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Editorial

A trend in education today is to advocate a wider range of study for pupils of Grammar and Public Schools in order to broaden their intellectual outlook and to make them more capable in spheres other than their own. In theory this seems purely beneficial but in practice it is fruitless and harmful. Sixth-formers appear to gain little or nothing from periods devoted to current affairs, sixth-form English for scientists, art, music, etc., although they are frequently better taught than the other lessons. A reason for this could be that there is no examination to pass at the end of the series of lessons and if the boy is not interested he will not bother. There are undoubtedly many university students who are only semi-literate, but this does not show that their schooling was at fault, it merely shows they are too lazy minded to learn how to express themselves coherently. History books are full of men such as Charles Dickens who rose to fame by the power of their pens and yet had little or no systematic education. Any man or woman can learn to write intelligibly by merely reading widely. Even "comics" containing whole sentences can be useful!

Instead of increased diversification of study we need more specialization. Knowledge is progressing at such a stupendous rate that no man can hope to be an expert in every aspect of even one field of inquiry. Unless Britain produces many more skilled men, and this necessarily means skilled in one job to the exclusion of other skills, then she is doomed to stagnation, inertia and physical and moral decay. The aim of educationalists is to produce individuals with a balanced outlook on life, based on wide general knowledge. However, none of them has yet defined this state of felicity and therefore it would be foolhardy to follow their advice. What these learned gentlemen do not seem to realise is that education

has ceased to be merely a means of occupying young people between five and fifteen years of age and has become the means of developing people's talents and intellects that they may serve their own and the country's interests in the most profitable manner possible.

Many schoolmasters and educationalists seem to believe in an education for education's sake, a training to be able to enjoy the aesthetics of Greek verbs or the internal combustion engine. The study of Classical Greek is useless unless it enables the student to gain a clearer insight into the ideas of Socrates and Plato with their twentieth century repercussions, and in the same way education loses any meaning unless it serves to prepare and equip young people for the world in which they must take their place.

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School Notes

This edition of the school magazine is being prepared in the interval between the G.C.E. examinations and the publication of the results. We wish all candidates success and hope that they have achieved results which are a credit, both to themselves and the school.

Changes in staff this year are few, but Mr. A. J. Cross, M.A., is leaving us at the end of this term. He is going to Oxford to read for the B.D. degree at Worcester College and Manchester College and intends, eventually, to enter the Unitarian Ministry. We wish him every success and know that the qualities of character he has shown while with us will ensure success in his new career. We have also to announce the departure of our French assistant, Mr. Bernard, who has been with us for the past year. We hope that he has found his stay at D.H.S. profitable and pleasant.

Mr. Truman's return to school this term after his long illness was welcomed by staff and boys alike. We trust that his progress towards complete recovery will be maintained. Mr. Lunnon is, at present, recuperating after an operation, but we hope that he will return to school in September, fully restored to health.

Mr. Berry's many friends in the school were deeply grieved at the death of Mrs. Berry and we extend to him and his family our sympathy and good wishes.

The highlight of the summer term was the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to the school on June 6th. He came to inspect the work being done in Plymouth in connection with his award scheme and we were proud that the ten boys of D.H.S. who had obtained awards were amongst those taking part in the event. A more detailed account of his visit will be found later in the magazine.

The Inter-House Speech Contest was held in the summer term this year; the senior events on April 27th, and the junior events on May 4th. The shield for the winning House was won by Raleigh. The attendance, especially on the night of the senior event, was disappointing, but the standard of the competitors was high and the adjudicators, Mrs. Warn, Captain Clark and Mr. Flint, to whom we tender our thanks, gave much valuable advice to competitors and audience.

An innovation this term was the week of lectures and discussions organized by the Christian Union in the week following the end of G.C.E. examinations. We are grateful to all the outside speakers who assisted in this project, which received encouraging support from the fifth and sixth forms.

The Garden Party was held on Wednesday, July 19th, and was highly successful in every way. The attendance was good and it was pleasant to see so many Old Boys there. The profits exceeded £200 and once again our thanks are due to all parents, staff and boys whose hard work made this possible.

Speech Day is to be held on October 30th this year, and the prizes will be presented by the Right Honourable the Lord St. Levan.

In Memoriam

MR. R. E. LOCKWOOD

Mr. Lockwood joined the staff of D.H.S. in the late 1920's as Senior English Master. He developed dramatics and debating at the school, and was instrumental in introducing chess as a school activity. He was keenly interested in sports and refereed and umpired games frequently. Unlike some of his contemporaries in the teaching profession, Mr. Lockwood was gracious, unassuming, and a leader rather than a driver, and no finer tribute could be paid to his memory than that expressed by one of his colleagues at D.H.S.: "Mr. Lockwood was a splendid chap, a fine colleague, and one who did much for the school."

MR. HEADLEY CHAMBERLAIN

We regret to report the death of Mr. Headley Chamberlain, who came to D.H.S. in 1935 as a member of the staff. At D.H.S. he taught chemistry and then music. He left us in 1944 to teach in a Home Office school, and was subsequently headmaster of an approved school at Towcester. As long as the school song is sung he will be remembered, for he was the composer.

COLONEL TREAYS, R.E.

We also regret to report the death of Colonel Treays, R.E., of 12 Lucerne Road, Orpington, Kent, an Old Boy of this school.

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We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following magazines and periodicals: *The Plymouth High School for Girls' Magazine*; *The Magazine of the County Grammar School for Boys, Hove*; *The Devonport High School for Girls' Magazine*; *The Truronian*; *The Tamaritan*; *The Albanian*; *The Coalhamian*; *The Periodical*; *The Plymothian*; *The Julian*; *Endeavour*, *The R.A.F. College Journal*; *The Plymptonian*; *The Suttonian*; *The Oak Tree*; *The Oketonian*; *Stoke Damerel High School for Girls' Magazine*; *The Patesian*; *The Review and the Magazine of the West Hatch Technical School, Chigwell*. Many thanks and apologies for any inadvertent omissions.

The Visit of the Duke of Edinburgh

Just after 3.30 p.m. on June 6th, 1961, the scarlet and blue helicopter of Prince Philip appeared over the school and sank, with no small clamour, onto the Rectory playing field. The visit was being made as a part of Prince Philip's whistle-stop tour of the West of England in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and the Duke was accompanied by Sir John Hunt, the secretary of the movement.

Received by the Lord Mayor, the Duke was introduced to the Town Clerk, the Director of Education, and the regional organisers of the award scheme, and, commencing with the sailing and canoeing demonstration, the Duke walked around the playing field and along the colonnade, reviewing the various activities and watched by the pupils of Tamar Secondary School and Devonport High School. The demonstrations ranged from dancing and hair styling to boxing and life-saving, a very chilly way to pass the time. The organisations involved were manifold and included the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and other movements connected with the Churches and armed services. Of special interest was the group of silver award winners, who were all from D.H.S. Under the intrepid leadership of Bebbington, they were reported to be the first large group to secure the award without being closely associated with some youth organisation or other. We are very proud of them and we hope others will take up where they left off, even if they do not go so far as to offer to share their sausages with Prince Philip.

It is difficult to overestimate the value of the award scheme to everyone: the long and the short and the tall can all obtain equal benefit from it. The visit, we feel, was extremely worth while in promoting the scheme and when at 4.40 p.m. the helicopter rose once more and disappeared into the fast-descending mist, the general feeling of enthusiasm was most adequately expressed in the round of cheers, ably lead by D. J. Wilson, himself a gold award winner.

R. J. COLEMAN.

SENIOR NEW WRITING

After much ado, the periodical *Senior New Writing* was published at the end of last summer term (1960). The editors were disgusted with the response to a call for articles and poems. Obviously our potential writers—and we have many—are satisfied by merely absorbing the external stimuli produced by the proprietors of the new visual arts, namely the cinema and television. This is the great malaise in our society and we hope to make *Senior New Writing* a strong beach-head in the assault on apathy.

MIKE DAVISON, REGAN SCOTT, *Editors*.

Sports Day 1961

Yet again the records tumbled like nine-pins at this year's Sports Day, and now only three pre-war records stand, and these are all long jump records. This means that the athletic achievements of our athletes are following a world-wide trend. It is especially interesting that the long jump should be the exception to the rule since Jesse Owen's world long jump record made in 1936 at the Berlin Olympic Games stood the test of time for twenty-four years.

The weather, which can make or mar athletic meetings, was kind this year, and, apart from a brisk wind blowing down the home straight, the conditions were perfect. At the beginning of the afternoon, the order of precedence of the Houses was Raleigh, Grenville, Drake and Gilbert, Gilbert having been written off as an "also ran" by many people. They were to be proved wrong.

The very first event of the afternoon produced a new record when B. J. Moore of Gilbert put the weight 41 ft. 9 in. in the over 16 age group, an improvement of 2 ft. 1 in. on the old record. Chronologically the next outstanding achievement was by R. K. Woodward in the under-14 440 yards who recorded a time of 60.1 seconds. In the rest of the sprints the best performances were put up by Hodgson who won both the 100 yards and 220 yards in the under-12 age group and who, if more strongly challenged, might have set up new records in both events, and Powderley who set up a new record for the under-16 220 yards with a time of 24.2 seconds.

There seems to be an overall improvement in hurdling technique in the school since three hurdling records were bettered or equalled. J. Forse and D. Dan broke the under-16 and under-15 records respectively, and P. Thorne equalled the over-16 record for the 120 yards hurdles with a time of 15.2 seconds. In the field events the best performances were by R. W. Putt in the under-14 javelin with a throw of 121 ft. 11 in., an improvement of 16 ft. and Whysall's winning throw of 136 ft. 6 in. in the under-16 javelin.

Perhaps the easiest victory of the whole afternoon and the most spectacular was R. W. Putt's performance in the under-14 880 yards when he improved the old record by 10.1 seconds to record a time of 2 minutes 18 seconds. In the preliminary events which are not incorporated into Sports Day due to insufficient time, there were many fine performances. Among these were Powderley's under-16 long jump record of 19 ft. 1½ in., R. P. Lightfoot's time of 5 minutes 6.9 seconds in the under-15 mile—which was faster than the under-16 mile—and T. B. Knight's 9 ft. 6 in. pole vault in the over-16 event—when are we going to break the 10 ft. barrier? P. N. Morgan set up a record for the under-15

pole vault with a vault of 7 ft. 10 in.; also, P. M. Hawkyard and K. Hearn established records for the high jump and long jump respectively in their age groups.

After an exciting afternoon's sport the position of the Houses was as follows: Raleigh, 589½ points; Gilbert, 582½ points; Grenville, 564½ points; and Drake, 524 points. Hence the House Shield was awarded to Raleigh and presented to M. J. Ryder on behalf of Raleigh. The other prize winners were:

Relay Cup: Gilbert House

Over-16 Cup: M. J. Ryder and T. B. Knight

Over-16 Runner-up: P. Thorne

Under-16 Cup: J. Powderley

Under-16 Runner-up: J. F. Forse

Under-15 Cup: R. P. Lightfoot

Under-14 Cup: R. K. Woodward and R. W. Putt

Under-13 Cup: K. Hearn

Under-12 Cup: J. R. Putt

More than one local newspaper has highlighted the achievements of the brothers Putt on the athletic field and I shall only draw your attention to the phenomenon of brothers winning the cups for their respective age groups simultaneously. The small stature of the first formers this year (1960-61) has prevented their achievements being very remarkable and no records were broken in the under-12 age group.

At the conclusion of the meeting the prizes were distributed by Mr. J. L. Smeall, M.A. (Cantab.), Principal of St. Luke's College, Exeter, a gentleman who had not visited us before and who, we hope, was suitably impressed with our athletics as well as our manners. Sports Day is only made possible by the staff of D.H.S. and therefore it is to them that our thanks for an afternoon's enjoyment are due. Especially is this so for Mr. Nash, who by his personal example and selfless devotion to the discouraging job of turning striplings into athletes has become a by-word amongst the boys in his care.

P. COHEN.

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

Athletics throughout the school began this year, as usual, towards the end of the spring term, when boys from all the Houses started taking their standards. Grenville House gained the most standards with Raleigh 2 points behind. The pre-sports events, however, helped Raleigh to an overall lead of 14 points from Grenville with Gilbert in a seemingly hopeless position 50 points behind. The scene was set for a keen struggle between Raleigh and Grenville; no one took any notice of Gilbert House until, through a tremendous effort on the part of its competitors, it had reduced the deficit to a mere handful of points. The up-hill climb, however,

proved too tough for Gilbert, and Raleigh finally came out worthy winners. The Senior Cup, this year, was shared by Ryder and Knight, both of Raleigh House. Once again, every event was conducted on time and it is to the credit of Mr. Nash and the rest of the staff that the meeting proved successful. The success of the school sports depends almost entirely on the members of staff who act as officials.

The Devon Public and Grammar Schools' Sports were held at Kelly College on Saturday, 27th May. As last year's winners we were, quite rightly, filled with a certain amount of nervousness. Kelly College, however, won the championship, a circumstance which brought no discredit at all to the school team. In fact, the team obtained more points than the winning combination of the year before. Without doubt it can be said that it was a really good team effort; every competitor gave of his best in his own particular event. First places were gained by Thorne (hurdles), Knight (pole vault), Pollard (mile), Moore (weight).

In the Plymouth Schools' Sports held on the same day as the Kelly Sports, the junior team (under 15) won the Godding Cup, an achievement which augurs well for the future. Unfortunately we were unable to put out our strongest team in the intermediate age-group and were only runners-up for the Championship Shield (15-17).

In our match against H.M.S. *Fisgard* we retained the Morrell Cup without much difficulty. We won all the events except the "Weight" and the "Javelin" and the final result was 150-98 points in our favour. The team's strength was especially shown on the track, where Thorne (100 and 220 yards), Ryder (440 and 880 yds.) and Pollard (mile), due to their superior fitness, recorded easy victories. Because of the atrocious conditions however, no records were broken.

The junior athletics team competed against Kelly College, Plympton Grammar School, and Plymouth College, and disappointingly finished fourth. This performance, however, does not truly reflect the ability of the team, who in Dan, Putt, Woodward, Lightfoot and Burns have fine athletes in the making.

The Devon Sports were held this year at Tavistock, and there were a number of athletes from the school who were competing for Plymouth; these certainly did nothing to lower the high reputation of the school. The following gained places:—

<i>Junior:</i>	Dan—1st, 80 yds. Hurdles
	Lightfoot—2nd, Mile
	Morgan—2nd, Pole Vault
<i>Intermediate:</i>	Moore—2nd, Weight
	Lee—5th, 880 yds.
	Powderley—1st, Long Jump

Senior : Pollard—1st, Mile
 Ryder—2nd, 880 yds.
 Thorne—1st, Hurdles
 Knight—4th, Pole Vault

For the National Championships the following boys have been selected: J. Powderley (Long Jump, inter), Moore (weight, inter), Lightfoot (mile, jun.), Thorne (hurdles, sen.).

For the first time this year, a match was arranged between the first forms of Plymouth College and D.H.S. It resulted in a win for the school by 60-42 points.

On Wednesday, 12th July, came the match which the whole school team had been awaiting all the season, the contest against Sutton High School. For seasons now, the rivalry between D.H.S. and Sutton has been extremely intense, and it is with much pleasure that I write of our win by $143\frac{1}{2}$ - $128\frac{1}{2}$ points. For the first time the match was held on the school field and before the meeting, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Nash and Mr. Hogg, our groundsman, it was in a perfect condition. Unfortunately the weather was unkind and it rained steadily practically all the afternoon. Consequently conditions were not suited to record-breaking, and only 7 were broken. There were 4 set up by D.H.S. boys:

Dan—Junior 100 yds., 11.2 secs.

Dan—Junior Hurdles, 11.5 secs.

Lightfoot—Junior 880 yds., 2 mins. 15.5 secs.

Burns—Junior Javelin, 141 ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

The match, however, will not be remembered for the atrocious conditions in which it was held, so much as for the team spirit, and the strength of the team as a whole. Although Sutton had an outstanding athlete in Davey who, out of his seven events, gained six firsts and one second, D.H.S. can be proud that, instead of one great athlete it has a number of above average competitors, who in the long run have shown that theirs is a more successful team.

The annual match with Truro was held on the same afternoon as the Garden Party. After a fine afternoon's competition, in ideal conditions, the school convincingly defeated Truro by 149-98 pts.

Internally, form sports have been held again, and as well as being popular to watch, they provide a very good opportunity of discovering the unknown, quiet athlete. There is no doubt that, due to this kind of competition and to the enthusiastic and sometimes relentless training of Mr. Nash and Mr. Stone, this school has become one of the leading athletic powers in Devon and will, I am sure, reach even greater heights. Thank you Mr. Nash and Mr. Stone for your invaluable guidance.

In conclusion we would like to thank the Parents' Association for the excellent tea they provided after the Sutton match.

The School Play

To every art form there belongs a technique which is an essential part of its "mystery", and not the least of these "mysteries" is that of the theatre. To the uninitiated, a comedy is a play with lines and situations which will make an audience laugh. Only an experienced producer or actor knows how fiendishly difficult it is to persuade an audience to laugh at even the most risible lines, even the most ridiculous situations. The producer has to plan exactly where he is going to "get" his laughs and he has to do this with the consummate generalship of Lord Montgomery planning a military campaign; he has to "warm up his audience"—rather like starting an engine from "cold"!—and, once they are laughing, he has to try to keep them amused and entertained for the rest of the evening. This will almost certainly involve plotting the peak points of the comedy and working up to these climaxes, thereby introducing variety of pace and mood into the evening, and giving the audience a chance to move from smiles to laughs to loud guffaws. The actor, on the other hand, has to "make" the producer's laugh lines, and he does this in a variety of ways: by "weighting" a key word or line, by pausing before or after he says it, by intonation, by expression, by gesture, by movement, by slowing down, by speeding up, by "throwing away" the preceding sentence. It is not surprising, therefore, that all books on the theatre insist that comedies are more difficult to produce successfully than tragedies.

Gogol's *The Government Inspector* was first performed in 1836 but it wears well. Even in translation the play sparkles with line after line of subtle, witty, pungent, epigrammatic comment on human foibles and failings. We are still, as T. S. Eliot says, "pinned and wriggling on the wall". The gorodnicky is one of the supremely great comic creations of the world theatre and there are wonderful situations such as the "drinking" sequences of Act 2, Scene 2, or the wittily contrived "proposals" at the end of Act 3, Scene 1. On the other hand, the play has some barren sections which would have been better cut, and the bribery "gag" became rather threadbare during the second half of the play. One cannot afford to have uninspired passages in a comedy. Finally, the characterisation of many of the minor characters is very lightly etched in; there is little to enable us to distinguish between one member and another of the Civil Servants who dance attendance on the Mayor; they all seem to react in the same way to any given stimulus; in fact, it was most refreshing, though a complete surprise, to hear the Charity Commissioner trying to double-cross the others for a few brief moments!

This will suffice to show why Mr. A. Cross, with his strong, moral sense and his connoisseur's delight in words nicely and

effectively used, felt drawn to produce this play; it also makes clear the difficulties he had to overcome. That in his first production he should have provided his audiences with a consistently entertaining evening and a polished play, moving at a good pace throughout, preserving a proper balance between the claims of Anton Antonovitch and Hlestakov, and presenting clearly the unravelling of the plot, is an indication that he has shown himself to be a producer of judgement and promise. That the play probably failed to amuse the audiences as much as he had hoped was due partly to natural inexperience, partly to weaknesses in the play, and partly to the exacting demands of comedy presentation.

Mr. Cross's most serious mistake was to make the pace too even; this inevitably created a sameness which dulled the appreciation of the audiences. Another blemish was his failure to differentiate the Civil Servants, and make three-dimensional personalities of them. It is true that the play gave him little or no help, but, with a little ingenuity, individuality could have been built up. The matter was not helped by the fact that they always seemed to be standing in a line like a row of flunkies; if they had been distributed around the stage, they would have had more chance to be themselves. Such criticisms, however, must not be allowed to obscure the fact that Mr. Cross sacrificed much spare time and some of his many interests to give us a production which sparkled and entertained, a production of which the School could justifiably be proud. For this we thank him most sincerely.

When we come to examine individual performances, David Wilson's Mayor dominates the play; he may well be said to have carried the play on his brawny shoulders! Here was an intelligently conceived characterisation, varied and splendidly sustained. My only criticism is that, possibly, it might have been better if there had been more calm moments. Ernest Clarys as Hlestakov was disappointing; he did not fully realise the comic possibilities of his part, and tended at times to gabble his lines. Edward Floyd, whom we know to be a good character actor, seemed rather muted and indecisive as the School Superintendent. John Bowden, on the other hand, gave a clear-cut interpretation of the Charity Commissioner, particularly enjoying his "catty" interlude. Russell Buley, taking over the part of District Judge at twelve hours' notice, impressed me by the consistent and sensitive way in which he lived the part all the time he was on the stage. Graham Sidey and Michael Amery were a most amusing Dob and Bob, bringing an infectious enthusiasm and excellent team spirit to their performances. Of the smaller parts, Anthony Hughes gave a very convincing portrait of Yosif, Hlestakov's servant; Anthony Strong was suitably half-witted as a Constable, and terrifyingly Tartarish as a Gendarme; whilst David Pedlow made a splendid study of the small part of Third Merchant.

Of the girls, so generously loaned to us by the Headmistress of Stoke Damerel High School, the most polished performance came from Rachel Fisher, who spoke her lines clearly and intelligently and saw that we lost none of the comedy. Susan Hughes was given an almost impossible task—to be Rachel's mother. She put up a very creditable performance, however, and if she had made her movements as old as her make-up, she would have been even more convincing! Both girls, by the way, were out of period in their movements and poses.

The set, designed by Mr. W. George and Mr. R. Osborne, was delightful; the Society is fortunate in having two such talented "back-room boys"! The lighting was handled with the quiet competence and efficiency which we have come to associate with Mr. F. R. Coombe. Back-stage, the hard-working stagehands were as unobtrusively expeditious as ever, under the eagle eye of Mr. K. Pring. We are indeed grateful to all who made this production the success it undoubtedly was.

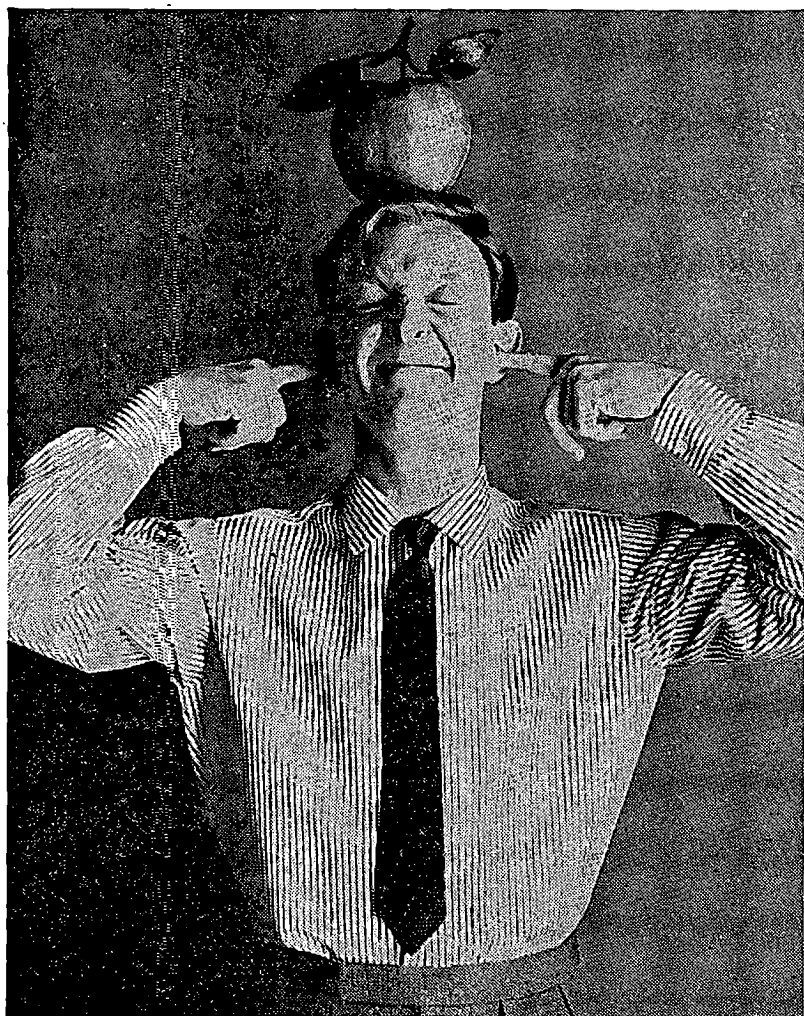
H.F.H.W.

Careers

In our January magazine notes, an appeal was made for news from Old Boys concerning their jobs. We earnestly wish that Old Boys would tell us, in full, any snags they have met with in the jobs they have chosen. It is very clear that such information can be of the utmost help in guiding those not yet committed to any means of earning a living. It is very much to be hoped that more snags will be revealed now that a start has been made. Of course, the few replies received may be indicative of many square pegs in as many square holes, and this is devoutly to be desired. This leads to another useful purpose of the Careers Notes. If O.Bs., very contented with their occupations, would write in and tell us why more should follow in their footsteps, it would be a great help.

The one very important piece of information so far revealed concerns the Civil Service. It appears that if a boy chooses the War Department, it is by no means clearly stressed and made clear to him that in joining the department he will be liable for service overseas. This may at times seem attractive to some, but it should be realized that conditions of posting are similar to those applied to Army personnel. The liability continues throughout most of one's career, and there is no choice of posting. To a married man a three-year separation from his family at any time is a factor which needs serious thought. There seems to be no way of avoiding such service, and only in extreme cases are compassionate grounds allowed to weigh with the authorities.

W.H.W.



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House Notes

DRAKE

Drake has never yet won the St. Levan Shield three times in succession, and once again the honour has slipped from our grasp. This is largely due to a general lack of determination, especially in the athletics; we failed to build up our customary lead in the standards which would have made victory possible. Congratulations are due to the rugby seniors and juniors, whose efforts resulted in our winning the Rugby Cup for the second year running, and to the cricket juniors, who were unbeaten. We were unsuccessful in the Swimming Sports through lack of outstanding performers, but praise is due to Couch, the only cup winner, for his hard work in organising the team. The one bright spot of the summer term's activities was the new venture of sailing in which Drake won the House Cup and Ford the Individual Cup.

Our thanks are due to all those officials who have worked hard in their respective tasks and to Mr. Nicholas for his continued encouragement and advice.

R. DOIDGE.

GILBERT

Gilbert is once again Cock House! In his first year as Housemaster, Mr. Barkell has had the satisfaction of seeing the House win the coveted St. Levan Shield narrowly from Raleigh. A sobering thought, however, is that we must face the fact that the House was very badly let down by the rank and file in that we started Sports Day 50 points behind the leaders, Raleigh, on athletic standards alone! But such was the supremacy of our performance on Sports Day that the House climbed from last position to within seven points of Raleigh—a performance surely without equal on a School Sports Day!

In the spring term, K. J. Norman was appointed House Captain in place of K. Virgo, who left at Christmas. A. J. Dawe was appointed as House Secretary. In the outstanding senior rugby match, we suffered our third defeat at the hands of Grenville by 23 points to 8. This was, however, the team's best performance and the game was fast and open. The junior rugby team proved an invincible combination, overwhelming Drake by 11 points to 0, Grenville by 27 points to 3, and Raleigh by 52 points to 0. It seems that, at last, we shall soon have a senior House rugby team that can win! The senior House soccer team won all three of their matches, but the juniors only one. The senior cricket team won two matches and drew the third; the juniors won two and lost the third.

After the thrills of Sports Day, we were to have another exciting day at the end of the summer term, when the Swimming Sports were held at the Mount Wise Baths. We were already

assured of the St. Levan Shield, but would tie for it with Raleigh if they came first and ourselves last. In the event, however, the House was leading the way until the very last relay when Raleigh clinched their expected victory. But the St. Levan Shield had already come our way!

The House extends its sincere thanks to Mr. Barkell and to Dawe for his excellent work as House Secretary, who, among other invaluable contributions to the House, organised a collection in aid of the disabled, which realized £7 3s. 8d. for "Uncle Mac's Easter Appeal".

K. J. NORMAN, 6A, *House Captain*.

GRENVILLE

The past year has been one of only moderate success for the House, but we can look back with the satisfaction that we have done our best. In the final placings for the St. Levan Shield, Grenville was placed third. The House has, however, done far better than its position might indicate.

The competition started in the winter term with the senior House rugby matches. Our team was captained initially by Vittles and, when he left, by Davey. Both played and captained magnificently.

In our first match against Drake, a far stronger team than we, we lost 9-0 in a very close match. For our second match Davey took over captaincy in the absence of Vittles. We beat a much fancied Raleigh side by 8 points to 5. In our third match we easily beat Gilbert, which placed Grenville second in the overall positions for the senior half of the rugby competition.

The junior rugby team made up for a certain lack of talent by showing great team spirit. Although unable to win any of their matches, they were a trifle unlucky in losing to Drake by a single point, and also to Raleigh by a very close margin.

At the beginning of the winter term Hayes was elected House Soccer Captain. The team, although not strong, managed to win one of their matches. The inexperience of many players showed up especially in the second half when the pace of their play always slowed up considerably. The junior team did better, winning two of their three games.

In the chess Grenville were placed second in both the senior and junior competitions. The senior team was a young one and did extremely well—we have great hopes for the coming year.

The house cricket was captained by Pointer. The team was not a strong one, containing only one 1st XI and three 2nd XI players. However, they did well to beat Drake and draw with a fairly strong Raleigh side. The juniors were a young and inexperienced team and were unable to win any of their matches.

In the speech contest the House did very well and was placed second. We thank Mr. Parsons for giving up so much of his time to coach the team.

In the school sports we had rather mixed fortunes. We came out top in standards, which shows commendable enthusiasm in the House, but could only finish third in the pre-Sports Day events. On Sports Day we were overtaken by a very strong Gilbert team and could only manage to finish third overall. We must congratulate Powderley who won the under-16 cup, and Woodward who shared the under-14 cup.

In the swimming sports we were placed third behind Gilbert and Raleigh in a close and exciting competition.

The House is much indebted to our Housemaster, Mr. Mallinson, and we thank him for all the hard work and time which he puts into all House activities.

C. J. BOOTH.

RALEIGH

Again the St. Levan Shield has narrowly eluded Raleigh but the House is to be congratulated on its many fine and spirited performances. Of the five competitions which decide the shield, Raleigh has won both the athletics and the swimming and only narrowly been prevented from winning the rugby and the cricket.

Our senior rugby team should have done better for the side contained several 1st XV players, notably Knight and Axworthy, the captain. The soccer teams, both junior and senior, failed to achieve anything spectacular and it was not until Sports Day that the House really gained the limelight.

It was pleasing to note that we were placed in a strong position at the beginning of the athletics sports due to the united effort of the House in collecting a large number of points from standards. We were able to maintain a lead despite a determined effort by Gilbert who ended up uncomfortably close, only seven points, behind us. Special mention must go to Knight, and our Athletics Captain, Ryder, who shared the honour of Victor Ludorum. P. Lightfoot won the under-15 cup.

Although Raleigh was ably led by Warn and Ryder, Captain and Vice-Captain, respectively, of the school 1st XI, we could only achieve second place in the final positioning of the inter-House cricket competition.

The Swimming Sports proved as exciting as the athletics, with the final result dependent on the last race. The House has not a strong swimming team and it is mainly due to individuals, notably Atrill and Gadsden, that we owe our success. However, the team possessed determination and many valuable points were obtained from second and third places. The result was a narrow, but well-deserved victory, which was a fitting climax to the House's activities.

We did exceptionally well in the two competitions which do not count towards the St. Levan Shield. The senior chess team's three wins and the junior's two wins and one draw leave no doubt as to the superiority of the House in this field. Future years will benefit from our young second form players. It is largely due to the coaching of Ryder that our chess team has been so successful.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Whitfeld for his unfailing interest in the training of our House speech team. The importance of this competition cannot be over emphasized and it is pleasing to note both our junior and senior superiority. Again the younger members of our House promise great hope for the future.

The House has been unfortunate in not having the same captain throughout the year. At the end of the autumn term we lost a fine leader in J. Axworthy who entered the Civil Service. We wish him success in his career. For the remainder of the year the House was run by the six remaining school prefects under the leadership of B. Montgomery.

On behalf of all the boys in Raleigh House I thank our House-master, Mr. Warn, for his continual encouragement. The House has benefited from his experience and guidance and I am sure will soon be again in possession of the St. Levan Shield.

R. G. SINNOTT, *Acting House Captain.*

ST. LEVAN SHIELD POSITIONS 1960-61

			<i>Drake</i>	<i>Gilbert</i>	<i>Grenville</i>	<i>Raleigh</i>
Rugby	14	6	8	8
Soccer	8	14	8	6
Athletics	3	11	7	15
Cricket	6	14	6	10
Swimming	1½	5½	3½	7½
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TOTAL	..		32½	50½	32½	46½

THE RUGBY CLUB

The 1st XV's unbeaten record disintegrated after an extremely close and hard-fought game against Plymouth College, only to be further lowered by another more convincing defeat by the Old Boys the following week—17 points to 3. However, this was followed by a rapid succession of good wins, first against the touring team from King Edward's, Birmingham, and then against Hele's School, Exeter, whom we beat by 25 points to 0. The three naval teams R.N.C. Dartmouth III, R.N.E. College III, and H.M.S. *Fisgard* fell to us in as many weeks, after which we travelled up to Torquay and, combining business with pleasure, played the local

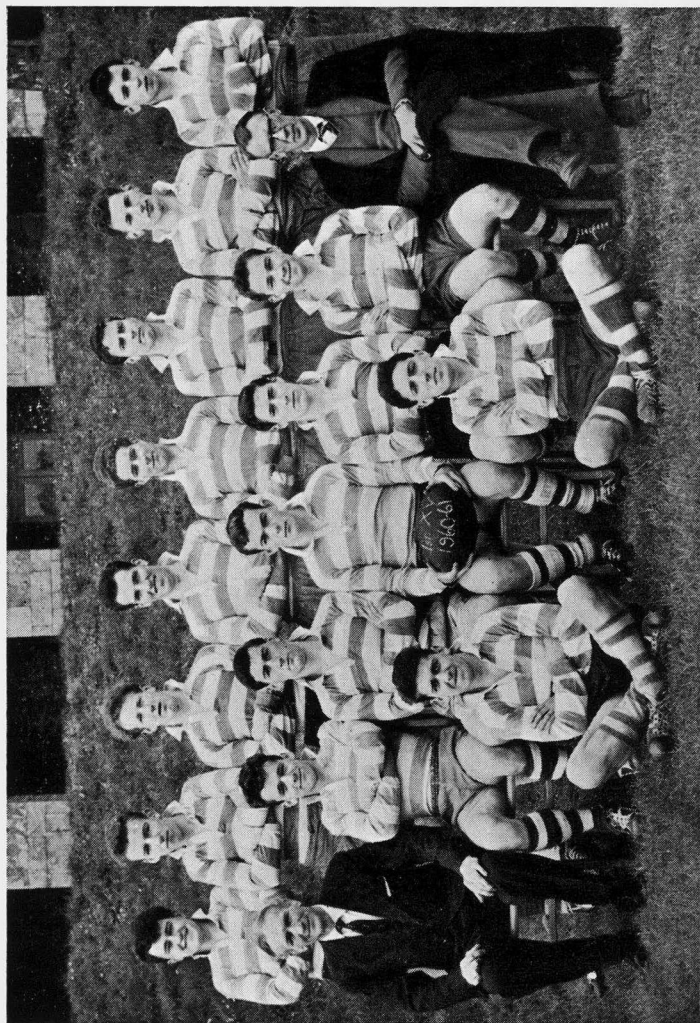
Grammar School in the morning and went to see a fine display of rugby in the afternoon at the county semi-final, Devon versus Eastern Counties.

Further defeats came our way in the shape of Plymouth Albion Juniors, Plymouth College "A" and the Old Boys once again, and it was on this rather sad note that we set off to Wales for our Monmouthshire tour. Unorthodox, open rugby played at its best midst the rugger-fanatical community of South Wales certainly taught us a few lessons and had us almost beaten. Nevertheless we managed to beat St. Julians H.S., Newport, by 12 points to 3. It was in the second game against Newport H.S. that the pace really began to tell, and by half-time we found ourselves 6-0 down. The next 40 minutes proved to be an extremely intense and spirited struggle, with the school fighting back magnificently to win by the narrow margin of 8 points to 6. So ended a most memorable trip which it would have been impossible to organise without the co-operation and help of Messrs. Nash and Pring, who accompanied us, and also the many generous parents who were so kind in hosting us during our stay. These successes rounded off a good season, which is borne out by the team's statistics of played 24, won 18, lost 5, drawn 1.

A moderate season has been enjoyed by the 2nd XV, which since the last magazine came out has only lost one game. Coached by Mr. Warn, they have played open rugby full of exuberance, and by Christmas they had settled down to become a well-practised team, the potential in the team being shown up by such scores as 50-0 and 52-0 in their favour. The Captain of the 2nd XV, Burrows, is to be congratulated on being awarded his half-colours for his numerous appearances in the 1st XV.

A successful rugby club is a large, enthusiastic and happy one, and I think that we can claim to be just that. We play the game for its own sake and not purely for the prestige attached to an unbeaten record. We are large and enthusiastic in membership, which fact is borne out by the survival of, and indeed added support for the 3rd XV, only a recent innovation. The idea of this team has been to give as many boys as possible a game of rugby. Faced by a difficult task, Mr. Smith made great efforts to get this team into shape, and in the end, individual talent and team spirit blended to form a promising team.

The under-15 XV, surely one of the best teams that the school has ever produced, once again had a very distinguished season, losing only one game, and that against the strong Plymouth College team. They scored 400 points from 15 games as opposed to 39 points on the debit side, and had not numerous cancellations been made earlier on in the season, then their record would have been even better. Their repeated success can be put down to

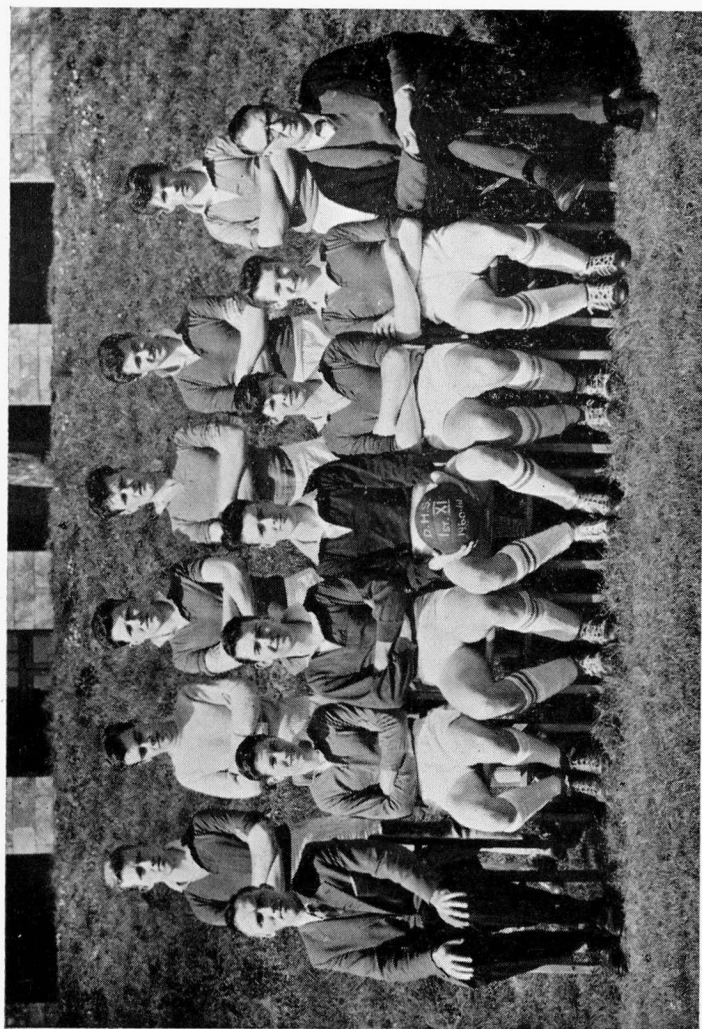


1st XV. RUGBY 1960-61

Back row (left to right) : J. Ley, P. Warn, B. Burrows, J. Forse, B. Tozer, B. Montgomery, J. Pollard, J. Souness

Centre row : Mr. W. Nash, J. Powderley, D. Wilson (*Secretary*), J. French (*Captain*), P. Thorn,

Front row : M. Wood, C. Whitby
T. Knight, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



1st XI. SOCCER 1960-61

Standing (left to right) : M.J. Tregidgo, R.A. Bowden, B.M. James, R. Gill, J. F. Horne, B. Morgan
Sitting: Mr. D. G. Barkell, V.A. Berry, P.J. Sanders, M.J. Ryder (*Captain*), M. B. Roberts, D. R. Philpotts,
 Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

individual brilliance coupled with the sound coaching of Mr. Mallinson. It is to be hoped that they will not become complacent in view of their past good record, and we wish them the best of luck in the open age group.

The under-14 XV, under Mr. Pring, has had a moderately successful season. It recorded some good wins, notably those over Plymouth College and St. Boniface's College. There is plenty of spirit in the team, and with additional experience should produce some good players.

Salmon, with the invaluable assistance and expert guidance of Mr. Lunnon, has led the under-13 XV competently through the season. The team defeated St. Boniface's College and the experienced team from King's Tamerton School, and also forced a draw with their rivals from Plymouth College. We all wish Salmon a speedy recovery from his illness.

The under-12 XV have been the only team to maintain their unbeaten record for the duration of the season. It is noteworthy that Mr. Stone has been able to field more than one team on some Saturdays. Although they remain unbeaten, their victories have not been overwhelming, 8 of their 14 matches have been won by a margin of 12 points or under, and 3 of the other games were drawn. They play lively and imaginative rugby and are a very compact, well-disciplined team.

In the annual seven-a-side tournament held at the county ground, Exeter, on the 15th March, the school had neither a distinguished passage nor a glorious defeat. In the first round we beat Sutton H.S. by 13 points to 8 but in the next round we were out-classed by the eventual winners of the competition, Exmouth G.S. Our defeat was due rather to apathetic, unimaginative play and weak tackling on our part than to inspired brilliance on theirs, but nevertheless it was a fair result.

The Club's thanks are sincerely offered to Mr. Nash for his leadership during the season and also to the many masters for taking charge of the teams, refereeing matches, and doing "away" duties; without the continued help of these masters it would be impossible to run so many teams. We are most grateful to the Parents' Association for providing such excellent teas for our visitors and to those parents who gave up their free time to do the work involved. We would like to wish Mr. Lunnon a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

D. J. WILSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

COLOURS

Full awards: Cohen, Thorne, Gent, Wilson. *Re-award:* French.

Half Colours: Powderly, Forse, Smith, Montgomery, Pollard, Tozer, Knight, Warn, Burrows. *Re-award:* Ley.

Winners of House Rugby Cup: DRAKE

Winners of the Griffin Rugby Trophy: UNDER-15 XV

RECORD

Team		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points		
						For	Against	Cancelled
1st XV	..	24	18	5	1	372	157	8
2nd XV	..	17	12	5	0	295	87	6
3rd XV	..	13	6	6	1	102	127	2
Under-15 XV		15	14	1	0	400	39	11
Under-14 XV		16	11	4	1	193	112	5
Under-13 XV		12	10	1	1	245	18	7
Under-12 XV		15	12	0	3	122	21	6

The Swimming Sports

In brilliant weather our annual Swimming Gala went off with a considerable flourish, some of the achievements rivalling the climatic conditions for recollection in the future. Seven school records were broken, compared with only five in the previous year, while excitement was intense right up to the last relay, for not only the honour of winning the match, but the House championship was also at stake. Raleigh House carried the day, but their slender three-point lead meant that Gilbert became Cock House and honours were divided.

Besides this wider excitement, there were some fine individual performances, although there was evidence of not undisguised reluctance among certain members of the senior school. P. N. Gadsden put up fine performances in the under-14 age group, breaking both free-style and breast-stroke records over fifty yards; new talent is always welcome. Atrill put up his usual sparkling performance and was inside the record times for both free-style and back-stroke in the under-16 age group; he really is in a class of his own. Couch gave us a fine display of determination and style surpassing physical superiority, and Meatyard won the over-15 plunge, a terrifying sport, with a lung-cracking glide of fifty feet. Three boys tied for the under-12 championship—we hope that they stick at it and do as well next year—while Sidey, gaining the cup for the most points and for the under-15 championship, showed just how versatile he was.

Despite these individual successes, however, it was apparent that there is an enormous gulf between the really good swimmers and the rest, who were at least enthusiastic enough to enter. This is a sad state of affairs in a seaport like Plymouth. Perhaps not enough time is given to it in school, but there are clubs and it is evident that the good swimmers belong to them. Why not join? It might save somebody's life one day, it might be your own!

Our special thanks are extended to Mr. Gilbert, who awarded the prizes, and to the members of the staff, especially Mr. Vanstone, for a most enjoyable and smooth-running afternoon.

R. J. COLEMAN.

THE SOCCER CLUB

The 1st XI quickly settled down into a sound, fairly successful season; only six of its fixtures were lost and three of these defeats were avenged later in the season. Success was largely the result of an effective combination of footballing ability and power. Ryder proved to be a dominating captain, urging his team by example to a maximum effort until the final whistle. Our congratulations go to him and Horne on twice playing for the Devon Grammar Schools F.A. and to Gill and James who played for Devon Youth F.A. We regret that many of the established players will have left by September and the coming season will have to be devoted to team building.

The record of the 2nd XI is not very impressive. However, many cancellations early in the season and demands of the 1st XI made the selection of a regular side difficult but this in no way excuses a certain lack of enthusiasm and spirit.

The under-15 XI, in the local Schools' League, played more games than any other team. Although its record was mediocre there is no cause for alarm since physique, which the side lacked, is a very necessary factor at this age. There is much ability in the team which will develop later. Congratulations to Lewis on selection for both Plymouth and Devon Schoolboys.

The under-14 XI record is also somewhat misleading in that it does not reflect their ability for here again size was lacking. This side contains several players of real ability and this, together with a will to play intelligent football, augurs well for the future.

The under-13 XI contains some promising individuals but is unlikely to improve its record until they make a much greater effort to play as a team.

In conclusion, we would like to thank those masters who give generously of their time to referee and accompany our teams and especially to Mr. Barkell who, after some fourteen years, is relinquishing his charge over the 1st XI. For the high standard of performance and sportsmanship that he has inspired in these teams the school is sincerely grateful. We are also most appreciative of the services rendered by the Parents' Association in the provision of teas for our visitors.

J. S. OXLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

COLOURS

<i>Full Re-awards</i>	Ryder, Sanders.
<i>New awards:</i>	Horne, Gill, James, Oxley, Morgan.
<i>Half New awards:</i>	Bowden, Berry, Philpotts, Roberts.

RECORD

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
					For	Against
1st XI ..	18	11	1	6	63	39
2nd XI ..	10	4	1	5	30	33
Under-15 XI	22	6	5	11	36	54
Under-14 XI	14	7	0	7	38	37
Under-13 XI	13	4	3	6	31	43

THE CRICKET CLUB

The 1st XI has had a most successful season, having maintained an unbeaten record throughout. Commendable wins have been registered, through teamwork rather than individual performance, against Sutton High School, Launceston College, and a strong Old Boys XI. The decisive victory over Sutton atones to some extent for past defeats. But perhaps the most desirable victory was achieved in the annual game against the Staff XI, the school winning a close, exciting match by the slender margin of one wicket. Hopes for success in future seasons are high since most of this season's players will still be available.

The 2nd XI, well led by Gilbert, has also had a rewarding season. It has a record subsidiary to that of the 1st XI, in that it has lost one match and has played fewer matches. The side contains some promising young players who should, with a little more experience, attain 1st XI standard, and this is also encouraging for the future.

We congratulate John, Shillabeer, and Burns, who were chosen to play in the local schools' side, and John who went on to represent Devon.

The Colts XI has had a rather indifferent season, having won four, and lost four of its games. Although it possesses an outstanding individual performer in Burns, it lacks the all-round strength which is necessary for overall success.

The junior XI fared better than the Colts, winning five and drawing two of its ten matches. The side is especially strong in batting, having four or five very promising batsmen. Sparks deserves special mention here for his 104 not out in the match with St. Boniface's College.

Once again we take the opportunity to offer our thanks to the ladies of the Parents' Association for providing our visitors and ourselves with excellent teas. We would also like to thank the Parents' Association for providing us with the two Bit-u-Turf wickets. These have proved a definite advantage in making net practices much more valuable to the teams and in improving the standard of cricket throughout the school.

COLOURS

Full Colours. *Re-award:* P. R. Warn;
New awards: M. J. Ryder, J. S. Oxley, J. F. Horne, C. J. Parsons, R. S. John.
Half Colours. *New awards:* J. Ford, M. J. Scoble, P. M. Hawkyard.

RECORD

<i>Team</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
1st XI ..	11	8	0	3
2nd XI	7	3	1	3
Colts XI	9	4	4	1
Junior XI	10	5	3	2

Out of School Activities

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Once again the membership of the Society has shown a small and disappointing decline, although the activities of the Society have in no way diminished. The number of projects initiated and carried out by small groups of members has actually increased. However, statistics of membership do show that, at the beginning of the school year, the total number of subscriptions received was only ninety compared with one hundred and eleven at the corresponding time last year. Eventually the total rose to one hundred and thirteen, a number which still allows us proudly to claim that we are the largest society in the school. Attendances at film meetings seemed low when compared with the total membership. At lecture meetings, however, attendances were very good, producing a record attendance of one hundred and twenty at Mr. Hurrell's lecture.

During the last session the Society was privileged to hear four interesting lectures from visiting speakers. The first lecture was given by Mr. Collyns, of Messrs. Marples, Ridgway & Partners, and was entitled "Building the Laira Bridge". Of particular interest was a large model of the bridge which Mr. Collyns brought with him. Mr. Hurrell once again showed some of his recent films to the Society, and of course provided a very interesting commentary to accompany them. The popularity of Mr. Hurrell's annual visit is reflected in the attendance figure noted above. During the spring term our first lecture was from Mr. West of Messrs. Concrete Limited, who told the Society about the properties and uses of the modern building material—reinforced concrete, in the applications of which we have so many examples in Plymouth. The last lecture of the year was given by Mr. Charman of Messrs. Semiconductors Limited, who talked on "Transistors—their Manufacture and Applications". Mr. Charman illustrated his lecture by many actual examples of transistors and a completely transistorised battery operated television receiver which he had obtained during a recent visit to the United States. The Society offers its grateful thanks to these gentlemen for giving their valuable time to the preparation and delivery of these talks.

Last November an interesting change from the usual type of meeting was provided by a conducted tour of the new Civic Centre. A party of twenty boys was shown around the partially completed building.

The Society has had a full programme of films throughout the year. Many of these films were of general interest and only a small proportion of them were too technical for those with a limited scientific background. In fact, these exhibitions should be of interest to members of the arts sixth and fifth, the representation of which in the Society has been lamentably small.

The two projects of the Society, namely the construction of an oscilloscope and the production of a film, now near completion. Many hours of patient application to intricate work have been devoted to the former by a small group of resolute enthusiasts and the apparatus has now reached the testing stage. It is hoped that the equipment will be fully operational in due course. After much hard work, members of the cine group have completed a film about British Railways, which they have called *Down by the Station*, and also a short film of the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to the school. Both were exhibited at the Garden Party.

As is customary, several excursions were arranged by the Society for small parties of members at the end of the summer term. Our first visit was to the Gas Works at Cosside. An interesting afternoon was spent examining the production of the City's gas supply. Parties were also taken around the Farley's Infant Food Factory, and the Westward Television studios. A visit has also been made to the partially completed Laira Bridge. The Society is grateful to the managements of these concerns for receiving the parties and providing expert guides.

One of the aims of the Society is to provide what its members want, and to this end the Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month when the school is in session. We urge every member to bring his suggestions—and criticisms—before the Committee. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary for the 1961-1962 session are Pengelly U6, Willoughby M6S, and Dawe U6, respectively. There is also a Form Representative on the Committee; thus every member has easy means of access to the governing body, and should make every effort to contribute something to the well-being of the Society.

Finally, the Society wishes to thank Mr. Coombe for his invaluable help and encouragement throughout the year.

R. F. DONNE, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Three meetings were held in the spring term. Mr. Welsh (the City Archivist) addressed the Society on his work, and Mr. Meade-King (the Headmaster of Plymouth College) talked on "The Background to Modern Russia". He aroused great interest and we are very grateful to him for giving up his time. All three meetings were very well attended, but the Society's greatest success was the film shown on the last day of the spring term at which the attendance was over 250. *The Young Mr. Pitt* was indeed a film worth remembering. As is customary, no meetings were arranged for the summer term, but a full programme of five meetings is ready for the autumn.

K. J. NORMAN, 6A, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE RAMBLING CLUB

This term, due to pressure of work, R. King, our previous leader, had to leave the Club. We must take this opportunity of thanking him for his great work for the Club and wish him every success in his chosen career.

In the first half of this term and over the Whitsun holiday four attempts were made to reach Wistman's Wood, only the last of which was successful, the others being cancelled when on the Moors, two due to rain and one to sun which was too hot! We did, nevertheless, turn these into enjoyable trips.

The fourth attempt was successful, despite a heavy downpour and Wistman's Wood, a small forest of stunted oaks, associated with Druids, was visited and explored. Exams halted any further excursions and only one other hike was made, in which, by chance, we came across the Abbot's Way and Nun's Cross Farm.

Unfortunately, there is a lack of response throughout the school, although this is the one society in which no master is involved and there is no subscription. With the moors so close, it is a pity that so few boys make use of this opportunity for exploring "The Last Wilderness". However, we look forward to the autumn term, when we hope to meet with an increased response.

E. F. FLOYD, LVIA, *Leader*.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The library machine seems to have worked more smoothly this term than ever before and very few difficult problems have arisen. This is probably due to the very large number of first-rate boys wishing to become librarians, a fact which enables us to make a choice of those most suitable. Furthermore, external activities, such as hikes, have been organised, and these also help the team spirit which is essential if any organisation is to function successfully.

This year's purchase of new books proved even more varied than usual, and a large number deal with the different extra-curricular pastimes undertaken by the boys of the school. In view of the new-found interest in sailing, books on that subject formed a particularly high proportion of this year's indent.

Robertson (3B) and Bowen (3B) have proved quite successful as junior librarians, and we must congratulate Pollard (2A) on his appointment as their successor.

The end of another school year seems the most appropriate time to show publicly our appreciation for the untiring and enthusiastic efforts of the library staff from the highest down to those juniors who have just joined us. We must also, of course, thank Mr. Whitfeld, without whose guidance and help the efficient running of the library would have proved impossible.

M. B. HARRIS, VIA.

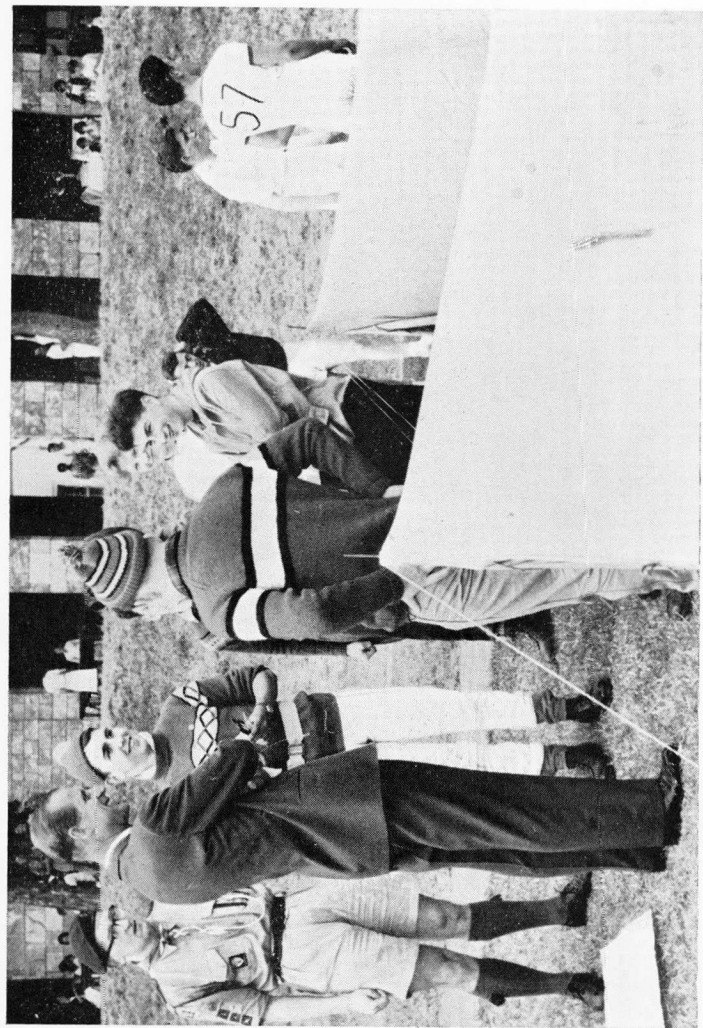
CHRISTIAN UNION

Looking back on the year that is past, I would say that it has been a good year for the Christian Union. As far as attendances are concerned it has been the best year we have ever had! However, the amount of apathy that exists in the school is still a considerable source of amazement to me. To any thinking person in this country today, it must be obvious that Christianity has had a tremendous share in the shaping of our modern society, whether we like it or not. Just to ignore anything to do with Christianity is irresponsible to say the least. This has been true of the science sixth this year, particularly the upper sixth from whom we had no support whatever. I sincerely hope that next year very many more people, especially the scientists, will take a far more active interest in the Society without having to be badgered into it!

During the spring term our meetings assumed a great variety of different forms. The two highlights of the programme were two series of talks: the first was on "Christianity and Communism", in which a Capitalist, a Communist, and a Christian, each put his own point of view—some heated discussions ensuing; the second was a consideration of the relation between Christianity and war, in which two speakers gave opposite points of view; this too was followed by lively discussions. Other modern problems discussed included talks entitled: "Drink—why not?"; "Crisis in Africa"; and "A Beatnik's Religion".

In the summer term the inevitable struggle between sports and school societies began, but the attendance kept up well and we had a very interesting and useful series of discussions in which Mr. Whitfeld set out to show the fundamental concepts of Christianity and their relevance to modern life and problems.

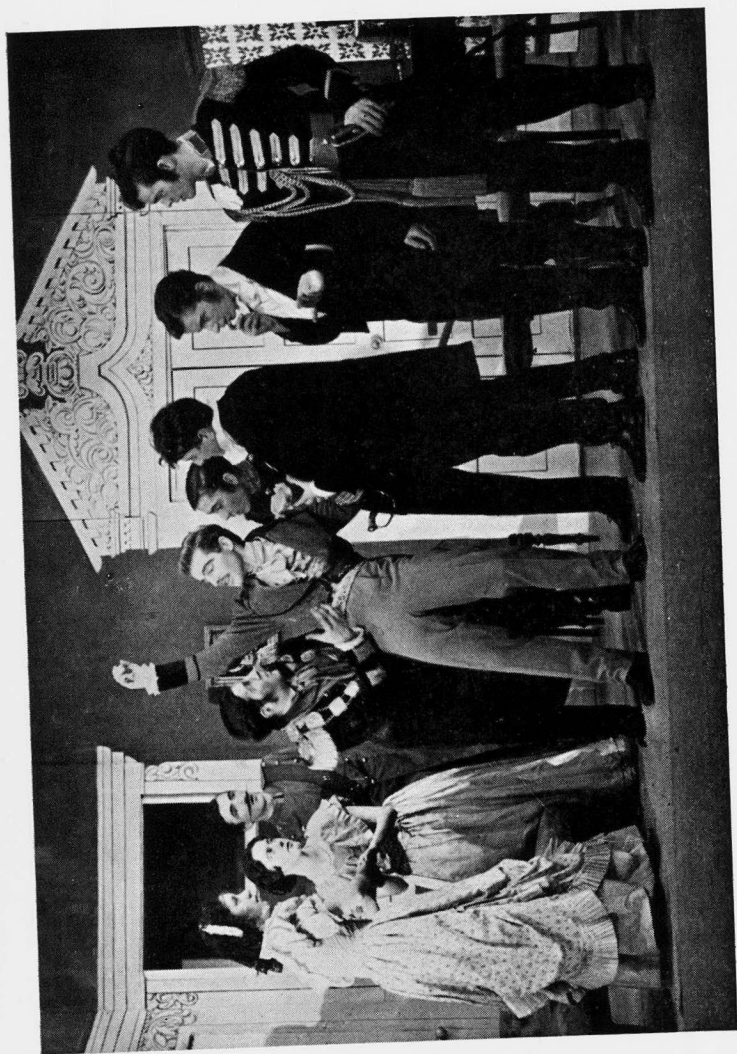
At the end of the summer term, after the exams had finished, the Christian Union tried a new experiment—an end-of-term conference! The subject of the conference was "Tensions in the Modern World". Members of the fourth, fifth and sixth forms met each morning of the week beginning 10th July. We started each day with a talk, then a break, followed by discussion groups. The morning finished with reports from the group leaders, and a summary. On the first day our speaker, the Rev. K. Pillar, introduced the whole subject, dwelling mainly on "Reconciliation". Then on the remaining four days the influence of scientific materialism, mass media, communism, and religious faith, on the world of today, was discussed. The attendances were well over the hundred mark each day, and for an experiment, it was a remarkable success! Both boys and speakers profited immensely by the conference, and it is to be hoped that this will become an annual event. The sincerest thanks of the Society are due to the Headmaster for so kindly giving permission for the conference to take place; to



*The Duke of Edinburgh talking to Silver Award winners of D.H.S.
on the school field on June 6th, 1961*

Left to right: H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, P.J. Sanders, T.W. Loughran (back to camera), J.S. Oxley, G.M. Sims

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A scene from Mr. A. J. Cross' production of Gogol's masterpiece

"THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR"

Left to right: Susan Hughes, Rachel Fisher, A. D. Strong, D. J. Wilson, H. T. E. Clarys, E. F. Floyd, G. Sidey, M. J. Amery, J. A. Bowden

our speakers and group leaders; and to the many members of staff, especially Mr. Hopford, who so readily gave advice and help behind the scenes.

There has been much enthusiasm and interest in the Society this year, and I sincerely hope that this spirit may continue to grow in the years that are to come. I would, however, remind the school that no society can run on just goodwill (however sincere!). Each society must have active support and encouragement from within the school if it is ever to contribute anything worth while to the life of the school.

F. ACKROYD, 6Sc.

THE SAILING CLUB

The Sailing Club now has four boats on the water since the completion of the last of the Cadet fleet *Squirrel*. This boat was built by a few of the Club members only, so preventing "too many cooks spoiling the broth".

At the beginning of the year, an old boy of the school, J. Barrett, himself a keen sailor, kindly presented two cups to the school for the use of the Sailing Club. One cup is to be awarded to the House with the most points in the inter-House races and the other to the individual with the most points in the numerous Club races held during the school year.

Early in the summer term the Club entered three of the boats in a series of team races organised by the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Plymouth Sound. The school came an easy second in the face of keen competition from several other local Clubs, and in fact almost won, the result not being known until several protests had been decided by the racing committee. This competition is expected to become an annual event.

The Club could not be such a success, however, without the help from the members of staff who give up so much of their spare time to enable us to sail. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Adams, Collenette, Dodd and Osborne.

A. J. HOOPER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

THE SENIOR SCOUT LOG

The close of this school year concludes the most successful year for senior Scouts since they have been re-formed. A number of badges have been gained and despite setbacks Scott patrol has produced the first two Queen's Scouts for many years.

Our thanks are due once again to various Scouts who have helped from time to time but in particular we thank Dr. Cresswell and Mr. Attewell for their constant support and loyalty.

T. ORCHARD.

SCOUT LOG, 1961

The summer camp at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, concluded another school year of Scouting. It has been quite successful in that almost one hundred proficiency badges were gained by the troop and eight boys now wear a scout cord with their uniform. However, attendance has not been exceptional and the amount of work carried out by one or two boys has been negligible.

Next year I must gradually cut down on the large numbers in the troop and before any new members will be welcomed those who are not very interested will be asked to leave. A waiting list is to be drawn up and new boys will be able to indicate their preference for this troop on it. During the year I have been indebted to my A.S.Ms. for the work put into the running of the troop. In particular Colin Whitby, who has remained loyal both to us and his own troop, the 12th Plymouth.

Mr. W. R. Venning is to retire in December after many years of devoted service as the District Commissioner for the Southern Division of Plymouth. The Division is to present Mr. and Mrs. Venning with a gift in recognition of these services, and I hope that all past and present members of this troop who owe so much to both of them will generously support our efforts.

E. R. ATTEWELL, *Scout Master.*

PLYMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' FILM SOCIETY

Support for the Society decreased during the spring term; nevertheless a small but happy and selective company met on various occasions in the Assembly Hall.

We began with Clouzot's *Wages of Fear*, a thrilling story which dealt with truck drivers faced with the dangerous and fatal task of transporting a load of high explosive over extremely mountainous and rocky terrain. This was supported by *Nuit et Bruillard*, probably the most shocking and stimulating film ever shown by the Society. The epic, *Scott of the Antarctic*, was screened on February 10th, but this film was without the usual pomposity and sentimentality which surrounds such heroic tales. It was told in a simple, human fashion which made it very moving, and was greatly enhanced by the music of William Walton. Next came *Journal d'un Cure de Campagne*, the tragic and emotional tale of a young, super-sensitive, French priest. The session concluded with *The Burmese Harp*, only the second Japanese film which we have seen.

In the next two terms, the price has had to be raised to 6/- per term in order to cover the rising cost of hiring the films, but we are sure that this will not affect our ardent supporters for whom the fee for membership is still 10/- for the two terms. An interesting set of films has been arranged for the autumn and spring sessions, and we hope that support will be as loyal as it has been in the past.

D. J. WILSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The past two terms have seen little activity in the Debating Society, though not through any lack of enthusiasm in our members. The debates we have held have been mainly on topical, political issues, which seem to satisfy the requisites of a satisfactory debate. Our main problem has been to select topics which will result in a fair division of the house as well as being subjects which will justify lengthy and full examination. Since we have consistently rejected the idea of debating for debating's sake, a point of view which tends to result in boys speaking on subjects in which they feel uncomfortable and unable to muster any emotion, we have been restricted in our choice of subject. Debates could be organised on a regular and systematized basis, but this would achieve nothing more than the perfection of a mechanical process devoid of the emotional spontaneity which is so essential a part of good debating. However, the debate which we held at the end of the summer term was good because it was the result of a natural clash of opinion. Representatives of the two major political parties debated the present governmental policy with an obvious and genuine sincerity, which is gratifying when the problem of apathy is so predominant elsewhere. Although our record is poor, we intend to carry on next term, since we are fully aware of the worthiness of our aims.

R. J. SCOTT, 6A, *Hon. Secretary.*

A.T.C.

This has been a term of exciting achievements. Robins, Palmer and Bungay went to R.A.F. Hawkinge, Kent, and flew solo to obtain their "A" and "B" gliding certificates after approximately thirty flights each. Bungay also experienced an aero-tow to 2,500 feet in company with an instructor.

Bebbington, Knight and Prowse have been to R.A.F. Locking, Weston-Super-Mare and also obtained their "A" and "B" certificates. They spent the last afternoon doing aerobatics with their instructors. In addition Bebbington and Drake have been awarded flying scholarships and will start their training at Roborough at the end of July. Each scholarship is worth £160. Drake has completed an advanced gliding course in which he had to complete thirty solo flights, steep soaring and thermal turns and land in a restricted space. This took place at R.A.F. St. Mawgan.

Bebbington has been accepted for training as a pilot with a "General Duties" commission. Knight has been accepted for training at R.A.F. Henlow and Prowse has won a place at the newly-formed College of Air Training, Hamble. The latter two cadets are going to R.A.F. Locking on an advanced gliding course and they will be given the opportunity of qualifying for a Royal Aero Club "C" certificate on a ridge soaring site near Cheddar. Gliding is an exciting sport and courses are available to all cadets over sixteen years of age subject to medical fitness.

The squadron as a whole is now well on the way to completing its qualifying tasks for awards created under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Nineteen cadets have successfully completed their first-aid course and expeditions are under way. The season of inter-squadron escape and evasion exercises is upon us and cadets are roaming the moors by day and night, matching their physique and initiative against that of other squadrons. Our camp this year is at a "Canberra" station in Huntingdonshire and it is eagerly awaited. The Squadron has visited Mt. Batten and been taken for high-speed runs in the air/sea rescue craft. Also nearly every cadet has flown in a Chipmunk from Roborough. We were second in the inter-squadron sports and several cadets have been to R.A.F. Innsworth in Gloucestershire, where they have represented the wing at athletics. Some cadets are going on to R.A.F. Uxbridge, Middlesex to represent the region.

The A.T.C. is a great hobby open to boys who are air minded and who welcome adventure and travel—why not join us? D.H.S. now has its own squadron. CPL. B. KRESSINGER, 2336 Squadron.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Although attendances have not been as good as they might have been, we can regard the Easter term of this year as quite successful. For the first time we were able to have visiting speakers to the Society. The first was Sqn. Ldr. R. Billings, R.Aux.A.F., who gave us an interesting lecture on the work of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, and, by way of contrast, the second was a civilian, Mr. Jones, formerly of Short Bros., who gave an equally interesting talk on the work that goes on behind the scenes in an aircraft factory. Some films were also shown. The Society ceased to function in the summer term.

It is regrettable that, due to circumstances completely beyond its control, the Society was not able to repeat last year's trips to the air shows at R.N.A.S. Culdrose and the R.A.E. Farnborough. As the Plymouth air show was cancelled due to the idiosyncrasies of English weather, this means that most of the members of the Society have not been able to visit an air show so far this year. However, subject to confirmation, the Society intends to run a trip to R.A.F. Chivenor for the Battle of Britain Display in September.

Plans for the future include the possible formation of a modelling group affiliated to the Society. A comprehensive programme of talks, films, etc., is planned for next term.

The Society wishes to express its thanks to Rodney Davis, who has been secretary for the past year and to Mr. Smith who has continued to give his wholehearted support.

E. S. N. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

The past year has been quite an eventful one for the Music Society. In September we welcomed Mr. Robert N. Aiton, B.A., replacing Mr. Cyril Gell, who is now teaching at Guildhall School of Music. Mr. Aiton is the third music master the school has had in three years and it is to be hoped that he will remain with us for some time so that the standard of music at D.H.S. can be built up to what it once was.

The first event that concerned the School Choir was Speech Day in September. The choir valiantly tackled a difficult programme and, considering the time available for practice, did quite well. Towards the end of October, the choir took part in the Plymouth Schools' Music Association Concert at King Street Methodist Church Hall. On this occasion, they sang two of Dyson's "Songs of Courage" which proved to be somewhat beyond their capabilities. The choir's chief weakness lies in its senior section. At the end of summer term 1960 a large number of good voices left, among them Searle and Woodward, and they have not been replaced. It is hoped that this will be remedied next term.

By far the choir's most successful event was the Carol Service held in Stoke Damerel Church. This year there were a number of innovations; the service was held twice, once for parents and once for the School. This arrangement proved to be very successful since far more people were able to attend. Another new feature was the introduction of recitations and readings into the service. These were effectively spoken and provided a welcome change from the usual round of lessons. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Aiton, sang with sensitivity and musical feeling, and was accompanied by J. Bowden, 6A, at the organ. Special mention should be made of Hodgson, 2C, who sang his many solos with considerable aplomb.

The main event of the spring term was the concert held on March 16th.

The first half of the programme was a great success. The evening opened with a polished performance of the overture *Ruy Blas* by Mendelssohn with Mr. R. N. Aiton, F. J. Ackroyd, R. J. Prowse and J. A. Bowden at two pianos. M. E. Powlesland was the violin soloist in Herbert Kinsey's *Serenade* and Surman the clarinet soloist in the difficult Sonata in F minor (last movement) by Brahms, which he performed very creditably. A. P. Ball's guitar solos, Mazurka in G major and *Lagrima*, both by F. Tarrega, were performances of delicate touch, played with great feeling and interpretation. The recorder group of B. C. Hesp, C. L. Hurley, J. R. Nottage, R. E. Palmer and J. L. Pollard, performed very creditably and rhythmically in Telemann's *Minuet and Passepiéd*. M. J. Amery showed his mastery of the violin in Handel's Sonata in F and Mendelssohn's *Muckentanz*, both of which were beautifully

performed. In very great contrast, the school jazz band performed Duke Ellington's *Mood Indigo* and Morton's *Bourbon Street Parade*, in their own inimitable style. The supreme confidence and mastery of each of the instrumentalists combines to produce a performance worthy of the best jazz traditions. The first half closed with a performance at two pianos of *Valse*, Opus 15 by Arensky, in which F. J. Ackroyd and Mr. Aiton were soloists.

The second half of the evening was a decided anti-climax. It consisted of performances by the choir, mainly of ribald sea shanties sung with gusto but no polish. There was an obvious lack of co-operation from the choir, and an audience at such an occasion expects to hear something more classical and accurately harmonized.

This year has seen the start of the rebuilding of the school orchestra. Miss Florence Adams is teaching the violin here once again and several boys are receiving tuition in other instruments. It is hoped that under the keen directorship and guidance of Mr. Aiton the orchestra will resume its position as an active, thriving and important branch of the Music Society. The members at present are fifteen new violinists, one viola, two cellists, one flautist, three clarinetists, three trumpeters; the school is also negotiating the purchase of two trombones.

Next term the Society hopes to resume frequent meetings. All boys from the 4th, 5th and 6th forms will be welcome whatever their tastes, and the programme for the autumn term ranges from "Juke Box Juries" to "live" concerts. We want the Music Society to become really active again and this will provide an excellent opportunity for the senior school to shake itself out of its traditional apathy.

J. A. BOWDEN, M6A.

STAMP CLUB

Owing to a number of factors, including the lure of athletics and similar summer activities, the Stamp Club has not functioned this term, and the display at the Garden Party was thus smaller than usual. However, the Easter term was one of the most successful the Club has ever had, and we hope to re-commence in the autumn term with an equally large membership. A full and varied programme is already being arranged and all boys interested in stamps are urged to attend the first meeting. They will not find the time to be wasted.

My thanks are due, of course, to the other officials of the Club who have all helped to increase the membership, but it is Mr. Hopford who deserves the lion's share of the credit for the junior school's revived interest in the hobby.

M. B. HARRIS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE FIELD CLUB

During the spring term a suggestion was made that members of the Club should make a short trip to a place of local interest. Out of this inauspicious beginning came the idea of a full-scale expedition. The planning of this expedition has, of necessity, meant the severe curtailment of the Club's other activities.

It was decided that Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel was the best place, and accordingly the expedition will leave on the 24th July for a week's camp on Lundy. Thirteen members of the Field Club are going and we are very fortunate in that Mr. Dodd has agreed to lead the party and to direct our enthusiasm into the right channels.

It cannot be said that the expedition is going to be a holiday as there is a mass of scientific work to be done. It is intended that the bird life should be studied primarily, but mosses, bees, wasps, and ants are to be collected. At the same time the pH of the island's soil is to be mapped and there is to be an underwater exploration of the landing beach. Besides this, a colour cine film has to be made and countless photographs, both colour and black and white, have to be taken. The correlating of the results we hope to obtain will occupy the Field Club for the next year.

In conclusion, I must offer my sincere thanks on behalf of the Field Club to all those who have helped develop the idea of the Lundy expedition from the embryonic stage, especially A. D. Pearson, who has been the backbone of the Club for the last two years.

A. NEWTON.

BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club was formed on receipt of a challenge from Plympton Grammar School at the beginning of the school year. Diligent postponement of the date until we had learnt the game proved valuable as we succeeded in winning this first match. The return match on our own territory brought a reversal of the result so a neutral ground will now have to be decided upon.

Despite the over-eagerness of some of the members to practise their technique, the Club has continued to flourish, meetings being held every lunch hour prior to matches. If there are any potential bridge players eager to join they have only to contact an existing member of the Club. We would also be interested in any challenges from inside or outside the school.

Naturally the Club could not function half as well without help from the staff. This has been ably provided by Messrs. Adams and Barkell who, despite full timetables, have managed to find time to take us patiently through the rules and intricacies of the game. Contrary to the opinion of some elements in the school we have been able to prove that bridge can be both recreational and educational without being anti-social.

P. PENGELLY.

CHESS CLUB

At the end of the winter term the school chess teams had completed a very successful season. The Horley Cup team (under 14) won the trophy for the first time, without dropping a point in the progress. However, the Goodman Cup team were a little less fortunate when they lost to St. Boniface in a deciding last match. This encounter caused great excitement as the balance of success seemed to change with every move.

Competition for the inter-House Chess Cup provided less interest as the tussle was really between Raleigh and Gilbert from the start. Both these teams had very strong junior sides, but seniors of generally less ability. Eventually Raleigh were the winners, Gilbert a close second, Grenville third, with Drake fourth.

Again there was a large entry from the Club in the Devon Junior Chess Congress held at Plymouth College. The standard of the players from the school was very high and, as is usual, a fair proportion of the prizes was claimed by these boys. Cresswell was second in the Devon Under-15 Championship; he beat the eventual winner in the first round of the tournament but dropped points in later matches to two of his school colleagues. Winners of other sections were Stevens, Robinson and L. Bignell.

At the end of the summer term Ryder, last year's captain, left the school. He was a sad loss to the Goodman Cup team and his loyal service was greatly appreciated as was that of A. Bignell who also left school.

We look forward now to a new season with great hope of winning the double. We are once again indebted to Mr. Adams for providing a source of continuous interest—Thank you, Sir.

J. D. COUCH, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE PRINTING GROUP

During the spring term the usual routine orders were printed, including dance tickets and the large order for tickets for the annual school play—over a thousand tickets were printed for this one order. The spring term also saw the beginning of the more junior part of the Printing Group—several new members from the lower school joined the Group. These members are being trained by our invaluable helper and guide, Mr. Brimacombe; we are again much indebted to his patient guidance and assistance.

The summer term has been an inactive term for the Group since all the senior members were engaged in the G.C.E. examinations. The Printing Group had its usual display at the Open Day and this was organised by Michael Pearson, who has now taken over leadership of the Group.

A. J. BILLINGS, 6Sc.

Parents' Association

The Association continues to enjoy impressive support from parents and friends and all its functions have been well attended. Since the December dance in the Lower Guildhall we have organised a senior "At Home" in February and a junior one in May, when for over three hours parents were able to discuss problems concerning their sons with masters who teach them—it is debatable who was more exhausted after this marathon!

The whist drive in March attracted about twenty-six tables where players, without undue seriousness, competed for prizes generously donated by friends of the school.

We were extremely fortunate to be able to visit Exeter University as the focal point of our coach trip in May, and everyone was most impressed, both by the tastefully sited buildings and the wonderfully tranquil atmosphere of the Streatham estate. The return journey included brief stops at Moretonhampstead and Princetown.

We have just concluded the major function of our year, the Garden Party. The afternoon was fine, the displays were as interesting, the salesmen as persuasive, and the tea as welcome as usual. Everyone worked tirelessly and we are happy to record a profit of about £216, a few shillings below last year's figure.

During this year the Association has been happy to provide a biology showcase in "D" block; armchairs and curtains for the Headmaster's study; two Bituturf all weather wickets; visual aids for the art department; two trombones to help the school orchestra and a suit of nylon sails for use of the school boat when engaged in racing. Goal nets will be purchased for the School's use at Ham field when facilities show signs of improvement.

The Association elected a sub-Committee under Mr. Harding's chairmanship, to explore the school playing field problem in general and the filling in of the Creek in particular. They have done much useful work through contacting interested parties and through the local press.

The Ladies' section has continued its splendid service in the provision of refreshment for visiting teams and other guests of the school.

We thank parents for their past support and look for their continued help and interest.

Mr. H. G. WARREN.

Correspondence

University College of North Staffs.,
Keele, Staffordshire.

Dear Sir,

The location is Keele in the summer term; a giant unseen hand has turned the volume down. Apart from meal breaks the campus is strangely silent. The Union is often deserted. "Freshers" are busy "spotting" questions, others are trying somehow to reconcile their principal with their subsidiary subjects. Finalists—well the less said the better. Even the strongest will succumb to work. The weather becomes warmer we hope; clothes more casual. One last effort and then freedom!

Where is Keele? Geographically a few miles west of Stoke-upon-Trent, and east of Crewe. Academically it is somewhere between an Oxford College and the future. The founder, Lord Lindsay of Birker was a Balliol man which accounts for the influence of Oxford. He foresaw that modern educational trends would lead to semi-literate scientists and "artists" unable to count. Thus Keele experimented for the future.

In the first year of the four-year course at Keele, everyone does the same studies which range from astronomy and philosophy to politics and archaeology. If the student survives this first year, then he pursues an honours degree course which comprises two subjects at principal subject level and two at subsidiary level. Principal subjects are studied for three years and may be as different as a combination of Physics and Philosophy, Chemistry and Economics or English and Politics. Subsidiary subjects must be different from the principals so that someone taking the first mentioned principal would study History and Politics as his subsidiary subjects.

The ideal for which Keele is striving is that all undergraduates at the college should have a general knowledge of a wide field of academic studies. The Foundation Year, as the first year is called, is not only to acquaint the student with new and varied subjects but to find out for what degree he is best suited. This scheme has certainly worked in my own case. I sat Physics, Chemistry and the two Mathematics at "A" level but I am now reading History and Philosophy for my degree with Politics and Biology as my subsidiary subjects.

Apart from the academic side of life at Keele the social side is of premier importance. The college has 450 male and 350 female students and is fully residential for staff and pupils. Because the staff and students live and learn together there is a great deal of contact and informal discussion both between individual students from varying backgrounds and the dons themselves with students. I have always believed that social graces are important and next

year I shall be chairman of the Social Committee. My other interests are in athletics (Athletics Union Secretary), rugby, which provides two games a week in the winter, cricket (captain of 2nd XI). Life is very full and very enjoyable.

I sincerely hope that many Devonport High School boys will consider the University College of North Staffordshire when contemplating university entry. Although the college is still small and only ten years old, many people in high positions reckon Keele to be the university of the future.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. GRIFFEN.

Dear Sir,

Exeter University.

Before I came to university, I was advised by many graduates that the corporate life of a Hall of Residence was to be preferred to the segregated existence of a student in "digs". This is far from the truth. Certainly, one goes to a university not only to study but to take a full part in social life. At a Hall, one is socially active, but study is difficult. Those foolish people who believe that the desk in their room is to be used when writing essays, are soon disillusioned when three comrades appear with a tempting pack of cards to suggest that it is, in fact, a bridge table.

I live in "digs", thank heavens, together with twelve other students, but far from being cut off from the social life of the university, we find that we cannot accept all our invitations to dances and parties. We have to do some work occasionally, and invitations constantly pack our letter rack. This is probably because there is such a large proportion of women at this university, especially in the Faculty of Arts!

Moreover, in lodgings, we do not have to suffer the indignity of initiation ceremonies which are supposed to induce a feeling of "belonging" or the burden of wearing a gown at dinner. We have a great deal more freedom. We do not have to be in at a set hour in the evening, and no one complains if we arrive a few minutes late for a meal. It is significant that as soon as a student has a really important exam to face, he tries to escape from the riotous regimentation of his Hall of Residence to the seclusion of "digs".

The only thing wrong with university life is that the days are too short so that most of us suffer from lack of sleep, especially towards the end of term, when lectures and essays rarely disturb the general mood of festivity. Dances decide to start at about 10 p.m. and jive themselves into the early hours. Even the academic departments hold "convivial gatherings", but these are less hectic and more artificial. One sips coffee and discusses the weather with a lecturer and his wife.

Such is the end of term atmosphere here, sometimes Bacchanalian, sometimes stuffy and pretentious, but rarely is it boring. Many of my friends are going home with the intention of earning enough money over the vacation to be able to enjoy next term to the full, and, incidentally, to buy a few books.

Yours faithfully,

BOB BRISCOE.

Royal College of Music,
South Kensington, London, S.W.7.

Dear Sir,

Instead of the usual letter from Oxford or Cambridge a letter from London, the city of extremes. London, the city of millionaires and paupers, of dirt and startling beauty, of pleasure and hard work. It is very easy for a student coming to London to be disillusioned if he is expecting nothing but a life of pleasure in the "big city" which he consciously equates with theatres and concerts and unconsciously with sin in the broadest sense of the word. Do not be misled, this is not the student's lot in London.

For a student, London is a city where money is always short and work always plentiful. Obviously I can speak only as a music student but two of my acquaintances, an historian and a medical student, assure me that their situations are similar. Another problem is that it is extremely difficult to jog your professor into thinking that you have studied the set pieces when you have not. Every tutorial is a performance but the audience is very small! The standard is so high that what you have considered a thorough piece of work is often torn to pieces before your eyes and you are left with the job of putting it together again.

A student is struck by the great wealth of certain districts here—Knightsbridge and Kensington for example—and the severe conditions in east London docklands, Fulham and Shepherds Bush. Both Marnham and the Barbican seem middle-class in comparison. Also there is the still "hot" question of the coloured minority. In Plymouth people speak glibly about this problem because they see nothing of it, but here it is a grave reality. A solution seems farther away than ever and discontent seethes beneath apparent politeness.

London is a city of dirt and it takes some getting used to! To come from a city such as Plymouth blown by fresh, clean sea air to London blown by smoke from chimneys along the Thames is a big leap. Two clean collars a day does not seem rash and you want to wash your hands every five minutes of the day. As usual, however, there is the other extreme: the grace and beauty of Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park and Kew which takes your breath away. The marvels of the museums and the National and Tate Galleries will hold you spellbound and a painting such as Leonardo's "Virgin of the Rocks" is enough to make you rejoice that you came

to London. You could visit the gallery any day just to gaze on that one painting with its irresistible fascination.

I do not want to deter students from coming to London, merely to ensure that they know what to expect. Opportunities for research and hard work are unlimited. Some of the world's great musicians come to lecture at the College and give concerts, for example, Stokowski, Richter and Oistrakh. A student in London may see or hear the works of some of the great men in the world of art. No other city in the British Isles affords this to the same degree.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. SEARLE.

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Thursday, 28th December, 1961 is the date for the 1961 Annual General Meeting, which will be held again in the Dolphin Restaurant, Co-operative House, Royal Parade, Plymouth. Last year's function was voted a great success by all who attended. A very interesting meeting was followed by a convivial gathering and buffet supper. This is obviously the type of evening which the majority of members favour.

Last March we experimented with a new venture for Easter. The Old Boys' Rugger team played a combined School and Exiles XV on the Albion Ground, whilst the School First XI met the Old Boys' Premier Division Soccer team on the adjoining Civil Service pitch. The former resulted in a 17-3 points win for the Old Boys. Don McKay's "hat trick" against the School materially helped in a 5-2 soccer success.

Everyone adjourned to the Albion clubroom afterwards for refreshments and spent the rest of the evening holding inquests over the games. Not so many spectators arrived as the Committee hoped—those who stayed away missed a most enjoyable evening. This must now become an annual event, giving members three chances to foregather during each year.

The cricket match versus the staff was held at Collings Park on the 20th July. Time prevented a full game but our reply of

61 for 4 to the Staff's 122 for 5 was a gesture at least. Following last year's pattern we went back to the Plymouth Cricket Club to round off the evening. Thanks are due to Messrs. Lockwood and Mears for donating raffle prizes.

This year's successful school cricket team proved too strong for us, although it must be said that several exiles failed to make contact in time to participate. The Secretary's last minute dash to "Chez Dingle" to convert the bearded Dan from a busman to a cricketer paid dividends. His lusty batting for 18 not out made our total a little more respectable at 43. The Secretary's chagrin at being bowled second ball for a duck was not improved by a hollow laugh from his son fielding in the slips!

However, the game was full of incident, the ladies of the Parents' Association provided an excellent tea and we would have been sorry indeed to have robbed the school of their undefeated record in their final game! They passed our total for the loss of five wickets. We congratulate them and add thanks to their twelfth man for completing our team.

Our badminton, rugger and soccer teams have again had a season of mixed fortunes. It is pleasant to note a number of more recent school-leavers joining the Rugby Club; the influx of new blood did much to improve their record in the latter half of the season.

Members are firmly reminded that their replies to circulars (acceptances or regrets) are required by the Committee.

D. GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

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The Branch membership remains fairly steady. We have lost N. Chaff and P. Crowther to Bath and Bristol respectively, and John Lewthwaite and Philip Waye, sank without trace.

Mike Allison, Colin Bray, Paul and Robin Miller have joined us. Our latest addition is L. R. Murray, 1917-22, Secretary of the Westminster Bank.

G. C. Philpotts, B.Sc., 1936-41, is moving to Exeter as head of the Electrical Engineering and Science Department of the Technical College.

I hear O'Dowd is in London but haven't heard from him. R. Collings rang me once. I haven't heard from Coakley, Cousins, Willcocks, Pullin, Wattley, who are somewhere about.

Graham Ashworth (1945-52) came to the Annual Meeting. We hope to have M. J. Widdecombe back.

The Annual Dinner was held on January 20th. Miss Joan Vickers, M.P., graced the proceedings and we were happy to see the Headmaster and Messrs. Whitfield, Tamblin and Warren—also Miss Warren, not to mention Tom and Mrs. Burton. There was an attendance of 70.

The Annual Meeting was thinner than usual. April 14th was a bad time apparently as the Easter holidays were still on.

Mr. R. Ferraro turned up at a Get-together on June 2nd. Col. M. V. Halloran, not long home from Kenya, was present and had time for a good yarn with F. K. Duke, who is shortly going there for a turn of duty.

The Reunion at Trent Park was on July 8th. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. T. Simmonds were there to welcome us, with Bill (plus wife and 2 children), John, David and Elizabeth. The threat of bad weather kept many away but the 100 who came enjoyed the trip as usual. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway were there with the new baby. Paul Miller came in the new car bringing Robert and A. Wood.

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The formation of the Branch was reported in the notes of the parent body and London Branch in the January issue of the magazine, together with a list of those members attending the inaugural meeting. We were extremely pleased to welcome at that meeting the Headmaster and Messrs. Tamblin and Collings from Plymouth, and Messrs. Austin and Drummond from London, and thank them for their helpful advice.

I venture to say that we are now firmly established with a membership approaching the 50 mark (regrettably not all paid up) and our first "function" behind us. However, the potential membership in the district must be enormous and I shall be pleased to receive any news of Old Boys who may not be aware of the existence of the Branch.

Having started off very well, we have been struck two very bad blows. In January we lost our Secretary, Des Reed, who was posted to Scotland, and more recently we have heard that our Chairman, J. M. Widdecombe, will shortly be returning to London. We congratulate the latter on his promotion to Director of Victualling and trust that the London Branch will be well pleased with their capture. These two between them were responsible for the

formation of the Branch, and it is a pity that after all their work they will not be here to see it grow into maturity.

In February we held a "beer and skittles" evening at the Crown Hotel, Saltford. The attendance (21) was gratifying when it is realised that we were in the middle of the flu epidemic. All appeared to enjoy the evening, during which L. R. Truscott won a small trophy for the best individual skittler and Bristol beat Bath in a team match. At the "do" we were pleased to welcome Messrs. C. Joslin and E. W. G. Redman from Bristol and G. E. Bryant recently returned from Malta.

In March A. J. Hawkins returned to Bath from "up North" and we lost R. A. Dwyer to Plymouth (on promotion).

At the beginning of June we held a car treasure hunt in which eleven cars took part. The weather was perfect and all those who joined in agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening and one that should be repeated. The "runs" took us over twenty miles of country roads between Bristol and Bath and ended up at a suitably positioned hostelry. The result was very close, Don Miles just getting the odd point over R. J. G. Hodges with A. R. Smale (1916-22) third. The prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Widdecombe, after which Mr. Widdecombe was presented with a cigarette box and table lighter. In making this presentation Mr. F. W. J. Lawrence, our new Chairman, said that the gift was a token of our appreciation for the work put in by Mr. Widdecombe in whipping up the enthusiasm for this new branch.

H. D. D. THOMAS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

The past season was not one of any great success for either the 1st XI or the reserve XI. The 1st XI did reach the semi-final of the Premier Cup only to lose by the only goal of the match scored in the last two minutes. It was played in atrocious conditions of wind and rain. In the league, the 1st XI finished in the lower half of the table.

The reserve XI had a better second half to the season and had some creditable wins including the defeat of Navy United following a 9-4 reversal the previous week. Not a very creditable season, but some good football was played at times.

E. DAMERELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

This has been a very good year indeed for Old Boys as you will read further on, but before we pass on to that may I ask you again for several things which you might have available:

- (a) Any musical instruments we can add to our orchestra;
- (b) Any photographs of school 1st teams before 1939;
- (c) Any magazines, Nos. 1-10—goes back a long way.

We had an unexpected visitor the other day, Bert Mantle's son. Bert, as you know, was here as a pupil in 1895. His son, over here on a vacation course, is a lecturer in the University of Saskatchewan. Mrs. Mantle junior and Mrs. Clements (Bert's sister) accompanied him and thoroughly enjoyed an hour in the school. Bert gave us a new school prize, as you will see from the next Speech Day lists.

Our heartiest congratulations to the following chaps on their recent degré examination results:

B. Blight, Senior Optime, Cambridge; J. Ellis 2A Archaeology, Birmingham; D. Wright 2/2 English and Philosophy, Cambridge; J. Mitchel 2/1 Geography, Exeter; J. Badcock 2/1 Modern Languages, Leeds; B. Widger and A. Brimacombe, Phy. Ed., Loughborough, both with Distinction and both staying on for a further year; N. Dingle, Carnegie Phy. Ed. and appointed to staff of Abbeywood Comprehensive School; A. J. Collings, 2B Chemistry, Birmingham, and awarded a Research Scholarship to read for his M.Sc. and Ph.D.; P. Eames 2/1 Medicine, Cambridge; V. Slade, 2/2 English, Edinburgh; G. Mason, 2/1 Russian, Birmingham; J. P. Read, Hons. Economics, Nottingham.

Congratulations too to:

M. Widdcombe, O.B.E., appointed Director of Victualling for the R.N.; J. F. T. Wood (1938-44) appointed a Director of the Chamberlain Group; W. F. Holmes (1920-27), appointed Secretary to the Church Education Corporation; R. Hallett (1954-59) Scottish Schools Athletics Champion 100 yds. and Long Jump—he enters Edinburgh University next October; H. Dowrick (1934-40) appointed an Inspector with National Provincial Bank, London.

Another visitor was Arthur Bennett (Bert Mantle please note—1895-1905) who called in and left with us several copies of early magazines, together with a photograph of the School Cricket XI of 1904. His mother, who is 94 this year, remembers the time when D.H.S. took girls as well as boys—she was here. Arthur now lives in Birmingham.

K. SMITH (1950-56). Married Anne Brockington on June 3rd. His wife is an Old Girl of Stoke Damerel.

R. F. LYON. Contemporary with Mr. Barkell has been appointed President of the S.A.B.A. Congratulations!

G. WALKER (1952-59). R.A.F. Henlow, has just returned from a visit to Scandinavia. Next year he is to visit France and Germany, but he also tells us that the course is hard—though most enjoyable.

N. WORKMAN (1950-58). Has just been posted to Montevideo with Cable and Wireless. He tells me that any more chaps who like adventure should think of his firm.

R. A. DENYER (1926-33). Has returned to Plymouth on promotion. His son is in the first year.

J. P. READ (1948-56). Now at Nottingham University after his National Service in the R.A.F. Married and is appointed as Assistant Town Planner to Essex County.

T. N. HITCHINGS (1926-31). Has just joined the Bath Branch. He is a chemist in Shaftesbury.

D. J. RUMBLE (1955-60). Now with British Railways, is posted to Southampton Dieselisation staff.

D. BLACKLER (1950-57). Now at Edinburgh, where he is reading for B.A. (Psychology) and M.Sc. (Economics).

F./Lt. G. J. PAPE (1939-46). Posted to St. Mawgan on Long Range Reconnaissance work and is now the proud father of two boys. The youngest is just seven months old.

F./Lt. D. DEWDNEY (1939-46). Is a Navigator Instructor at Thorny Island, but he says he is thinking of civilian life again.

T. W. R. STEVENS (1956-61). Wrote us a most interesting letter from New Guinea. He is enjoying life and working hard. His address is c/o The Post Office L.A.E., New Guinea.

S. BURGHILL (1959-60). Has been awarded an Outward Bound Scholarship through the School of Navigation.

F. W. J. LAWRENCE (1923-30). Assistant Director of Navy Accounts at Bath, has taken over as Chairman of the Bath O.B.A. Thank you. All the O.Bs. in the Bath and Bristol area are asked to rally round.

R. G. CONYBEARE (1950-57). Appointed Assistant Master to teach Geography at the Friends' School, Saffron Walden. This is a fine job to start a teaching career. Congratulations!

M. J. WOODWARD (1954-61). Has had a good year at Cambridge and has called in several times with "Kipper" HUGHES, "Ginger" WALKER, ROBIN SEAGAR, JOHN PARSONS and DAN DINGLE. They all seem full of life and energy—note the envy of middle age!

R. B. McLEAN. Here for one year when his parents visited England three years ago, has married Julie Smith in Shawnee, Kansas.

F. E. WILLIAMS (1948-56). Qualified with Boots and has now been appointed as a Pharmacist at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Well done!

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