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Editorial

A school is a place of learning, and to instil knowledge is one of its main objects, indeed, some insist, its only object. If this were the case, however, there would be no good schools or bad schools, but just schools. The only factors which could possibly affect the efficiency of a school would be the ability of its staff, and the intelligence of its pupils. We know full well that there are good schools and bad schools, great ones and little-known ones, so to what do the good schools owe their success ? A school can have the cleverest of masters, and the most efficient supervision, and yet it will never achieve the success of less technically efficient establishments. There must be an underlying factor influencing the problem.

This factor is surely the character of the school. There must be a sense of unity, of oneness between every person concerned, if a school is to become great, or even good. Every pupil has to feel proud of his school, and to do his utmost to further its advancement. This attitude can be achieved only by building up the character of the school. If a boy arrives promptly at 9 a.m. and leaves equally promptly at 4 p.m., he is extremely unlikely to develop any sense of pride in his school. He may quite possibly achieve reasonable examination results, but in actual fact he will have done little to help the school, and the school will have done little towards educating him, using the word in its widest sense. In other words, that boy has not become a real and intricate part of his school.

Thus what are usually known as 'out-of-school' activities do play a vital part in moulding the character of a school. They can be many and varied, and can cover every interest imaginable. Each pupil must, of necessity, limit himself to two or three, but the important point is that whatever society he belongs to, that society is going to help him. He will realise companionship, an atmosphere

of friendliness, closer association with the staff, perhaps a taste of the art of public speaking. The society will also make him conscious of the fact that he is a part of a great organisation, so that whilst he is being educated in the wider sense he is also contributing one more tiny touch of character to the greatness of the school. The different roles which the various societies play are too numerous and complicated to investigate here, and, moreover, that is not the point to be made. What is important is that everyone should realise that societies are not mere embellishments to the school. They are in no way superfluous, and without them the school would be infinitely poorer in every way. Perhaps the most important of their functions is to help in creating the feeling of happiness which is so essential to good work.

One word of warning. The pendulum must not be allowed to swing so far that there results a spate of cramped and clashing societies. This is only to defeat the very object for which they strive. They should, and indeed must be spaced, so that they help, and not hinder, the pupil. Perhaps the School Parliament has the answer to this

B.H.C.

School Notes

The writing of these Notes is a reminder that Summer is past, and Winter before us. In the meantime we have Autumn when Nature really turns artist. Was it any wonder that Thomson wrote:—

“ But who can paint
Like Nature? Can imagination boast
Amid its gay creation, hues like hers?”

Have we ever had a more brilliant countryside?

It is difficult to cast the mind back to a not-so-mellow July, to the School Garden Party, the Swimming Sports and the London Trip, the visit to the *Campania* and the beginning of a holiday that was not always blessed with good weather. The seasons come and go, days shorten, the sun weakens, Nature tends to sleep; but the School goes on and on from strength to strength, a living organism that age can but mature, and to which a growing tradition can and does give one infinite variety and a new and virile life springing from the firmly established roots of the past. We grow and blossom and bear fruit; but for us there is no withering; for the seeds of the past are already sprouting with the hope of a harvest to come.

It was G.B.S. who wrote, “Activity is the only road to knowledge.” The vitality of an educational system is bred from the fusion of knowledge and doing. Education that has no links with living will become a tender plant, thriving only in the hot-house of its artificiality, and dying when exposed to the boisterous winds of the outside world. Ours is not such a plant. We do seed on

culture and academic knowledge, but even so our tender seedlings are planted out as soon as they have established themselves—our youngest boys can have their say in school affairs and make themselves heard at the meetings of the School Parliament.

School Certificate, at both the higher and ordinary levels, was over early this year ; there was a Festival of Britain, and exhibitions in London and in Plymouth. That a party should go to London, that masters should volunteer for the heavy and responsible task of organising and personally conducting such a party, that the trip should last a week and include much more than the South Bank, are merely corollaries to that marriage of life and knowledge which we know education to be.

That the boys had a good time we know ; that they had a profitable time they will agree; that all went well and that the arts and sciences, pleasure and value, memorable experiences and lasting memories were subtly fused with a framework of knowledge that the School had given all will admit; that the academic became real and alive was due to those who were privileged to give their time and energy to ensure the great success that the trip undoubtedly was.

A large party of boys was conducted over the *Campania* when she visited Plymouth, so there was no reason why every boy in the School should not have some knowledge of the great Festival. We are glad to publish accounts of the London and local visits.

Byron obviously had not D.H.S. in mind when he wrote :

“ A solitary shriek, the bubbling cry
Of some strong swimmer in his agony.”

for our swimmers are not as strong as they might, and will, be, and there was enjoyment and certainly no agony even if some of us had to lose. Swimming Sports had been held in Penzance during evacuation, but nothing of this sort had been done since.

On July 16th we held our first post-war Swimming Sports at the Mount Wise Baths, and the School enjoyed what, in a town like Plymouth, should be an important aspect of our physical education, and now will be a fitting and necessary extension of our annual Sports Day. To those who did well and might have done better, we extend our best wishes for the future successes that steady and conscientious training will ensure. A heated bath would enable that training to continue through the winter; as things are, we must intensify our training in the Spring and early Summer; you must *swim* for your House and not merely *run* for it.

We note with pleasure the success of our Annual Garden Party, held this year on Saturday, July 16th. It is a great social occasion when boys, parents and staff co-operate to give expression to that wider sense of unity that is the source of much of our strength and

drive. The number of parents who identify themselves with the School and all that it sets out to do for their boys, and who give practical support to our efforts, is large. As a School we greatly appreciate all that is done for us, for we know it is a measure of the parents' interest in us as a corporate body of which their own particular children are but a small part. Happy are the relationships between us all because they are the expression of a common faith in the School and in the work that it does. We thank all—parents, staff and boys—to whose efforts the social and financial success of the function were due.

Yet another event of great social importance for us is our annual Speech Day which this year was held on October 5th in the Central Hall, and as usual nothing of its significance was lost to those who were fortunate enough to be present. Such is the spirit of the occasion that we could fill a hall twice the size: we are nevertheless glad that the whole School and a very representative body of parents could gather to hear the wit, wisdom and information that were so well imparted to us by all who spoke.

It is not for us to report the function: that is done elsewhere in this issue. This is the School Day, the day when the boys are at home to their parents, that their achievements may be made known—and duly applauded—and through the Headmaster the School may render an account of its activities in the previous School year. It is the day when members of the Education Authority meet us and publicly receive the Headmaster's report of progress, and in return impart to us official information and, or, comment upon our work. We invite a person of standing in the cultural or educational world to talk to us and give us the benefit of his or her wide knowledge, culture and experience.

This Speech Day was no exception. The chair was graced by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor P. N. Washbourn, and our guest of honour was Martin Lloyd, Esq., M.A., the Headmaster of Uppingham School, whose wit, wisdom and urbanity were a joy to hear. We look forward to such occasions. The School Choir were good to see and better to hear. Tributes paid to the musical side of the function were spontaneous and justified. A delightful evening, a good school report, an appreciative audience, and an atmosphere of enthusiasm contributed to a very memorable occasion.

There has been a General Election, and an account of it is published in this issue. Bernard Shaw has said that democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few: we have a democratically elected representative body of boys, not because we think Shaw was right, but because we now know by experience that a School that can air its views even though they may not all be adopted will be a more interested

and alive body, will have in mind the needs and welfare of the whole School rather than of a section of it, will feel that they are as individuals a real part of the organisation, and finally—more important than any other reason—will learn how democracy works and so prepare themselves to take an intelligent part in public affairs. Again we link our education with the realities of life, and give to history and the process of government a practical and personal touch that will make them living and real. That the boys take this activity seriously is a mark of its true worth: their efforts to make effective speeches are valuable in themselves.

In October a numerically strong team of the Debating Society accepted an invitation from the Y.M.C.A. to stage a demonstration debate at their headquarters in Ebrington Street. We appreciate such invitations because they take us away from the School atmosphere, give the proceedings an invaluable flavour of adult approach, and enable us to forget ourselves and to talk before a mature audience. The tone of the debate, the number of members who spoke—a fair percentage making maiden speeches, the poise of the speakers, and general high level of the speeches augurs well for the society. This was a very pleasant and extremely useful experience. We are grateful to all who made the evening possible, and hope it may be repeated.

The Speech Contest will not now take place until next term. So much importance has been attached to the problem of speech in the School that it will this term and in the future earn a maximum of one hundred marks to be included in the term totals. A speech contest is short-lived and the benefit may be transitory; continuous insistence on good speech should certainly raise the general standard. There is vast room for improvement, and parents could do much to supplement our efforts to that end. The world will judge largely by speech and general deportment; they have their cash value; but their effect upon thought and standards of culture, the appreciation of English as a beautiful language, and the ability to preserve its beauties in our utterances, the power to speak and write well—and they go together—these are of a value more real and lasting than any material considerations.

It is early to comment upon the Dramatic Society's next production. Much exacting work is being done, time and energy are being expended, scenery is being planned and constructed—but why comment? Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan" is not a play that boys can easily interpret: to act it is an even greater task. To all who take part on or behind the stage, we wish a successful production and a good financial backing. The latter will be necessary. We dare not mention the cost of this venture. Sufficient to the day, we hope, will be the financial return. To ensure this all seats at all performances must be occupied. It is for us to arouse local interest. Go to it.

We are glad to regret that Mr. J. P. Reynish will be leaving us at Christmas: glad, because he is going to be the new headmaster of Treville Street Secondary Modern School; sorry, because we shall miss him as a colleague and a personality. They say there are good fish in the sea. We hope to net one; but a bird in hand is worth two in the bush; and now we are hopelessly involved, as Mr. Reynish used to be in the sketches he wrote for the Garden Party Concert. We shall miss him there too, and his fine work for the Boxing Club. He has all our good wishes for his future happiness and prosperity.

Writing of happiness brings us to the subject of marriage. We congratulate Mr. May on his recent wedding. Bachelors on the staff are fewer by one, a relatively large number. We wish Mr. and Mrs. May a long, happy and prosperous married life.

The Parents' Association has, in consideration of its appreciation of the Staff's willing sacrifice of their spare time for out-of-school activities, granted twenty pounds to be spent on some form of amenity for the Staff Room. At a Special Meeting the Staff decided to spend the gift on armchairs. They appreciate immensely the fact that parents are aware of and grateful for the time they give, and are looking forward to some additional comfort in the Common Room. We extend their hearty thanks to the Association.

The unexpected is sometimes good rather than ludicrous. The sudden and unannounced arrival of Mr. W. Strauss, the South African International and member of Plymouth Argyle, certainly caused some re-arrangement of our routine, but we are grateful for the good work he is doing in coaching the members of our First and Second Elevens. The boys have an opportunity of which we feel sure they will take every advantage.

Our next issue will go to print on June 20th, 1952. All contributions must be in the Editor's hands *by June 13th at the latest*, written on one side of the paper. Will all concerned please note.

Speech Day, 1951

The Annual Speech Day was held, as usual, at the Central Hall on Friday, October 5th. As Chairman of the proceedings, we were privileged to have the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor P. N. Washbourn), whose interest in education is well-known to us all. The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Martyn Lloyd, M.A., the Headmaster of Uppingham. Those also present among the distinguished guests were Councillor L. F. Paul, Chairman of the Education Committee, a person who has frequented our platform for some years, Alderman H. J. Perry, J.P., was there also as Chairman of the Governors. Dr. Andrew Scotland was to have been there but was unfortunately prevented from doing so and his place was taken by Mr. Barrass.

Mr. Martin Lloyd, after the distribution of the prizes, gave one of the finest addresses we have had for a long time. He commenced by revealing a few secrets about our Headmaster's life in the army, much to the delight of the whole school. Then, joking apart, he gave some very fine advice to the boys as regards their school and life in general. The point he stressed most was that each boy should work hard, play hard, and love hard. By that he meant that it was the duty of each boy not only to get what he could out of the school, but also to put something into it. It was a bad thing when a boy was carried along by the rest of the school. He also asked each boy to go about the world looking for the best in life, and said he felt sure that it would make our existence more pleasant.

Having given this advice, Mr. Lloyd, in the course of his remarks, said he thought this School, for a day School, was exceptionally well organised, and he was impressed by our School Parliament and our Parents' Association. Little did parents realize what a help a good Parents' Association was. It tended to promote a better feeling between Master and Parent and gave the Staff untold confidence. Mr. Lloyd closed by thanking the Headmaster for the invitation and said his experience of Devonport High School during his short stay had made the very long journey worth while.

The Deputy Lord Mayor said he did not intend to speak for long, and in his short address he stressed the importance of education, a subject in which he had been interested for many years.

The Headmaster in his report said the School Year had been one both of stability and of change. He mentioned the fact that the Staff was the same then as it had been at the previous Speech Day, twelve months before. The School itself and the subjects taught had not changed, but the experiment with a School Parliament had made a big step forward in the organisation of the School. The idea had originated in a meeting, in the Spring term, of the Literary and Debating Society, and had grown until it finally got its trial run on the last day of that same term. An election followed that run and we were at that time in the throes of another election. The Head then spoke of the many societies in the School, congratulating the First XI on their unbeaten record and mentioning the ever-successful Science Society. He also said he wanted to thank the Parents' Association for the work it was doing, especially in organising teas for visiting teams. The Headmaster finished by saying he felt the School Year had been both a successful one and an important one in the School's history.

When Councillor Paul spoke he remarked once again on the admirable way in which Mr. Barker had delivered his report and said it was always a source of amazement to him. He then mentioned that he and Alderman Perry were hoping to put the problem of the D.H.S. building before the Ministry the following week. Councillor Paul finished by proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Martin Lloyd for his fine address.

This vote of thanks was ably seconded, after some remarks on education, by Mr. Barrass.

Alderman H. J. Perry, during the course of his vote of thanks to Councillor Washbourn, said that he noticed that the Tozer Prize had been used to acquire a copy of "A History of Trade Unionism!" He then had great pleasure in thanking the Deputy Lord Mayor for presiding over the evening's proceedings.

This vote of thanks was well seconded by the School Captain, P. A. J. Caines.

The musical items of the programme were once more in the capable hands of Mr. G. Self.

A most enjoyable evening's proceedings were terminated by the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

G. ASHWORTH (6A).

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

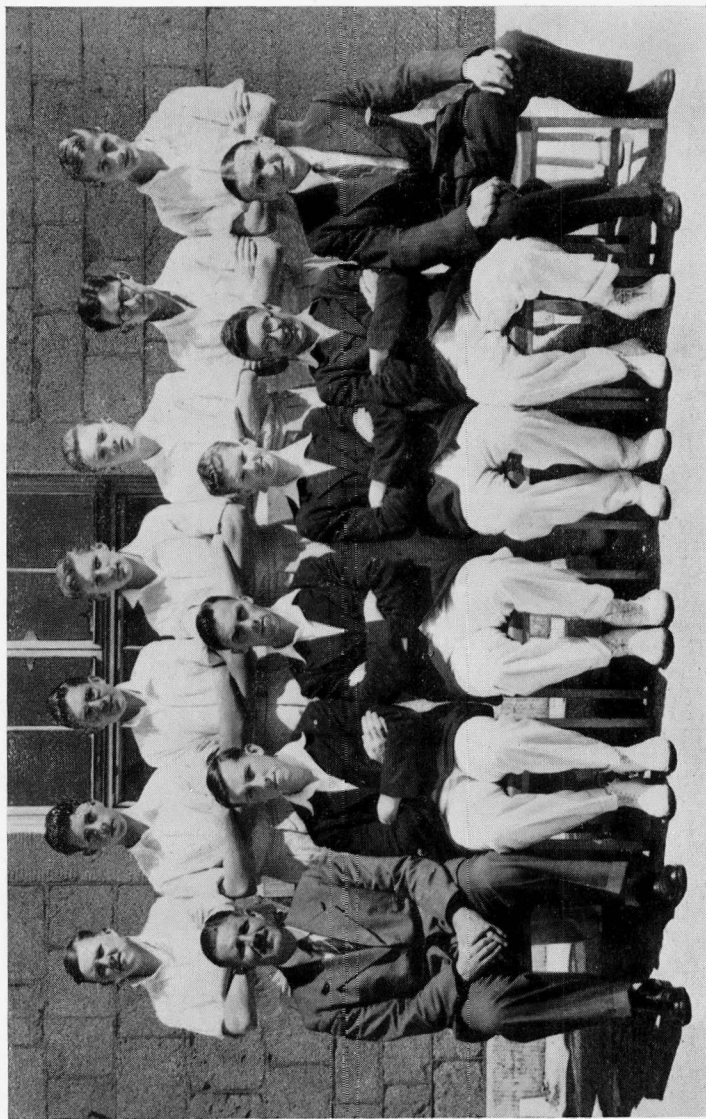
- A. J. CROSS. Entered School, 1942; School Certificate, Matriculation 1947; Higher School Certificate, Intermediate B.A., 1949; Prefect 1948; Vice-Captain, 1949; School Captain, 1950; Exhibition in English to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. Now serving in the Army.
- D. WANSTALL. Entered 1942; S.C., Matric. 1947; H.S.C., Inter. B.A., 1949; Prefect, 1948; Vice-Captain, 1950; Captain, 1st XV, 1949; Secretary, Rugger Club, 1950. Now serving in R.A.F. before going to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to read Modern Languages. State Scholarship.
- D. MORTON. Entered 1940; S.C., Matric. 1945; * H.S.C. Inter B.Sc., 1950; Prefect, 1946; Now reading Natural Sciences at Pembroke College, Cambridge. State Scholarship. * Interval of illness.
- D. A. C. LETCHER. Entered, 1944; S.C. Matric. 1948; H.S.C., 1950; Prefect, 1949; Captain, 1st XI, Soccer and Cricket, 1947-50. Now serving in R.A.F. before going to U.C.S.W., Exeter, to read Mathematics.
- B. KEENE. Entered 1943; S.C. Matric. 1948; H.S.C. Inter B.Sc., 1950; Prefect, 1951. Now reading Chemistry at U.C.S.W., Exeter.
- A. P. B. WILMOT. Entered 1942; S.C. Matric. 1947; H.S.C. Inter B.Sc. 1949; Prefect, 1948; 1st XV, 1949-51; 1st XI, Cricket, 1948-51. Now reading Natural Sciences at Exeter College, Oxford.
- M. J. JOHNSON. Entered 1943; S.C. Matric. 1948; H.S.C. Inter B.Sc., 1951; Prefect, 1950. Now at Loughborough Engineering College.
- A. DARK. Entered 1947; S.C., 1948; H.S.C., 1950; Prefect, 1951. Winner of 'Mayflower' Essay Prize. Now reading Economics at U.C.S.W., Exeter.
- D. J. MILLS. Entered 1943; S.C. Matric. 1948; H.S.C., 1950; Prefect, 1950. Now serving in R.A.F. before taking up an Executive appointment in the Civil Service.
- K. R. PROWSE. Entered 1944; S.C. Matric. 1949; H.S.C. Inter B.A., 1951; Prefect, 1951. Now reading Classics at U.C.S.W., Exeter.
- R. J. RICKARD. Entered 1943; S.C., 1948; H.S.C., Inter B.Sc., 1951; Prefect, 1951; 1st XV, 1948-51. Now in the Army before taking up an appointment in H.M. Customs.
- J. E. E. EVANS. Entered 1944; S.C., 1949; Prefect, 1951. Now waiting to enter the Forces.
- R. RAINFORD. Entered 1943; S.C., 1948; H.S.C. Inter B.Sc., 1950; Prefect, 1951. Now serving in R.A.F. before taking up Executive appointment in the Civil Service.

B. H. COUSINS (U.6A.).

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1st ELEVEN CRICKET, 1951



Back row (left to right). D. W. Hendra, W. I. Joint, J. W. Ede, J. Rothwell, J. M. Bowley, B. E. Ackford, J. B. Martin
 Front row (seated). Mr. S. G. Barker (Headmaster), A. P. B. Wilmot, D. A. C. Letcher (Captain), C. J. Bray,
 B. W. Atkins, Mr. W. Nash

School Successes, 1950-1951

Cambridge University.

Open Exhibition in History at St. Catherine's College
Open Exhibition in English at Pembroke College

C. M. NEWBY
A. J. CROSS

Oxford University.

The Dyke Exhibition I. C. F. TREBY

University College of the South West, Exeter.

Ballard Scholarship in English T. M. BOSSOM

State Scholarships.

Tenable at Pembroke College, Cambridge ... D. MORTON

Tenable at Emmanuel College, Cambridge ... D. R. WANSTALL

Kitchener Scholarship.

Tenable at St. Thomas' Hospital D. E. RENDLE

The Services.

Naval Cadetship B. PRIDEAUX

R. M. Academy, Sandhurst R. M. HANCOCK, B. E. NORTHCOTT

R.A.F. College, Cranwell R. M. HANCOCK

The Civil Service.

Executive Appointments. T.M. BOSSOM, J.M. BOWLEY, B.H. COUSINS, P.G. GILL,
J. K. GILPIN, B. R. T. KEENE, D. J. MILLS,
R. W. RAINFORD, R. TOWNSEND, D. R. WANSTALL

H.M. Customs and Excise R. J. RICKARD

"Mayflower" Essay Prize A. DARK

General Certificate of Education—Advanced Level.

Arts. (Figures in brackets show number of subjects passed).

R. W. Boote (2) A. Dark (3) D. A. C. Letcher (3) D. R. le P.

P. A. J. Caines (3) F. S. G. Easton* (3) D. J. Mills (3) Quantick (2)

B. H. Cousins (3) R. B. Evans (2) L. C. Nethercott (3) E. G. W. Tregaskis (1)

A. J. Cross (3) K. R. Holloway* (4) K. R. Prowse* (3) J. D. Walsh (2)

* denotes exemption from Inter B.A. D. R. Wanstall* (3)

Science.

J. M. Bowley* (3) P. J. Davis (1) M. J. Merrett*† (4) R. J. Rickard* (3)

D. J. Butt* (3) D. Hosking* (3) D. Morton* (3) P. Townsend* (3)

C. A. Comely* (3) B. L. Hutchings* (3) H. S. Pomroy* (4) I. C. F. Treby* (3)

R. M. L. Cook* (3) M. A. Johnson* (3) R. W. Rainford* (3) D. J. Williams* (3)

P. J. Dare*† (4) B. R. T. Keene* (4) D. E. Rendle*† (4) A. P. B. Wilmot* (3)

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General Certificate of Education—Ordinary Level.

B. E. Ackford (6) B. Cross (3) K. W. Jemmett (4) M. J. Rich (3)

G. Adams (4) R. A. Cross (6) W. I. Joint (6) D. J. T. Rose (4)

B. T. Allen (6) J. W. Ede (6) B. Laity (3) J. H. Rose (2)

A. D. Appleby (6) J. Eva (3) D. R. Lean (4) J. Rothwell (7)

G. W. Ashworth (5) V. W. G. Franklin (6) D. L. Macmanus (6) M. T. G. Rowe (7)

B. W. Atkins (8) B. P. George (7) M. H. Marshall (4) C. A. Shaw (5)

W. F. Baser (8) G. J. Gilhespy (5) G. W. Matthews (6) A. P. Summers (5)

M. T. Best (6) A. G. Goswell (2) M. W. Mills (5) A. J. R. Taylor (6)

A. R. Bishop (4) M. H. Green (1) A. C. Otter (3) R. S. Taylor (4)

P. B. Bishop (1) R. L. Harries (4) T. W. F. Parkhouse (1) J. H. Truscott (7)

C. J. Bray (8) D. W. Hendra (4) D. F. Parr (6) P. Venn (5)

J. R. Brooks (5) J. Holwell (1) R. W. Pople (2) G. S. Walden (5)

J. C. R. Carhart (7) W. J. Hunt (6) B. D. Porter (6) C. H. R. Wood (6)

M. J. Cheffers (5) M. K. Hurd (7) D. T. Preston (4) D. M. Wood (3)

D. W. J. Clapp (7) M. D. Hurrell (1) D. E. Prosser (7) B. A. Woosey (3)

B. M. Colman (8) G. R. Ibbotson (5) R. Pullen (8) M. C. Wotton (8)

Cambridge School Certificate—December 1950.

T. J. Archer M. E. Denning* A. M. Perry B. F. Thurston*

D. E. Clark D. C. Elliott* B. A. Reed* P. R. Tolley

J. F. Cotter C. A. Mapstone M. J. Reid D. A. Tozer*

G. H. Davey* A. G. McKenzie* R. A. Scagell

* denotes exemption from Matriculation.

The Garden Party

The school's annual Garden Party, so dependent upon good weather for its success, and so rarely receiving it, was favoured this year on July 14th with a day which brought cloudless skies and a gloriously warm sun. This made our so-often sombre school buildings into a delightful setting for the day's events.

The opening ceremony was performed at 2.45 p.m. by Air Vice-Marshel Spencer, who spoke from the terrace to a crowd of visitors who already numbered many hundreds. Our distinguished visitor said how pleased he was to see this show so well supported, and added that although this was the first time he had been actively associated with the school, he hoped and believed that it would not be the last. The Headmaster, in thanking Air Vice-Marshel Spencer for performing the opening ceremony, paid tribute to the Parents' Association for all they had done in making the Garden Party such a success, and also thanked parents and friends for coming in such numbers, thus ensuring this success, both socially and financially.

By the time the opening ceremony was over the stalls and sideshows were in full swing, and once more they provided immense variety and were the cause of much enjoyment. They were run, in the main, by the boys themselves, and proved that what we have heard about the ingenuity of schoolboys is most certainly true. The sideshows varied from a cricket game to the sale of fruit, with a good sprinkling of "guess the weight of . . ." and "how many . . ." in between. The exhibitions, although in slightly more serious vein, were equally enjoyable for the visitors. Almost too numerous to mention, they included physics, chemistry, biology, art and wood-work displays, a gymnastic show, and, for the young (and perhaps the not-so-young)—there was the ever-popular 'pets' corner.

Teas were provided as usual by the Ladies of the Parents' Association. It is so easy to forget their quiet work behind the scenes that we should like to pay a special tribute to their great contribution to the day's enjoyment. What would a Garden Party be without a tea? Whilst thanking people for their work behind the scenes it seems a good opportunity to remember the immense amount of work which has to be done in order to enable the Garden Party to run smoothly. Ticket-sellers, those who collect money at the gates, boys who actually demonstrate in the displays, those running sideshows and stalls, and many others, all deserve our heartfelt thanks. Without them the Garden Party would not be in existence.

The day was rounded off with the customary concert. This year it took the form of a farce, written and produced by Mr. Reynish. The fact that it played to two further audiences the

following week is some indication of its merit, and Mr. Reynish can rest assured that he closed the day with a brilliance which matched its total success. The 1951 Garden Party will surely remain in our memories for many years to come.

B. H. COUSINS (U6A).

The Festival Ship "Campania"

The *Campania* is a miniature edition of the South Bank Exhibition. The Festival Ship *Campania* was chosen because of the amount of display-space available; her hangar deck is 300 ft. long and high enough for galleries to be built to further increase display space.

The conversion of the ship had been wonderfully planned by Sir Charles Lillicrap, in conjunction with Mr. James Holland, the Exhibition's chief designer.

The *Campania* is a motor ship driven by two diesel engines, giving her a speed of 18 knots. During her career as a Festival Ship she is flying the Red Ensign and is manned by a Merchant Navy crew.

She was at Plymouth from the 5th to the 14th of July at the Millbay Docks. One morning the School visited the ship on a conducted tour. The theme of the exhibition was very nearly the same as that of the South Bank—to tell the story of Britain, and to show some of the contributions she has made to world civilisation, particularly in Science, Technology and Industrial Design.

All this was shown by a series of exhibitions and displays which the visitor could interpret for himself. They were interwoven to provide the one continuous story of the "Land and the People." The exhibition was called "The Land of Britain," and the items in this section were: 'Coming Aboard,' 'Origins of the Island,' 'Minerals of the Island,' 'Agriculture,' 'Industry,' 'Power,' 'Transport and Ships.'

'Discovery' came next, and the displays were in this order: 'The Physical World,' 'Outer Space' and, on the flight deck, there was a series of maritime inventions. The next feature was called 'The People at Home,' and the first example was 'Homes and Gardens.' Then followed 'Health,' 'A Rural Scene,' 'The Seaside,' 'Great Britain,' and finally a general display of goods lent by the companies which fitted out the Festival Ship.

On going in the first thing that one noticed was the vast amount of space available, and next the perfect scale models of the various 'boats' in which the original inhabitants came over to our Island. Whether they came as peaceful settlers or as conquerors they had to cross the sea to get here.

The arrangement was perfect, working up from the Stone Age Colonists to the Normans. The day-light films which one could see as one went down the steps and which showed the origin of coal, the salt beds, limestone and iron ore were interesting.

The next thing one saw was the coal, steel and industry sections on the way to the power section. Here was a massive pumping engine built by James Watt. In the transport exhibition were perfect scale models of the London Tube system and various cars in production.

In all it was an exhibition well worth seeing. The only criticism was that the exhibits were not labelled, but that is a minor point in a great exhibition.

Soccer Club

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-charge : MR. H. G. WARREN.

Captain: J. M. BOWLEY. *Vice-Captain*: B. H. COUSINS.

Secretary: C. J. BRAY.

The season opened with a full programme of Senior House matches which provided unusually exciting games. In these and in a trial match it was obvious that the School teams would set a high standard of soccer, and indeed, our hopes have not been unjustified for, to date, four of our six regular teams are undefeated.

With six of last year's successful team, the 1st XI, though rather young, is still a strong combination, and two good wins were recorded against Liskeard and the Staff before a drawn match was played against R.N.E.C. (Manadon). This was the first time that the 1st XI had failed to win in twenty games. Comfortable victories against Torquay and Plympton somewhat atoned for this temporary setback, but our greatest problem is coming shortly when the senior members of the team leave.

It is anticipated, however, that capable replacements will be obtained from the 2nd XI, who have made a grand start to the season. They have won all three matches in confident style with a goal average of 20—3, and have included two 1st XI's among their victims.

The Colts XI lost their opening games against Tamar and Saltash, but improved greatly against 'Fisgard' and deservedly won by 4 goals to nil.

Handicapped by lack of height and weight, the Under 15 XI also made a poor start, and although recent performances improved, only two points have been won in the first six matches. Having received a bye in the First Round, they have now entered the Second Round of the Senior Cup. We congratulate Green of this team on his selection for Plymouth Schoolboys.

The Under 14 XI is another unbeaten team and, with the toughest opposition already encountered, they should have a really good season. One outstanding performance was at Liskeard where they equalised against a bigger and stronger team with two goals in the closing minutes.

Perhaps the most successful team is the Under 13 XI. At one period they had to play four matches in seven days, but they stood up to it well and with seven wins and one draw in eight matches, they are firmly established as leaders in the Plymouth Schools' League, with a real chance of becoming champions.

We are greatly indebted to the Parents Association for providing teas and we find that it creates a more friendly atmosphere with our visitors. Once again our thanks are due to all those who give their willing help each week, either as referees or in accompanying teams, especially Messrs. Warren, Barkell, Wayne, Way, Pethick, Raddler, Vanstone and Adams.

RECORD TO DATE :

	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Goals.</i>	
					<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XI ...	5	4	1	0	31	6
2nd XI ...	3	3	0	0	20	3
Colts XI ...	3	1	0	2	6	13
Under 15 XI ...	6	0	2	4	8	16
Under 14 XI ...	4	3	1	0	11	6
Under 13 XI ...	8	7	1	0	28	7

C. J. BRAY, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCHOOL 4 : STAFF I.

The annual School v. Staff soccer match was played this year on Wednesday, 3rd October at Ham. The teams were : Staff : Messrs. Adams; Warn, Poole; Sherwood, Stone, Self; Reynish, Barkell, Vanstone, Wayne, Carter. School : Woodward; Cousins, Herring; Joint, Bowley, MacManus; Davey, Boote, Marshall, Bray, Sargeant.

In bright sunshine, the Staff kicked off before about sixty spectators, but the School were soon on top and took the lead after five minutes, when Boote scored with a lob from the edge of the penalty area. The School continued to dictate the play until just before the interval, when a sudden heavy shower made the pitch extremely slippery and the Staff came more into the picture.

For the remainder of the first half and for fifteen minutes of the second, they attacked strongly and were unfortunate not to score. The School then broke away and, from a corner by Sargeant, Bray gave them a two-goal lead. Mr. Barkell immediately reduced the arrears with a shot from twenty yards.

This roused the School, and two further goals by Bray made the score 4—1, and put the issue virtually beyond doubt. In the Staff team, Mr. Warn and Mr. Stone defended well, while Mr. Wayne and Mr. Barkell did much good work at inside-forward. Despite the poor conditions which prevailed for a large part of the time, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the game.

"SOCCERATES."

Cricket Club

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-Charge : MR. W. NASH.

Captain : D. A. C. LETCHER. *Vice-Captain* : R. TOWNSEND.

Hon. Secretary : J. M. BOWLEY.

The School cricket teams again enjoyed a reasonably successful season. We were very lucky regarding the weather, in as much that no game was cancelled or abandoned, and net practice was not interrupted. A pleasant feature, during the past season, has been the number of boys who have made full use of the nets.

Generally speaking, the standard of bowling was below that of the batting. One of the troubles with the bowling was the lack of variety. Once again the fact that some people have to carry the burden of both batting and bowling, was emphasised.

The 1st and 2nd XI's were at times weakened owing to the fact that certain members were participating in athletic meetings and other school activities. For the 1st XI match against Tavistock only three regular players were available, because many seniors were on the London Trip.

The large number of drawn games played by the 1st XI has been largely due to the slow batting and inexplicable lapses in the field. Indeed the performances of all the teams have been spoiled by a tendency towards slackness in the field.

The highlight of the season was the School v. Staff match, which resulted in a draw. The Staff batted brightly to collect 148 for five wickets before declaring. In reply, the School reached the total of 108 for seven wickets before stumps were drawn.

The 2nd XI were a team lacking in experience, and early lapses were remedied only towards the end of the season. They finished the season in great style with an overwhelming win against Plympton Grammar 2nd XI.

Both the Colts and Junior teams have done quite well, and showed a wealth of talent which augurs well for the future.

We much appreciate the tea provided by the Ladies Committee of the Parents' Association, as we feel sure that it greatly improves the social side of the game.

Our sincere thanks are due to those masters who have officiated as umpires, and who have helped in various ways during the season.

Record :	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	...	11	4	5
2nd XI	...	10	3	1
Colts XI	...	10	5	1
Junior XI	...	10	4	0

Colours :

Re-Awards : Full Colours : C. A. C. Letcher, R. Townsend, B. W. Atkins.

New Awards : Full Colours : C. Bray, A. P. B. Wilmot, M. H. Marshall.

Re-Award : Half Colour : J. M. Bowley.

New Awards : Half Colours : J. Rothwell, B. E. Ackford.

J. M. Bowley *Hon. Secretary.*

Rugby Club

The season has started badly for the 1st and 2nd XV's, who have yet to record a victory between them. Before the season opened, it was realised that, if the School teams were to stand any chance of success, they must first train hard. But the early practices were very badly attended and our disastrous start cannot be entirely attributed to the 1st XV's remarkable ill-luck in the matter of injuries. There has recently been a great improvement in the numbers attending the practices, and both the 1st and the 2nd XV's have shown very much more spirit and resolution. Although losing 20—0 in the end to Hele's School in the last match, the 1st XV tackled very well and held very powerful opponents to 6—0 at half-time. The forwards have several times played well, but at no time have the backs appeared capable of penetrating opposing defences.

Holloway, the 1st XV captain, had the misfortune to break a leg in the very first match.

The Colts XV started the season well with a big win over Sutton H.S. Colts, but have had a bad patch since. The Colts contain much promising talent and we congratulate Dowrick, Foster and Hooper on playing for the Plymouth Under 15 team which beat Mid-Devon by 42 pts. to 5 pts.

The Junior XV appears to be weak in defence, but there are some good players in it, and they should enjoy a successful season.

The results achieved by the Under 13 XV's have again been excellent. The "A" XV is still undefeated, and the "B" XV has lost only once. This is particularly pleasing for these boys are the School's hope for the future.

A. G. GOSWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The London Trip

The trip to London was planned in order to allow as many boys as possible to visit the South Bank Exhibition in the most economical way. Naturally such a visit required very much work and thought, and our thanks are due to Messrs. Tamblin, Barkell, Poole, and Warren for their efforts both before and during the trip. At 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 5th, despite the throng of parents present, the coaches contrived to leave Sherwell Arcade without incident. The journey to London was interrupted three times—twice intentionally and once when one coach developed brake-trouble which required attention at Yeovil.

We entered London early on Friday morning, and one coach carried to its destination the party which was to sleep at Clapham Deep Shelters, while the other coach commenced a short unplanned tour of London, because the driver was uncertain of the correct route to the William Ellis School, to which we were already indebted for their kindness to our school two years previously when the French Trek took place. There were beds for fifteen boys

ready at the School, and the remainder were to sleep on camp-beds which had been sent to the school earlier. Upon arrival at the school we were provided with washing facilities, after which a hearty breakfast was enjoyed by all.

After breakfast, both parties met at Waterloo Station in order to visit the South Bank Exhibition. The group from Clapham arrived an hour late because they had some difficulty in obtaining breakfast! Finally, however, we all entered the Exhibition, except two boys who availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the House of Commons—with tickets provided by Mr. Michael Foot.

We were allowed to wander around the exhibition until 12.30 p.m., when we queued for the next performance in the Telecinema, and meanwhile ate the packed lunch provided by the William Ellis School. Mr. Tamblin, as leader of the party, was interviewed in front of the camera by Miss Joy Adamson, the well-known member of the Twenty Questions team, and the audience saw Mr. Tamblin on the screen, and various phenomena including three-dimensional pictures which had to be viewed through special spectacles. In the afternoon, besides touring the Exhibition, we visited the much publicised concert hall where we listened to Tom Jenkins and his orchestra. This hall is one of the most outstanding exhibits. At the end of the afternoon we split into our two groups and left the Exhibition to return to our respective sleeping quarters.

The next day we all met again and were conducted around the Parliament buildings at Westminster by Mr. Michael Foot. After this the party divided into three groups to visit the Zoo, the Surrey-Kent and the Oxford-Cambridge cricket matches respectively. In the evening at the "Skating Vanities" at Wembley we saw a brilliant exhibition of variety skating. On Sunday morning we attended morning service at Westminster Abbey. We lunched at Lyons near Piccadilly Circus, and then in the afternoon visited Kew Gardens to improve our botanical education or rest after our rather hectic programme.

On Monday, transport was arranged to take the majority of the party on a tour of London, while the remainder, who were already well acquainted with London, visited Madame Tussaud's. We all lunched at South Kensington, and then visited the Book and Science Exhibitions. We visited the St. James's Theatre that evening to see Vivien Leigh and Laurence Olivier in "Antony and Cleopatra." The play was an outstanding work of art and even the less appreciative among us must have realised its worth. Unfortunately it was impossible to obtain tickets for everybody, so some of us visited the Ice-Skating Show, which was excellent.

More time was desired at the Science Museum and Exhibition, and South Kensington was re-visited on Tuesday. After lunch some boys visited places of interest in London and the others remained at the Science Museum and Exhibition. In the evening we all visited the Opera House, Covent Garden, for the ballet, where

we were lucky enough to see both Moira Shearer and Margot Fonteyn. The ballet was beautiful, but full appreciation of this art can come only in time and from an intelligent approach.

The whole of Wednesday morning and afternoon was spent at the South Bank Exhibition for a final view of all objects of personal interest. The evening was spent at the Battersea Pleasure Gardens as a carefree finale to a very interesting and enjoyable week. Later in the evening we had supper at Lyons with several Old Boys who were in London at that time.

Thursday was the day of departure and we all rose early in order to pack our beds and belongings. At the William Ellis School we attended their morning assembly where Evans, our School boxing captain presented our hosts with a silver boxing challenge cup, as a token of our gratitude for their hospitality. Immediately afterwards we started the long journey to Plymouth, arriving at approximately eight-thirty. The trip had been highly successful in every way, and I am sure it was enjoyed by the pupils and by the masters to whom we owe so much of its value.

D. HOSKING (U6Sc.).

The Swimming Sports

During the last week of the summer term the School held its first swimming sports since the war, at Mount Wise baths. Luckily the weather was in keeping with the occasion, and the competitors and spectators, who included a number of parents, were able to enjoy a most pleasant afternoon in the glorious sunshine.

Although we have nothing with which to compare the standard of swimming, it can be said that the racing was keen and thrilling. Interest was maintained throughout with Grenville and Raleigh level at the commencement of the last event. Raleigh won the over-sixteen relay, whilst Grenville were unplaced, so that Raleigh were the winners with fifty-five points, and Grenville the runners-up with forty-nine points. Drake were placed third with twenty-nine, and Gilbert fourth with twenty-two.

The running of the Swimming Sports was comparable with the Athletic Sports in-as-much that the organisation was very efficient, and there were no delays between races. One interesting race was the beginners', open to boys who had learnt to swim only during the term, a race which enable the learners to take a more active interest.

The outstanding swimmer was J. Smith of Grenville, who won all his three events, which were Free Style under 14, Breast Stroke under 14, and Open Free Style. Raleigh and Grenville each won nine of the twenty-two events. The former were well served by Matthews, Crook, Parr and Holding, all of whom won races.

A most interesting and enjoyable afternoon ended with Letcher (Raleigh House Captain) being presented with the House Swimming Sports Cup.

J. M. BOWLEY (U6sc).

House Notes

HOUSE RESULTS.

SENIOR SOCCER :

Gilbert	5	Raleigh	0
Raleigh	1	Drake	3
Grenville	2	Gilbert	2
Drake	4	Grenville	2
Gilbert	5	Drake	6
Raleigh	0	Grenville	6

SENIOR RUGGER :

Gilbert	6	Drake	6
Grenville	18	Raleigh	3
Gilbert	0	Raleigh	22
Grenville	15	Drake	9
Gilbert	5	Grenville	12
Raleigh	9	Drake	0

DRAKE

For the House the Autumn Term is always one of mixed feelings. Uppermost in our minds is the gratitude we have to those senior boys who played such an important part in the life of the House, and have now unfortunately left us. Notable among them was Wanstall, the House Captain, who is now in the Services before going up to Cambridge, Newey who is also going to Cambridge, and Bossom, who will eventually take up his position in the Civil Service. While regretting these departures, we must not forget to welcome new boys to the House. Many first-formers have joined us this term. We hope they will play their part in our efforts to become Cock House this year. Boote and Pomroy are to be congratulated on becoming prefects. Congratulations are also due to all those boys who gained successes in their general certificate of education, both at the ordinary and advanced levels.

Although Drake could manage to gain only third place in the Inter-House swimming sports which were resumed this year, the performance was nevertheless a spirited one, and we look forward to brighter prospects for the future. Not forgetting all those boys who took part, our praise is especially due to Simpson who won the Under-15 diving competition and to Wiffil, who was first in the Under-14 diving competition.

The House was given a first-class start this year by the senior soccer team which won the Inter-House Soccer Championship, by winning all its matches. The Rugger team suffered from depleted ranks, because so many of the former team had left.

P. A. J. CAINES, *House Captain.*

GILBERT

RESULTS FOR 1950-51.

			<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>House</i>
Soccer	...	...	1st	2nd	1st
Rugger	...	...	3rd	4th	3rd
Athletics	...	...	4th	1st	4th
Cricket	...	...	2nd	1st	2nd
St. Levan Shield	...	...	3rd	1st	3rd

This year there has been a definite improvement upon the results of last year, as may readily be seen by comparison with the notes of a year ago. The most outstanding results are those obtained by the Juniors—first in cricket, first in athletics, second in

soccer and first for the St. Levan Shield. The rugby results were disappointing because most juniors seem to prefer soccer, although it is easier to get into a rugger side, which requires four more members than a soccer team.

The results suggest that there is real hope for Gilbert, since, although the Seniors were rather poor, the Juniors were outstandingly good, and it is upon the Juniors that the future of Gilbert depends. A swimming sports was held last term, and Gilbert gained fourth place after a keen struggle with Drake. This term the Senior football results have been decided already. At rugger, Gilbert drew with Drake, lost to Grenville and Raleigh, and finished in third position. Gilbert were second at soccer, after beating Raleigh, drawing with Grenville and losing narrowly to Drake after a tremendous struggle. We start the season with hope—let us spare no effort to justify this hope and make this “Gilbert’s year.”

D. HOSKING, *House Captain.*

GRENVILLE

The beginning of a new scholastic year has not brought any change in the House staff, though many senior boys have left us, among them R. Townsend, the House Captain, and D. Morton, his deputy. The former has taken up his Civil Service Executive appointment; the latter, having won a State Scholarship is now at Pembroke College, Cambridge. We wish them every success in the future and thank them for their inestimable services in the past. Our best wishes and thanks are also due to the many other stalwarts who have departed.

A warm welcome is also extended to the new first-formers and hope they will maintain Grenville’s magnificent reputation.

We congratulate Goswell and Knight on being appointed prefects, and the latter on his election as House Vice-Captain.

Last term saw Grenville, in spite of the brilliance of 13-year-old J. Smith, “pipped at the post” by Raleigh in the first post-war swimming sports. We were, however, cricket champions and won the St. Levan Shield yet again.

In senior rugger, Grenville this term beat Raleigh 18—3, Drake 15—9, and led by the vice-captain, Brooks, won a hard-fought match v. Gilbert by twelve points to five.

Ably led by the captain, Marshall, and vice-captain, Knight, the senior soccer side finished equal second with Gilbert, having lost 4—2 to Drake, drawn 2—2 with Gilbert, and beaten Raleigh 6—0.

We hope the Juniors will maintain this standard later in the term, and that an energetic attack on athletic standards will be made next year.

Finally our thanks are due to all the masters who have given us so much willing help during the past year.

K. R. HOLLOWAY (U6A).

RALEIGH

The House has started the new school year under the handicap of having lost most of our seniors, including last year's captain, Letcher, whom we thank for the leadership and help he gave us all.

At the beginning of the term the first-form boys arrived, and on behalf of the House I should like to welcome them, and hope they will give their whole-hearted enthusiasm for the benefit of the House.

Since the last House Notes were written, the School has held its first post-war swimming sports. Raleigh did well, being narrow winners over Grenville. Further details of the Sports may be found elsewhere in the magazine.

The cricket season ended with the Seniors defeating Drake, after drawing with Gilbert and losing to Grenville. The Juniors won two of their three games.

So far we have not done very well in the House Competitions. The Seniors have finished both their soccer and rugger programmes, the soccer team, unexpectedly fared badly, not winning a game. This was offset by the rugger side, however, which defeated both Drake and Gilbert. As a result of this poor start, it is now up to the Junior teams to do their utmost to improve the position.

Although it is said to be rash to prophesy, our Junior teams should do reasonably well. The Junior soccer side contains five members of the School team, and the rugby side has a number of last year's team still available. The House should, therefore, be able to look forward with confidence to the future.

J. M. BOWLEY, *House Captain.*

The School Parliament

The General Election held early in the Autumn Term was awaited with misgivings. The departure of so many prominent senior members at the end of the old school year seemed to fore-shadow an inevitable collapse. Only a miracle could save the parliament. Then came the unexpected—the unforeseen event. A new party formed itself out of the spirited endeavours of some few fifth-form and fourth-form enthusiasts—the Democratic Party, with promises of great concessions to the Lower School and the curtailment of Sixth Form privilege.

Undoubtedly the furious controversy which the Democratic Party Manifesto caused was responsible for a revival of interest and probably saved the young parliament at the eleventh hour. Its achievement, however, was accompanied by another problem of serious magnitude. Now that this new party, by virtue of its

almost revolutionary manifesto, had succeeded in drawing attention to itself, how was the impending rift between the Upper and Lower School to be avoided? Coalition was the only answer. The Independent and Democratic parties formed a coalition and just managed to secure an overall majority in the election. Cousins (U6A) was asked to form a government and so became Prime Minister for a second time. Caines (U6A) was re-elected as Speaker of the House.

Already the Prime Minister has found his new task an extremely difficult one. With only one other sixth-form representative in his government he is faced with a phalanx of opposition members with their sixth-form armour gleaming viciously. At the moment a bill for the revision of the Constitution is about to have its third reading. Some very important bills are to be introduced in the near future including one for the organisation of School Societies.

THE SPEAKER.

Careers

It is clear that the novelty of the Careers Room is wearing off and no longer attracts the idlers, but instead we see at all times the serious enquirer intent on learning or confirming some point of importance.

It is to be noted that announcements made in Hall are to be found repeated in print on the appropriate section of the Notice Boards. All exam dates, entry dates and age ranges are displayed and in many cases, syllabuses for exams. A Reference Library is slowly coming into existence and suggestions for titles will be welcome. Some of you may well have books giving useful information on certain careers, which could be lent or bought or duplicated.

It is noticeable that the Upper School working for University Courses are using the Faculty prospectuses and planning or trying to plan their own courses of study. An analysis of Faculty requirements in Languages at each University for various degrees, is now displayed and should help considerably.

It is to be hoped that this will lead to correct specialization, rather than trying to find a course to fit the A level subjects held.

We are indeed fortunate that our resident artist is once again turning out brilliantly designed posters, pin-pointing the vital needs, training and prospects of certain careers. We know they will be a success and we hope time and energy will be sufficient to make them numerous.

W.H.W.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE UPPER SCHOOL

64 DONERAILE GARDENS,
FULHAM, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

It is my duty as an ex-member of a Science Sixth and as an Old Boy of the School to give what I hope will be a timely warning to happy fifth-formers about to follow a similar scientific trail and also some useful words of advice to the Present Science Sixth. I shall endeavour to impress upon you the importance of English in the Executive Civil Service.

In the fleeting hours of sixth-form life, with its wonders of science and turmoil of sport, it is so easy to look upon that single period of English thrust between "one of Physics" and "two of Applied Maths" as an hour of relaxation. We arrive in the Sixth with the fundamental principles of English Language in our minds but, alas, too many of us leave with only the vague memories of that basic knowledge, and it is then that the real purpose of this casually-treated English lesson is revealed.

Today, leaving school means leaving home and joining the Forces, and whether it is through letter-writing or the limited vocabulary of drill instructors we begin to realise the inadequacy of our own expressional ability, and to discover the aesthetic value of the words of our language. It is, therefore, important that our interests in this should be awakened whilst we are still at school. Many of you will embark upon a career in the Civil Service and will turn from the analysis of "King's Regulations for H.M. Forces" to the more formidable task of deciphering letters from the public. The importance of English in the everyday world will be thrust upon you with dramatic suddenness. The success of your life's work is dependent upon it.

Promotion to the Higher and Administrative grades of the Civil Service may be obtained by only two methods. The first, the quality of one's work, judged mainly by the manner in which letters, minutes and suggestions are worded. The other, by an examination in general subjects, the leading questions on these papers being concerned with English and Current Affairs, both of which demand the ability to express clearly one's accumulated knowledge and ideas. A scientist may read, mark, learn, inwardly digest and even appreciate volumes of literature, but may not be able to reproduce this knowledge on paper in an attractive style. The competitive nature of this examination demands that he *must* do so to succeed.

I hope that these remarks may be of some use.

Yours faithfully,

KENNETH BLUNDELL.

Out of School Activities

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The activities continue to increase, and it is far easier to report on the work of the various sections than on the Society as a whole. The latter aim is best achieved, by consideration of the lecture programme.

At the time of going to press, seven meetings of the parent Society have been held since the commencement of the 1951-1952 session. The average attendance has been fifty-five, which can be regarded as satisfactory, but consideration of the general picture reveals certain surprising features, one such being the poor response from the Middle Sixth. We realise that 'Mock' and 'Final' are ever in their thoughts, but we would suggest that casual attendance at interesting meetings is not the only support expected of members.

As usual we have had a small nucleus of Arts students at our meetings, but we would like to see more following their example, for surely there must be much of general interest which we can offer them.

The session has produced one major extension in policy. As a result of numerous applications from the Fourth Forms over a number of years, the privilege of membership has been extended to them and their keen interest has been noted with satisfaction.

The four talks which have been given up to now have been of a high standard. At the first, Mr. Flint of Messrs. Pilkington, a famous firm of glass manufacturers, entertained a large audience with a fascinating demonstration of the properties of 'Armourplate' glass. The members were astonished by the sight of a large glass plate bending under the weight of two heavy men, and what was more interesting still, unbending when they stepped from it. Equally enthralling was the spectacle of shattered fragments being rubbed with the hands with no resulting ill effects.

Mr. Gill, a Devonport High School Old Boy and a local analyst, enlightened members on the part science plays in crime detection. Mr. Hurrell, another valued friend of the Society, gave his annual address on Natural History, beautifully illustrated by his own colour films. Mr. Elliot, City Water Engineer, inspired us by his talk on the water supply of the City, making special reference to the Lopwell Scheme. Films have been exhibited on garden pests, motor racing, hydraulics and British aircraft.

The first excursion will shortly be held when a party of members will visit Broadcasting House at Mannamead. A little later another party will be entertained by the management of the Beechwood Food Factory. As usual, applications for these visits are so numerous that a system of rationing has to be introduced.

The sections of the Society continue to flourish. The Meteorological Section issues daily reports. The Society's Notice Boards

exhibit articles on a wide variety of scientific topics. The Photographic Darkroom has been booked till the end of the term for some time. The Radio Section is enrolling recruits.

Finally, the Society wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all those friends who have addressed its members and made its excursions possible.

P. J. DARE, *Hon. Secretary.*

CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY.

So far this term we have had four meetings—including an eve-of-the-poll political discussion, which was very well attended. We are looking forward very much to a film "The Commonwealth of Nations," which the Overseas League are showing for our benefit at the beginning of December.

Our best wishes and thanks go to Prowse, who is now at U.C.S.W., Exeter, for all his hard work as our Secretary last year. R. J. Sainsbury (6A) has now been elected in his place.

We have been allocated a new room which will be adequately equipped for display purposes in the near future are pleased to report that three Sixth formers are to attend the C.E.W.C. Christmas Holiday Lectures in London. It is hoped that they will have a very enjoyable time.

R. J. SAINSBURY, *Hon. Secretary.*

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

It is very pleasing to note that the enthusiasts in the cast of this year's play come from forms as far apart as 2A and U6Sc., and also that the Science side provides one-third of the cast's sixth-form contingent. This variety shows that the Society is fulfilling its purpose in interesting boys from all levels and sections of the School. Variety, however, does not necessarily produce a balanced team and thus the selection of the members of the cast is very important. This year the cast can, and I am sure will, make the presentation of George Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan" a success. The high calibre of this play necessitates a high level of production and this can be achieved only by all-out endeavour. By the end of the term rehearsals should be well advanced and doubtless the cast will be looking forward to renewed efforts during the holidays.

Efforts must also be made by the rest of the School, in the selling of tickets, as with such a large cast—over twenty have speaking parts—the costumes to be provided can be secured only if every performance is fully attended. The well-known "Sunday Observer" Dramatic critic, Mr. J. C. Trewin, will be present at the final performance, and we are sure to gain immensely from the comments he will make. With unstinted efforts by the whole School, this production can, in Mr. Whitfield's words of last January, be "something extra special."

H. S. POMROY, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

After a rather belated opening, which was due to the long and wearisome task of checking, the School Library is again taking its place as the centre of the School's intellectual life. It is pleasing to notice that the Library is being used more frequently by the School, especially by the Science Sixth and Juniors. The former also seem to be appreciating the works of our greatest authors, an encouraging sign in the School's efforts to close the gap between artists and scientists.

However fatiguing the process of periodical checking may be, it is interesting in its revelation of the School's taste. In the fiction section, for example, C. S. Forester's 'Lord Hornblower' novels are the most popular books, with Aldous Huxley and D. H. Lawrence close runners-up. In contrast, the classics, the works of Dickens, Jane Austen and Trollope are rarely disturbed. All this seems to indicate that the School prefers either action or the most modern fiction to the Victorian novel. 'The Kon-Tiki Expedition' is by far the most popular of 'non-fiction' books and the waiting list for this book reaches greater proportions each day. With the Juniors, Richmal Crompton's 'William' books remain firm favourites; only Capt. Johns' 'Biggles' stories seem to rival them in popularity.

The Plymouth Public Library continues to supply us with certain journals which we, for various reasons, are unable to obtain, and these, together with our own magazines, provide much interesting reading for the less studious.

At the end of last term we said farewell to D. J. Mills, last year's Librarian, whose work in the Library, especially with the Dewey decimal system, has tremendously simplified the task of all succeeding librarians. We take this opportunity of wishing him good fortune in his Civil Service career.

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

GARDENING CLUB.

While the Gardening Club activities have been cut to a minimum by a deplorable lack of support from the Senior School, much progress has been made with regard to the School gardens. The School flower beds are kept in good condition by gardening enthusiasts, while the problem which faced us concerning the ground to the north of the School has now been solved. Labour from outside the School has been provided by the Hoe and Parks Committee, so that grass patches are kept mown and much grass seed has been sown where grass was lacking. A fence has been placed round the Junior play-ground to prevent interference from that quarter. It is hoped that the appearance of the north side will soon be improved considerably by the addition of shrubs and bushes to be planted there.

P. A. J. CAINES, *Hon. Secretary.*

MUSIC CLUB.

Evidence of growing interest in music among the Upper School is afforded by the consistently high attendance this term. Moreover, members have shown an encouraging willingness to take a more active part in the club's activities, and we have had three illustrated lectures from B. Cross (6A), R. W. Boate (U6A) and R. B. Evens (U6A). The club eagerly awaits forthcoming lectures by more experienced speakers, particularly those by Mr. G. E. C. Cocks, Mr. R. Gill Monk, and Mr. E. W. R. Warn, who is to talk on the overture. At half-term the club is to have a small concert comprising vocal and instrumental solos and duets. Our chairman, Mr. Self, has promised to give a piano recital later in the term, which will doubtless provide one of the highlights of our season. Mr. H. S. Eden's promised flute recital will provide an opportunity for members to hear works rarely heard in Plymouth.

Bossom, who, more than anyone else, is responsible for the present healthy state of the club, is at present completing his National Service before taking up a position in the Executive Branch of the Civil Service.

R. W. BOATE, *Hon. Secretary.*

BADMINTON CLUB.

This year we say goodbye to Wilmot who is now at Exeter College, Oxford, and thank him for his past services to the club.

At the moment there are still vacancies for boys in the Middle and Upper Sixth, although membership is limited because of the shortage of club racquets.

This year it is hoped that a match might be arranged with the Staff. The Headmaster has promised to coach members occasionally during lunch hours in an attempt to improve the general standard of play. Because of the large number of other School activities, the club meets only one evening and two lunch hours a week, a situation which is, unfortunately, unavoidable.

F. S. G. EASTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

BOXING CLUB.

Last season we finished quite well, with a British Champion and a semi-finalist. We find at the beginning of this season that we have to lose Mr. Reynish. The Boxing Club was formed by Mr. Reynish in 1948, and has been going strongly ever since. Two British Champions, and three semi-finalists have been produced, besides numerous other champions. We wish him the best of luck in his new School.

J. Evans (British Champion), B. W. Atkins (semi-finalist) and A. C. Atkins have also left. The senior championships start this term, and the others next term. New boys are needed and first-form boys would be welcome. A match has been arranged with the Scouts at the end of this month.

M. J. DOOLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Speculation has been the keynote of the Literary and Debating Society since the assumption of full scale activity on the part of the School Parliament. The possibility of a new Society taking its place, having the nature of a society specializing in certain advanced academic activities, has been considered and will certainly play its part in future activities. The problem which faces the old Society is a difficult one indeed, for it is a question whether it will cease to function altogether. The greatest obstacle seems to be not the nature of its activities so much as when to hold meetings. The School has very many out-of-school activities and this Autumn term is a particularly busy one because of Dramatic Society rehearsals, soccer practices, rugby practices, and like activities.

A very successful debate was staged at the Plymouth Y.M.C.A. Eighteen members of the School Society were present and B. Cross proposed the motion "that National Service wrecks careers." The motion was opposed by P. A. J. Caines, and after a lively debate, which lasted until 9.45 p.m. the final result was a draw. It was evident from this debate, however, that practice in the art of public speaking is necessary. The Society will therefore concentrate its efforts in this direction.

P. A. J. CAINES, *Hon. Secretary.*

CHESS CLUB.

Masters-in-Charge : MR. ADAMS, MR. BERRY.

The Club is not as strong as last year, and we should like to see more Juniors at the meetings in 1C Form room on Wednesdays.

So far this season only three matches have been played; in the first the School was beaten, 4 games to 2 by Plympton Grammar School, but since then we have beaten Public Secondary School by 3½ games to 2½ and Plymouth High School by 5 games to 1.

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

FIELD SOCIETY.

We are somewhat concerned about the future of the Society, for a variety of reasons.

In the first place we feel that, in the past, the Society has been used as an extension of School studies, rather than to widen the general outlook. Secondly, whenever we endeavour to arrange an evening or a Saturday meeting, we find ourselves clashing with other Societies, or Games. Finally, one of the strongest interests has been ecology, admittedly as an extension of the laboratory, but so far we have been unable to arrange for adequate direction.

In the meantime Dare continues to maintain his useful interest in bird-watching. Most of us have attended and thoroughly enjoyed some of the meetings of the Science Society, particularly the one which Mr. Hurrell addressed. Our own members who

are interested in Prehistoric Dartmoor made excellent models of the Merrivale Antiquities, based on measurements derived from their own surveys.

The 1951 Year Book of the Devonshire Association has been received and may be consulted in the Library.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

We regret the loss this year of several of our finest players. Ackford, Williams and Rainford have left to take up University and Civil Service positions.

The standard at present is far lower than it has been in recent years, but it is hoped that an improvement will soon be noticed. At present membership of the club must, through necessity, be confined to the fortunate few in the second and third-year Sixth Form. No further applications can therefore be accepted until further notice.

There are several fixtures this term including matches against our old rivals Sutton High School, and Devonport High School for Girls, who, we hear, will provide tough opposition. It has not yet been decided who will replace Rainford, who with Boote and Evens, had constituted the School team.

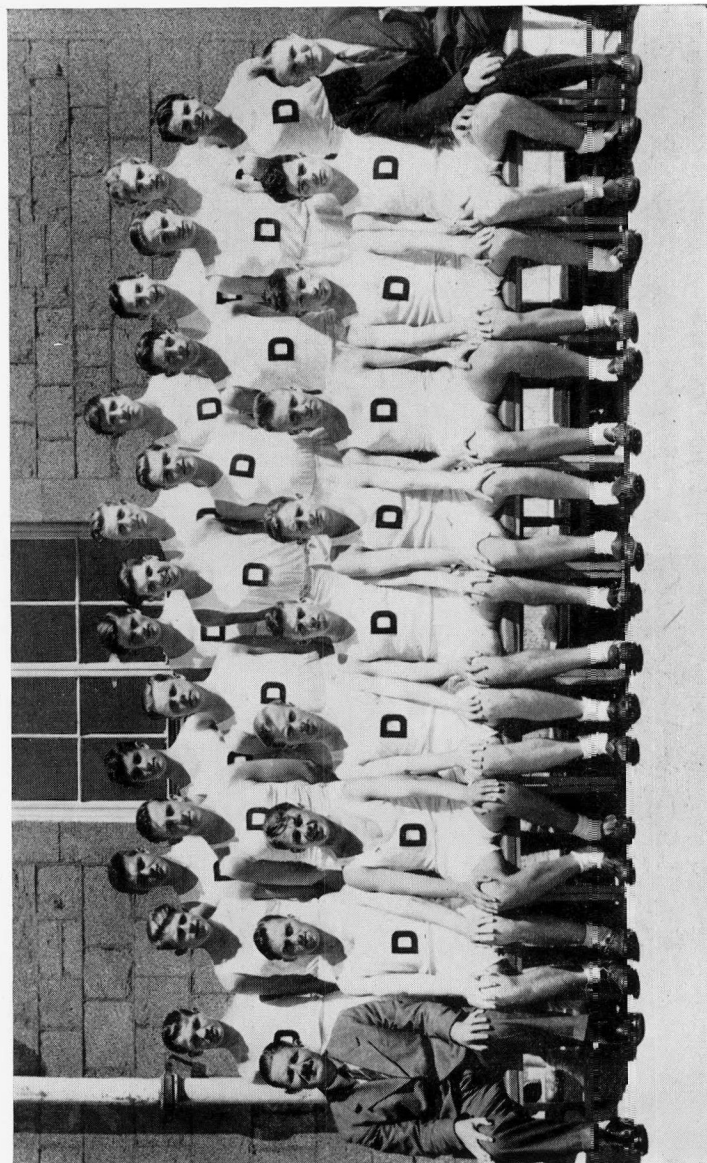
We take this opportunity of thanking Rainford for the energy and resource he showed in organising and running the table tennis tournament so efficiently before he left us, and we also congratulate him on defeating Mr. Barkell in the Final. The match was closely fought, and we marvel that Mr. Barkell can produce such form with no practice except in the annual tournament. Mr. Barker and Mr. Warren also showed fine form. R. B. EVENS, *Hon. Secretary*.

TENNIS CLUB.

We are now in the middle of our close season and so have time to look back on our first year. Looking at the results it has not been an outstanding one. From the point of view of experience it could not have been better. At the beginning of the season there was quite a lot of variation in our pairing, but we eventually found a satisfactory method and we kept it for the later matches. We managed to play both home and away with the co-operation of the Technical College, which allowed us to use one of its courts at Collings Park, as well as our own two on Saturdays.

So much for the past; the future is not quite so bright. Before next year we lose from our team, our captain, D. Hosking, who led us so ably last year, and D. Williams. The Club is now looking for new blood to fill these vacancies. Any members of the Middle and Higher School who feel that they can help us should get in touch with Mr. Tamblin or myself, as soon as possible. There is no official training during the winter as we have no facilities, but with individual efforts we hope to be able to take the court next year confident of a successful season. B. P. GEORGE, *Tennis Secretary*.

ATHLETICS TEAM, 1951



Back row (left to right) M. H. Green, A. J. Herring, E. C. Rowe, M. J. Rouse, J. D. Mills, R. S. Cox, D. J. T. Rose
Middle row. R. Pullen, P. R. Tolley, A. P. B. Wilmot, D. Hosking, G. C. W. Ralph, J. R. Brooks, W. I. Joint, R. J. Samsbury,
 D. R. le P. Quantick
Front row (seated). Mr. S. G. Barker (*Headmaster*), D. A. C. Letcher, A. P. Appleby, B. H. Cousins, M. C. Wotton, B. F. Thurston,
 C. A. Mapstone, A. C. Atkins, G. J. Gilhespy, Mr. W. Nash

CHOIR NOTES.

The beginning of the School year in September saw the Choir much depleted in numbers because of the inevitable loss of several of the more experienced tenors and basses. But, as a result of Mr. Self's enthusiasm, the choir stood before the audience at Speech Day one hundred and twenty strong. This increase brought an unfortunate problem. The choir gallery of the Central Hall only holds about seventy or eighty and this meant that several of the sopranos had to sit below. This difficulty was overcome however, proved by the overall improvement of the performance on that of last year. With our increase in numbers we attempted nine items instead of the usual five. As the madrigals proved such a popular item at our first concert in the Spring term, two more were incorporated into the Speech Day programme. They were sung by a small group of the more experienced members. Also a few traditional airs (which seem to suit all tastes) were included as a finale.

Since Mr. Self arrived three years ago the music of the School has greatly progressed. The orchestra was re-started and the choir enlarged. I think everyone who attended the last two Speech Days and the concert, will agree that Mr. Self's untiring efforts have been duly rewarded. We hope to crown this success in March of next year. The choir is already in training for the event, and with the help of an orchestra and soloists from external sources, will present Handel's "Messiah."

J. A. HENDRA, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCOUT LOG.

This year a most enjoyable camp was held at Avoca, Eire, when the Group received many congratulations for their high standard of camping and behaviour. For this the Troop as a whole must be praised but especially Mr. Cocks for his excellent general management, and Messrs. Innes and Wattley for their guidance of the Junior and Senior Troops respectively. The main events of the camp were a trip to Dublin and a coach tour of the city; a visit of the Junior Troop to Glendalough, a famous beauty spot; and a Venturer hike by the Senior Troop without tents or cooking equipment; and keenly fought inter-patrol competitions. Not least enjoyable was the abundance of food, the most popular souvenir of Eire. A friendship was set up between the Troop and others camping in the district, resulting in two enjoyable campfires together.

Rehearsals are now in full swing for a "Gang Show" to be performed during the Christmas holidays. Judging from rehearsals it promises to be a success which, it is hoped, will be well supported by the School.

In the Scout Tests each boy is making progress, and several of the Senior Troop are within a badge of becoming King Scouts.

Both Senior and Junior Troops will be pleased to welcome new members from the School.

A. J. HILL, *P/L. "Scotts."*

STAMP CLUB.

The Stamp Club continues to flourish under the able chairmanship of Mr. Hopford, meeting regularly on Monday evenings after school. At the time of publication of the last School Magazine, all members of the Club were actively engaged in preparation for the Display to be held as part of the Annual Garden Party. Three or four weeks were spent doing this, and the standard of the Display exceeded our highest hopes, although, as was pointed out at the time, the room allocated to us, the L.6Sc. room of last year, was rather out-of-the-way.

So far this term, the Club has met four times: the first two meetings were for general philatelic work such as mounting stamps and writing up; the third for the sale of approvals, the sale of stamps that any members wished to get rid of, and for exchanging; the fourth for a lecture by Mr. S. H. Crimp, of the Plymouth Philatelic Society. In it, Mr. Crimp dealt with "Some Aspects of Stamp Collecting," illustrating his words with some fine exhibits. At the time of writing, everybody is busy preparing for a competition in which a prize will be given for the best Thematic Collection of about twenty-five stamps, each competitor's subject being different.

The Stamp Club Library continues to do good service to all members, as does the Librarian, Jay, of Form 5G. It has been agreed that a copy of the "Philatelic Magazine" should be obtained regularly, be available at meetings, and then go to the Library.

A recent increase in the Club's membership is noted with satisfaction.

A. T. MANTLE, 5A, *Hon. Secretary.*

MODEL CLUB.

Although membership of the Club is lower than at this time last year, the interest of those who attend regularly is as great as ever. The activities are varied, and while Meccano remains a steady favourite, there has, during the past twelve months, been an increased interest in making things in wood, and in many instances a preference has been shown for formal woodwork on the lines of the work done in School. The activities of the Club are not restricted to any particular type of work, however, and any boy in the Junior forms who likes making things can stay on Thursdays and develop his practical ability in the direction he likes best.

S.H.Q.

Parents' Association

Chairman : THE HEADMASTER.

Hon. Treas. : W. H. WAY, B.Sc. *Hon. Sec.* : H. G. WARREN, B.Sc.

We are happy to report that the year's working has been varied, interesting and profitable.

The December dance, enjoyed by over 200 parents, staff and boys, has now become firmly established as an annual event. During February, the whist drive was well attended, and in March

we were delighted to welcome Mrs. H. Woolcombe, Dr. Scotland, Dr. Jones and Mr. Mills as a Brains Trust to answer questions of educational interest.

For our coach trip in May we visited Cotehele House, where, after being conducted over the historic residence, we had tea. Before leaving for Looe and Polperro we had an opportunity of admiring the colourful garden and picturesque river views.

The annual Garden Party in July aroused a tremendous amount of effort, a general spirit of goodwill and a desire to show the School at its best. Furthermore, a sunny day helped to bring us some 1,000 visitors and a record profit of over £140.

The Association's usefulness has not been confined to social activities alone. The Ladies Committee, besides providing teas for visiting teams has made the Staff v. School Cricket and Tennis matches into delightfully informal functions. We have supplied a cricket scoreboard, nets for goalposts, prizes for Speech Day, a new Honours Board at School, and sets for the Dramatic Society in addition to augmenting the School Sports Fund.

At the Annual Meeting, it was proposed, and carried with acclamation, that "As a token of our appreciation of the great amount of time given by members of staff to out-of-school activities £20 be allocated from our funds to improve the comfort of the Staff Room." An appreciation of this generous gesture is recorded elsewhere.

As the School is constantly widening the scope of its activities and thus increasing the demands on its limited resources, we look for your generous support during the coming year.

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in School on Friday, 21st December, 1951, at 7 p.m. This is the important meeting of the year and every old boy should make a special effort to attend.

THE ANNUAL DINNER has been arranged at Genoni's Restaurant on Friday, 28th December, 1951, at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at 10s. od., and can be obtained from Mr. Polkinghorne or at the School. The guest this year is the Member of Parliament for Devonport, Mr. Michael Foot.

In an endeavour to foster a keener interest in the social activities of the Association a Dance was held at the School during the Easter holidays, and nearly 200 dancers enjoyed a very pleasant evening. As a result a request was made for another such function to take place at the end of the summer vacation. This function, however, was not so well backed up, and consequently the funds of the Association were not greatly helped.

The Social Committee will be pleased to receive, at any time, suggestions for social events, and of what form you would like them to take, etc.

Another Dance will be catered for during next Easter holiday, but in attempting to run it the wholehearted support of Old Boys is requested as expenses are high and a good deal of hard work is put into the organisation.

Any questions on social activities will be welcomed at the Annual General Meeting.

There are under two dozen ties in stock at Messrs. Perkin Bros. price 8s. 3d. When these have been sold the new tie will cost 10s.

SUBSCRIPTION.—It is not generally understood that the subscription to the Association is now payable on January 1st, and it is 5s. od. per annum. Members of the sub-sections, e.g. badminton, rugby, etc., are reminded that membership of their particular club does not entitle them to receive the School Magazine. It was decided, last year, that the previous method of paying through the sub-section had not worked well and would be discontinued. Now magazines are issued direct from Headquarters to members of the Association. These arrangements do not apply to the London Branch.

The usual Exiles' game with the Old Boys' R.F.C. will take place on Wednesday, 26th December. Mr. Warn is getting the Exiles side together and he would be grateful if those Old Boys coming home for Christmas who would like to play would contact him.

Michael Barber of 43 Alepin Avenue, Ville La Salle, Quebec, would like to receive news from any Old Boy of his year, and so would F.G. Woodbury, who is at the British Embassy in Addis Ababa. His address is c/o Foreign Office, Downing Street, London S.W.1.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE.—The provisional date for the dedication of the War Memorial Plaque has been fixed for Wednesday, January 30th, 1952, at the School. The Bishop of Plymouth will officiate. Further details will be made known when arrangements are completed.

THE LONDON BRANCH

There is little to report since the last issue of the magazine for, as usual, it was decided that there would be little support for any activity organised during the summer months, the lure of the garden and holidays making it difficult even to arrange a Committee Meeting.

Our winter season opened, however, on October 11th with a "Club-Night" at the "Green Man"; this was attended by the usual number of stalwarts together with a sprinkling of new faces. Whilst everyone who attended could say that this meeting was one of the usual successes from the social point of view, it was unfortunately not a great success from the financial aspect. Our London rendezvous having recently acquired a new management has sought fit to increase both the cost of hiring the room and the refreshments. As our slender resources cannot stand these increased costs the Committee feel that rather than curtail the number of club-nights it would be better to find another hostelry with a more reasonable tariff, consequently the Social Secretary is busy searching for suitable premises within a reasonable distance of Central London where it is hoped that both the members and the Treasurer can enjoy themselves in future.

It is proposed to hold a Dinner early in the New Year if sufficient support is forthcoming, and the Secretary would be pleased to hear from any Old Boy living within reasonable distance of London who so far has not received a communication from the London Branch.

R. C. HORNE, *Hon. Secretary*,
269 Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Herts.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' BADMINTON CLUB

There is not much that I can report at the moment concerning the activities of the Badminton section for, up to the time of these notes, we are only in the second month of the 1951-52 season.

We have every hope of another very happy and successful season—there is no slackening off in membership or enthusiasm and the general standard of play has now reached a level where each member can participate in some really good games of badminton on Thursday evenings.

Apart from the League programme, numerous friendly matches have been arranged and in this way it is hoped that every member will have an opportunity of representing the Club during the season.

We were indeed pleased to have had Mr. L. Warren with us for an evening, at the beginning of September, before his return to Birmingham from holiday at Newquay. 'Les' was primarily responsible for the inauguration of the Badminton Club.

Here is the result of our first League fixture played away on November 10th v. Devonport : Devonport, 3 games (224 aces) : D.H.S. Old Boys, 6 games (258 aces). This proved to be a very keen struggle but the team, playing with great determination, gained a well deserved victory.

H. BRENTON, *Hon. Secretary*.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' RUGGER CLUB

An Old Boys' XV, we are quite enjoying the 1951-52 season. At the time of writing, we have played nine games with the following results :

		<i>Points</i>		
<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
9	4	5	75	92

Slowly, but surely, we are building up our playing strength and our present adverse balance of points is almost entirely due to our first away fixture this season. Needless to say, the Old Boys look forward eagerly to the School fixture on Saturday, December 15.

We would like to congratulate :

LT. HOLGATE, R.M., for his excellent performances for Devonport Services and the Navy XV, and in particular for his display against the Springboks.

W. BOWDEN, who despite the trials of married life, upon which he has recently embarked, has been elected Captain of Woodford Green R.F.C.

Our best wishes are extended to :

E. GYNN. Called up for National Service in November. Here's to good Service Rugby, Eric.

LT. R. MCINTOSH, whose return from Korea in December is eagerly awaited.

M. BRERETON, our Captain, who has been in London on business since September. He aims to be back in time for the School game.

It is common knowledge that as a XV we have to play "non Old Boys" from time to time. Our thanks are due to D. Gait, G. Jaques, A. G. Leonard, T. Wright, K. Mustoe and B. Spence, who have turned out for us on occasion. They are "outsiders", all of whom understand that an Old Boy player takes precedence at any time and whose sporting spirit has contributed much to the well being of the Club.

Lastly, but not least, we cannot exist as a Club by ourselves. We have at all times been backed by the Headmaster—who has even found time to turn out and watch us play—the School and Staff, the Parents' Association, Badminton Club and many other staunch friends. This support is absolutely essential. To one and all, we are pleased to take this opportunity of saying "Thank you" and wishing you a Happy Xmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous 1952.

Any boy wishing to join us upon his leaving School can always contact me at 44, Ford Park Road. Continue giving us your support as you have in the past, and we shall not fail you.

With all best wishes.

GORDON W. E. COLLINS, *Hon. Secretary.*

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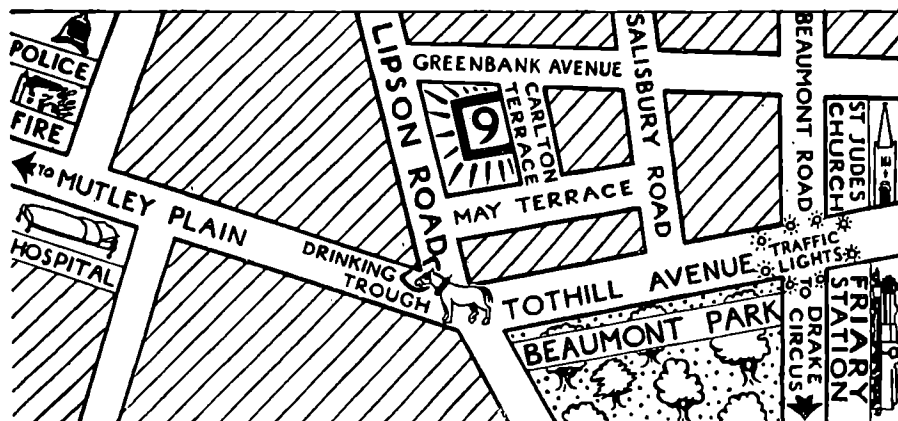
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