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Editorial.

When the School was evacuated to Penzance four years ago, the editorial was something which a humble fourth-former such as I then was, dared not attempt to read. Now, as a member of the Sixth, I consider it a privilege to write this, my second editorial, on the eve of our final departure for Plymouth—of our re-evacuation.

In general, the School settled down to hostel life very easily. It has been a grand new experience, and from the very first, we have thoroughly enjoyed it. School work suffered inevitably during the first few weeks, because the younger boys treated their new life rather as one long holiday. But as the novelty wore off, and we became accustomed to our new homes, even the youngest of us returned to the normal school routine. Even so, life has been less formal than when we were an ordinary day school in Plymouth, and this has had both its good and its bad points. In every hostel prefects and juniors have spent what may be called their "home life" together; they have mingled freely and become united as one friendly house group. In consequence of this, the boys of all ages have come into common understanding with each other, and have learnt to make allowances for each other's points of view.

When we return to Plymouth, however, School routine will again become normal. Our new abode of study will be what was formerly known as Stoke Military Hospital, which is a large and spacious building. Prefects will regain that essential "prestige and dignity," and, above all, the School will be joined together in one building, ready to work as a united whole again.

Thus we, who are at last leaving Penzance, will experience as many interesting changes on our return to Plymouth as we did on our evacuation. Without doubt, we shall compare the routine of the School as it has been in Penzance with what it used to be, and soon will be again, in Plymouth. It must be remembered, however, that not only shall we begin next term as an ordinary day school again, but we shall have very many newcomers amongst us—boys who remained in Plymouth at the Emergency High School, and new entrants. Certainly it will be strange at first, but new friendships must be formed, and we must accustom ourselves to each other's ways quickly for the sake of uniting all sections of the School.

We are fortunate indeed in being allowed to take over the building at Stoke. It is one of the best of the buildings surviving in Plymouth which are suitable for use as a school, and, of course, it is more modern and extensive than our former building in Albert Road. There is ample space for laboratories, and it is hoped that when the materials become available for the necessary adjustments, the new school building will be transformed into one of the best in Plymouth.

And now, as we prepare to leave Penzance, we say good-bye to all our friends here, and extend to them our warmest thanks for all that they have done for us during the last four years. I am sure that every member of the School will depart from this Cornish resort with many pleasant memories and with regrets; and we hope that we shall have left similar feelings with the inhabitants.

Thank You, Penzance!

It will be noted from various articles in this issue, that there is a general and sincere regret at the approach of our severance from Penzance. That regret is shared by staff and boys.

In spite of many and serious difficulties incidental to evacuation, the School's stay here has been attended by great happiness and by solid achievement.

Penzance has given us in full measure its hospitality and its friendship.

We venture to hope that we on our side have contributed something of value to the educational, the social, the philanthropic, the athletic, and even to the agricultural life of the town and district. I have already (and on more than one occasion) offered the School's warm thanks to his Worship the Mayor (Ald. Robt. Thomas, J.P.), and to the Penzance Evacuation and Welfare Committee over which he so ably presides, to Lord and Lady St. Levan, The

Town Clerk and Chief Billeting Officer, The Deputy Town Clerk, The Borough Treasurer, the former Vicar of St. Mary's, Penzance (The Rev. W. P. Gilpin), the Vicar of Marazion, the District Education Clerk, the Heads of the two County Schools, and the Staff of the Billeting Office.

To try to mention all the School's other friends (so numerous are they) would be to attempt the impossible.

I must, however, pay tribute to Miss Valerie Hollow, Chief Librarian, and to her assistants at the Penzance Public Library, for the splendid and uncomplaining service they have rendered staff and boys alike. We have constantly, and in huge droves, invaded the Library, to be received and attended to with alacrity and courtesy. We are most grateful.

We are also deeply indebted to the Press for its practical interest in the School's welfare. We have seldom felt ourselves to be a "forgotten army," mainly because friendly Editors and their Staffs have kept Plymouth, as well as Cornwall, informed of our doings.

Our sincere thanks are offered to *The Western Morning News*, *The Evening Herald*, *The Western Independent*, and *The Cornishman*, for giving so generously of their most valuable space to the recording of our various activities. If our numerous other friends must, perforce, remain unmentioned, none of them will be unremembered.

They will all be gratified to know that the boys' parents are showing, in a tangible way, their appreciation of the kindness which has been showered on their sons. I have inaugurated a "D.H.S. Appreciation Fund." The proceeds are to be applied in Penzance to some appropriate and commemorative purpose. The parents' response to that Fund has, in its generosity, been much more eloquent than any words could be. We have raised over eighty pounds.

My own personal debt to official and "unofficial" Penzance friends is, indeed, great.

As a result of their kindly co-operation, I shall always remember with pride and satisfaction the anxious yet happy, the difficult yet fruitful, years of our so-called "exile."

On behalf of the whole School, I say, "Thank you, Penzance, for all you have done to make us happy."

W. H. BUCKLEY, *Headmaster*.

ACHIEVEMENT

A summary of the academic successes gained by the School during its four years in Penzance. (Average roll, approximately, 350 boys):

Oxford University: Nine Open Scholarships or Exhibitions.

Cambridge University: Four Open Scholarships or Exhibitions.

London University : Two Open Scholarships.
Reading University : One Open Scholarship.
Birmingham University : One Open Scholarship.
University College of the South-West : Fifteen Scholarships and Exhibitions.
University College, Leicester : Fourteen Open Scholarships and Exhibitions.
University College, Nottingham : Two Exhibitions.
Loughborough Engineering College : Two Empire Scholarships.
School of Metalliferous Mines, Cornwall : One Nobel Scholarship.
State Scholarships (awarded on H.S.C. Exams.) : Two.
Engineering Cadetships : Three.
State Bursaries : Ten.
Kitchener Scholarships : Two.
University Short Courses for Potential Officers : Seventeen.
R.N. Cadetship (Executive Branch) : One.
R.N. Cadetships (Engineering Branch) : Two.
R.N. Cadetship (Accountancy Branch) : One.
First Appointment as Second Lieutenant, R.M. : Two.
Public School Entrance Exam., Dartmouth : One.
Indian Army Commissions : One.
London Higher School Certificates : Seventy-five.
Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Higher School Certificate : Four.
Cambridge School Certificate : Two hundred and thirty-three.

School Notes

Four years ago last May, at very short notice, the School was evacuated to what, up to the last moment, was an unknown destination, which proved to be Penzance. There had been hurried packing of private and School gear ; and many of us can remember the assembly at Albert Road on that Wednesday morning, the orderly filling of buses and the short trip to North Road Station, the crowd of parents, fond farewells, settling into the waiting train, and the final wavings and last good wishes as she steamed out.

The secret of our destination had been well kept, but once on the train that was out, and there was much speculation as to what we would find the other end. We were soon to know. Buses met us at the terminus ; we were officially and heartily welcomed on the County School ground, and with the help of the patient and courteous W.V.S., we were soon installed in temporary homes. From then we have never looked back. Now we are to leave all that Penzance has meant to us, and are to return to our home town. Feelings are bound to be mixed. After all home is home, but many will say good-bye to Penzance with regret.

It is not our task to give thanks here ; that is done elsewhere in these pages, but we have been grateful for many things that will soon be pleasant memories. Do you remember our half-time sessions at the Boys' County School, the pleasant lessons out-of-doors, the bright form rooms at the Girls' School, the Sixth Form room in the hut, the provision of hostels and our own school premises ; and all that was done to make life good and to ensure that work should not suffer ? We shall not forget these things.

At the end of term we return to new premises in Stoke. That, too, will be something of an adventure. Most of the other half of us who have attended the Emergency High School will be joining us. We shall be a big school again ; we shall be under mother's watchful eye and have the advantage of father's helping hand. In this connection let us not forget the masters and mistresses who have been *in loco parentis*. They will not be sorry to relinquish those added and very real responsibilities.

Evacuation is over and we turn our faces to the future, confident in the knowledge that our chances of success have been strengthened by the opportunities afforded us, and the work we have been able to do in this pleasant and friendly corner of England.

It was a great shock to learn that Miss Bate had been struck down by sudden and serious illness, and would not be coming back to us again. We are glad to know that her health has very much improved. That she may continue to progress and be fit to enjoy some of her old activities, is our sincere wish.

Congratulations to all winners of Scholarships and Cadetships in H.M. Navy. A complete list is included in this issue. Open Scholarships, and the first and fourth places in England in the Paymaster Cadet and Executive branches of the Navy show what can be done by boys who know what they want, and use to the full the facilities provided by the School. We look to those who come after to carry on the good work, remembering that the skilled guidance and drive of the Staff are not alone sufficient. Success can always be measured in terms of hard work.

We have had visits from Lt. A. H. Tredgett, who is in the Navy, from Mr. Brown, who has a B.Sc. (Hons.), and is going into industry, and from Mr. E. H. Semmens, who has finished his Short Course in Japanese, and is now in the Navy. Good luck to them, and to all others who have completed their courses and are now in the Services. We were glad to see Lt. J. Symons before he sailed for India.

Our last Speech Day in Penzance—and a very successful and pleasing one, too—took place on March 7th, at St. John's Hall. The presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Plymouth gave scope for our home-town's official thanks for all that Penzance has done for us during our stay. An account of the proceedings appears elsewhere in this issue.

There is a report, too, of our very successful Sports' Day. The weather was not too kind, and the afternoon activities had to be postponed. A good standard was maintained and several new records were made.

There has been a number of Staff changes since last we went to Press. We heartily welcome the following new members to the Staff: Mr. J. G. Nicholas, M.A. (Oxon.), B.A. (Wales), to the post of Senior Classics Master (Latin and Greek), Mr. Maw, B.A. (Hons., London), (French), Mr. R. T. Hopford, B.A. (Hons.) (German), Mr. N. J. May, B.A. (Hons.) London, (French), Mr. E. H. Berry, B.Sc. (Hons., Wales) (Maths.), and Miss S. R. Roberts, who has come to us from Camborne to take over the Art work. It will be neither their faults, nor ours, if they are not happy with us. Our best wishes are theirs.

Good luck to all examination candidates. Higher Schools and School Cert. are coming close now. May examinees maintain the high standards of the past. That at least is expected of them. To all who are leaving we wish good luck and success. They are reminded that Mr. H. Ferraro is waiting to enrol them as members of the Old Boys' Association and to accept their subscriptions; also that the Headmaster and Staff will always be glad to welcome them and to help them in every way possible.

Our thanks to our printers, who have had to overcome great difficulties to produce the issues we have published.

VE-DAY SERVICE.

To mark the conclusion of the war in Germany, the whole School, including many of the masters' wives, joined together on the morning of VE Day in a short thanksgiving service held in Richmond Methodist Church, by the kind consent of the Rev. Stanley Luke, who conducted the ceremony.

Thanks were given for our final victory and our comparatively light suffering. We remembered those who had fallen or been wounded in the struggle, and expressed our sympathy with their friends and relatives. Special tribute was paid to the part played by Old Boys of the School. Then, as if one chapter of a book had been finished and another one commenced with renewed vigour, we turned our thoughts upon the war in the Far East, a long series of battles still to be won.

A short address was given by the Headmaster. He said that it was not a time for riotous rejoicing, but rather for serious thinking and thanksgiving. He made a brief survey of the war such as we had experienced in Plymouth; the return of so many soldiers, both

British and Allied, in the days following Dunkirk, then the "dark days" of the blitz, with its long nights of hidden terror, and our subsequent evacuation. Finally, on a brighter note, he reminded us of the awe-inspiring sight of countless ships in our own Sound, preparing for D-Day. And now D-Day had become VE-Day, and we had gathered together to give thanks that we had survived to see it.

At the conclusion of the service the National Anthem was sung, and the School then commenced its two days' token holiday.

N.S.R.

Praefecti Valet

CLIFFE, D. J.—Entered School September, 1938; Camb. S.C., 1943; Vice-Capt. 1st XV. Rugby, Colours, 1944-5; Athletics Colours, 1944. Entered R.N. as Cadet, Accountant Branch, having passed first in England.

MAYBOURN, W. C.—Entered School September, 1937; Camb. S.C., 1942; London H.S.C., 1944; School Vice-Capt., 1944, Rugby 1st XV. Entered R.N. as Cadet, Executive Branch; fourth in the country in the examination.

Examination Results.

EDDY, A. A., Open Scholarship in Nat. Science, Exeter College, Oxford.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF S.W.

Ballard Scholarships—

G. Greenwood, R. T. A. Standford, G. Dowrick.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LEICESTER.

Open Major—

G. Greenwood, F. G. Rickard, D. H. McColl.

Minor Open—

G. Wortelhock.

Bursary—

Standford, Dowrick.

THE SERVICES.

*Naval Cadetships Executive Branch—*W. E. Maybourn.

*Naval Cadetships Accountant Branch—*D. J. Cliffe.

Speech Day.

Speech Day was held this year on March 7th, at the St. John's Hall, Penzance. There was naturally a feeling that this Speech Day might perhaps be the last to be held at Penzance.

Mr. E. S. Leatherby, C.C., an old friend of the School and Chairman of the Plymouth Education Committee, presided. He opened the proceedings in his usual breezy manner. Ald. Mason (Lord Mayor of Plymouth) was the speaker, and the Lady Mayoress presented the prizes.

"Plymouth should have expressed her gratitude to the Mayor and people of Penzance a long time ago," declared Ald. W. Mason, "though I am very glad that the honour has fallen to me." He went on to emphasise the considerateness of the people of Penzance, and how valuable had been their help all the time we were evacuated. Perhaps that was because so many had seen the fires burning in Plymouth during those terrible days of 1940. No matter, however, what was the cause of Penzance's swift response to Devonport's appeal for aid, the citizens of Devonport had cause to be grateful to a town so bounteous in welcome. The Lord Mayor then particularly addressed the boys whose stay in Penzance was very near its end. He warned them that conditions throughout the country would be vastly different from those of pre-war days; and accordingly they must so shape their attitude that they might recognise the great responsibilities and burdens which confronted them. The future would be in their hands.

The Headmaster, in his report, the third as Headmaster of the School, and covering the period up to December, 1944, said that despite ever increasing difficulties a high standard had been maintained all round. The successes of Crossley (the late School Captain), Eddy (the present School Captain), Malpas and Ball, proved that the School was able to offer great opportunities to the talented boy. (Details of academic successes which the Headmaster mentioned in the course of his report will be found elsewhere.—EDITOR).

The Headmaster then acknowledged his growing debt to his colleagues, most of all to Mr. Ferraro. He spoke of the tremendous debt which everyone owed to the masters, and especially to their wives, whose task, as matrons, was perhaps the most enacting of all.

The Headmaster bore witness to the remarkable achievements at games. Cricket, soccer, rugger, evinced immense enthusiasm undamped by deficiencies of equipment.—Grenville were congratulated on winning the House Shield once more. To the Youth Organisations the Headmaster gave great praise; also to the officers and other members of the Staff connected with them.

Not all the time, the Headmaster admitted, was spent at School or on the field ; the activities of those who picked potatoes or collected seaweed merited great praise.

The Headmaster then spoke of the much-lamented death of Mr. Andrews, who had been connected with the School for forty-three years, having served under three Headmasters, and having devoted his whole life to the interests of the School.

Continuing, the Headmaster dwelt on the work of the Rev. Gilpin, and the Rev. Stenson-Stenson, who had amply satisfied the spiritual needs of the boys. He said that those men were not the only friends of the School in Penzance ; and he proceeded to acknowledge the School's debt to Lord St. Levan, to Ald. Thomas, M.P. (Mayor of Penzance), to Mr. Beattie, and to Mr. Jackson, whose friendship, help and advice had been of such great service to the School.

The great Education Bill with its far-seeing, revolutionary and beneficent effects, drew the Headmaster's special attention. He remarked upon the fact that (although with some reservation in the enthusiasm evoked by the Bill, the interests of schools such as Devonport High School has been perhaps slightly overlooked) the Bill was to be applauded for the statesmanlike nature of its project. Generalising upon the principles of education, the Headmaster said that there was no shortcut to knowledge or to scholarships, that although schools might be renamed and rebaptized, the knowledge they were destined to impart would have to be anything but superficial ; and that in post-war society the intellectual type of boy would be not only an asset but also a necessity ; and this kind of boy it had been, and always would be, the aim of the School to produce—not, however, by harsh or excessively vigorous attempts to make his brain conform to a pattern of training, but by methods calculated to induce the boy to like his work, and to glory in striving only after the highest. The Headmaster, after praising the war-time work of scientists, and others whose " book learning " used formerly to be despised, declared that in the post-war world there would be immense scope for both the intellectual boy and the manual worker ; indeed there would be not only opportunities, but also a tremendous need for the contribution of those types of men. Men of intellect culture, vision, the Headmaster continued, would be needed to replace the men of mental myopia, and men whose horizons had been bounded by parochial affairs. The last words of the Headmaster on this subject were to the effect that the Devonport High School turned out boys of the type needed to help the renaissance of a world ravaged by war so many times in so few years. His peroration comprised a quotation from a report of the Headmaster of another well-known school. Its nature is such that we consider it worthy to be given in full.

"The future of our civilisation is obscure and uncertain ; we cannot expect to get rid of poverty, disease, national hatreds, without a hard struggle, in which many may fall by the wayside ; but if those who have to take part in that struggle have learned in their youth to enter into the strait gate, and to take the road that leads to Beauty, Truth and Goodness, there is hope for mankind. It is for us to provide the best equipment, physical, intellectual, and spiritual, that the mind of man can devise for the generation which will control the destinies of our country in the years which are to come. The peril of those years will be great, even greater will be the opportunities, but where there is no vision, the people perish."

The Lady Mayoress presented the prizes.

A vote of thanks to the Lord and Lady Mayoress, in which he paid tribute to Penzance and its citizens, was proposed by A. A. Eddy (School Captain), and seconded by N. S. Robinson (vice-Captain). This was replied to by the Lady Mayoress.

The Mayor of Penzance, in his speech, referred to the School's great achievements and the good behaviour of the boys.

Masters R. Leadbeater and I. Leeder gave two fine solos ; the former sang "English Rose," the latter "Roadways." The rest of the musical programme, consisting of selections from the works of Edward German, included "In Praise of Neptune," "O Peaceful Night," and "Rolling down to Rio." We should like to draw the attention of readers to the fact that this was the debut of the choir in four-part singing. The School choir must be congratulated on a very creditable performance. McColl officiated at the piano, and skilfully performed a most difficult task."

F. G. RICKARD U6A.

Sports Day.

The final Sports Day to take place in Penzance proved to be the most hotly contested that the School has held here, and was a source of intense excitement to all, competitors, masters and spectators alike. Before, and, indeed, for the greater part of Sports Day itself, the general feeling was that Grenville had at last come to the end of her long run of success. The other Houses, all ready to lay claim to the glorious title of Cock House, were literally bristling with eager competitors.

Standards were commenced at the end of the Spring Term, and were resumed after the Easter holidays. The keen competition between Houses was clearly revealed in the bursts of cheering which greeted every new standard gained. At the beginning of Sports Day, Raleigh was slightly in the lead of Grenville in the number of points gained by standards, whilst Drake and Gilbert followed closely.

In order to ease the pressure on Sports Day, many of the Field events were held beforehand. Points gained as a result of these events were evenly distributed amongst the four Houses. A. C. Ham gave a fine display in the 16 Hop, Step and Jump, breaking the existing record.

The day dawned a miserable specimen of Cornish weather, but in spite of the wind and drizzle, a number of events was held, until conditions became so bad that it was decided to postpone the remaining events until a later date. The morning's events ended with Grenville slightly in the lead. By the evening the clouds had lifted, and with the consent of Mr. Buckley, the Sports were resumed during "prep." hours. Among the outstanding competitors of the whole sports were the Vice-Captain, Robinson, for his brilliant display in winning the 100, 220 and 440 yards, senior; Jarvis, for his success in the 15-events, and G. Wortelhock for winning the senior high jump and the hurdles.

The final events of the Sports were held on the following afternoon, when the weather attempted to make up for its failure on the previous day, drawing a large crowd of spectators. Raleigh and Grenville were now lying about equal in points, with Gilbert and Drake third and fourth respectively. As each event took place the general excitement grew fiercer, and crowds besieged the black-board on which were recorded the results of each race. The excitement reached a pitch by the time the last relay and last event was due. On this relay depended the outcome of the Athletics Championship between Raleigh and Grenville, and no wonder excitement was practically out of hand. Grenville won the relay, however, after a fine effort by her representatives, and thus earned the shield for the tenth successive year. The final positions of the Houses, though the same as last year, were interesting, and the final result was rather unexpected by many people.

Mrs. Buckley presented the cups, and Robinson, House Captain of Grenville, after receiving the Challenge Shield, called for three cheers on her behalf.

Our very grateful thanks go to Mr. Harris for the many hours of work he has put into this year's Athletics season, and to all members of the Staff who lent their valuable services to assist in producing a first-class Sports Day.

G. WHITE, L.VI. SC.

Out of School Activities

RUGGER CLUB.

President : The Headmaster.

Rugger Master : Mr. Webber.

Captain : G. A. Wortelhock.

Vice-Captain : D. Cliffe.

Hon. Secretary : N. S. Robinson.

This, our last season in Cornwall, has been very satisfactory for the 1st XV., and though we have had few School fixtures, the majority of the games have been very keenly contested.

The 1st XV. itself has shown considerable team-spirit, although some of the three-quarters are inclined to keep the ball just that fraction of a second too long.

The 2nd XV. has once again had very few fixtures, mainly due to lack of opponents, but it has revealed some very promising young players, who will no doubt take their place in the 1st side next season. Such players as Baker, whom only Parsons has kept out of the 1st XV., George and Quantick will supplement the very small nucleus which is expected to remain from the present 1st XV. The renewed system of organised games will be a great help to school rugby, and will no doubt reveal some hidden talent.

The Junior and Under 13 teams have been kept up to scratch by the diligent and gratifying coaching of Mr. Harris. The pluck and skill of the Juniors was well emphasised in a hard fought trial match against older boys of Penzance County School, which they won by 24—0 points.

During the Christmas holidays two more games were arranged in Plymouth, giving old boys a chance to play in the School team once more. Both matches, one against Plymouth College, and the other against the R.N.E. College, resulted in losses for the School, but were exciting and energetic struggles.

The School has suffered a great loss in Mr. Webb, who has directed the 1st XV. for the past two seasons, and occasionally offered his services as a player. We thank him for the keen interest he has displayed in our Rugby, and trust that his new school will profit by our loss. The Club is indebted to Mr. Webber for taking his place during the time he has been with us, and spending much of his leisure in refereeing and also playing among the backs. We also thank Mr. Harris and Mr. Quatermain for their services as referees, thereby ensuring the continuation of both School and House matches, and we are grateful to those hostel masters who have provided baths for visiting teams.

CRITIQUE.

TUCKER (Full Back).—A player who catches the ball well and shows good ability to turn defence into attack. He is fast, but needs to time his passes better.

ORCHARD (Right Wing).—His football is cheerful and full of dash. If he trained thoroughly he would be an excellent player.

ROBINSON (Right Centre).—A good straight runner who also backs up well. When his tackling is as good as his running he will be very good indeed.

DOWN.—An excellent all-round player, who will always be welcome in any side. He is not slow, but that extra pace would make him really good.

HYNE (Left Centre).—A sturdy, hard player. He tackles well. His weakness is a tendency to run across, a defect in any centre three-quarter.

QUANTICK (Left Wing).—A good runner who needs to develop a swerve and a hand-off.

MAY (Left Wing).—A fast wing three-quarter who, with greater confidence, would be a higher scoring player.

PARSONS (Scrum-Half).—He has the makings of an excellent scrum-half. He is hard, reasonably fast, tackles well, and knows when to make an occasional burst by himself. He never loses heart, the hallmark of a good sportsman.

WORTELHOCK, G. (Fly-Half).—A player with great possibilities. Fast off the mark, a good pair of hands, and a straight runner. His weakness is a tendency to high tackling, and a temperament.

Forwards—

CLIFFE.—An excellent back-row forward who will probably play well anywhere in the pack, and even be a good three-quarter in an emergency. He is a fast, hard runner, very difficult to tackle. He must learn to pass—an art which can be acquired by gentle practice.

EDDY.—A good forward in the line-out, and one who pushes well. He also needs to practice passing. He has the ability to keep going in a hard game.

JANE.—A good hooker, who also has the dash of a wing forward. Of strong physique, he should be an asset to a good club.

CHARMAN.—A big forward with excellent pace. If he will watch good players who run straight and pass gracefully, and note the advantage, he may be a very good player himself.

CHAPMAN.—A forward who shows a good deal of promise. He plays an excellent game in spite of lack of weight.

SPEAR.—A young player who shows promise. He has a good physique, and as he puts on more weight will be a valuable member of the School pack.

CHURCH.—He has played some excellent games, and if he takes the game seriously should do well in later years.

P.AINE.—A big, energetic forward, who however lacks the finer graces.
 GREENWOOD.—A forward who shows a great deal of energy, and
 can be quite a reasonable scrum-half when the occasion demands.
 W. WEBBER.

1ST XV. :

Tucker, R., Orchard, Robinson, Hyne, Quantick, Wortelhock, G., Parsons, Chapman, Church, Eddy, Cliffe, Charman, Greenwood, Paine, Jane.
 Spear, May and Baker have also played.

2ND XV. :

Smith, Warrilow, Powell, Pearce, White, May, Baker, Tucker, L., Hobbs, Hunt, Boone, Mackintosh, Stanford, Lee, George.

JUNIOR XV. :

Porter, Bustin, Honey, Jarvis, Lakeman, J., Moore, Lakeman, P., Rendle, Cambridge, Jones, Brereton, Mackintosh, Longworth, Page, Reid.

	RESULTS.					
	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
1st XV.	14	5	9	—	148	169
2nd XV.	2	—	2	—	3	16
Junior XV.	1	—	—	—	15	12
Colts XV.	2	—	—	—	42	—

SOCCER CLUB.

President : The Headmaster.

Master : Mr. G. H. Hodgson.

Captain : T. G. B. Hobbs.

Vice-Captain : I. D. Beall.

Hon. Secretary : G. C. J. Sutton.

This season the Club has again been very active. The 1st XI. and 2nd XI. have had a good number of games, but the Junior team has suffered from lack of fixtures ; however, a double set of House matches were played to offset this deficiency.

Once more we have had the use of the St. Clare and Lescudjack pitches, and they have been used on every possible occasion. The 1st XI. suffered a number of defeats owing to the fact that several of its players were incapacitated by illness or injury for a considerable period, and so, all things considered, we have had a satisfactory season. The 2nd XI. has continued under the guidance of Mr. E. W. Clarke, and Mr. Warren has taken great interest in the Juniors.

The Club has suffered a great loss by the departure of Mr. G. H. Hodgson, who had been Soccer Master since 1935 ; he took an active interest in the Club's welfare, and gave much time to further

its success. He did much to raise the general standard of play of the 1st XI. We wish him every success in his new appointment. We take this opportunity of thanking all masters, hostel masters, and matrons, who have helped us by packing lunches, arranging baths and refereeing our matches.

At the time of going to press we learn that the School will be returning to Plymouth at the end of term, and so we would wish to express our appreciation to all our friends in Penzance who have encouraged us and helped us to carry on our activities during our exile. Our especial thanks are due to Penzance Soccer Club.

	<i>Goals.</i>					
	<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
1st XI.	19	4	2	13	36	71
2nd XI.	9	1	3	5	18	41
Juniors	5	0	3	2	8	14

The 1st XI. : Grigg ; Dugdale, Beall ; Meyler, Dowrick, Cooke ; McColl, Sutton, Ingham, Hobbs, Ham.

The 2nd XI. : Adams ; Bryant, Hill ; Powell, Shinner, Rowell ; Carter, Rickard, Holway, Ellis, Grose, Sandoes, Thomas, Moger and Smith have also played.

The Junior XI. : Clarke ; Churchward, Candy ; Moore, Pengelly, Carter (B. H.) ; Brookshaw, Kelly, Hill, Cole, Metters. Thompson and Barter have also played.

CRITIQUE.

GRIGG.—A good all-round goalkeeper, who uses his height to good advantage, and handles well.

DUGDALE.—A youthful back of great promise. His punting, heading, and right-foot kicking are good, but his left foot lacks power.

BEALL.—A tower of strength in defence ; he has a sound head, which he uses to great advantage.—(H.G.W.).

MEYLER.—A young player who has good football sense ; he must develop more speed and thrust next season.

DOWRICK.—He has filled this position well. He knows the value of positional play, works hard, but should try to improve his right foot kicking.

COOKE.—Another young player. Kicks well with both feet, but is rather slow to recover after being beaten.

MCCOLL.—A good player who centres well and makes use of every opportunity to press home his attack.

SUTTON.—He has played consistently well throughout the season. He makes the ball do the work, and passes well.—(H.G.W.).

INGHAM.—A strong, young player who missed much of the season owing to a spell in hospital. He should do very well next season.

HOBBS.—A born footballer, to whom the team owes a great deal; his ball control, his astute passes, and his excellent shooting have proved invaluable.—(H.G.W.).

HAM.—A young player with a good turn of speed. His centreing and passing can be improved. T.G.B.H.

SCOUT LOG.

At the moment the School Troop is registered at Imperial Headquarters as "dormant"—the exact form which Scouting in the School will take after the return to Plymouth is under discussion at the moment. Many may not realise that before evacuation the School Scout Group consisted of a Junior Scout Troop of 32 members and a Senior Troop of 64. Before 1939 there was a small but active Rover Crew, and also a Senior Scout Patrol to provide a transition between Troop and Crew. In 1939 there were 148 Scouts in the School—about 25% of the School—approximately 100 were in the School Troops, and about 50 were members of other Troops in Plymouth. Scouting first started at D.H.S. before the World War of 1914-18. I have two photographs of the early Scout Troop (1911) amongst Scout records. This Troop lapsed after a few years, and Scouting was once more introduced into the School in 1934. In the period 1934—1941 the Senior Scout Troop took a prominent part in Plymouth Scouting, winning trophies for Athletics, Swimming and Camping in open competition. The most satisfactory feature of pre-war D.H.S. Scouting was the number of Patrol Leaders going on to be Scouters in charge of their own Troops. S/M. D.H.S.

197 SQUADRON A.T.C.

We are fortunate in gaining the services of F/O. J. G. Nicholas this term, and welcome him to 197 Squadron.

Since our last report, the Squadron has been very active in the various sports activities. The Squadron won the Cornwall County Championship, and followed this up by having nine players in the Cornwall County team which played against the Gloucester County team at Cambourne. In the Soccer County Competition the cup was retained by 197 Squadron, and three cadets went on to play in the County Team which defeated the Plymouth Wing at Wadebridge.

At the Annual West Cornwall A.T.C. Athletic Meeting, at Hayle, on Whit Monday, last year's performance was ably maintained, and our prospects in the forthcoming County and Command competitions are good.

In the Penzance and District .22 Shooting League, the Squadron did very well to finish third against teams much more experienced than ourselves.

In spite of these sports activities, eight cadets have obtained Proficiency Certificates, and eight attempted the Advanced Training examination, with very good result.

Our congratulations go to Flt./Sergt. G. J. Dowrick on representing the Squadron in the Rally of Cadets from all parts of the British Isles, held in London on May 14th.

A.C.F.

"G" Company 1st Battalion D.C.L.I.

This is the last time that the above title will head the A.C.F. Notes in Devonport High School Magazine, for with the return of the School to Plymouth, the Company will suffer a few changes. The familiar D.C.L.I. cap-badges with their red battle-honours will disappear from our uniforms, and we shall take on the shining star of the Devon Regiment. Consequently the unit will have a new name.

The War Certificate A Examination, which was held last February, took place in the neighbourhood of Ponsandane. The weather was fine, and a most enjoyable day was ended appropriately with the announcement that all the D.H.S. candidates were successful.

The Travelling Wing, which was at Penzance recently, provided the Company with a most instructive evening. The annual camp, which is to be held at Tregehané, from the 28th July to the 4th August, should prove most beneficial. Since there are many permanent buildings on the site, the camp should be, in character, more like our first camp at Prah Sands.

The Battalion Shooting Cup, presented by Major Busk, has been won by "G" Company for three consecutive sessions since its institution. The shooting team, at the time of writing, is practicing hard so that we may win it a fourth time before our return to Plymouth.

Lord St. Levan, after inspecting the Company and seeing it at work, on the annual inspection day, last June 2nd, said that he was pleased with "G" Company's progress since its formation, and that the Devon Regiment should be pleased to take us into its ranks.

The Company takes this opportunity to thank Sgtl-Major Rowe, an experienced soldier, who has always been ready to give us the benefit of his experience, and who always has been a great factor in the success of our shooting teams.

To the recruits and younger cadets, of which we have a large number this term, we say, it is you who are to be the mainstay of the Corps in Plymouth, and the duty is yours to see that its record does not suffer because of this long awaited change. U/O. SUTTON.

SCIENCE CLUB.

Since last going to print, the Science Club has enjoyed an interesting series of lectures.

Mr. Blount, supervisor of the Western Union Telegraph Company, gave a fascinating account of the Trans-Atlantic Cables, one of which terminates near Penzance. Members were able to inspect specimens of the types of cables used, and it is to be hoped that we shall be able to follow this lecture with a visit to the Cable Station at Penzance.

Mr. Crowne, of the Radio Laboratories, Penzance, gave us an enjoyable evening when he lectured on "Television." Mr. Crowne has himself carried out research in this branch of radio, and his lecture was authoritative and stimulating. Other interesting sidelines of wireless were also investigated.

Mr. Welsford, of the Penzance County School, paid us a visit and lectured on "Biochemistry." His lecture was most instructive, and we wish him success with the Science Club he is forming at the County School.

Members were also privileged to enjoy several evenings at the County School for Girls, where, through the kindness of Miss Greenwood, we were allowed the use of her astronomical telescope. With its aid groups of members viewed the rings of Saturn, Jupiter's satellites, and the mountain ranges of the moon with great interest.

A visit was paid to the Telephone Exchange, where battery rooms and switchboards were investigated in turn, and members were given the opportunity to make test calls to the hostels. The complications of the system proved too much for us, and the party marvelled at the intricacies that lie behind such an everyday matter as making a telephone call.

Visits were also paid to the local hospital, where the first-class X-ray department it possesses was inspected, and to the Penzance Gas Works, where we have always had a ready welcome.

Once again we extend our thanks to those who kindly permitted us to make visits to the establishments named above, and to all those who have helped us in our activities at Penzance.

It is to be expected that the Science Club will function at Plymouth after the School's return, and, as facilities for visits will be much larger in scope, it is to be hoped that a larger and more effective Club will develop.

L. G. PAINE (Secretary).

THE CHESS CLUB.

On our return to Plymouth, it is hoped that the Chess Club will once again be revived.

B. ADAMS, 6 Sc.

CRICKET, 1945.

This note is being written too early in the Season for any detailed comment on play, but all three Elevens are playing keenly, and the House Matches are showing quite good cricket. Conditions on the St. Clare ground are better this year; the pitches are well-prepared, and the improvement is reflected in all the games played.

It has been possible to arrange for Junior Forms to have games periods included in the time table, and this has helped to generate enthusiasm which gives ground for a hope of even better cricket next year.

Beale, as Captain of Cricket, is heart and soul in the game, and he is being well supported.

This is our last term at Penzance, and the Cricket Club wishes to express its appreciation of the hospitality of the Penzance Cricket Club, which through its Captain, Mr. McIntyre, and its Secretary, the veteran, Mr. Pearce, has given us every facility at St. Clare. A word of appreciation is due, too, to the groundsman, Mr. Addicoat, for his services.

OBITER DICTA.

OLD BOYS.

"How do they leave who once are in these rooms?
Some may be found, they say, deeply asleep
In ruined tombs.
Some in white beds, with faces round them. Some
Wander the world, and never find a home."

Harold Monro.

HOSTEL.

"There always is a noise when it is dark!"

James Stephens.

DEPARTING SENIORS.

"We shall remember, and, in pride,
Fare forth, fulfilled and satisfied,
Into the land of Ever-and-Aye,
Over the hills and far away."

William E. Henley.

PREP?

"I only know thou art my best delight,
Food of sweet thoughts, and sum of all things bright."

Lord de Tabley.

AFTER PREP.

"I will eat and sleep, and will not question more."

R. L. Stevenson.

OPEN SCHOOL.

"A very riband in the cap of youth,
Yet needful, too."

Hamlet.

EXAMINEES.

"Mickle is our need
That, in this unfruitful time, ere that fearful Dread,
On our spirits' fairness we should studiously bethink us."

Cynewulf.

L6.A.

"But those whom one wishes to teach further, and to forward
to a higher place—let them afterwards be taught in the
Latin tongue."

Alfred.

—?

"I am the self-appointed guardian of English literature."

Stevie Smith.

PREFECT.

"I believe that juniors are lovely, to be encouraged with
discretion, and snubbed ;

I believe also that they are bouncing, 'communistic, 'ill-
mannered, and, of course, young."

Stevie Smith.

MATHS PROBLEM.

"If only I could wake in the morning
And find I had learned the solution,
Wake with the knack of knowledge,
Who as yet have only an inkling."

Louis Macneice.

UPPER 6TH ?

"Elbow on knee,
I muse and blink,
And thoughtless see,
Or sightless think."

G. H. Luce.

CULPRITS.

"Though we are not as simple as we seem."

Kenneth Allott.

OUR MOTHER TONGUE.

"False eyes and dental plumbing
Inserted by the latest Methodists."
(Chinese Advt.)

Graham Peck.

TRUANT.

"Forgive us, that we ever thought
You could with innocence be brought,
Or, puffed with queasy power, have tried
Your register to override."

C. Day Lewis.

D. 6A. "She never showed a sign that she saw me,
But I knew and she knew that I knew."

W. J. Turner.

? FORM 3G.

"He smiles, foolishly, as if he were caught doing wrong.
And we smile, foolishly, as if we didn't know."

D. H. Lawrence.

House Notes

GRENVILLE.

Grenville has done it again! We have won the Athletics Shield for the tenth successive year, and, as was expected, it has been a very hard struggle. The other Houses were determined to rock us off our pedestal, but all age groups in Grenville backed up very well, and we scraped home with only six points in the lead. We really owe a debt to Raleigh for making us strive all the harder to win. The Seniors won the day with their achievements in the actual events, and special mention must be made of Ball, Eddy, Gilbert and Pearce, who ran particularly well over the longer distances.

During the second-half of the Football Season the Senior Rugger team played hard, but met with little success. The Juniors, however, earned much credit by winning all their three games. In Soccer, both Senior and Junior teams were very successful, and Hobbs and Beall are to be praised for their services in this sphere.

Cricket alone now remains to decide the House Championship, and I hope that the Grenville teams will hit hard and bowl straight, with as much enthusiasm as they ran on Sports Day, thus ensuring that theirs is once again the Cock House.

This term we have welcomed into the Royale Mr. Hopford, Mr. and Mrs. Berry and their daughter Frances, who have come to look after us during our last months in Penzance, in place of Mr. Gore and Mr. Hodgson, whose departure was predicted in the last issue. Both the new masters are already imbued with the Grenville tradition, and have taken much interest in the sports side of the House. Our thanks go to Mrs. Berry, who has taken on the task of caring for our laundry and the general tidiness of our rooms.

We are very fortunate indeed in having Mrs. Pickup with us for another term. By her able direction of the domestic side of the hostel and tender care of the sick, she has played a large part in ensuring the continued success of our sports teams. The presence of Roger, her young son, has been no less enjoyable, and the new friendship which has sprung up between Frances and him has produced many amusing incidents.

We send our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson and their baby daughter Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Tamblin and Jean, and also to all old Royalites.

Our congratulations go to Sub.-Lieut. (A) "Hiram" Greenway on recently being awarded his first ring.

This is our last term in Penzance, and we shall leave the Royale with sorry hearts after living together for over four years. The House will suffer another loss, too, in the departure of many of the Senior boys, who inevitably play a leading part in guiding the Junior members.

When the School returns to Plymouth, it is up to the younger fellows to take their place and keep the new house spirit alive. Grenville has a wonderful record—try not to let your forerunners down !

N. S. ROBINSON (*House Captain*).

DRAKE.

During the two terms since the publication of the last Magazine many changes have taken place which have materially affected the life of the House. The whole year has indeed been a momentous one for the House.

At the end of the Easter term we were very unfortunate in losing Mr. and Mrs. Webb, who had been with us at Ponsandane for almost four years. It is impossible for us to express fully our appreciation for the work they have done towards the smooth-running of the hostel. They became an integral part of the House, and it was with no little regret that they left. The House as a whole wish them every success in their new position.

After being with us for exactly four years, we also lost the services of Mrs. James, our cook, who has returned to her home in London. We thank her also for the work she has done in the hostel.

The past year has not been completely successful for the House as far as the inter-house competitions are concerned. Our soccer and rugger teams met with only moderate success. The Senior Soccer XI. played well, but suffered through injuries. To date, only one cricket match has been played, this one, against our strongest opponents, was drawn. If the same standard of cricket is maintained throughout the term the Senior XI. should do well.

In the Athletic Sports the House finished poorly. Lack of support was evident from all quarters, however, and before Drake can regain her rightful position as Cock House, all members of the House must do their utmost in the inter-house competitions. A. Ham deserves special mention in that he gained not only the Under 16 Field Championship, but also obtained all his standards, and was awarded two firsts, in one of which he broke a record.

We learn that we are to return to our home town in the summer. Many will be sorry to leave Penzance, while many will be glad to return to Plymouth. To all, however, Penzance will hold many vivid memories, for we were fortunate in inhabiting the most picturesque of all the hostels, and none of us can say that we have not benefitted by our stay in Penzance. We have learnt to act as a single body rather than as a number of individuals.

The House is very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Quartermain, and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas for their strenuous work in the hostel on our behalf. Only we know how much that means.

A number of us will be leaving at the end of the term, but we expect those who remain to carry on the great traditions of a fine House and a fine School.

G. J. DOWRICK, UP. VI. SC.

(House Captain).

GILBERT.

The co-operative House spirit for which I pleaded in the last issue has been noticeable in all the senior activities. A report can now be given of the many successes which we have attained in the past two terms.

The most notable achievement has been gained by the Senior Rugger team, which has won every match played, to the awe of the other Houses. Success was not due to the fact that Gilbert had more 1st XV. players than any other House, but to the general keenness of spirit prevailing amongst the seniors. Those meriting mention include Cliffe, Church, May, Spear, Jane and Greenwood. The Senior Soccer side, too, led by Grigg, has won or drawn most of its games.

Sports Day revealed individual talent among Seniors and Juniors. Although Gilbert finished third, evidence is not lacking to prove that we have the quality but not the quantity. The Senior Field Event Cup is now in our hands, together with the Under 16 Track Event Cup, won by Charman, the Under 14 Championship Cup, held by Bustin, and the Under 12 Championship, won by Luxton.

Many of the Seniors, to whom we owe our successes, will be leaving in July, and the task of reaching the top rung in the ladder of inter-house competition will fall upon the Juniors present. They have not, as yet, shown themselves equal to the task, which will be made very much more difficult by the return of the School to Plymouth, which will mean the discontinuation of the hostel system.

Perhaps it was expecting too much to foresee immediate success in every activity, but if the Seniors can retain their standard, and the Juniors improve theirs, Gilbert will throw a new light on the Inter-House Competition.

G. A. G. WORTELHOCK

(House Captain).

RALEIGH.

Since the publication of the last Magazine Raleigh's activities have achieved an increasing measure of success. The football results, if not all that could be hoped for, were encouraging, and showed a great enthusiasm by the teams. In Rugger the Seniors won three of the four matches played, and the Juniors lost only one

match. The Soccer results were less encouraging, the Seniors winning only one match and drawing another; the Juniors, however, won four of their six matches.

The Athletic Sports gave further proof of keen determination in the considerable number of standards gained. In the events a general weakness in the senior age groups made itself felt, a weakness which should be eliminated in the future by those who are now doing well as Juniors. Nevertheless, the Relay Cup, which, like the Challenge Shield, had come to be regarded almost as Grenville's own, was won, and we hope that this may prove significant.

There have been no cricket matches to date, but there is good reason to hope for an improvement on last year's position.

With the news that the School is to return to Plymouth, a word of warning seems necessary. The hostel system which has served us so well for four years has also accentuated the rivalry between the Houses, resulting in determination on all sides. This has also shown us that it can be possible to regain supremacy by determination alone. Thus with an increase in numbers, and no decrease in House spirit, Raleigh may look to the future in confidence.

We sincerely thank Mr. and Mrs. Warren, and Mr. and Mrs. Way, and the hostel staff for all they have done for us.

R. D. TUCKER (*House Captain*).

SCHOOL.

(With apologies to T. S. Eliot).

We have not been unhappy, sir, we have not been too happy.
We are but ignorant fellows, we know what we must expect and not expect.

We know of School Certif, and Higher,
We know of Latin verbs and mechanics,
Analysis, Précis,
The boy without money in the hostel,
The master without mercy in the form room,
Our playthings taken away from us,
Work laid more heavily upon us.
We have seen the young matriculated,
The duffer trembling by the blackboard.
And meanwhile we have gone on living,
Living or partly living,
Putting together odd pieces
Of knowledge we've had to acquire,
Building a part of a system
For living, and shirking, and working and safety.

D.H.C.

Hostel Notes

TREVIDREN:

In what is probably our last term at Penzance, life at "Trevidren" runs smoothly and efficiently. With the approach of summer, the swimming enthusiasts of the hostel may be seen hurrying down to the sea in the period before prep: and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

The hostel has been well represented throughout the year in all spheres of outdoor activity in the School. The House Rugby and Soccer teams have numbered many "Trevidrenites" among them, and in the Athletic Sports two of our junior members won the championship awards for their respective age groups.

Shortly after the opening of the hostel Mr. Chamberlain left us, and his position has been ably filled by Mr. and Mrs. Hamley. Our thanks are due to them for their unselfish efforts to make the hostel as happy and as comfortable as possible.

The garden too has benefited under Mr. Hamley's careful attention, and the weed-filled and boulder-strewn patch of ground which greeted us during our first few months in the hostel, is now producing fresh vegetables to supplement the hostel menu.

At the end of last term Cliffe, our Head Prefect, left us to take up a career in the Royal Navy; we send him our very best wishes for the future.

Although many of us are anxious to return to the homes from which we have been so long absent, I am sure that it will not be without a feeling of great regret that we will leave Penzance.

V. J. GRIGG, L6.E.

MOUNT PROSPECT.

Raleigh has been the luckiest of all houses since Mount Prospect has always been its home; its refuge in time of triumph and defeat. No other house has a "genius loci" so famous as Mount Prospect. Mount Prospect, the synonym for the courage which has characterised the actions of Raleigh House at School and on the field.

By vote of the House it was considered a good idea to dig up the lawn, and by means of a little felicitous calculus and a great deal of sweat to transform it into a victory garden. The plan, however, was dropped, or at least shelved, when it was seen that the seeds which had been planted showed but dismal promise of ever maturing into anything resembling cabbages. The caterpillars must have been overjoyed with this galaxy of stunted greenery. It was rumoured that some of it found its way into the kitchen, although this was afterwards categorically denied officially.

Although the exterior of the house has somewhat changed, the interior remains more or less the same. The small billiard table, where the budding potters of the fifth and sixth were wont to try their luck, has now become a relic, interesting only from the historical point of view. Indeed, at the time of going to press, it is the prerogative of the whole house to strive in mortal combat on the big table—such is the trust or carefree presentiment inspired in the staff by the boys.

One must admit that the house is by no means deficient in variety. Life to the housemaster must seem strange, so utterly unpredictable, so inexorable. At one moment it presents to him the sight of a couple of boys on the sloping roof about to make a precipitous dive through the glass roof of the veranda ; at another moment the strains of a worn-out tune thumped out upon an unwilling piano. In one room there is an anarchist who is ever contemplating declaring a law unto himself ; in another we see the indentification of property interests in the shape of a progressive Tory ; in another room, couped up together and for ever engaging in mutual recriminations, the exponents of Welsh and Scottish Home Rule ; while in another room there are two Communists, or rather there were, they are Tories since they had gone farming.

Victory Day provided both boys and masters with an excuse to festoon the house with flags. The tapestry effects were very pretty, except that the flags read " There is a case of typhus on board, send help immediately."

Secret excursions to the flat roof at the back continue ; a few boys still managing to escape the long arm of the law. It is, however, a matter for conjecture whether they go there to visit and reverence the sanctum of a former house captain, who used to paint rather obscure and indifferent pictures of St. Michael's Mount ; or whether they go there to work and to sun bathe.

Our thanks go out, in this our last term at Penzance, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren, and Mr. and Mrs. Way, for all they have done for the house, and to the kitchen staff, too, who receive praise in proportionate to a most exacting task.

F. G. RICKARD.

PONSANDANE.

The occupants of " Ponsandane," though possessing varied tastes and ideals, have lived together in concord for four long years. This may seem a short period to the older readers, but to a boy in his teens it is a large portion of his life. However, these years have not by any means been wasted. We have learned much of human nature, and have seen for ourselves the necessity of discipline in a community. It is unfortunate that future members of the School will not be able to enjoy hostel life as we have enjoyed it, and learn as we have learned.

Blessed with the most picturesque of Devonport High School hostels, Drake House boys are at last beginning to realise their advantages. During the Spring term a few of the juniors, at the instigation of Mr. Quartermain, began to cultivate their own little plots of garden. Though this occupation was, for a time, looked upon with mild disdain by the middle school, they too are now enjoying the fruits of their labours.

With the arrival of summer, the dreaded ordeal of sawing logs for fuel has once more been thankfully forgotten, as has the far more pleasant pastime of toy-making. Table tennis has once more come well into the forefront among the House's many recreations, but even this occasionally enjoys a well-earned rest owing to the shortage of balls. Dramatics were started in the Christmas term, and met with much encouragement and considerable success. Being an indoor activity, this too has been more or less suspended for the summer months.

The Victory in Europe was, at first, celebrated in a very mild way, but when an enormous bonfire was lit in front of the main entrance, the whole House clustered around it and spent a noisy but happy two hours singing and shouting. The blaze was added to by a relic of the Plymouth blitzes—a magnesium incendiary—which brought the "high-light" of the evening.

Perhaps one of the most curious things that happen in a hostel is the number and variation of the crazes that assail the occupants. These crazes last for a week or two, and then, as a general rule, die out and are forgotten. The latest in "Ponsandane," is the House Government. Senior members of the House formed an assembly of nine, which was acclaimed by an overwhelming majority as the only official Government of the country. Now members have been elected from each form, and a complete Government is in power. This may turn out to be an interesting and instructive activity, and has already received great encouragement. On the other hand, it may die out and leave us at the starting point—a house of boys full of new ideas. Such is hostel life; momentous and extremely interesting.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Quartermain and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas are but a token of our gratitude for all they have done for us at "Ponsandane." We hope they know how much we appreciate all that has been done for us.

R. STANDFORD, 6.Sc.

MOUNT'S BAY.

The Mount's Bay Hostel has welcomed at the beginning of each Autumn Term for the last four years a new batch of first-formers.

These future "great men," at first dazzled by their imposing new surroundings, soon satisfy their curious natures and settle down, quickly making friends with each other, and all combining together to form what is known as "the Master's Enigma."

We thought at first how superior we were to these children. We were, however, soon to be enlightened. The boys organised whist drives ; we found ourselves either watching them or playing with them. At times one of our clique would be seen to be systematically borrowing half-pennies in order to buy some necessity (Did I hear him say he was going to buy a dog ?). In short, the boys soon found that although we were more advanced in age and scholarship than they, we had young, at times very young, minds. We quickly discovered that they were very mischeivous youngsters, and soon learnt to expect the phrase : " What me, Sir ! Oh, no Sir, not me Sir ! " Every morning at the screech of dawn, as the rising bell sounded, at least four sleepy people turned over in their beds drowsily intent on another half-an-hour's dreaming ; the youngsters decided otherwise, and proved their case by howling at the tops of their voices some hit-tune of the day, making sleep impossible. However, they were not bad fellows, and we soon developed a liking for them.

In spite of all the wartime restrictions and trials, we at the Mount's Bay have had a good time. We have encountered only a small percentage of illness, the standard of the boys' fitness has been maintained by a mixed menu of starch and vitamin dishes, which admittedly has been rather limited in their variety during the last year, owing to unforeseen circumstances. These few years at Penzance have done more good to the majority of the boys than they will ever realise. We have had the great and unique experience of living together in a boarding day school ; from this experience alone we ought to be able to model our lives to be good and worthy citizens. In short, these few years in Cornwall have been an experience which all of us will remember with gratitude to the authorities and to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison. P. W. TAYLOR, 6S.

HOTEL ROYALE.

At 7.58 a.m. the bedroom doors are torn open by the arch-enemies of mankind, the House awakeners, who scream wild threats at everyone whom they find in bed, and then throw mattress, bedclothes and occupant on the floor. The juniors' handling of the prefects at this unearthly hour of the day, has something of the Gestapo touch about it.

The cold tap has a very sinister appearance in the morning, and so with a feeling of guilt it is avoided, and ten minutes after the breakfast gong has gone pandemonium breaks loose as the House rushes down to the dining room, having finally decided that it is hungry and that the food might perhaps be worth eating anyway. Down the long dismal staircase scrambles a mass of humanity, with the older boys tripping up the smaller members, whilst everyone combs his hair at the same time.

At approximately 8.15 the upper portion of the House is reasonably peaceful, but down at breakfast the steady motion of the jaws is punctuated only by the belated arrival of numerous small boys, plus the prefects, all of whom most innocently plead that they haven't heard the gong, even though they have been hurled out of bed, beaten over the head and ducked in a bath of cold water.

Breakfast is a ghastly ordeal of prolonged agony, being an attempt to eat, sleep, and think out a convincing excuse for not having done the previous night's "prep." Then all and sundry, with dirty morning faces, go "creeping like snails unwillingly to School."

The actual work done at School might be summed up in the following words: "Never before in the field of human learning has so little been done by so many in so long a time." The day's school work being over, the House spends one part of its pre-"prep." time in hiding its text books in crafty corners, so that it may spend the "prep." time itself in hunting for them. In this way three hours' work is avoided. Most of the leisure time, however, is spent in inventing numerous ways of disposing of the motley chorus of wailing cats, which, like all evildoers, operate at night, thus robbing everyone of ten hours' sleep. These anti-feline contraptions range from burning oil to 12lb. weights, and are used with amazing results (on the cats).

As in any community, there are the wrong-doers, and these are punished either by being employed in window-washing or moving coal from one heap to another, and then back again. Window-washing is preferred by the criminals to coal removals. Stirrup pumps are used (theoretically) to clean the windows, but as they are inevitably used against the prefects, fellow-members of the squad or any other living thing, the windows usually remain uncleaned. It has been unofficially stated that the drought last year was due to the over exuberance of our juniors, who performed amazing aquabatics with the stirrup-pumps, giving many people the impression that the Royale was surrounded by a moat.

As night falls, its silence is neutralised by the noise of numerous and fierce pillow fights, the relentless straining of tuneless vocal chords by moonstruck prefects, and the offensive efforts of the Anti-N.S.P.C.A. League trying to scare the amorous tabby cat who is howling mercilessly to his mate three rooftops away.

Then at last the final pillow is thrown, the prefects gargle before retiring to bed, and the last brick falls the usual ten yards away from the tabby cat who continues his song. All is still—Grenville is asleep.

"FITZIE.

THE RELATION OF DREAMS TO LIFE.

(By "A BEVIN BOY.")

The scientific study of the mind has exposed the complex structure of man's thoughts. Even dreamland, under whose crystal stars the meek inherit the earth, and the timid find adventure, is reduced to a glib and heartless text-book study for budding psychologists. Personally, I have no use for these people, my dreams are so easily explained that I am my own Jacob, my own Freud.

My words are firmly based upon experience, for I have fallen victim to perpetual dreams, nightmares, and day-dreams. The waking-dream which so many of us share, ending with a terrible fall, is also mine. Though in body I have been up for an hour, having carefully dressed, feasted, and changed into black robes, complete with magic wand; in mind I sleep, until that fall down the deepest of pits, on that fearful journey, brings me face to face with reality.

This awareness heralds the nightmare. The black robes change to rags, the wand becomes a lamp, and I, a hybrid of Cinderella and Alladin, stripped of their romantic assets, find myself dumped at the bottom of the pit in a cage containing several other wretches in similar straits. Mind and body unite in a desire to reverse the motion, as, compelled by mysterious forces, the little band stumbles forth into the darkness, its numbers dwindling as each dismal turning consumes some unfortunate member.

Then two of us remain, faced with a wall of black rock, our powers of resistance sapped. The invisible force gives us tools with which we desperately hack at the rock in a frenzied effort to free ourselves and our families from the clutches of the many devils. Foul-mouthed beasts rush to and fro in the surrounding darkness sometimes dashing forward to spirit away the rocks which we have removed from the boundless wall.

Though my comrade and I put all manner of posts and structures up to the roof, it still threatens to come about our ears. In ways as numberless as the hours spent here we cheat the devil, but would cheat him more should one of his minions quit his constant vigil for one second. Stones fall upon our helmeted heads, our bare shoulders, our steel-capped toes. Sweating in this underworld, we are consumed with the heat of hell and scorn for its master.

Well versed in the ways of the devil, whose shrewd cunning is matched by our own, we continually expect the unexpected. His power is no sooner relaxed than we are away, flying towards the light to rest our wearied limbs and taxed minds, to cleanse our bodies of the dirt of those unholy places. Water washes both dirt and nightmare from me.

Soon my reverie begins, for both the day and I are too far spent for action. The remaining hours pass in eating, reading and talking, till once more somnolence and phantasy assail me. Each day I have dreams such as these.

No, I need no scientist to explain these visions for me, for I am sure they are caused by my being a coal-miner.

D. W. CLOKE, Ex 6A.

TO THE SIXTH FORMS.

A PLEA.

O Epic Muse, thine aid I here invoke,
To tell the story of a foolish bloke,
Who, through Sylvan glades was wont to wander,
With maidens fair his time to squander.

MAIN ARGUMENT.

Then came the day of his exam.,
No time was left in which to cram ;
He failed !—he did not reach his goal,
And now he's down there shovelling coal.

INTERLUDE—CLASSICAL.

There were the Muses—nine in all ;
To the wiles of men six of them fall.
Three were left and were wont to say,
The French one was called José (by the way),
" Aimez-moi, soupirez, brûlez pour mes appas
Avec une femme ne mêlez jamais dans un fracas."
There was a second ; in " lingua latima " she would say
" Illud scio ; Cavete mulieres, omnes mulieres.

INTERLUDE—ROMANTIC.

Deep in the heart of the earth he labours ;
No more he strives for Cynthia's favours.
He cannot the deer with dart destroy,
He works for his keep as a Bevin boy ;
While through the woods the conies creep
Our tragic hero lies stilled in sleep.
Forgetting his toil in sleep's sweet repose,
A wiser man by far he knows
That lie " Amor vincit Omnia "——
The truth is Bevin Victoria.

CONCLUSION.

To those who read this tale I say,
Keep at your work all night and day.
Take great care you Romeos all,
Turn a deaf ear to Phebe's call ;
And when at last your task is done,
Then go out and have your fun.

CORNISH MINING.

Situated as we are near the heart of mining in Cornwall, throughout its 2,000 years history, the decision of the Government to close the East Pool and Agar mine at Redruth was a matter of some interest to us at Penzance.

The Camborne-Redruth area derives £200,000 annually from wages paid to miners, and the closing of the East Pool mine will mean that it is liable to become the first distressed area of post-war Britain.

There are but two mines working in the area on a large scale, they are the East Pool mine and adjacent to it South Crofty mine. Should East Pool finally close, it will flood rapidly, and the position of South Crofty will become hazardous, and the close proximity of a "house of waters" may necessitate its closing down also. These two mines produce over two-thirds of British tin, and their closure will possibly destroy the community of Camborne-Redruth.

All development at the East Pool Tin Mine ceased when, with the fall of Malaya, the tin so vital to the war effort was produced as quickly as possible at the expense of the lengthy process of opening up new ore sources. Today, the mine, as it stands, is worked out, and without the financial aid to develop and exploit new lodes.

Lack of Government aid has wrecked the industry during the years between the two Great Wars. Several years ago now the Dolcoath mine, the richest and deepest in Cornwall closed because of the withdrawal of Government subsidy. The industry has gradually decayed until at the outbreak of war only three mines were developing in Cornwall. With this final blow the labour skill of the Cornish miner, renowned the world over, will be lost to the nation, and the great mineral wealth of the county will lie dormant beneath the soil.

The reason for the action taken is that the Government refuses to buy tin at an uneconomic figure. It is true Cornish mines cannot compete with the cheap labour and low production costs of foreign mines, it is true also that they cannot pay large dividends in London, but the sum paid out in unemployment benefit to workless miners is greater than the subsidies needed to rejuvenate the industry.

In taking their action, the Government it seems has acted against the advice of the Tin Advisory Committee, set up to investigate the potentialities of Cornish tin early in the war. The experts have submitted a plan for the economic running of the industry. Nevertheless, underground work has ceased at East Pool for the first time in nearly 25 years. The pumps are still running—for a flooded mine is a lost mine—but unless the necessary aid is forthcoming they will soon stop, and the days of the Cornish mining industry will be nearly over.

L. G. PAINE, 6 SC.

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The last O.B.A. Notes were written in November, 1944. Since then much has happened. The long hoped-for Victory in Europe is an accomplished fact, and our thoughts naturally turn to the very large number of D.H.S.-ians who have played their part, and also to those who are still engaged in warfare in the Far East. In our rejoicings in Victory over the Germans we would remember, as we did at the School Service on Ve Day, those Old Boys who have fallen in the struggle. To their relatives we would again express our sympathy and the hope that in time to come proud memories of their gallant lads will bring some measure of consolation.

Good news has been received of two pilots who had been reported missing. P/O R. Lemmon and Sergt. S. Bartlett, R.A.F., are now known to be safe. We hope soon to hear that they have returned to England. F/O K. Dolton, who has been a prisoner of war, is now home. Probably others will have returned ere these notes appear. To all we offer our greetings and best wishes.

Congratulations to Mr. A. W. Pearce, on securing the degree of Ph.D. Mr. Pearce has been at Birmingham University studying Oil Engineering.

Mr. N. E. Chaff has been appointed to Colombo, while Mr. R. Hodges has gone to Bermuda Dockyard as Secretary and Cashier.

Mr. H. M. Blewett is at Gibraltar as N.S.O. Messrs. E. J. Cox, James and Denyer are also at this station. Mr. Blewett speaks of a meeting with Captain J. M. Widdicombe, R.N.V.R. Mr. J. Peter has gone to Australia as Deputy N.S.O., while Mr. F. J. Lawrence is also appointed to an Australian station.

Mr. I. Pickering, formerly of Loughborough Engineering College, is now in the Research Dept. of the G.E.C., Birmingham. Mr. W. E. Malpas, who is his near neighbour, appears to be enjoying his course in Oil Engineering.

Several recent leavers from the Sixth have been 'drawn' for the mines. Despite or because of their labours, they seem very fit if one may judge from the appearance of Messrs. Cloke, Honey, Ford and D. Walford. Mr. G. Walford has now returned to England after a lengthy period at Trinidad. F/O R. A. Marshall has been awarded a second bar to his D.F.C.

Commander (E.) C. G. Gosling has been awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division). He will be remembered by Rugby enthusiasts as the Services' full-back. He also played for the Royal Navy and Cornwall County.

Those who recently left us to take 'University Short Courses' for the R.N. and R.A.F., have acquitted themselves well. Messrs. Gould, Down, Crocker and Burrows have successfully completed the academic part of the Course being classed in the Honours Division. They have now embarked on the technical side. Mr. Down, who captained the School XV., has had a good Rugby season at Sydney Sussex College, Cambridge. He has gained full College Colours, and has acted as the Rugby Secretary. He has also played for the University 2nd XV. Mr. P. J. Burrows, who was our Soccer Captain, played for Cambridge University Air Squadron. He also has received College Colours.

Mr. F. Bowen is now in an O.C.T.U., and we have heard of his meeting with Mr. H. Beswick in India. The latter travelled out with Lieutenant Rockey. Mr. F. A. Uren (now Corporal) has transferred to a Paratroop Unit.

Mr. P. Austin (Gilbert House) was wounded soon after D Day, and has been evacuated to England. Mr. J. M. Simmonds, a former Senior Prefect, was also wounded, but has made a good recovery, and has rejoined his unit.

Major L. C. G. Williams sends an interesting account of his wanderings in many lands. Leave should come his way ere long. Lieutenant A. J. Legg is still in the Far East.

Messrs. Truscott and Crossley have successfully negotiated the R.A.F. University Short Course in Japanese, and were on embarkation leave when last we heard from them. Mr. E. H. Semmens, now Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.V.R., has just completed a similar Naval Course.

Mr. W. G. Brown has obtained a B.Sc. Honours Degree in Engineering, and is engaged in Industry in Manchester. Mr. R. A. Beare has been appointed as Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.V.R., after a two years' course in Radio Physics at Bristol University. Mr. M. Lang, who took a B.Sc. Degree at Leicester University College, is also in the Navy, as is Mr. E. H. Tredget. The latter has now completed the Technical Course and qualified as a Sub-Lieutenant.

Mr. W. A. Dunstan writes from Palestine. Quite a number of Old Boys seem to have been stationed here,

Messrs. N. W. Lamb and J. O'Connor are retiring at the end of this term. They have the best wishes of their many D.H.S. friends. We know that their interest in the School in which they have worked so long will in no way diminish, and hope to have them with us again at the annual re-unions. On behalf of D.H.S.-ians far and near, we wish them both good luck, and a happy retirement.

Lieutenant Symonds visited the School while on embarkation leave. He has now left for the Far East. Sub-Lieutenant Tomlinson, R.N.V.R., has also called at the School.

Mr. F. E. Williams is in a Survey Regiment, and went across the Channel some months ago. Mr. B. McAlpine is, also with the B.L.A.

Captain G. Barrett, who has been overseas for several years, has received "creditable mention," an award made by the C. in C. of the Middle East. We hope that he and the many other Old Boys will soon get the longed-for leave.

Captain E. W. R. Warn, who was wounded in the Italian campaign, is now on embarkation leave for the Far East. Mr. Irish has been on leave from Italy.

Mr. D. R. Pyne has been posted to an O.C.T.U.

Mr. S. J. Moger, who recently left Loughborough College, has been commissioned in the R.E.M.E. His brother, Mr. A. H. Moger, visited the School while on embarkation leave.

Mr. Eric E. Cock, who has been responsible for so many annual re-unions, has left the Ministry of Information, and has again thrown his energies into politics.

Sergeant A. Gauntlett, R.A.F., Bomber Command, has been awarded the B.E.M. He has seen service in Iraq, the N.W. Frontier and France.

F/O Salter, whose fine performance at our Swimming Sports did so much to secure the Cup for Gilbert House, was commanding officer of the "mercy" aircraft which flew in darkness to the Irrawaddy battlefield and safely evacuated some serious casualties.

Captain Werry recently paid a visit to Penzance.

The sympathy of all Old Boys will go to our former English master, Mr. R. E. Lockwood, in the loss he has sustained in the death of his wife. Mr. Lockwood is now residing in Bristol.

News has just come to hand that Mr. C. E. West, who for four years was a prisoner of war, has safely returned to England. Mr. G. Scoullar has gone to the Far East in the A.A.C.

A letter has been received from Mr. H. E. Tuckett, who was at the School in the days of Mr. Rider's headmastership. His two younger brothers served in the Merchant Navy, and received decorations in the war. Captain J. C. Tuckett was awarded the

D.S.C., and the Lloyds' Medal for Bravery. He died in Australia in 1942. Captain R. H. Tuckett, O.B.E., was reported "missing, presumed killed" in 1940.

We also regret to record the death on active service, of two other Old Boys, F/O J. Cole and F/O T. E. Tomlin. The former captained the School XV. for two seasons. He went to Canada for training as a pilot, and on gaining his wings, remained there as an instructor. He returned to England about eighteen months ago. The D.F.C. has now been conferred on F/O Tomlin for "courage and devotion to duty." He entered the Civil Service on leaving school.

To the relatives of the above we would offer our sincere sympathy.

H.F.

We welcome the following new members :

- 856 Captain T. Irish, 84, Beaconsfield Road, Plymouth.
- 857 J. Waldron, 52, Orchard Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth.
- 858 P. J. Burrows, 276, Laburnum Grove, Portsmouth.
- 859 K. Ford, "Huntingdene," Elburton Road, Elburton, Plymouth.
- 860 A. Truscott, 89, Churchway, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.
- 861 K. M. Beswick, 32, Brackner Road, Peverell, Plymouth.
- 862 A. S. Honey, Miners' Hostel, Caerphilly Road, Hengsed, Glam.
- 863 W. Tremeer, 5, Valley View Road, Hr. Compton, Plymouth.
- 864 G. A. White, "Leavesden," 7, Bell Acre Close, Mannamead, Plymouth.
- 865 C. R. Thompson, 46, Baring Street, Plymouth.
- 866 G. W. Collins, 2, Cookworthy Road, Swilly, Plymouth.
- 867 W. Maybourn, 59, Connaught Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth.
- 868 D. J. Cliffe, Barracks Masters' Residence, R.N. Barracks, Devonport.

The following changes of addresses are notified :

- 810 J. H. Havelock, 27, Calmont Road, Bromley Hill, Kent.
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