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APRIL, 1929.

Editor :

A. J. SWAN.

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J. A. OATES.

EDITORIAL.

Again this, the second of our two Magazines, heralds the approach of the end of a School year. Some, no doubt, welcome it as a bearer of tidings of joy, for it carries with it a suggestion of summer, and of holidays, and all that goes with care free happiness ; together with a sense of change, one more Form behind, and the dawn of the ever mysterious future.

Others, however, will greet this periodical with no little sadness. They are soon to leave School, they stand on the threshold of life, and though eager to thrust themselves forward, are loth to part with the old friendships with which School teems.

You masters must know that even whilst we grumble at your apparently harsh reception of our little peccadillos, even whilst we laugh away the idle moments behind your backs, we honour and respect you, for in your hands is the keeping of our destinies. You make us what we are, and at least the ' Old-Boys ' of our School can turn and say, " Your task was nobly done ".

" I shall never pass Matric." " I shall never see the Sixth." How often do we hear, and how often have we uttered those words ? An editorial seems a chance to offer advice, and if we suggest to those " mourners " that they take as their motto " Possunt quia posse videntur," which may be freely translated, " You can because you think you can " surely we may be forgiven. We know that Auto-suggestion is not so foolish as many imagine, and that by the very force with which you assure yourself that you can succeed, you will succeed. By training yourselves to overcome difficulties and saying " I can," instead of " I can't," you will; and life with all its open doors, with all its hidden secrets lies before you.

As for those who are about to say, "Farewell," they will carry forward the memory of a lesson well and truly learnt, a lesson which teaches how to play the game, as it should be played, in every walk of life. Far back along the golden paths of memory their minds will travel, and once again they will have before them all the rules, the plots and plans and the hardly suppressed laughter of their schooldays. Once more they will be boys under the sway of a black gown, once more they will watch the chalk trace its mysteries of Arts and Science upon a blackboard of days gone by, and once more they will be in the land where knowledge is found; in the happy hunting grounds of Youth.



SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The amended list of School Officers is as follows:—

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EN PASSANT.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to:—

R. H. Clements, our Senior Prefect, on obtaining an Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Jesus College, Oxford in January last.

N. A. J. Bright, and J. A. Oates, on obtaining their Intermediate B. Sc. and Intermediate, B.A., degrees respectively of London University last November.

E. C. Arscott, A. R. Pike, J. M. Widdecombe, J. R. Young, and A. J. Swan, placed respectively 23rd, 33rd, 52nd, 69th and 112th on the list, on obtaining their appointments in the Executive Grade of the Civil Service. Over 1,000 candidates took part in the examination.

Mr. N. L. Rowe and Mr. F. Newton, on obtaining their B. Sc., General Degrees in December last.

All those concerned in the success of the VIth Form Dance held in January.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the parents and relatives of Kenneth Dicker (Senior Prefect of the School 1925-26,) and of Cyril Hutchins (Sub-Prefect of the School and member of Form VI 1927-28) who passed away during the Easter Term.



HOWLERS.

Rose émue, répondit : The rose emu laid another egg.

Christians are only allowed one wife. This is called *monotony*.

They gave the Duke of Wellington a lovely funeral. It took six men to carry the *beer*.

Bacon was the man who thought he wrote Shakespeare.

Masculine : man. Feminine : woman. Neuter : corpse.

Milton wrote "Paradise Lost," his wife died, then he wrote "Paradise Regained."

What is a vacuum ? A *vacuum* is a large empty space where the Pope lives.

There is a man who watches the Highlands all night. He is called the Black Watch.

A Schoolmaster leads a *sedimentary* life.

What is a mariner's compass? About two gallons.



SPEECH DAY, 1928.

The "Speech Day" was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 5th December, 1928, at the Central Hall, Fore Street, Devonport. Exceptionally mild weather was doubtless one of the factors productive of an overflowing large audience; and we were fortunate in securing The Right Honourable, the Viscount Astor to distribute the Prizes.

In an intensely interesting and thoughtful address he congratulated the boys, the headmaster and the staff on the truly wonderful successes which had been achieved during the year 1928.

He emphasised the importance of an active mind. It had been his privilege to know most of the important people in this country and in others—politicians, leaders in the Church, in the Army and the Navy—and these men are those with active minds.

A vote of thanks to Lord Astor was enthusiastically passed on the proposition of Mrs. G. A. Daymond, seconded by Mr. E. R. Grant.

The Chairman (Alderman R. McDonald, Chairman of the Plymouth Education Committee) also offered his congratulations on the brilliant successes obtained and felt certain that parents realised and appreciated the hard work entailed in creating such results. Thanks were expressed to the Chairman by Mr. Councillor W. T. Goss and Mr. Councillor G. S. Daymond; and a bouquet was presented to Mrs. McDonald.

It was not thought fit to have the usual French play in the Central Hall; but musical items were well rendered by Form II, the Senior Prefect (R. H. Clements), W. A. Rickard and R. P. Byfield; and our Music Master, Mr. Martin gave organ solos.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

I have the pleasure to report a year of great success and unusual satisfaction. The success appears on your programmes and I propose to return to it again. The satisfaction arises from the fact, that, at last, full instead of partial use is being made of the second house annexed to the school, the house which was purchased about seven years ago; and, as a consequence, the much-needed gymnasium and junior science laboratory have become realities. Thus the original building and the two adjoining houses are now being used to their fullest extent.

But buildings alone do not suffice to turn boys into good men and useful citizens. The necessary complement to buildings, books and apparatus, what might be termed the inner light of a school, is largely supplied by those masters whose devotion to their calling, both in and out of school, forms, as it were, a permanent epithet to their pupils' welfare.

Games continue to be a live-wire feature. Cricket and Association and Rugby football are played intensively. By this I mean that on Wednesdays and Saturdays double matches are played as many as possible during the first part of the afternoon and as many as possible during the second. Yet, even so, the five or six acres at Montpelier are not enough. It may or it may not be possible for the Education Authority to procure further playing field; but one thing I would urge upon their very careful consideration—and that is, the need for ampler dressing-room accommodation. Using the field to the extent that we do, means that many boys have to change on the open ground, a state of affairs liable to be dangerous to health in wet or damp weather.

Now I will endeavour to set before you in order the principal successes which have been obtained direct from the school since my report of twelve months ago. At the Cambridge School Certificate examination no fewer than 71 boys were successful, of whom 24 obtained honours, and 34 qualified for Matriculation at London University. Each of these three numbers surpasses all previous records. There were 17 distinctions, namely, 9 in Latin, 3 in spoken French, 2 in Chemistry, 2 in French and 1 in English. The number of successes in Latin calls for special comment. There were 21 distinctions in this subject throughout the United Kingdom; for 9 of these to come to one school is a remarkable achievement, and worthily crowns the work of the master who prepared the boys, and also that of the boys themselves. Another fine result and a record was that of spoken French, in which there were no failures and 39 successes, including three with the mark "A," which is the mark given for distinction. Competition for entrance to the Civil Service is again becoming as severe as it was in pre-war days,

and I am fortunate in being able to report that Pencave succeeded in entering the Customs and Excise Branch and Gibson and Martin the Clerical branch. The number of competitors for the former was about 800 and that for the latter nearly 1,000. The Sixth Form has maintained its reputation for successes at the Intermediate examinations of London University by a total, this year, of eight, viz., five at the Inter. B. Sc., and three at the Inter. B.A. The School record for Inter. B. Sc., has now reached a total of 50. And now to scholarships:—for what are known as Astor Scholarships, those encouragements to learning annually provided through the generosity of Viscount Astor, eight candidates from different local schools entered. The three boys presented from the High School obtained the 1st, 3rd and 6th places, and the first two of these received scholarships. Lee and Morgan were fortunate in obtaining valuable Kitchener Scholarships, the former receiving £110 a year for four years. William Parsons competed with candidates from different parts of the British Empire for 9 Scholarships of value £75 per annum, tenable for five years in the faculty of engineering at Loughborough College, and, when the list was published, Parsons was found to be at the top. At the examinations for open scholarships at the University of Reading our boys carried off both the science scholarships, Cyril Morgan the major, of value £80 per annum, tenable for three years, and Horace Gordon the minor, of value £40 per annum for the same period. Lastly, and as a climax to the year's successes, Arthur Henry Lee won the Stapeldon Scholarship in natural science, of value £100 per annum, tenable for four years at Exeter College, Oxford.



SUCCESSSES : : :

obtained direct from the school during 1928.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Stapledon Scholarship (for Natural Science), Exeter College, Oxford.—(£100 per annum, tenable for 4 years).
Arthur Henry C. Lee.

The "Wantage" Open Science Scholarship, Reading University.—
(£80 per annum, tenable for 3 years).
Cyril Henry Morgan.

The Minor Open Science Scholarship, Reading University.—(£40 per annum, tenable for 3 years).
Horace Frank Gordon.

British Empire Scholarship, Faculty of Engineering, Loughborough College.—(£75 per annum, tenable for 5 years).
William R. Parsons. (1st on list).

Kitchener Scholarship.—(£110 per annum, tenable for 4 years).
Arthur Henry C. Lee.

Kitchener Scholarship.—(£40 per annum, tenable for 3 years).
Cyril Henry Morgan.

Astor Scholarships.

Arthur H. C. Lee. Horace F. Gordon.

Plymouth Education Authority Scholarships.

William R. Parsons. Horace F. Gordon. Edwin M. Lang.
Geoffrey W. Marwood. Cyril H. Morgan.

War Memorial Exhibition.—Horace F. Gordon.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

Intermediate B.Sc.—Ronald Harry Clememts, Geoffrey Walter Marwood, Anthony Joseph William Swan, Harry Frederick Vere, James Murray Widdecombe.

Intermediate B.A.—Edwin Cleve Arscott, Edwin Morton Lang, Alan Richard Pike.

Matriculation.—W. A. Buckpitt, J. R. Burrows, J. W. Colley, W. A. C. Collings, R. H. Coombes, S. A. Evans, J. H. Francis, F. Hill, C. J. Howell, C. F. Hutchins, H. P. John, F. W. Kellaway, E. J. Martin, P. J. Martin, J. T. Oates, C. B. O'Carroll, W. H. Osborne, H. H. Pagan, R. W. F. Pagan, T. B. Pearn, F. Perkins, L. E. Rickard, W. A. Rickard, C. E. Smith, J. Smith, F. L. Tait, W. F. Tapp, L. M. Taylor, A. W. S. Thomas, G. H. Ward, G. H. Warne, L. H. Warren, H. G. H. Warrick, W. S. Watson.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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John G. Pencavel.

Clerical Officer.—

Stuart Malcolm R. Gibson. (35th of 969 Candidates).
Sydney J. Martin.

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Higher School Certificate.—

A. H. C. Lee.

CAMBRIDGE.

Higher School Certificate.—

J. M. Widdecombe.

School Certificate Honours.—

J. W. Colley*, W. A. C. Collings, S. A. Evans*, J. H. Francis* (distinguished in Latin), F. Hill* (distinguished in Latin), C. J. Howell*, H. P. John* (distinguished in Latin and Spoken French), E. J. Martin*, P. J. Martin* (distinguished in Latin), W. H. Osborne* (distinguished in Latin), H. H. Pagan, T. B. Pearn* (distinguished in English), F. Perkins, L. E. Rickard*, W. A. Rickard* (distinguished in Chemistry), C. E. Smith*, J. Smith* (distinguished in French, Spoken French and Latin), F. L. Tait* (distinguished in Latin), W. F. Tapp*, L. M. Taylor*, G. H. Ward*, G. H. Warne* (distinguished in Latin), L. H. Warren* (distinguished in French and in Spoken French), W. S. Watson* (distinguished in Latin).

Passes.

R. T. J. Bilney*, W. R. Bryant, W. A. Buckpitt, J. R. Burrows*, H. J. B. Canter, J. C. Clemmett*, R. H. Coombes, C. J. Evans, S. I. Francis*, C. R. Fursdon, G. G. Gallagher*, G. B. Gent, J. E. G. Hancock, E. J. R. Hannaford, M. C. Haynes, P. A. P. Hill, E. R. H. Hodge, C. F. Hutchins, T. E. Irish*, F. W. Kellaway, J. D. Kennedy, F. E. Knapman, T. H. Le Bailly*, F. G. Lillycrop, A. G. M. Madge, J. K. McNess, G. W. Newton*, G. P. Oates*, J. T. Oates, C. B. O'Carroll*, R. W. F. Pagan, W. G. Parker, W. H. Payne, R. G. W. Pengelly*, H. G. Plucknett*, D. R. Quick, A. W. S. Thomas, W. T. J. Tremain*, (distinguished in Chemistry), A. W. Wannell, H. G. H. Warwick*, L. J. White*, H. W. J. Whitmarsh*, F. J. Williams*, W. R. Wingate, N. A. E. Wood, E. Woodward, E. R. Wraight*.
(*Passed in Spoken French).

Pharmaceutical Preliminary.—

A. T. S. Elliott.

SPECIAL PRIZES.**Cambridge Committee Prizes.—**

W. H. Osborne (highest on list at Devonport Centre); and those who obtained Honours.

Alderman J. P. Brown's Prize.—

W. H. Osborne.

Prize for Chemistry given by T. B. Harvey, Esq., M.P.S.—

W. A. Rickard.

The Alonzo Rider Science Prize.—

W. T. J. Tremain.

Alderman Munday's French Prize.—

A. R. Pike.

The Philip Whenday Prize.—

J. Smith.

HONOURS GAINED BY OLD BOYS DURING 1928.**Royal College of Surgeons: Hunterian Professorship.—**

Dr. R. J. M. Love, F.R.C.S.

M.R.C.S. & L.R.C.P.—

Mr. H. S. Marks.

Surgeon in the Royal Navy.—

Mr. H. S. Marks.

R.A.F., Accountant Officer.—

Mr. T. C. Reep.

Higher Civil Service.—

Mr. A. J. Millett, B.A. (Jesus Coll., Oxford), B.Sc. London.

Cambridge University.—Wright's Prize for Natural Science.—

Mr. H. B. May, (St. John's College, Cambridge).

London University.**B.Sc. Honours, Class II. Physics.**

Mr. W. Callard.

B.Sc. Honours, Class II, Geography.—

Mr. W. Fewings.

B.A. Honours, Class II, Geography.—

Mr. H. Urch.

B.Sc.

Mr. A. J. Millett, B.A.

Mr. H. Richards

University of Reading, B.Sc., General.—

Mr. K. Dicker.

Glasgow University. The McFarlane Bursary in Scottish Law.—

Mr. R. G. Trevithick.

Whitworth Exhibition.—

Mr. W. H. Stonelake.

The Civil Service (Customs and Excise).—

6th Mr. F. C. Taylor.

7th Mr. W. R. Pickett.

14th Mr. S. J. Durant.

21st Mr. E. E. Nethercott.

Member of the Pharmaceutical Society (M.P.S.).—

Mr. A. E. Bailey (1st on the list and Prize-winner of local School of Pharmacy).

Mr. H. J. Sutcliffe.

Institute of Chartered Accountants.—

Mr. W. C. M. Hill (4th place—Honours—Intermediate Examination : 539 candidates.)

University College of the South-West. Sir Richard Grenville Scholarship (renewed).—

Mr. W. E. Battrick.

Arnold Memorial Scholarships.—

Mr. C. E. Pike.

Mr. J. H. Hamilton.

**THE RIFLE CLUB.**

Instructor C. F. Armor, Esq.

Treasurer H. Ferraro, Esq.

The inception of this club was delayed from last Autumn term until this year. Membership is confined to those pupils of the school who were N.C.O.'s or Cadets in the Corps on the day of its disbanding.

We hope that the shooting practice will be more intensive, our chief trouble in the past being due to the excessively large numbers to coach in the time at our disposal.

We have now the same facilities as before, thanks to the kindness of the Secretary of the Devonport Y.M.C.A., and the Devonport Miniature Rifle Club, the former housing us, and the latter supplying our material needs as a Rifle Club.

We are glad to say that we have had offers of a competition from our old friends at Tavistock, and that we have the prospect of others to follow.

Considering the long lay-off, this term's shooting has been quite satisfactory.



FORM VI. SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

<i>Secretary</i>	A. J. Swan.
<i>Committee</i>	E. J. Barnes, E. Hannam, J. M. Widdecombe.

THE VITH FORM DANCE.

The Vith Form dance was held on Tuesday, January 8th in Goodbody's Cafe, from 7 to 11 p.m. There were seventy-six people present, including Miss Treseder, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ferraro, Mr. G. M. Davis, Mr. Lockwood, junr., and Miss Kathleen Lockwood.

Music was rendered by the "Koh-i-noor" dance orchestra, who were especially praised for their good work during the twilight spot waltz; the winners of which, Mr. Jarvis and partner, received their prizes from Miss Treseder.

The Secretary and Committee wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Headmaster for his permission to hold the dance, Mr. H. Ferraro for his assistance during the organization of the dance and the Vith Form for their splendid support when we were disposing, or trying to dispose, of the tickets.

A. J. SWAN, *Hon. Sec.*

THE JOYS (?) OF RUGGER.

Having already revealed the great evil of that malicious sport known as "Camping," we feel it our duty to expose another School evil, even more inhuman and diabolical in form.

At School, a youth who passes his time under the title of House Captain, approaches one, with an apologetic smile and says, in a self-conscious manner, "Do you mind playing Rugger for the House next Wednesday?" The answer to this question immediately springs to the lips of the victim, "I would with pleasure, but I've never played before." "Oh, that's quite all right," he replies, "You do as everyone else does, and you'll be all right." He is delightfully vague, but makes his assertions with such apparent wisdom that you finally give your consent to be known to all and sundry as "Forward" on the day heretofore mentioned,

The next task is to endeavour to get some idea if the game by approaching some authority on the subject, who says "Ah!" and without hesitation launches forth into "Knock-on," "Reverse pass," "Selling a dummy" and such terms; the nett result of which is to make you even more hazy than ever on the topic.

The great day arrives. Dreams of an English Rugger cap (or of a Hospital) flash across the mind as you gambol on the field, arrayed in a borrowed shirt. (It is also customary to wear shorts boots and socks. Useless articles, no doubt, but one must bow to Fashion—*Ed.*). A gentleman sees you whilst yet far away, and casts an object at you with evident intention of assassination. He is baffled however, by your side-stepping, and the mass hurtles past you on its dangerous errand. Someone pursues the offending piece of cowhide, and returns it, while the gentleman who first cast it approaches you, in a series of leaps, hurling epithets about in more languages than the Tower of Babel ever knew; and from this selection you find that he is informing you that you should have caught the ball. "So that is the ball!" The rest of his lecture is unheard. Knowledge, like the team later on, springs upon you. That wonderfully hideous oblate spheroid of revolution is a ball!

A whistle toots in the distance and everyone troops on to a piece of field, crossed by numerous lines; flags are dotted here and there, and at each end is erected some sort of gallows. Those must be the—Phwcep! Another whistle. Some vicious person has kicked the ball at you. You pick it up, and look at it. The House Captain's words ring in your ears, "Do as everyone else does." Whilst thus brooding over the oblate spheroid a voice screams "Pass!" another "Kick!!" and yet another "Run!!!" But before you can bring any of these excellent moves into operation roughly a hundred people have cast themselves upon you, and leaving the ball to its own devices, you subside beneath the kicking, scrambling, shouting and panting mass of humanity. After pounding you to a jelly they all depart in search of the ball, which by this time has wandered elsewhere. The whistle blows again, "Scrum-down" someone shouts, and several people bend forward and butt one another. Someone bellows at you to get down, so you oblige by placing yourself in a practically horizontal position behind the heaving crowd. The ball is projected among the threshing legs. "Heel it!" Apparently "Heel it" means that the player in front of you has to kick your shins as hard as possible. Thus the front rank can heel and not be heeled, whilst the back rank is always heeled and never heels.

With alarming promptitude the scrum ceases to exist, the players leap into the air the unwary ones are precipitated on the ground while all the others players dance on them with joy. A figure is seen careering along the field with the ball. Having gone some short distance, he falls down, for some absurd reason, and both teams

fall on top of him. The gentleman in charge of the whistle pust in some good work, but with little, or no effect, since everybody continues to shout "Try" or "Save" at one another. Slowly they sort themselves out. "Try" says the whistler. We don't know what to try, but some are cheering, and some are moanug. Someone kicks the ball over the gallows. "Five points" they scream with joy.

The scramble continues till at last the ball, in some mysterious manner, and misguided moment, comes to the spot where you stand. With the cry of "Five points" remaining as a fixed image on your retina (What?—*Ed.*) or to all intents and purposes so, and with the same look upon your face as was upon Napoleon's when he died at Trafalgar, or elsewhere, you cast it with force over the scaffold. A shrill whistle, a babble of sound, and the voice of your captain, smites your offended ears.

Owing to the things the captain said, only a very blurred impression is obtained of the rest of the fight—sorry, game—and at last when the final whistle blows, you leave the field, with the conviction that your spine is broken, and various limbs are still dotted about the arena. And yet, even as with camping, we continue this murderous practice.

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C. E. S.		Trio.



LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 12th, *Mr. Alway* moved the resolution that "This House is of the opinion that democracy as practised in this country is beneficial to mankind." He explained the system of government under which we live and ably outlined the pleasures and benefits we derive from democracy. The late *Mr. Hutchins*, opposing the motion, pointed out that although democracy obtains, in as much as we can send our own representatives to Parliament, when they arrived there, their work towards the betterment of their constituencies was squashed by those in power above them. The third and fourth speakers, *Messrs. Geaton* and *Pike*, ably supported the views of their leaders and after a heated discussion the motion was rejected by ten votes to nine.

"This House is of the opinion that the literary level of the present age is higher than that of bygone ages," was the motion before the House on Monday, February, 4th. In proposing, *Mr. Oates* said that the present day literature was more human, and tackled everyday life more successfully. "Older men were powerful but

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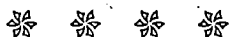
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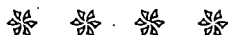
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aloof." "For one thing, the fact that so many survive in a hard age is a proof of our literary level." A series of extracts successfully lulled an already lethargic House. The opposer of the Motion, *Mr. Matthews*, claimed the whole scope of past literature. He asked, "Can our writers be said to have improved on the themes of their predecessors?" No, sex appeal is disgusting, and introspective writers miss solid narrative," Milton, with his reams of effortless rhyme, is miles above any modern, as Swift in satire." *Mr. Kellarway*, who seconded the Motion, and *Mr. Osborne*, who seconded the opposition, followed in the footsteps of the first and second speakers, enlarging upon their views, and bringing forward many interesting pros and cons. The Motion was carried by nine votes to four.

On Monday, March 4th, *Mr. Geaton*, led the motion that, "This House is of the opinion that the present tendencies towards sex equality are detrimental to mankind." *Mr. Geaton*, who complained of angina pectoris, recalled with panting efforts the equality of women in political and educational movements. "Lasting equality is impossible," "Women always depend on men for strength and confidence," "Men may be ousted for economic reasons," "The home is obviously the place for women," "Greater freedom for women will bring marital disputes." The leader of the opposition, *Mr. Clements*, said that men had always ruled women. "Man has muddled things and divided house against house," "Man is becoming effeminate," "Modern woman is nearer genius than man," "Modern girl whose mind has been penned-up has opened her arms to opportunity." The third and fourth speakers, *Messrs. Rickard and Howell*, enlarged upon these views and endeavoured to rouse a very dormant House. The motion was rejected by seven votes to five.

On various Monday afternoons *Mr. R. E. Lockwood* addressed the House on subjects among which were:—

"Three famous attackers—Corbett, Carlyle and Ruskin."

"Anthony Trollope."

"Stephen Leacock."

"The tendencies of the modern novel."

"The tendencies of the modern drama."

On Saturday, March 23rd, a concert will be held in St. Michael's Hall, Devonport, under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society, an account of which will appear in the next issue of the magazine.

We wish to express our gratitude to *Mr. R. E. Lockwood* for his constant assistance before, during and after all our meetings.

R. H. CLEMENTS, *Chairman.*
A. J. SWAN, *Secretary.*

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

ARSCOTT, E. C.—Entered School, September, 1922; appointed Prefect, September, 1927; Entered the Civil Service (Executive Grade).

PIKE, A. R.—Entered School, September, 1922; appointed Prefect, September, 1927; Committeeman, Literary and Debating Society, 1927-28; Editor, School Magazine, 1928; Entered the Civil Service (Executive Grade).

SWAN, A. J. W.—Entered School, January, 1920; appointed Prefect, September, 1927; Corporal, Cadet Corps, September, 1927; Secretary, Literary and Debating Society, 1928-29; Secretary of Form VI, Social Committee, 1928; Sub-Editor, School Magazine, 1928; Editor, School Magazine, 1929; Entered the Civil Service, (Executive Grade).

WIDDECOMBE, J. M.—Entered School, September, 1919; appointed Prefect, September, 1927; House Captain of "Drake" 1927-28; Member of Form VI. Social Committee 1928; Committee-man, A.F.C., 1927-28; Captain, A.F.C., 1928; Full colours, Association Football, 1928; Committee-man, Tennis Club, 1928; Entered the Civil Service (Executive Grade).

YOUNG, J. R.—Entered School, September, 1922; appointed Prefect, September, 1927; Entered the Civil Service (Executive Grade).

GILBERT, G. R.—Entered School, September, 1923; appointed Prefect, January, 1929; Lance-Corporal, Cadet Corps, September, 1927; Entered the Commercial life.

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GAMES.

The records of the School Sides for the Season 1928-29 are eminently satisfactory. So is the number of boys playing games. The attendance at the ground varies usually between 150 and 200. The percentage of boys who take no part whatever in games, whether from physical unfitness, slackness or cussedness is gratifyingly small.

*The results for the Season are given up to March 16th.
1st. SOCCER.

Francis ii

Rooke		Williams	
Gordon	Hannam (Capt.)	Wingate	
Jewell,	Clements,	Alway,	Sparke, Oates.

Clements and Rooke are old caps.

The eleven settled down into as compact, speedy, and clever a side as we have had. Vacancies due to players leaving have been filled without any diminution of efficiency, which is incidently a tribute to the 2nd and 3rd elevens.

Mention must be made of Francis ii, who has filled the position of goalkeeper during the 2nd term with great credit; of Gordon and Jewell who received their overdue promotion this term also, of Sparke, who has numerous goals to his credit, in spite of the short time he has been able to play, and whose coolness and skill are those of a veteran; and, not least, of Hannam who has captained the side since Widdecombe's departure.

Rooke and Williams deserve a special word for their work in defence, and Oates for his play at outside left. Wins this term over purely school sides include those over Sutton and Totnes. We lost, rather surprisingly, to Kingsbridge away. Matches with Kingsbridge and Sutton, at home, are still to be played, while games with Plymouth Technical College and Liskeard were scratched on account of the weather.

The team has played 19 games, of which 13 have been won, 4 drawn and 2 lost. The goals scored are 109 for and 49 against. Full colours are awarded to Hannam and Oates, half colours to Williams, Wingate and Alway.

2nd SOCCER.

Rickard,			
Luke		Braidwood	
Chaff	Collings	Pearn	
Geaton,	Bright (Capt.),	Luff,	Bennett, Naish.

The 2nd XI. is constantly in a state of flux owing to the necessity of filling vacancies, permanent and casual, in the 1st XI.

Gordon and Bright have captained the side in the two terms and have kept the team well together.

Luke, a junior, has done excellently at back. Braidwood has developed into a useful player. These with Luff and Bennett, two very good forwards, seem to promise a useful 1st XI. next season.

This side has played 12, won 4, drawn 1 and lost 7 with 34 goals against 45.

3rd SOCCER.

	Hamley	
Smeaton		Evans* (Capt.)
McNess	Roach	A. Truscott
Hawkins, Martin, Hodge, Shepherd,		E. Truscott

The 3rd XI. has made one or two discoveries also. Hamley has done well in goal. Roach and A. Truscott at half, and the forward line have been a pleasure to watch. Hawkins and Martin we know, but E. Truscott has been a useful addition this season.

This side has played 9, won 8 and lost 1, with 59 goals against 15.

There are a number of useful players who have not figured in the teams; some of them have done well in House Games. If they will keep thoroughly fit, and endeavour to cultivate a little more speed and ball control, they will be doing well for the start of next Season's games. Skill is not usually a matter of chance. Patient effort brings its reward. There is a genuine dearth of good left wing-men. Why not use every opportunity during the summer of practising with the left foot? There will always be a ball available, if you are keen enough to use it, all players should be able to use either foot in any case. The younger forwards must realise, too, that to be effective, a forward line moves as one man. Scattered forwards score occasionally but are on the whole, ineffective. Then the line must be spread out in general. The tendency to leave the wing clears for opponents to disport themselves marks you out for defeat. The great thing, too, is to be alert. Players with hands on hips, players sauntering about the field, are neither useful nor half as ornamental as they think. Get to the ball. Don't wait for someone to hand it to you. That doesn't happen—at least not often.

THE SCHOOL RUGGER has emerged from the chrysalis stage and whatever doubts there were as to our capability to field

and maintain a good fifteen must now be dispelled. Gaps have been capably filled, and the performances of the side against teams considerably heavier and older, have been distinctly creditable. The full-back difficulty caused by Irish leaving, was overcome by transplanting Courtice from the pack. He has done wonderfully well. He lacks a little in speed, but for stolidity, and for pluck in tackling, he requires some beating. Mill has developed since his inclusion into a surprisingly fast and confident three. John has used his speed on the other wing to good effect. Taylor's work at stand-off has been uniformly excellent. He is, without doubt, a resourceful, plucky and clever player. Darch at scrum-half is playing in an unaccustomed position and covering himself with glory. Warn has occasionally played at half, when Taylor has been needed at three-quarter, and he has done well. Smith, the Captain, Warwick, Rickard, O'Carroll, and Stone are singled out for special mention among the forwards, but all have played well. Oliver has some remarkably good place kicking to his credit.

Side:—

Courtice,

Mill, Taylor, Oliver, John,

Darch, Warn,

Smith (Capt.), Warwick, Rickard, Stone, O'Carroll, Howell,
Joslin, Martin.

Full Colours are awarded to Smith, Taylor, Warwick, Stone, Darch and Oliver, and half-colours to Courtice, John, Rickard and Warn.

A useful 2nd XV., has been fielded on occasion to play lighter sides. It is chosen from

Blight,

Pearn i, Polkinghorne, Cavanagh, Bilney,

Rickard, Smeardon,

Howell ii, West, Linscott, Chapman, Barrow, Wakeley,

Bevan, Ball.

The total number of Rugger games with outside XV's has been 23 of which 11 have been won, 5 drawn, and 7 lost. 365 points have been scored against 160.

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HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

The results of the House Competitions to date :—

	First Term.			Second Term.				Totals.
	Soccer		Rugger	Soccer		Rugger		
	Senior	Junior	Senior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	
Drake	4	4	4	2	6	2	4	26
Gilbert	0	0	1	4	0	2	1	8
Grenville	2	2	6	6	2	6	1	25
Raleigh	6	6	1	0	4	2	6	25



MORTE D'HIRAM.

Hiram K. Potts strategically removed the glowing end of a cigar from his smouldering jaws, and murmured, "Tut! Tut! !," thereby proving the greatness of the average American.

Perhaps I exaggerate. His house was in order, chewgum and showerbath carefully isolated—there was no snake in his Garden of Eden.

Again he sank into a reverie, and saw his fifty inches of girth compressed to the fifteen of his schooldays, as a back end brat from Broadway. Somehow his life then appeared attractive in the vagueness of the long past days. He dozed off, lulled by the pleasant memories of the achievements of his youth.

When he awoke, the room was but a menace of deep sepias and splashes of light. A vibrant rattle as of castinets, droned monotonously in the far corner. He wondered, sluggishly, for he was drowsy. Suddenly every nerve within him tautened. A snake, all right. Where was that gun? By the right hand of Babe Ruth.—Where?—Dash it!..... various pauses for breath, between oaths.

The menace was coming nearer. The light caught green and red streaks of death—as the terrified millionaire imagined in his panic.

HIRAM K. POTTS, EX LUMBER-BOY, EXPIRED.

His death is a mystery to most. Only a grandson playing with a toy rattler and the muffled beat of drums; from the palatial dance hall had suggested death. Darkness and superstition had nursed his fears. Rich living had produced syncope.

We cull from the "*Chicago Chatter*" these words of eulogy.
 "The late Hiram K. Potts a self-made man of *iron nerve*."

SIC TRANSIT GLORIA.

R. I. P.



THE OLD BOY'S ASSOCIATION DINNER.

Through the courtesy of the Editor of the "Western Morning News and Mercury" we are enabled to reproduce the following excellent account, which appeared in that paper on Friday, December 28th, 1928.

DEVONPORT HEAD MASTER ON SERVICE.

The success of the school and its achievements, particularly during the past year, were the theme of the speeches at the annual dinner of Devonport High School Old Boys' Association at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel last evening.

The Head Master (Mr. Arthur Treseder), who presided, spoke of the importance of the use of some part of leisure in service to the community, emphasizing that the very finest type of boys on leaving school recognized that they owed a rent for their room on earth, that some, at least, of their leisure time should be devoted to unselfish service.

Mr. L. Hore-Belisha, M.P., submitting "'The school," said a school was the most powerful and exclusive of all societies, and their school was one of the few institutions left to Devonport. It had had a remarkable career, and had had a large number of distinctions at the Oxford and London Universities, remarkable achievements for so young an institution—achievements largely due to Mr. Treseder and to the staff.

To be a master and a head master was to discharge a great and mysterious calling, and anyone who made progress in the world was acting as an agent for his school and head master. Everyone owed something to their head master and the masters who had trained them.

LIFE A DOUBLE ODYSSEY.

Mr. Treseder, in replying, said the sight of so fine a gathering of old boys, many of them quite young, set him pondering on the present day—post war—young man's attitude towards life.

Life might be considered as a double Odyssey, one of work and one of leisure. The former was more or less stereotyped, with its paths mapped out, its directing posts, its point-duty guides, its onward and unceasing urge. But the Odyssey of leisure was a real Pilgrim's Progress; the way of leisure might become merely a way of pleasure, and was then in some danger of leading through poisonous mists and vapours, through mud and slime, to the bleak and bitter land of self-reproach.

But, according to one of the greatest of living novelists, this danger was not so great as a hundred years, or even a generation, ago. According to this writer, the younger generation of to-day was the least disreputable of that of any age in the world's history.

It took a little champagne from custom or necessity, and deep draughts of orangeade from choice. It mixed with young men and young women of its own respectable class and danced in crowded, blaring rooms for hours and hours, and then, dog-tired, went home virtuously to bed.

"In a negative sort of way," said Mr. Treseder, "this is all to the good." But he was glad to note that there was something better than this astir; that throughout the length and breadth of the land, from the great public schools downwards, there were influences and agencies at work pointing out to boys and girls just leaving school a more excellent leisure Odyssey than that of mere selfish enjoyment.

RANK BUT THE GUINEA STAMP.

It was one in which, while the heart was young, the vigour of life unimpaired, before the cares of a family centralized effort, service and sacrifice should be the guides. Enshrined in this movement was the jettisoning of caste, the fuller recognition and practice of Burns's immortal dictum: "Rank is but the guinea stamp."

Finally, he was glad to say that at the school they were not only sensing, but actively participating in these new values. The very finest type of boys on leaving recognized that they owed a rent for their room on earth; that some, at least, of their leisure time should be devoted to unselfish service.

Mr. Colin Stratton-Hallett submitted "The Association." He said their society included representatives of, he thought, every profession and every line of human endeavour, and they therefore had cause to be proud of their school. The fact that 50 B.Sc.'s had graduated from the school showed they were up to University standard.

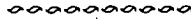
Mr. H. Ferraro said the association was growing and fulfilling the purpose for which it was formed—to act as a link between the school and those who had left it. The school magazine was now being sent to Africa, India, China, and Australia.

Mr. W. J. Andrews, submitting "The Services," said every year from 50 to 70 boys left the High School for the various roads of life, many joining the services. During the Great War some 50 old boys had sought the quest of the golden spur down into the valley of the shadows. Lieut. W. K. Waters replied.

Mr. R. E. Lockwood proposed "The professions," Mr. W. E. Stephens replying.

A musical programme was contributed by Messrs. R. Hill, R. J. Werry, C. Webb, C. F. Austin, and E. R. Harris.

The following were present:—Messrs. Arthur Treseder, L. Hore-Belisha, H. Ferraro, E. E. Cock, Colin Stratton-Hallett, H. F. Gordon, T. H. C. Mitchell, D. W. Dimond, C. F. Glover, C. G. Harding, B. C. G. Rickard, A. L. Stephens, L. C. Williams, R. Tretheway, D. Baxter, H. Rickard, C. H. Morgan, E. R. Harris, R. E. Lockwood, R. Ferraro, T. J. Mowan, R. K. Waters, R. Remfry, A. E. Bailey, R. G. Warren, C. F. Austin, G. R. Hill, R. J. Werry, T. Hamilton, L. Pengelly, W. J. Andrews, G. R. Mears, A. Lee, F. James, E. E. Cammack, O. C. Webb.



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Members will be glad to hear that there is every likelihood of the London Branch being revived. Up to two years ago the London Branch was in a flourishing state, and many enjoyable social events were arranged by Mr. Brooks and his committee. It is hoped to make a start next Autumn. Meanwhile, all those who are willing to support the revival are asked to write to Mr. A. T.

Brooks, 80 Lewin Road, Streatham, S.W.16. London members, please don't wait for individual invitations! If you just send a line to signify your intention of backing up the movement, it will simplify matters considerably, and will be an incentive to the organizers to go ahead.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that our Headquarters Secretary is now convalescent, after his serious illness. We have reason to hope that he will soon be able to resume duty again.

Our Annual Dinner was again in the capable hands of Mr. Eric E. Cock, and as usual the arrangements were excellent. Few realise the enormous amount of work the organising of such a Dinner entails. We have every reason to be grateful to our Dinner Secretary for his untiring efforts on our behalf.

We have to congratulate one of our Committee, Mr. Cammack, on his securing a Civil Service appointment. It is good to know that he, together with Mr. M. J. Collier and Mr. C. E. Glasson, are about to join forces with Mr. Brooks in his efforts to re-establish the London Branch.

A Football Match with the School XI. is being arranged for 3rd April at 2.30 p.m. Will those who desire a place in the team please notify Mr. Gill, at an early date?

It is with great regret that we record the death of two old boys Mr. K. C. Dicker, and Mr. Cyril Hutchins. The sympathy of all Old Boys will be with their relatives in their bereavement.



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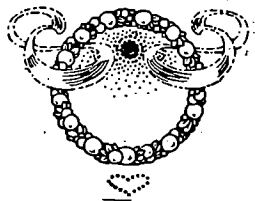


OBITUARY.

KENNETH DICKER, died on Thursday
 21st February, 1929, in Plymouth, aged
 20 years and 11 months.

CYRIL HUTCHINS died on Thursday,
 24th January, 1929, at Kelham, aged 17-
 years.

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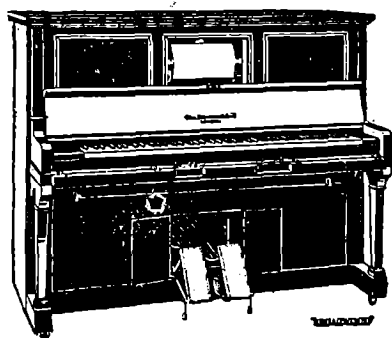
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