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## EDITORIAL.

Some enterprising individual has sagely remarked that there is one practically insuperable difficulty in writing a Magazine; namely the writing of the Editorial; and now as we take up our pen, in an endeavour to surmount this difficulty, we put our trust in the indulgence of our readers.

School life goes on, as of yore, with its cares and enjoyments, and outside, the world is continually agitated and torn by the fiends of Disorder and Turmoil. Yet, among the black clouds, there is, at least, one with a "silver lining"—we refer to the Mayflower Tercentenary.

The cementing of the great bond between the two great English-speaking peoples, the United States of America and the British Empire, was aided, in no mean way, by this wonderful festival, in September last. We, in Plymouth, have much cause to be proud of the fact that we are so intimately connected with the "Mayflower" and its associations.

This term we entered once more another school year, a year, we trust, which will be as memorable as former years, and we earnestly exhort the School to co-operate in making its chronicle not below that of previous years.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

Since the last issue of the Magazine, the School has secured several praiseworthy successes. We offer our heartiest congratulations to the following:—

Trevithick, our late Senior Perfect, Donnelly and Glasson, on obtaining the 2nd, 12th and 35th places, respectively, at the recent examination for Inspector of Taxes.

Donnelly and May, who obtained their Inter. B.A. and Inter. B.Sc., degrees, respectively, at London University in July last.

Jolliffe and Freeman, who at the June examination for entrance to the Army, obtained the 18th and 33rd places respectively, the former gaining a Prize Cadetship, of value £210.

Paltridge, who has gained a Scholarship at the Royal College of Science, Dublin.

Hicks (First Division) Lewthwaite and Rowe, who matriculated, in June last, at London University.

Those successful at the July Cambridge Senior Local Examination.

Waters and Gosling, the respective Senior and Junior Victor Ludorum at the 1920 Sports.

We heartily congratulate C. A. Oakley, an old D.H.S.-ian, who has won the 'John Samuel White' Scholarship of £100 per annum for three years.

We also offer our congratulations to the Cadet Corps in general, and its Officers, in particular on winning the 'Bowles' Cup for 1920, presented to the most efficient Corps in the County of Devon. Long may the Trophy remain at D.H.S.!

Mr. Hutchings is to be congratulated on his great emprise of August last. We wish Mrs. Hutchings and himself every happiness.

We congratulate the Members of 'Gilbert' House on winning the Challenge Shield for 1919-20.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. O'Connor, who came amongst us last May, and to Mr. Austin, who joined us this term.

Congratulations to the generous donors who swelled the Estaires Flag Day Collection by £3 11s. 0d.

For the benefit of old D.H.S.-ians we append a list of the more famous present members of the School:—

The loudest **Bray** ; the most stinging **Burch** ; the most obsequious **Chamberlain** ; the most sparkling **Dimond** ; the most howling **Gale** ; the most obstinate **Harris-er** ; the sleepest **Knapman** ; the most tuneful **Lark** ; the most floury **Mills** ; the greenest **Newcombe-er** ; the most peddling **Palmer** ; the most cooing **Pidgeon** ; the sharpest **Pike** ; the sternest **Proctor** ; the ruddiest **Robins** ; the strongest **Shove** ; the most leathery **Sole** ; the briniest **Spray** ; the most high-spirited **Steed** ; the most gluttonous **Tucker-in** ; the most effervescing **Waters** ; the most Fair-y **Widdecombe**.

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#### PRAEFECTI VALETE.

- R. G. TREVITHICK.—Entered School, September, 1913 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1918 ; Senior Prefect, January, 1920 ; Captain of " Gilbert," April, 1918-July, 1920 ; Sergeant Major, Cadet Corps, January, 1920 ; Chairman, Literary and Debating Society, January 1920 ; Editor, D.H.S. Magazine, 1919-1920. Entered the Civil Service.
- J. E. C. GLASSON.—Entered School, September, 1914 ; appointed Prefect, January, 1919 ; Captain of " Raleigh," 1919-1920 ; Sergeant, Cadet Corps, 1919-1920 ; Hon. Secretary, Literary and Debating Society, 1919-1920 ; Sub-Editor, D.H.S. Magazine 1919-1920 ; Entered Civil Service.
- F. E. DONNELLY.—Entered School, September, 1914, appointed Prefect, September, 1919 ; Committeeman, Literary and Debating Society, 1919-1920 ; Hon. Secretary (Football), January, 1919-April, 1920 ; Full Colour's (Football), 1919-1920 ; Hon. Secretary (Cricket) 1919 and 1920 ; Entered Civil Service.
- A. FREEMAN.—Entered School, September, 1910 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1919 ; Entered R.M.C., Sandhurst.

- L. O. JOLLIFFE.—Entered School, September, 1912; appointed Prefect, September, 1919; Entered R.M.C., Sandhurst.
- L. WANNELL.—Entered School, June, 1912; appointed Prefect September, 1919; Full Colours (Football) 1919-1920; Entered Western Union Telegraph Company.
- J. A. SCREECH.—Entered School, January, 1912; appointed Prefect, September, 1919; Entered Medical Profession.
- E. R. OSBORNE.—Entered School, September, 1914; appointed Prefect, January, 1920; Captain of "Drake," 1919-1920; Musical Director, Literary and Debating Society, January 1920; Entered the Teaching Profession.
- F. PALTRIDGE.—Entered School, September, 1915; appointed Prefect, January, 1920; Sergeant, Cadet Corps, April 1920; Half-Colours (Football), 1919-1920; Hon. Secretary (Football) 1919-1920; 1st XI Cricket, 1920; Entered Royal College of Science, Dublin.
- L. HARWOOD.—Entered School, September, 1915; appointed Prefect, January, 1920; Sergeant, Cadet Corps, 1919-1920; Full Colours (Football) 1919-1920; Captain, 1st XI (Football), 1919-1920; Captain 1st XI (Cricket), 1919; Entered London Commercial Electrical House.
- R. HICKS. Entered School, January, 1916; appointed Prefect January, 1920; Sergeant, Cadet Corps, 1919-1920; Now studying Engineering.
- K. S. MASON.—Entered School, May 1916; appointed Prefect, May, 1920; Full Colours (Football), 1919-1920; Vice-Captain, 1st XI (Football), 1919-1920; Captain, 1st XI (Cricket), 1920; Captain of "Grenville," 1919-1920; Entered the Teaching Profession.

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### SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The amended list of School Officers is as follows:—

PREFECTS.—G. R. Hill (Senior Prefect) N. L. Rowe, J. L. May, C. E. Pike, E. J. Riggs, A. L. Stephens, J. B. Heywood-Waddington, J. B. Kingdon, R. Lark, F. R. Coombe, R. J. Merren, G. H. Randle.



SPORTS' COMMITTEE.—Masters and Prefects.

1st XI. Captain, R. Waters ; Vice-Captain, N. L. Rowe ; Secretary, G. R. Hill.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.—“ Gilbert,” G. R. Hill ; “ Raleigh,” R. Waters ; “ Drake,” J. B. Heywood-Waddington ; “ Grenville,” N. L. Rowe.

D.H.S. LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.—Committee : G. R. Hill, (Chairman), J. L. May (Secretary), N. L. Rowe, E. J. Riggs, A. L. Stephens ; A. E. Stephens (Musical Director).

D.H.S. CADET CORPS.—Commanding Officer : Lieutenant H. Ferraro ; Lieutenant A. Hutchings, Second-Lieutenant C. F. Armor.

SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—Secretary : Mr. A. Hutchings.

## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who caused the Union Jack to be flown upside down at the Sports on June 4th last ?

Was it the clock he won at the Sports that made our late “ Late Prefect ” early every morning after that date ?

Who is the member of Form V. Upper responsible for the following.—“ Lamp black is a powder, which, when suspended in a liquid, writes very distinctly ” ?

Who is the “ bloke wot’s ad some ” ?

Did the Second XI play Cricket or Rugby, on October 16th, against Mutley Grammar School First XI ?

Who was the Master who broke his walking-stick at Greatlands, in an endeavour to play a fast ball ? Did he declare a week previously that his stick was unbreakable ?

Who suggested that the reason for the whole of the Sixth Form being early on October 25th, was due to the resumption of ‘ Winter Time ’ and the consequent retardation of clocks ?

Who's 'Mutt'? is he any relation to 'Fan'?

The Prefects, lately, have had a mania for 'short' words. Who are responsible for the following 'dug-outs'—Aldiborontip-hoscophornio is a character in 'Chrononhotonthologos,' and 'Tetramethyldiamidobenzhydrols'?

### CRICKET.

The Cricket Season of 1920 was remarkable for the fact that it marked the passing of Greatlands as the School Recreation Field. The threat of the builder, which hung over our heads for quite a long period, became a reality in the fourth week in June and put a summary close to all Cricket for the rest of the season. Sufficient time, however, had elapsed to enable the 'House' games, upon which so much depended, to be settled and, of course, with it, the 'House' Championship.

Altogether 16 matches were played, 9 by the 1st XI and 7 by the 2nd XI. Of these the 1st XI won 4 and lost 5, while the 2nd XI won 2 and lost 5. As results go the success was only moderate, but the failure, so far as it was a failure, was only with the batting, which was unaccountably weak. The bowling of Tanner and Miller (ii), in the 1st XI, was consistently good, while the fielding of the whole side was such as any team could be proud of. The wicket keeping of Rowe deserves especial mention.

The 1st XI results were as follow:—

- v. Hoe Grammar School, at Greatlands,—Lost (74—47)
- v. Senior Technical School, at Greatlands,—Lost (79—44).
- v. Plymouth College 2nd XI, at Ford Park,—Won (52-25).
- v. Electrical Engineers 2nd XI, at Greatlands,—Won (37—22.)
- v. Corporation Grammar School, at Greatlands,—Won (46-26).
- v. Kingsbridge Grammar School, at Kingsbridge,—Lost (84-47)
- v. Kingsbridge Grammar School, at Greatlands—Won (84-10).
- v. Senior Technical School, at Greatlands—Lost (20-17).
- v. Hoe Grammar School, at Oreston,—Lost (73—49).

The three chief batting averages were:—

#### Average.

Miller (i)	..	10
Mason	..	8
Lillicrap	..	6

The bowling averages were:—

Tanner 45 wickets at a cost of 3.5 runs per wicket.

Miller (ii) 41 wickets at a cost of 5.2 runs per wicket.

### CHARACTERS OF 1st XI.

MASON.—Captain ; good leader ; fielded finely in the long field ; batted fairly.

TANNER.—Vice-Captain ; bowled splendidly throughout ; batted well on occasion.

DONNELLY.—Secretary ; fielded well ; batting weak ; needs more go.

MILLER i.—Batted well ; good change bowler ; very enthusiastic.

MILLER ii.—Bowled well all through ; good bat, has style but had no luck.

HILL.—Splendid field ; batting weak.

ROWE.—Wicket-keeper ; a great success ; batted fairly.

LILLICRAP.—Batted fairly ; fielded well ; needs to be more lively between the wickets.

PALTRIDGE.—Batted with good style, but had no luck ; good field.

V. SMITH.—Bats well, but more go needed ; rather slow in the field.

JEFFERY i.—Fielded well ; but did not show the form, in matches, which practice seemed to indicate.

PEGG.—Very good in the field ; batted weakly.

### TENNIS.

For the members of the Sixth Form, especially those who were not cricketers, together with the masters, a Tennis Club was formed early in the season. The necessary gear was obtained, and great pleasure derived during the time that the court was available for use. It is hoped to continue this Club when another ground is found.

## FOOTBALL.

At a meeting of the Upper School, held early in the term, the Officers and Committee were elected as follows :—

*Captain*—Waters.

*Vice-Captain*—Rowe.

*Secretary*—Hill i.

*Committee*—The Officers with Ingram and Stephens.

To date, all matches played have ended in an unbroken series of wins, 7 by the 1st XI and 4 by the 2nd XI.

Full colours have been awarded to Waters and Rowe ; and half-colours to Hill i ; Stephens ; Pritchard ; Jeffery ; Gregory and Quantick. C.H.P.

## OUR DEBATING SOCIETY.

(As viewed from the Upper Fifth).

We talk about all sorts of subjects at our Debates, in fact, any but the one down for discussion, and what we learn about them is nothing to the things we learn about one another. The Sixth unlock their skeleton cupboard and reveal its awful contents to the world at large. And they enlarge upon one another's private lives too, and dig away the frail pedestals of clay that uphold the brass heads of Olympians.

We had one Debate about Sport. Some wanted to say we give too much time to it. But do we ? I lobbed a paper pellet at 'Fatty,' the other day and got 250 lines. How's that for encouraging Sport ? Of course some chaps do think of nothing else. There is V Upper (b), where they write down that Henry VIII's second wife was the Queen of Sheba, and that the Massacre of the Innocents had to do with the Plague of Lice—well, these chaps are always at it. Anyway, we decided that we ought to give more time to sport, and I agree.—I'm going to the next Debate.

## THE D.H.S. WAR MEMORIAL.

## UNVEILING CEREMONY.

"Schola Suorum non immemor." So runs the inscription on the memorial tablet that is now a perpetual reminder of the supreme act of self-abnegation by which 57 D.H.S.-ians gave up

all for Right and Liberty. The unveiling was performed by Alderman W. L. Munday, on Wednesday, June 16th. In the course of a most impressive address he reminded those present of the indescribable anxiety with which, during those terrible years of warfare, they had watched the lengthening casualty lists. The very flower of the nation, full of strength and promise, was ruthlessly cut down. It was futile to lay at the door of an All-Wise Providence the responsibility for deeds wrought by the folly and wickedness of men. There was a better way by which they could learn a salutary lesson from that Tablet. Every name inscribed thereon represented a sacrifice that was complete and entire, and the record should prove an inspiration and a source of strength to all the boys who would in future pass through that great school.

Mr. A. J. Rider then expressed the gratitude that they all must feel because the sacrifice had not been in vain. He was sure that the lofty ideals that had ever animated them in that School would remain; and he trusted that they would never lack men who would do their duty, whatever might be the cost.

The Headmaster announced that the donations to the War Memorial Fund had reached a total of £526 7s. 8d. The greater part of this amount had been invested in Funding Loan and would, they hoped, ensure an annual scholarship of £25, while the Tablet just unveiled would ever bear witness to the part played by the school in the Great War.

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

### THE NEW BOY.

When I came to D.H.S. School,  
Said I to myself, said I;  
I always will work in accordance with rule,  
Said I to myself, said I.  
I never will venture a reckless surmise,  
Or e'er try in answers the truth to disguise;  
So that next Speech Day I shall get the first prize,  
Said I to myself, said I.  
  
To come late is what I won't do,  
Said I to myself, said I.  
Of absentee marks I will get very few,  
Said I to myself, said I.

Concerning "bad marks," it shall never be said  
 My conduct, the Riot Act caused to be read,  
 Or that I was severely 'caned' by the Head,  
 Said I to myself, said I.

At Grammar and Compo' I'll swot,  
 Said I to myself, said I;  
 My essays shall mark me a Bacon or Scott.  
 Said I to myself, said I.  
 Then history, too, my attention will claim,  
 I'll know every fact, be it place, date or name  
 And I'll find if John Wilkes deserves his great fame,  
 Said I to myself, said I.

At Prayers I will sing like a lark,  
 Said I to myself, said I;  
 And in Woodwork, too, I will cause a remark  
 Said I to myself, said I.  
 The Calculus won't have "a" terror for me,  
 An "x" 'tra smart scholar I'll certainly "b,"  
 The "y" and the wherefore I always will "c"  
 Said I to myself, said I.

In Drill I will strain every nerve,  
 Said I to myself, said I,  
 My "corpus" will twist in ex'trordinary curve,  
 Said I to myself, said I.  
 For Science I'll rapidly show I've a bent,  
 My Practical Chemy, will cause the comment,  
 "Good-night, sir, this boy's found a new element,"  
 Said I to myself, said I.

In Classics I'll set such a pace,  
 Said I to myself, said I,  
 I'll say my French verbs till I'm black in the face,  
 Said I to myself, said I.  
 In Latin my powers as a linguist I'll show  
 And into detention will oft' have to go,  
 (For Grammar and Prose I intended to know),  
 Said I to myself, said I.

But when comes along the sad day  
 Said I to myself, said I;  
 And perhaps I may have to go far away,  
 Said I to myself, said I.  
 I'll remember with pride that ancient old lay,  
 That runneth thus: "Prorsum semper honeste,"  
 And I'll strive to obey it both night and day,  
 Said I to myself, said I. "GEEK."

## THE SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held at Greatlands on Friday, June 4th, and were an unqualified success. For the first time since the Great War began, through the generosity of parents and friends, prizes were offered in most of the events. The weather was ideal ; fine, but not hot, and the music provided by the Military Band, added to the enjoyment of an exceedingly pleasant afternoon. Four school records were broken ; by Whidden in the 100 yards Race under 10 ; by Booth in the High Jump under 10 ; by Gosling in the Long Jump under 14 ; and by Waters in the 100 yards under 16. The Senior Victor Ludorum was Waters, and the Junior, Gosling, both of whom outstripped their fellow competitors quite easily.

At the end the prizes were distributed by Mrs. MUNDAY, wife of Alderman Munday, Chairman of the Governors.

## RESULTS.

Throwing the Cricket Ball. *Senior*—Donnelly ; Waters ; Lillicrap  
*Junior*—Pritchard ; Quantick ; Hurding

100 yards under 8—Steed ; Burns ; Rickard.  
    ,, 10—Whidden ; Cunningham ; Gibson.  
    ,, 12—Williams ; Webb ii ; Bidmead i.  
    ,, 14—Millett ; Gosling ; Bastow.  
    ,, 16 Waters ; Ingram ; Comer.  
    Open Waters ; Wannell ; Pike.

Flower Pot Prep. —Hill iv ; Kennedy ; Knapman ii.

220 yards under 10—Cunningham ; Whidden ; Taylor.  
    ,, 12—Turner ; Widdecombe ; Bidmead i and  
        Williams.  
    ,, 14—Gosling ; Millett ; Borton.  
    ,, 16—Ingram ; Curtain ; Miller ii.  
    Open—Waters ; Pike ; Wannell.

Fielding Competition—" Raleigh " won.

Potato Race. Prep.—Lepage ; Kennedy ; Pattle.

Slow Cycle Race.—Mason ; Smith ; Evans.

High Jump under 8—Healey ; Rickard ; Baker.  
    ,, 10—Booth ii ; Gibson ; Cunningham.  
    ,, 12—Goad i ; Hill iii ; Webb ii.  
    ,, 14—Pegg ; Gosling ; Glover.  
    ,, 16—Caunter ; Curtain ; Ingram.  
    Open—Caunter ; Wannell ; Donnelly.

Relay Race under 12—" Gilbert," " Grenville," " Drake."  
 " 15—" Raleigh," " Drake," " Grenville."  
 " Senior—" Grenville," " Gilbert," " Drake."

Mile Open—Ingram; Waters; Comer.

Sack Race. Prep.—Kennedy; Dankwardt; Hancock.  
 under 10—Holloway; Harris; Gibson.  
 " 12—Spurrell; Williams; Widdecombe.  
 " 14—Pencavel; Healey; C. Westlake.  
 " 16—Harding; Pritchard; Brockman.  
 Open—Donnelly; May ii; Hill.

440 yards under 12—Widdecombe; Hill iii; Gibson.  
 " 14—Gosling; Millett; Quick.  
 " 16—Ingram; Curtain; Caunter.  
 Open—Waters; Pike; Miller i.

Long Jump under 14—Gosling; Stitson; Pegg.  
 " 16—Ingram; Tamblyn; Brockman.  
 Open—Ingram; Lillicrap; Waters.

Half-Mile under 14—Hill iii; Perkin; Webb ii.  
 " 16—Ingram; Curtis; May (ii).  
 Open—Trevithick; Bullock.

Tug-Of-War Junior—" Drake."  
 Senior—" Grenville."

### THE SHIELD.

Won by " Gilbert."—House Captain, Trevithick.

No.	House.	Football.	Sports.	Cricket.	Total.
1.	" Gilbert "	54	66	67	187
2.	" Raleigh "	42	57	67	166
3.	" Drake "	75	42	33	150
4.	" Grenville "	29	35	33	97

### Statement of Accounts of the Annual Sports held at Greatlands on June 4th, 1920.

	£	s.	d.
By 230 Subscriptions	..	26	16 0
By Entrance Fees	..	5	19 6
By cost of One Engraving	..	0	2 0
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„ Band . . .	5	0	0
„ Cost of Receipt Books . . .	0	3	0
„ Secretary's Postages, Cheques . . .	0	2	6½
„ Taxi for conveying Prizes . . .	0	3	0
„ Preparation of Ground . . .	0	7	6
„ Engraving . . .	0	14	0
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C.H.P.

## APT (?) QUOTATIONS.

THE MAGAZINE AND IMPOSITION BOXES.

..... a beggarly account of empty boxes.'

FOOTBALL 1st XI AT KINGSBRIDGE..... 'and thereby hangs a tale.'

DEBATING SOCIETY MEETINGS..... 'There was a sound of revelry by night.'

THE SCHOOL PIANO..... 'it will discourse most eloquent music.'

SIXTH FORM..... 'All the learned and authentic fellows.'

HEAD'S STUDY.—'Such a 'E 'v 'nly place'

12-35 p.m.—'That all-softening, overpowering knell,  
The tocsin of the soul, the dinner bell.'

NO LATE BOYS..... 'a sight to dream of, not to tell.'

FRENCH VERBS..... 'and oft repeating, they believe 'em.'

FORM-MASTERS ON 'STOCK' DAYS.—'Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed.'

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON DETENTION-ITES.—'Chewing the tood of sweet and bitter fancy.'

SOME TRAIN BOYS.—'Lax in their gaiters, laxer in their gait,

9 a.m. (Week-days).—'Eftsoones they heard a most melodious sound.'

## DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL CADET CORPS.

*(affiliated to the 5th Prince of Wales's Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment.)*

*Officer Commanding*—Cadet Lieut. H. Ferraro.

*Chaplain*—Rev. J. Heywood-Waddington, M.A.

*Cadet Lieut.*—A. Hutchings.

*Cadet Sec.-Lieut.*—C. F. Armor.

*Sergeants.*—J. B. Heywood-Waddington, G. R. Hill, R. Rich, A. L. Stephens.

*Corporal*—R. Evans.

*Lance-Corporals*—J. Hamilton, E. Harris, A. Jeffery, R. Lavers, K. Luscombe, E. J. Riggs, A. E. Stephens.

The competition for the Lampard Cup was held during the Summer Term. The contest proved to be very keen and interesting and Section II (Sergeants Hicks and Day) is to be congratulated on its success. The N.C.O.'s had a busy time endeavouring to impart the final polish to their respective Sections, but their labours were considerably lightened by the whole-hearted way in which the Cadets entered into the spirit of the contest. In all the events a very creditable display was given.

In June the Corps was inspected by Major-General Sir Edward May, Colonel Commandant of Cadets in the County of Devon. The Inspection took place at Greatlands. During our previous Inspection the weather was anything but favourable, but on this occasion the conditions were ideal. The General first inspected the Corps, and, after the March Past, Company Drill was carried out under Lieutenant Hutchings. A pleasing sequel to this was a notification to the effect that the D.H.S. Cadet Corps had been awarded the 'Bowles' Cup. This Cup, presented by Major-General Bowles, is to be held for twelve months by the Cadet Corps, in the County of Devon, adjudged, by the Colonel-Commandant to be the most efficient in military exercises. The Devonport High School Corps thus has the honour of being the first to hold the Cup. The large number of letters of congratulation received from our former members form pleasing evidence of the interest they retain in all that affects the welfare of the Corps.

The Winter Term is always a difficult one for the Corps. The end of the Summer Term marks the close of the school career of many of its senior members, and September finds many gaps in the ranks, which have to be filled. The training of recruits calls

for special effort on the part of Instructors, and the newly-promoted N.C.O.'s have to accustom themselves to their duties. This year we have suffered the additional drawback of being without a field. We are looking forward to an early settlement of this difficulty so that we may resume our activities on former lines.

By the courtesy of the Devonport Rifle Club, the Corps now has the use of the Range adjoining Devonport Park. Regular Practice is carried out by the Cadets under the Musketry Officer, Mr. Armor, and the effect of the increased Range facilities has been manifested in a marked improvement in the shooting.

### THE PUDDLESTON TERRITORIALS.

Wan day las' wik, when us was down to the "Black 'Oss," auver to Muddlecumbe, passin' 'way the evenin' by seein' as 'oo cude tull the biggest lie, 'oo shid walk een, 'cept 'tis my ole pal Phil Gurnet. You know un, doan't ee now? 'E is that lil' whipper-snapper, with carrotty 'air, an' a nawse as rid as the settin' sun on account of ees gurt infinity for sperits. I doan't mean that sort of sperits that walks round een the churchyard durin' the night, all traped up een white, but I mean that sort that you gets to the "Black Angel." Wull, arter Phil 'ad leaved in Muddlecumbe for years, an' years, an' years, 'e was foomed to shift auver to Puddleston-on-the-Pump, 'bout six year aback.

"Wy, Phil," I says "'Ow be 'e? You be quite a stranger auver een thase yer parts."

"Aw," 'e says "I sim I be alright, 'Ow's all the fellers yer?"

"But," says I, "'you 'aven't jined the aarmy, 'ave you?" ('cus 'e was a wearin' the sodjer's unniform).

"Wy, naw, bliss yer 'art," says Phil, "I ant jined no aarmy."

"Wull then, my lad," exclaames wan of those prisint, "if you bain't een the aarmy, do you know as 'ow you 'me liable to be tooked up and sint to jail for mascreadin' in sodjer's uniform?"

"Git out, you gurt mumpaid," says Phil; "can't you see I'm een the Terrertoryals."

"Aw, Phil," says I; "an' 'ow did that 'appen?"

"Wat, aven't you niver yerd 'ow us formed the troop of sodjers auver to Puddleston? If you 'ave niver yerd it, I'll tull it to 'ee now."

The other fellers there sed as 'ow they 'ad niver yer'd it, so us drew up our cheers round Phil an' waited for un to start.

"Wull," sed 'e; "it caame about like this yer. 'Wan' day las' yer, just afore the turrable war was auver, they was tryin' to revive in Divon wat they caals the Terrertoryals, I reckon they was caaled by thicky naame, 'cus they was-rale terrors. Each district een Divon was tryin' to form a company or two, so they thought as 'ow it wude be a gran' thing if us cude 'ave wan auver to Puddleston. For thicky purpose a meetin' was caaled up to the Institoot, to which a ossifer of the Terrertoryals was sint from Ex'ter, speshally to jaw us 'bout jinin.' At jissy meetin' Squire Rashleigh tuke the cheer, but Billy Stowe, 'oo belonged to thicky cheer, saw to it that 'e didn't kape it. Up on the platform with un was Farmer Giles, Doctor Silas and some other big-bugs of the naybourhood; this yer Ex'ter feller jawed us for about an hour on the bennyfits the Terrertoryals wude give us, an' 'ow us wude be able to fight agen the invaaders of our country when they come, an' wat a splended time us wude 'ave while us was een trainin.' Then 'e showed us some paapers with picshurs on 'em showin' the joys of camp life; a lot of men decided there an' then to jine, 'cus they reckoned that a month at camp wude be a month of rist in a period of eliven months fightin.' An' quite rightly, too, I thought, 'cus you know wat lives some men 'ave to lead. Arter this the Squire jawed us and toald us us mus' be prepared for the nex' war. 'E was se-cunded by Doctor Silas, and thirded by Farmer Giles, 'oo was so enthoosiastic 'bout it that 'e sed 'e'd give a pint of zider to ev'ry wan 'oo jined up thicky nite. Wull, coorse, us all cheered un and promised to jine, 'cus Farmer's zider was wull-known in Puddleston. Then they 'cided to elect the ossifers; so Squire was maade Capten, the Doctor the Fust Lootenant and Farmer Giles ('cus of 'ees fine offer) was 'lected Secund Lootenant. I put een my naame for jinal, but they all laffed at me and sed as 'ow I cude be a privaate. But I toald 'em that that wudn't gude enuff for me; I wanted to be een the public eye, not een the private. Howsomever, at the ind of the meetin', I an' about fifty others give een our naames for to belong to these yer Terrors. Then us was toald to prisint ourselves at the Institoot on the nex' night at siven by the clock for a p'rade. I didnen knaw wat a p'rade was and neither didnen Jimmy Thomas, nor 'Arry 'Am, nor 'Erbert 'Ill, nor didnen my ole dumman. O lor, wat a fine ole flare up I 'ad when I got 'ome thicky night. It makes me shudder now to think 'bout it. Missus 'ad a yerd that I 'ad jined the Terrors and when I got 'ome 'er went for me like billy-O. 'Er caaled me a gurt fule, 'er did, and hundreds of nice naames-like that; 'er went on with 'em for 'bout an hour till 'er was properly exhausted like. Then I 'ad my go and toaled 'er straight that when thase yer Jarmins comes auver in the nex'

War, I wude be able to perfect 'er with my gun. Wull, that argy-ment shut 'er up for ever.

The nex' night, I caaled for 'Erbert and then us caaled for 'Arry, and tegither us went to the "Black Angel," where us 'ad a glass o' zider afore us went to the p'rade. Us stude there jåwin' so long, that it was 'arf past siven afore us got to the plaace. Bless my 'art, what a sight it was, too; two sodgers with drie things on their aarms 'ad come up from Ex'ter for to drill us. They was maaking the fellers rin round an' round the feeld, an' was bawlin' out 'lef, ri, lef, ri,' but what 'twas for I didnen know. Some of the men was taakin' long strides, others was taakin' short wans, so they was all gettin' turrable mixed up. As us stude there laffin', up comes Squire, an' 'e asked us wy us was laate. Us toaled un and 'e caaled auver wan of they sarjints. I shall niver ferget ees langwidge; I stude cloas to Bill Arcot at the fair when 'e found 'e 'ad bought back for tin pund the 'orse 'e 'ad sold the day afore for five, an' 'e cude do a gude bit een this way. But this yer whipper-snapper topped un easily. Then 'e toaled us to rin round tin times an' then report to 'im. Wull us did this quickly, for us didnen like the luke of the feller; then 'e goes an' tulls us to 'fall een.' "Vall een," says I. "'Ow can us vall een when there ain't nowhere to vall?"

"Oh, you———," 'e says; "go an' jine they others." An' us did.

Then us was putt een two lines and toaled to number off no-wan cude do it at fust, but they sarjints shawed us. Then when us numbered off, there were two 'tins' and two 'sixteens.' But arter 'bout a duzen tries us cude do it fairly wull; then 'e says "Fourm four." There was a sudden scammle and us was een six or siven lines, 'ow us got there I dunnaw. The sarjint agen got us een two lines—ranks 'e caaled 'em—and numbered off us agen. Then 'e toaled us 'ow to fourm fours and sed as 'ow us 'ad to do that praper afore us went 'ome that night. So, coorse, us 'ad no choice but to stay, an' arter about ninety tries ('as-you-weres' the sargints caaled um) us cude do it purty wull. Then us was toaled to go 'ome, an' come agen nex' night at the saame time.

The nex' night us did some more marchin' an' some more fourm fours, an' was shawed 'ow to do right eencline and left eencline. Then us was larned 'ow to do 'on the right fourm secshun'; when the Squire sed that (us was marchin' een fours), us 'ad to git een two lines faacin' the saame way. It is impossible to try to describe the results of thicky order, but it was a turrable 'ard job for us fellers. But arter an hour us cude do it passable wull.

This yer performin' went on ev'ry night for six weeks an' then us 'ad our cloas sarved out to us ; wan thing us cuden onderstan' was thase yer putties, wat you putts round yer lig's, I shid think if they was praper putty that they ought to stick on by theirselves. Then us 'ad a zaminashun for to see 'oo shid be maade sarjints, an' corp'rals an' lance corp'rals, but I didn get nort. Then 'nuther day us was sint some guns ; each man 'ad to taake care of wan an' kape it clane. My missus claned mine for me ; fust 'er sand-paapered an' rubbed the iron paarts, 'an' then 'er powered brasso down the mussel, but it waden't stap een there, so us gived it up as a wisht job. Then the sarjints larned us 'ow to 'slope aarms,' 'order aarms,' 'prisint aarms' and many other 'armful exercises, ('cus they guns was a aarmful, I can tull 'ee). 'Nuther feller shawed us 'ow to fire an' 'ow to load. But there was wan thing 'e did that fair tooked 'way my breath, 'e sed, " Wi'out loadin,' load." Wull, I doan't see as 'ow us can load a gun wi'out loadin' un. But this yer sargint cude do it fine, I think 'e must 'ave bin a conjerer, or else a speritulist. These yer Army sarjinsts be wonnerful fellers wi'out a doubt.

But I see now it's time I wint off 'ome, or else I'll 'ave my dumman comin' arter me. I wanted to tull 'ee 'bout a feeld day us 'ad, but I'll 'ave to leave that yarn auver till I sees you agen."

" TOM NODDY."

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#### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

No lack of topics or of lecturers seems to be present in the School, for at the last meeting of the Society for 1919-1920 session another paper, the third in succession, was read by G. R. Hill.

After an introductory speech by the Chairman, A. E. Stephens favoured us with a pianoforte solo entitled "Caresse." Following this came a lecture on poetry, very humorous in character, by the new Musical Director, E. R. Osborne. The title of his theme was "Humpty-Dumpty."

G. R. Hill then read a paper dealing with the life and works of Dr. Samuel Johnson. Born at Lichfield on September 18th, 1709, Johnson, when very young, had the misfortune to lose the sight of one eye. In October, 1728, he entered Pembroke College, Oxford, but poverty compelled him to leave Oxford without taking a degree. After a very chequered career as usher at a school at Market Bosworth, bookseller, etc., he removed to London in 1737 where he endeavoured to earn a livelihood at the profession of letters. His friendship with David Garrick, the manager of the

Royal Theatre, Drury Lane was of considerable use to him when he wished to produce any of his plays. He supported himself for many years, by contributing to magazines, particularly to the "Gentleman's Magazine" edited by Edward Cave. The great work for which he is famous all the world over, 'Johnson's Dictionary of the English Language,' was commenced in the year 1747 and was completed eight years after. Although a few of the definitions are erroneous and in some parts he is not so impartial as he ought to have been, yet it is, for the most part, a pattern.

He started a series of essays in a paper of his own, "The Rambler," which appeared every Tuesday and Saturday, between 1750 and 1752. "Rasselas" was written in one week in 1759. Johnson made Boswell's acquaintance in 1763 and the pair paid their celebrated visit to Scotland and the Hebrides in 1773. At seven o'clock on the evening of December 13th, 1784, he passed peacefully away, and a week later was buried in Westminster Abbey.

In the course of the lecture the lecturer illustrated his points with numerous comic anecdotes of Dr. Johnson's life and with several selections from his works.

The musical part of the programme was again brought forward and F. E. Donnelly gave a much-appreciated pianoforte solo.

Mr. G. M. Davis congratulated the lecturer upon the paper and advised all, who had not done so, to read Boswell's 'Life of Johnson' at the first opportunity. He also congratulated the society on their work, a work which, without doubt, would help to success in a wider sphere.

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A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed to the lecturer.

The 1920-1921 session of the Society was opened on Wednesday, September 29th, when the subject for discussion was "The Miners will be justified in striking." The proceedings for the evening were opened by the new Chairman, G. R. Hill.

E. J. Riggs, in proposing, emphasised the risk which the miners take in working underground. They were shut away from the light for eight hours every day, and they were compelled to breathe the injurious gases which had become imprisoned in the coal seams during the decomposition of the vegetable matter. These gases were terribly inflammable and a slight mishap often meant a horrible death. After pointing out the hardships under which the miners laboured, Mr. Riggs boldly declared that their wage was not sufficient and that they deserved a much bigger increase than a paltry two shillings a day.

N. L. Rowe opposed the motion. He based his remarks on the terrible loss such a strike would involve. In the first place the increased unemployment would mean poverty and want in tens of thousands of homes, where taxation had already eaten up every reserve. There would be a loss of millions of pounds to the miners themselves, a loss to the Treasury of the profit on exported coal and a loss of freightage rates to the shipowners and railways. The Government had given to the miners every facility for arbitration on the wages claim, and the workers could not possibly be justified in taking a step which meant such a serious loss to the community at large.

A. L. Stephens, who seconded the proposal, furnished some gruesome statistics which would make us believe that undertakers would be the persons most affected by a strike. The Sankey Commission, which had sat two years ago, had decided that the miners were not working under proper conditions and that their wage was not sufficient compared with the increase in the cost of living.

J. L. May, in seconding the opposer, pointed out that if the demands of the miners were conceded, increased taxation would be bound to follow. A strike meant the cessation of work in many other industries and the problem of unemployment would be accentuated. Disorder and discontent would follow, and all for a paltry increase of 6 per cent on the average wage.

At intervals during the evening the company was delighted with pianoforte solos by A. E. Stephens, the new Musical Director, and D. W. Dimond, whilst the Chairman gave a Devonshire Dialect reading.

At the close of the meeting the ballot was taken, and it was found that very little sympathy was held for the miners, the motion being rejected by twenty-five votes to three.

On the evening of October 13th, the second meeting of the Society, for the session was held.

N. L. Rowe proposed that "Too Much Attention is being paid to Sport" and dealt chiefly with the question of professional Sportsmen. Sport was very well in itself, but the tendency was to consider the pecuniary benefits to be derived from it and all that was noble in Sport was disappearing. The people were crying for something to bet about. The original meaning of the word 'Sport' did not include such things as deliberate football fouls and a man being punched in a boxing bout, until he was practically unrecognisable. The speaker predicted that unless more attention was given to the serious side of life, the British Empire would speedily decay.



H. S. Marks, the opposer, claimed that instead of too much attention being paid to Sport there was not enough being paid to it. Sport is acknowledged to be the finest health-giver in the world and what is the use of any earthly possessions if we have not good health? Sport strengthens the character, tends to develop self control, self-reliance and unity, and these are the qualities which are most needed to-day.

A. L. Stephens seconded the motion and said that instead of devoting so much time and money to Sport, the country ought rather to attempt by increased production to regain her position as a rich nation, which she had held before the war. It was said that the Boer War was nearly lost on the playing fields of Eton, and the speaker was afraid such a calamity might happen in the future. Too much attention to Sport spelt unpreparedness.

C. E. Pike, in supporting the opposer, contended that not nearly enough attention was being paid to Sport. Every School, elementary and secondary, ought to have a playing-field and a gymnasium for the culture of the body. This was quite as important as the development of the mind. Improved facilities for Sport were badly needed for those, who had just left school. If more athletic clubs could be organised, less time would be spent in picture houses and Theatres.

During the heated debate which followed, many opinions were expressed; Mr. Austen gave it as his opinion that unless English athletes were better trained, other European countries would soon be in a position to challenge the title, which England has held for so long, and of which she is so proud, namely that of being the leading nation in Sport.

At intervals the company was delighted with pianoforte solos by A. E. Stephens and F. Caunter, while the Chairman gave a dialect reading. When the ballot was taken, the motion was rejected by twenty-nine votes to three.

On Wednesday, October 27th, we assembled to hear J. B. Heywood-Waddington read a paper on "Dartmoor." The lecturer dealt chiefly with the historic interest of Dartmoor. Dartmoor, he said, is a gigantic upheaval of granite between one and two thousand feet above the sea-level; its extent being about 125 square miles. On this vast expanse, remains of a time, long past, are still to be found. It is somewhat strange that there are no traces on Dartmoor of the earliest men. Far more ancient remains are found in the caves of Torquay and Brixham. The first inhabitants of the moor seem to have been shepherds, who possessed a slight knowledge of agriculture, and who lived in their low circular stone huts. Such huts are usually clustered together in "pounds," as at Grimspound,

near Hookner Tor. Clay cooking-pots, flint scrapers, knives, pottery and arrow-heads have been found in these huts and in the graves (Kistvaens) which lie in the neighbourhood. The cairns which are often found on the moors were sometimes used for marking graves and also for a kind of numbering. Each tribesman, as he went to battle, cast a stone on the heap, and after the battle each survivor took one stone away; the stones remaining represented the number that had fallen.

The relics that present the greatest interest are those about which little or nothing is known, the "stone rows." One at Merri-vale is 850 feet in length. It is considered that these were either used in religious ceremonies or were erected for the determination of time and season by the observation of the sun, moon and stars. There is no trace of the existence of Druids in the West. The rock-basins and logan or rocking stones which were formerly believed to have been erected by the Druids have been found to be of natural origin. Some consider that "Wistman's Wood," is named after the Druids, that is, that "Wistman" is a corruption of "Wise-men's," but the word is really derived from the Celtic "uisg-maen-coed," which means "the rocky wood by the water."

Dartmoor was formerly noted for its tin mines. Tin mining not only dates from a period of very remote antiquity, beyond the dawn of history, but the earliest records present it in the light of an organised industry, carried on by men who were endowed with certain privileges, the chief being that they had a Parliament of their own, which met up to as recently as 1749. Princetown, which is the most important town on the moors is of recent origin. It was built in 1808, but a convict settlement was not established there until 1850. The lecturer made his paper exceptionally interesting by recounting several legends, which were very entertaining though not as a rule, absolutely true. Of special interest was the story of how the Devil came to Widdecombe.

At the close of the lecture, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, for preparing the paper.

A musical programme which was much enjoyed, was contributed to by the Chairman, A. E. Stephens and D. W. Dimond.

On November 10th, a Practice Debate was held. After the Chairman's introductory remarks, there came the most exciting moment of the evening, when the members present drew lots to decide who should deliver the first speech. While the first speaker was composing his address S. Rose gave us a pianoforte solo.

C. E. Pike then proposed that "The Invention of Explosives has been a Curse." With the 'Guy Fawkes' day celebrations

fresh in his memory, he urged that had it not been for the invention of gunpowder we should not suffer so much from the perils and frights of fireworks. In the olden days, the wounds from arrows and lances were much cleaner than those received now, from twisting shells; whilst your enemy could not fire at you from seventy-five miles away. The motion was rejected by sixteen votes to five.

A. E. Stephens then gave a Pianoforte Solo, "The Witch's Flight."

The next speaker was N. L. Rowe, who proposed that "Youth is the Best Age." In support of his opinion, he pointed out that young people are, as a rule, strong and energetic and able to enjoy games and other amusements to their fullest extent. They have not experienced the troubles and cares of the world and consequently they look on the bright side of things. The members must be enjoying their lives to the full, for the meeting was unanimous that youth is the best age.

N. L. Rowe now gave a very humorous reading entitled, 'Curing a Cold.' The next subject for discussion was 'Phonetic Spelling should be Introduced.' E. J. Riggs, in proposing, gave several examples to show the absurdity of our spelling and suggested that a phonetic system of spelling would be easier for foreigners to learn, and one of the difficulties in the way of international commerce would be removed. Although English Dictation presents such horrors to nearly all of us, the members were opposed to the phonetic system, fourteen voting against it and seven for it.

D. W. Dimond then favoured us with a pianoforte selection, which was much applauded.

D. W. Dimond then proposed that 'Civilisation is essential to Happiness.' For the average man, civilisation with its laws and its ideas of right and wrong, is essential to happiness. Only the physically strongest could possibly be happy without civilisation. The weak would be crushed and every man's life would be a nightmare. The effect of the books of Edgar Rice Burroughes was apparent in the voting, eight being in favour of the motion and thirteen against.

N. L. Rowe then treated us to another of his humorous readings, while the next speaker was marshalling his thoughts.

F. E. A. Thompson proposed that 'Millionaires are a Benefit to the Community.' He considered that they were a benefit in that they provided an occupation for many thieves and judges! The Exchequer also benefited, because more income tax had to

be paid if a million of money belonged to one person, than if it were divided amongst the people. Nine voted for the motion and twelve against it:

A. E. Stepshe again officiated at the piano and gave us a Pianoforte Solo.

### SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The Savings Association still exists, but the secretary does not handle so much money as he has done during previous years. On account of the comparatively small amounts which are now being subscribed by the boys, it has been thought advisable to take subscriptions monthly, instead of weekly. These subscriptions are received on the first Monday of each month. The Association has issued 3061 certificates, the amount subscribed being £2372 15s. 0d.

A. H.

### Sonnet:—"ON FIRST LOOKING INTO LACHLAN'S GEOMETRY."

A mighty groan my body shook,  
As in my hand the book I took;  
Then with a look of resignation,  
Decide to take the operation  
Of looking in the dreaded work  
To learn the props I'd like to shirk  
Congruent triangles and quads galore;  
Good-heavens; I hope there isn't more.  
But yes there is; there come the ratios,  
And blinking chords that only Heaven knows;  
Circle and 'lipse in order enter;  
Tangent and locus; area and centre  
At last 'tis done—I heave a sigh,  
And gladly bid the book good-bye.

B. DURANT.

### THE INVADERS.

(A Dream Problem).

It was a glorious night; the stars were twinkling in a cloudless sky; while the pale moon shed a beautiful light over the waters of the Mediterranean.

The battleship "Triumphant" steamed slowly in the direction of Malta, cleaving the water into two white crested waves as she went through the peaceful night. In the Gunroom the "snotties" were either talking, writing or sleeping, with the exception of one, white-faced and worried of mien, Tom Colquhoun by name. His melancholy appearance was unusual, for, as a rule, he was the Sub-Lieutenant's recognised court-jester.

"I say, Tom old man," said his chum, Jimmy Dennis, "what's wrong? You look as if you'd taken to drink!"

Tom smiled wanly. "Come on deck, I've got something to tell you," he said.

The two linked arms, and, with the Sub's permission, made their way up through the narrow hatch on to the deck.

"What's the trouble? Hope you haven't run up a bill with Midge (Midge was the gunroom messman) that you can't pay?" Said Jimmy anxiously.

"No, that's not it; it's all over a beastly dream," replied his friend.

"O Lord!" gasped Jimmy, "what a lot to get thin over!"

"Well, it's like this," Tom went on, "I've had the same dream every night for the past month or so, without a break, and it's getting on my nerves."

"Let's have it then, old bean," said Jimmy sympathetically. "I'm a bit of a diviner, especially in the 'grub' line."

"Every night I dream that we are sitting in the gunroom, just as we were to-night," began Tom, "when suddenly a strange whirring noise is heard, not a bit like a 'plane' but rather like a gigantic spinning top. We all rush up on deck, and there a terrifying sight meets our gaze; about a hundred feet up in the air, and a hundred yards away on the port bow, is a gigantic disc, for all the world like a huge motor wheel, rotating at an enormous speed, and shining with a weird phosphorescent light. All at once the mysterious thing doubles its speed and makes off in haste for the north. Everyone is frightened almost to death, and I distinctly remember that all but the Sub. are too terrified to speak; and he could only gasp. "What, in the name of Heaven, is it?" It seems like one of those invaders from Mars or Sirius we've read about. We were all so jolly frightened that it took many whiskies and sodas to restore our equanimity.

The next day I got a letter from the Pater; he's engaged on research work, you know. He told me that he'd discovered a

new compound which when slightly heated gives off a ray of heliotrope colour, a ray which destroys everything with which it comes into contact. The same day we read in the newspapers that this terrible disc had appeared over Paris, had dropped a sphere of some sort, which having burst, released a volume of a highly poisonous gas, green in colour and with a blasting effect upon everything it touched. Paris was a blackened ruin, with no living thing for miles around. Not long after we heard that the fiendish thing had attacked New York. A fleet of 'planes had attempted to defend the city and had been utterly destroyed by this horrible green gas. The disc then proceeded in a most methodical manner to ruin the "City of Liberty." Millions of people were slain and the city was even more completely destroyed than Paris. No traces whatever were left.

You remember, Jimmy, that I took a flying course at Dartmouth, don't you? I decided that I would make an effort to save the world. I resolved to make the attempt. With the aid of my father's heliotrope rays I determined to destroy the disc from an aeroplane. To my great delight it appeared over London.

After this my dream becomes a confused jumble of events and sensations. I remember that I asked for leave and obtained it. I now find myself at home; then follows a long and serious talk with the Pater.... Then I am gazing skywards, and—Oh! horror of horrors!—there it is—the regular top-like whirring—the horrible—revolving disc, by day it looked rather like a disc of aluminium... I am rushing upwards with a cylinder of my father's newly discovered compound. Swiftly I turn a tap and pull over a tiny lever. The wonderful ray shoots forth; for a while I cannot see; I am enveloped in green fumes; in a minute the haze clears, the disc crumples up and shrivels into nothingness. I shout aloud for joy, but, Oh! horror! there are more discs, hosts of them! The fumes thicken and I seem to see terrible red-ants, as big as myself, who gaze with horrid yellow eyes from the centre of each disc. The rays are doing their frightful work, the discs crumple up, yet still I can see them, I am overwhelmed, the fumes still envelope me! but still I clutch the cylinder. The discs seem to retreat; their humming ceases; I see them go up! up! and at last they are lost in the blue dome of the sky. I know that I have conquered, but the fumes still cling to me, and I am falling. The next thing I hear is the noise of frantic London crowds cheering me and so I know that I have achieved my purpose. Then all is a blank. At this juncture I usually wake up and find myself out on the deck and entangled in my blankets."

"Phew! what a dream, it's no wonder that you looked so glum. Why, it makes me shiver to think about those huge red-ants" said Jimmy Dennis.

"What d'you think of it?" asked Tom.

Jimmy glanced up at Mars, which seemed to wink wickedly. "Well, it's certainly a dream of the future, but there's nothing strange about it, you're a bit of a flying man, and just lately you've been thinking about the possibilities of an invasion from some other planet.—I've noticed you've been unusually pensive at times, and your subconscious mind has reproduced your thoughts while you've been asleep," explained this modern Joseph.

His chum brightened up at this, and for the rest of the evening some of his old cheerfulness returned, while, strange to say, the dream never occurred again.

W. E. BROCKMAN.

#### OBITUARY.

TUCKER, HIRAM KENNETH.—On September 6th, 1920, at the Isolation Hospital.

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