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Editorial.

The immensity of Britain's immediate armaments programme bids fair to exercise so great an influence upon the life of the community that it warrants, if it does not demand, some consideration, especially by the younger generation, on whom its potentialities chiefly rest. The necessity for national rearmament overshadows all other demands ; it may conceivably impose great sacrifices ; finally, it may dissolve national well-being in a holocaust of blood and flame. This feverish preparation for war is a tacit recognition of the possibility of war—destroyer of prosperity, vessel of death, pain, and perpetuated wrath. In a Europe which resembles a jigsaw of living and ill-fitting parts, in ceaseless friction, those of the nation's youth who care for the future, though in a minority, we fear, will be sickened at the sight of the dread disease gnawing at Earth's heart—Fear ; their ambition, clearer and loftier than that of their fellows, will be quelled ; noble ideals, however practical, will be warped ; the flower of youth will be withered in the poison-breath of hate.

To guard against the rise of this disastrous and fatal mental outlook is a task of vast difficulties. To pretend that " Si vis pacem, para bellum," is worse than useless—it is hideous. To claim that total disarmament would unlock the door to Peace is merely fatuous, for undeniably nationalism still flourishes like the green bay tree. Disarmament has worked for evil upon the quiet of England ; internationalism is perishing ; to a salute of many guns, at Geneva. The opposing creeds, supporting adequate protection for our homes, and advocating the preservation of national identity, offer no happier solution. Deadlock is reached. If some sword for the Gordian knot does not soon gleam through the darkness, the opposing theories must inevitably clash, or else the more pacific must adopt, to an increasing extent, the tenets of its rival, with results appalling to contemplate.

It is needless to expand upon the "horrors of war." Suffice it to say that every worthy citizen of the community must attempt to find the solution of our problem, and by co-operation end it. Youth must not be sent to annihilation in a boiling cauldron of blood.

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

- G. BARRETT—Entered School, September, 1929; Cambridge School Certificate, 1934; London Higher School Certificate, 1936; Oxford Higher School Certificate, 1937; appointed Sub-Prefect, September, 1935; appointed Prefect, 1936; Captain of Grenville House; appointed Probationary Inspector G.P.O. (Engineering Department).
- F. PEPPER—Entered School, September, 1930; Cambridge School Certificate, 1935; appointed Prefect, September, 1937; Vice-Captain, Grenville House; Entered Royal Navy as Cadet (Engineering).

EN PASSANT.

We heartily congratulate:—

Grenville House on winning the Athletic Sports. The House's success was due in no small measure to the excellent work of its Captain, G. Barrett.

A. C. Simmonds on being Victor Ludorum.

The 1st XI. and 1st XV. on their fine achievement. The XI. established a record for goal averages, while the XV. set up records both for aggregate and average of points.

The Athletic Team on securing third place at the recent Inter-Schools Sports at Blundell's School, Tiverton.

G. Barrett, on obtaining a post as a Probationary Inspector, G.P.O. (Engineering).

A. Edwards, F. Nottle, and F. Hornbrook, on their success in the recent Customs and Excise Examinations.

The Film Society, on their production of a Sports Day Film. Thanks are due to the Society for their excellent projection of a Jamboree Film at the Scouts' Parents' Evening.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the following publications, and apologises for any accidental omissions:

"The Plymothian," "The Juntex," "Plymouth Corporation Grammar School Magazine," "The Kingsbridgian," "The Suttonian," "The Totnesian," "The Review," "The Gaytonian" (Harrow C.S.), "The Lamp" (Chiswick C.S.).

School Notes.

The early part of this term was saddened by the serious illness of Angus Tucker, of IVG., who passed away on February 18th. At the funeral the School was represented by the Headmaster, IVG. Form Master, the Senior Prefect and the Second Prefect, together with the whole of IVG. To us this was no mere conventional ceremony, but indicated the warm feeling we entertain for the deceased, and the sincere sympathy we extend to the bereaved parents.

At the end of last term, Mr. Wood, Art Master, retired after a long period of service, with us and elsewhere. We hope that many years of rest and pleasant recreation lie before him. His successor is Mr. J. Pickup, A.T.D., D.A. (Manchester), whom we heartily welcome. Mr. Pickup was trained at the Manchester Municipal School of Art, and became a member of the staff there; he has also had valuable experience at the Boteler Grammar School, Warrington. He possesses an enviable skill in decorative poster work, and has already placed the Dramatic Society under a great obligation by producing some splendid advertisements for *Richard of Bordeaux*, a play which our ambitious Dramatic Society is producing in the Globe Theatre, on April 1st, 2nd and 4th. We believe this venture will be a great success, and we are confident that the School and parents will unite to make it so.

At the end of the Spring Term we seldom have many examination results to report, but this term we wish to congratulate Bittles, Gray and Stull, on passing the Cambridge School Certificate Examination—the last-named obtained exemption from Matriculation. Towards the end of last term Second Prefect Barrett was well-placed on the list of successful candidates at the written portion of the examination for Post Office Engineer Inspectors. He has now had his interview and his final placing is 14th of the 90 successful candidates. We are proud to state that in the interview he was placed second. The results of the Customs and Excise examinations are also very gratifying. Nottle and Edwards are highly placed, and Hornbrook needs very little luck to be safely within the number taken. To all three we offer our heartiest congratulations. Before we leave the subject of examinations, we offer our best wishes to those about to sit for the Civil Service Executive Examination.

It is seldom that a term passes without repairs or alterations and this term has been no exception. The space between the original school building and the house has been roofed and is now used as an additional cloak room, and from the front of this pathway, a flight of steps has been erected to what was formerly the main entrance to the houses, and this is now the entrance and exit for the various forms who work on that side of the School.

The experiment of having Sports Day in this term proved to be a success, and, apart from a cold wind, the conditions were excellent, and some fine performances were seen. To Mr. Hodgson and his helpers we express our thanks, and extend our congratulations to the competitors, particularly to A. Simmonds, the Victor Ludorum.

On Tuesday, March 15th, the School Scouts gave a very interesting Entertainment to the parents. The main feature was a film of the Jamboree held in Holland last year. Mr. Winnicott, District Commissioner, in introducing the film, stressed the value of Jamborees and pointed out that in this case 28,000 Scouts had camped together. When giving his report Mr. Sparrow emphasised the difference between an "open" Troop and one attached to a School, where its activities must necessarily be restricted by consideration of School work and homework.

The Junior Section, under Mr. Austin, gave an interesting display of Scoutcraft, which was much appreciated. There were over 200 present.

The School is now in proud possession of the long-desired Projector and Camera—in fact, the apparatus has already been used to make a film based on Sports Day. As details are given elsewhere, any further description is unnecessary, but we must heartily thank those whose generosity and perseverance have now achieved their goal.

Once more Mr. Weeks visited us and as usual, charmed and educated us at the same time; we are indeed grateful. In another column will be found an account of the Parents' Association Meeting, at which Mr. Palmer, Editor of the *Western Morning News*, gave a most interesting lecture on South Africa.

We regret that exigencies of space prevent us from personally mentioning each letter we have received from pupils who have been transferred to schools in other parts of the country. We were delighted to hear from them. One of these is in a most palatial school, yet he speaks of the good times he had with us. We are struggling against the temptation of giving a description of our very *un*-palatial building, but we realise that our readers are intelligent and observant and can judge for themselves.

In a modern School you would be invited to come to the Hall to see *Richard of Bordeaux*, for which producer, actors, stage managers, etc., have worked hard. We are convinced that having to go to the Globe will be no deterrent and to your utmost extent you will patronise this gallant enterprise.

Soccer Club.

Captain—L. S. Adams.
Vice-Captain—D. G. Barkell.
Secretary—A. J. Trenergy.
Soccer Master—Mr. Hodgson.

The season 1937-38 has been a very successful one for the Soccer Club. The standard of football has been consistently high throughout and has resulted in record achievements. The 1st XI. has scored the remarkably high number of 149 goals in 22 games, which surpasses the School record of 167 in 33 matches.

The 1st XI. continued its good performance of last term with victories over Truro School and Seale-Hayne College, which proved that the team was sound in all departments.

The 2nd XI. has been a most successful combination, but has been handicapped by difficulty in arranging fixtures. Nevertheless, it has lost only one game throughout the season, which does credit to its standard of football. Potter has proved an efficient captain of an eleven that has played extremely well as a team.

The Junior XI. has had a much bigger programme than in recent years, and has faced it with credit. It was honoured by the inclusion of three of its number, Leech, Thomas and Moger, in the Plymouth Schools team. Despite the handicap resulting from the absence of these three players, the XI has shown a great promise against bigger opponents. Adams and Higman have played well together and Head, Jackson, and Endacott deserve mention.

The Club is greatly indebted to Mesdames Tovell and Barkell for their kind services under difficult conditions throughout the season. Thanks are due also to Messrs. Armor, Truman, Chamberlain, Hodgson, Pickup and Heather, and to all others who have refereed games this season.

The Club is greatly indebted to Mr. Hodgson for his advice and guidance throughout the season, and his beneficial interest in the teams.

	Record—					Goals.	
	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>	
1st XI.	22	19	1	2	149	28	
2nd XI.	14	13	0	1	90	19	
Junior XI.	12	9	1	2	25	14	

Critique.

Adams (Goal). Captain. Has played consistently well. As captain of the team he has carried out his duties admirably; this has been a great contribution to the success of the XI. (G.H.H.).

Trenergy (Right-back). Secretary. Great improvement in volleying and positional play and heading has been shown, but he still rushes his tackles. Secretarial work has been well done and all arrangements have worked smoothly. (G.H.H.).

Coyne (Left-back). Has played the same strong game as during last year. Length of kicking has increased noticeably and has added to already effective play.

Lucas (Right-half). Appears to have found his best position on crossing over from the left wing. He possesses a powerful left foot shot and should use it more frequently. The length of his throw-in has been useful.

Bray (Centre-half). A strong defender who can set the attack in motion by long wing clearances. His headwork is a great asset, but that cannot be said of his handwork.

Baines (Left-half). A newcomer to the side who has settled down to a good constructive style. He could make more use of the throw-in.

Williams (Outside-right). An excellent footballer who has moved from the inside position to the wing. He has gone for goal much more than last season and with success.

Barkell (Inside-right). Vice-Captain. His partnership with Williams has been of a high order. Enthusiasm and skill have produced play of a most pleasing type. (G.H.H.).

Collins (Centre-forward). A recruit from the 2nd XI. who has established himself as a centre-forward. He has developed the knack of being in the right place and of accepting an opportunity. His heading could be improved.

Gidley (Inside-left). Has played well and scored some surprisingly good goals. He has fitted into the XI. successfully and with Joint, has formed a good left wing.

Joint (Outside-left). Last season's enthusiasm has again been evident. Crossing over from the right wing did not diminish his effectiveness. Positioning and ball control have improved.

TEAMS :

1st XI.—

		Adams			
		Trenerry	Coyne		
	Lucas		Bray	Baines	
Williams	Barkell	Collins	Gidley	Joint	

2nd XI.—

		Nicholas			
		Crookes	Wilce		
	Euler	Squibb	Rickard		
Potter	Rowe	Varney	De Gruchy	Thomson	

Junior XI.—

		Leech			
		Moger	Thomas		
	Whitchell	Head	Thompson		
Whittell	Endacott	Jackson	Adams ii	Higman	

Hallett, Hellyer, Beare and Freedman have also played.

L. S. ADAMS, (Capt.).

Rugger Club.

Master—Mr. Mallinson.
Captain—E. P. Andrews.
Vice-Captain—A. A. Edwards.
Secretary—F. G. Crocker.

The second-half of the season has shown that the First XV. has settled down and that we are capable of producing good Rugby backed up by a fine team spirit. Owing to the rather early date of the Athletic Sports, the season was shortened by half the Easter term, but despite this there were not enough games to fill the first half of the term.

The departure of Pepper at Xmas left a gap in the back division of the 1st XV., which has been ably filled by Dornom, a newcomer to the School, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. He has settled down remarkably well, and is playing quite good Rugby for the 1st XV. and 2nd XV.

Among the 1st XV., other players worthy of mention are Chesterfield, who has shown increasingly good form as a full-back, Dingle and Simmonds, both excellent three-quarters, Grindrod, a consistently good scrum-half, and among the forwards, Andrews, Edwards, Willis, Newcombe and Hocken.

The efforts of the 2nd XV. have met with some success as the improvement of their record shows. They have changed their scores from 26 for and 115 against to the more favourable ones of 102 for and 127 against, which is quite a good record, particularly in view of the rearranging of the backs occasioned by the frequent demands of the 1st XV. Preston, Pearce, and Fletcher have developed into a front rank of the scrum, which should do excellent work for the 1st XV. next season, while Coombe, Challis and Border are all showing good form.

The 3rd XV. has almost ceased to exist and its record remains the same as in the last report.

The Colts XV. has further improved its record, those mainly responsible for the effort being Bartlett, Holgate, Pickering, Davies, Williams, Joyner and Jeffery. The last two form an admirable second rank and pivot for the scrum.

The thanks of the club are due to those ladies who assisted in catering for visiting teams. We are also grateful to Messrs. Mallinson, Vivian and Rees, for the help they have given the Club by playing for the teams when possible, and also for their aid, together with Messrs. Webb, Austin, Davies and O'Connor in refereeing the matches. We thank also Mr. Ellis, who has refereed one or two House matches, and those seniors who have lent us their services as referees for junior House and Form matches.

The teams and records are as follows :—

1st XV.—	Chesterfield					
	Squires	Dingle	Simmonds	Mason		
		Dornom	Grindrod			
Newcombe	Ash	Hocken	Andrews (<i>capt.</i>)	Edwards (<i>vice-capt.</i>)		
		Salter	Willis	Joslin		
2nd XV.—	Border					
	Crouch	Challis	Lane	Wills		
		Sprague	Seward			
Endacott Mills	Mann	Coombe	Cole	Fletcher	Pearce	Preston
3rd XV.—	Border					
	Harris	Vanner	Metherell	Lane		
		Challis	Crabb			
Mills Showell	Pickering	Joyner	Jeffery	Preston	Williams	Fletcher
Colts XV.—	C. Thomas					
	Pengelley	Holgate	Roberts	Hale or Weeks	i.	
		Bartlett	C. Davies			
Pickering	Evea	Northcott	Joyner	Jeffery	Lockett	Williams Showell

Records—		Points				
	Played	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
1st XV. ...	20	16	3	1	375	93
2nd XV. ...	10	5	5	0	102	127
3rd XV. ...	2	0	2	0	3	29
Colts XV.	12	8	4	0	174	83

Critique.

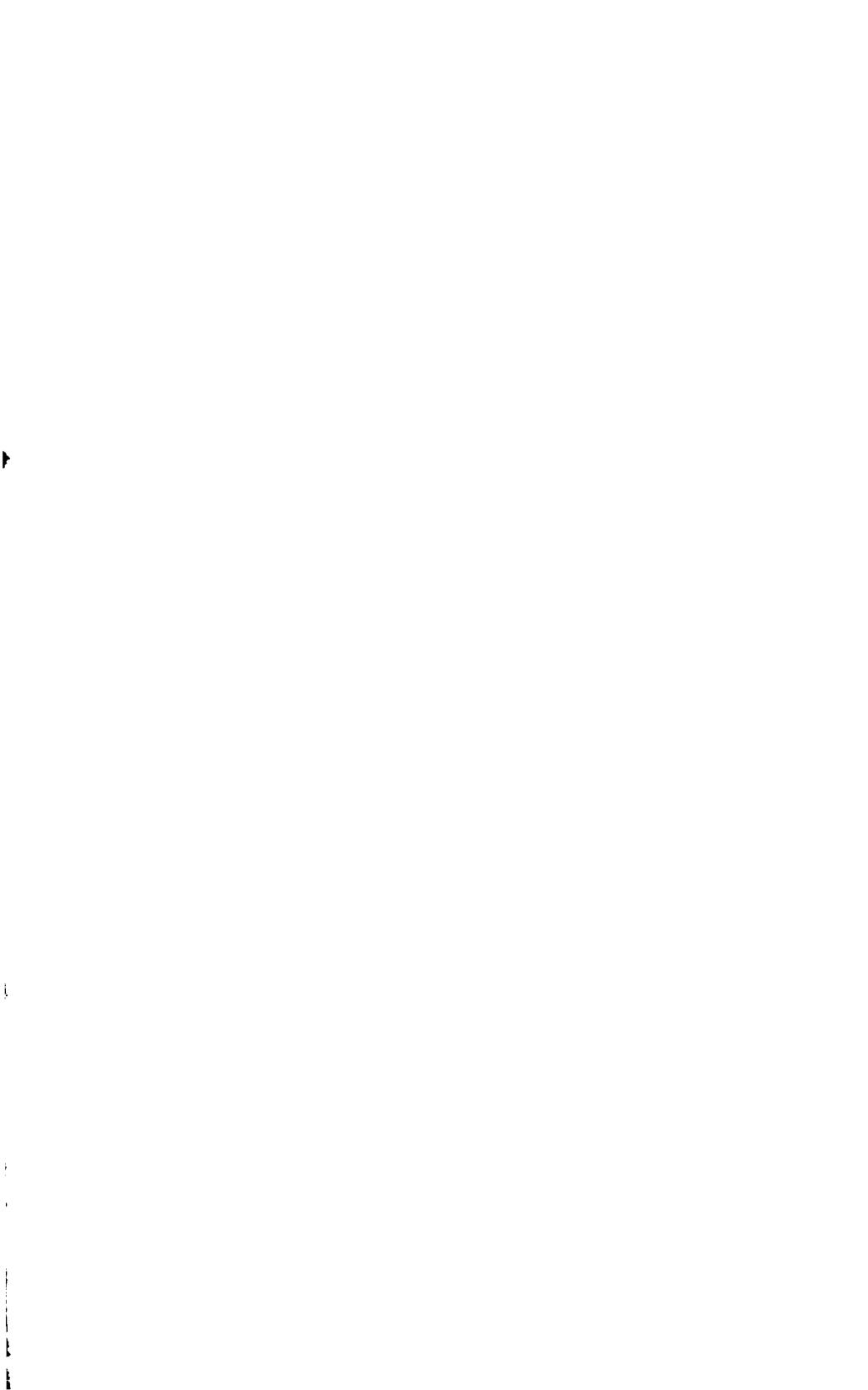
Chesterfield (Full-back). Has a good kick and tackles well. Accustomed himself to new position well and is reliable on most occasions. Slight tendency to wait a little too long and could run harder at times.

Squires (Right-wing threequarter). Not a very consistent player, but has shown good form in some of the games. Passing could be better and sooner. Runs hard and has a fairly good swerve when he tries. Could do better.

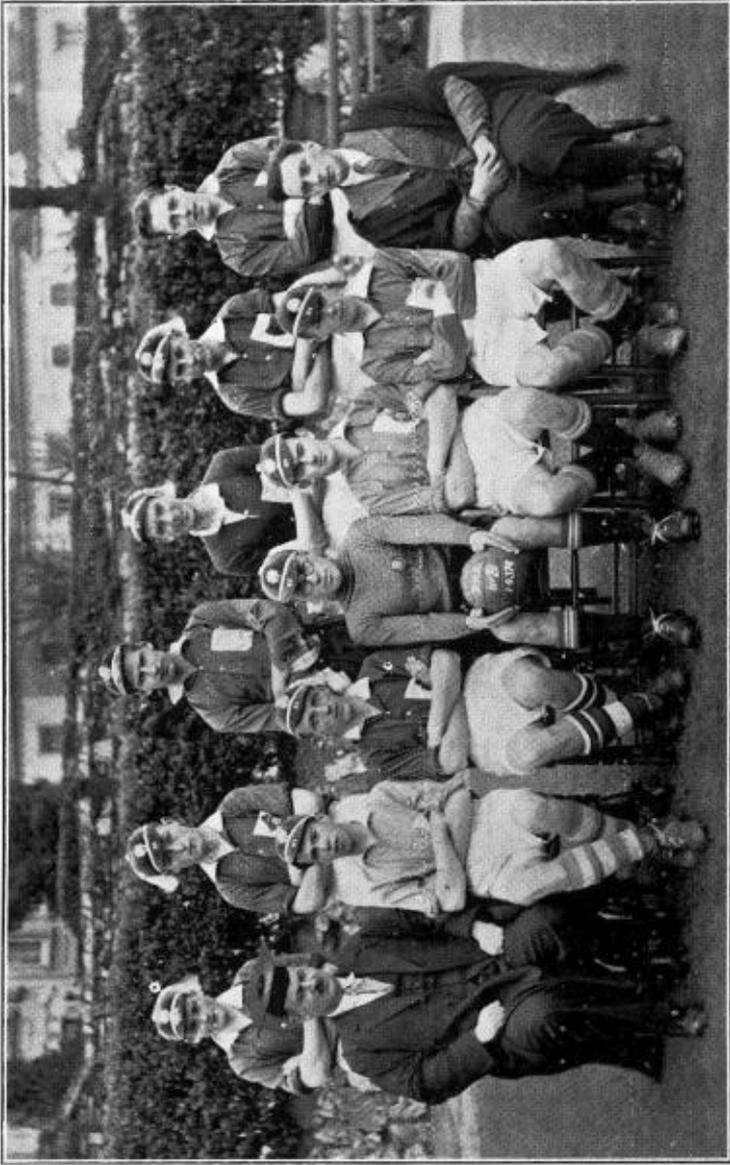
Simmonds (Right-Centre threequarter). A really good all-round player, who is fast and tricky. Handling is good and passes well, but could tackle lower. Is a very good place kicker and has scored several drop-goals.

Mason (Left-Centre threequarter). Is fairly fast and runs straight and hard. Handling needs improvement and passing could be better. Tackles fairly well and tries hard. Has played some good games on the wing.

Dingle (Left-wing threequarter). Greatly improved from last season. Is a fairly strong runner and has a good kick in each foot. Plays well in defence, although he tackles rather higher than is safe.



DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI., 1937-38



Standing (L. to R.): P. Collins, P. Coyne, C. Lucas, C. Williams, A. Baines, L. de Gruchy
Sitting: The Headmaster, A. Joint, D. Barkell, L. Adams, A. Trenerry, E. Bray, Mr. Hodgson.

Dornom (Fly-half). A newcomer to D.H.S., who has settled down quickly and has played some good games. Gathers the ball and passes well, although his running could be improved. Should do better next season.

Grindrod (Scrum-half). A small player who is consistent in giving an excellent performance. Has a good kick and is fairly fast. Tackles low and hard and is not afraid of punishment. Plays best in the hardest games. A really clever player.

Newcombe (Wing forward). Packs fairly low, and uses his weight well. Is fairly fast although his passing and tackling could be improved.

Ash. A tall forward who is very useful in a line-out. Follows up and tackles fairly well, but passing and dribbling need improvement.

Hocken (Wing forward). Energetic forward who has developed into a fairly good player. Follows up and packs well, although his play can still be improved if he really tries hard.

Andrews (Captain). An able captain who leads the team by example; is good in the loose and feeds his backs well. Slight tendency to pack too high but makes up for this by his weight, and the enthusiasm of his play. (H.M.).

Edwards (Vice-Captain). With Andrews, forms a formidable second rank to the scrum. Follows up well and has improved his tackling; but passing could be better. Tends to pack rather high and does not get full value of his pushing. (H.M.).

Salter. Works hard in scrum and lineout. Runs fairly well, and has improved his tackling. Passing and general handling need improvement, while dribbling is not too good.

Willis (Hooker). Has improved greatly from last season. Tries really hard and is useful in a lineout. Runs well and tackles hard. Handling could be better.

Joslin. Rather lightly built for forward work, but tries really hard and is developing into a good forward. Follows up well, although his play is inclined to become erratic at times.

F. G. CROCKER (*Hon. Sec.*).

Athletic Sports.

In spite of many fears to the contrary, March 12th turned out to be an exceptionally fine day for the time of the year. A large marquée had been pitched close to the track on the Brickfields, and rows of chairs in front of this formed good seating accommodation close to the finishing post.

By means of standards gained before the Sports, Grenville started with a 41 points' lead over their nearest rivals—Drake. As time went on this lead was gradually increased until Grenville finally gained the Challenge Shield with 191 points, Drake being second with 118½ points. Grenville also retained the Revington Relay Cup, which has yet to be won by another house.

The Victor Ludorum was Simmonds, who gained 23 points and set up a new record for throwing the Javelin. The Proxime Accessit was Crocker, 15 points, who also set up a new record for the 100 Yards. Simmonds gained the Field Events Championship for the second year in succession, with a total of 14 points, with Crocker, who obtained 8 points, to once more runner-up.

The Junior Championship was won by Allen, who obtained 19 points. His nearest rival was Metherell with 9 points.

Huzzey secured the under 13 Championship Cup, with a total of 12 points. Willis was runner-up with 4 points.

The trophies and awards were presented at the conclusion of the meeting by Alderman J. Clifford Tozer, J.P.

This year only those boys who gained more than two standards were presented. This was due to the fact that no fewer than 558 standards were obtained, involving about 200 boys, who obviously could not all be presented.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Hodgson and his assistants for the excellent manner in which the Sports were carried out.

RESULTS.

OPEN :

100 Yards

1, Crocker (Dr.) 2, Pearce (Gr.) 3, Simmonds (Gr.).
Time : 11 secs.

220 Yards

1, Crocker (Dr.) 2, Simmonds (Gr.) 3, Pearce (Gr.).
Time : 25 1/5th secs.

440 Yards

1, Simmonds (Gr.) 2, Pearce (Gr.) 3, Barkell (Gi.).
Time : 58 2/5th secs.

880 Yards

1, Simmonds (Gr.) 2, Pearce (Gr.) 3, Mason (Gi.).
Time : 2 mins. 22 secs.

One Mile

1, Bignell (Ra.) 2, Williams (Gr.) 3, Maddock (Ra.).
Time : 5 mins. 38 4/5th secs.

120 Yards Hurdles

1, Barkell (Gi.) 2, Hawke (Dr.) 3, De Gruchy (Dr.).
Time : 20 secs.

High Jump

1, Hawke (Dr.) 2, Barkell (Gi.) 3, Hanlon (Gr.).
Height : 4ft. 9ins.

Long Jump

1, Simmonds (Gr.) 2, Crocker (Dr.) 3, Mason (Gi.).
Distance : 20ft. 3½ins.

Pole Vault

1, Simmonds (Gr.) 2, Hanlon (Gr.) 3, Crocker (Dr.).
Height : 7 feet.

Hop, Step and Jump			
1, Simmonds (Gr.).	2, Barkell (Gi.).	3, Crocker (Dr.).	Distance : 37ft. 11ins.
Throwing the Javelin			
1, Simmonds (Gr.).	2, Crocker (Dr.).	3, Cummings (Dr.).	Distance : 123 feet.
Discus			
1, Hocken (Gr.).	2, Crocker (Dr.).	3, Simmonds (Gr.).	Distance : 94 feet.
Putting the Weight			
1, Andrews (Ra.).	2, Hocken (Gr.).	3, Chesterfield (Ra.).	Distance : 31ft. 6ins.
Relay Race			
1, Grenville	2, Drake	3, Gilbert	
Team Race			
1, Gilbert	2, Grenville and Drake.		
UNDER 15 :			
100 Yards			
1, Allen (Dr.).	2, Metherell (Ra.).	3, Catchpole (Gr.).	Time : 11 4/5th secs.
220 Yards			
1, Allen (Dr.).	2, Metherell (Ra.).	3, Catchpole (Gr.).	Time : 26 1/5th secs.
440 Yards			
1, Allen (Dr.).	2, Metherell (Ra.).	3, Simmonds ii. (Gr.).	Time : 61 2/5th secs.
880 Yards			
1, Allen (Dr.).	2, Metherell (Ra.).	3, Simmonds ii. (Gr.).	Time : 2mins. 30 2/5th secs.
120 Yards Hurdles			
1, Allen (Dr.).	2, Hale (Ra.).	3, Moger (Dr.). and Vanner (Gr.).	Time : 22 1/5th secs.
High Jump			
1, Allen (Dr.).	2, Keast (Gil.).	3, Weekes (Gil.)	Height : 4ft. 7ins.
Long Jump			
1, Hale (Ra.).	2, Moger (Dr.).	3, Metherell (Ra.).	Distance : 16ft. 9 1/2ins.
Cricket Ball			
1, Deacon (Gi.).	2, Alford (Ra.).	3, Higman (Ra.).	Distance : 50yds. 1 1/2ft.
Relay Race			
1, Grenville	2, Drake	3, Raleigh	
Team Race			
1, Grenville	2, Gilbert	3, Raleigh	

UNDER 13 :

100 Yards

1, Huzzey (Gr.).	2, Willcocks (Gr.).	3, Symons (Gil.).
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Time : 12 $\frac{3}{5}$ ths secs.

220 Yards

1, Huzzey (Gr.).	2, Symons (Gi.).	3, Horne (Dr.).
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Time : 30 secs.

440 Yards

1, Huzzey (Gr.).	2, Endacott (Gr.).	3, Meston (Dr.).
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Time : 69 $\frac{4}{5}$ ths secs.

Long Jump

1, Huzzey (Gr.).	2, Willis (Gr.).	3, Colling (Ra.).
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Distance : 14ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

High Jump

1, Hooper (Gi.), and Willis (Gr.), and Babb (Gr.).
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Height : 3ft. 11ins.

Relay Race

1, Grenville	2, Drake	3, Gilbert
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Team Race

1, Grenville	2, Raleigh	3, Drake and Gilbert
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In all four Records were established. These were :—

100 Yards (Open) ...	11 seconds	... F. G. Crocker
Throwing the Javelin (Open) ...	123 feet	... A. C. Simmonds
220 Yards (under 15) ...	26 $\frac{2}{5}$ ths secs.	... D. W. Allen
100 Yards (under 13) ...	12 $\frac{3}{5}$ ths secs.	... H. Huzzey

Inter-Schools Sports.

On March 19th, Devon Public and Secondary Schools Athletic Association held their annual Inter-Schools Sports at Blundells' School, Tiverton. For the second time we sent a team to compete in this meeting, and finally obtained the very creditable position of third. This is undoubtedly a very good achievement, and merits praise for those who composed the team. Those who deserve individual mention are Crocker, for sprinting; Hocken, for Discus-throwing; Pearce, a great quarter-miler. The 4 x 220 relay team also did well to finish second with an average time of approximately 24.6 secs. each. This team was Crocker, Williams, Allen, and Simmonds.

The final placings of the first six schools were :

- 1, Blundell's School.
 - 2, Naval College, Dartmouth.
 - 3, Devonport High School.
 - 4, Plympton Grammar School.
 - 5, Queen Elizabeth's School, Crediton.
 - 6, Plymouth College
- A. C. SIMMONDS (*Capt.*).

House Reports.

DRAKE.

The House Concerts at the end of the Christmas term indicated that it is possible for Drake to do things well. The House's position at the top was due to the successful production efforts of Willis and Crocker.

The games during the spring term have been somewhat curtailed owing to the weather and a short season. The fixtures remaining from last term were completed, while all this term's were abandoned. In future, House games will be played under the system that members may represent their House in one code only. Most Juniors still tend to be apathetic towards House games, in contrast to the enthusiasm of those such as Williams, Moger, Hurwitt and Horne.

The Annual Sports resulted in Drake being placed second—a position which was gained by good team work and individual effort.

The Summer term brings Cricket and Swimming, and while the House hopes for the full support of its members, it reminds them, that most swimming points are gained by the accomplishment of the 50 yard standards.

Up to the present time, Drake has had more success than in the last few years. With a little effort, it is possible that Drake may once more hold the House Honours.

A. A. EDWARDS (*Capt.*)

GILBERT.

Only two House matches, one Senior and one Junior, have been played this term, both being Rugby matches. In these the Seniors defeated Drake Seniors, but the Juniors were heavily defeated, mainly through not having a full team.

In the annual Sports, Gilbert finished in a disappointing position, but illness was partly responsible for the House being below full strength.

We may look forward more hopefully to better results, in particular to the Cricket matches next term, and the Swimming Sports. The Cross Country is being run at the end of this term, and it is hoped that Gilbert will have a large number of successful entrants.

Gilbert has done very well in the Swimming Sports in the past, and every member of the House should do his utmost to uphold this position in the future. Standard points can be gained by all those who swim 50 yards, and the result of the Sports may well depend on points gained in this way. It is, therefore, expected that all who swim will endeavour to obtain standard points next term.

R. NEWCOMBE, (*Capt.*)

GRENVILLE.

Very few House matches have been played this term, but Grenville has managed to keep its unbeaten record. The Juniors, who have but one match to play, should finish without defeat ; but the Seniors, who have their two most difficult matches to play, will be lucky to remain unbeaten.

Most of this term has been occupied with the Athletic Sports. The large number of "Standards" gained and the fine performances put up on Sports Day enabled Grenville to win by a large margin the trophy that it has held for the last two years. In the Under 13 events, both team races were won easily, and of the five remaining events, five first and four second places were obtained. H. Huzzey was outstanding as Under 13 Champion.

A. Pengelly, who was absent owing to illness, was missed in the Under 15 events, but here again success was obtained in both team races. A. C. Simmonds gained the distinction of being the 1938 Victor Ludorum, and of also holding the Treseder Field Events Cup. This, together with some fine running by A. W. Pearce, and good throwing by B. N. Hocken, enabled us to gain a majority of points in the Open Events also.

It is hoped that an equal success will be obtained in the Cricket and Swimming, which will leave Grenville in a commanding position for the House Championship.

G. BARRETT (*Capt.*).

RALEIGH.

The main event of the past term has, of course, been the Annual Sports, in which Raleigh was distinctly unsuccessful, gaining fourth place. Although possessing no outstanding talent in the Under 13 and Under 15 Divisions, a fair degree of success was attained, due almost entirely to the enthusiasm with which the Juniors entered into their events. This cannot be said of the Seniors however, the majority of whom never showed the least inclination to support their House in any way whatsoever. The total number of standards gained, although an improvement on last year, was still insufficient, and here again the Seniors were especially delinquent. With regard to the Sports, mention should be made of Metherell and Hale, both of whom tried very hard.

Very few House matches have been played this term, and in none has Raleigh been successful. The Seniors lost by a big margin at Rigger to Drake, and to Grenville at Soccer, after a hard-fought game. The Juniors suffered similar defeats at the hands of the same Houses. At the end of this term, the Cross-Country runs are taking place, and it is to be hoped that a large field will represent Raleigh in both events.

The principal event of next term is the Swimming Sports. Here it is essential that a higher degree of success is obtained than has been the case with the Athletic Sports.

A. J. TRENERRY (*Capt.*).

Correspondence.

EXETER LETTER.

Strife, civil wars, and dissensions—such is the tale of woe that it is your correspondent's duty to report. Of two unfortunate members of the D.H.S. contingent, Nicholls and Godwood, it is impossible to say anything definite, on account of the breaking off of all diplomatic relations with Reed Hall. The more intrepid observers, however, have brought back stories of vigorous trumpetings heard—we think it is some kind of war dance. Efforts at mediation have, indeed, been made by Bowden, our G.O.M., but without success: he now proposes to use his influence as Captain of Rugger and Treasurer of the Guild, in order to bring the feud to an end. Meanwhile, Mardon is arming furiously; Lyon and Kirk have joined the O.T.C., and have now almost attained perfection in distinguishing between left and right. Incidentally, it would be rather tactless to broach the subject of moustaches while Kirk is around. Perkins has also joined the O.T.C.

A most welcome addition to the Mardon ranks this term has been Babbage, who, in the intervals of reading for rather belated Finals, has been carrying out the duties of propaganda officer, and has organised some successful discussion groups. A more colourful touch has been contributed by Lee, who is under suspicion as an enemy of the Fatherland, though the only incriminating piece of evidence so far has been that he is given to eating a mess of fish, chips and peas, in a manner for which he claims the historical precedent of Louis XIV. Ash, meanwhile, remains *au dessus de la mêlée*, keeping his soul unsmirched, and maintains a splendid pacifist inactivity. But the situation is truly grave.

EXON.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

Exceptionally fine weather has caused the almost total abandonment of Football as a form of recreation, and has added the thrills of punting and canoeing to an already very exciting Lent term. Governmental and international crises have provided much scope for the political societies; sandwich boards, processions on foot, bicycle, or motor car, and demonstrations of all kinds have become a notable part of Cambridge life. A certain renewed vigour and activity on the part of the proctors, too, has added an element of danger and has provided interesting topics of conversation, as for example, their daring and well-planned raid on a dance hall, when they approached so silently, and surrounded the building so carefully, that, of the large number within, not more than one or two escaped. Altogether, life has been pretty full, but the intelligentsia has nevertheless found time to divert themselves with German,

French, and Russian films, and by going to witness the activities of the immortal Marx Brothers, who, by the way, have a far greater social significance than is popularly imagined. But, perhaps, one of the most interesting events of the term was the Hockey match against Newnham, which decided once and for all the controversy about the equality of the sexes, for the ladies suffered an indisputable defeat of four goals to nil, although it is true that during the general course of the game their Hockey sticks wrought more havoc than ours.

Of course, long continued custom has decreed that no university letter is complete without a list of obscure references to events which have no interest for anyone except those who were involved in them, so purely for the sake of completeness, we mention that the river Cam has been swum recently by several men in football clothes; that many people are still wondering how it was that five King's men took involuntary baths from punts one fine Sunday afternoon, thus setting up a record of which any college might well be proud; that a certain promising pianist was once compelled to play jazz music most of the evening so that he should not get into mischief; and that the famous experiment of sucking a lemon in front of a cornet player has actually been tried in real life—with what success we will not say. Yes, the term has certainly been eventful, and also most enjoyable.

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

We have received the following letter from L. D. Richings, who left the School in 1934 :

10, Talbot Road,
Highgate,
London, N.6.

DEAR MR. SIMMONDS,

As you see, I have changed my address once more, this time owing to the Civil Service Commission being gracious enough to appoint me on the strength of my work in January last for the Clerical Exam.

I am in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries at Whitehall, and already I have met an old Plymothian, a man called Stevens, who was at Sutton Secondary when they first played D.H.S. at Rugby.

The last term I was at School I won the Gym Competition, just to leave another of my marks on the Darlington Grammar School.

I hope the School is progressing favourably, and Mr. Austin in good health and still going strong.

Yours sincerely,

L. D. RICHINGS.

Society Notes.

A former facetious collection of School notes was politely refused admission to these columns on grounds of—er, well, there were no grounds, but the collection was politely declined. Those notes recorded the formation of a Film Society and a Camera Club in the School, but could not, at the time review their work. Fortunately, it is now possible to remedy the omission.

The Camera Club has many excellent photographs to its credit, and one, in particular, was the object of much interested comment at a recent exhibition. It was entitled "Still Life," and won praises from experienced critics for the aptness of its title. It depicted a Staff meeting at the School. Another exhibit, also much admired, was a picture entitled, "The Blind leading the Blind." This photograph showed a lesson in progress.

The Film Society is planning the production of a film in which members of the staff will co-operate with the Society to form a cast. The film is to be called "Dirty Work," and, it is anticipated, the boys will do the work, whilst the staff will be dirty! It is anticipated that this film, if passed by the British Board of Review, will receive an "A" or even an "H" certificate.

What of the other School organisations? The Debating Society met recently to discuss the motion that "This house is of the opinion that listening to the talk of anglers puts an unnecessary strain upon the eyebrows." The discussion was rather vague because some of the participants thought that angling was a branch of mathematics. A debate was also held on the motion "This house considers that lawn-rolling does not come within the school curriculum." This motion needed but little debate and was carried by a large majority.

A section of the Sixth Form was recently taken on a conducted tour of the Art Gallery. They travelled on the top deck of the 'bus, the reason for which may be found inscribed at the front part of the lower deck.

The Historical Society's Penny Points Pools' Committee has enjoyed a successful season at the expense of its clients, and with the money thus obtained have visited certain well-known old houses in the district. They returned home shortly after 10 p.m. on each occasion.

It has been suggested that pigs and fowls should be kept as pets in some of the School's Form Rooms, so as to ensure a steady supply of bacon and eggs for mastication during the dinner hour. An official of the R.S.P.C.A., however, stated that the School buildings were not good enough for the continued good health of either pigs or fowls.

M. T. COFFYN.

Out of School Activities.

SCOUT LOG.

Senior Troop. Work for the First Class Badge has progressed steadily this term. The Saturday Troop Meetings have been divided into two parts. One part has consisted of a Patrol Programme prepared and run by the Patrol Leader with his Patrol, in the Patrol Den, and the second consisting of a Troop Programme, one of the First Class Badge Tests forming the basis of the programme.

Mr. R. Barrow, a member of the Rover Crew and an Old Boy of the School, has on several occasions arranged Scouting expeditions to Mount Edgcumbe Park, on Saturday afternoons. These expeditions have proved popular, and we hope that more such activities will be arranged in the summer term. We are glad to welcome Mr. A. Bowden, also a Rover and an Old Boy. Mr. Bowden is helping particularly with the Junior Troop.

We are grateful to Mr. Ware for assistance with the Axemanship test for the First Class Badge.

Senior Scout Patrol. Members of the Patrol have assisted with the running of the Senior Troop in a number of ways. First Class Badge work has occupied the attention of the Patrol this term. L. de Gruchy has gained the First Class Badge, and also the green all-round cords. We should like to thank Mr. W. Venning for his continued help in connection with the estimations test for this badge.

Rover Crew. Mr. R. Barrow and Mr. A. Bowden were made full Rover members of the Crew this term. The President of the Group carried out the Investiture Ceremony, and afterwards yarned to the Crew. It was a pleasure to welcome members of the Toc H. Rover Crew on this occasion.

Old Scouts. A number of Old Scouts have found time to visit the Group this term. We are glad that it is becoming a tradition to look in on the Group if visiting Plymouth.

Parents' Evening. We were glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Winnicott and the Headmaster at our successful Parents' Evening. The Ladies' Committee, organised by Mrs. R. Barrow, and consisting of the mothers of the Patrol Leaders and members of the Senior Patrol, ably carried out the task of catering for the large number of parents and friends who came along. We thank them for their good work.

S/M., D.H.S.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

Circumstances have brought about a temporary reduction in active membership this term. On the one hand, because of external examinations, Sixth Formers are unable to find time for rehearsals; while on the other, the orchestra pit at the "Globe" Theatre accommodates only fourteen persons. Reconstituted for

Richard of Bordeaux, we have four first violins, three second violins, viola, 'cello, two basses, clarinet, bassoon, and piano. Two new works are in rehearsal for these performances, one of which, from the technical point of view, is our most ambitious effort so far.

Our thanks are expressed to Messrs. C. H. Foster, Lowman, Vivian and Webb for their continued help and encouragement.

H.T.C.

ART REFERENCE LIBRARY.

It is usual for a town of any size and importance to have a library and art gallery. A school is a society in miniature, and, naturally, it is of benefit that it should also have the facilities enjoyed by the larger society.

At Devonport High School we have enjoyed a library for some time, together with a collection of prints and reproductions, which we hope to augment rapidly in the immediate future.

Alongside of this collection we wish to have an Art Reference Library of reproductions covering the whole field of art—from antique spoons to the latest modern steel structure, and including pages of printing, lettering, posters, furniture, advertising, paintings, sculpture and architecture of all periods. Nothing is unimportant, so keep an eye on newspapers, magazines, periodicals, advertising leaflets and postcards, and, if no one objects, bring them along to school and hand them in to Mr. Pickup.

THE CAMERA CLUB.

The Club has enjoyed a successful term. A visit to Mount Batten R.A.F. base was made on February 2nd. The officer in charge of the Photographic Department, gave the party an opportunity of inspecting all the remarkable apparatus used for aerial photography, and took pains to answer all the queries fired at him by our members. On February 7th, a party of members visited the Police Photographic Laboratories at Greenbank, where a very instructive evening was spent in studying the criminological applications of photography. On March 4th the Club had the pleasure of receiving Mr. H. J. Murray at the school for a lecture on "Composition." Mr. Murray's talk was very helpful and was excellently illustrated by some fine samples of his work. We hope that this leading Plymouth amateur will favour us with more talks in the near future.

T. MOLLAND (Sec.).

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The claims of examinations and other School activities have impinged rather heavily upon the Society this term. An interesting debate was held on March 9th, when Collective Security was discussed, and the subject on March 22nd was "That Modern Education is failing to effect its purpose." The School is to lead the opposition at the next Inter-Schools Debate, to be held (if held at all) at Devonport High School for Girls.

G. JOSLIN (Sec.).

DRAMATIC SOCIETY..

At the time of going to Press the Society is in the midst of "high-pressure" rehearsals of *Richard of Bordeaux*, which it presents at the Globe Theatre, on the last Friday, Saturday and Monday of this term. Among the non-acting sections of the Society, the stage-designers are also extremely busy, whilst the stage-hands, having almost completed the assembling of the scenery, are now turning their attention to the solving of the problems appertaining to its conveyance from the School to the theatre.

We only hope that the attendances at the Globe will justify the industry of all those concerned in the production.

D. W. CROUCH (*Sec.*).

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Activities this term have been mainly centred around "the art of make-up." Under the guidance of Mr. H. Davies, each member has been given an opportunity of making-up others, and although some rather comical effects have resulted, the knowledge gained has been considerable.

Attendance this term has not been equal to previous standards, however, owing to the calls of the Senior Society on us for characters in the "big play," which is to be produced at the conclusion of the term.

F. DAVIES.

THE FILM SOCIETY.

Particulars of a projector and camera, now owned by the School, are given elsewhere in this magazine, and it will be realised that the acquisition of these instruments has widened the scope of the Film Society's work. The projector has been used on several occasions, and in particular, the Society enjoyed seeing Dooley's film of last summer's German Trek. The increased luminosity and size of the picture gave us a chance of appreciating what a good film it is.

The main part of the term's programme has been the making of a film based on Sports Day. The writing of the scenario, direction of the film and photography, have been carried out by members of the Society, and most of the meetings have been occupied with problems arising from these. It should be made clear that the film is not intended as a news-reel of Sports Day, but that an attempt is made in it to show the significance of the Athletic Sports in the life of the School. The Society will, no doubt, continue with a programme of films and, though it will take time, a library of films will be built up. The aim is to give all members a share in the work, and new members will be welcomed. Boys in Forms II., III., or IV. may join if they have film apparatus of their own.

THE PROJECTOR AND CAMERA

The projector—a Ditmar Duo—will project either 9.5 m.m. or 16 m.m. films. The change-over can be carried out in a few seconds by an ingenious set of switches, the projector giving the effect of two instruments in one.

The lens is such that the projector can be used in the ordinary classrooms, giving a picture about 2ft. wide, or in the larger rooms, giving a picture up to 6 or 8 feet wide. The latter would be large enough for an audience of 300 or 400.

We have a special silver folding-screen, 4ft. by 3ft., which gives pictures of greater luminosity than an ordinary white screen.

The projector will give "still pictures" of any particular scene in a film and it can be reversed if desired, to repeat a part of a film to bring out a special feature or point of interest.

The lamp is of 500 watts, so that quite a good picture can be obtained in daylight.

The Camera—an Ensign—takes 100 feet of 16 m.m. film. The lens is f1.5, which means it is possible to take pictures when the light is very poor, as in bad weather or indoors. The focussing is from 1 foot to infinity, so real "close-ups" are possible. There are three speeds—16 frames a second for normal use, 8 frames a second for "rapid motion" in the finished picture, and 64 frames for "slow motion." It can also be turned by hand for single exposures. This would be useful in speeding up pictures of growth of plants, for instance.

The view-finder is in the form of a miniature telescope fixed to the camera, so that the field of view can be known with certainty.

THE CHESS CLUB.

Once again the Chess Club has had a very successful term. Two novelties were introduced to add to the interest of the meetings. Firstly, the School was engaged in a match with the staff, and was victorious by a slight margin. Secondly, a team composed entirely of members of VI. met and defeated a corresponding team of the Saltash County School. The School team played a match with the Sutton High School, the enjoyment of the encounter not being marred by defeat. Thanks are due to Mesdames Goodman and Lemmon, for their valuable services in preparing teas, and to Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Armor, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, for the smooth running of the Club. Although it is customary for schools to abandon chess meetings in the summer term, the enthusiasm of our many members will undoubtedly necessitate the continuance of the club.

F. C. POTTER (Sec.).

THE LIBRARY.

The Library is continuing to fulfil a very useful purpose. The Fiction Section is used with enthusiasm, if not with care, judging by the disorderly condition of the shelves each evening. The Reference Library has proved so popular that many of its valuable books are missing. The Committee appeal for the return of these books, which are essential to the well-being of our upper Forms. Our thanks are due to Darton, Barkell, Pepper, and Brook of L.VIa., who have undertaken the care of the Fiction Library.

G. JOSLIN (*Librarian*).

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The following Meetings have been held during the term :—

February 14th—A lecture was given by A. J. Darton (L.VIa) on "The History of Fascism." Mr. Darton was afterwards elected to the Committee.

February 19th—The Society met at St. Andrew's Cross, and visited parts of old Plymouth.

February 21st—J. Dooley (L.VIb.) read a paper on "The History of the Cinema."

March 5th—The Society visited several places of interest in the Plym Valley.

March 14th—F. C. Hornbrook (Upper VI.) gave a lecture on "The Forest of Dartmoor, its antiquities and places of interest."

March 21st—F. Richardson (IVc.) read a paper on "Current Events."

March 28th—C. C. Lucas (Upper VI.) gave a lecture.

April 4th—"Current Events."

The Committee wishes to thank all those who have given lectures, and especially to thank Mr. Austin, the Chairman, for the time he has devoted to the Society.

A. J. K. RADFORD (*Sec.*).

A (NEARLY) TRUE STORY.

It was on the day set aside for recording the sweet faces of the Football teams on sensitive plates contained in a darkened box, having a mechanically operated aperture designed to allow light rays to enter the box and impinge on the plates (I am a Physics student). In short, it was lunch hour, after the football photos had been taken. When I entered the VIth Form room resembled a Church bazaar, with oddments of clothing, bags and boots scattered about, and, as one walked over the floor, collar studs, tiepins, and cuff-links crunched underfoot. Several VIth Formers in voluptuous poses, their shirts, and suspenders, were discussing lunch, football,

films and females. One youth, with his mind on a matter of moment, was worrying an outsize in pasties on my shirt, and I considered myself lucky to recover it with a few grease stains on the collar, and to find that only a half of one arm and a cuff-link had pursued the pasty.

For some time, only a champing of jaws was heard, as the meeting got down to the job and wrapped themselves around a miscellany of nourishment. Now and then a sound of potato and meat dropping on the floor was to be heard, with occasionally an offended sigh as one member hove himself up to allow another ditto to recover his cream bun. A scan of the room showed me bloated and supine bodies on desks, the radiator and the Rediffusion speaker, with an occasional head or limb projecting from the lost property desk, and the window sill. But no! There *was* life there! A limp arm appeared from behind the cupboard, and switched on the Rediffusion and we heard a modern version of "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal," in contradiction of all Mr. C——'s idea of good music (passed on to us on Friday afternoons). Yet more life appeared in the form of the bane of the VIth—those noisy infants in III^d., who sneak into school before the bell. In the face of this activity, the VIth was galvanised into action; the Rugger Secretary batted an eyelid (a most complicated movement), shifted his quid of "Afterdinner Toffee" (two pieces $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in Ford), and eyed his captain from his vantage point on top of the cupboard. They discussed the Rugger Critique—this in itself being novel, but easily explained by the facts that the Editor of the mag. was becoming insistent, and the Third Former who wrote the Critique last year was absent:

Secretary: Captain first. Rather light and inexperienced. Might do better when he learns the rules.

Captain (sleepily, from waste-paper basket): "'Ear, 'ear!"

Secretary: Full back. Can't tackle; kicks erratically. Must learn to field.

A Voice: "What's he in the team for?"

Captain: Most nautical speech (applauds).

Secretary (warming). Centre three—should use his head to stop enemy forward rushes.

Captain (brightly): "What about the groundsman?"

2nd Voice (suspected lemon-boy in season). He always cuts fifteen lemon rings per team per match.

Secretary (turning over to avoid window-draught): Scrum-half is——"

Here the ball from the tennis tournament being warmly contested over the master's table with Messrs. Dale's Five Figure Maths. Tables, stopped his eloquence, and he left the cupboard top by way of the lighting flex, and his captain's face (he is nicknamed Hand-

some) too. Glancing into the corner by the Science Library where the Soccer Captain was being forced by primitive methods to sign the Soccer Critique, he left the room and went out on to the iron staircase (to take the air, we presume).

A resounding clangour was heard ; signs of ingestion were hurriedly removed by dragging jackets, school ties and spring backstuds over the floor. The time for hard work was o'er, and the VIth settled down to lessons.

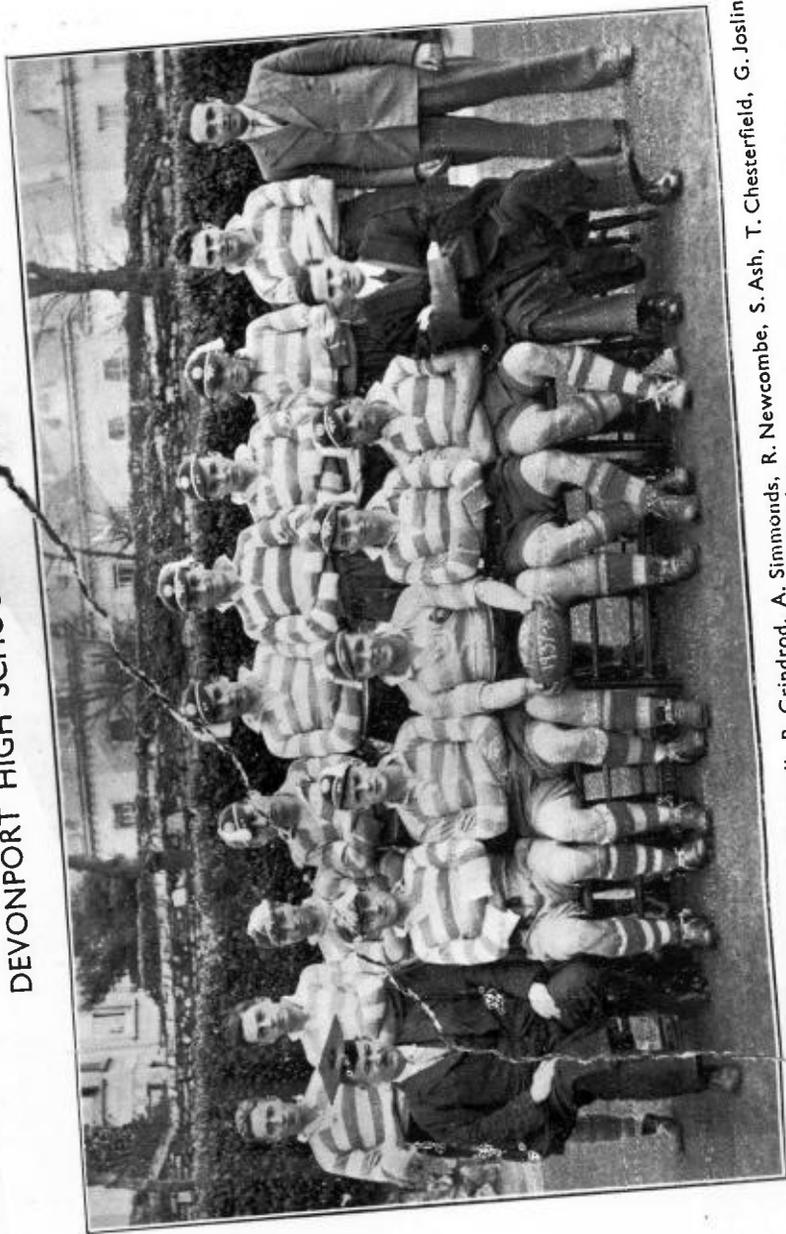
RUGASCIPA (*VIth*).

THE JOYS OF SOLITUDE.

In the drab, musky passage I paused at the door ;
 I'd shut the busy world out, and now, upon the floor,
 The very shuffle of my stride was deadened as I trod,
 Midst odours that suggested wormy chairs and cod.
 I knocked and entered, as Come in ! an old voice croaked—
 There sat an ancient dame in sombre clothes becloaked,
 Lit up by dying embers of a scanty fire.
 The room, barely garnished, in one thing was profuse—
 An array of plantpots, strewn amply, high and higher,
 Were crammed with weird cacti of many names obtruse,
 Aspidistras, fuchsias, that, placed in the light by turn,
 Competed for existence with a favourite fern
 And on the mantelpiece, ah !—pride of her old life,
 A row of ornaments of various design—
 Ships, niggers in a bath, and " A Present from Fife "
 Through her surrounding jungle I made circuitous line,
 But all she said was : " I've been here since Harry left
 Fifteen years ago ! " He languished in her album
 That contained her generations back to Adam.
 Of all except one child by war she was bereft ;
 And he, fortune-seeking, had gone no-one knew where,
 While she sits by the fire and strokes her milky hair.
 Good-bye, said I at last ; I'm glad to see you well !
 Thank you for calling in, said she, so in her dell
 In cheerless peace I left her, filling up her days
 With talking to the cat about the rent she pays ;
 Sitting with one object on which to always brood :
 That Harry left her—to the joys of Solitude.

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 D. Crouch, F. Crocker.

Sitting. The Headmaster, D. Willis, A. Edwards, E. Andrews, A. Dingle, I. Salter. Mr. Mallinson



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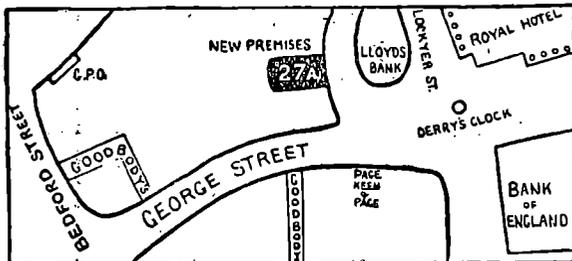
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The Annual General Meeting, held at the School, on December 28th, was well attended, and the interest shown by members present was a distinct encouragement to the Committee. The Dinner, admirably arranged by Mr. E. E. Cock and his assistant-secretary, Mr. E. J. Cox, was a very successful function. The attendance was a record. It was with great regret that we learnt of the illness of our newly-elected Vice-President, Mr. W. J. Gick, but we are now pleased to be able to state that Mr. Gick is making satisfactory progress. We wish him a speedy restoration to health.

At half-term we had the London Dinner—a very happy affair, splendidly planned by Mr. Legg and his Committee. The versatile Chairman, Mr. A. T. Brooks, entertained those present with a cabaret performance of his own production.

Our congratulations go to many Old Boys whose successes will be noted with pleasure by their old friends.

Mr. D. Webb has been awarded the Baton of Honour on passing out of the Metropolitan Police College.

Our London Secretary, Mr. A. J. Legg, has passed the B.Sc. examination of London University. This news did not come to hand until the last issue of the magazine was in print.

Mr. G. Lee, of the University College of the South-West, has been successful at the Inter B.A. examination.

Mr. H. C. Barry, who, some years ago, was awarded a "Travel" Scholarship in Commerce, has now passed the examination for Bachelor of Commerce, London University.

Mr. H. B. May, who was appointed Lecturer in Pathology and Bacteriology at Manchester University, will be taking up similar work at London shortly. He is at present visiting American Universities.

Mr. H. W. Coles passed the Final of the Incorporated Accountants' Examination in November last and is now in London.

Mr. J. K. McNess has been appointed to the Taxes Inspectorate.

Mr. B. Tull who has now completed his third year of Apprenticeship with Napier's has obtained the Senior National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Oldrieve has left Plymouth for Woolwich, while Mr. E. A. Masters has transferred to Bristol, and has completed Part I. of the Insurance Institute Associate Examination.

All Old Boys will be pleased and interested to hear that M. Jacquet called at the School recently. He also attended Speech Day and was quite busy greeting old friends.

We are all glad to see that our former Rugger Captain, Mr. E. W. R. Warn, is maintaining his form on the Football field, and is playing regularly for Devon. We congratulate Mr. S. A. Evans on being again selected to play for the Civil Service, this time against the Navy.

Mr. W. A. Simmonds of University College, London, has been elected Secretary of the College Rugby Club for the coming season.

Cadet F. Pepper, who left School last September, has been elected Captain of the Soccer Team of H.M.S. "Erebus," and is also goalkeeper of the Hockey Team. He was selected in a team to represent the Cadets in a Marathon Race around Whale Island.

It is with great regret that we record the death of an Old Boy, Paymaster Lieut.-Commndr. R. R. Gilbert. We offer our sympathy to Mrs. and Miss Gilbert.

H.F.

The following changes of address are notified :

F. G. Lillicrop	62, Wilson Street, Derby.
E. A. Masters	41, Effingham Road, St. Andrews.
L. Vanstone	2, Buckland Terrace, Plymouth.
H. C. Shaw	6, Ronald Terrace, Ford, Devonport.
H. W. Lockwood	26, South Down Rd., Beacon Park, Plymouth.

We welcome the following New Members :

D. J. Brown	10, Charlotte Street, Devonport.
R. Davies	19, Charlotte Street, Devonport.
P. Head	7, Glenavon Road, Mannamoad.
L. F. Gatzias	18, Channel View Terrace, Lipson.
S. J. Hurden	44, Gloucester Street, Stoke.
J. R. Gray	1, Sturdee Road, Stoke.
R. W. Trebilcock	Mutley Plain, Plymouth.
P. W. Pearce	18, Fircroft Road, Peverell.
L. V. J. Job	12, Newport Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth.

THE DINNER.

According to my dictionary an Association is "a society of persons joined together to promote some object"—The Devonport High School Old Boys' Association is the joining together of Old Boys of the School to promote one of the best objects in the world—Friendship.

Meetings or social gatherings of Old Boys are necessarily rare owing to the fact that Old Boys of our School are scattered all over the world, yet, when they do take place it is not difficult to sense an atmosphere of real friendship.

It is, therefore, with this object in view, that we hold our Annual Dinner, and I am happy to say that year by year the numbers who attend regularly increase. This year was no exception and I have printed a list of all those present (with their leaving year) in order that you may see how representative this gathering really was.

I regret that our guest (W. J. Gick, Esq., C.B., C.B.E.) was prevented by illness from attending. His private secretary (also an Old Boy), Mr. W. J. Hurden, attended on his behalf and proposed "The Association."

Mr. H. Ferraro (General Secretary) replied.

"The School" was proposed by the Committee Chairman for the year, Mr. W. J. Ching.

Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds (Headmaster) replied.

"Old D.H.S.-ians—Far and Near" was proposed by our old friend, Mr. H. J. D. Millett.

Mr. Alan J. Legg (our new London Secretary) replied.

After Dinner we had a very excellent musical programme, arranged for us by Mr. Roy Werry. I am indebted to Mr. Werry every year for his kindness in this direction.

I also wish to record my thanks to Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Webb, and the boys of the School Orchestra, who played so well during dinner.

I was also pleased to see the Rugby Cup at the Dinner, and I understand from Mr. Cheshire that the Soccer Club will also have a Cup next year—let us hope the supply of port and lemon will hold out.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those who helped me in the 1937 Dinner to get our record number of 99, particularly Mr. Edward J. Cox, my assistant secretary.

ERIC E. COCK (*Dinner Secretary*).

Record of attendance. With leaving year :

H. G. Rogers (1934), H. J. Plucknett (1928), J. E. S. Stone (1932), E. W. Redman (1930), L. H. Warren (1929), C. S. Rogers (1936), L. C. G. Williams (1926), W. A. Simmonds (1936), P. J. Mowan (1912), D. J. Brown (1937), G. A. D. Graver (1937), J. E. G. Hancock (1928), R. M. Burch (1921), H. H. Pagan (1930), R. W. Pagan (1928), J. C. Hill (1929), E. R. Harris (1923), Mr. N. Lamb—Staff, Mr. H. Holmes—Visitor. W. Furgeson (1899), B. C. J. Rickard (1912), W. K. Borrett (1908), A. J. Millett (1924), W. A. Buckpitt (1928), J. H. D. Millett—Staff, H. A. T. Simmonds—President, Will J. Andrews—Staff, H. Ferraro (1906), E. J. Brimacombe (1927), W. J. Swan (1897), A. J. Swan (1929), R. Oliver (1935), W. E. J. Waycott (1936), D. P. Jones (1933), Jack Smith (1929), L. C. B. Robins (1935), H. Smith (1933), F. T. Healey (1936), W. P. Bowden (1934), S. A. Evans (1930), J. K. McNess (1929), W. L. Holmes (1936), H. Jago (1934), A. R. Pike (1928), J. A. Peter (1935), R. J. S. Cory (1937), N. J. G. Hodges (1937), G. E. Bryant (1937), R. Treliving (1925), Alan J. Legg (1935), F. E. Cock—Visitor, E. E. Cock (1917), J. Shortridge—Visitor, E. S. M. Martin (1931), H. Ward (1935), H. B. Hayes (1932), J. Clifford Tozer (1903), W. J. Warren (1892), H. Harding (1894), R. J. Dingle—Press, P. C. Clemens—Press, W. H. Hurden (1917), J. Hodge—Guest, R. J. Lark (1921), R. Warren (1926), R. J. Werry (1924), R. Adams (1928), F. Adams—Visitor, F. R. Curtis (1923), A. R. Small (1915), N. R. Small—Visitor, W. J. Ching (1912), G. H. Warwick (1929), E. J. Cox (1937), A. Pomery (1936), C. A. Trout (1937), J. E. Tomblin (1937), C. A. McLeod (1936), Mr. F. W. Smale—Guest, N. E. Strong (1935), P. J. Martin (1935), C. Evans (1937), D. T. Cory (1937), W. J. Short (1934), E. H. Bryant (1937), R. J. Cheshire (1931), I. W. Webb (1937), E. H. Cooper (1937), F. J. Hoar (1926), G. J. Bennetto (1937), J. T. Roach (1926), E. W. J. Bevan (1930), L. W. Taylor (1930), W. R. Wingate (1931), A. R. Harris (1937), L. H. Martin (1930), R. W. Trebilcock (1933), R. G. W. Pengelly (1928), J. T. Oates (1928).

LONDON BRANCH NOTES.

Chairman : MR. A. T. BROOKS.

Secretary : MR. A. J. LEGG, 13, Chatsworth Road,
Brondesbury, N.W.2.

Treasurer : Mr. L. S. MILLS (Tel. : Willesden 2315).

Committee : The above, with MESSRS. J. H. FRANCIS, A. R. PIKE, G. E. BRYANT AND M. V. HALLORAN.

On Boxing Day Rugger and Soccer Matches were played at the School Field between Headquarters and the London Branch Teams. The home sides won both matches which were keenly contested. The scores were : Rugger, 12—0 ; and Soccer, 5—0. A large and enthusiastic crowd assembled to watch these games.

The Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, January 11th, was well attended and another ambitious programme was laid down. One outcome of this meeting was a decision to hold Old Boys' Meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the " Blue Moon " Café, Strand. There have been two such gatherings, to date, in February and March, and each one has proved a great success. Arrangements for the summer months, commencing with May, will be varied, and details will be circularised.

The Fourth Annual Dinner of the London Branch was held on Saturday, February 26th, at Carr's Restaurant, Strand. A record number of 49 attended. Members of all years were represented, and we are particularly grateful to those who made long journeys in order to be present. We very much appreciated the presence of the Association President, Mr. Simmonds, and how very glad we were to see Mr. Treseder once again.

After a really excellent meal and some sparkling toasts, we were confronted with " Streamlined Follies of 1938," a Cabaret presented by the South London Amateur Productions, and devised and produced by our Chairman, Mr. A. T. Brooks. This proved a grand finale, and crowned a most enjoyable reunion.

An Old Boys' Party is being arranged for Saturday, May 7th. The venue is to be central and all London members are requested to make a very special effort to attend. Circulars giving details will be sent out as soon as possible. In the meantime please keep the date in mind.

ALAN J. LEGG.

Present at Dinner : The Committee, together with Messrs. H. A. T. Simmonds, A. F. Treseder (Brighton), H. Ferraro, Eric E. Cock, P. J. Mowan (Plymouth), F. B. Anstey, H. E. Barry, J. D. Constable, R. J. S. Cory, G. W. Drake (Oxford), F. K. Duke, H. B. Every, W. G. Francis (Northampton), W. I. Goff, R. S. Gooderham, C. P. Grant, R. J. Harris, R. C. Horne, W. H. Hurden, H. H. Jago, F. E. Johnson (Reading), K. S. Lake, C. R. F. Lark, O. C. Leach, S. J. Martin, C. A. McLeod, J. K. McNess, C. C. Mill, R. Noad,

J. A. Oates, T. G. Orchard (Derby), A. Pomery, F. H. Pritchard, C. Rowe, F. R. Rowe, J. Rowe, E. E. Rogers, A. H. P. Rowden, W. A. Simmonds, H. Smith (Aldershot), A. J. Swan (Leicester), R. J. Yarrell.

New Members :

M. E. Brown	48, Foxley Road, Brixton, S.W.9.
H. W. Coles	Lucerne, 30, Welbeck Road, West Harrow.
R. S. Gooderham	52, Starfield Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.12.
R. C. Horne	26, Harberton Road, Upper Holloway, N.19
S. J. Hurden	19, Crescent Grove, Clapham, S.W.4.
W. R. Knapp	1, Ballards Road, Cricklewood, N.W.2.
C. A. McLeod	20, Starfield Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.12.
F. E. Mules	45, Dallinger Road, Lee, S.E.12.
E. E. Rogers	72, Hotcham Park Road, New Cross, S.E.14.
G. Rooke	48, Foxley Road, Brixton, S.W. 9.
W. A. Semmens	26, Review Road, Cricklewood, N.W. 9.
E. R. Wraight	52, Chatsworth Drive, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

Changes of Address :—

R. J. S. Cory	19, Crescent Grove, Clapham, S.W. 4.
B. M. Featherstone	(Please notify new address).
W. I. Goff	67, Eastbury Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
C. P. Grant	90, Clarendon Road, Putney, S.W. 15.
F. Hill	4, Eton Court, Eton Avenue, Wembley.
M. V. Halloran	35, Beechwood Avenue, Kew, Surrey.
R. J. Harris	Radio Branch, P.O. Research Station, Dollis Hill, N.W. 2.
C. R. F. Lark	184, Heythorp Street, Southfields, S.W. 18.
B. C. Oades	8, St. Michael's Villas, Headingley, Leeds, 6.
J. A. Peter	48, Foxley Road, Brixton, S.W. 9.
W. R. Wingate	774, Green Lane, Dagenham, Essex.

RUGGER NOTES.

The present season, after an inconspicuous start, saw the Old Boys' R.F.C. meet with an unprecedented run of success. The two opening matches were lost by small margins, but the next fourteen matches saw the Old Boys victorious in most cases by a large margin of points. This happy state of affairs enabled us almost to complete our League Cup programme without the loss of a match. Our actual record for these Cup games reads: Played 11, won 10, drawn 1, points for 123, against 9. It is hoped that the Cup will be retained this year without the loss of a game. Unfortunately, the welcome services of L. Taylor, J. Stone, and F. Billing

have been lost temporarily and sickness, injury, examinations, and Spring holidays have sadly depleted the XV. during the latter months, and matches have been lost rather than won. However, the four remaining fixtures will complete a most enjoyable and successful season.

We are constantly hoping that we shall soon be able to field a 2nd XV. Grounds and a suitable fixture list are waiting the energetic man who will undertake to be responsible for the running of a second team, the formation of which would greatly assist the Club. Recently the Old Boys' played four short against H.M.S. Drake, one of the strongest Services sides. This should never happen, and would not have occurred had we suitable reserves. At present although highly appreciated in local Rugby circles, the Club exists on about 18 members. Surely we have more Rugger enthusiasts ready to play the man's game? Let us hear from you. Members who have played for the Old Boys this season are Barrett, Bryant, Brimacombe, Billing, Cory, Cooper, Dennis, Eves, Gallagher, Joslin (and brother), Plucknett, Polkinghorne, Rogers, A., and Rogers, C. S. and Soden, Stone, Steed, Taylor, Warwick, Wingett, Wood and Warren. May we see your name there soon? The Rugger Club exists for you and needs you. We look forward to your support.

L. WARREN (*Hon. Sec.*)

THE SOCCER NOTES.

The D.H.S. Old Boys' Soccer Club has a very uninspiring report to make on their activities up to the present. They have still to gain their first victory. The shortage of really good players to enable a strong side to be fielded, is proving a great drawback, and is influencing the play of the few loyal members who have stuck together, determined to carry on in spite of the lack of support which could be given by other soccer members of the Association.

The strain of continuing the side both from an organising and playing point of view, proves arduous, and it is a definite uphill fight to achieve our ambition of placing D.H.S. Old Boys at the top of the local Soccer League.

We still hope to attain our ambition and next season we hope that Old Boys will rally round and give their full support, thus enabling our ambition to become an actual fact.

RICHARD J. CHESHIRE (*Hon. Sec.*)



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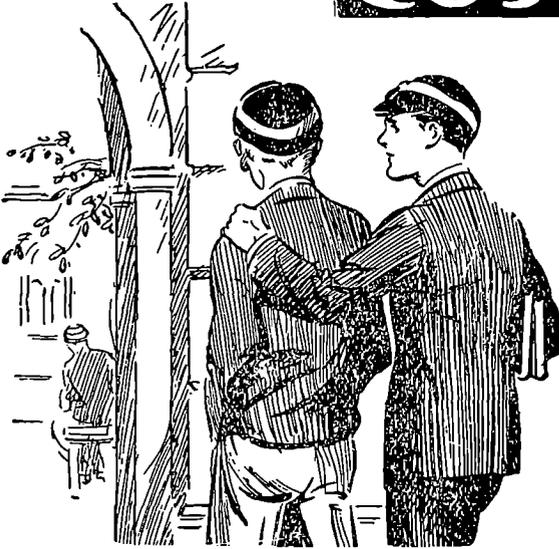
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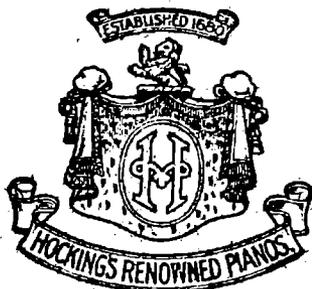
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