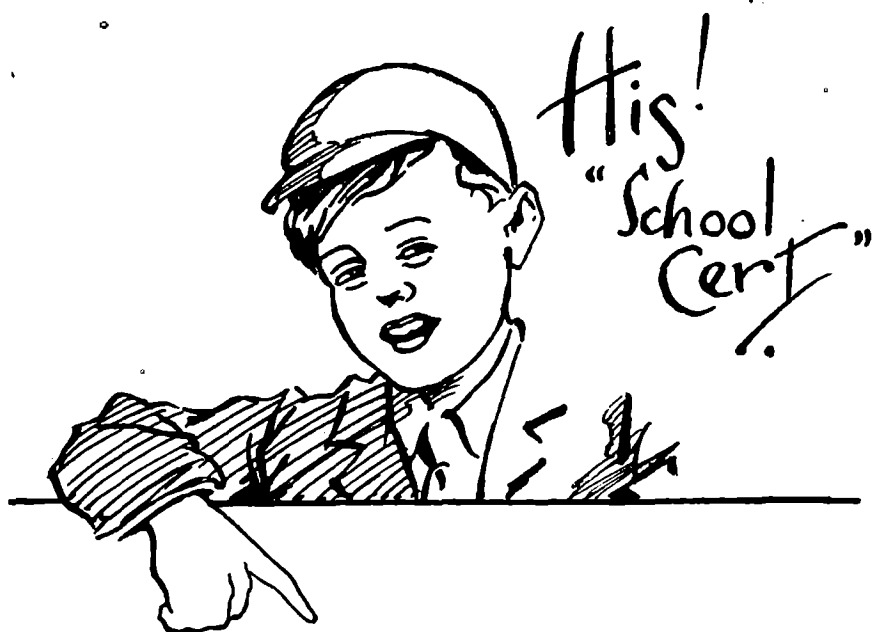


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Editorial

Rousseau's idea of natural man as one living in complete freedom untrammelled by external controls was ill-founded, for man, even in the most primitive state, is not born free but is bound by the chains of a thousand fears and petty superstitions. Only in imaginative literature or in religious mythology does an Arcadia, a Golden Age or an Eden exist in which restrictions on personal liberty are absent. Elsewhere the necessary corollary to liberty is discipline.

In a primitive community discipline must, of necessity, be harsh since the preservation of the social unit depends on the uniformity of its members : little variety of behaviour or outlook could be permitted. Religious laws such as those dealing with the totem animal were vigorously enforced, as punishment for a breach of law was feared by the whole tribe, whose attitude resembled that of Horace.

“saepe Diespiter

neglectus incesto addidit integrum.”

Similarly, rules on intermarriage or prohibited foods were intended to preserve the physical integrity of the social unit.

Gradually the major part of the disciplinary powers of the head of the small unit were transferred to the central authority of the nation, in much the same way as the Roman “paterfamilias” came to cede most of his judicial powers to the state. However, for such is human nature, the small, local unit still remains. It acts as the means whereby the rules laid down by the central government may be applied to the nation.

There is, as man becomes more civilised, apart from this tendency towards centralisation, a restriction of the spheres with which national discipline must be concerned. Individuality is now possible and for a civilised state tolerance is a definite virtue.

Laws in an ideal state come to be obeyed because their value is appreciated. It is realised that true liberty is, in Burke's phrase, "a liberty connected with order, that not only exists along with order and virtue but which cannot exist at all without them." As the individual comes to realise this he becomes conscious of his obligation to the state, and so is able to impose the highest form of discipline—self-discipline—for "he that hath no control over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down and without walls."

Such self-discipline is particularly necessary to those who are concerned with the maintenance of good order. In complex modern society or even in the smaller unit of a school, the officers responsible for discipline must feel a responsibility to their superiors and to the society they serve: Only through obedience can leadership be learned: "Who commands well should have obeyed at some time." After such a training he can lead instead of merely commanding.

A particular feature of much school discipline is that it is aimed at the inculcation of good habits which will serve the boy well in after life. It thus does more than merely make the organisation of school activities more pleasant and more efficient. Discipline should never be merely mechanical but habits of good behaviour, learnt through obedience to school-rules form a reliable basis on which manners springing from more deliberate good intentions, can be built. Above all school discipline should produce the habit of thoughtfulness for others.

This thoughtfulness for the state—differing from the group-consciousness of the primitive state—is achieved as the result of a kind of circular development, but since it is a conscious virtue it is of a much higher nature. Perhaps for this reason it is too often lacking in modern life. A feeling for the good of the community can be a warm and personal motive for plentiful service. It surpasses the minor motive of selfishness and yet, finally, improves the personality and may even be of material advantage.

The traditions of a school should not merely influence a single section of a boy's life any more than his Christianity should be a "Sunday religion." In the best of our English schools, the school tradition is profoundly Christian and works with the teachings of the church or chapel patronised. The membership of Devonport High School should be a good influence on our out-of-school activities and we should apply principles of loyalty and fair play even to matters unconnected with the school.

In short, if discipline is to be ably administered, the prefects on the one hand must be scrupulous in their own observance of details, while others should make it their special concern to understand the spirit of the school rules in order that they may obey them more willingly. When, however, the implication of the rules is not fully grasped they should still be obeyed in the assurance that they are based upon firm principles. Such deliberate self-training will well prepare a boy for the larger world beyond the school.

School Notes

On November 26th, Mrs. Joan Warn judged the finalists in our annual Speech Contest. It was a highly successful first venture, and next term we shall be holding the second and, we hope, an even better one. It is very necessary that our boys should become more and more speech-conscious, and a contest of this sort in which every boy in the school takes some part—even if he doesn't reach the finals—has proved to be an excellent way of achieving that end. Let us improve the high standard already reached.

Two terms ago we noted the growing interest in the school and in its activities. That certain Forms had become conscious that their immediate surroundings could be improved and that they took steps to improve them gives us the opportunity to congratulate the following on their initiative and good sense in undertaking to decorate their rooms : L6S, L6A, 6G, 5L, 4B, 4G, 4L, 1A and 1B. Materials and tools were provided : the results were good. Other Forms please note.

In addition the Art Room, The Library and the Music Room have been done. The effect of the added brightness—the cheerfulness of the rooms, the pride that boys take in their own unaided efforts, and their obvious desire that their own particular room should be pleasant to enter and to work in speak for themselves and for the members of the Forms concerned. Congratulations and thanks.

On December 13th—the date has nothing to do with the failure of the lights in the middle of the proceedings—we held an inter-schools Mock Trial of the Modern Cinema. The charge was that the modern film was a subversive and evil influence upon the general public and upon children in particular. The Headmaster was Judge, the proceedings were carried out as they would have been in a criminal court, every detail of procedure was carefully checked, and the atmosphere was one of workmanlike seriousness.

Those who contributed to the success of the evening were drawn from Devonport High School for Girls, Saint Dunstan's, Stoke Damerel High School, Notre Dame High School, Plympton Grammar School, Plymouth College, Sutton High School, and Saint Boniface. We thank them for their co-operation, and feel sure that they gained as much in knowledge and judgment as we did. We hope to stage a Royal Commission in the Autumn Term.

On December 23rd, a dance was organised by the Prefects. The Staff was invited, an orchestra was hired for the occasion, the room was suitably and tastefully decorated, and parents of the boys in the Sixth Forms provided the refreshments. Such events as these, conceived and organised by the boys, are a very valuable contribution to the wider social implications of education.

We stress the importance of the School as a social unity during the actual years of instruction and in the life of its members when they are over. Membership of Devonport High School lasts, and to that end the Old Boys' Association plays an ever-growing part. An account of the annual Dinner is reported in these pages, and as usual it was a bright function, well attended and enjoyed by all who went. A very significant and valuable innovation marked this year's function. The Captain and Vice-Captain of the School attended by invitation, thus strengthening the ties that link the past and present members.

The full life that the School provides need not now cease when its members leave us. The Association provides sport, social activities, continued friendships and contacts, and lasting memories of what in retrospect will be found to be some of the happiest years of life. Every boy should leave us with the knowledge that he is still one with us. Join the Association before you leave. Come back and see us whenever you can. The Headmaster and Staff are always glad to see you.

In this connection the Old Boys are contributing something unique in the history of the Association and of the School. There is now a close and live system of aid to boys who are deciding on a career. To make up your mind is not enough. Ways and means must be known, some idea of your suitability for a certain type of post is essential, and even then you must go about it in the right way. To give you all possible help the Old Boys—and particularly those who by virtue of their specialised knowledge and experience can be of most service in this respect—have undertaken to give the information at their command, and furthermore to form an experienced and informed panel before which those who are intending to enter the Civil Service or to go up to a university can present themselves for a trial interview, knowing that that experience will be the same as their real ordeal in their near future. We cannot over-estimate the value of such an experience, and *we thank on your and on our own behalf those who have so generously put their time, their knowledge and their experience at your service.*

There is little need to remind you of the presentation of "Murder in the Cathedral" on the 18th to the 21st of January. Such events are outstanding in the life of the School. The things you do for the school, the sacrifices you make, incidentally the knowledge you acquire, and the joy you had in spite of the hard work, are things that will live.

An account of the play and of the work of the Junior Dramatic Team is included in this issue. Congratulations and thanks are superfluous it seems at this late date, but expression of them in these notes is a just tribute to those who gave so much of time and energy, skill and knowledge to the outstanding success of the productions, not forgetting those whose work is before the public but who themselves gain little public recognition.

The Chorus was drawn from most of the principal Girls' Schools of the town, and from other sources. To the Headmistresses of those schools and to all concerned we give our thanks. The girls had a memorable experience. Of course we are always grateful for the use of the Globe Theatre. How poor Plymouth would be without it. We thank the Officer Commanding and the staff of the theatre for their kindness and co-operation.

Congratulation to A. J. Cross who took over from Nuttall the care of the flowers and borders in the grounds. The beds lining the terrace have been a joy for weeks past, with their masses of colour and lack of weeds. The work has been done in the boys' own time. Cross has got around him a keen band of workers, and has shown them an example of that careful attention without which the results could not have been so good.

The general opinion is that "Le Barbier de Seville" presented at Devonport High School for Girls by La Troupe Francaise was highly amusing. It was acted in French. Apart from the enjoyment of the play, and that implies much, all who attended must have benefited by the added opportunity to establish a French speech habit, the association of sound and meaning.

We publish an account of the Speech Day held on March 10th. It should have been held in the Autumn term, but we were undergoing a process of change, and it was good to postpone it until Mr. Barker had established himself. We do not propose to say much here. We shall in October next revert to the normal routine, and then we shall have our first Speech Day under Mr. Barker. He was really deputizing for Mr. Buckley last time : this time it will be all his.

Yet another friendly piece of co-operation materialised on May 19th, when a joint dance was held by the Old Boys' and Parents' Associations. The linking of these two bodies in activities that can mean only advantage to the school is a happy augury for the future. There are still, however, parents and Old Boys who do not realise the importance of these functions. That the Sixth Formers were invited was a pleasing and useful thought too, and many more would have accepted had not the very real problems of Higher Schools rightly taken first place. Their inability to attend this time should not preclude the possibility of future invitations.

We are now reaping the benefit of the attention that the grounds in front of the school received earlier, and incidentally are still receiving. The grass has come up, and what with that now newly mown, the trees in full leaf, the flowers already mentioned, and the duty form's care to see that there is no litter in the grounds, the place is becoming worthy of the school. These grounds are not, as some may think, merely something to look at. Obviously, now that they have been put in such good shape, we cannot have

them ruined by indiscriminate cricket pitches, and bare patches of worn turf ; and it is gratifying to realise that two concrete wickets have been laid down, that necessary practice can be obtained on our own ground without destroying the beauty of the whole.

As the Headmaster implied in his remarks at the close of our Sports Day on June 12th, we were fortunate in having a really fine afternoon ; and not only the weather was fine. There is an account of the proceedings further on, but mention must be made here of the fine efforts made and the fine records made . . . fifteen of them. It was indeed a successful afternoon even if . . . but why mention the Houses that didn't win ? We all know who did, and by how much. Had the result been a much closer thing there would have been more excitement, but every boy did his best and a good best, the whole function went off as it always does almost to split-second timing and without a hitch. We are still waiting for Mr. Nash to make a mistake. We record our thanks to him and to all who made the afternoon so successful, and are glad that Mr. Austin did not succeed in winging anybody.

Those who were wise listened to Sir Arthur Hollely, J.P. with due care and attention, for what he had to say was not only good sound common sense, but advice that no boy could afford to ignore. We thank him for his presence and for distributing the certificates and cups, and even more for that speech at the end. We append a list of the records made.

High Jump under 12. M. J. A. ALLISON (Raleigh), 3ft. 11½ins.
 High Jump under 13. A. C. ATKINS (Grenville), 4ft. 6ins.
 Putting the Weight over 16. R. W. JUNIPER (Grenville), 37ft. 5ins.
 Putting the Weight under 16. B. W. ATKINS (Grenville), 40ft. 2ins. (with a lighter shot).
 100 yards under 15. M. C. WOTTON (Raleigh), 10.2 secs.
 100 yards under 16. D. ROSE (Raleigh), 10.8 secs.
 100 yards under 12. M. J. GRIFFITHS (Gilbert) 12.6 secs.
 100 yards under 13. A. C. ATKINS (Grenville) 11.8 secs.
 Hop, Step and Jump, under 15. A. D. APPLEBY (Grenville), 24ft. 9ins.
 Javelin under 16. G. W. RALPH (Raleigh), 129 ft.
 120 yards Hurdles over 16. B. S. GIBBS (Grenville) 16.2 secs.
 Under 12 Relay, 4 x 110 : DRAKE, 1 min. 2.3 secs.
 Under 15 Relay, 4 x 220 : RALEIGH, 1 min. 52.6 secs.
 Under 16 Relay, 4 x 220 : GRENVILLE, 1 min. 47.0 secs.
 Over 16 Relay 440—220—220—440 : GRENVILLE, 2 mins. 46.4 secs.

You didn't know that there is a School Tennis Team ? There is, and they have played their first match at Torquay. It is not for us to go into details here ; but what is striking is the number and variety of sporting and other out-of-school activities made available to our boys. We are a complete Youth Centre, having a hard core of solid academic work, and an outer layer of everything that a boy can want from sport and dancing to careers and serious reading, including a host of scientific, artistic, cultural and recreational activities on the way.

While we are upon this subject we remind readers that elsewhere in this issue is reported J. Evans's outstanding success in the All-England Boxing Championships. Congratulations to him and to Mr. Reynish.

Have we gained an impression from these notes that the only things that really matter in D.H.S. are sports and dances, boxing and Old Boys? If that be so, we must think again. We are a school, and that means . . . it doesn't matter here what it means. What does matter is that with Devonport High School it implies WORK. We are as conscious of the narrower meaning of education as we are of the wider, so that with all our multifarious activities . . . and you can realise now how many they are . . . we do not forget or give second place to that academic work which it is the Grammar School's right and privilege to do, and we pursue knowledge and prepare for the examinations that test it while providing qualifications for really good posts in after-school life.

We make no apology, then, for appending a list of some of our successes. Knowledge of them should be a spur to parents and an inspiration to boys. "Go thou and do likewise" is a good slogan.

Here is the list :—

J. K. HOSKIN.	..	Open Exhibition in Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
M. WARREN	..	An Open Exhibition in Natural Science at Jesus College, Oxford.
W. STARKS.	..	Ballard Scholarship in Science at University College of the South West, Exeter.
J. V. WILLS.	..	'Devon War Memorial Scholarship in Science at University College of the South West, Exeter.
R. G. COLLINGS	..	H. M. Customs and Excise.
R. G. ANDERSON, D. G. GROCOTT, A. H. KING, H. D. THOMAS		H.M. Executive Civil Service.
A. ROBERTS		Special Entry (Engineering), Dartmouth.
R. W. JUNIPER		Entrance to Sandhurst Military Academy.
K. ANTHONY-LANGSDALE.		The Astor Essay Prize.

Congratulations to them, and all good wishes for their ultimate success in life.

There follows a list of successful candidates at the December School Certificate Examination :

Angle, D. J. *Clark, D. E. Davies, A. F. *Daw, C. F. Eliot, D. A. Frost, M. Hicks, V. B. / *Knight, J. B. Leader, I. A. Moyle, H. B. *Saintsbury, R. J. Sullivan, T. D. Vaughan, A. G. Walker, J. *Watson, C. S. *Weevil. Yates, D. J. * Indicates Matriculation Exemption.

The following took extra or odd subjects :—

*Bates, K. *Bramwick, R. J. Connely, C. A. Evans, T. E. Evens, H. P. K. Hosking, D. Hutchings, B. L. Jordan, R. J. *Mason, P. *Parnell, B. H. *Quantick, D. R. Saunders, R. A. R. *Walsh, J. D. Warren, M. S. *Tate, M. N.

Our contact with the outside world and the practical affairs of life has been a good one. Many of our School societies have organised excursions to places of interest in pursuit of their own particular types of knowledge ; exhibitions and factories have been visited, first-class cricket has been witnessed, and everything has

been done to link the more academic aspects of our work with the outside world. These activities have a practical and cultural value over and above the pure pleasure that they afforded.

A party of boys, in the care of masters, visited Taunton at Half Term to see the West Indians play. The scoring was slow, but the West Indians were most interesting to watch, and the party must have learnt a lot. The Master Printers' exhibition and the Plymouth City Library were also visited. Among the visits paid by the Science Society were those to the Dockyard to see the Generating Station ; to the Photographic Studios of Messrs. Notcutt ; to the B.B.C. Studios ; to Kendie's Food Factory and the Tecalemit and Bush Radio Works. We are grateful for all these opportunities.

The Field Society has covered much ground—Maristow, Hawns and Dendles, Kitley Caves, Merrivale and Vixen Tor, Hangar Down, Cawsand Bay and Cothele. Look in the Society's notes for the details.

We note with pleasure the increase in the number of descants sung in assembly by either Form I or Form II. Choir and solo items have been introduced, and before the end of term the choir will render *If ye love me* by Thomas Tallis and *Hide not thou thy face* by Richard Farrant.

We have welcomed Members of D.H.S. for Girls at our assemblies. They have come to us to work in the biology laboratory, and we are glad to have them with us on Thursday mornings.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Barkell on the birth of a daughter—their second—on June 21st.

Life is a series of comings and goings. We are sorry to lose Mr. J. W. White, B.Sc., who is taking up a post at the Dixie Grammar School, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire. He has our best wishes for health and happiness in his new post.

Changes have been made in the seating arrangements in both dining halls this term. Seniors and Juniors are now dining at the same tables. Boys from the Middle and Upper School have co-operated willingly, and it is expected that everyone will gain from the improved standards of behaviour at table and from the wider opportunities of mixing with their fellows. The senior boys can give valuable service here in creating a tradition of courtesy and good manners.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of many school magazines, among which are : "The Beacon," "The Devonian," "H.M.S. Figgard Magazine," "Hove County Grammar School Magazine," "Plymouth High School for Girls Magazine," "The Plymothian," "The Plymptonian," "The Suttonian," "Tekel," "The Unicorn," "The Medina."

Obituary

We regret to announce three deaths :

Mr. B. SPEAR, whom we saw every morning, our conscientious and hard-working caretaker of Block C, died suddenly at his home at 7.20 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10th. The funeral was attended by the Headmaster and by Mr. Warren, representing the Parents' Association.

J. TOWNSEND entered the School on September 7th, 1948, and was in Form 2A at the time of his death. He was a most promising pupil and would have done very well. The funeral was attended by the Headmaster and his Form Master, Mr. White. His Form, 2A, sent a wreath.

ARTHUR TRUSCOTT, in the School from '37-'44, left to take a short course in Japanese in the R.A.F. He matriculated in 1941, and in 1938 won the Parents' Association Essay Prize. He played for the Junior XV. He was reading History at Baliol College, Oxford, and was involved in a motoring accident. Mr. Truman attended the funeral on behalf of the School.

We draw special attention to the notice about the War Memorial Tablet. Please send in any fresh names that the final list may be complete.

Annual Speech Day

CENTRAL HALL, FRIDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1950.

The school choir contributed much to the pleasure of those present at this year's Speech Day. They commenced the programme with a Part Song by Edward German and later sang two other Part Songs, the second of which : " Jesu, joy of man's desiring," accompanied by piano and violin, was particularly effective. Other musical items were a solo by a junior member and three rounds by Tenors and Basses.

After the first song, the Headmaster presented his Report of the School's activities since the previous Speech Day. Welcoming the Lord Mayor, he spoke of the close link between the city and the school, as a Municipal Grammar School. For part of the period covered by the report the school had been in the hands of the previous headmaster, Mr. Buckley, to whom the school owed a great debt ; for another term—the period of " interregnum "—the school had been under the direction of Mr. Ferraro—a model of good " caretaker government." Other changes had been the addition to the staff of Messrs. Adams, George and Self, and for a period of Mr. Hull, and the decrease in the size of the school from 674 boys at the beginning of 1948 to 602 at the beginning of the 1949 school year.

Ex-members of the school had taken up a variety of interesting careers, although the variety could possibly be improved. There was also an unfortunate tendency for the school to assume the shape of a cottage loaf with a very large lower school and a small sixth form on top—instead of that of a gradual pyramid. Attempts were being made to provide adequate guidance in the choice of careers and for this reason there was a close link with the Juvenile Employment Exchange.

An encouraging report was given of the state of the school's Rugger, Soccer, Boxing, Cricket and Tennis activities and of the out-of-school activities, serving many and diverse needs. The school was extremely grateful to those members of the staff who freely gave up such a great deal of their time to organise these meetings. Mention was also made of the great importance of the Old Boys' Association and the Parents' Association in the life of the school.

The next speaker was the Lord Mayor who spoke of the importance of the occasion and the need of a larger hall to accommodate all those who wished to attend. He also spoke of the advantages to modern education of the development of cinema and radio, instancing the possibility of hearing good music frequently.

Alderman Mason who (as a very able substitute for the Lord Bishop of Plymouth who was unfortunately unable to attend) presented the prizes, described the report as an "able report from an able Headmaster." He spoke to the school on the need to choose good standards and to live up to them.

Votes of thanks to our distinguished visitors were moved by Councillor Paul, Dr. Andrew Scotland and the School Captain, Warren.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the School Song and of the National Anthem.

PRAEFECTI VALETE

We wish the best of luck to the following :

- M. S. WARREN, the School Captain, now serving in the R.A.F. before taking up residence at Jesus College, Oxford.
- R. G. ANDERSON, now in the Executive Civil Service at Dover.
- D. G. GROCOTT, now in the Inland Revenue Department at Plymouth.
- G. A. HITCHENS, now in Benbow Division, Dartmouth College.
- A. H. KING, now serving in the R.A.F. before going into the Executive Civil Service.
- H. D. THOMAS, now, serving in the R.A.F., before going into the Executive Civil Service.

The Athletic Sports

COLLINGS PARK, TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1950.

These sports were again held at Collings Park and were an outstanding success, many old records being broken and, altogether, fifteen new ones established. Conspicuous among these records was a very fine 16.2 sec. by Gibbs in the 120 yards hurdles, and Wotton's success in the 100 yards under 15, clocking the outstanding time of 10.2 seconds ; Juniper, Atkins, Rose, Ralph, Griffith, Atkins A. C. (two records), Appleby, Allison and the relay teams of Drake, Raleigh and Grenville (two records) are also to be congratulated on their record performances.

The following are the trophy winners :

The House Championship Shield : Grenville House.

The Revington Relay Cup : Grenville House.

The Victor Ludorum Cup (Track Events) : B. S. Gibbs.

The Treseder Cup (Field Events) : B. F. Thurston.

The Under 16 Championship (Track Events) : D. Rose.

The Under 16 Championship (Field Events) : Shared by B. W. Atkins and B. J. Lang.

The Under 15 Championship : A. D. Appleby.

The Under 14 Championship : M. W. Parnell.

The Under 13 Championship : A. C. Atkins.

The Under 12 Championship : M. J. Griffiths.

The trophies were presented by Sir Arthur Hollely, J.P., and we were pleased to welcome many other distinguished visitors including the Lord Mayor (Alderman Mrs. J. Marshall).

The Headmaster, welcoming Sir Arthur Hollely, described the sports as memorable for two things—the unexpectedly fine weather, and the large number of records broken. He hoped that it would become a tradition for the distributor of prizes each year to attend the sports the subsequent year as Admiral Brockman had done this year. He expressed the gratitude of all present to Mr. Nash and the housemasters for their efficient organisation of a particularly long athletics season.

Sir Arthur Hollely, addressing himself to those shortly to leave the school—spoke of the necessity to build up a good reputation through the development of individuality whilst avoiding egotism. "Self" was only dangerous when it became "selfishness."

THE DEVON PUBLIC AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS.

The eleventh meeting of the Association, held at Blundell's School, Tiverton, was an unquestionable success. The running track was in perfect condition thus enabling several records to be broken.

The School finished seventh out of the sixteen schools which competed, and although our final position was not as high as that of the previous year, the average age of the team was much lower and the School should do well in the future. The leading positions were :—1st, Kelly College ; 2nd, R.N. College, Dartmouth ; 3rd, Heles Schol, Exeter ; 4th, Blundell's School ; 5th, Tavistock Grammar School ; 6th, Okehampton Grammar School ; 7th, Devonport High School.

Both the 100 yards and the 120 yards hurdles, were run on cinders which was an innovation, and in the latter event Gibbs, the Athletics Captain, gained third place in a closely contested race, run in the record time of 15.4 seconds.

The School was well represented in the 440 yards by Hurd, who won his heat and finished third in the final, the time for which was 53.8 seconds. Another excellent performance was given by Wotton who was placed sixth in the final of the 220 yards event.

In the 880 yards and the mile our entrants were unsuccessful the former race being run in the record time of two minutes three-and four-fifth seconds, whilst the mile record was equalled.

Juniper putt the shot thirty-seven feet to take the second place, the winner's putt having been thirty-nine feet. The high jump event proved most spectacular, the winner clearing five feet ten inches. Lang, who jumped five feet one inch was unplaced.

The Junior Relay Team did well to reach the final, but the race was won by Blundell's School. This event, for which we hold the record, did not carry any points and will not be a feature of the sports in the future.

School Team : Gibbs (Captain), Starks, Hurd, Kelly, Juniper, Wotton, Thurston, Lang, Cox, Appleby, Miller and Rouse.

The School Senior Relay Team consisting of Gibbs, Thurston, Wotton and Hurd, combined well in the Technical College Sports to win the "Inter Schools Relay" Cup for the second time in three years despite stiff competition from other local schools.

W. H. STARKS, (*Hon. Secretary.*)

Careers

The School is becoming increasingly aware of the Careers Room and all it can mean to them.

The advantages of this are of the utmost importance and it is good to find that fourth formers and even boys in the third are beginning to consider seriously the matter of their careers.

Fewer boys are content to drift, because now there is a purpose. They realize a sense of urgency and that they may wake up to their responsibilities too late. To become a Vet., for example, needs

Biology and the boy in question may be in the non-Biology stream. The time for the change-over is at the end of the third year. The fourth former should know pretty well what he aims to be ; the third former must have an idea, while the fifth former must have no doubts at all.

Furthermore, when once the career is fixed, though it may be changed within limits later, the boy finds a new purpose in his work, and prep, instead of being a burden is now seen to be preparation not just for the lesson tomorrow but the exam in the distance which will open the gates of the chosen career.

As we develop this theme, it seems difficult to imagine a school without a Careers Room. More boys are reading the weekly Careers Notes at the foot of the stairs in Blocks C and D. So far we have dealt with the following subjects and there are many more to come : Accountancy, Agriculture, Art and Advertising, Banking, Law, Pharmacy, Science, Scientific Civil Service, Civil Engineering, Local Government, the Merchant Navy, Teaching, Laboratory Technology.

To all Old Boys we offer a special welcome in the Careers Room. We want to know how you are faring and how your experience can help those still with us: W.H.W. (*Careers Master*).

The Boxing Club

Master-in-charge : MR. J. P. REYNISH. *Captain* : J. E. E. EVANS.

The end of last term saw what was for the Boxing Club, the culmination of a very successful year. The outstanding feature was the winning by J. E. E. Evans of the Senior B, under eight-stone, National Schoolboy Championship, a feat which has never before been accomplished by a Westcountry boy. The Club had four matches ; the Seniors were successful against Plymouth College, and the 12th Plymouth Scouts, but lost to a strong H.M.S. Fisgard team after many close fights. The Juniors lost to Ford S.M. School. In the National Schoolboy Championships, we had five Plymouth Champions, four Devon and Cornwall Champions, two Western Area Champions, two semi-finalists, and one winner in the final.

RESULTS.

MATCHES : School beat Plymouth College, 6—3 ; lost to H.M.S. Fisgard, 8—1.
 School beat 12th Plymouth Scouts, 5—3.
 Juniors lost to Ford S.M. School, 9—4.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Plymouth Champions : J. E. E. Evans, B. W. Atkins, A. C. Atkins, D. E. Rendle, D. W. Hugo. *Runners-up* : G. Wortelhook, R. Evens.

Devon Champions : J. E. E. Evans, Rendle, Hugo, B. W. Atkins.

Western Area Champions : J. E. E. Evans, D. W. Hugo. *Runners-up* : Rendle, Atkins.
Semi-final Winner : Evans. *Runner-up* : Hugo. *Final Winner* : Evans.

Colours were awarded to J. E. E. Evans, D. W. Hugo, D. E. Rendle, G. Wortelhook, B. W. Atkins, and J. W. Smith. D. W. HUGO (*Hon. Sec.*)

Rugby Club

Master in charge : MR. H. MALLINEON.

Capt. of the 1st XV : D. R. WANSTALL.

Vice-Captain : D. W. HUGO.

Hon. Secretary : B. S. GIBBS.

If the results of the 1st XV only are considered, 1949-50 was the worst season for years ; yet, in some ways, it was a most encouraging one. The 2nd XV was not defeated until February 25th ; the Colts and Juniors played good, open rugger, and had better records than in any recent season. An Under 13 XV was organised, most thoroughly coached and won 12 of 14 games, scoring 324 points against 17. So many of the youngest boys wanted to play rugger that an Under 13 "B" XV was formed and played a number of games. Many of the members of this side were under 12, and though they often played against boys who were a little older and larger, they always looked like a rugger team. There was none of that massed, inextricable, squeaking pursuit of a ball which rugger often becomes when played by very young boys. This most promising development of the game in the Lower School meant that, on some Saturdays, 90 boys wore the School jersey.

At long last, this was literally true, for the end of clothes rationing in 1949 brought the return of the traditional green and white jerseys and stockings.

Unhappily, conditions at the Ham fields were no better ; there are still no lavatories or washing facilities, but, of course, teams from outside Plymouth, having travelled by 'bus, used the excellent changing-rooms at the School.

The 1st XV had to be rebuilt almost completely, as only three of the victorious side of 1948-9 were available. The School had not lost an inter-School match for over three years, but this admirable state ended on October 15th, when Plymouth College won a rather dismal game by 8 pts. to 3. In the next five weeks, four other Schools were to beat us, and the XV played as if defeat was to be their lot for ever. They were completely lacking in "the brute and boisterous force of violent men." The tackling and covering were deplorable and surely no team in the history of the School's rugger has given so wretched an exhibition of half-hearted defence as that which marred our first game with Kelly College. This lack of spirit was the more unfortunate as there were players of great ability in the side. Thus, when the tackling suddenly began to improve, the team changed remarkably and developed powers hidden until then. The Autumn Term ended with a spirited win over Albion Juniors, an easy victory to complete

the "double" against Sutton H.S., a most unexpected and satisfying win by 19 pts. to 5, against a good Hele's School XV and an honourable 6—0 defeat in a splendid game with our Old Boys.

At Christmas, Hitchens and Selley, our outstanding attackers, went to the R.N.C., Dartmouth, Hoskin and Davis, who would have filled the gaps, were injured or ill and played no more all the Spring term. Thus the team was disorganised and the latter part of the season was disappointing. Four matches were cancelled because of bad weather and only four were played. The "double" was completed over Albion Juniors, but we were defeated by Hele's School, the Benbow's XV at the R.N.C. (for whom Hitchens played splendidly) and the School Old Boys, who gave us a most pleasant game and a lesson in goal-kicking.

In the seven-a-side tournament at Exeter on March 22nd, in the 1st Round, the School defeated Shebbear College, 6—3, after extra time, in a hard game. In the 2nd Round, we were defeated, 5—0, by Kelly College, who went on to the Final, where they lost by one point to Blundell's. It is pleasing to record that in the game with Kelly College, the School's tackling was excellent. Our "seven" (which included three boys still in the Fifth Form) was : Thomas ; Thurston and Reid ; Goswell ; Juniper, Hurd and Hosking.

At Christmas and Easter, Juniper played four times, and Hugo three times for the Devon P. and G.S. XV. Juniper went on to play in the Final Trial for the England P.S. XV.

In December, Green and Goswell played for the Devon Schools (Under 15) in the annual match against Cornwall. Goswell later played in the Southern Area Trial.

Colours awarded, 1949-50 :—

1ST XV.

Renewals : Hugo, Holloway, Juniper.

New Awards : Wanstall, Gibbs, Frost, Hitchens, Hosking, Reid, Selley, Thomas, Wilmot.

2ND XV.

Renewals : King, Rickard.

New Awards : Anderson, Gilbert, Hancock, Hurd, Mapstone, Pike, Pullen, Ralph, Rendle, Starks, Thurston, Vanstone, Wills.

I should like to thank most sincerely all my colleagues who have once more given so generously their time, skill and experience to help the School rugby. H.M.

Soccer Club

Master in charge : MR. WARREN.

Captain of the 1st XI : D. A. C. LETCHER.

Vice-Captain : R. TOWNSEND.

Hon. Secretary : P. C. KELLY.

As we anticipated in our last notes several members of the 1st XI left us early in the season and the successes of those first games were hardly maintained. Our chief problem has been to discover a forceful centre forward and a goalkeeper. We have not solved either difficulty yet but have withdrawn Townsend from his rightful place to become a temporary goalkeeper. In spite of all, however, the team has played much good football with excellent team spirit and has enjoyed a reasonably successful season. Experiments made towards the end of the season suggest that competition for 1st XI places next term will be very keen.

The 2nd XI, in spite of frequent changes due to illness, boys leaving school and inclement weather, enjoyed moderate success. The Colts XI programme was more curtailed by the weather than that of any other team, but they displayed much enthusiasm and ability.

The Senior League XI recovered well from a poor start and finished the season in excellent style. The two Junior XI's have abundant talent which augurs well for future seasons.

We suffered more seriously than usual during both the winter and spring terms from cancellations because of bad weather and this stressed the complete lack of washing facilities at Ham and the paucity of the facilities at Collings Park.

Our sincere thanks are again due to those masters who take charge of teams and to others who referee so willingly whenever their assistance is required, especially Messrs. Warren, Way, Barkell, Wayne, Vanstone, Adams, Tamblin, Pethick and May.

RECORD.						Goals	
		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XI ...	...	17	11	1	5	77	36
2nd XI ...	...	11	6	1	4	44	23
Colts XI	...	9	6	1	2	36	8
Under 15 XI	...	14	8	0	6	41	26
Under 14 XI	...	13	8	1	4	48	35
Under 13 XI	...	14	6	3	5	27	27

Colours awards 1949-50. 1st XI.

Renewed : Letcher, Townsend, Bossom, Cottrell, Bramich, Kelly.

Awarded : Middleton, Bowley, Craddock, Cousins, Quick.

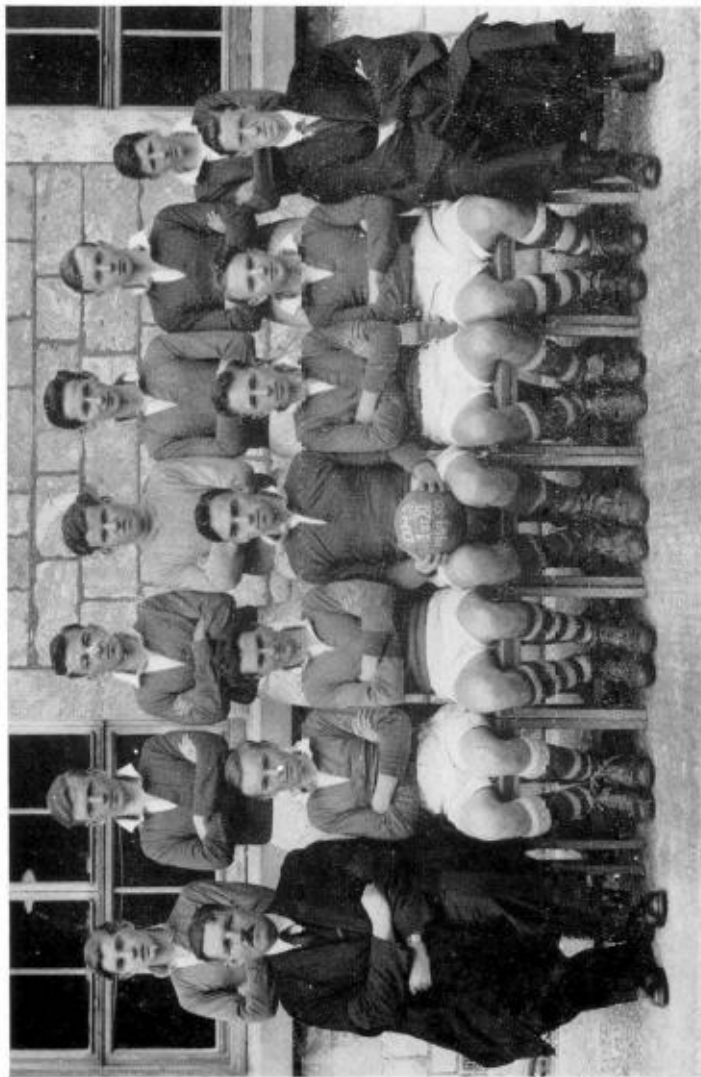
Renewed : Sanderson. 2nd XI.

Awarded : Lang, Knight, Metters, Walker, Arthur, Sanders, Boote,

March, Nethercott.

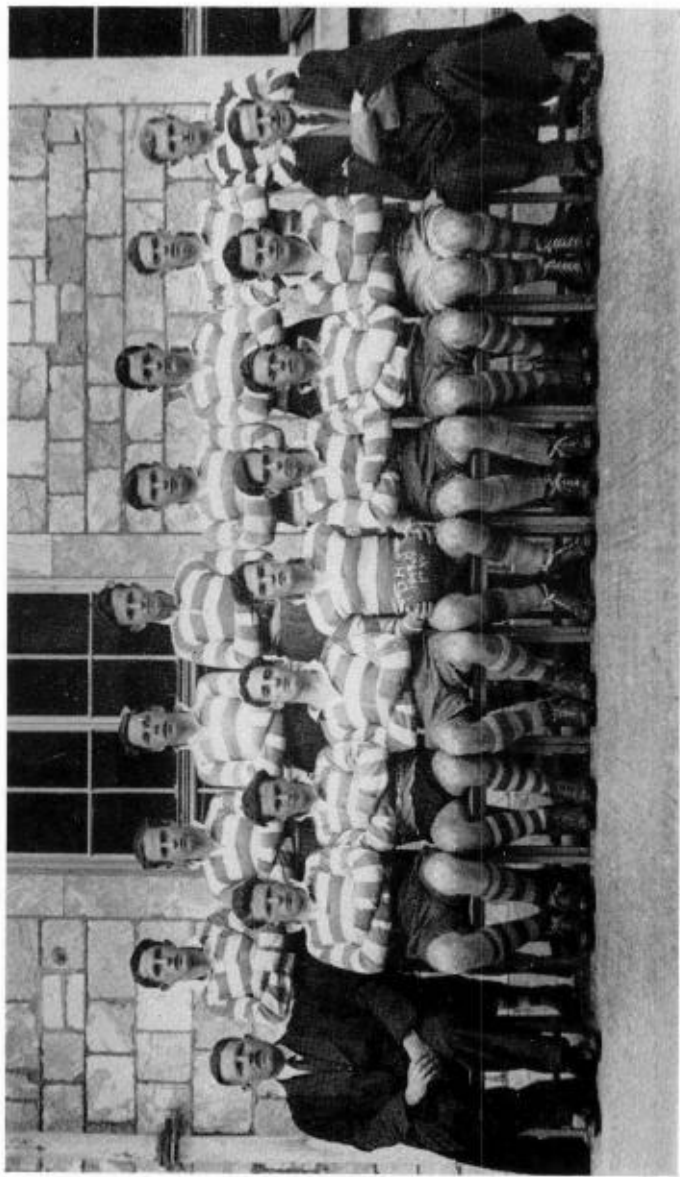
P. C. KELLY, *Hon. Secretary.*

SOCCKER CLUB 1st XI., 1949-50



Back Row : H. E. W. Cottrell, T. M. Bossom, B. J. Lang, R. Townsend, B. Quick, B. H. Cousins, P. W. F. Metters
Front Row : Mr. S. G. Barker (*Headmaster*), B. Middleton, P. C. Kelly, D. A. C. Letcher (*Capt.*), T. J. Rich,
A. F. Craddock, Mr. H. G. Warren

RUGBY CLUB 1st XV, 1949-50



Back Row: R. G. Anderson, B. F. Thurston, D. Hosking, C. G. Gilbert, R. W. Juniper, K. R. Holloway, R. D. Hurd, H. D. D. Thomas
Front Row : Mr. S. G. Barker (*Headmaster*), M. J. Reid, P. C. Kelly, D. W. Hugo (*Vice-Capt.*), D. R. Wanstell (*Capt.*),
 B. S. Gibbs (*Secretary*), M. Frost, R. J. Rickard, Mr. H. Mallinson

House Notes

DRAKE.

Another school year is rapidly drawing to its end and, with only the cricket House-Matches to be played, Drake can look back upon a satisfactory, though not outstanding year.

In the Athletic Sports we were again third. We had no prominent athlete this year, having bade farewell to Hitchens who, a great loss to both House and School, is now at R.N.C., Dartmouth. The "Under 12" relay team deserve mention for their excellent performance in breaking the relay record for their age-group; but Drake will be top next year if every member will give of his best in the struggle for standards.

On the Rugger field, Drake kept well to the fore and finished the season holding second place. Hugo and Green brought special honour to the House by being chosen for the representative sides of Devon Public and Grammar Schools, and the Devon "Under 15" School's team respectively. Hugo later played for the Western Counties. Third position was the best that the Soccer teams could attain, and even this they would not have achieved had it not been for the Juniors who won two of their three matches.

In other House competitions Drake has had great success. Again we are Chess Champions, the team being unbeaten throughout the year; and in Table Tennis we are second to Gilbert.

It is, however, in academic activities that we have been singularly successful. Heartiest congratulations are extended to Hoskin for his success in gaining an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge, to Wills, who was granted the Devon War Memorial Scholarship at U.C.S.W., and to Hitchens who was awarded a Cadetship at H.M.S. Benbow, Dartmouth.

D. R. WANSTALL (*House Captain*)

GILBERT.

RESULTS, 1949-50.					<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Total</i>
Soccer	...	...	...	...	2nd	3rd	3rd
Rugger	...	...	...	...	3rd	4th	3rd
Athletics	...	...	...	...	—	—	4th
Chess	...	...	...	...	—	—	3rd
Table Tennis	...	...	...	...	—	—	1st

The senior rugger team had their first victory for several years when they defeated Raleigh by fourteen points to three, and although we lost to Drake and Grenville the standard of play was much higher than in preceeding years. The Juniors had an unsuccessful season despite the efforts of Hobbs and Williams who played well in each game.

On the soccer field the Seniors did well to beat Drake by three goals to one, and to draw with Grenville, their final position being second. The Juniors had one victory when they defeated Raleigh by four goals to three, and finished third in the House positions.

This year it was decided to introduce a House Table-Tennis Championship, and Gilbert defeated the other House teams to finish first, but unfortunately this competition does not count for points. The team was ably captained by Rainford who won all his matches.

At Chess our results were rather disappointing, and Gilbert only drew with Raleigh to gain third place in the House positions.

Despite some excellent running on the day itself the House finished fourth in the Athletic Sports and this can be attributed to the lack of standards. If Gilbert is to win the Sports next year it is imperative that this fault be rectified by a whole-hearted effort from each member of the House. We congratulate Griffiths on becoming the "Under Twelve Champion" and on breaking the one-hundred-yards record.

This term the House said goodbye to King, the House Vice-Captain, and we wish him every success in his new life.

W. H. STARKS (*House Captain*).

GRENVILLE.

Well done, Grenville! We started the Sports Day with a lead of $9\frac{1}{2}$ pts. on standards, over our nearest rivals—Raleigh. More can still be done and we should then have an even more impressive lead, putting us in an almost unassailable position.

Of seven individual trophies Grenville's won five and the Revington Relay Cup was also retained. Congratulations to B. S. Gibbs on winning the Victor Ludorum Cup, his feat of returning 16.2 seconds for the hurdles deserving special mention.

In Rugger we were easy victors, all our teams being undefeated. First place was shared with Raleigh in the Soccer championship. This was accomplished by our junior side being unbeaten.

This term will determine the Cricket Championship. To date both our Senior and Junior teams have won their only games. If we win, as indeed we should, all our remaining games, the title Cock House will be ours. (They have won the Championship—*Ed.*)

P. C. KELLY (*House Captain*).

RALEIGH.

Raleigh was second in the Athletic Sports, and the result shows how important are the standards obtained before Sports Day. Grenville started the sports with a forty-point lead, but during the afternoon did not greatly increase it.

We congratulate Wotton, Rose and Ralph who established new school records in the 100 yards (15—), 100 yards (16—),

and Javelin (16—) respectively. Wotton represented the School at the Devon Public and Grammar Schools' Sports in the 220 yards and also in the Junior Relay with Cox and Rouse. These three members are in the 15— age group, which gained nearly one-third of the total points obtained by the House, a fine achievement.

The House has done reasonably well in the Championships during the past two terms. We finished top of the Soccer Championship, the Seniors winning two matches and drawing the third. The Juniors, who had a good, but young, team, should reap their reward next year. In the Rugger Championship we finished third. The Seniors failed to win a match but the Juniors won two matches, against Gilbert and Drake. The Cricket season has commenced with two successes against Gilbert. The Seniors won by six wickets and the Juniors won by sixty-one runs to fifteen. We hope this success will continue.

D. A. C. LETCHER (*House Captain*).

HOUSE RESULTS (Points).

	<i>Rugger</i>	<i>Soccer</i>	<i>Cricket</i>	<i>Athletics</i>	<i>Chess</i>	<i>Total</i>
Drake	... 10	8	—	—	10	—
Gilbert	... 4	8	—	—	1	—
Grenville	... 18	10	—	—	9	—
Raleigh	... 4	10	—	—	4	—

Cricket Club

Master-in-charge : MR. NASH.

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

So far this term, the School Cricket teams have enjoyed a successful season, and of the twenty-four games played, only seven have been lost. The School 1st eleven match against Plymouth College, provided one of the most exciting finishes ever seen at Ford Park, the School losing their last man, off the last ball of the day, needing only two runs for victory. A very notable feature of the 1st eleven has been the improved and more spirited batting. The standard of bowling, however, has not been very high. The good performances of the 2nd eleven have been marred by a tendency towards slackness in the field ; however they have several good players and these taken with the three very youthful members of the present 1st eleven, promise well for the future. The provision of concrete practice wickets at School should lead to an improvement in the standard of cricket.

RESULTS. 1st XI : Played 6 ; Won 2 ; Lost 2 ; Drawn 2.
 2nd XI : Played 6 ; Won 4 ; Lost 2 ; Drawn 0.
 Colts XI : Played 6 ; Won 3 ; Lost 2 ; Drawn 1.
 Junior XI : Played 6 ; Won 5 ; Lost 1 ; Drawn 0.

D. W. HUGO, (*Hon. Secretary*).

Out of School Activities

THE ART CLUB.

Artistic activities this term have been greatly curtailed owing to the decoration of the Art Room. This took much longer to carry out than had been hoped, and absorbed the energies of most regular members for many weeks.

However, they have now provided much more pleasant surroundings for themselves and for the art classes, and we look forward to a corresponding improvement in the quality of their work.

The main projects in hand at the moment are the designs of decorative panels for various school departments and the cleaning and modernising of old picture frames as another part of the drive to cheer up the empty wall spaces of the corridors. I.W.G.

"E" COY. D.H.S. ARMY CADET FORCE.

Soon after the start of the Spring term, Mr. Aumayer began his lectures on Cert. "A". This made the subject much more interesting: the Battalion's quartermaster can obtain instruments that we cannot. Most of the cadets have mastered the field telephone exchange, but the wireless sets have had to be returned to Headquarters for inspection, so the Signal Training has been held up. On May 21st the Annual Inspection was held at Raglan Barracks. It was followed by displays given by the seven companies. We gave a Signals display using only telephones.

The Company has done very well at sport. Cpl. Brooks and Cdt. Brockington ran in the County Cross Country Trial at Exeter, but were unfortunately not selected to run for the County. Cdt. Brockington also did well in the boxing by winning his two fights at Torquay. L/Cpl. Watson played for the Battalion against the 4th Battalion at soccer. On April 1st Sgt. Mapstone, Cdt. Holloway, Cdt. Gilbert and myself played for the county rugger team against Cornwall. The match ended in a draw. On June 3rd Cdt. Venn won four medals in the Swimming Sports at Torquay and L/Cpl. Matthews won one medal, both being in the relay team which won the cup for the Battalion. The same day at Paignton, in the County Sports meeting, Cpl. Brooks was third in the high jump and Cdt. Brockington ran well in the 440 yards sprint, while both ran in the half mile. M. REID, C.S.M.

CHESS CLUB.

Masters-in-charge: MR. E. H. BERRY AND MR. B. R. ADAMS.

The Junior Chess Team had a very successful season, winning five of the six matches played and drawing the sixth. The Seniors were not so successful, winning only one out of four. The matches were played against Plymouth College, Plympton Grammar, Sutton High School and Plymouth High School for Girls.

The following boys represented the school :

Seniors : Wilmot, Hugo, Hurd, Wills, Prowse, Evens, Taylor, Hutchings, Jemett, Atkins B. W., Baser.

Juniors : Evens, Taylor, Jemmett, Baser, Mills, Miles, Lillicrap, Williams, Warren, Atherton, Hendra, Passmore, Blackler.

The House matches resulted in a close finish, Drake beating Grenville by one half point. The final positions were : 1st, Drake ; 2nd, Grenville ; 3rd, Raleigh ; 4th Gilbert.

One of the highlights of the season was the Lightning Tournament in which each player is handicapped according to his ability. The winning players were Wilmot, Jemmett and Evens.

The individual championship was won by Wilmot in a final match against Evens.

The attendance dropped this season but it is hoped that numbers will increase for the 1950-51 season.

A. WILMOT (*Hon. Secretary*).

CHOIR NOTES.

Since the last publication of this magazine, the choir has been engaged in many activities both with choral work directly connected with the School, and with concerts to outside audiences.

On the 12th December last the choir travelled "en masse," to Calstock where, in the warmth of the church hall, it performed with its usual zest to an audience of Toc H members and their friends. The concert included items rendered by members of the School Dramatic Society. Let us hope that this will be the first of many such concerts to come.

Several members of the choir took part in the School's Choral Festival which was held in the Central Hall under the able conductorship of Mr. Grant Arnold. It was recorded by the B.B.C. and part has since been broadcast.

During the term the choir played a part in the Dramatic Society's production of "A Murder in the Cathedral" by T. S. Eliot. The singing of the choir maintained the solemnity of the play right through to the final curtain.

The most important day in the year for the choir was Speech Day when all eyes were focussed upon it. Several items were rendered by the choir at this year's speech day including a solo by a junior member. For the first time in the school's history the School Song was arranged for four voices by Mr. Self. This proved a great success.

The activities of the choir have been severely curtailed during the last few weeks of term due to examinations, but work will soon be starting again for the choir's contribution to the Concert at the Garden Party to be held at School on July 15th.

H. G. EASTLEY, (*Hon. Secretary*).

CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

The Society has had some very interesting talks since the last issue of the School Magazine.

W. Prouse (L6A) gave the first talk, on "Roman Dress." The next was given by Mr. Dundas, the Senior Classics Master at Plymouth College, based upon his travels in the Mediterranean area during the war. He described many of the cities and places of classical interest which he had visited.

The last talk, a very interesting one on the "Development of the Greek Theatre," was given by Mr. George.

D. A. C. LETCHER, (*Hon. Secretary*).

THE CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY.

It is interesting to check the numbers of the boys who have used the Current Affairs' Room since it was first opened. Those numbers for each individual day are low and frequently there are not more than two or three boys using the room in the dinner-hour, but attendance at the meetings has been promising and the service of the librarians, more than satisfactory.

We stress that we are especially at the service of any boys who might be involved in examinations and interviews in which a knowledge of current affairs is imperative. We possess, now, a growing library of pamphlets, books and wall-charts which cover many of the aspects and facets of world affairs. A lending scheme is already in operation for all those who wish for a further and detailed study of any particular pamphlet or topic. These books are at your disposal, and we expect and hope that many more members of the Sixth Form will be using the Current Affairs' Room when we are back to normal Schedule after the Summer Holidays.

We thank all those who have given talks and led the extremely stimulating discussions which are now a permanent feature of these meetings. We look back upon a period during which the Society was in its "teething stages," and look forward hopefully to a season which should prove even more entertaining and interesting.

A. J. CROSS, U6A, (*Hon. Secretary*).

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The Society was very grateful to the Plymouth College Dramatic Society for the opportunity to see a delightful performance of "As You Like It" in the College Hall on the 28th March. The show was very much enjoyed by those who went.

D. A. PINCHES, (*Hon. Secretary*).

“ MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL.”

In January 1950 the D.H.S. Dramatic Society presented T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral." In itself a memorable fact : of the countless plays available Mr. Whitfeld had to choose one of the most difficult, a typical choice of one who is satisfied only with the best, who thrives on obstacles, who does his best when he has something to get his teeth into. That it should have been done at all is remarkable ; that it should have been done well almost passes belief, but done well it was.

Only an author is ultimately qualified to criticise a producer's interpretation of a play and some authors have even gone so far as to admit that they never really understand their own work until they saw it produced upon the stage ; so subtle is the interaction of the minds of the author, producer, actors and audience. Whatever may have been Eliot's purpose in writing this play, it is left to the producer to impress his own personality upon the finished production ; his main problem would appear to be to decide whether the central theme of the drama is the rise and fall of the Archbishop himself or the impact of the tragedy on ordinary people as represented by the Chorus of women of Canterbury. In choosing the second of these alternatives Mr. Whitfeld probably adopted the only course open to him with the resources at his disposal. Few even of those who are actively interested in Amateur Dramatics appreciate how much depends on the producer in a School Society ; the average adult drama group consists largely of people with some acting experience, but a School is lucky if it can call upon three or four boys in any year who have ever been on a stage before the first nights' performance ; every member of the cast must be personally coached ; lines have to be taught ; intonation, pauses, movements, gestures must be actually demonstrated. The meticulous thoroughness with which this was done in the production of "Murder in the Cathedral" can be judged from the absolute clarity of the diction in every scene, the complete absence of awkwardness in movement and the artistry of the grouping, which was evident even when the actors shared the stage with the large chorus.

It will be most convenient to consider the actors in groups rather than individually. First the Priests : Brian Cousins, Howard Pomroy, and Peter Caines were pleasantly contrasted in both voice and appearance. Even in the more placid back-waters of the play they were always convincing and never allowed the dramatic tension to drop. The same variety of characterisation was displayed by Michael Newey, David Mills, Arthur Dark and Antony Pinches, who were uniformly effective in the very difficult parts of the four Tempters ; they were suggestive, seductive, forthright and persuasive in turn and as they sidled up to their victim one felt, as one was intended to, that if the last had failed the next must surely break down the resistance of the Archbishop, and yet

at the end we realise that we were foolish to have thought it possible ; so great is the strength of character which they bring out in him. The part of Becket is a magnificent and exacting one ; few people in Plymouth could have played it even reasonably well ; still fewer could have matched the performance of Terence Bossom. He was rather too youthful, perhaps, and fell short of the dynamic force of personality expected in so dominant a figure, but these weaknesses were offset by richness and resonance of voice and by that calm and dignified bearing which makes us feel that we are in the presence of the great.

The entrance of the Knights was highly dramatic and David Wanstall, Peter Gill, David Young and Henry King, again most effectively diversified in type, succeeded in maintaining the tension, though perhaps they rather overdid their bluster, until the death of Becket. The anti-climax which follows the murder they found very difficult to handle, but who is to say whether this is not a fault in the play itself? The minor parts of Fourth Priest, Servers and Messenger were quite admirably filled by David Share, David Laverick, William Prowse and Anthony Cross.

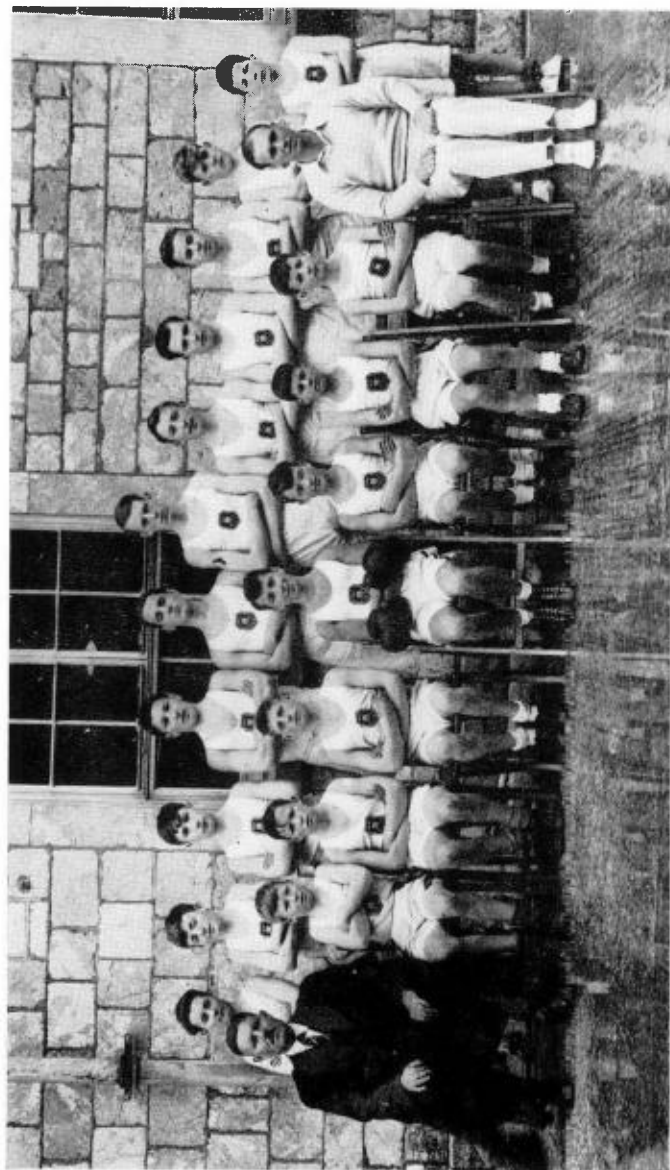
The Chorus, which performs such an important function in this play, consisted of fifteen girls from Plymouth High School, Devonport High School, St. Dunstan's Abbey and elsewhere ; they were brilliantly trained in speech and movement by Mrs. Warn and tastefully dressed by Mrs. Whitfeld ; their co-operation which alone made this production possible, represents a landmark in the history of School Dramatics in Plymouth. The perfection of their rhythmic movement and kaleidoscopic grouping was brought out by subtle lighting effects supplied by Mr. Coombe and used to the full by the producer ; if at times they were a little obtrusive, a shade too prominent, he it is who must be taken to task, for so interpreting the play.

The stage setting, designed by Mr. George and executed by the Stage Manager, Mr. Jenkyns, was masterly, and the Choral Music provided by the School Choir under the direction of Mr. Self, contributed in no small measure to the total effect of so ambitious and successful a production.

It might well be said that " Murder in the Cathedral " is great literature rather than great drama, that it reads better than it plays ; its thought is often difficult to grasp, it has little action and few surprises ; take away the suspense, the feeling of impending tragedy created by the despair of the Chorus and Becket's own premonition, and it has little which might be called ' good theatre.' Yet out of this Mr. Whitfield, the School Dramatic Society and the Chorus made an aesthetic triumph which will long be remembered by those who witnessed it.

Q.H.F.

BOXING CLUB, 1949-50



Standing, Left to Right : J. Pick, R. Beresford, A. C. Atkins, B. W. Atkins, D. W. Hugo (Vice-Captain), D. J. Butt, P. G. Brockington, D. E. Rendle, R. B. Evans, E. D. Iewin, G. Mathews
Sitting, Left to Right : Mr. S. G. Barker (Headmaster), R. D. Smerdon, C. A. Rich, A. G. Wortelhook, J. E. E. Evans (Captain & British Schoolboy Champion), M. J. Dooley, B. J. Lockyer, M. J. Griffiths, Mr. J. P. Reynish

THE JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Heartened by his success last year with Act II of "The Torchbearers," Mr. J. G. Nicholas chose "Marmaduke" by A. J. Talbot for his 1950 production. This delightful little skit on blank verse and homework proved excellent material for "breaking-in" some wild Third Form Colts. The play is far more difficult to produce than it appears to be, since the humour does not lie in the lines as much as in the way the lines are delivered, in the play of facial expression and in the development of a well-defined characterisation. It says much for the thoroughness of Mr. Nicholas' production that, in spite of the fact that only one member of his cast had previous acting experience, very few of the play's very subtle shafts of humour were missed by the audience at the Globe.

The prevailing weakness of the cast—and it is one which is common to all beginners—was the tendency to speak and mime too fast. The only exception to this was A. Robert Leigh who, as Shakespeare, showed that he had an unusually mature voice and was rapidly learning how to use it. Michael Reynolds gave a most natural portrayal of the schoolboy, Marmaduke; he spoke his lines pleasantly and his facial expression was good, but he must learn to speak out more and not to hurry his miming. William Baser, who did so well in "The Torchbearers," was rather disappointing as Marmaduke's father; one suspects he would have felt more 'at home' in the part of Marmaduke. Terence Stribley made a most intimidating schoolmaster and obviously enjoyed himself immensely. Malcolm Pine acted with great sincerity but must try to use the lower tones of his voice; he was too consistently high-pitched. Peter Goodfellow 'thundered' very effectively as Euripides. Lastly the Chorus deserve mention. Choral speaking is inaudible unless there is absolute precision of timing and very clear enunciation. The eight boys in the Chorus performed a rather unrewarding part very creditably.

In short the Dramatic Society have, once again, to thank Mr. Nicholas for grooming some very promising young actors.

H.W.

THE FIELD SOCIETY.

Since our last report we have visited Hawns and Dendles, Kitley Caves, Merrivale and Vixen Tor and Hangar Down near Ivybridge and by the time these notes appear we hope to have included Cawsand Bay, Whitsand Bay and the River Tamar in our itineraries—the latter with the assistance of Mr. Tolley who has very kindly placed his motor boat at our disposal for two trips.

The visit to Kitley Caves, situated near Yealmpton was undertaken at the invitation of the Devonshire Association of which the School is an Institute Member. The caves were much more extensive than we imagined and we hope to make a return

visit later in order to explore them much more thoroughly. Mr. Carter conducted us to Hangar Down and we benefited a great deal from his intimate knowledge of the ecology of the district. The walk to Merrivale provided ample interest for the botanists, bird lovers, the historically minded and the geographers, among our members.

Our interests are gradually crystallising. At the moment the bias appears to be with the bird enthusiasts who seem always to find something of outstanding interest.

Membership of the Society is open to anyone in the Upper School and not merely to Sixth Form Biologists and Geographers. Moreover, we are prepared to consider members from lower down who have established a real interest in any aspect of our activities, as in the case of a boy in 3L who is one of the keenest of the bird watchers.

J. D. WALSH, (*Hon. Secretary.*)

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society's programme during the second half of the winter session has been somewhat curtailed but several interesting meetings were held.

During the Christmas term the Society was pleased to welcome members of the societies of other grammar schools to a Mock Trial of the Modern Film. Counsel, witnesses and jurymen were provided by the various schools taking part, and the Headmaster, as Judge, presided. The legal atmosphere was somewhat marred by mysterious failures in the lighting system but the prisoner was successfully acquitted.

Other interesting meetings at the end of the Christmas term include a much appreciated talk by Mr. Heywood on "The Value of Poetry in Modern Life" and a play-reading in which members struggled with Spanish nomenclature.

During the Spring term, the Society accepted invitations to two very interesting inter-School debates. On the 10th of February M. S. Warren proposed a motion "That this house is in favour of Equal Pay for Equal Work" at Plymouth College, and on the 15th of the same month, J. K. Hoskin proposed the motion "That an element of risk is essential to human progress" at Plymouth High School. We are very grateful to our hosts on these occasions.

The day before the General Election an interesting "Election Meeting" was held in which three "candidates" Foote, King and Warren spoke for the three main parties. With the focus still on politics, the next debate—on Proportional Representation—proved very interesting. During that term we were very pleased to welcome Mr. J. H. Crossley, who gave a stimulating talk on "Christianity—Dope or Dynamite."

D. A. PINCHES (*Hon. Secretary.*)

MECCANO CLUB.

The Modelling Club as its name is now, has been running under the good leadership of Mr. Quarterman for three terms. It does not entirely limit itself to Meccano, but has varying competitions, talks and film shows. A model village has been started but may not be finished in time for the School Garden Party. We hope to exhibit a working model-railway and several Meccano and other models built by our members.

We now have many Meccano parts, some purchased and some given to the Club, by older boys. I appeal on behalf of the Club for any Meccano or Dinky toys which you bigger boys have grown out of.

We now possess a library, books of which may be borrowed by any member of the club.

Any boy wishing to become a member should see me at the beginning of next term.

DAVID E. WINZER, 3A (*Secretary*).

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The last six months have been of momentous importance. The execution of a most comprehensive programme of re-organisation and improvement, which was inaugurated by weeks of redecoration last summer, has continued steadily.

A long-felt shortage of shelving has been relieved by the arrival of three new bookcases of larger and more suitable design and of brighter appearance. Much of the surplus space was taken up when books from the geography and science libraries were incorporated, thus completing our policy of centralisation. Many more of the empty shelves have been filled by the rapid increase in the number of volumes in every section ; the library now comprises a total of some three thousand books. Other material improvements have been carried out : the provision of floral decorations, for which our thanks are due to the School Gardening Club, has considerably brightened the appearance of the room, a book-repair section, of which we are greatly in need, has been formed, and the School Museum Service has continued to supply us with decorative selections of pictures.

The measure of success achieved in these efforts to make the School Library more attractive in material and appearance as a place for study, quiet reading and for the borrowing of books is reflected in the increase in the number of boys using the library.

We take this opportunity of encouraging those boys particularly in the Middle School, who seldom visit the library, to take full advantage of its facilities.

J. K. HOSKIN (*Hon. Librarian*).

THE GARDENING CLUB.

I am glad to have this opportunity, to express my thanks to the faithful few who have so loyally supported the efforts of the Club, and have at least kept the school gardens from wholly disintegrating. I must, however, add that the response to appeals for

help from the rank and file of the school has been extremely poor. It is disappointing, when so much more could have been done to beautify the grounds, to realise that only a lack of willing hands has held back the work.

What the Gardening Club is in need of, at the present moment, is not a group of mid-day critics who stand, posed artistically, at the edge of the flower-bed, or on the other hand a mass of boys who never so much as glance at the gardens, but a loyal working party of boys, ready and willing to give time and effort in this cause. Without this group of helpers, the weeds must stay in the beds and further projects must be shelved until another day.

We must really take to heart literally Voltaire's justly famous advice "Let us cultivate our gardens." The Gardening Club holds unswervingly to its principle that the School gardens shall not be maintained by "slave" labour, so, when you have time and energy to spare, please approach me and you shall be given one of the thousand jobs waiting to be done.

A. J. CROSS, U6A., (*Hon. Secretary.*)

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

At present this club is mainly useful in that it provides relaxation for the sixth form during the lunch-hour.

Last term, besides inter-school matches, a Table Tennis Tournament and a House Championship were held. The former, which attracted about thirty competitors, including members of the staff, was won by Mr. Warren after a very exciting match against Letcher played in front of a responsive audience in the Assembly Hall.

The House Matches also provided some really good table tennis. Gilbert and Drake met in the final match having won all their previous matches. The championship was decided in favour of Gilbert, final positions being :—

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| 1st. | GILBERT. | Played 9, won 7. |
| 2nd. | DRAKE. | Played 9, won 6. |
| 3rd. | GRENVILLE. | Played 9, won 3. |
| 4th. | RALEIGH. | Played 9, won 2. |

Hugo and Rainford are to be congratulated on winning all their games.

The school team has been quite successful this season, winning matches against the staff, the Technical Secondary School and Sutton High School, whilst losing the return match with the last named school.

It is intended to hold similar championships, tournaments and inter-school matches next term so as to give more boys a chance to play for a team.

J. L. DAVIS (*Hon. Secretary.*)

MUSIC CLUB.

Our season of 1949-50 saw yet another stage achieved in our establishment within the circle of school societies, but we are a young society, and our aim must be to number among our members as many of the upper school as possible. We hope that next season will be as successful as the last.

Mention must be made of the start that has been made of the Music Club record library. We have bought, from our own funds, a recording of Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F, and we intend that this shall be the first of many such recordings of standard, repertoire works, for the exclusive use of the Club members. Our Thursday concerts have continued and been considerably enhanced by the re-decoration of the Music Room. It has been thoroughly cleaned and freshly painted.

We have suffered a regrettable loss in A. Roberts, our Treasurer, who left us to take up a naval cadetship at Dartmouth College.

T. M. BOSSOM (*Hon. Secretary*).

SCOUT LOG.

The past two terms have witnessed much progress in the School Troop. Perhaps the most important development concerns the Senior Section in which interest has been revived. Formerly a Senior Scout on leaving school left the troop as well; now, however, he is able to remain a member even after his school career has ended. It is also intended to hold fortnightly hikes and camps.

For those who are interested in continuing their Scouting when too old for the Seniors, and in order further to tighten the bond between the School and the "Old Boys," an effort is to be made to re-form the Rover Crew which has been dormant since the outbreak of the last war. It is hoped that those "Old Boys" who were members of the School Crew or who wish to become members will try to contact the Troop.

Progress has also been made in the Boy Scout Section. First-Class badges, numerous proficiency badges and three Scout Cords have been gained, the last by Turner, Tolcher and Trice. In addition regular week-end camps have been held fortnightly at Clearbrook where the Troop now has a permanent camp-site by the courtesy of Mr. David Nash, a fellow-solicitor of Mr. Cocks, our new Scout Master (S.) who is filling the position formerly held by Mr. Jenkyns.

The Summer Camp for this year will be held at Widemouth Bay, near Bude, from July 22nd to August 5th. Other camps and hikes will also be held during the Summer Vacation.

D.R.W.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The Science Society, with its various sub-sections, continues to provide a wide field of interest. The enthusiastic audiences furnish evidence of this fact. Further proof is given by the membership figures which show that this year a new maximum of just under eighty has been achieved. This is all the more satisfactory when it is realised that membership is restricted to the Sixth and Fifth forms.

That, however, is the only restriction. There is no hint in the constitution of the Society that members would not be welcomed from the Arts Sixth. On the contrary, the Society is sure that it would fulfil a most useful function in providing the Arts Faculty with enjoyable Science that can be readily assimilated. Why should those ardent members of the Fifth—and there are many of them this year—cease membership when graduating to the Arts Sixth?

The radio, cine and photographic sections have been flourishing. The first has been busy constructing valve radio receivers and the simpler crystal sets. The cine group has been engaged mostly in producing a film of many aspects of school life. The cine camera has been in frequent use during the past term and the final result of the work will be seen at the forthcoming Annual Garden Party. The still photographers have been using the dark room constantly, and some show real promise. More beginners would be welcomed. Previous experience is not essential as the Society can teach from the beginning.

The weekly meetings of the Society have been well attended. During the latter part of the session the emphasis was on film exhibitions, the topics concerned covering many of the numerous sections of science. Although the subject matter was sometimes treated in an elementary manner, the meetings were most enjoyable. The main advantage of such films is that they cover much ground and serve to widen the scope of the Society.

Two notable lectures entitled "Animals of the Sea" and "X-rays" were delivered to the Society by Dr. D. P. Wilson and Mr. E. Goss respectively, the former illustrating his talk with first class slides made by himself from his own outstanding photographs, and the latter with some highly interesting X-ray photographs.

The visits of the Society have always aroused intense interest and this year has been no exception. Some six visits have been undertaken so far this session, including the B.B.C. studios, the Dockyard generating station, a local photographic establishment and several local factories.

The Society thanks all those good friends who lecture to its members and make its excursions possible.

R. D. HURD.

STAMP CLUB.

The Stamp Club is holding only a few meetings this term as it was decided that the Spring and Winter months are more suitable for stamp collecting. Opportunities for exchanges will be made and two or three evenings have been set aside for that, this term. Last term the membership remained constant and one of the highlights of that term was a very interesting debate on whether or not, "Great Britain should issue Pictorial Stamps like the Colonies." The result was in the negative, after a spirited debate.

The Stamp Club library has again increased in size, and we purchase a stamp magazine fortnightly. Also the Stamp Club has decided to purchase more catalogues and books on stamps.

J. D. MILLS (*Hon. Secretary*).

Correspondence

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

Cambridge in May with the Cam flowing serenely through its splendid banks is the punter's joy, and the late spring blossom, a striking contrast to the lime and hanging willows, makes it all the more charming and picturesque. But the atmosphere is already tense while the undergraduates await the important Tripos, which begins in a few weeks.

A few familiar faces from School or Plymouth College are to be seen frequently in the coffee-houses between lectures and there is always time for an exchange of local gossip.

There are only four Old Boys in residence this term :

N. S. ADAMS, at St. John's, is in his last year. He will be entering the Civil Service on completion of his year's historical research.
F. J. GOULD, at Downing, in his second year since his demobilisation, is reading English.

PETER TAYLOR is at Queens on a research scholarship from the Imperial College of Science. He has been chosen for and included in the University Rifle team.

P. J. BURROWS, at Trinity, is reading medicine. He has been elected Captain of the C.U.T.T.C. for the second year.

Those of us who are remaining in residence would be delighted to meet and entertain freshmen coming up from school, who should get in touch with P. J. Burrows, Trinity. We hope there will be a larger contingent to boost our numbers.

P. J. BURROWS.

The Oxford Letter will appear in our next issue.—*Editor*.

H.M.S. "Devonshire,"
c/o G.P.O., London,

Dear Mr. Editor,

I must apologise both for not writing earlier, and for the lack of information I have for you.

I have ferreted through all the usual, and many unusual, channels, but there seems to be little news.

Gaskin, the first of the bunch to join, is I believe at Greenwich. Now a sub-lieutenant, he should be starting his courses.

Rumsey, now at, or rather, in, H.M.S. "Vanguard," will be entering R.N.E.C. Manadon after the summer leave.

Porter, who left H.M.S. "Devonshire" last Easter, is, I believe in the Mediterranean on H.M.S. "Forth." The "Forth" is a submarine depot ship and it is rumoured that Porter is aspiring to be a submariner. He should be entering R.N.E.C. next 'Xmas.

Next, there is myself. I hope to pass out of here at the end of this cruise and be posted to a ship in either of the Home or Med. Fleets.

Hitchens, who joined "Devonshire" this cruise, has his second cruise to do before being appointed as a Midshipman.

Roberts, now at "Benbow," R.N. College, Dartmouth, should be joining H.M.S. "Devonshire" at the end of the summer leave. He will then follow in the steps of Hitchens.

Please remember me, and extend my best wishes, to all those interested.

Yours sincerely,

DEREK PEAKALL.

Junior Common Room,
University College, Leicester.

Dear Mr. Editor,

As far as I know I have all the Old Boys at Leicester listed below.

BURROWS, D. (Physics, Gen. and Maths).

WALKER, D. (Physics, Hon. Final Year).

MARTIN, G. (Gen. Arts Degree).

SQUANCE, B. (Econ. Degree. Final Year).

Wortelhock (Econ. Degree. Final Year).

COCKRAM (Gen. Science Degree).

TUCKER (French Hon. Degree).

WILLIAMS, R. (Science Gen.)

HOLLIDAY, B. (Physics Hon.).

MOGER, J. (French Hon. Final Year.).

Hoping this is all that is required I shall close.

Yours faithfully,

BARRY HOLLIDAY.

Parents' Association

We are happy to report another highly successful year's work. The functions arranged during the year have been well attended and financially successful.

One Saturday evening during December the School Assembly Hall was transformed, with greenery, flowers and coloured paper, into a most attractive ballroom wherein the Association held a very enjoyable dance. The pleasure which this event gave to many parents has encouraged us to regard it as a regular, winter-term occasion.

In February, on one of the stormiest evenings of the winter, some hundred staunch parents attended our Brains Trust when the team consisted of parents, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Hendra, Mr. Reid, and staff Messrs. Evans and Truman, the Headmaster acted as Question Master. Much interesting discussion ensued on such topics as the regulation of a boy's pocket money or the abolition of homework.

During March we had the Assembly Hall well filled for a Whist and Bridge Drive at which some members of staff quietly enjoyed themselves playing bridge while the Headmaster strode briskly about the room signing scores of ten and over !

The winter programme of social events ended early in May when a dance run in conjunction with the Old Boys' Association proved a most worthwhile venture.

At all functions our efficient and hardworking Ladies Committee have provided excellent refreshments.

Coach trips have been organised this term to the University College of the South West, Exeter, and to Buckfast Abbey. The former was eminently appropriate to such an organisation as ours and we had excellent co-operation from the College authorities who made it possible for us to inspect the Library, the Science Block, two halls of Residence and the grounds in Streatham Drive.

The Ladies Committee has also accepted responsibility for providing and serving tea at all home 1st XI and 2nd XI cricket matches and on Sports Day, an innovation greatly appreciated by all concerned.

The Association has handed to the School no less than £85 during the year, and has done much good in fostering friendships and better understanding between parents and members of the staff.

We feel that there are still ways in which we can be even more useful. Since the Annual Meeting last October, the whole city has been divided into areas and each area has at least one representative on the Committee. We hope that the names and addresses of those representatives are common knowledge throughout the area because it is our intention that they should be the link between the parents and the school. They will be able, at our Committee meeting, to raise your suggestions, enquiries and

complaints and, we hope, return to you with the correct answers. Please make much greater use of the area representatives.

We look forward now to the Garden Party in July. Preparations for it are well advanced and we sincerely trust that it will be as enjoyable and successful as last year's.

H. G. WARREN (*Hon. Secretary*).

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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Since the last issue of the magazine, the General Committee has endeavoured to increase the social activities of the Association by arranging functions less expensive and less formal than the Annual Dinner. A supper and a dance have already been held and although the attendance of Old Boys was poorer than had been hoped, the Committee intend to continue their efforts in the coming winter. It is also hoped that the Annual Dinner will cost less than it did last year. To succeed in this programme, the Committee must have the support of Old Boys at the functions. The newly formed Social sub-committee under Mr. Polkinghorne is putting in much work which is deserving of considerably more support than has been forthcoming.

These notes used to be a mine of information concerning the activities of Old Boys all over the country and, indeed, all over the world. I hope for this again but it is only possible if the Old Boys themselves, forward the required information to the Secretary.

The President and Secretary attended the Annual Meeting of the London Branch and were most impressed by the keenness shown and the wish to maintain close liaison with the School. Mr. Barkell, at the School, has agreed to act as liaison officer with the London Branch and all Old Boys intending to settle in the London Region should inform him of that intention.

The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. Cock, the retiring Secretary who has worked so wholeheartedly in the past. Old Boys should give his successor all possible assistance in making the Association a real link with the School and all former pupils.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Devonport High School Old Boys Association was held on December 27th, 1949 at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth.

As usual the arrangements included our "get-together" from 6.45 to 7.15. The lounge of the Hotel was used for this purpose, and it afforded an opportunity for Old Boys to meet over an informal drink before the actual Dinner commenced.

For our new President (Mr. S. G. Barker) we hope it was an interesting evening. He was there very early to welcome the Old Boys as they arrived. Sir Clifford Tozer, J.P., c.c. an Old Boy himself and a very good friend to the Association, was an early arrival. Mr. E. Hannam, our Chairman, and Mr. Gill, our Secretary with Mr. Eric Warne, our Treasurer were also in evidence mingling with the Old Boys who had once more come to renew their old friendships and make, maybe, new ones—happy indeed is the School which can produce such an Assembly of Old Boys. At 7.15 p.m. sharp we entered the Dining Hall and after a feast of Sole, Turkey and Christmas Pudding we listened to "gems of oratory" intermingled with the musical programme produced by our old friend Mr. Austin.

Sir Clifford Tozer proposed "the Association" in his usual manner—always very conscious of the fact that he was an old "Ryder" Boy. Mr. Hannam proposed the School—to which Mr. Barker, in the speech of the evening, replied. We were also honoured by the presence of the School Captain and the School Vice-Captain who were the Guests of the Association. All in all we hope it was a happy evening. No one can assess the value of this Annual Re-union—enhanced as it was by the presence of our old and dear friend, Mr. Harry Ferraro. D.H.S. in general, and Old Boys in particular, owe a great debt to H.F.—it was nice to have him with us once more. Finally may we appeal to *all* Old Boys: please support this year's Dinner, which will be held at Genoni's Restaurant on **Thursday, 28th December, 1950**. Come along—you will certainly enjoy yourself.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the School on Friday, 22nd December, 1950, at 7 p.m. Please make a special note of this date.

BADMINTON CLUB—SEASON 1949—50.

Interest this winter has been centred on our entry into Division "C" of the Plymouth and District Churches' Badminton League, and I am pleased to report that our first year in competitive badminton has been most successful. We were unbeaten in all the eight matches, finishing the season as league leaders and winning the Division "C" Championship Shield with promotion to Division "B." The opposition here is expected to be considerably stiffer, but we feel confident of giving a good account of ourselves.

Various members entered this year for the P. and D. Churches' Knock-out Tournaments and Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Mr. Barker were finally beaten in the Semi-Finals of the Mixed Doubles and Men's Singles respectively.

The general standard of members' play continues to improve and many closely contested matches are enjoyed each Thursday.

A hearty invitation is extended to all Old Boys to join us for the forthcoming season.

HARRY BRENTON (*Hon. Secretary*).

The School Scout Troop is in need of Scouters to assist in its running. Are there any Old Boys prepared to help? If so, will they please get in touch with the Headmaster.

THE WAR MEMORIAL

The design for the War Memorial tablet which is to be set in the Library has now been approved by the Committee of the Association. Before putting it in the hands of the makers it is essential that we should ensure that no names have been omitted from the Roll of Honour. The full record, as far as it is known, is below. If any Old Boy or friend of the school knows of any name which has inadvertently been missed, will he please notify the Secretary of the Association by 30th September at the latest, as it is proposed to send the design to the engravers on that day.

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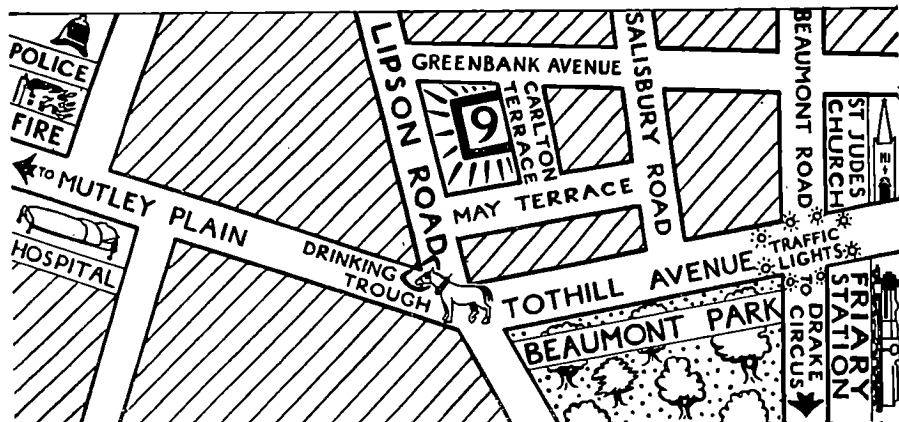
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