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## Editorial.

"He wrought at one great work for years."

*John Davidson.*

For the first time we go to print under the auspices of our new Headmaster, Mr. W. H. Buckley, B.A., B.Sc., F.R.ECON.S. We take this opportunity on behalf of the School to welcome him to our midst, and to express our hopes that his new position will prove a source of interest and pleasure to him.

Many of us could not imagine Devonport High School without Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds, M.A., who had shepherded us with such discernment and foresight through the various stages of our School careers, and was always ready to help and advise. Upon our evacuation to Penzance the bonds between us were drawn even closer, and when to our great regret he left us for Tottenham Grammar School we felt we had lost a personal friend.

Our fears as to our destiny without him have however been truly allayed. Mr. Buckley has already proved an able successor well fitted to carry on the good work that Mr. Simmonds began. He comes to us after long experience at Public Central School, Plymouth, and has quickly accustomed himself to his new work and environment. He has no doubt found his present duties much more varied and extensive than those of his former position. In addition to each boy's academic progress, he is now responsible for his health, welfare and general behaviour at all times, in much the same way as every father is responsible for his son at home. A position of such scope demands at times the patience of a Job, and the wisdom of a Solomon, quite apart from the purely intellectual ability required of every Headmaster.

On all occasions Mr. Buckley has shown his willingness to help us with our problems, and to smooth out the difficulties which lay in our paths. His heart is with the School, and he has given proof that he is determined to ensure that our past tradition of academic attainment shall not be sullied. We wish him every success at the beginning of this new chapter in his career, and look with courage and confidence to the future of the School under his guidance.

## School Notes

In our last issue we bade farewell to a Headmaster, and now we welcome his successor. Mr. W. H. Buckley, B.A. (of the University of Manchester), B.Sc. with Honours in Economics (of the University of London), F.R.ECON.S., has come to us after a long experience in Secondary work and as the Headmaster responsible for the reputation of the Public Central School for Boys, Plymouth, which he built up from nothing—starting as he did with ninety boys—until before the war he was running a school of five hundred and forty boys, a school with a fine record and a good name all over the country.

From the very first he was concerned with the homogeneous development of the School, bearing always in mind the function of the School. Now he has come to a School with a fine academic record, and he will be equally jealous of that. That he is a man of affairs with a grip and an insight into things we already know. His first assembly convinced us that he has human qualities and a sympathy so necessary for the control of a school like ours.

Mr. Buckley has had a most varied experience of Secondary School work at home and abroad. For some time he taught in Egypt, he has taught in the Channel Islands, and in addition has had a wide experience in secondary schools in this country. He has identified himself with much of the cultural life of Plymouth. He took an active part in the Plymouth Playgoers' Circle, of which he became Chairman; he has held a similar office in the Plymouth Shakespeare Society, is a member of the Council of the Ballard Institute, and was Chairman of the British Drama League (S.W. Area).

Now he is Headmaster of the Devonport High School, and it is we who are to gain from the ripeness of his experience and his desire to do the work he is now doing. To those who know him well Mr. Buckley shows another side of his nature, for you will find him a staunch friend in times of trouble and capable of an amount of practical help that is limited only by the greatness of the need.

Conditions here in Penzance are good and easy for the School, but they present many difficulties for the Headmaster. That Mr. Buckley was able to fall into line so quickly is a tribute to him and to Mr. H. Ferraro, whose help we are sure the Headmaster has appreciated. There has been no gap in our work, no dislocation of any sort; we have been conscious of no friction because there has been none; such slight alterations as there have been—as for example the shifting of the Library—have been all for the good. What changes are yet to take place have still to be seen. One thing we do know is that they will be prompted by the desire to do the best for the School.

In the light of all these things and of our present knowledge of the Headmaster, we give him a most enthusiastic and whole-hearted welcome to the School.

Man and wife may be one, but they are two temperaments and two personalities ; and when you know Mrs. Buckley, as we hope you will, you will endorse heartily our suggestion that she will be no less an asset to the School than the Headmaster. Her's will be an informal and unofficial task. We shall meet her socially ; but we must realise that that will be but part of her contribution. We must picture her as ever behind her husband. Posts of great responsibility are borne only by men who are sustained by the real sympathy and insight of those with whom their lives are linked. A schoolmaster's work is done as much by his own fireside as it is in school, and it is there that he can receive that encouragement and that stimulus to new effort that are so necessary to success.

So a hearty welcome to Mrs. Buckley. May she find life among us good, and may it be long.

Since the publication of our last issue, Mr. J. Williams has left to take up a post at Festiniog, North Wales, Mrs. Vivian has relinquished her post on the English staff, Messrs. Pickup and Warren have joined the R.A.F. and Mr. Gaskin the Tank Corps, and Miss Briar, who replaced Mr. Vivian, has returned to Plymouth.

We heartily welcome Miss F. Bate who has come from Devonport High School for Girls to replace Mr. Pickup, Miss Gaved M.A (London) B.A. Hons. (Oxon.), from the same school who fills the vacancy left by Mrs. Vivian, Miss A. Allen, B.A. (Birmingham) who replaces Miss Briar, and Messrs. E. R. Harris, B.Sc. Hons. (London), E. W. Clarke, B.A. Hons. (London) and J. J. Beckerlegge, who replace respectively Messrs. Williams, Gaskin and Warren.

To those who have left us we wish good luck, to which in the case of those who have joined the Forces, we add a safe return ; and to all new members of the staff a happy and prosperous time with us.

### PRAEPECTI VALETE

HALE, J. T.—Entered School, September, 1935 ; School Certificate, July, 1940 ; Prefect, 1941 ; 2nd XV. Colours ; Athletic Colours, 1941. Entered University College, Leicester.

HITCBORN, J. H.—Entered School, September, 1935 ; School Certificate, July, 1940 ; Senior Sub-Prefect, September, 1941 ; House Prefect " Rookery Junior Hostel " ; Entered University College, Leicester.

MOLLAND, R.—Entered School, September, 1935 ; School Certificate, 1940 ; Prefect, September, 1940 ; House Captain " Raleigh " ; Secretary Cricket and Debating Society ; 1st XI. Cricket Colours ; 1st XV. Colours ; Library Committee ; admitted to St. John's College, Cambridge ; Entered, O.C.T.U.

PICKERING, I. J.—Entered School, September, 1935 ; School Certificate, 1940 ; Prefect, 1941 ; 1st XV. Colours ; Tennis Colours ; Senior Sergt. A.T.C. ; Entered Loughborough Engineering College.

- PORTER, W. A.—Entered School, September, 1934 ; School Certificate, 1939 ; Higher School Certificate, 1941 ; Third Prefect, 1941 ; Editor School Magazine ; School Librarian ; Member School Band ; Entered University College, Leicester.
- ROBERTS, R. S.—Entered School, September, 1935 ; School Certificate, 1940 ; Prefect, 1941 ; 2nd XV ; Entered University College, Leicester.
- ROCKEY, K. W.—Entered School, September, 1934 ; School Certificate, 1939 ; Higher School Certificate with Inter-Science Exemption, 1941 ; 2nd Prefect, 1941 ; Captain 2nd XI. ; Co-Editor Magazine ; Committee Dramatic Society ; Leader of School Band ; Committee Member, Debating Society ; Science Librarian ; Entered Jesus College, Oxford.
- SIMMONDS, J. M.—Entered School, September, 1934 ; School Certificate, 1939 ; Higher School Certificate, 1941 ; Senior Prefect, 1941 ; Captain Cricket, 1942 (Colours) ; Captain 1st XI. Football (Colours, 1940-2) ; Athletic Colours, 1941 ; House Captain "Grenville" ; Co-Editor Magazine ; Sergt. A.T.C. ; Admitted London School of Economics ; Entered O.C.T.U.
- TREDGET, A. H.—Entered School, September, 1935 ; School Certificate, 1940 ; Prefect, 1941 ; Scout Troop Leader and organizer of Scout Patrols.
- FITZSIMMONS, B. J.—Entered School, 1936 ; School Certificate, 1941 ; Sub-Prefect, 1941 ; Colours 1st XV., 1940-2 ; Entered Civil Service.
- FORSHAW, K. W.—Entered School, September, 1935 ; School Certificate, 1940 ; Sub-Prefect, 1941 ; Chess Colours, 1940-41 ; Entered University College of the South West.
- HILL, G. W. R.—Entered School 1934 ; School Certificate, 1940 ; Sub-Prefect, 1941 ; 2nd XI. Colours ; Entered University College, Leicester.
- LANG, K. W.—Entered School, September, 1934 ; School Certificate, 1940 ; Sub-Prefect, 1941 ; 2nd XI. Colours, Tennis ; Tennis Secretary ; Entered University College, Leicester.
- BROWN, W. G.—Entered School, September, 1935 ; School Certificate, July, 1940 ; Prefect, 1941 ; Vice-Captain Soccer, 1941-2 (Colours, 1940-2) ; Captain Tennis, 1941-2 (Colours, 1940-1) ; Captain Chess, 1941-2 (Colours, 1939-42) ; Sergeant A.T.C. ; Secretary of Dramatic Society ; Member of School Band.
- MOGER, S. J.—Entered School, September, 1936 ; School Certificate, July, 1940 ; Prefect, 1941 ; Captain Soccer, 1941-2 (Colours, 1939-42) ; Cricket Colours, 1941-2 ; Athletics Colours, 1941 ; Secretary of Swimming Club, 1942 ; House Captain "Drake" ; Flight-Sergeant A.T.C.





W. H. BUCKLEY, ESQ., B.A., B.SC., F.R. ECON. S.  
Headmaster, January, 1942



## Dear Parents . . . . .

This is my first opportunity of getting in touch with you all, and I offer you cordial greetings.

I am fully conscious of the great responsibility which devolved upon me when I accepted the Headship of this fine School, a responsibility which present conditions have enormously increased. I have, however, already received many proofs of the devotion of the members of the Staff to the interests of the School, and of their anxiety to co-operate in every possible way with a Headmaster who has its welfare really at heart. That is why I venture to hope that, with their help, my leadership will be not unworthy of that of my predecessors.

During my first two Terms here one fact has impressed me very forcibly. It is that great, almost miraculous, things have been accomplished for the present comfort and lasting benefit of the boys. No praise can be too high for the splendid work which has been done on their behalf by the Penzance Authority, the Cornwall Authority, by Mr. Simmonds and by my colleagues. The boys have, with truth, been described as "the best-looked-after school-boys in England."

It is a sobering reflection that, out of the War which has brought suffering and bitter loss to countless homes, is evolving this great experiment so pregnant with educational and social opportunity for the boys of our School. The measure of this opportunity is the measure of our responsibility. We owe it to the boys (and, indeed, to ourselves) that they shall be prompted to garner to the full the rich harvest which, by a fortuitous fate, and by infinite labour, has been made available to them. The seed has been sown by others; the reaping is their task. But my colleagues and I must inspire and direct the work, and ensure that their conditions are such that they neither faint nor falter in its accomplishment. You may be sure that we are doing that in every possible way.

Your part, though more passive, is no less important than ours. It is to let the boys remain here to their great and lasting advantage. That is your obvious and unquestionable duty.

Unfortunately I cannot meet you all personally, but I am anxious that, in the interest of your boys, contact between us shall be as close and as frequent as possible. For your sons' welfare here, I, as Headmaster, am ultimately responsible.

Your co-operation is essential to me, and, for your guidance, I am offering the following suggestions:

(1) Parents or Guardians coming to Penzance on any matter (whatever its nature) affecting their boys should see me personally at my Office in Richmond Hall (Telephone No. 570). An appointment is desirable, but not essential in a case of emergency.

(2) All letters and enquiries concerning School matters, whether relating to particular boys or not, should be addressed to me at Richmond Hall.

(3) I attend at the Emergency High School building, Regent Street, Plymouth, once a month in order to discuss with parents and guardians questions concerning their boys. The dates of my visits are announced to the School and in the Press. Those concerned are urged to make a special effort to meet me on these occasions.

I offer you my congratulations on the good fortune (a rare and precious thing in these difficult days) which has come to your boys as members of the School.

That their work is not suffering in our new environment is evidenced by the list of academic successes which appears on this page.

I feel quite confident that, in the days of peace which are to come, you and they will look back upon their stay in Penzance as a very happy and profitable experience.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. BUCKLEY.

## EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

R. MOLLAND, Open Exhibition in History, St. John's College, Cambridge (£100 per annum).

K. W. ROCKEY, Open Scholarship in Chemistry, Jesus College, Oxford (£100 per annum).

Also Kitchener Scholarship (955 applicants, 148 awards).

J. J. PICKERING, Empire Scholarship, tenable at Loughborough Engineering College (£75 per annum).

HALE, J. T.

HITCHBORN, P.

HILL, G. R.

PORTER, A. W.

} Major Open Scholarships of value £50 per annum, tenable at University College, Leicester.

LANG, M., Minor Open Scholarship (£35 per annum).

ROBERTS, S., Bursary (£25 per annum) tenable at University College, Leicester.

J. A. COCKING, awarded the Nobel Scholarship of £45 per annum, tenable for three years at the School of Metalliferous Mines (Cornwall).

M. N. SPARKES, Exhibition of £50, at University College, Nottingham.

J. T. HALE, Studentship of £30, at University College, Nottingham.  
Congratulations to all concerned.

## Hostel Gossip

### MOUNT'S BAY HOTEL.

It would be difficult to ascertain just why a certain eight seniors were detailed to live at the Mount's Bay and assist in the management of about forty babes of the School, and also what effect on the latter their residence here had produced. From one point of view this could be answered by pointing out that recently five juniors were seen in company with rather more than five of the opposite sex (whose taste must be censored). Surely it is impossible that they could have learnt such things from the unsophisticated Sixth?

However, it must be recorded (with sighs of relief and due respects to the owner) that the gramophone which so persistently used to inform the world at large that "he was a very handsome young soldier, he was," is now out of commission for once and for all.

Native seditious instincts were fostered of late by the news that the hostel was to be almost completely denuded of furniture, at which the usual indignant meetings and animated discussions took place. But all for nought; things were not as bad as they might have seemed. This term, too, has ushered in bathing on a large scale, in which the seniors' peaceful participation is unfortunately restricted by the overwhelming preponderance of juniors. Another novelty is the craze for bridge, but alas; some people still persist in triumphantly trumping their partners' tricks.

It is with regret that we lose Mr. and Mrs. Drake, both of whom have done much to make things here run as smoothly as possible. Rocky and Hill are also leaving us this term, and we join in wishing them every success for their future careers.

For the present we can but say that our year's stay here has been successful, and in speculating on what the future holds in store, we feel bound to say that if the three new kittens are any criterion, next year's incoming babes ought to show promise.

N.S.A.

### MARINE HOTEL.

No startling event has disturbed the tranquil life at the Marine Hotel this term. It continued to dwell peacefully under its halo, occasionally emerging to defend its integrity. Life is very pleasant. Tennis, cricket and swimming are popular sports among all the members. The placid atmosphere of the house was disturbed by the necessary removal of furniture to supply the needs of other houses, and although many suffered slightly, the boys soon settled down again to their former routine.

D.W.

## TREDARVAH.

Since August last, thirty-six boys of Gilbert House have been living at Tredarvah, a mansion house with very extensive grounds. When these pioneers first entered Tredarvah, a very sad sight greeted them. Their feet echoed hollowly on uncarpeted floors, and the rooms they lived in were large and bare, except perhaps for a single wardrobe and the beds they slept on. Beds indeed! they were like wooden planks balanced on four sticks. Many were the hardships that the house endured through those beds! But little by little furniture came in from outside sources, mainly owing to the frequent calls made at the Town Hall by the Housemaster. A few of those wooden contraptions were replaced by iron beds, and many of the house would now be sleeping on the floor had not the rest of the iron beds arrived in June.

But what the house lacked indoors was amply made up by the grandeur of the lawn and shrubberies and gardens. Football on the lawn during the winter, between intermittent downpours, has been succeeded by cricket, and it can be seen by the number of patches how much the boys enjoy it.

Owing to rationing, the lack of domestic staff and other difficulties, the running of the hostel has been greatly impeded; but thanks to careful management by Mrs. Chamberlain and Miss Mallett, these difficulties have been overcome and the hostel is now a great success.

D.J.H

## HOTEL ROYALE.

The summer months have brought with them new delights to brighten our lives at the Royale. Penzance, so we were told, was blessed with an ideal climate, but the gales and rainstorms during the spring brought many cynics from their shells. However, since then we have had more than our fair share of sunshine, and anxious enquiries for sun-burn lotion have been heard from all quarters.

At first with some embarrassment and then with aggressive determination, the Prefects appeared in a weird and wonderful collection of shorts, and gaining moral support from each other advanced to School *en masse*. By this time, however, with their legs well tanned, they have completely lost their first self-consciousness.

Bathing, cycling and hiking, have become very popular. One party setting out in the morning walked as far as Cape Cornwall and back. Some of the juniors have been very busy potato picking, whilst the less active of us have found the flat roof an ideal place for sunbathing.

As most of our spare time is now spent in the open air, the indoor activities have not been quite so well patronised, but the Biology Club and Woodwork Club are still in full swing, the members of the former Association having their ingenuity sorely taxed to

keep a rabbit and a magpie supplied with suitable food. Both of these were captured during afternoon rambles, although the dire fate in store for the rabbit is an open secret.

Everything possible is being done to ensure that our life is as pleasant as possible, and the high spirits of all provide a happy commentary on the success with which these efforts are being attended.

W.A.P.

### MOUNT PROSPECT HOTEL (RALEIGH HOUSE).

To those difficulties—already mentioned—of running a hostel like ours we must now add that of household staff. The Government's call up of woman-power, and the drift of evacuees back to London has produced an acute shortage of staff from which we in common with the other hostels have suffered. The position promises to improve now that the authorities realise the situation, but for the present boys have volunteered to do many of the tasks which would have been quite beyond our depleted kitchen staff. Bread cutting has been simplified by the purchase of a bread cutter, and the craze for potato peeling and the keen competition aroused, have resulted in two boys peeling 654 potatoes in one night—enough for two days. (Parents should note the capacity for housework shown by their sons! ! ) This standard will no doubt have been eclipsed by the time these notes reach print ; and it shows the remarkable things that evacuation will do.

With the summer upon us, boys will go out of doors much more. Swimming, cycling, tennis and cricket will be popular. We have good days ahead of us.

R.M.

### PONSONDANE.

As no Hostel notes have previously appeared for Ponsondane, here is a review of the whole year. It was an agreeable surprise to discover the extensive grounds and the pleasant situation of the hostel ; but there were doubtless some of us who considered the grounds a little too extensive when it became necessary to chop up some trees ; and even more so when recourse was had to a system of " compulsory volunteering." Combined with these feelings was a sense approaching frustration at the seeming impossibility of reaching any part of the house without finding oneself at the starting-point.

Towards the end of the Autumn Term Mr. Pickup was called up, and the dreaded result was revealed at the opening of the Spring Term—Mrs. Pickup had left us during the holidays. The Autumn Term ended on a happy note, however, for thanks to the miracles performed by Mrs. Webb with the catering, and to Mr. Foster's energy as M.C., we enjoyed an extremely successful party.

The Spring Term was brightened by the arrival of some kaleidoscopic quilts from the Canadian Red Cross ; April 1st was marked by the appearance at breakfast of certain boys in their gym trousers, their normal attire having been removed in the early hours of the morning. (Was it imagination, or did our Housemaster seem somewhat tired that morning ?)

The Summer Term has so far been comparatively uneventful. A special tea was provided on the first anniversary of our evacuation, and Mr. and Mrs. Pickup paid a very welcome visit. Finally, many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Webb, and Mr. and Mrs. Foster, who by their untiring devotion to our health and comfort have made such a success of our first year at Penzance. M.H.

## THE ROOKERY.

The hostel has now been open for a year, and once again we look out upon leaf-covered trees. Many rooks and jackdaws have returned for nesting, and now the bird population exceeds our own. Led by Mr. K. C. Sparrow, the housemaster, work groups have kept the grounds in a very good condition. In addition, enough potatoes have been planted to feed the house for five months. Other vegetables have been planted, and a few of the boys have their own private plots. The house has its share in the recent scholarships gained by the School, and we heartily congratulate J. H. Hitchborn on his award of a £50 Major Scholarship for three years at Leicester University College.

One of the many experiments tried out has been to make three different boys clean the shoes for the whole house every night, each boy thus being on duty once a fortnight. This experiment has proved such a success that it has now become a normal part of our organisation.

With the coming of the summer, Hornby train clubs have gone out of favour, and the beach is the scene of much of the activity of the boys.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Sparrow who has willingly run the "after supper surgery."

The most popular meeting of the week has been the "Committee Meeting for Gastronomists" when each dormitory in turn meets Mrs. Sparrow to make suggestions for the menu for the coming week. A.T.

I should like to record my grateful thanks to A. Tredget and J. Hitchborn for their help in the many supervision duties of a "Junior" Hostel during the past year. K.C.S.

## House Notes

### DRAKE HOUSE.

Great difficulty has been experienced in the fielding of teams this year, due to our recent loss of athletes. Our greatest weakness has been found in Rugby, and although great efforts were made by Roberts, R. S., Hurwitt and Powell, little success was obtained. It is to be hoped that the present fourth and fifth forms will remedy this next year. More success was obtained at soccer, the seniors winning two out of three games played, and the juniors all matches played. Deserving mention for their performances are A. H. Moger, Beare, Cooper, Sutton and Ingham.

Due to lack of enthusiasm among many members of the House, Drake did not do well in the Athletic Sports, but co-operation from the whole House will improve this position next year. Hurwitt, Roberts (L. A.), Moger (A. H.), Sutton, Hyne, Standford and Ham, deserve special mention for their efforts.

The prospects for cricket are by no means unfavourable if the House gives its full support. Drake must be cock House again, but to do this the whole House must unite in one common effort.

S.J.M.

### GILBERT HOUSE.

Since the last publication of the Magazine Gilbert's activities have been fairly successful. Some of our senior matches in rugby and soccer have been won, and that is very pleasing owing to our small number of seniors. Thanks are due for this to the way in which fourth-formers, more often than is usually necessary, help us to fill the gaps. Chess was also quite well supported, and the seniors finished a close second to Grenville.

The juniors, in rugby and soccer as well as in chess, seem quite talented, working together well, with a good standard of play; they won the majority of their matches.

But the whole of Gilbert seems to be recovering from its long dormancy, for this year, though soundly beaten by Grenville in the sports, we were yet only one point behind Raleigh; a very satisfactory result, which we owe in a great measure to the keenness and perseverance of Weeks, both in finding entrants, and in encouraging and coaching them.

We are now, of course, looking forward to regaining our lost laurels in the swimming sports. With determined trying and practice we can be top at swimming again.

R.J.R.T.

## GRENVILLE HOUSE.

Since the last report Grenville has consolidated its position. The football series was carried to a successful conclusion, only one junior match being lost. The seniors won all their games in both codes, the soccer team playing well to beat Drake, our strongest opponent. The newly-found enthusiasm for chess among the juniors was instrumental in the House's success in the chess competition; the seniors also were keen and played well.

In the Athletic Sports, at the end of the Easter Term, Grenville finished with practically twice as many points as the next house. Congratulations must be offered to all individuals who gained points, but this achievement was due mainly to the enthusiasm of the whole House and to the number of standards gained. Although many individual cups were won, the retention of the relay cup was the most pleasing of all. This term only two cricket house matches have been played, both against Raleigh; the seniors drew, while the juniors won.

Grenville was top in the House Competition at Easter; this year the House Shield must be regained, and this can be done if each and every member does his best for the house. J.M.S.

## RALEIGH HOUSE.

Owing to the shortness of the Easter Term, there is very little to report. Fortunately we had no House matches in soccer, and our only real weakness has not been exposed. We played only one rugby match and, as was to be expected from a seriously weakened side, we were unable to hold our own.

In chess we have a better story to tell. Our first senior game against Drake was a win by 4 to 1, and the second against Gilbert yet another by 3 to 2. The juniors have done equally well, and so a good general result is to be expected.

The increased enthusiasm which has been shown during the last three terms is being maintained, and has proved itself in the sports. With careful use of our limited numbers we managed to obtain second place in the face of strong competition.

The summer term has been very favourable to us, and marked success has attended our cricket. With almost the same team that won the Swimming Cup last year, we are confident of another win this term.

Finally, the great drawback of being the smallest house will prevent us from securing the position we want, but we shall not be far behind in the championship. R.M.



## Out of School Activities

No. 197 SQUADRON A.T.C.

The changes involved in School evacuation and in the loss of staff has led to the almost total disappearance of many School societies, but it is natural that the Air Training Corps should have been considered something more than just another out of school activity. Consequently, in spite of the loss of our original C.O., Fl./Lt. Simmonds and of F/O. J. Williams, the Corps has developed as an efficient unit including some 60% of the boys over 16 in the School. Of this number, 31 have entered for examinations in Proficiency Part 1, and 30 have passed. This represents rather more than 50% of our strength, and compares with a figure of below 5% for the country.

It was our good fortune to find in our new surroundings a number of well-wishers whose help has been invaluable. Names may not be given, but acknowledgement is made to those who helped to provide and equip a headquarters building ; to those who have loaned rifles and made possible the purchase of ammunition ; to the R.A.F. officers, N.C.O.'s and men, who have so willingly helped us at aerodromes and at our own H.Q. ; to officers and men of the Royal Navy for very practical help ; to the members of the Meteorological Office for instruction, and to the C.O. and officers of our companion squadron in this town for their many acts of collaboration.

As many boys will qualify after 31st July, 1942, to become members of the Corps, some facts are given as to our purposes and our activities. At best, the Squadron is preparatory training for entry to the R.A.F. It is even now, in many cases, involving ground duties, the only means of such entry. This training involves navigation, signals, drill and P.T., theory of flight, aircraft recognition, wood and metal work, meteorology, sailing and flying. In short, hard, enjoyable work, much of which will be invaluable if you intend to design, pilot, navigate, service, buy, sell, manufacture or be interested in aircraft in the post-war years.

### A.T.C. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

(There is no prize for picking out the serious ones).

- Q. Does a Spitfire lose speed in the air because of recoil when its guns are fired ?
- A. Yes. Hence the backward firing turret in the tail of a new dive bomber, which gives an extra 40 m.p.h. in a dive !
- Q. Why so much dihedral on the tail plane of the D——— B——— ?
- A. The designer had found his nose well down, yet his tail was well up, so he simply *had* to waggle something.

- Q. What is a contra-rotating propeller ?  
 A. A three-blade airscrew mounted immediately behind the normal one. If used at a slow speed it acts as a brake. If used at full speed it is equivalent to the well-known "Sky-hook" designed by Ignatius P. Bottelwascher, for all vertical and horizontal movement ceases, the motionless aircraft being supported by the peculiar air flow round the aerofoil.
- Q. Will an ordinary car run on 100.octane fuel ?  
 A. Rather. . . . tried it, and was airborne in 60 yards.
- Q. Will the housing problem be serious after the war ?  
 A. No. A Liberator fuselage will make a comfortable bungalow, and Liberators are coming off the assembly line at——— (censored).
- Q. Do fighter pilots still use the "victory roll ?"  
 A. No. Service procedure has been modified, and the new technique involves flying backwards, upside down, while returning across the Channel; the undercart being erected as a gesture of defiance.
- Q. Is it true that a new twin-engine fighter can take off and climb on one engine ?  
 A. Ssh ! We wouldn't know ! But we do know that with both engines running normally the aircraft cannot fly in circles lest it run into its own exhaust note, and moreover it climbs so fast that the oxygen supply for the pilot is directly coupled on to the "stick."

## SCHOOL SCIENCE SOCIETY.

*President* : The Headmaster.

*Hon. Secretary* : T. Lovegrove.

*Hon. Treasurer* : J. Taylor.

*Committee Chairman* : Mr. Harris.

*Committee* : The above, together with J. Havelock, L. Paine, A. Weatherstone, R. Yandall.

This present Society is a revival of a former School activity, and it has met with a good response. At present membership is limited to members of the fourth, fifth and lower sixth forms, but the sixth form are not excluded and may attend the activities if they wish. A committee was elected on the principle of one representative from each hostel, with Mr. Harris as committee chairman. Its first task was to decide upon the subscription, and it finally agreed upon 6d. per term.

So far this term we have had two lectures which were held in the Science Lab. in Morrab Road. The first was on botany and the second on astronomy. Our visits have included the printing press of the Cornish Tidings, where members were given a linotype stamp of their name ; the Gas Company, and the Penlee Quarry, which

provides the gravel and macadam for Cornish roads. Several members of the Upper School have prepared lectures, and it is hoped that others will follow their example.

Our thanks are due to our lecturers, Mr. Rees and Mr. Byron, and to the respective managers of the *Cornish Tidings*, the Gas Company and the Penlee Quarry for the opportunities afforded us.

The Society's thanks are especially due to Mr. Harris who saw the need for this Society and proceeded with its formation, and who is responsible for arranging our visits and lectures.

T. LOVEGROVE, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The notable achievement of the Dramatic Society's year must remain the Speech Day Choral Speaking. Examinations and rehearsal difficulties have prevented any further work this term except for the possibility of fostering the junior section.

The Choral Speaking was again a success. Competent critics commended the Society on the choice of poems—the "orchestration" of the choir giving light and shade in "The Hollow Men" by T. S. Eliot, was well contrasted against the articulation and tone of the seniors in "Trantella" by Hilaire Belloc. W. G. BROWN.

#### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

We had three papers this Easter term. Tomlinson of the Sixth gave us a very interesting talk on "The Translation of the Bible." He explained the origins of the various components, and how in the course of time the different versions, which were the bases of the Authorised Version, were written. Religious controversies and quibbles were avoided, and a very animated and interesting discussion followed on a very wide range of points. Few members were present, but those who were, derived great benefit from the discussion.

The Second paper was given by Hurwitt of the Lower Sixth, on "The Greek View of the State." The doctrines of the philosophers and the way they were applied to ancient politics were well illustrated. The influence which they had on later political economy, even in our modern democracy—which is really a bureaucracy—was also traced intelligently and interestingly.

The third paper was given by Molland on the "Life of George Bernard Shaw." The subject drew a fair-sized audience, and the discussion that followed was very lively.

This closed a very successful and varied session, for the summer affords more opportunities for the pursuit of physical rather than mental exercise. It has done us a great deal of good to have met on these Sunday evenings and to have discussed these topics which all have a decided bearing on the problems of the present and the future. Once more we must thank Mr. Clark, and hope that the next-year programme, for which we are already planning, will prove equally successful.

R. MOLLAND, *Secretary.*

## THE LIBRARY.

We hope that next term will see the Library fitted to meet whatever demands the School may make upon it, for by that time the long process of re-organisation and cataloguing will be finished.

The latest additions to our shelves include : " The Cathedrals of England " by Batsford and Fry, " English Philosophers " by James Seth, " The English Essay and Essayists " by Prof. H. Walker, and " The King's English " by H. W. Fowler. Books presented by R. J. Harris—" Organic Chemistry " by Read, and " A History of Science to the 19th Century " by Singer.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Clark for his invaluable assistance and advice. W.A.P.

## TENNIS CLUB.

*Master* : Mr. Hodgson.

*Captain* : W. G. Brown.

*Secretary* : I. J. Pickering.

This year we have been extremely lucky in obtaining the exclusive use of three hard courts at Newlyn. After very artistic application by the school decorators these courts are in fine condition and in constant use.

Membership is now open to the fourth, fifth and sixth forms. Up to the time of going to print the School team has been successful in the two matches played with Penzance County School. The School team is (from) : Brown, Pickering, Lang, Burrows, Roberts (R.), Roberts (L.) and Austin.

The Annual Tournament will be held in July.

The Club is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson and Mr. Tamblin for their assistance.

## THE CHESS CLUB.

This term has presented manifold difficulties, not the least being an extreme shortage of sets. Enthusiasm has triumphed, however, and the Inter-House Competition has been successfully played.

Attention has been drawn to the absence of sets at certain hostels. The secretary wishes to express regret, but points out that the limitation of Supplies Order prevents any further requisitions.

The club wishes to express its sincere thanks for the services of the chairman, Mr. Armour, and also to Mr. Hodgson for the use of the Hotel Royale. K.G.F.

## SCOUTING.

SEA SCOUTS. Headquarters: Ponsandane. Mr. J. L. Foster.

The Patrol has held successful meetings on Saturday evenings this term, meeting once a fortnight. Useful training in the theory of boat management has been given. Preparations are being made for sailing next term—the whaler is to be painted and refitted. Recruits are needed from Form four, five or six, as an additional crew might very well make use of this opportunity to do some sailing in the bay.

## JUNIOR TROOP.

1. "THE ROOKERY" PATROLS. A. Tredget (T/L) and J. H. Hitchborn in charge.

The two patrols have met each Wednesday evening in The Owls' Nest, a fine "den" converted from a loft over what used to be stables. The Owls' Nest was officially opened at the end of last term, a representative being hauled from the ground to a door opening on to the outside wall by means of the chair knot apparatus. The Patrols celebrated by having a monster banquet by candlelight in very rustic surroundings. This term much outdoor work has been done, including tracking in the grounds, the making of a trestle bridge over a stream on Marazion beach and Scouting games. Indoors, useful badge work and tests have been carried out; a Scout library has been organised and Patrol Corners decorated.

2. "THE MOUNTS BAY" PATROLS. Ralph Maybourne has worked hard to organise these Patrols—he would welcome the assistance of one or more senior Scouts in this interesting but difficult experiment. Weekly programmes of games and training have been carried out. Next term it is hoped to get out of doors and to compete against "The Rookery" Patrols, and an effort will be made to do some camping.

## SENIOR TROOP.

Owing to a combination of special circumstances this has temporarily ceased to function as a unit. Isolated Patrols are functioning, so that when circumstances permit the Troop can rapidly be revived to its old strength. At "The Marine Hotel" Malcolm Taylor is doing his best to run a Patrol including Scouts from other Troops. Meetings are held on Saturdays, and have been fairly well supported. There is a Group of Scouts at Ponsandane with Peter Young in charge, and next term we hope to see this Patrol doing some useful outdoor work at the week-ends. There are Scouts at Tredarvah, Mount Prospect and The Royale, and it is hoped that these will soon get together to function as Patrols. The camping equipment of the Troop has been checked and overhauled by T/L Tredget at Marazion Headquarters.

## OLD SCOUTS.

News has been received of Mr. R. Hodges, formerly A.S.M. of the Senior Troop in Admiralty service at Gibraltar. He has been seriously ill with pneumonia, but has made a good recovery. Amongst his visitors has been Eric (Andy) Andrews, who has been on three ships which have been torpedoed. Mr. W. Simmonds, a "founder" P/L was married last December; we send him our congratulations. Mr. C. Smale, a former P/L has recently formed a combined Troop at the Plymouth Emergency High School. We wish him success in this work and hope that all D.H.S. Scouts at the school have already joined.

S/M: D.H.S.

## SEA SCOUTS.

Since last year the troop has expanded considerably and it now numbers eleven. T/L A. Tredget was appointed troop leader, and two patrols, one under P/L J. T. Hale and the other under P/L R. Maybourn, were formed.

During the winter months the troop met on Saturday evenings, and much of the boat's rigging was overhauled and respliced, while theoretical seamanship formed an important part of the training.

The fine weather during the Easter holidays enabled us to clean the whaler thoroughly and there was no lack of volunteers to get it painted and varnished, so that now, unlike last year, she is the smartest boat in the harbour. This term each patrol is being trained as a separate crew, so that an element of competition has been introduced, which has greatly increased the keenness and efficiency. In the summer the troop meetings are at Newlyn and usually take the form of sailing and rowing, although practice with the breeches buoy apparatus is sometimes included.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to Mr. Curnow, our instructor, who has given much of his time to helping us, and also to Commander Pilcher, the R.N.O., Newlyn, who has shown great interest in the troop, and who at the beginning of the term arranged a trip to sea for eight members for instruction in practical seamanship and navigation.

R.M.

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## THE SCHOOL DANCE BAND.

Rockey and Powell (accordians), Beswick (violin), Brown (piano), Porter (uke), Kenny (bass), Baskerville (drums).

The band has had a very successful season; this term being brightened by the addition of a double bass. We have played quite often at the Penzance Youth Club Socials, also for the "Aid to Russia" Dance at Gulval, and have had several private engagements. Once again the support of the School has been welcome.

## SOCCER CLUB.

*Captain*: S. J. MOGER.*Vice-Captain*: W. G. BROWN.*Hon. Secretary*: R. A. BEARE.

The Soccer Club has maintained its success of previous years even though existing under vastly different conditions. Out of six games played this term only one has been lost. Wins were obtained over Truro School (twice), Manglebone Grammar School (twice), and an R.A.F. XI. The top goal scorer is Brown with 15 goals, whilst deserving special mention are Weeks, Simmonds, Moger (ii) and Hobbs, who have all been conspicuous in defence, ably supported by Ward.

The 2nd XI. though having played only five matches have won three and drawn one, and have shown increasingly good form. Deserving mention are Rockey, Hill, Prideaux, Baskerville and Burrows.

The Junior XI. has shown evidence of many promising players, among whom Escott (goal), Sutton (back), Ingham, Gosling and Cooper (forwards) deserve special mention. The only defeat of the season to date was to a specially selected side—the eleven having generally shown itself superior at all points to its opponents.

The Soccer committee thanks Messrs. Tamblin, Hodgson, Chamberlain, Truman and Warren for refereeing, the matrons at the various hostels for providing teas, the Penzance County School and the Penzance A.F.C. for the loan of grounds.

## 1st XI.—

|          |          |                   |             |       |
|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------|
|          |          | Ward              |             |       |
|          | Weeks    | Moger (ii)        |             |       |
| Simmonds |          | Moger (i) (Capt.) | Hobbs (iii) |       |
| McAlpine | Grindrod | Brown             | Semmens     | Beare |

Burrows, Rockey and Baskerville have also played.

## 2nd XI.—

|        |          |             |                |          |
|--------|----------|-------------|----------------|----------|
|        |          | Scamp       |                |          |
|        | Treweeke | Beale       |                |          |
|        | Hooper   | Rose        | Hill           |          |
| Sutton | Burrows  | Baskerville | Rockey (Capt.) | Prideaux |

Escott, Scoullar, Hobbs, Austin, Dowrick, Gosling and Cooper have also played

## Junior XI.—

|        |        |                |        |         |
|--------|--------|----------------|--------|---------|
|        |        | Escott         |        |         |
|        | Rice   | Sutton (Capt.) |        |         |
|        | Tanner | Peake          | Coles  |         |
| Cooper | Taylor | Ingham         | Warner | Gosling |

Meyler, Moger (iii), Ellis and Richards have also played.

*Critique.*

W. R. Ward (goalkeeper).—A fearless, reliable goalkeeper who, however, must learn to kick with either foot.

D. P. Weeks (right back).—A fast, steady player who should improve his kicking and positional play.

- A. H. Moger (left back).—A strong, reliable player, inclined to be over defensive. Should improve his distribution of the ball.
- J. M. Simmonds (right half) (committee).—An indefatigable half-back whose play has been consistently excellent throughout the season.—W.J.T.
- S. J. Moger (centre-half, captain).—Has fulfilled his office with conspicuous ability. He has been the outstanding member of the team, thanks to his ball control and keen judgment.—W.J.T.
- B. Hobbs (left-half).—A small but clever player. Possesses keen football sense, but his right foot kicking lacks power.
- B. McAlpine (outside right).—A strong player who shows spasmodic form. Should learn to kick with his left foot and to cross the ball more quickly.
- Grindrod (inside-right).—A small useful player who should kick harder and be quicker off the mark.
- W. G. Brown (centre-forward, vice-captain).—A good player who, however, must be more determined in finishing movements.—W.J.T.
- E. H. Semmens (inside-left).—A small, clever forward who should kick harder and grasp opportunity when offered.
- R. A. Beare ((outside-left, secretary).—Must learn that holding office entails responsibility. A good winger with a good shot with either foot.—W.J.T.

## RECORD :

|              | P. | W. | L. | D. | Goals. |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|--------|----|
|              |    |    |    |    | F.     | A. |
| 1st XI.      | 13 | 9  | 3  | 1  | 62     | 30 |
| 2nd XI. .... | 7  | 5  | 1  | 1  | 30     | 14 |
| Junior XI.   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 00     | 00 |

S. J. MOGER.

## RUGBY CLUB.

*Rugby Master* : MR. DRAKE.*Captain* : R. H. HUZZEY.*Vice-Captain* : I. J. PICKERING.*Hon. Secretary* : H. WILLIAMS.

This year's First XV., built around a nucleus of last year's team, has experienced a very successful season, losing only two matches in eleven. This being our first year in Penzance, we have suffered from lack of fixtures, especially the school games necessary for the Second and Junior XV.'s, but the 1st XV., playing men's teams since Christmas, have been very successful, notably at home against the strong Camborne School of Mines team. The team have shown greater enthusiasm than in previous years, and have played well together with great keenness. The loss of Bartlett was a blow, and owing to injuries to Holgate and Pyne, we were left without a scrum-half, but Cocking, one of our best forwards has,





*Critique.*

Down.—A small fullback whose sound rigger sense compensates for his lack of weight. He has a very safe pair of hands, and kicks well from any position, but is at times too slow in clearing the ball.

Huzzey.—A determined and clever wing, who is always prepared to put his team on the top. As captain he has given entire satisfaction.—F.D.

Powell.—A centre who keeps his position well, a safe tackler. Combines with Huzzey in a dangerous right wing, and can always be relied upon to play a steady game.

Simmonds.—Tackles very well at all times, and is at his best in hard games, when he is strong in defence. Kicking has greatly improved.

Ellis.—A newcomer to the team who is prepared to go hard, but has not seen much of the ball.

Cocking.—A staunch forward who has shaped well in his new position at stand-off half. Plays a lively game and tackles well, but should get rid of the ball quicker. Handling needs improvement.

Holgate.—An experienced scrum-half who has shown a great improvement this season. Has a safe pair of hands, passes out cleanly, and cross-kicks well. Should mark his opponent more closely.

Pickering.—An able leader of the forwards, who always plays an extremely strong and reliable game, particularly in the loose. Never lags and is never afraid to go down on the ball. Quick to seize opportunities for opening out the game by his attacking runs and clean feeding of the backs.

Molland (i).—Pushes hard in the scrum and is useful in the line-out. Tackles well, follows up well. Throws himself into the game.

Molland (ii).—A dangerous attacking forward who keeps up on the ball and is prominent in forward rushes. Binds well in set scrums.

Ford.—Combines well with Molland to form a solid second rank. A robust and steady forward who works hard on the loose.

Beswick.—A strong forward who pushes hard in set scrums. Not afraid to go down in the loose. Should use his energy to more direct purpose. Can be dangerous in attack.

Evea.—An experienced forward who has hooked extremely well in every game, often against superior weight. Often first up on the ball, dribbles well and is sound in defence.

Fitzsimmons.—A good front-rank forward who breaks quickly. Though light he plays keenly and has shown up well in hard games.

Bartlett.—A stand-off who has been badly missed. His brilliant attacking runs have been the outstanding feature of games in the Winter Term. A splendid kicker, whose only weakness is in defence.

## Vienna

By R. J. HERBST.

It was in the nineteenth century that the trend of Vienna's history took a different course. So far Austria had always acted as an independent ultra-Catholic power. Now Germany began to rise, and with it Vienna began to decline. No longer could the Austrian capital claim to be the chief representative of German-speaking peoples. Towns in North Germany, notably the North Sea ports and Berlin, were expanding rapidly, and with them Germany grew until it had become a country whose army was second to none in Europe. An inevitable rivalry between the two German states arose, until in 1866 the German army began an invasion of Austria and defeating her forces at the battle of Fadvava, opened the road to Vienna which it did not enter because of the Armistice. From that time onwards Vienna has always played second fiddle to Berlin. After the last war it found itself a capital of a country with six million inhabitants; one out of every three Austrians lived in Vienna. Even huge London houses "only" one out of every six Britons. Vienna had suddenly become too big and decreased until at the beginning of this war it was in its humiliating position of being no longer a capital.

Berlin and Vienna have always rivalled one another. Their populations represent the two German extremes. Berlin in the north reflects the militarist Prussian; Vienna in the south houses the indifferent, carefree Austrian. In the north will be found the industrious, serious-minded German; in the south the somewhat lazy, yet light-hearted Austrian predominates. The climate somehow matches the temperament of the people. The extremes of winter and summer are great; every winter Vienna employs ten thousand unemployed to clear away the snow which impedes traffic. Every summer Italian ice-cream makers set up their shops all over the town and do good business. Yet, on the whole, winter is quite endurable, and the Viennese summer is mild compared with that of Northern Italy. Spring and autumn mean continuous showers and a typical "April" weather, whilst the beginning of winter is sometimes marked by dense fogs.

The scenery shows, like the climate, a great deal of variation. Vienna's fame is greatly enhanced by the very extensive Vienna woods which completely surround the south-western perimeter of the town. They are along hills well below a thousand feet in height, and since Vienna itself is about three hundred feet above sea level, they are all easy to climb.

The more popular hills are made accessible by broad, modern roads, which are used by buses starting from the very centre of the city. Foot-paths are numerous and the variety of trees is enormous. Ferns are very plentiful and found at practically all cross-roads. Several spots are ideal for ski-ing in winter. The eastern promontory of the Alps is only sixty miles from the town, and special

express trains enable tourists to reach it in less than an hour. The climate in the Alps is excellent. Several mountains are over six thousand feet high, and one of them alone has a plateau nearly twenty miles long. This region thus provides excellent holiday resorts. The state spent large sums of money improving and advertising them. They are of the greatest value to the Viennese themselves, who can spend their holidays in ideal surroundings, yet close to the town and in their own country.

The scenery outside the town is matched by its splendid architecture inside. The city is actually constructed round the Roman camp Vindobona—whence the name Vienna. Though the Danube flows through the town, it does not run through the centre, and is of hardly any value at all with regard to scenery. This fact is in striking contrast with the course of the Danube in Budapest, where, running through the middle of the town, it imparts to it a special type of attraction. Vienna's main road, the Ring, is, as its name suggests, a circle. It completely encloses the first district, the city itself, and is one of the best parts of the city, being lined by museums, parks and stately offices alternately. Public gardens are very numerous indeed; they resemble those of Paris very much with their gravel alleys and carefully trimmed trees. The general structure of the city is comparatively modern. There are over 150 churches; one, the St. Stephen's Church, has a spire 410 feet high. It is claimed to be the third highest steeple in Europe. During the past fifteen years housing has been greatly improved; new house blocks hold tens of thousands of workmen. One vast single house, with branches in several directions, can alone hold five thousand people.

The backbone of the public traffic is the tramway which runs through the whole town with the exception of the city, where the narrow streets only just allow buses to pass. There is a very modern underground as well. This has been extended since the last war and now, together with the ever increasing bus service, displaces the tramway more and more. Taxis are of a standard design and are inferior to British types. The number of cars in Vienna is rather low. The standard of living is far below that of the average Englishman. Wireless sets are far more expensive in Austria than in England, and the ratio of the prices for equally good sets is about three to one. The local broadcasting corporation was however always subsidized by the State, had a very powerful transmitter which was replaced by a still better one a few years back, and was well known for its good classical concerts.

Both traffic and broadcasting start well before seven o'clock. This is an example of the early times of business in the town. All schools, for instance, begin at eight o'clock or rather used to in peace-time, and go on till one o'clock. This long time in the morning explains why there is no afternoon school. Though there are no half-holidays, every afternoon and evening is free. The system of elementary schooling corresponds very much to the English one. The secondary schools have the same standards as

the County Schools, but all prepare for the matriculation—which examination corresponds to the English Higher School Certificate, and is taken on completing the eighth form. Each form is attended for one year. At the end of every school year school certificates are issued. They are reports covering the year's work and giving a grade for each subject. There are four grades—very good, good, pass, failure. If at the end of the year a scholar has two failures in main subjects, his school certificate will not enable him to go up into the next form. If successful, certificate will enable him to go up into the next form of the same or any other school. Each certificate has a duty stamp, is approved by the board of education, and each pupil must gain such a certificate every year to be able to go up. The University of Vienna is well known ; it specialises in medicine, philosophy and modern languages, just as Oxford does in classics and Cambridge in mathematics.

Every town has its special significance amongst others. Just as London is known for its dignity, Paris for its elegance and Budapest for its charm, so Vienna is famous as the town of music. In the eighteenth century it reached its greatest height when it became the home of Beethoven, Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Johann Straus and many others. Both Beethoven, whose music is still unsurpassed in intellectual depth, and Strauss, the "waltz king" made Vienna their home. Not only was the scenery, and perhaps the climate, inviting, but Vienna had several excellent orchestras, choral societies, and, above all, unceasingly keen and appreciative audiences. Before the outbreak of this war a good performance by a young artist which received favourable criticism in the local press, brought the successful soloist a tour through U.S.A. Toscanini and other conductors of similar calibre conducted the Viennese Philharmonic Orchestra every year. Italian opera singers toured through Austria every season, and famous soloists were sure of musical audiences all the year round.

The music of Vienna is a very true reflection of its cosmopolitan character. Its nature as a centre of traffic, and its general position in the heart of Europe, resulted in a very large stream of travellers passing through the town every year. The late Austrian Empire had Vienna as capital for several nations ; this again gave the town experience of other nationalities. The Napoleonic wars revived the then waning French influence of the Renaissance. The Alpine paths to the south made a strong influence of the Italian element possible. The drive towards the east of the Austrian Empire made Vienna acquainted with the peoples of Eastern Europe. As a result the Viennese are very internationally minded. The architecture of the town includes masterpieces of every well known European school. Vienna is popular as a holiday resort because of its versatile scenery and the nature of the people, who, generally speaking, get on equally well with every nation. The large time spared in the school syllabus for modern languages shows too the broad outlook that prevails. It is this cosmopolitan nature of the town which ought to raise it again to its former level of fame.

## D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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*Committee:* The above together with Messrs. D. Ackland, R. Cheshire  
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F. T. Healy, J. C. Hill, P. J. Mowan, R. Pengelly, G. Plucknett,  
B. C. J. Rickard, C. H. Rowe, R. Small, L. H. Warren & R. J. Werry.

Dear Old Boys of D.H.S.,

I much appreciate the honour which has come to me as your new President. You may be assured that I am anxious to be of service to you and to the Old Boys' Association.

Mr. H. Ferraro constantly reminds me of your existence. He often tells me about the great things so many of you were doing in the days of peace, and of the still greater things you are doing to-day.

Wherever you are, and in whatever task you are engaged, I wish you the best of luck. The School is proud of you; be very sure of that.

When the war is over we must arrange a grand reunion.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. H. BUCKLEY.

In the last Magazine we took leave of Mr. Simmonds. Mr. Simmonds has now "settled in" at Tottenham Grammar School, and his former pupils will picture him exerting that power of organization which was a feature of his most successful direction of our own School. We wish him good fortune in his efforts on behalf of the Tottenham boys. To his successor, as Headmaster of Devonport High School and President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. W. H. Buckley, we extend a cordial welcome. The Headship of such a School as ours carries with it great responsibilities, and when in addition the School is evacuated, those responsibilities are increased many times. It is with a full appreciation of this that Old Boys unite in expressing the hope that Mr. Buckley's tenure of office as Headmaster will be a happy and successful one, and that he and Mrs. Buckley will derive much pleasure from their association with Devonport High School.

The last notes were written in December, 1941. Every endeavour is made to give as much information of Old Boys and their doings as is possible, but of necessity there must be many omissions. Any help in keeping news items up to date would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barnes and to Mr. and Mrs. Nottle, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simmonds and to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Short.

Congratulations also on his engagement to Mr. A. J. Swan, a former Secretary of the London Association. Mr. Swan was appointed to Hull in the Taxes Inspectorate, and we have received news of his engagement to Miss Mary Hewett, the elder daughter of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Hull.

Mr. C. C. Seward, who a few years ago entered the Executive Civil Service, is now a Sub-Lieut. R.N.V.R. The training period proved quite a reunion of D.H.S.-ians, since Messrs. L. Tovell, F. Johnson and K. Wintle qualified at the same time. Mr. P. Coyne, of Cawsand, and Mr. R. Osborne, late of Cambridge, are also serving as Sub-Lieuts.

News comes from Mr. W. R. Wingate. He is now a prisoner of war in Germany, having been captured in the fighting in Crete. When we heard he was quite well and wished to be remembered to his School friends.

Pilot Officer S. A. Masters is also a prisoner of war. His machine was brought down during a raid on enemy territory in July last. He had been awarded the D.F.C.

Messrs. N. E. Chaff and M. E. Brown of the Civil Service (Admiralty) have met on an Overseas station.

Mr. R. Hodges stationed at Gibraltar,, has been rather seriously ill. He is fit again now and would like to meet any Old Boy who may be calling at Gibraltar. Any such should ask at The Tower, H.M. Dockyard, for the Assistant Civil Secretary.

Mr. H. Brenton, who entered the Navy, is now on H.M.S. "Charybdis."

Mr. D. Ackland, who was elected to the Committee just before the School evacuation, has passed Part I of the London B.Sc. (Engineering).

Mr. T. Chesterfield has gone overseas with the R.A.F.

Mr. T. Tomlin is in Canada training as a Pilot. Messrs. Backhouse, Dolton and Prout are also overseas engaged on the same course.

We recently had a visit from Sergt. Pilot F. Crocker. He is now fully qualified and engaged on flying duties. Sergt. Pilot Alex Baines, who trained with him, is in Kenya.

Mr. J. R. Sutton is in an O.C.T.U. at Aldershot. An accident to his knee whilst playing Rugger held up his training for the Royal Corps of Signals for a time.

Mr. S. A. Evans, now Inspector of Taxes, was unfortunate to miss the greater part of last season's Rugger through an injury to his shoulder. He was selected to play for London v. R.A.F. We congratulate both him and Mr. J. McNess on their professional successes.

Mr. E. J. Cox, who has so ably assisted Mr. Eric E. Cock on the occasions of our Annual Dinners, has been promoted to Executive Officer in the Civil Service.

Mr. J. L. Deal, who captained the Oxford Soccer XI., was selected to captain the combined Oxford and Cambridge Universities team.

Sub-Lieut. (E) A. C. Simmonds has had the distinction of having twice been selected to play for England in the Rugby Services International. He played against Wales at Gloucester and against Scotland at Wembley. This is an honour of which the School is justly proud.

Mr. N. Godwood, who up to the outbreak of war was engaged on an intensive course of Biology at the University College of the South-West, Exeter, joined the Fleet Air Arm at the outbreak of hostilities, so is now a seasoned veteran of the air.

Mr. L. Robins—Rugger enthusiasts will remember his play at full-back—is in the Middle East. In August last he was promoted to Employment Officer, Labour Exchange, Oxford.

Mr. O. Quantick has been appointed Manager of the Labour Exchange, Plymouth. His eldest son has just joined the School.

Mr. L. C. G. Williams, who up to the time of his appointment to South Wales, was a most energetic Committee Member, is now a Captain in the R.A.S.C.

Mr. Alan Legg is now a Lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Signals and is with a Tank Brigade. Second Lieut. G. Barrett of the same Corps has gone to the Middle East. Mr. F. B. Anstey, at one time Lieutenant in the Corps, has transferred to the Railway Operative Dept. and has been promoted to Captain. He met Mr. Halloran "somewhere in the East."

Mr. E. R. Harris, who was one of the early members of our Committee, has now joined the Staff of D.H.S.

Mr. L. Semmens, who in civil life was an Accountant, is now L./Sergt. Semmens.

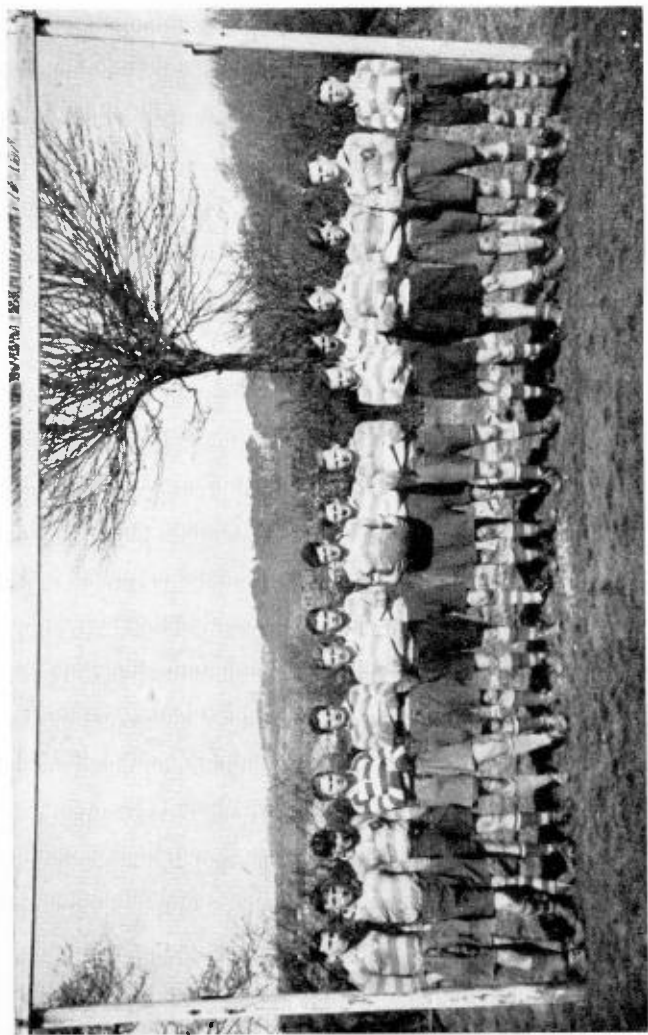
Mr. A. H. Wreford is about to enter the R.A.F., having been accepted for a Pilot's Course.

Mr. F. Sandon sends greetings from Millom. He was appointed to the Headship of Millom County School during last Autumn Term.

Mr. W. J. Andrews also sends good wishes. He is now living at Buckfastleigh and is assisting in A.R.P. work.

It is now several years since a London Reunion enabled us to meet Mr. Treseder. We look forward to the time when the prospect of meeting many of his pupils will again tempt him from his home at Hove.





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Mr. W. H. Short has been appointed Electrical Engineering Draughtsman and posted to Rosyth.

Mr. F. C. Hornbrook of the Excise and Customs is now in the Field Artillery.

Vice-President Sir William Gick retired from the position of Director of Stores on June 15th, 1940. The Admiralty invited him to continue as "Advisor to the Fourth Sea Lord on Supplies." Since that time he has filled another most important post. Sir William's career has been a most distinguished one. He has been honoured by three Kings. His C.B.E. was bestowed by King George V., the C.B. by Edward VIII. and the Knighthood by George VI. He has also received the United States Navy Cross. This was conferred upon him by President Wilson in recognition of his work in organising the supply arrangements of the American Battle Squadron which operated with the British Fleet during the last war.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Pilot Officer A. Lockwood, R.A.F. This young Officer, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood, was in an Infantry Unit, but transferred to the R.A.F. Bomber Command. He lost his life during a raid on Occupied France. Our deep sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood.

Old Boys will be indeed sorry to hear of the passing of a valued old friend, Mr. F. H. Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard came to us as English Master during the last war. During the time he was at D.H.S. he won the esteem and affection of Staff and boys alike. He left School to join the Editorial Staff of Messrs. Harrap. He had published many books which were widely circulated. Probably those best known to D.H.S.-ians were the ones on literary appreciation. He always maintained touch with the School, and rarely missed the chance of meeting D.H.S. friends at the London Reunions. He lectured in English at Westminster Training College and many Old Boys have this added recollection of his kindly help.

Our sympathy also goes to Mr. Eric Cock and his family in the loss they have sustained in the death of his father, Mr. Ernest Cock. Mr. Cock was a familiar figure at the Old Boys Reunion Dinners.

It is difficult to get authentic news, but it is feared that Messrs. J. H. Francis and G. Bryant are among those who were at Singapore when the occupation by the Japanese took place. We hear that Mr. R. Morgan had previously been transferred to Bermuda.

By far the greater part of our members are now serving. Although Committee meetings are impracticable, members may rest assured that those of us who are still at home will do our best to keep the Association together. We shall be more than pleased to give any help we can. To facilitate matters please note the following addresses:

General Secretary, Mr. H. Ferraro, Devonport High School, at Penzance, *or* Poltesco, Alverton, Penzance.

Committee Secretary: Mr. Cyril E. Gill, 14 Haddington Road, Stoke, Devonport.

London Secretary: Mr. L. S. Mills, 18 Northwood Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.

Mr. Mills has consented to act for Mr. A. H. P. Rowden, who is now in the Navy. He will be pleased to hear from any London Members or to meet any Old Boys who are passing through London. His address is as above, and during the day he may be 'phoned Central 8901.

The Magazine will be published twice yearly, and will give news as received. The Annual Subscription is 3s., and our financial year ends on July 31st. Prompt payment of subscriptions would be a great help.

Our greeting and good wishes to all D.H.S.-ians.

H. FERRARO.

The following changes of address have been received:

J. Ralph, 67, Ridge Park Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth.

J. H. Nicholls, Trevennor, Marazion, Cornwall.

K. H. Pillar, 34 Holland Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

We welcome the following New Members:

764. B. J. Warn, 15, Penrhos Drive, Bangor, N. Wales.

765. P. C. Colling, 23, Sturdee Road, Milehouse, Plymouth.

766. R. T. Harris, 7, Gordon Terrace, Mutley, Plymouth.

767. K. A. Tonkin, 154, Salisbury Road, Lipson, Plymouth.

768. D. A. Varcoe, 3, Quarry Park Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

769. F. E. Maher.

770. E. J. Forbes, 11, Brean Down Road, Hartley, Plymouth.

771. S. Bartlett, 56, Close Park Way, Crownhill, Plymouth.

772. E. C. Halliday, 33, Hill Top Crescent, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.

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