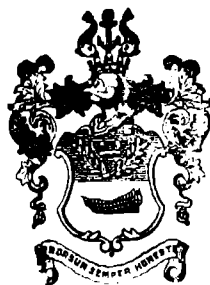


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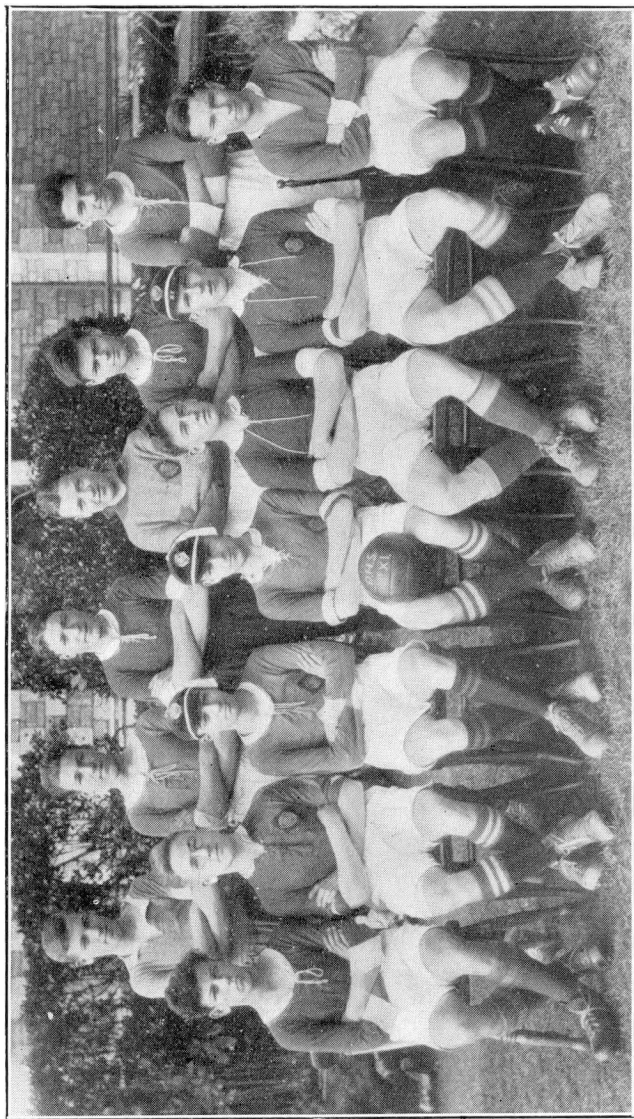
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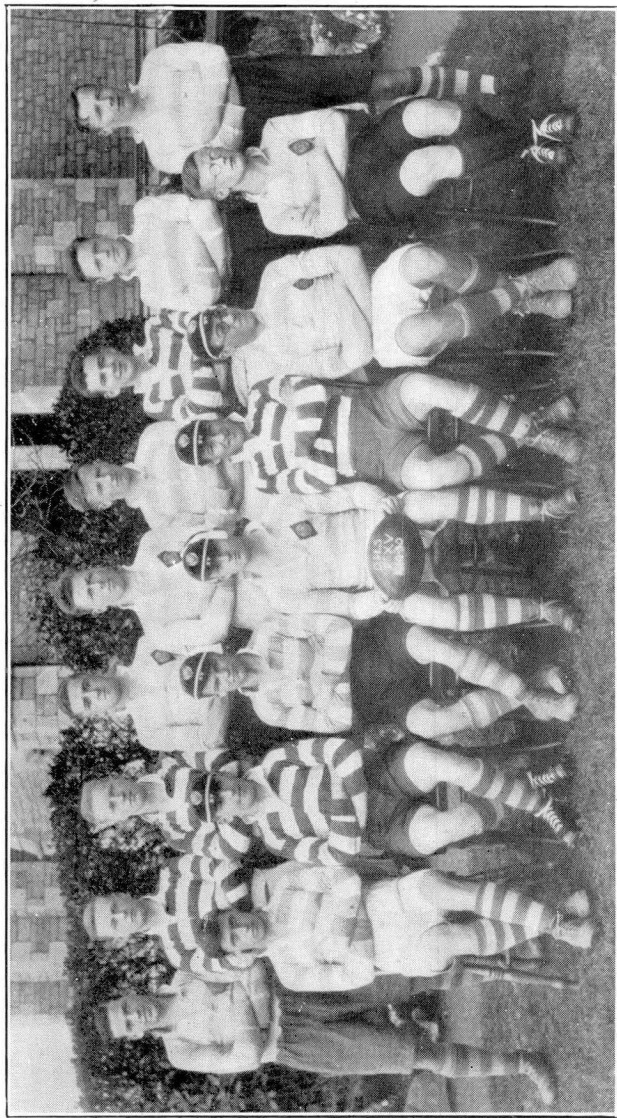
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## EDITORIAL.

The temporary failure of the Naval Conference has pointed out a great opportunity for education. Those who are responsible for the present efforts to ensure or promote world peace are inevitably influenced by the terrible experiences of the Great War, but those who are now in the schools have little recollection, if any, of that period.

If the brutalising tendencies of war and its extreme divergence from all the finer emotions are constantly shown to the young, a spirit of desire for peace and good comradeship amongst the nations will arise.

In the discussions of to-day on world peace, every representative is out for his pound of flesh. Fear compels him to back up his country's interests and stipulate for terms which, reasonable or unreasonable, are advantageous to him. It is a natural fear based on the experiences of the nations conquered in the last war.

The march of science and the widening of international communications are ready proofs that any future war will be magnified in intensity and in evil results. An appeal to end war should be made to the young people of to-day, by causing them to realise some of its horrors.

A closer understanding can best be reached by educating the young people in an international outlook of equality and amicable relationships: pointing out the advantages of mind and body to be realised in a world at peace.

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Owing to the Editor's illness and pressure of work, almost the whole task of compiling this magazine has fallen on Mr. Matthews. His magnificent efforts deserve the praise of everyone connected with D.H.S., and I should like to tender him my heartiest personal thanks.

THE EDITOR.

## IT'S AN ILL WIND . . . . .

Mark you, he was only a little fellow and twelve hours spent half-stripped to avoid absolute scorching in an atmosphere of belching furnaces and strident sirens is enough for any man.

As he opened the wicket gate and trudged up the coarsely gravelled path he felt relief from the tension of his work, happiness in anticipating a quiet fireside and an enjoyable concert on his idolised wireless-set which was permanently throned on the kitchen whatnot.

Voices? Angry voices? In his drawing room? With resentment smouldering in his heart, he set one hand cautiously on the scullery door and noiselessly crept down the narrow lobby.

Now he thought he could hear his wife pleading—such a huskiness often overcame her. Triumph surged over the little man. A second voice—domineering, exultant. He would show this raucous ragamuffin, he, Alfred Peters, at your service, Sir!!

But the intruder must have some sixth-sense—for just as he slid open the drawing room door the voice boomed out—“I could snuff out yer measly little hubby in less then two 'tics! And I will if yer don't hand over that money slick! Here he comes, the mug! Hurry up now, missus!”

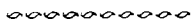
Alfred Peters ran forward, sweat pouring from him. The nervous strain was too great. He knew his physical failings, but his wife needed him. Almost he had reached the dark corner, his fury increasing at every step when — — — — — the morse jammed his set, and saved his reason.

He found the light switch and on the table a note—

“Dear Alfie,

The kitchen fire's *no* good, so I've put your set in the drawing room—working well. Dinner's in the oven.  
Mary.”

ATTICUS.



## SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The amended list of School Officers is as follows:—

PREFECTS—E. Hannam (Senior Prefect), J. A. Oates, E. J. Barnes, R. W. Barrow, E. R. Gordon, J. H. Chaff, E. O. Jewell, F. A. J. Matthews, J. W. Geaton, F. J. Trevithick, F. W. Kellaway, J. H. Francis, C. J. Howell, W. H. Osborne, T. B. Pearn, W. A. Rickard, C. E. Smith, L. Taylor, W. S. Watson.

SPORTS COMMITTEE—Masters and Prefects.

SPECIAL SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE—Messrs. A. A. Campbell, E. T. Heather, G. M. Davis, together with the House Captains.

HOUSE CAPTAINS—" *Drake*," J. A. Oates ; " *Gilbert*," E. R. Gordon ; " *Grenville*," C. E. Smith ; " *Raleigh*," E. J. Barnes.

1st XI. (Assoc. Football)—*Captain*, E. Hannam ; *Vice-Captain* J. A. Oates ; *Secretary*, E. R. Gordon.

1st XV. (Rugby Football)—*Captain*, C. E. Smith ; *Vice-Captain*, J. Darch ; *Secretary*, J. Stone.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY—*Chairman*, E. Hannam ; *Secretary*, E. J. Barnes ; *Committee*, F. A. J. Matthews, W. H. Osborne, T. B. Pearn.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION—*President*, A. Treseder, Esq., M.A. ; *General Secretary and Treasurer*, J. H. Ferraro, Esq., B.Sc. ; *Branch Secretary*, C. E. Gill, Esq.

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## EN PASSANT.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to :—

W. A. C. Collings, on his success at the examination for Paymaster Cadetships of the Royal Navy last November.

W. H. Osborne and F. J. Trevithick on obtaining their Intermediate B.Sc. degrees at London University last November.

All those concerned in the success of the Vith Form Dance last January.

N. A. Bargery, S. A. Evans, S. Francis, H. Pagan, H. Smeardon and G. Ward on being successful at the Civil Service (Clerical Branch) Examination held last January.

Gordon, Wingate and Sparke, on obtaining full colours ; and Luke, Pearn, Jewell and Francis (W. G.), half-colours in Association Football.

Warn, Polkinghorne and Mill, on obtaining full colours; and Smeardon, Bilney, Joslin, Martin and O'Carroll, half-colours in Rugby Football.

Mr. H. F. Gordon, old D.H.S.ian, on being awarded Soccer colours at the University of Reading.



#### PRAEFECTE VALE.

W. A. C. COLLINGS—entered school, May, 1919; appointed Prefect, Sept., 1929; Lance-corporal, Cadet Corps, 1927-8; Captain 2nd XI. Association Football, 1928-9. Entered Navy as Paymaster Cadet, January, 1930.



#### SPORTS DAY, 1930.

The School Sports will be held this year at HOME PARK, on Wednesday, 14th May, at 2.30 p.m. This step is being taken to prevent such a debacle as occurred at last year's sports owing to the weather. Admission will be by programme, price 3d. each. This charge is to help us to pay for the use of the ground.

Old Boys are particularly invited to attend as there are two events in which they may participate—namely, 220 yards handicap and a Tug-of-War, versus the School.

A. A. CAMPBELL,

*Chairman, Sports Sub-Committee.*

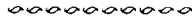


#### A GENERAL GLANCE AROUND.

I was extremely glad when hockey became a reality within D.H.S. It is a game with a distinct appeal for players who are inexpert at football; and needs the same physical and mental qualities. No sane being could doubt its value. The start has shown me the keenness and enterprise of the promoters. A good win was encouraging, and the defeat against a good Corporation side was only to be expected. With practice and finer teamwork hockey will prosper all right. The game deserves a welcome, for the wider our sporting and social activities the better.



The level of speaking at this term's Inter-School Debate was excellent. 5 upper are to be commended for the sterling support they afforded our society, and the remaining 5th forms for their good showing at Wednesday meetings. Debating is a profitable pastime for everyone.



Our Football strength is apparently sufficient to run both codes. This is a relief, for the question of poaching is avoided. My congratulations to all the teams, especially to players who have found themselves in various grades of football week by week, they have worked hard and well in each. But speaking of awards, I cannot understand why players with considerable experience in the senior teams receive no reward, whilst a player of an inferior grade is honoured. This is a *really* dangerous precedent, unless distinctive 2nd XI. and XV. colours are presented.



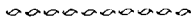
In transferring the sports to Home Park we are considering the spectators chiefly. It means that we shall have plenty of field jobs for those who are not competitors. Rally round, everyone, tell all your friends that our sports are the finest ever. They always are, anyhow.



Two features of this term's sport which have pleased me are the levelling up in the House Competitions, and the advance of the second form. I saw you dwarfs lose to Sutton after a good fight against much bigger lads, but I can see several giant killers among you already. Good luck to you and

a rattling fine Vac. to everyone.

VIGILANT.



#### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Spring Session saw the commencement of the Wednesday evening debates, for which the Committee spared no efforts in the previous year. To ensure a respectable attendance at each monthly meeting it had been decided to extend an invitation to attend to V. upper and Vr. The Committee had every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their venture, at the end of the first debate, which was held on Wednesday, February 5th, the motion being : " That this House approves of the abolition of the

Speed-limit." *Mr. R. E. Lockwood* was in the chair. *Mr. Osborne*, proposing the motion, traced the history of speed restrictions on motor cars from the days of the red-flag man, walking before a car, to present-day restrictions, such as operate in most big towns. He declared that, to have a ready sale to-day, a car had to possess speed. Speed limits treated motorists as children, but an abolition of such limits meant that for "you must not" the phrase "it is inadvisable to" would be substituted; laws pertaining to dangerous driving would be more rigorously enforced and by encouraging engineers to improve their designs for speed employment would be ensured. In our times speed was essential and a speed limit was a mere relic of the past.

*Mr. Triplett*, opposing the motion, declared that the proposer was wrong in supposing that the retention of a speed limit would endanger England's speed records. The fear of a high death rate was the rational objection to abolition of existing limits, and it had been proved conclusively that the death rate was lower under a speed limit than without one. The great difficulty, when the limit was abolished, was to discriminate between careful and dangerous driving. The system of speed traps, though undesirable from a moral point of view, was essential for the safety of the public. Remove the Speed-limit and "speeding" would increase. To leave speed to the discretion of individual motorists was futile—for many had no discretion.

*Mr. Le Bailly*, seconding the proposition, dwelt on the absurdity of speed restrictions on open roads, although he agreed that motorists could not expect to traverse towns at the same speed as in the open country.

*Mr. J. H. Francis*, seconding the opposition, held the opinion that the existing speed-limit was inadequate and obsolete, whereas with no speed-limit reckless driving and excessive speeding would creep in. He believed that scientifically constructed roads would provide opportunity for a re-adjustment in the speed-limit, not its total abolition.

From the 40 members present many aired their views with exceptional enthusiasm and eloquence, and the evening went all too quickly. Finally, the motion was carried by 24 votes to 9.

The next evening debate in the school was held on Wednesday, March 5th, with *Mr. E. Hannam* in the chair, the motion being "That this House condemns the action of various British religious personages in interfering with the religious situation in Russia."

*Mr. Oates*, proposing the motion, declared that as notions on the question were as yet rather hazy, it was necessary to be circumspect. Russia's aim was to consolidate a new form of communal religion in which one had only to consider the ideals of life observed—the

exaggerated accounts of Anti-Christ were of little importance. Interference on such a question could only succeed in aggravating political relations, and the world was weary of war— for when politics enter the question, war cannot be avoided. England could not consider and completely understand the Russian's peculiarly mixed outlook, and it would be better to leave things to adjust themselves than to alienate a people by stupid interference.

*Mr. Wakely*, opposing the motion, quoted the service for the ordination of bishops and thus showed that it was the duty of bishops to correct any religious errors, such as those now prevalent in Russia. He exposed the horrors of the Russian peasant's life, and declared that the unlettered peasants were being led against the Church—which through the ages had been a refuge for the sick and needy—by unprincipled leaders. It would be no more to send missionaries to Russia than to any other land. It was the duty of every Christian-spirited Englishman to act at once.

*Mr. Pearn*, seconding the proposition, declared that he was not in favour of action until concrete evidence of Russian religious persecution had been obtained. The Head of the Russian Church denied such persecution and at any rate Russian religion was not being persecuted worse than England herself had formerly been. There was suspicion on both sides and it behoved us to be sure before taking definite action.

*Mr. Wintle*, seconding the opposition, said that peace had to be secured in Russia, and peace was the object of the Christian religion. The average Russian peasant, though superstitious, had a genuine love for his religion and assuredly found comfort in it. There was the danger, too, that if Russia continued this religious war there would be many Russian refugees in other lands. Religious troubles, as in France, did not always come right of their own accord, and it was selfish not to help humanity in general.

An exceptionally pleasing feature of this debate was the fact that every member present (about 30) contributed to the discussion.

The motion was carried by 15 votes to 13.

E. HANNAM, *Chairman*.

E. J. BARNES, *Secretary*.

The Society also held two Friday morning debates as follows :  
Friday, Jan. 31st.—“ This House believes that the frankness of the modern novel is genuine and not due to any ulterior motive.”  
—rejected by 18 votes to 2.

Friday, Feb. 14th.—“ This House considers that the proposals for a Central Park in Plymouth are totally unnecessary.”  
—rejected by 11 votes to 9.

On Monday, Feb. 10th, Mr. R. E. Lockwood lectured on "Sir James Barrie."

During this Session it was also decided to hold a Concert at the end of the term, with the combined resources of the VIth and V. upper. A Committee was elected, *Messrs. Hannam, Matthews, Pearn, Osborne*, to represent the VIth, and *Messrs. Stone, Triplett, Evens* and *Le Bailly* from V Upper. The St. Michael's Hall was booked for Saturday, April 5th.



### THIS TERM'S INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE.

The Plymouth High School for Girls received us on February 26th, when the motion before the House read :—

"This House is of the opinion that the granting of Dominion Status to India is premature."

*Mr. Osborne*, our representative, proposed the motion. He emphasised the lack of education and co-operation in India, saying that without the unifying influence of British administration no political constitution such as colonial status demanded would be possible. India was divided into sects diametrically opposed in politics, religion and education. Great Britain, by knocking down the prejudices and barriers of snobbery which had hitherto obtained, had realised the watchword—"Swaraj," India the Nation. If British influence were removed, chaos and anarchy would inevitably result.

*Miss Iris Lamcy*, of the Devonport Municipal Secondary School, in opposing the motion, said that we had promised India dominion status, but now we were unwilling to fulfil that promise. She pointed out that only Indians could understand Indian grievances and that unless we gave dominion status a fair trial we could never realise whether it would be successful.

Speaking third, *Mr. Lamerton* of the Sutton Secondary School, stated that it was only a small portion of the Indian population who demanded dominion status, and that the majority of Indian merchants and bankers were very much against such a policy. He indicated the heterogeneous character of the nation, and said that if England gave dominion status to India she would be neglecting her duty.

*Mr. Gillingham*, representing Plymouth College, seconded the opposition. He maintained that Indians had a right to be governed independently, that Englishmen could not understand the Indian's



point of view : and that they did not appreciate English rule any more than Englishmen would appreciate the rule of a Chinaman.

Supporting the motion, *Miss Hester Roseman*, of the Plymouth High School, said that dominion status would never be successful in India until India was a nation, and she did not consider that that time had arrived. She greatly stressed class differences, and said that only with an outside power governing her could India have internal peace.

For the opposition, *Miss Dawn Salter*, of the Corporation Grammar School, pointed out that many Indian princes were educated in England and were therefore doubly capable of ruling their subjects. She referred to the British monopoly of the salt tax, and said that it was unfair for English people to do so. She pointed out that although Englishmen supervised the construction of canals, bridges, etc., in India, the natives were the instruments by which these works were carried out, and would work more satisfactorily under native supervision.

After a keen and varied debate the motion was carried by 76 votes to 53.

We are indebted to the secretary of the Plymouth High School for Girls for supplying this report.



### A FEW GENUINE HOWLERS.

Monks and Friars are :—(i) priests with *bald heads*.  
(ii) people who *never swear*.

Explain the meaning of :—

“ *Cars stop by request* ”—Answer : “ Cars stop when required to get on or off.”

“ *Lock up shop to let* ”—“ Police station with cells to be sold.”

“ *What is the notice displayed in the rear seats of the city buses ?* ”

Answer :— (i) Smoking a-loud in back seats only.  
(ii) No children allowed except adults.  
(iii) Only children over 16 are allowed in.

The look-out was stationed in the *cow's* -nest.

Paul left Athens in very poor spirits as he had not made any *convicts*.

Orpheus went to the land of *Plutos* and *Phospherine*.

Henry V declared war on France because his *tile* was insecure.

Dick Turpin was a celebrated film star.

The Constable of France was a *French policeman*.



## SPEECH DAY.

On Tuesday afternoon, 17th December, 1929, the Central Hall, Fore Street, Devonport, was filled by an audience who had the pleasure of listening to a charming and deftly-handled address by Mr. F. S. Chamberlain, the general secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain very kindly undertook the journey from London expressly to render us service.

Solid and useful advice is always given by the principal speaker at Speech Day, but Mr. Chamberlain's remarks glistened with humour that appealed to the boys as well as their parents. One was sorry when he finished—no unworthy criterion of a good speaker and a good speech. Nor shall we soon forget the hopefulness conveyed in his words: "Whatever you do, shut your ears to the prophets of doom; take life as it comes, and live every moment of it."

The school indeed needs hope in one respect, for, as the Headmaster emphasised in his report, it is still without a gymnasium for which it has been waiting for more than 20 years. Will 1930 see that hope fulfilled?

Alderman R. McDonald, who presided, praised the school as being a star "turn" for successes and the winning of scholarships. The votes of thanks at the close of the proceedings, were in the capable hands of Alderman A. E. C. Pitcher, Mrs. G. A. Daymond, Mr. E. R. Grant and Mrs. J. Pook, the latter of whom, in championing the cause of the gymnasium, drew from the Chairman the statement that plans were being prepared for it.

Bouquets were presented to Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Chamberlain. Two songs were rendered by Form II, under the skilful leadership of Mr. Martin, our Music Master, who also gave some solos on the organ; a pianoforte solo was played by T. B. Pearn, a violin solo by W. A. Rickard, and "Looking at the Sky" was sung by R. P. Byfield.

The "platform" was one of the most representative we have had, for in addition to those members of the Education Committee who always support the school by their presence, Mr. Chamberlain attracted a number of gentlemen connected with and interested in the Y.M.C.A. movement.

## THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

I have the honour and the pleasure of again reporting a most satisfactory year.

There is, however, one note of regret. At the last Speech Day we believed, and rejoiced in believing, that, after having waited for more than twenty years, we were at last in possession of a gymnasium. But our belief was ill-founded. Our boys still have to forego physical exercises whenever the weather does not permit of the use of the school lawn, that is for about one day out of two. I do plead with the Plymouth Education Authority that this reproach may be removed; that a gymnasium may be provided; that boys attending this school may have the same advantages for physical training as are afforded to pupils attending the other secondary schools under the Authority.

The staff continues to render faithful service, and the successes which I shall presently tabulate testify to its efficiency. Moreover, in the report of His Majesty's Inspectors at the full inspection held last June, ampler praise is bestowed on the work of individual masters than I have ever previously seen in any report to which I have had access.

Goodwill, as manifested in conduct, both in and out of school, is due, in no small degree, to the splendid spirit and example shown by the prefects, and by the elder boys generally.

This year, for the first time, swimming has been regularly taught, and 34 boys have received certificates for ability to swim, and 4 receive medallions for proficiency in life-saving. Cricket and Association and Rugby Football continue to be played with the greatest keenness and reflect the utmost credit on the Games master and those who assist him.

Turning now to successes obtained direct from the school at public examinations since my report in December last, I find that 69 boys passed the Cambridge School Certificate examination, of whom 21 obtained honours; that no fewer than 33 qualified for matriculation at London University; that 23 passed in spoken French; that 17 gained honours, namely, 8 in chemistry (this is a record, of which both the masters and the boys concerned may justly be proud), 6 in mathematics (a very fine result, also), 1 in additional mathematics, 1 in geography and 1 in Latin. Eleven of the Sixth Form passed the Intermediate examinations of London University, namely, six the Inter-B.Sc., and five the Inter-B.A. The only boy entered for the Oxford Higher School certificate examinations not only gained honours but also distinctions in three separate groups: in chemistry, in mathematics and in physics, and was, as a result, awarded a State scholarship by the Board of Education.

For those who desire to enter the Civil Service examinations are few and far between, and when they do occur the competition is very great. Ability well above the average, unwearied industry and patience—and good teaching—are all that one can prescribe. But even these will fail to secure success for a pupil should it chance that no examination be held during the period that he is between the assigned limits of age; and so he should always have some alternative objective in view. At the last examination for the very important appointments in what is known as the Executive Group, for which the limits of age are 18 to 19, five of the Sixth Form (who happened to be the correct age) entered, and all five, Arscott, Pike, Widdcombe, Young and Swan were successful. This is the greatest achievement, as far as entry into the Civil Service is concerned, in the history of the school; and these five young men are to be heartily congratulated. In a Junior branch of the service, known as the clerical branch, for which the limits of age are 16 to 17, three boys, Martin, McNess and Williams were successful. Finally, comes the list of eight scholarships, six tenable at Universities and two at a University College. Arthur Edward Merton won the Plymouth Post Office Scholarship, of value £75 per annum, tenable for three years at the University College of the South West; Norman Arthur Bright the Devon War Memorial Scholarship, of value £75 per annum, tenable for three years, at the same University college; Harry Frederick Vere, a Dental Scholarship, of value £60 per annum, tenable for 4 years at Bristol University; Denis Donahue the Phillpots and Boyd Exhibition, of value £100 per annum, tenable for 3 years at Cambridge University; while Ronald Harry Clements deserves a paragraph to himself. This brilliant student, keen sportsman, and most capable senior prefect, besides being the first on the list in the Astor competition, secured a Kitchener Scholarship, a State Scholarship, the Dyke Exhibition and an Open Scholarship in Natural Science, each of these being tenable for three years at Jesus College, Oxford.

### **SUCCESSSES : : :**

obtained direct from the school from December, 1928, to December, 1929.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS.**

**Open Foundation Scholarship (for Natural Science), Jesus College, Oxford.**—(Tenable for 3 years).  
Ronald Harry Clements.

**The Dyke Exhibition.**—(Tenable for 3 years).  
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Arthur Edward Merton.

**Plymouth Education Authority Scholarships.**—

Harry Frederick Vere, Norman Arthur Bright, Denis Donahue, Arthur Edward Merton, Ronald George Clark.

**D.H.S. War Memorial Exhibition.**—

Ronald Harry Clements.

**Astor Scholarships.**—(16 Competitors).

1st Ronald Harry Clements.

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**Cambridge Committee Prizes.**—

L. S. Mills (highest on list at Devonport Centre) ; and those who obtained Honours.

**Alderman J. P. Brown's Prize.**—S. C. Slade.

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**THE SIXTH FORM DANCE.**

*Secretary*—E. J. Barnes.

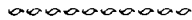
*Committee*—E. Hannam, L. M. Taylor, C. E. Smith.

The Sixth Form Dance was held on Thursday, January 2nd, from 7 to 11 p.m. The Mutley Assembly Rooms were engaged, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present, the dance room being beautifully decorated and illuminated. There were between seventy and eighty people present amongst whom we were pleased to see the Headmaster and Miss Treseder, Mr. and Miss Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ferraro. A satisfactory feature of the evening was its financial success.

The Secretary and Committee wish to thank the Headmaster for his permission to hold the dance, Mr. Ferraro for his keen interest and assistance in its organization, and to the old boys who rallied around us so loyally.

E. J. BARNES,

*Secretary.*

**GAMES.**

The record of the past winter can be regarded with a certain amount of pride. The teams have been conspicuously successful and have maintained our reputation for fair play and good sportsmanship. We can now field 3 regular Rugger fifteens, 4 Soccer teams and one Hockey team. If the Hockey Club develops as it is expected to, we hope one day to find 98 per cent. of the boys playing one game or another. Judging by the record of accidents to boys belonging to the school in the last 10 years, the boys are much safer on the field than anywhere else. That is a word to the timid.

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## RUGGER.

The first XV. has now established itself among the premier junior sides of the district. There are one or two local junior clubs which have a habit of strengthening themselves from their senior sides for doughty opponents. As regards the other sides whose composition is, like our own, more or less fixed for the season, we are able to give a good account of ourselves when we meet them. To run the Albion Juniors to a draw was a good effort. Even our opponents will admit this and the result was no fluke.

The results for the season summarise :—

Played 16, won 14, drawn 1, lost 1. Points 215 to 48.

Caps are awarded to Polkinghorne, Warn and Mill. Bilney, O'Carroll, Joslin, Martin and Smeardon get half-colours.

It is difficult to pick out individuals for mention :—

*Smith*—the captain, has done much to place the team where it is. He is cool, fearless, a deadly tackler, and a most popular skipper. Should go far in the game.

*Polkinghorne*—has done remarkably well at full back. Kicks, runs and tackles well.

*Mill*—with his fine bursts of speed has proved a useful wing-three and his share of the scoring is fairly liberal.

*Warn*—transferred from the forward line to fill a gap in the three-quarter line, has done well ; he handles particularly well ; a stout fellow in more ways than one.

*Taylor*—is one of the hardest workers in the side, sees openings and goes for them. Deserves special mention for his loyalty to the side : has one fault, that of occasionally hanging on too long.

*Darch*—for all his dislike of leaving the pack, has made his name as a scrum-half. Both he and Taylor should find room readily in Senior Rugger on leaving School.

The pack keeps together so well that it is hard to pick out individuals. They all work hard. *Stone* wings well but must not tempt the referee. *O'Carroll* and the brothers *Howell* have done well.

The 2nd XV. have a difficulty in finding opponents. They are a cheerful crowd with a capable captain—*Smeardon*. It is hoped that some of them will be with us next year, when their places in the 1st XV. should be safe. For the season they have played 5, won 4, drawn 1, lost 1, and have scored 107 points, against 39.

The Colts have done well in finding the opposition for the

Plymouth XV. and losing by extremely small margins each time *Bowden* and *Legg* have both played for Plymouth.

There are some extremely plucky players, too young even for the Colts. They should be useful next season : *Peter*, *Willcocks* *Endacott* (ii), *Mason*, *Oliver*, *Langridge*, *Hawken* are among those, who occur to me at the moment.

Form IVb. deserve a special word for their keenness. They have 13 boys appearing for the junior sides, 21 playing for their Houses and 25 who play in some capacity or other and are always on the look-out for a chance to work their way into a place in one or other of the teams.

## SOCCKER.

The eleven has found it difficult to secure fixtures in the 2nd half of the season. They have to their credit wins over *Liskeard*, *Totnes* and *Kingsbridge Grammar Schools*. The number of young players in the side is greater than usual but they have thoroughly merited their places.

*Hannam* has captained the side for the 2nd season. His steady confident play has done much to bring the team through so well.

*Francis*, in goal, deserves a word of praise, and the two backs, *Pearn* and *Luke*, though light, have given nothing away. *Oates'* illness has deprived us of a very fine forward at outside left, but *Hodge* and *Sheppard* have deputised very successfully.

*Jewell* has improved in every particular, and he has done very well on the right wing.

*Sparke*, the centre forward, probably the smallest we have had for years, is far and away the most brilliant of a fine succession of centres—which includes *Gosling* and *Alway* (i) and (ii).

The results for the two terms are summed up :—

Played 16, won 12, drawn 1, lost 3. Goals for 86, against 43.

Caps are awarded to *Sparke*, *Wingate* and *Gordon*.

Half-colours go to *Francis*, *Luke*, *Pearn* and *Jewell*.

The second XI. is unable to find as many opponents as we could wish. If our Sports' Fund were large enough to allow of their going farther afield to play outlying schools they could fill their fixture list. Unfortunately most of their possible opponents locally have no grounds and the school field will only accommodate three teams at one time.

They have played 12, won 9, lost 2, drawn 1, and scored 67 goals against 32.

*Hamley* in goal, *Evans* at half, and *Martin* at inside left deserve mention. What most junior players have to learn is that a game that isn't played with the head isn't a game at all. There are ways of getting an advantage in football other than by rushing about and booting the ball hard. There are ways of positioning oneself, times to move up and to move back, good and bad ways of tackling a man who is sailing away towards your goal. It's worth thinking some of these things out. The game becomes all the more enjoyable when you know the reason why you do things.

The 3rd. XI. results are :—

Played 10, won 7, lost 3. Scored 77, against 21.

They are a well balanced little team most of whom are due for promotion. All work hard. *Smeeton* has stuck to his job well. *Hawkins* and *Mitchell* deserve a special word for cool, clever play.

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## HOCKEY.

A new departure in games was made this term, facilities for Hockey being given to those boys who had no regular place in any of the recognised Rugger or Soccer teams. Membership at present is confined to the senior forms, 30 having been enrolled. After continuous practice for 3 weeks the team won its first match 7-1 ; much is due to the energetic secretary, A. Rickard (VIth.) Later if accommodation is forthcoming we may extend the game to Junior Forms. There is an idea that Hockey may prove a good game for those who feel that Rugger and Soccer are too strenuous. I doubt it, but still——

## CRICKET.

The Cricket Club has elected its officers. Taylor (i) has arranged a good set of fixtures—Heaven send we have some pitches !—and we are looking forward to a useful season.

## SPORTS.

Mr. Campbell has taken over the Annual Athletic Sports and will be giving you details in this number. It is to be hoped that parents will back us up in great numbers this year. We are still waiting for some really helpful suggestions from parents and old boys with regard to the provision of a useful Sports' Fund, in order that we can make our activities as wide as they should be.

I know the old boys are interested, but are there no parents who care a rap ? Do you worry as we do.

- (a) About our future ground when they build the girls' school, for which no other site can be found in all Devonport ?
- (b) About the Gym. for which we have waited all these years ?



## OLD BOYS.

Notes on the O.B. Rugger Club will be found in this issue. Old Boys' Matches have been arranged :—

Soccer—Sat. April 12th, at 2.30.

Wed., April 16th, at 2.30.

All to be played at Montpelier.

*Why not come up and see them ?*

## HOUSES.

The Houses are to be congratulated on fielding as they do two Rugger and two Soccer sides. The result of House Competition to date is :—

RUGGER		Gilbert	Grenville	Drake	Raleigh
Senior	1st Term.	2	6	4	0
	2nd Term.	4	6	2	0
Junior	1st Term.	3	2	3	4
	2nd Term.	1	1	4	6
SOCCER					
Senior	1st Term.	4	0	6	2
	2nd Term.	4	3	2	3
Junior	1st Term.	4	4	4	0
	2nd Term.	1	5	3	2

The officers of the various clubs and the constitution of the sides is given below :—

RUGGER—*Captain*: C. Smith; *Vice-Capt.*: J. Darch;  
*Sec.*: J. Stone; *Committee*: Mill, Barnes.

2nd team *Captain*—Smeardon.

3rd team *Captain*—Bowden.

Colts *Captain*—Pawley.

1st team :—

			Polkinghorne		
		Mill	Warn	Bilney	Haydon
			Darch	Taylor	
Smith	Stone	O'Carroll	Howell (i)	or Dennis	Howell (ii)
		Chapman	Joslin	Martin	

2nd team :—

			Wakely		
		Jones	Cavanagh	Ware	Pearn
			Smeardon	Finner	or Orchard
Bevan	Loder	Dennis	Osborne	Triplett	Peatheyjohns
			Floyd	Rees	

3rd team :—

			Williams		
		Bradbury	Sammels	Coles	Baker
			Orchard	Luxton	
Chaffe	Burch	Crowley	Smith	Bowden	Rogers
			Jenner		

Colts :—

			Chambers			
	Endacott	Lyon	Legg	Hannafor		
		Pawley	Nicholas			
Bullen	Wood	Brenton (i)	Garner	Willcocks	Langridge	
		Trebilcock	Brenton (ii)			

SOCCER:—

*Captain* :—F. Hannam ; *Vice-Capt.* : J. Oates.  
*Secretary* : F. Gordon *Committee* : Sparke, Barnes.

2nd team *Captain*—Chaff.  
 3rd team *Captain*—Smeeton.  
 Under 14 *Captain*—Lake.

1st team :—

			Francis			
		Luke	Pearn			
	Gordon	Hannam	Wingate			
Jewell	Roach	Sparke	Bennett	Sheppard or		
				Hodge		

2nd team :—

			Hamley			
		Leggett	Foster			
	Chaff	Ivans	A. Truscott			
Geaton	Sampson	Rowe	Francis or Martin	Matthews		

3rd team :—

			Babbage or Hutchings			
		Smeeton	Allin			
	Pepperell	Cottle	A. N. Other			
Hosken	Naish	Hawkins	Rowe	F. Truscott		

Under 14 team :—

			Babbage			
		Allin	Lake			
	Robins	Nicholas	Duke			
Hannafor	Endacott	Mitchell	Halloran	Crowley(ii)		

HOCKEY :—

*Captain* : Kellaway.  
*Secretary* : Rickard.  
*Committee* : Burrows, Taylor (ii), Ash.



Team :—

		Jenkins		
	Le Bailly	Coombes		
	Ash	Kellaway	Francis (S.)	
Byfield	Rickard	Taylor (ii)	Denyer	Blewett

CRICKET :—

*Captain* : E. Hannam. *Vice-Captain* : E. R. Gordon  
*Secretary* : L. M. Taylor. *Committee* : Warn, Bilney.



### PLEASURES OF REFEREEING.

There is a general feeling throughout the school that prefects are mere props for the banisters during the break, and that they shun all further physical exertion. Accordingly, a few Saturdays ago, boldly determined to quash for ever this erroneous impression, I was persuaded to referee a junior soccer match—which praiseworthy self-sacrifice was the outcome of the sportsmaster entering the form, and, in his own peculiarly inspiring manner, nagging us for cussedness and lack of support out of school hours. However, refereeing being mentioned, I generously agreed to relinquish the opportunity for attending Home Park, a place which I must admit I have sometimes attended—oh horrible, awful, heinous pastime !—and so my name was duly placed in the ref. column beside one of the junior matches, to be played on the fourth pitch.

On the fatal afternoon, having carefully examined all the rules, which however were far too complicated for my comprehension, and having procured a whistle, in which the pea had already been blown to pieces, I boldly sauntered forth in quest of the fourth pitch—but imagine my shock on finding a patch of ground eminently suited for the crazy rises and falls of a switchback railway. Having survived this first setback I made a guess as to where the centre-spot should be, and placed the ball on the ground, but being a loyal subject to Newton's Law of Gravitation it persisted in rolling forty yards to the goal posts in the valley beneath, and it was only after I had dug a considerable hole, which must have broken the groundsman's heart, that the wretched thing would consent to remain in a position of rest.

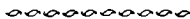
At last the game started, but instead of controlling it, all my attention was occupied in leaping aside and performing acrobatic tricks to avoid the wild rushes of the two teams for a ball which seemed always to be aimed at me. To the great glee of the players the slippery slope often proved treacherous to me, and an undignified contact with the mud was my usual fate. However, having

scraped the turf from my face and ears, I remembered my supposed duty—but, despite my most strenuous efforts, not a sound would leave my whistle, and in exasperation I belowed out that it was half-time—although the game was no more than ten minutes old. I allowed an interval of 15 minutes, secretly adding another 5, owing to my dread of the second half, but when at last I was compelled to restart the game my nightmare of a referee's existence was fully realised, and even the poor victims, whom 20,000 Argyle patriots put weekly through the mill at Home Park, have a comparatively easy time to that which I suffered. Every time I had puffed up-hill, with the majority of the players at my heels in pursuit of the ball, some lusty junior would send the ball flying to the very bottom again, and I when had slithered down after it, the former up-hill climb would once more have to be accomplished. To obviate this incessant motion I decided to rest myself half-way up the hill and issue my orders here by means of a whistle which had been coaxed to emit a shrill, irritating blast. But my repose was short lived, for in the upward rush I was smothered by the flying mud, whilst in the descent I invariably slipped and shot down on my back in the direction of the lower goal. To make matters worse, whenever one team scored a goal their opponents uttered a vigorous protest and as I had rarely seen anything I settled the dispute by bouncing the ball—a process which reduced the score (quite common in junior matches) of 20 goals to the humble number of 2.

Plastered with mud, and savagely resolved to give 100 lines at the first opportunity in the future to every player who had successfully used my person as a target, I thankfully blew for time. As I was leaving the field I was congratulated on having escaped so lightly, but such praise left me cold, and I have determined that if ever the honour of the VIth. is again at stake I shall prefer to listen to all the abuse which Science and French can compound rather than be hunted for 90 minutes by 22 bloodthirsty juniors.

J. H. FRANCIS.

(Budding referees for junior matches are earnestly advised to call the two teams together before the match begins and distribute 200 lines to every player, on condition that the lines be removed at the end of the game, if individual conduct be satisfactory. After such treatment the docility and servility of the teams will be most marked, and the referee will be applauded by the admiring spectators.—*Ed.*)



## D.H.S. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

*President*— The Headmaster.  
*General Secretary*— Mr. H. Ferraro.

Since the last notes were written the London Branch has got well into its stride. A series of social evenings has been arranged by the Committee who have had the satisfaction of seeing good attendances at each gathering. We hope that the London Branch will long continue to flourish.

The attention of Members is drawn to the reference in the Headquarters notes to Association Ties, etc. A Blazer Badge, price 4/6, can still be obtained directly from the School.

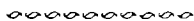
The school sports are being held at Home Park on Wednesday, 14th May, at 2.30 p.m.

The following changes of address have been notified :—

Blackmore, H., 11 Richmond Place, Brighton.  
 Chamberlain, A. G., Carrowclare Club, Three Anchor Bay, Cape Town.  
 Churchward, W. H., 99 Manor Lane, Park, Sheffield.  
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 Williams, G., 48 Kingsfort Street, Weaste, Manchester.

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Wood, N. A., 19 Hornby St., Stoke.  
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## HEADQUARTERS NOTES.

*Hon. Secretary*—Mr. Cyril E. Gill,  
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*Committee*—Messrs. C. F. Austin, W. E. Battrick, W. J.  
Ching, B. H. Chowen, R. F. E. Cock, H.  
Lockwood, P. J. Mowan, N. Taylor, M.  
Westlake and L. C. G. Williams.

The Dance which was held on December 28th was well attended and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Xmas Football matches against the School XI. proved to be well supported as ever although one had to be abandoned owing to the weather. The Easter Football matches will be played on Saturday, April 12th, and Wednesday, April 16th. Those wishing to play should write immediately to Mr. H. Lockwood, 41 St. Aubyn Av., Keyham, who is arranging the teams.

The Rugby Club is still progressing favourably and is gaining a good name as a sporting side, which in itself is quite sufficient to justify the Club's existence. Those interested in Rugby should

get in touch with the Hon. Sec., Mr. L. H. T. Warren, 42 Beresford St., Stoke.

The Old Boys' Tie can be obtained from Messrs. Stidever Bros., of Albert Road, Devonport, price 3/6 and scarves at 10/6 are also obtainable. As the cloth for blazers must be ordered by the firm in somewhat large quantities, members who will be requiring a Blazer should inform Messrs. Stidever Bros. as soon as possible so that they can make the necessary arrangements.

CYRIL E. GILL.



### LONDON BRANCH NOTES.

*Secretary*— Mr. A. T. Brooks,  
80 Lewin Rd., Streatham, S.W. 16.

*Committee*— Messrs. E. E. Cammack, M. J. Collier, A. J. Swan, C. P. Osborne.

Since writing my last notes, two further social evenings have been held at the Ralphia Moore School of Dancing, Baker Street, S.W. 1, these being a Fancy Dress Dance on December 7th and a Surprise Party on February 1st. The former was attended by over 50 and the latter by about 70 members and friends.

A Dance will be held on March 29th and probably another in April. A Summer Outing is being planned and members will be notified of the arrangements in due course.

My thanks are due to the Committee for their Co-operation and support and I trust that all Old Boys living in or near London will rally round the London Branch, as there is no doubt that with enthusiastic support the Branch can do much to preserve old friendships and to create new in a City where real friendship means much.

Our Membership roll is steadily increasing and about twenty friends of Members have been enrolled as Associate Members at 2/6 per annum.

With the co-operation of Old Boys, 1930 will set the seal of stability on the O.B.A. in London.

A. T. BROOKS.



## AN EVENING OF SURPRISES.

February 1st being pleasantly near my "paying-in" day, I was enabled to hie me to Baker Street, where a Surprise Party and Dance had been "billed" for that evening.

The first surprise came at about 8.30 when a Fire was staged behind curtains at one end of the Hall, with the aid of red flares. We were told that there was no danger and requested to keep calm. There followed the tinkle of the telephone, a police whistle and the distant sound of a fire alarm. This increased to a terrific clang and we saw careering down the floor—followed by a spot light—a fire engine (supplied by Woolworth) —a very amusing anticlimax.

After this we formed up in a long chain and went into Lyons (two doors away) for our refreshments, which had been prepared—and very nicely too!

When we came back we found a further surprise in store for us—a pantomime, "Cinderella" was to be presented and a programme gave us all the necessary details of cast, scenery, etc.

We sat about on cushions and chairs and spent a thoroughly enjoyable half-an-hour. I need only mention that the part of the

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Fairy Queen was played by our own worthy Secretary—who has not only length but breadth—to assure you that humour was not lacking.

These good things together with spot dances and an amusing Initiation Ceremony for Associate Members and the general atmosphere of informality made the evening a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable one.

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Since its formation a few months ago the Club has maintained steady progress and is without doubt now firmly established. It is now in the happy position of never being at a loss for playing members—in fact the competition for places in the team is becoming quite keen.

The Club is also secure financially there being a respectable balance on the right side. We are indebted to Mr. Austin for the kind interest he has shown and for the help that he has so willingly given.

An outstanding feature of the Club's activities has been the admirable way in which every member has worked for the general welfare of the whole and thanks are due to those who have supported the Club from the moment of its inauguration.

Two Dances have been held both of which have proved very successful from a point of view of providing an evening's entertainment, whilst the business men of the Club saw to it that the financial side was not neglected. It is hoped soon to arrange a third and final dance, details of which can be obtained from the Secretary or members of the Club.

Latterly the Club has been a little more successful regarding wins and has accounted very creditably for some of the leading Junior Clubs. Even the games lost have been very enjoyable.

The Club has now only to be reinforced by those leaving School to ensure its having a very successful 1930-31 season, and it is confidently expected that the D.H.S. Old Boys' Association R.F.C. will have definitely established itself in the sporting life of the City.

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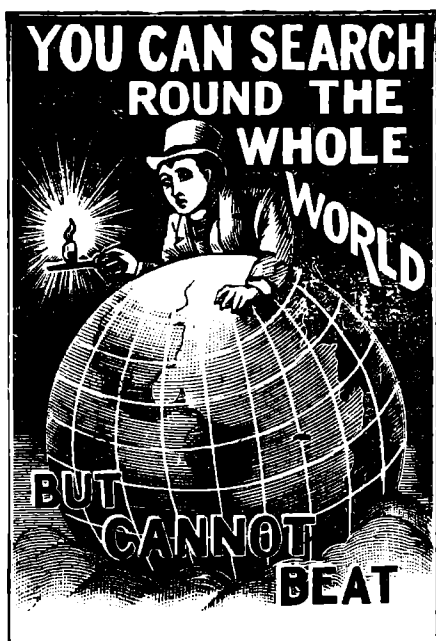
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