1946-53) and M. GILBERT, Secretary of the Old Boys' Association there to.
- M. F. BISHOP (1948-53). Called in to see us. He is stationed at Chatham as a regular in the R.E.'s. Was at the Army School 1953-56 and thoroughly supports Army life.
- A. G. GOSWELL (1945-53). Writes that he has now decided to become a school-teacher. Entering St. Luke's in September. Met BARRY CROSS at Twickenham recently. Sends his regards to all but especially to D. HENDRA.
- D. HENDRA (1946-53). Gave a lesson to the VIth recently on some biological research he has been doing at Southampton. Is at present suffering the tortures of finals.
- J. K. HOSKIN (1945-50) writes us a long letter from Bruges where he is working in the College d'Europe after taking his degree at Cambridge. Is contemplating the Admin. Branch of the Civil Service. Closes with a note re his brother T. HOSKIN (1945-47) now a Lieutenant on H.M.S. *Roebuck* visiting Spanish ports and Bermuda!!
- T. PRICE reminds us that ELLIOTT, S. BUTLER, ROSS, COLIN GRANT, T. ORCHARD, B. BOWDEN, JONES, EVANS and Mr. Austin watched Devon together at Twickenham.
- B. FOX (1945-52). Will, at Camberley, Surrey, on July 30th join the happily married. All good wishes to him and his bride to be—Miss Maureen Lean.
- D. R. CANN (1949-55). Now at the City School of Architecture, strongly recommends this course of study.
- M. RICH (1947-54), P. WARLOW (1947-54), R. ADAMS (1947-55) all called in together on vacation. University life suits them very well.
- G. J. PAGE (1940-47), Flying Officer, had news of Lt. PEAKALL, R.N. (1941-48), who is married with one child, and T. A. CURTICE (1941-48) now with Lloyds Bank, Launceston. Curtice is also recently married. He also met recently A/C. DRAKE (1941-47) at a R.A.F. Station. Page was married a year ago to a school teacher, and by the time we go to print will have a family. Congratulations.

- M. WILLIAMS (1948-54). Called in to tell us that he has got his R.A.F. Commission. Pilot. Hopes to enter Civil Aviation after his 12 years.
- B. H. F. HARRIS (1945-49), starts at Redlands, Bristol in September—training to be a teacher. Good luck.
- T. P. JAGGER (1945-50). E/O. R.F.A. missed me the day he called in. Recommends the hard way to those prepared to work and swears by it.
- D. P. MILES (1943-49). Executive Civil Service. Gone to Singapore—taking his wife with him—expects to return in July. He is Assistant Armaments Officer.
- M. WHITEAR (1948-55). Sends a long and most interesting letter from R.A.F., Lichfield. It is grand to hear of reactions to Service life.
- J. PICK (1948-54). Now a Sergeant Navigator. Is also to be married this month. All best wishes.
- B. R. BLACKLER (1948-55). Called in on vacation from Bristol University.
- W. J. ANDREWS (1948-55). Now at Keele. Awarded the Hambleton Scholarship.
- F. S. EASTON (1944-52). Writes most interestingly about his plans for his career. He is accepted at the London School of Economics and Political Science and is to read for his LL.B. external. At present he is in the Civil Service Executive.
- R. D. FURSE (1947-52). Congratulations on his Second Class Pass in Admiralty Final Examination for Artificer Apprentices.
- R. M. HANCOCK (1944-51). Called in and despite his badly injured leg toured the building. He's hoping to carry on with his Army career but knows that he is out of football for some considerable time.
- D. A. VARCOE (1936-41) has sent us a fine photograph of the presentation to 'Tex' and the Annual Dinner. Thank you very much!
- A. F. SMITH (1917-24), Commander R.N. (Retd.), now Training Supervisor of Caltex Ltd., called to see us on business, bringing us news of his brothers.
- D. F. SMITH (1917-24), now at Head Office, Bank of England. Home address, 62 Manor Way Road, Purley, Surrey.
- V. F. SMITH (1917-20), Captain, M.N., D.S.O., Senior Master with British Tanker Co., Ltd. (Old Manor House, Fishpool Street, St. Albans).
- E. H. SMITH, now Chief Engineer Riley Stoker Corporation, Worcester, Massachusetts.
- Will contemporary Old Boys drop them a line.
- A. DAVIES (1943-50), Civil Service Executive now transferred to Plymouth. Keen on Rugby—not yet married. Met COLIN DAW (1943-50), King's College and B. SANDERSON (1942-50), now with Canada Trans-Pacific Railways as Public Relations Officer.
- J. F. HOOPER (1947-54). At Farnboro with R.E.'s, is hoping to go up to Shrivenham.
- A. E. HOUGHTON (1949-54). Growing taller and broader, is in the R.A.F. Military Police.
- A. PINCHES (1944-50). Teaching at Berkhamstead and enjoying it. Tells us his brother—with Marconi's—is also full of vigour.
- B. WOOSEY (1945-53). Posted to Cyprus. Called in to tell us he will write—when he can.
- D. WONNACOTT (1948-53) with *H.M.S. Caledonia*, training as a Shipwright Artificer Apprentice, has met I. PIKE, both have represented their ships in Athletics and both look very fit.
- Congratulations to—
- D. W. H. HENDRA, Hons. B.Sc., Southampton ;
- A. CROSS, Hons. B.A., Cambridge ;
- I. C. F. TREBY, Hons. B.Sc., Oxford ;
- G. W. J. MATTHEWS, Hons. B.Sc., Nottingham.
- Matthews has also been awarded a Medical Research Council Post-Graduate Scholarship and will be attached to the Exeter University Cancer Research Unit.

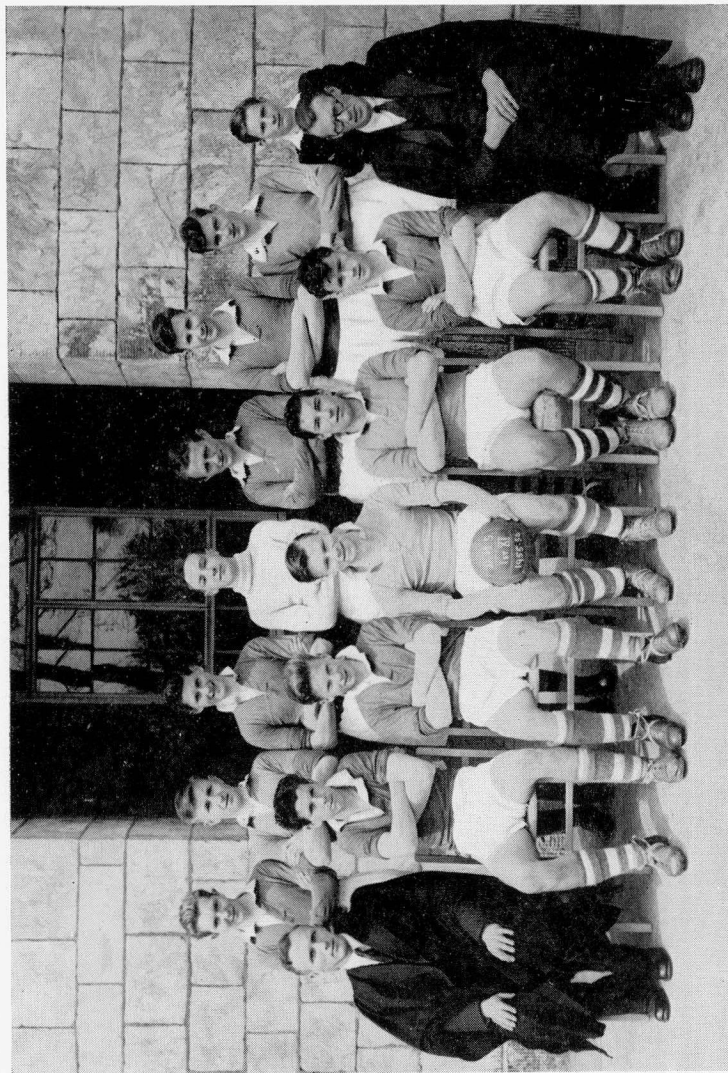
1st XV. RUGBY, 1955-56



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Front Row: Mr. H. Mallinson, J. Wilson, J. G. R. Baker, A. Green (*Capt.*), B. Hay, R. A. Heale, M. J. Allison.

1st XI. SOCCER, 1955-56



Back Row (left to right): K. M. Dixon, A. E. Brimacombe, B. Widger, P. H. G. Hawken, M. J. Beer, W. J. Badcock (*Secretary*), J. R. Parsons, R. Doidge (*Linesman*).
Front Row: Mr. D. G. Barkell, R. W. Woodacre, R. D. Smerdon, N. W. Clarke (*Capt.*), N. H. Dingle, J. Mitchell, Dr. J. L. Gresswell (*Headmaster*).

Here to conclude is an excerpt from a letter from Norman Hughes (1889-1897):

"I joined in 1889. Mr. A. Rider was then the Head, Mr. Crang his deputy, Mr. Swanson and Mr. Evans my first teachers. I left in 1897, went to London in 1903, came to Rhodesia in 1907, and have lived here ever since. Are any of my contemporaries left? I shall be glad to hear from them. I was in St. Andrew's Choir from 1892-1897, my choirmaster was Dr. H. Moreton! I well remember Mr. Treseder joining the School."

His address is P.O. Box 475 Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, and incidentally he has seven grandchildren.

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