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Editorial

In a world in which selfishness is the guiding principle of most men, it is comforting to think that there are some, though far too few, who put self aside and endeavour to help others. During the past two terms, various persons have shown kindness and goodwill towards the school, and they deserve our gratitude and commendation.

A school is not self-sufficient. It is part of a community, and as it confers benefits upon that community, it should receive something in exchange. While it obtains most of its needs through official sources, there are some things, regarded probably as luxuries, which it cannot obtain in such a way, but which are nevertheless essential in order that the school should function to its fullest capacity. What the school cannot obtain from official sources, it can usually make up for by its own efforts, by such means as a School Garden Party, a School Play, and a School Orchestral Concert. By these means the School Funds are swelled, and the money is used primarily to augment travelling fares for the large number of sports teams which represent the school, to provide sports requisites, and to buy new books for the Library. There is always room, however, for tokens of kindness and goodwill from those who live in a sphere outside the school.

The Editor, therefore, on behalf of the school, wishes to express gratitude to those Old Boys, and parents of boys still at school, who have so readily and willingly helped us during the past two terms. Our special gratitude must go to those who have not waited for an appeal for help, but have come forward with gifts in the form of prizes for handwriting, for an essay competition, cups for games, books for the library, and articles to auction for school funds. Such actions not only help the school materially, but also enthuse it with the right spirit—the spirit of giving rather than of

taking. The world, where present chaos can be attributed to the selfishness of man, is in need of such a spirit today. If these little acts of benevolence only serve to inculcate a sense of charitableness among the boys of the school, they are well worth doing.

We hope that such deeds will continue, perhaps multiply; not that the school is so desperately in need of such help, but because these are the "little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love" which make the world go round.

In another context we are told that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The school can and does give, but will gladly receive, if you will but rise to the heights of sacrifice.

L. C. NETHERCOTT

School Notes

Earle's was not the only microcosm or his account of it the only Microcosmographic. We too have our little world, our own little world—and this magazine is our record of it. In the greater cosmos Christmas was but yesterday, an hour or so past: in our world it was long ago because life has been so full for us since. In our world within the world every phase of life from misanthropy to maudlin sentimentality is represented; every shade of opinion from stark Biology to Idealism: and with them all goes work, serious, unflagging, exhausting work—the survival of the fittest, and the joy of struggle in study and games.

Yet there our times when a truce is called, when the instrument or text book is laid aside and the social opportunity is embraced or the broader issues of life are faced. On December 14th, 1951, our annual Carol Service was held at Stoke Church in the presence of a very representative gathering of parents and masters' wives. It was an impressive service, and the more so because all sides of the School were represented in active participation. We are grateful to Canon Caley for the opportunity to benefit from the atmosphere of sanctity and worship that a consecrated building made more intense.

We did say, "social opportunities embraced," and on December 31st the chance came with the annual Sixth-Form Dance. It is not a question of "all work and no play," though that is important. These social functions are an essential part of education. We must learn how as well as what; we must behave as well as know; and these are the means to such practical knowledge. That it was enjoyed was an added virtue.

Captain Porter, R.E.M.E., now stationed at the Citadel, an old D.H.S.-ian, has lost little of his vigour or his interest in the school. To the latter he has given practical significance by his gift to the school of a gold medal for the best penmanship. It is to be awarded yearly to the boy owning the best exercise book in any subject. Utility is not always a test of value, but it can be a good

criterion. Here is an incentive to improve something that leaves much room for improvement : here is an aim—to produce writing that is not only legible but pleasing, to have books of which we can be proud.

We are grateful to Captain Porter, not only for his practical interest and generosity, but also for the vision and insight that prompted such a useful and lasting link with his old school. We hope that others may emulate so good an example.

The visit by members of our Science Society to the University College of the South West was fitting because Plymouth has an intimate connection with the College, and we send a fairly constant stream of students there. There is much of interest there : the grounds are worth a visit, and—but read for yourselves in our pages.

Our lack of narrow parochialism is proven by the number of extra-school functions at which we are represented. From January 1st to the 4th B. Cross, Goswell and Sainsbury were at a Current Affairs Conference in London. Every intelligent citizen should have an interest in his environment, should read, if possible, more than one newspaper, and should grasp every opportunity to discuss at least some topics of moment. Habits of interest are part of our aim.

That a mature and difficult play like "Saint Joan" should be presented at all by young persons is evidence of courage, vision, and powerful and persistent drive ; that it should have been acted so well shows what can be accomplished by correct training and by forceful and inspired production. Next year we shall introduce something new : at the moment we refer you to our account of "Saint Joan."

"Primo, secundo, tertio, is a very good play" ; and we hope that, saving your distaste or monotony, we may write it every term.

Lakeman (5A) has already informed us that on leaving school he will present to us a cup for swimming. As Shakespeare might have written :

" If for School it be a sin to covet,
We are the most offending souls alive."

Writing of service to the School brings us back to the Dramatic Society and "Saint Joan" : for though we would not have you think that our "desire of having is the sin of covetousness" : we must express our gratitude to those who do us service. Mr. J. C. Trewin, who left Plymouth to become dramatic critic of the "Morning Post," and who is now on the staff of "The Observer" and a contributor to most worth-while papers, was good enough to give us the benefit of his knowledge and experience in a criticism of our production of "Saint Joan." That he was moved and entertained when he expected to suffer a School-boy production

speaks for itself ; that he compared ours with the Sloane Schools' production of "The Merchant of Venice" speaks for us. We thank Mr. Trewin, and hope that he may hear much more of us and we from him.

On January 16th, our War Memorial Plaque in the School Library was unveiled by the Rt. Revd. the Bishop of Plymouth—before a representative company of boys, Old Boys, and members of the Staff. We paid tribute to those who sacrificed their all in two world wars. It is a reminder to the School of the need to preserve the spirit of altruism and of social responsibility by which alone we can survive.

The shock of the sudden and unexpected death, on February 6th, of King George was not mitigated by our feeling of personal and national loss. An influence and an atmosphere had gone from us ; we had lost a good man and a too conscientious king—a father, husband and great national figure had been taken from us. The School was assembled and the Headmaster conducted a short service before we ceased work for the day. On February 15th, Caines and Holloway attended a memorial service at St. Catherine's Church.

We strive to strike a balance between culture and career, but we do realise that his career and the possibilities of the future are a great incentive to a boy, so we are therefore grateful to Mr. Frere for his lecture on the subject.

You will read in this issue of a School Orchestral Concert. At our last Speech Day, the Headmaster said that the School's music was coming back on the map. This concert on March 22nd proved that.

Again we have the pleasure of thanking, this time a parent, for a gift to the School of a cup for sportsmanship and determination at games. The good influence of team activities and of physical culture generally is now appreciated. *Mens sana*—yes, a healthy mind in a healthy body ; but more than that, an alert mind, a determined mind, and one with the drive to pursue an undertaking to the end. Thank you, Mr. Wilmot.

On March 29th we held our annual Finals of the School Speech Contest before a good audience of parents and friends. The general standard was higher than hitherto, as in fact it was in the preliminary rounds. There is no doubt that the School is—and we hope the parents are—becoming more speech conscious. We tender our sincere thanks to Mrs. Joan Warn who gave us such an interesting and capable adjudication.

Life is often said to be "a racket" and sometimes "a gift." We combine the conceptions and add to them a generous helping of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Seager who have given us a tennis racquet to be sold for the benefit of the School Fund, in other words

for the broader life of the School. The calls upon that fund are so many and frequent that any gift, however small, is extremely welcome.

Our luck was in this year for the weather was ideal for our annual Sports Day. This was and always has been an occasion. Boys who cannot always shine in school here get a chance to show what they can do ; and we are given the opportunity to see facets of a boy's character that do not appear in the form room. We thank Captain (E) R. W. Marshall, R.N. of *H.M.S. Fisgard* for his presence and his gracious distribution of the prizes and cups. Raleigh House came out on top. Accounts of other sporting events are to be found in this issue.

We greatly appreciate the pleasant and efficient way in which teas have been provided and dispensed by the Ladies' Committee of the Parents' Association at Cricket and Tennis matches. These events have become real social occasions. Mere words do not express our gratitude.

The photograph of the School, taken on May 13th, is a fine permanent impression of what we then were. In years to come it will provide pleasant memories, and will be a link with friends then scattered to the four corners of the earth.

Mr. A. G. K. Leonard has presented to the French section of the School Library three useful and valuable volumes of Moliere ; and Mr. F. Floyd has enlarged the History section by a gift of a volume on Nelson's Captains. We are grateful to these gentlemen for their gifts and the friendship that prompted them.

We are glad to report that Mr. Adams who has been laid aside this term is improving in health, and we look forward to the time when he will be with us again. He has our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Two Old Boys, Messrs. A. H. Pengelly and W. R. Ward, are kindly offering a VIth Form History prize to be awarded on the result of an essay competition. The subject for this year is "The British Monarchy in the Nineteenth Century." The essays will be assessed by Dr. Ward, who is a lecturer in Modern History in the University of Manchester. We hope that our Sixth Form historians will be encouraged to contribute work of a high quality.

Finally we wish everybody a happy holiday and visions of strenuous and successful work and play in the coming year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We have received the following publications : "The Plymothian," "The Nortonian," "The Medina," "Plymouth High School Magazine," "The Albanian," "The Truronian," "Fisgard Magazine," and Taunton's "School Journal." Please accept our apologies for any accidental omissions.

A Visit to U.C.S.W.

On December 7th last a party of the Sixth Form visited the Chemistry Department of University College, Exeter, where they were met by Professor Britten and then shown round by Dr. Schofield and Dr. Gregg.

After a 10 minute talk by Dr. Schofield, in which he outlined the functions of a University Department and explained the lay-out of the buildings, the party had an opportunity of visiting the various laboratories in which work was in progress. It was the last working day before the Terminal Examinations so that the main teaching laboratories were rather sparsely inhabited, such students as were present appearing to be gathered in groups considering possible "questions" rather than carrying on serious experimental work. In the research laboratories, tenanted by those for whom "Terminals" were only a memory, there was much more activity.

In the Organic Research laboratory organised by Dr. Schofield, we were interested to meet Mr. Long, an old boy of D.H.S., who is occupied in research work on organic compounds with possible uses in medicine, work which is sponsored by the Medical Research Council. Interesting apparatus here included a large ozoniser, which was busy discharging spare ozone into the fresh air outside (ozone is poisonous!); two examples of separations of organic mixtures by Chromatography and a large apparatus for really efficient fractional distillation. In an adjoining room, where Mr. Long was experimenting on catalytic hydrogenation, Dr. Schofield showed his new "toy," a massive piece of engineering whose object is to subject organic compounds in a small cavity in the centre to the action of hydrogen under pressure of 300 atmospheres.

The department of Surface Chemistry was next shown by Dr. Gregg who is, with his research students, working on the surface properties of substance like china clay. Noteworthy apparatus here included a glass balance in which continuous weighings can be made of substances at any desired temperature in atmospheres of various gases, any one of which could be introduced while the experiment was in progress. This department was thermostatically controlled and kept at a temperature of 20°C, and was so full of apparatus that Dr. Brown, whose apparatus was furthest from the door was provided with a nice new hatchet with which to chop an exit through the light framed wall if a fire should chance to break out between her and the door.

An interesting half hour was spent in the College Library where Dr. Schofield explained the importance of the "Primary Literature" of the subject and showed a complete set of bound volumes of the Journal of the Chemical Society, beginning with the year 1832. Dr. Schofield had begun earlier by posing the problem of "how the facts get into the text books" and this visit to the

Library showed the enormous number of "facts" to be considered and made it clear that the scientific worker needed to be something of a linguist as well as a bookworm if he were to be an efficient researcher.

After tea, the party attended a lecture by Dr. Tryhorn, Director of the East Midlands Area Forensic Science Laboratory of the Home Office, on "Scientific Aids to Detection." Dr. Tryhorn's talk was enlivened by many anecdotes from his own forensic experience and gave much useful information on topics ranging from the duties of "professional keep-sobers" in Scandinavian hotels to the methods of cross-examination used to impress on a bench of magistrates the significance of an alcohol-in-the-blood figure of 0.25%. The chairman, in introducing the lecturer, referred to the presence in the audience of two bodies of people in particular ; on the one hand there were the Police, represented by the Chief Constable and a large body of the local force, and on the other, the schoolboys, who he hoped would succeed in avoiding the clutches of the former.

The School Parliament

It is a sign of the increasing enthusiasm and progress towards maturity in the political sense that the party conflict has become extremely complex and riddled with faction. The unexpected rise of the Democratic Party, the dramatic coalition with the Independent Party, and the brief rule of B. Cousins, U.6 as Prime Minister had its sequel. Mr. Cousins was unfortunately called away to the world of aviation while his premiership was followed by the even shorter rule of D. Hoskins, U.6. The coalition government was defeated on a major issue by a momentary coalition of the opposition parties—the Progressives and the Moderates. The leader of the Moderate Party was then invited to form a government, and so B. Cross became Prime Minister, holding that coveted and precarious position as if he possessed a charmed life, for only a miracle could have kept him there in the face of the furious onslaught from Progressives, Democrats and the whole horde of rebels.

The weary constitutional debates were carried on and on by the opposition leaders presumably with a view to obstruction. Certainly little of constructive value was done until in sheer desperation constitutional amendments were made "taboo." Since then a little progress has been made by the government and a committee has been set up to prepare the way for a bill to organise the chaotic jumble of school societies and activities. It is to be hoped that whatever party is elected for the new school year, this vitally important committee will continue to function until the

required bill has reached the House. A bill for dinner-time entertainment has been passed by both Houses and now awaits the signature of the sovereign. An attempt was made to pass a bill for the compulsory attendance at sport, but the efforts of the Prime Minister were foiled by a packed and adamant House of Commons. The summer months prevent further activity and so we await the elections to be held in the second week of the Autumn Term, 1952.

MR. SPEAKER.

C.E.W.C.

For the past two years a party of boys from this School has attended a conference held in the Westminster Central Hall during the first week in January. This conference, sponsored by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, is representative of the majority of grammar schools in Britain and of a few on the continent.

The subject of the conferences centres on prominent world problems, each year attention being focussed on a fresh aspect. Well known speakers ranging from politicians to university professors, qualified to speak on such subjects, are invited to address the assembly. Talking, in fact, is the main spring of the conferences, figuring both in the lecturing by experts, and in the discussions amongst the members, which are a vital part of the daily procedure.

We would like very much to send a larger party—our quota is twenty—to the next conference, as it is a highly successful venture which deserves the support of every school. The cost is surprisingly low, special rail-fare grants being available, and the opportunities of such a conference endless. If there are any Sixth-formers to whom the idea appeals, all details are available.

B. CROSS.

VISIT TO PLYMOUTH BY AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS

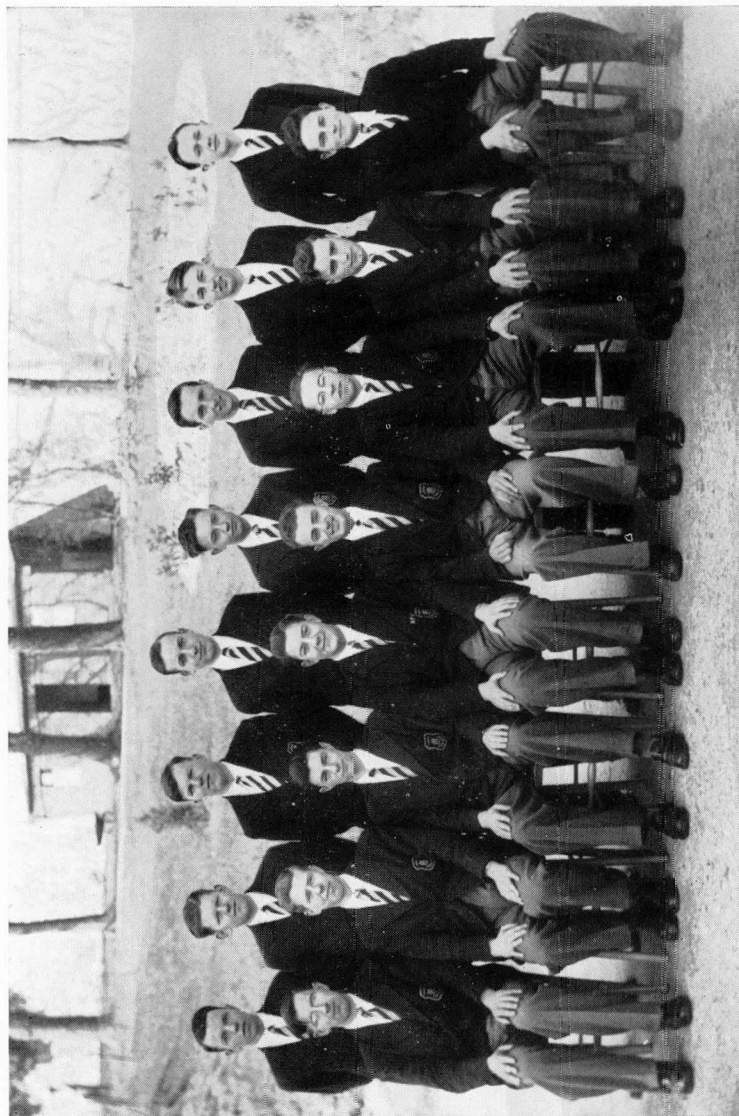
On Friday, May 16th a party of ninety-four boys from the Australian States of Victoria and South Australia visited Plymouth under the auspices of the Overseas League.

During the day they paid an official visit to the Dockyard, watched the naming of Plymouth's new lifeboat by the Duchess of Kent, and were taken on a tour of local places of interest.

At tea at the Invicta Hotel the Australian boys were belatedly welcomed to Plymouth by representatives from the boys' schools in Plymouth, to which welcome they responded warmly.

After speeches from Commdr. the Rev. Graves, Ald. A. J. Perry and Lt. Col. Paton (officials of the Overseas League in this area) and a response from the leader of the Australian party, the visitors left early for their headquarters at Torquay.

PREFECTS, 1951-52



R. W. Boote, M. J. Rich, D. W. Hendra, R. J. Sainsbury, M. Summers, A. G. Goswell, A. J. Hill, G. W. Ashworth
H. S. Pomroy, P. Townsend, F. S. G. Easton, K. R. Holloway, P. A. J. Caines, R. B. Evens, J. B. Knight, B. Cross
(School Captain)

PRAEFECTI VALETE

- J. M. BOWLEY. Entered School, 1943; School Certificate, Matriculation, 1948; Higher School Certificate, Inter B.Sc., 1950; School Prefect, 1950. School Vice-Captain, 1951; Captain, 1st XI Soccer, 1951-52; Raleigh House Captain, 1951-52; Secretary Cricket Club, 1951. He has now taken up a post in the Executive Civil Service.
- B. H. COUSINS. Entered School, 1943; School Certificate, Matriculation, 1948; Higher Schools Certificate, 1950; School Prefect, 1950; Vice-Captain, 1st XI Soccer, 1950-51; Member of Tennis VI, 1951; member of Athletics Club, 1951. He is now serving in the R.A.F. before taking up a post in the Executive Civil Service.
- D. HOSKING. Entered School, 1944; School Certificate, Matriculation 1949; Higher School Certificate, Inter B.Sc., 1951; School Prefect, 1950; Captain, 1st XV Rugger, 1950-51; Captain, Tennis VI, 1951; Gilbert House Captain, 1951; member of Athletics Club, 1950-51. Now at Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.
- P. TOWNSEND. Entered School, 1944; School Certificate, Matriculation, 1949; Higher School Certificate, Inter B.Sc., 1951. School Prefect, 1951; member of 1st XV Rugger, 1951-52; Raleigh House Captain, 1952. Now serving in the R.A.F. before taking up a post in the Executive Civil Service.

House Notes

DRAKE.

Well done Drake! It must be a long time since the house came so near to being Cock House. Our gratitude is due in particular to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Quarterman and Mr. Sherwood, to the athletic captain D. R. Le P. Quantick, to the house secretary B. George, and of course to all who competed in the sports. Special mention is due to Miller, P., on winning the Under-16 Track Events Cup, to Coles, F. W., on winning the Under-16 Championship trophy, and to Roberts, P., who shared the Under-12 Championship Cup. Perhaps it is significant that during the last few years Drake has risen steadily from a lowly position behind the other houses. Last year Drake were equal second with Raleigh. Next year with a stupendous effort Drake must surely wrest the Athletics Championship shield from Raleigh. Drake's triumph is in no small measure due to the efforts of Mr. Nicholas to increase the house spirit.

Our Junior Rugby team gained valuable points for the house in winning all their matches.

We now look forward to a season of inter-house cricket, and although Drake is not so well endowed with 1st XI and 2nd XI talent as the other houses, anything can happen in house cricket. We congratulate Boote of U.6 ARTS on being elected cricket captain for the house. The attention of the house is also occupied with the advent of the swimming sports.

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

GILBERT

RESULTS FOR 1951-52—

		<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>House</i>
Soccer ... ..	...	2nd	2nd	2nd
Rugger ... ..	...	3rd	4th	4th
Chess ... ..	...	—	—	3rd
Athletics ... ..	...	—	—	4th

At the beginning of this school year, it was decided that the Sixth form should play a more active part in the running of the House, in order to remove some of the burden from the shoulders of our labouring Housemasters. Many anticipated failure owing to our remarkably small number of Sixth-formers—twelve, to be exact—but this did not happen.

When it is realised that at Athletics we reduced Grenville's lead from 87 points in 1951 to 10½ this year, it cannot be denied that Gilbert has made considerable progress. Our total standards rose to over four hundred, yet even so it must be stressed that if only twenty more boys had passed two more standards each, the yellow flag would not have been at the bottom on Sports Day.

Earlier in the year, the Juniors won two soccer matches out of three, and these points, added to those already won by the Seniors, made us runners-up to Drake. Our rugger teams were less successful, finishing fourth. Although the Junior team lost their first cricket match against Raleigh, the Seniors had a very easy victory over the same House by ten wickets, and there seems to be no reason why this success should not continue.

We are almost certainly destined to finish fourth in the St. Levan Shield competition this year, but there is abundant hope for the future. Next year our soccer and cricket teams will be strong enough to hold their own, and if our athletes and rugger players maintain their improvement, Gilbert should most certainly rise in the scale.

C. J. BRAY, *House Captain.*

GRENVILLE

Unfortunately for Grenville the present summer term has been notable for our eclipse in the Athletic Sports, in which we finished third to Raleigh and the much improved Drake. This was mainly due to a weak showing, accentuated by an unfortunate series of injuries to three of our leading athletes, Marshall, Appleby and Eustice, in the pre-sports-day events. As a result Grenville started last on sports-day events and only managed to overhaul Gilbert, whilst falling still farther behind the other two houses. Redeeming features, however, were that Grenville obtained 425 standards, a record number which revealed the *all-round* athletic strength of the house, and that Appleby and Marchant won the cups for field events and Hawken shared the Under-12 Championship trophy.

At the end of last term the football fixtures were completed, the Junior Soccer team winning once and losing twice, and the

Junior Rugger team winning twice and losing once. As a result Grenville won the Rugger Championship and finished equal third in the Soccer Championship.

Taking into account the athletics results, it depends entirely on the House cricket teams in the next few weeks whether we again win the St. Levan Shield.

However our prospects in the swimming sports at the end of this term look quite bright with Raleigh as usual almost certain to be our closest rivals.

D. Hendra became a prefect last term. Congratulations.

Finally we thank sincerely Mr. Mallinson, our Housemaster, and his colleagues for the continued help and guidance they have given to our efforts as a House during the past year.

K. R. HOLLOWAY, *House Captain.*

RALEIGH

Undoubtedly the best achievement of the House this year was the wresting of the Athletics Shield from Grenville. It was the most thrilling Sports Day we have had for many years, and at the beginning of the last event, Raleigh was only one point ahead of Drake. In this event, however, our Over-16 relay team, which consisted of Ford, Sainsbury, Porter and Wotton, succeeded in breaking the record.

We congratulate M. Wotton, the Victor Ludorum, who broke three records, and ran very well in the Devon Public and Grammar School Sports. Allison and Wifill won the Under-14 and Under-13 Cups respectively; Ford's pole vaulting, too, deserves special mention. It was, however, the efforts of the main body of the House which paved the way to success, for we obtained more standards this year than ever before, and the House as a whole may feel proud of its achievement.

We gained second place in the Rugby Championship, and, entirely owing to the efforts of our Juniors, third place in the Soccer Championship. The House yet again won the Chess Tournament in convincing fashion. The enthusiasm of the Chess Captain, Mills (L.6.Sc.), is largely the reason for our success in this activity. Last year Raleigh won the Swimming Sports, and we are looking forward to this year's contest with confidence.

Townsend, who was House Captain at the beginning of the year, has entered Executive Civil Service. Sainsbury has now been elected in his place, with Easton as House Secretary. Wotton is the Athletics Captain and Ede the Soccer Captain.

If Raleigh can win the Cricket Championship, or at all events beat Drake, we have a great chance of winning the St. Levan Shield. This would indeed make 1952 a great year for the House.

R. J. SAINSBURY, *House Captain.*

Rugby Club

The 1st XV's results in 1951-52 were the worst since Rugger was started in the School. The reasons were quite clear. Firstly, there were fewer. Over-15 boys than ever playing Rugger; some weeks, the Committee had to pick two teams from no more than 32 names. Secondly, early practices were badly attended because of the demands of other School activities. Finally, there was such an extraordinary series of injuries that the best XV never once played together. But there were good features, which saved us from a season of complete gloom. The leadership throughout was excellent. After K. R. Holloway, the Captain, had broken his leg in the first match, the team was set a fine example of energy and resolution by the Vice-Captain, D. Hosking. It was fortunate that, when Hosking went to the R.N.C., Dartmouth, in January, Holloway was fit again and his enthusiasm and drive were invaluable. All through the season, M. H. Green hooked splendidly, so restricting the opportunities of teams far better in all other respects. A cartilage operation kept A. G. Goswell, an efficient Secretary, from playing at all until February. Then his natural gifts as a stand-off half made a great difference to the back division, which had previously lacked confidence and thrust. Responding to the leadership and example of these fine players, the team, often outweighed and outplayed, never gave up trying and made obvious progress as the season went on. Thus the home match with St. Boniface's College in October was lost, 22-0, but the away game in March was won, 9-0. Though only 2 matches were won, 6 were lost by 8 points or less. Truro School, enjoying their best post-war season, beat us at home by only 6 points.

In the annual Devon Public and Grammar Schools' R.U. seven-a-side tournament at Exeter, in March, the School "seven" was beaten in the 2nd round by Hele's, who went on to win the cup.

At the end of the season, Full Colours were re-awarded to Holloway, Hosking, Goswell and Green and Half-Colours were awarded to D. F. Parr, R. Pullen, M. T. G. Rowe and P. Townsend.

The 2nd XV was inevitably young, light and inexperienced and won only 2 games. But they tried hard and cheerfully to play Rugger and, like the 1st XV, ended the season with a good victory. There are real grounds for hope in this, for many of these boys will still be at school next season.

The Colts' XV began with a good victory by 26—5 pts. over Sutton H. S. Colts and gave promise of a successful season. But their form proved most inconsistent and only 5 of 15 games were won. Within a fortnight, they had a 63—0 pts. victory and a 40—0 pts. defeat, so good could their attack be at times and so deplorable their tackling. W. J. Foster played for Devon (Under-15) against Cornwall and Somerset.

Remembering their successful season as the Under-13 team of 1950-51, the Juniors were not proud of their record. Six of their games had to be cancelled, so only 8 were played; of these, only 2 were won. Their opponents almost always seemed bigger and more robust in their methods. The attraction of Soccer proved too much for the boy who would have been their strongest three-quarter; two or three others lacked a real team-spirit. But one must admire the keenness of the best boys, amongst whom B. Hay, the Captain, and R. A. Miller were outstanding, in keeping the team together in a very discouraging season.

Under Mr. W. Nash's enthusiastic guidance, the Under 13 section had another remarkable year. The 1st XV was undefeated in all 16 games and scored 234 points to 53. The 2nd XV, containing many boys under 12, did almost as well, losing only 3 of 14 games. A notable performance was the victory, in both home and away games with Truro School, of both the School's Under-13 teams. As a 3rd Under-13 XV played a few games, there were some days when no less than seven rugger teams represented the School; that means nearly one-fifth of the entire School.

Because of the generosity of the Parents' Association, we were able to entertain to tea all our visitors from outside Plymouth. This was greatly appreciated and the Rugger Club's warm thanks is offered to the Association and particularly to the ladies who did the work.

The Club's thanks are also gratefully given to all those members of the Staff whose time, energy and experience have again been ungrudgingly devoted to helping the School's Rugger. H.M.

Soccer Club

President: THE HEADMASTER.

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

Captain of 1st XI: C. J. BRAY. *Vice-Captain:* M. H. MARSHALL.

The end of the Spring Term saw the conclusion of yet another successful season for the School's six teams. Although the weather interfered for a period of ten weeks around Christmas and the New Year, 89 games were played—more than in any season since the war—and of these only 19 were lost.

For the second successive season the 1st XI scored over 100 goals in winning 16 and drawing 1 of their 20 games. Unsettled during the Spring Term owing to School departures, examinations and injuries, the team lost some of the speed and precision which it had displayed in the previous term. With one of our better displays, we gained our first victory over R.N.E.C. (Manadon) by 2 goals to 0. Other noteworthy wins were against U.C.S.W. (who

had beaten us earlier at Exeter) and Seale-Hayne College. We hope to have at least 9 of the team again next year to form the nucleus of what we anticipate will be another strong team.

The 2nd XI had its most successful season since the war, and were not beaten by any other school. With a large proportion of the team still at school next season, they can face the future with confidence.

The Colts XI suffered many changes, but generally managed to hold their own. The weakness was a tendency to rely on individual effort rather than teamwork, inevitable perhaps with such a varied team.

Achieving little of note in the league, the Under-15 XI gained considerable glory in the Senior Cup. After having a bye in the first round, they were called upon to play three teams from their own division. Each of these was disposed of quite convincingly, and the Final was reached for the first time in four years. Here, however, the powerful Public S.S. team proved too strong and we went under gallantly by 3 goals to 1. Our congratulations go to Green of this team on his selection and on his displays for Plymouth, South Devon and Devon County Schools.

The Under-14 XI had a very successful season, and their only defeat came at the hands of an under-fifteen side—Fourlanesend—whom they had previously defeated 3—2. They twice did extremely well to hold the Liskeard team to a draw, and generally played football more advanced than their age would suggest. Their height and weight usually gave them a physical advantage over their opponents—a fact which augurs well for next season in the Schools' League.

Knocked out of the Cup at the first stage, the Under-13 XI concentrated on the League Championship, but although they finished equal on points with Laira, they lost 0—1 in the play-off, and thus became runners-up.

Once again we offer our thanks to the Parents' Association who, in addition to providing teas throughout the season, supplied us with goal nets at Ham and Collings Park. To the Staff, without whose willing help our extensive programme would have to be considerably modified, we express our sincere gratitude.

RECORD TO DATE:

					Goals:	
		Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For. Against.
1st XI	...	20	16	1	3	101 39
2nd XI	...	15	11	2	2	82 21
Colts XI	...	9	4	0	5	26 36
Under-15 XI	...	14	6	3	5	26 24
Under-14 XI	...	14	11	2	1	85 22
Under-13 XI	...	17	12	2	3	50 26

Full Colours (Renewed):—C. J. Bray, M. H. Marshall, R. W. Boote, D. L. MacManus

Full Colours (Awarded):—W. I. Joint, J. M. Sargeant, K. H. Woodward, A. J.

Herring.

Half-full Colours (Awarded):—L. C. Nethercott.

C. J. BRAY.

Athletics Club

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

Captain : M. C. WOTTON.

The School Sports were held at the Brickfields for the second year. Amid great excitement Raleigh won the House Championship Shield, narrowly beating Drake by $5\frac{1}{2}$ points. In all, eight records were broken and two equalled. Conspicuous among these records was a very fine 2 min. 16.4 secs. by Coles in the Under 15 880 yards. Wotton set up records in the 100 yards, 220 yards and the 440 yards. Others who set up records were Gregory, Rollings and the members of Gilbert Under-13, and Raleigh Over-16 Houses, relay teams. M. C. Wotton was Victor Ludorum and the Treseder Cup for Field Events was won by A. Appleby. The Lord Mayor (Alderman Randolph Baker) was present, and the trophies and certificates were presented by Capt. (E) R. W. Marshall, R.N.

In the Devon Public and Grammar School Sports, held at the Brickfields for the first time, the School finished fifth with 33 points. McManus, Quantick and Appleby were placed third in the hurdles, hop, step and jump and high jump respectively. Ford did exceptionally well in the pole vault, finishing fourth. This was the first time the School was represented in the pole vault in these Sports. Marshall and George were fifth in the 440 yards and 880 yards respectively. Gillespy was sixth in the mile, and Marchant sixth in the discus. Wotton won both the sprints, setting up a new record in the 220 yards.

These results represented a very fine performance by the School team, which was one of the youngest teams ever.

Several heats for the Inter-school Sports clashed with the Athletic Sports; thus the School did not compete for points. The senior team did very well winning most of the events. Outstanding were records by George in the 880 yards, Marshall in the 440 yards, and Appleby in the high jump. The junior team did not do very well. The will to win and keenness to train is somewhat lacking. This was much in evidence in the very poor performance of the team at Kelly in a meeting between the under-fifteens of Kelly College, Plymouth College and D.H.S. With more determination the juniors should do better. The matches against Truro and Sutton Schools later in the term offer a fine opportunity for them to improve on their performances.

The senior team also have a match with Truro School, H.M.S. Figgard and Sutton High School.

This season has been very successful so far. The School was represented at the White City in the All England School Sports, for the first time for many years, by Wotton. Several boys have reached the Plymouth School Team, and the School has entered a relay team in the Technical College Sports.

M. C. WOTTON.

Careers

While most of the Upper School are seriously-minded enough and by the very length of their stay with us have grown accustomed to the Careers Room and its use, it is by no means certain that the Junior School is aware of its uses and purpose. The Careers Room can focus the impacts to which the average third and second former is subjected out of school and provide authentic and detailed information, often in a colourful and interesting way.

If therefore the Junior School will realize that the Careers Room and its many pamphlets and books are there for their benefit, they will widen their chances of finally choosing a career in which they will be happy and will prosper.

It is still true to say that there is too little material available from Old Boys which can act as a guide to those still with us.

We sincerely welcome letters and articles from them revealing their impressions, their warnings and appraisals. "Behind the Scenes" series in the Executive; the Services; life as a cadet at Cranwell, Dartmouth and Sandhurst; life in the Merchant Navy and the chances of getting that 2nd Mate's ticket. All this would be of outstanding interest.

We are most pleased to see and talk to Old Boys, but there are many, some with fluent pens, who could help materially the Careers Room in which they never had the good fortune to browse.

W.H.W., *Careers Master.*

CIVIC MEMORIAL SERVICE TO THE LATE KING

On the occasion of the funeral of His Late Majesty King George VI on Friday, 15th February, the School Captain and Deputy School Captain attended the Civic Memorial Service at St. Catherine's Church.

Before the service Civic and Service officials, led by the Lord Mayor (Ald. R. Baker) and the Admiral Supt. (V.-Adml. P. K. Enright), marched in procession from the Lecture Hall to the Church.

Almost every facet of Plymouth's life and industry was represented in the packed congregation.

The service was opened by the Lord Mayor's Chaplain, the prayers were led by the Rev. W. H. A. Cooper, the lesson was read by the Rev. J. Paterson of the Free Church, and a moving address was given by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. Norman H. Clarke. The congregation stood while two Royal Marine buglers sounded "Last post" and "Reveille," and the service ended with the Benediction and the National Anthem.

Out of School Activities

BADMINTON CLUB.

During the Autumn Term the Headmaster and two other masters, Messrs. Stone and Vanstone, came down and played at our meetings in the dinner hour. The standard of play has slowly improved throughout the year despite the fact that we did not see much Badminton played in the Spring Term.

Financially the club is in a very healthy state. Racquets are still in short supply although it should be possible to buy another one for next year. At the moment, with club membership limited to 20, there is a waiting list of boys wishing to join. Next year, however, there are likely to be enough vacancies for any boy in the Middle and Upper Sixth.

F. EASTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

BOXING CLUB.

Captain: G. W. MATTHEWS. *Vice-Captain:* D. F. PARR.

The club has enjoyed a fairly successful season retaining their unbeaten record against the Scouts. The match was drawn, seven bouts each. The School finished the season with 3 quarter-finalists and 4 'runners-up' in the Plymouth Championships. Mr. Reynish, after his departure from the School, kindly helped with the training; we owe him our thanks. A number of young boys joined the club in January, and were not without success in the Preliminary Rounds of the Championship. We hope they will carry on boxing next season. The club reopens in September.

RESULTS: School drew with Scouts 7—7.

Plymouth Championships:

Winners: M. Leader, J. Davies, M. Doolcy.

Runners-up: R. Strike, J. Gwilliam, J. Coles, J. Wisc.

Area winners: M. Leader, J. Davies, M. Doolcy.

Quarter-finalists: M. Leader, J. Davies, M. Doolcy.

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

CHESS CLUB.

This season the teams have done fairly well. The seniors were third in the Inter-School Competition. The Junior team was restarted and they beat Plympton Grammar and Sutton High Schools, and lost to Public Secondary and Plymouth College. It is hoped to start an inter-school junior competition next season.

The individual Cup was won by Mills after a keen competition in which 21 players took part. A lunch-hour league attracted a large number of juniors. This was also won by Mills.

The strength of the club has grown considerably this season and a large number of juniors are taking a keen interest in the game. All new members will be welcome to the club meetings on Wednesday evenings in L.6.G room. Mr. Berry is willing to teach the game to all interested on Thursday evenings.

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

CHOIR NOTES.

On Friday and Saturday, the 21st and 22nd of March last, a concert was held in the School Hall. It was the second of what we hope will become a well established annual event, as well looked forward to as the Garden Party or Speech Day. The programme attempted this year was of a more ambitious nature than its predecessor and two performances were given instead of one.

The programme again consisted of two parts, the first of various orchestral and vocal renderings, the second a concerto. In this latter half we attempted a little less serious type of music, namely Bach's "Peasant Cantata" which consisted of twenty-four recitatives, arias and choruses. Numerous soloists took the parts of the people mentioned in the story running throughout the work.

The main orchestral item was Mozart's Piano Concerto in D (The Coronation), the solo pianist being R. Boote.

Here we must mention and sincerely thank the numerous adult players who came along to help the School players who, naturally, have not become confident enough to tackle the pieces alone. Also, our thanks must be expressed to the members of Staff who helped considerably on both the orchestral and vocal side. But, most of all, credit must be given to the person upon whose shoulders the whole show was supported. Last year I brought to your notice the improvements and staggering progress which the musical prowess of the School had made since Mr. Self came just four years ago when the choir was almost non-existent and the orchestra was completely disbanded. Since then the choir has quickly gained greater confidence and the orchestra has been placed well on its feet.

Lastly I must mention that the "arrived" and the "up-and-coming" are joining forces. Mr. Whitfield and his dramatic experience, with Mr. Self supplying the musical skill will next year present Benjamin Britten's "Let's make an Opera."

D. HENDRA, *Hon. Secretary.*

CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY.

The fully-equipped Current Affairs room has come into use this term and it is possibly the most pleasant room in the school. It is admirably fitted for wall displays and a wide range of pamphlets and publications is now available. This has taken several years to achieve and we hope that it will be fully used by the school.

There have been successful meetings during the Winter Term, Colonel Paton from the Overseas League arousing particular interest with his lecture on India.

Three members of Six Arts: Cross, Goswell and Sainsbury, attended the Christmas Conference at Westminster organised by the C.E.W.C. A very enjoyable time was had by all, for apart from the obvious attractions of London, at the Conference, such distinguished speakers as Sir Benegal Rau and Dr. Bronowski were heard.

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

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

On January 14th and the five following evenings, at the Globe Theatre, the Dramatic Society presented G. B. Shaw's "Saint Joan."

The production of this well-known and most difficult play, with its large cast, its six settings, its central figure a girl, was the severest task that the Society has ever undertaken. The unusual length of the play adds to the producer's many difficulties. It is not possible, at the Globe Theatre, to begin before 7.15 p.m., yet the spectator is not going to be really gripped by the trial scene if his mind is concerned with the problem of catching the last 'bus to St. Budeaux. It was therefore decided to omit the Epilogue, which would not have pleased Mr. Shaw, for he, fearing that such a cut would often be made, said with characteristic exaggeration that it would make the play meaningless! Time could have been saved if the settings had been less ambitious. A room in the castle of Vaucouleurs, the throne-room at Chinon, the ambulatory of Rheims cathedral, a hall in a castle at Rouen—all these were fine settings, made and painted by masters and boys, and the stage-manager and his staff worked very hard between the scenes, but all their efforts could not avoid long intervals. Draped curtains are quickly changed and they, with a dais, a few steps and a minimum of furniture, suggest quite effectively to the imagination the setting which realism can never perfect.

The Society's producer, Mr. H. F. H. Whitfield, cannot be criticised for the fact that his main casting problem was insolvable. It is impossible for a schoolboy to play the part of Joan of Arc, who was a sturdily-built, country-girl. By the time a boy is tall enough, his voice will have broken. Thus A. R. Leigh had to fight the handicap of not looking in the least like Joan; he was too small and slight even to suggest the Lorraine shepherd-girl. And why are stage wigs so ugly? But Leigh has a clear and flexible voice and spoke Shaw's fine English with grace and dignity. He clearly found it hard to sustain so long and exacting a role, but his performance was throughout a brave attempt at the impossible and, at such moments as the scene in Rheims cathedral and at the crisis of the trial, most moving.

The play opened with an unconvincing first scene in which Robert de Baudricourt, striving to be the authoritative feudal lord, achieved only a rather raucous blustering which should never have reduced his steward to the cringing, hand-wringing figure that he was; whilst Joan's first entry was quite marred by a silly, mincing trot. But, with Scene II, the production rose to a level below which it was not to fall again. This at once revealed a magnificently robed Archbishop, played by D. W. Hendra with great poise and dignity, and the fat, bullying, stupid commander-in-chief, Mgr. de la Tremouille, the chief butt of Shaw's anti-militarism; to which comical figure K. R. Holloway did full justice. But did not all

that padding suggest a caricature-sketch? When this scene opened into the throne-room at Chinon, the setting, the costumes, the skilful grouping and the life-like by-play of the actors combined to make one of those pictures of colour and animation which are the hallmark of fine producing.

Space does not allow more than a brief mention of many fine performances as the play unfolded. The court scenes revealed the skilful portrayal by B. A. Reid of the sly, cynical, mocking Gilles de Rais, and by P. M. Miller of the contrasting Captain La Hire, the blunt, blaspheming soldier. H. S. Pomroy was here outstanding in the unsympathetic rôle of the cowardly, spoilt, intelligent Dauphin, with his petulant mannerisms and querulous voice. J. R. Brooks, as Dunois, was a tall, striking figure in a splendid suit of armour, but his manner never suggested that he commanded an army; La Hire would have pushed him aside. The lords and ladies of the court were handsome figures, for this was the best-dressed play that the Society has put on; and there was a delightful pertness of pages.

In Scene IV, the Earl of Warwick links the nobility with the Churchmen, who dominate the rest of the play. P. A. J. Caines played the part of the Earl with firm self-possession, in the clipped, sure manner of one accustomed to be obeyed, as befitted the English Commander-in-chief. In this scene, the property-master made an error in providing the Earl with some much too modern tent furniture, an error all the more evident because of the close attention that had been paid to the many other details of the production.

But for a few minor points, the Churchmen were splendidly acted. Nothing could have been more admirable than G. W. Ashworth's Inquisitor. The part was endowed with quiet dignity, clear diction and a sure sense of timing. How distinctly, how irrevocably the words of the famous speech on heresy fell; one by one! Little inferior was A. R. Langsdale's playing of the Bishop of Beauvais, though perhaps his manner was a little too stiff and his speech too unpersuasive to suggest fully the suave Cauchon, prelate and diplomat. On the other hand, L. C. Nethercott, as the prosecutor, d'Estivet, was too strident to suggest impersonal pursuit of justice.

B. Cross undertook the difficult part of de Stogumber, chaplain to the Earl of Warwick and one of the first, as one of the most chauvinistic, nationalists. If his arguments with his proud superiors, spiritual and temporal, seemed too loud and persistent, Cross must not be blamed, for the words "violence" and "anger" are written into the text by Shaw as clear stage-directions, with the obvious purpose of creating the dramatic contrast of Stogumber's collapse at the end of the last scene. This hysterical, sobbing figure, rushing into the court-room now lit by the glare from the dread fire in the market-place, is the adroit dramatist's messenger,

sent to report to the audience an action which could not possibly be depicted on the stage. This scene demands the most difficult acting in the whole play and Cross carried it off with nerve-racking realism; through his eyes, we saw the horror and cruelty of that death.

So, on this high note, ended a performance of "Saint Joan" of which all those who helped to produce it must be justly proud. If, as we have said, Mr. Whitfield asked the Dramatic Society to attempt the impossible, at least the attempt was memorable.

PARTERRE.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Cricket, athletics, swimming and the hot weather are hardly conducive to intellectual activities, so the Literary and Debating Society must inevitably take a "back seat" in the life of the school during the summer months. Nevertheless certain notable events have taken place in the history of the society during the last two terms.

First, however, mention should be made of the excellent talk on "Science and Religion" given at Devonport High School for Girls at the end of the Autumn Term. The modern conception of the place of science in religion—science being an essential part of, and not as previously asserted incompatible with and therefore distinct from religion—was briefly outlined, and a certain wariness and scepticism were admitted concerning the advanced psychological methods of classifying individuals as types—A, B, C. The meeting was well attended by our society.

During the Easter vacation five members of the Sixth Form attended a "Christian Conference" conducted by the Rev. W. H. A. Cooper, M.A., of St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Four meetings were held on four consecutive mornings and notable personages in the life of the city were invited to express their views on the part played by Christianity in our everyday life.

One or two meetings of the society in the Spring term—including a debate on the motion "That the worthwhile things of life are merely conventional," proposed and opposed by G. Ashworth and B. Cross of 6A. respectively—were followed by an inter-schools' debate held at Plymouth College. The Secretary of the society, P. A. J. Caines proposed the motion "That this House deplores co-education." The debate was remarkable for the number and quality of the speeches made from the floor.

A second visit was made to Plymouth College on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Coventry during the Easter period. Some thirty or forty members of the society attended and enjoyed a valuable hour listening to a talk on "Religion and the Modern World," comprising a wealth of material, intellectually and profoundly delivered in a delightfully humorous manner by an intriguing personality.

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

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Since the last edition of this magazine various sections of the Society have continued to flourish, and a number of visits to places of scientific interest have been undertaken. However, a glance through the Minute Book shows that the average attendance for the ten meetings of the Spring Term was appreciably lower than that for the Autumn Term, and members of the Sixth Forms are reminded that the Society exists not only for their scientific benefit, but also as an outlet for their powers of organisation and expression and that it is a pleasant duty for them to give it their full support and so establish the atmosphere so valuable to the younger members who will eventually be assuming control. This is especially important when outside lecturers visit us, for it is then that opportunities arise for free discussion and public speaking.

At the time of writing, the members of the Photographic Section are busily engaged in preparation for their Annual Exhibition at the Garden Party. The Cine Group is making a documentary film on the school's contribution to safety on the roads, while the "still" photographers are taking steps to ensure that the standard of their exhibits shall not fall below that achieved by their predecessors.

The Meteorological Section continues to issue its daily reports of scientific information relating to the weather, and the Society's Notice Boards continue to carry a large array of articles on a wide variety of scientific topics. We note with pleasure that the present organiser of this feature has added dignity to his exhibits by the judicious use of labels, and by attempting to hold together sets of articles by means of some underlying theme.

The Radio Section, meeting in the Physics laboratory on Monday evenings, has been engaged in the construction of a mains-operated three-valve straight receiver and an audio-frequency oscillator.

During the Spring Term a variety of subjects was covered in the course of films and lectures. Topics dealt with in films included helicopters, aspects of electrical engineering, garden pests and malaria. The five talks were of a high standard and were satisfactorily attended. Mr. Kendall, of British Railways, opened the session with a very interesting talk on the early development of railways in the Plymouth area. Major Ingram, Engineer, Post Office Telephones, enlightened us on some aspects of the Telephone System, whilst the distribution of electricity in the south-west was explained by Mr. Axford, District Manager of the South West Electricity Board. Dr. Wilson, a valued friend of the Society from the Laboratory of the Marine Biological Association, addressed members on "Reproduction in the Sea", and Mr. Elvin explained the techniques he employs in nature photography.

Recently, an interesting visit was made to the Meteorological Office at No. 19 Group, Royal Air Force, Mount Batten, where the party was shown the collection and collation of data preparatory to weather forecasting. Further excursions arranged include one to Burrator for the purpose of examining the physical and chemical aspects of water engineering, and another to the Weights and Measures Office at Greenbank.

In conclusion, the Society as a whole wishes to thank all those who have helped in making its lectures and excursions possible.

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

FIELD SOCIETY.

Because of the conflicting influence of games, the Field Society has little to report this term, though it is intended to revive interest in the new School Year. The success of this will depend entirely on the keenness of the School, for in July we lose Dare, our Chairman, who with one or two other enthusiasts has engaged in much useful bird watching. Before he goes we hope to persuade him to give a talk to the Society on the usefulness of this activity, and to convince the boys of the school that they can achieve more by selecting and pursuing a particular branch of field studies, with a few boys with the same intentions, than by waiting to be organised into a multi-party excursion.

With this in view we hope that next term there will be sufficient boys interested enough to study such subjects as Bird Watching, Ecology, Architecture, and Local Pre-history in small groups, with monthly meetings at school to discuss their varied activities.

The transactions of the Devonshire Association for 1950 and 1951 are available in the Library, and contain many articles of great interest.

STAMP CLUB.

At the first meeting of the Spring Term, Mr. J. H. O. Gilbert, came along from St. Andrew's Lodge, Plymouth, and gave a talk designed to help junior members to collect stamps in the correct manner. In February, a closely-fought Inter-house Stamp Quiz took place, won by Gilbert. Our activities in the following month included a Treasure Hunt, an ever-popular feature of the Stamp Club agenda, and an Essay Competition, the winner being Lancaster, 4B. There were also two general working evenings.

At the time of writing, the Summer term programme is not yet under weigh; there is much work to be done for the Garden Party Exhibition. Meetings are still on Mondays after school in 5C Room; we appreciate that this is rather inconvenient for Form 1, but the attendance from this quarter is quite good, and it is to the second and third Forms that we look for more support.

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

GARDENING CLUB.

Of the large number of boys who volunteered to help with the gardening at the beginning of the term only a small minority have kept to their word and therefore the club's activities have been seriously handicapped. Despite this, the work of planning and of weeding the beds has been accomplished, thanks mainly to a small group of enthusiasts. On the north side of the School, the Hoe and Parks Committee have made a great improvement by planting shrubs and grass seed and by cutting the grass on the banks.

It is to be hoped that the Club will receive more support from the School in the Autumn Term, for, if the beds at the front of the School are to be weeded and maintained, the Gardening Club must have the active participation of boys, especially in the Upper School, who are interested in gardening.

B. A. WOOSEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

LIBRARY NOTES.

Among new additions to the Library this year have been the War Memorial Plaque on the South wall and the three large, double-fronted bookcases which were delivered in January. The latter now contain the Arts, Science and Language sections, thus leaving more room for the Library's two largest departments, the ever-expanding History and English sections.

With the increased book-space, we have been able to move the Junior Library from its dark and rather cramped cupboard into the pleasanter surroundings of the main sections. This Library, too, has been considerably strengthened by the purchase of nearly thirty of Capt. W. E. Johns' "Biggles" books, which are being avidly read from cover to cover by the Junior School who continually besiege the Library during the lunch-hour, hoping to be fortunate enough to find some on the shelves.

The Senior sections are also expanding rapidly. The War Memorial Fund has now closed, and some of the surplus money has been divided among the senior subject-masters for the purchase of new books. The Geography and History sections have already availed themselves of the opportunity and among notable additions to these sections are G. G. Coulton's "Medieval Panorama" and Laurens van der Post's "Venture into the Interior" which promises to rival "The Kon-Tiki Expedition" in popularity.

Finally, we should like to thank friends of the school for their generosity. Mr. A. G. K. Leonard's gifts include a complete edition of the works of Molière, whilst Mr. F. R. Floyd has given us Ludovic Kennedy's new biography, "Nelson's Band of Brothers."

The addition of such books and the customary periodicals make the Library an increasingly interesting and stimulating place, both for study and relaxation, a fact which the School is readily appreciating.

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

SCOUT LOG.

Last Christmas holidays the Troop performed a most successful "Gang Show," for which many congratulations were received. Messrs. Cocks and Innes deserve special praise for their excellent management and production.

When Mr. Dodd came to the School after Christmas, he kindly took over the organization of the Senior Troop from Mr. Cocks, who formerly had been in charge of the whole Troop. Our thanks are extended to Mr. Cocks for his help in the past. The Senior Troop has recently acquired a room of its own and after a great deal of interior-decorating, it has now become an admirable headquarters.

Since the last publication of the magazine, the troop as a whole has progressed favourably in badge-work. Although the Juniors have not gained many proficiency badges, they have concentrated on gaining the First Class Badge. The Seniors are now preparing for passing the Venturer and Ambulance Badges. P. L. March is to be congratulated on qualifying to become a "Queen's Scout."

The summer camp this year will be held near Mt. Snowdon, in North Wales, from 26th July to 9th August. Although the Juniors will be there for the two weeks, the Senior Troop will hike to the camp-site from Hereford.

New recruits for the Junior Troop have come in quite rapidly; its present strength being thirty-two; the Senior Troop, however, has only nine members, although the number may soon be increased.

M. ROWE.

TENNIS CLUB NOTES.

The tennis team has had an encouraging start to its season. On May 24th at Collings Park, it beat H.M.S. Fisgard by 5 matches to 4. The team, playing without its Captain, B. P. George—who represented the school in the Devon Public and Grammar Schools Athletics meeting—played a very close match on an extremely hot afternoon. This season we have matches against Hill Lane, H.M.S. Fisgard, Kelly College and Plymouth College. Later on it is hoped to have a fixture against the Staff, and also to play with the Staff against the Parents.

After the General Certificate Examinations it is probable that a Knock-out Tournament, open to anyone in the school, will be organised. This is the first year that Tennis has featured in the School Curriculum and promising players will be coached.

Two tennis courts are being erected on the lower playground, and it is hoped to use them for practice during the lunch-period. It is the general opinion that the standard of play within the team is higher than that of last year and should improve as the year proceeds. Very few boys are using the tennis courts at Collings Park on Mondays and Thursdays except those in the team therefore, by the time these notes are in print, the courts will have been made available to boys who show any promise in the Lower School.

GORDON WOOD, *Hon. Secretary.*

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

This term has seen a noticeable improvement in the general playing standard. Owing to the lack of adequate equipment and playing facilities we have not had the number of fixtures that we might have had. However, early in the season we accepted a challenge from D.H.S. for Girls, and a closely-fought match was held at their school. We just emerged the victors by six games to four. The D.H.S. for Girls' team was particularly strong, and included the reigning Devon Junior and Plymouth Women's Champion, Miss J. Winter, who played exceedingly well.

A return match was held later, and the School won by the rather flattering margin of eight games to two. The School team this season was R. B. Evans, R. W. Boote and J. Ede. We thank Mr. Warren and Mr. Sherwood for umpiring these two matches.

Membership of the club is still, by necessity, restricted to members of the Second and Third-Year Sixth Forms.

R. B. EVANS (U.6A.), *Hon. Secretary.*

Cambridge Letter

Dear Mr. Editor,

Examinations are over and another term draws to a close. Parents can now be seen wending their way from college to college. Tennis courts are full, and many punts are in evidence between Cambridge and Grantchester. The more slothful students may be seen at Fenners. Among the large number of undergraduates are six Old Boys of Devonport High School. D. Honey (Fitzwilliam House) narrowly missed his Athletics Blue last term, and is still training hard; it is hoped that he will meet with more success next year. D. Morton soon settled down, and is coxing a Pembroke eight this summer. P. W. Taylor, the former School Captain, and at present a research student at Queen's College, has shot with distinction for the University rifle team. E. Widdicombe (Downing College), serves on the committee of the University Liberal Club. B. Gould (Downing) is just going down on completing his fourth year.

Next year, if we have all seen eye to eye with the examiners, there will be five of us out of the University population of seven thousand, which is scarcely just representation for a school of six hundred boys. Now that the State generously aids every deserving student, it seems extraordinary that the number of Devonport High School boys here is so few. It is to be hoped that the present members of the school will make every effort to augment our contingent in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

PETER REID.

Gobbledegook

Be you an Arts man or a Science man the need for you to become a good writer cannot be overstressed, especially if you intend to make the Civil Service your career. The well-known jargon (or gobbledegook as the Americans call it) of the Civil Service is being replaced by understandable English. No longer should the Civil Servant write "in the contemplated eventuality there should be a cessation of your labours" but "if so stop work." In Civil Service Examinations a high percentage of marks is allotted to English and those who want promotion are obliged to study it.

The Treasury recently invited Sir Ernest Gowers to write on the use of plain words. He did and his book, "Plain Words" is designed to help officials to write English. Courses based upon the contents of this book are held in all Government Departments. The Treasury is determined to improve the English of the Civil Service. Previously it was considered better to write long words instead of short, to use verbiage instead of brevity; so that "evacuation to alternative accommodation" was preferred to "move to another house." The love of rippling reverberating polysyllables is strong in youth and one readily imitates the style. Nevertheless, the correct way to write and the way in which Civil Servants are required to write by the Treasury, is summed up by Fowler:

"Anyone who wishes to become a good writer should endeavour, before he allows himself to be tempted by more showy qualities, to be direct, simple, brief, vigorous and lucid."

In all Civil Service Examinations English has a considerable bearing on the result. In most Open Examinations it carries the same marks as the optional main subjects. In the Limited Examinations English carries forty per cent. of the marks, but it is essential, in the Assistant Principal Examination, for the Executive officers to write throughout precisely what they mean and in addition to say it in an admirable way. In other words, develop a style.

Style may be developed chiefly by reading the works of the best writers and this is one of the pleasures of the study of English. Then slowly, that tendency for the right word to fall into the right place evolves and a style has developed. As Jonothan Richardson concisely said of Milton's words, "Fewer would not have served the turn, more would have been superfluous."

This article will surprise many, not the least Mr. Whitfield who attempted cheerfully the impossible task of showing me, a Science man, the importance of English! But I have learnt the folly of my ways. I am now trying to become a good writer. So take some advice, particularly you Science men, from one who is well able to give it. Do not neglect your English. Get advice, and do some study in your spare time. Try to write precisely what you mean in the best possible way and avoid the Gobbledegook.

G. R. WHATTLEY, *Civil Servant.*

The War Memorial Service

On the 30th of January, at the School, the Rt. Revd. the Bishop of Plymouth dedicated the School's tribute to the Old Boys who were killed in the 1939-45 war.

The first part of the ceremony took place in the Assembly Hall where the Rev. D. H. Mason conducted the Service of Remembrance which was attended by Old Boys, relatives, prefects, and representatives from every form in the School. The central theme of this brief yet impressive service was, not unnaturally "Death and the after-life." From the opening words of the Rev. Mason, "... neither death, nor life, shall be able to separate us from the love of God ..." until the final Blessing by the Bishop of Plymouth, we were reminded that the Old Boys' sacrifice had not been in vain.

After the service, the congregation, led by relatives of the fallen, made its way to the Library where the War Memorial, a plaque bearing the names of the seventy-eight Old Boys who were killed in the Second World War, was dedicated.

J. B. KNIGHT.

London University Letter

THE EDITOR,
THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE.

Dear Sir,

London University is so large, and its students so scattered, that few of the latter take any part in University Union activities. The social life takes place within the constituent colleges, and in some cases between neighbouring colleges. This lack of support does not apply to the U.L. teams, places in which are keenly contested, but to societies such as debating, dramatic and political.

There will never be a social life in London, as students in other universities know it, whilst two main drawbacks remain unsolved. The problems of accommodation are well known, and as there are but a handful of residential colleges in London, it is not surprising that even within colleges there is a marked lack of interest in Union affairs. Coupled with the "digs" problem is that of transport. At the best of times travelling about London is tedious, so only the keener student goes out of his way to attend a particular function.

Within my own college of fifteen hundred students, of which only one hundred can live in, there is a large section who merely work. These have to be tolerated by the student who treats the college as a community in which there is so much that can help him in his future career. The facilities offered by the college are extensive enough to cater for all tastes; the athletic grounds, though a forty-minute ride from the Union, being better than those of many first class clubs.

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THE WAR MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The entertainments committee arrange various functions during the session. These range from Saturday-night "hops," to which certain colleges are invited, to an annual ball at Grosvenor House, whilst for those interested in culture, there are various meetings arranged with neighbouring arts colleges.

It is a great pity that so many people here miss the essentials of a University education, for it is mainly because of them that London University has not attained its proper position in this country.

Yours faithfully,

R. P. GEORGE,

(*Imperial College of Science and Technology*).

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THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

An account of the Service and Dedication of the War Memorial Plaque appears elsewhere in the Magazine together with a reproduction of a photograph of the Plaque taken by an Old Boy (Mr. Cosway) and presented to the School. This photograph has been reproduced for the benefit of those Old Boys exiled from Plymouth and unable to visit the School.

THE DANCE.

The Old Boys' Dance held at the School on Saturday, 19th April was notable for the lack of support, but the few who did attend this function enjoyed a pleasant evening. There may have been mitigating circumstances to account for the deplorable lack of support, particularly by Old Boys, and taking this line of thought the Social Committee will consider every aspect in respect of time of year, School holidays etc. before arranging another such function—should you have any suggestions to make get in touch with the Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. G. Polkinghorne—he would appreciate your interest.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Although, as yet, some time distant, arrangements have been made for the Annual Dinner. The venue has been changed to the Continental Hotel whilst the price has been kept at the same level, that is 10/-. The date has been changed so as to avoid any possible clash with family Christmas engagements and will now be Friday, 2nd January, 1953. Please make a note of this date now. The guest this year will be Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds who is looking forward to meeting many old acquaintances. As most of you know Mr. Simmonds is now Principal of Trent Park Training College. His interest in Scouting has in no way diminished. On St. George's Day, 1951, the Chief Scout himself presented Mr. Simmonds with the Silver Wolf, the highest honour in Scouting. He has recently been appointed Deputy County Commissioner for London.

JUMBLE SALE.

For several years now the Rugger Club and the Badminton Club have organised a Christmas Party for children and friends of Old Boys of D.H.S. Although a small charge has been made for each child this amount does not cover the expenses involved. The additional expense has always been shared in equal part by the two Clubs concerned and it is felt this year, at least, they should be relieved of this drain on their resources. To this end, ways and means of raising a sum of money, approximating to £20, was discussed by the Committee and it was decided that the only way to do it was to organise a Jumble Sale. This has been fixed for October 25th, so before that date it will be necessary to accumulate as much saleable Jumble as is possible. A small amount has already been collected but a very great deal more is necessary. Turn out your wardrobes, cupboards etc. now and take anything you have no further use for to Mr. J. G. Polkinghorne at 1, Green Park Avenue, Mutley. If you cannot deliver, a card to Mr. Polkinghorne will ensure goods being collected.

BADMINTON CLUB.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. H. J. Brenton, 28, Furneaux Road, Milehouse.

With a good membership the Badminton Club had a very successful season. In the Plymouth & District Churches Badminton League the club was awarded the trophy for the most sporting club in the League and were runners-up to All Saints in the second division. To mark the end of the season an American Tournament was held on a Saturday evening which proved a most enjoyable event and, we hope, the forerunner of many more. The Annual General Meeting was held presumably on the last evening of the season, but due to the length of this meeting it was decided to hold one more session at which we could indulge in a game peculiar to our Club. The principal officers were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting for next season.

CRICKET CLUB.

The Cricket Club are again playing in the Plymouth and District Evening Cricket League and this year have been admitted into Division 2 of that league which, ensures a better class of cricket on a slightly improved type of wicket. Although their record is not altogether impressive many enjoyable games have been played and they have achieved their object of providing a summer-evening game for those who are engaged in other types of sport on Saturday afternoons during the winter months and who appreciate a Saturday free of organised sport during the summer months.

RUGBY CLUB.

Hon. Secretary : G. W. E. COLLINGS, 44, Ford Park Road, Mutley.

On the threshold of yet another season the Old Boys' Rugger Club looks back on Season 1951/52 which we need only say was enjoyed, every bit of it. Unfortunately the away game at Teignmouth was lost for the first time for many seasons, but by way of recompense we succeeded in bringing off the double against Brixham—we seem also to remember beating the School, or did they let us down lightly?

As an Old Boys' XV. it is essential that we have an influx of new Old Boys each season. We appeal to those boys who on July 25th leave the portals of D.H.S. for the last time, to join us either as players or equally important as supporters—we may even be able to arrange an interesting job for you such as marking-out the pitch or digging touch lines (please don't rush). Seriously, however, we do need your support and you are invited to contact the Secretary, Mr. G. Collings, by calling at his address for further information.

As a club we would welcome any boys still at School to any of our matches—Mr. W. Nash will have full details of our fixtures.

This opportunity is taken to express our sincere thanks to the Headmaster, the Staff and the School for all the splendid help given us in the past and to Mr. Mortimore for his ready co-operation on Thursday evenings.

We extend hearty congratulations to Major F. G. Lillycrop, a founder member of the Old Boys' Rugger Club, on being awarded the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List.

TENNIS CLUB.

A Tennis Club has now been formed with Courts at the School. A nucleus of members has been gathered together from the Rugger and Badminton Clubs but we should like to see a few other Old Boys and their wives join us. Club night has been fixed for Thursdays from 6 p.m. onwards when the majority of members will be present. The courts will also be available on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 2 p.m. For particulars of membership (which is on a temporary basis for the rest of this season) contact Mr. K. Mallett at the Court on Thursdays.

JOTTINGS.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Alan Pomery is steadily improving in health. We wish him a speedy complete recovery.

Mr. F. C. Pope who obtained an Honours Degree in Engineering from Loughborough College has been transferred from Coventry to Rugby for a course of special training.

Mr. B. Horton, late of Oxford, has received an appointment with the I.C.I.

Mr. R. Champion has been commissioned in the Royal Navy—Electrical Branch.

Mr. W. E. Malpas—now Dr. Malpas—is in Trinidad engaged in Oil Refining. Here he met Mr. J. Deal—also an Oil Chemist. Many Old Boys will remember Mr. Deal as Captain of the University Association Football while he was at Oxford.

Mr. D. Phillips has now been two years in Africa as Agricultural Officer in Western Province, Tanganyika. Although he has to travel vast distances he finds the life full of interest.

Messrs. Payne and Bollard have also been engaged on work in Africa, the former as a Mining Engineer, while the latter is a Surveyor. Mr. Payne is now on the Diamond Mines, Kimberley.

Mr. S. Ware, who has been home on leave with his family, has returned to Kenya where he is Assistant Commissioner of Mines under the Colonial Office.

Mr. R. J. Werry, who for some while has been Headmaster of Redcar County Secondary School, has now been appointed Headmaster of Kingsley Modern Secondary, Chelsea. His contemporary, Mr. F. R. Curtis, is H.M.I. in the London Area.

Mr. J. Simmonds, who went to Accra under a Colonial Office appointment has had his first leave and will have returned by the time these notes appear.

Mr. Ewart Pryor has been awarded the O.B.E. Mr. Pryor is Headmaster of Victoria Road School, St. Budeaux and is well known for his work with the St. John's Ambulance.

Mr. A. C. Ham, late of Oxford, is now at Bristol University carrying out Research on the Physics of Low Temperatures.

Mr. Colin Pearce has been awarded an Oil Research Scholarship at Birmingham University.

Mr. K. Bird has completed his period of National Service and embarked on his career in the Civil Service.

Mr. Clifford Cocks, after a brief leave, has taken up an appointment as Superintendent Engineer on the Belgian Congo.

Mr. A. W. Pearce is now residing at "Briarwood", Rye Paddock Lane, Fawley, Hants., and would be glad to hear from any contemporaries.

Parents' Association

President: THE HEADMASTER.

Hon. Treasurer: W. H. WAY, B.Sc.

Hon. Secretary: H. G. WARREN, B.Sc.

Since the report in the last School magazine our activities have continued to flourish and we have been able to assist the School in many ways.

From the social standpoint we have organised four functions. The Annual Dance last December was attended by over two hundred parents, staff, old boys and friends of the School. It proved a most enjoyable event, as well as a financial success—nearly £18 being added to the Association's funds.

At the beginning of February our whist drive attracted more people than for many years, some thirty-five tables being occupied. Those present spent an evening of not too serious card playing in pleasant company.

Early in March the Association were "At Home" to members of Staff. The early part of the evening consisted of a demonstration of Visual Aids used in school, including the showing of the film strip of the London visit in July 1951, and the School film of 1950-51. We thank Messrs. Coombe and Tamblin for their assistance at the demonstrations. The latter part of the evening was available for parents and staff to discuss problems affecting boys in the school.

Our annual coach trip this year included a visit to Seale-Hayne Agricultural College where we were most graciously received by the Warden. We much appreciated the way in which the College authorities spared no pains to make our visit enjoyable. All our many questions were patiently answered and we were enabled to see all aspects of work at the College. Tea was taken at Newton Abbot and we returned via Teignmouth, Torquay and Paignton.

During the last six months we have assisted the School financially by helping to equip a hard tennis court at School (£8), by giving £25 to complete the purchase of curtains for the stage in the School Assembly Hall, by defraying the cost of entertaining guests at the Music Society concert, and by assisting generally to augment the School's Sports fund.

Our best thanks are due to the Ladies' Committee, who, unobtrusively and efficiently, have organised teas for all teams which visit the school to play cricket, rugby and soccer, have provided light refreshments at our own functions, and who, in many ways, help us to help the School.

Preparations are well in hand for the Annual Garden Party at the School on Saturday, 19th July, to be opened by Brig. B. Daunt, D.S.O. We shall need the assistance and support of parents, old boys and friends to ensure the success of this annual effort.

H. G. WARREN.

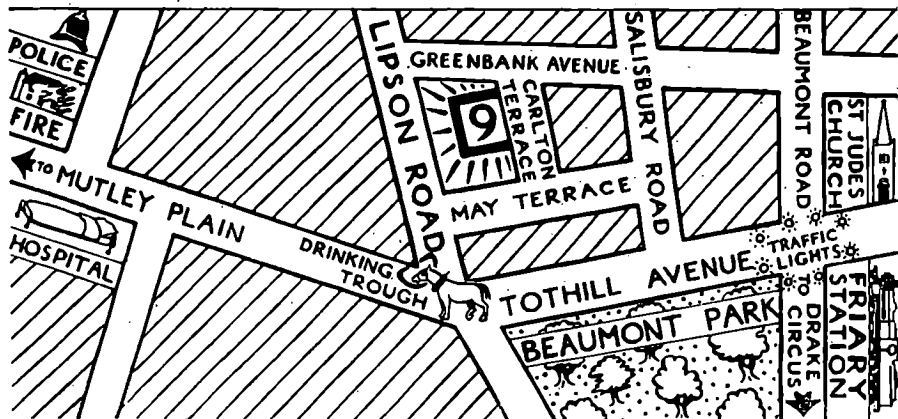
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