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EDITORIAL.

It is a custom, most miserable yoke, to preface our publication with something, which, by virtue of its character and position, may be termed an Editorial, and as our 'bete noire' once more confronts us, we crave the indulgence of a critical public.

As the watchmen of old, from their battlement and tower, cried into the night "'Tis Well,' yet knew not what might come against them out of the night, so is it with us, who, in our little world, yet go toiling, rejoicing and progressing on our way. The sword of Damocles, indeed, hangs over us with startling suddenness in the shape of the dreaded 'Axe.' The cause of Education, bitterly assailed by would-be Economists, is hard put to it to stay the impetuous hands of unthinking politicians, whilst, already, subtle and insidious tentacles are stretched forth to suck the very life-blood of the nation. For, who will maintain that an Empire, such as ours, can thrive on any but an educated Democracy?

Yet are we optimists. Education at this critical hour is not lacking in champions and we are confident that the level-headed, and far-sighted men and women, among those who control our affairs may yet achieve, to-day, a lasting benefit for the child of tomorrow.

A memorable event, the precursor of many similar such happenings we hope, prompts us to wax eloquent on a matter in which Devonport High School is, strangely enough, at present lacking—we refer to the Old Boys' Reunion Dinner in London, and the visions it consequently engenders of an Old Boys' Association. 'Tis said—and wisely so—that Youth is the happiest and best era of our life's cycle, and to that wonderful storehouse of his memory wherein his youth is chronicled, a man invariably turns for reminiscent pleasure—base is he, indeed, whose School life terminates

without a pang of regret, or in whose after life there enters no affection for his Alma Mater ! Those Old D.H.S.-ians, who have cruised awhile on Life's waters, may appreciate to what a veritable Paradise, in truth, our School existence approaches, more fully even than we, who, alas, are all too soon to voyage forth on our Great Adventure. 'Tis into this gulf between School and the larger World that the Old Boys' Association must step, and to our knowledge, it needs but the stroke of a master hand or the will of some earnest Old Boy, to gather a vast array of loyal Old Boys, eager to found a structure, which, in that broader and wider World, may bring laud and honour to that time-honoured slogan 'Prorsum Semper Honeste.'

When the time comes, as we feel sure it soon will, let the Old Boys be firm of purpose and of one mind, for the seed has even now been sown let it not perish for lack of sustenance !

NOTES.

With the departure of Waters last term, the School loses a 'stalwart' from its Athletic Field. Having secured the 4th place in an Entrance Examination, he now enters the Navy as a Paymaster-Cadet. We hasten to accord him our heartiest congratulations on his achievement, wishing him every success in his career in the Senior Service.

In the recent College of Preceptors Examinations Thompson obtained Senior Honours with three distinctions, and Gale, attained Junior Honours, with six distinctions. We heartily congratulate them.

In London Matriculation results for January last we again shone, Ingram and Kingdon were placed in the First Division, whilst Burch and Hodgess secured the Second Division. Congrats !

Congratulations are certainly due to the members of the School's Savings Association, in particular Mr. Hutchings, the hard-working and successful Honorary Secretary, on achieving the grand total of £2,500 before the Association's fifth birthday. The amount collected to date is £2,900.

Jeffery (iii), the splendid 1st XI centre-forward, is to be heartily congratulated, on his achievement this season of 'bagging' 34 goals (to date). This creates a record for individual scoring in the School's Football history, the previous best being that of Sewell, who in the season 1916-17 secured 31 goals.

To the members of the cast in the French Play we would say, 'Well Done,' in token of our appreciation of the able and spirited rendering of 'Les Fourberies de Scapin,' a performance which, in theatre parlance, fairly "brought the 'house' down" and earned a storm of congratulations for the actors and actresses?

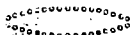
We draw our readers attention to an article on a later page of this issue, thinking that it should be of great interest to those members of the School who are keen athletes. Written by an Old Boy, Mr. H. G. Hallett, a splendid athlete himself, the article contains several noteworthy features all of which should be carefully borne in mind by the younger athletes when they prepare for May 31st next, the date of our Athletic Festival this year. To Mr. Hallett himself we render our sincere thanks for his practical interest in our doings, and offer him our somewhat tardy congratulations on his many achievements in Westcountry Athletics, achievements too numerous to mention herewith.

To Mr. Martin, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., our new Visiting Music Tutor, we extend a hearty welcome. His talented solos on the Guildhall Organ were much appreciated on Speech Day.

The last issue of the Magazine, we are glad to say, just paid its way, a circumstance for which the Editor heartily thanks his subscribers both in and out of the School. 'Tis a hard world for School Magazines just now.

Another Form Magazine has 'hatched out' lately, under the title of 'The Monthly,' which emanates from Vb. This promises to be as successful as its contemporary the 'Juniors' Journal' which, like Johnny Walker is still going strong. We might inform the youthful editors of 'The Monthly' that their initial Editorial contains a statement which is far from correct. The School Magazine is emphatically not a Sixth Form Magazine—it stands as a record of the doings of the whole School and not for any particular section. True it is that the Editors are selected from the Sixth Form, but this is the only connection, it being both right and proper that the Sixth Form, of necessity comprising the more Senior Boys, should furnish, year by year, the holders of distinguished and important School Offices.

We have great regret in recording the untimely decease of one of our Preparatory Pupils, J. Burns, who succumbed to appendicitis on December 9th, 1921.



SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The amended list of School Officers is as follows :—

PREFECTS.—N. L. Rowe (Senior Prefect), C. E. Pike, E. J. Riggs, A. L. Stephens, R. J. Merren, F. E. A. Thompson, T. Reep, L. F. Ingram, H. C. Lillicrap, E. Harris, R. Rich, D. W. Diamond, F. Hodgess, A. E. Stephens.

SPORTS' COMMITTEE.—Masters and Prefects.

1st XI (Football)—Captain, C. E. Pritchard, Vice-Captain, A. L. Stephens, Secretary, N. L. Rowe.

HOUSE CAPTAINS—"Raleigh," R. Rich; "Drake," T. Reep; "Gilbert," R. J. Merren; "Grenville," N. L. Rowe.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.—Committee :
N. L. Rowe, (Chairman), E. J. Riggs, (Secretary), A. L. Stephens, C. E. Pike, R. J. Merren, A. E. Stephens, (Musical Director.)

CADET CORPS.—Commanding Officer :—Cadet-Captain, H. Ferraro; Cadet-Lieutenants, A. Hutchings and C. F. Armor.

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

FOUR

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

J. B. KINGDON.—Entered School, January, 1913; appointed Prefect, September, 1920; now Studying Engineering.

R. M. BURCH.—Entered School, January, 1920; appointed Prefect, January, 1921; Entered the Teaching Profession.

R. K. WATERS.—Entered School, September, 1916; appointed Prefect, September, 1921; Captain of "Raleigh," September, 1920—December, 1921; Captain 1st XI (Football), September, 1920—December, 1921; Full Colours (Football), 1920-1921 1st XI (Cricket) 1921; Victor Ludorum, 1920 and 1921; Entered Royal Navy as Paymaster-Cadet.

"THE FLAME."

Have you not felt it, deep in your breast
As you mounted the first few stairs,
A sudden stirring of all that is best
A nameless emotion that flares,
Then dies as you reach the top?

The mighty Sixth lose it, they haunt the "Big Door"
 For the sake of their white-panelled pride.
 It's to you who push from the deep ground-floor,
 With your pals in front and beside,
 And the prefects controlling the crush.

It's to you that it comes—a nameless pride,
 The spirit of the School!
 It's in you, around you, on every side
 Unbounded by book or by rule,
 Yet you know that it's everywhere.

What else may't be but a living flame?
 For many have mounted these stairs,
 Who fed the flame, and left us a name,
 And as yours are, so were their cares
 For they loved the "School on the Hill."

As now you climb, so they climbed here
 Now they mount the stairs of life
 They ascend through life, and have no fear
 Their fond thoughts turn, in every strife
 To the old, gray "School on the Hill."

BROCKV.

FOOTBALL.

The Football season now drawing to a close has been uniformly successful from all points of view. The results of School games have been satisfactory, the attendance regularly large, and the interest, as evidenced by the form matches, sustained to the very last. The five pitches have been in constant demand, and especially by the smaller boys.

Altogether to date 53 matches have been played by the three elevens; 20 House Matches, and 56 "Form" Matches. The School games results can be tabulated thus:—

Eleven.	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals.	
					For.	Against.
1st	22	15	4	3	108	20
2nd	15	12	0	3	80	20
3rd	16	11	0	5	88	30

From this it will be seen that the Goals "For" are quite high in comparison with those "Against" Jeffery iii, of the 1st

Eleven has scored 34 goals thus setting up a new record for the School, the previous record being 31 goals. Half way through the season Waters, the Captain, left, and was succeeded by Pritchard who has well maintained the School spirit on the Field.

Thanks are due to these masters particularly Mr. Austin and Mr. Heather whose services in matters of advice and refereeing have been inestimable and are greatly appreciated by the boys.

THE ELEVEN.

PRITCHARD.—Captain; full colours, centre half back and an untiring leader, resourceful and capable both with feet and head.

STEPHENS.—Vice-Captain; full colours; left half; has done well; needs to be quicker in recovery; feeds his wing well.

ROWE.—Secretary; full colours; inside right; very keen and hardworking; weak in shooting at times.

JEFFERY i.—Committee; full colours; left back; splendid defender; always reliable and safe.

GREGORY i.—Committee, full colours; Right back and goal-keeper; best all round player in the eleven.

JEFFERY iii.—Full Colours; centre forward; good shot with either foot; uses his head well; is now the holder of the School record for goals scored.

SPRAY.—Half Colours; right back; very capable player and always reliable; uses his head well.

GOSLING.—Half colours; outside right; has been a tower of strength; with more experience will do even better.

PRICE.—Half colours; outside left; centres finely and has done quite well.

REEP.—Right half; came into the eleven when Waters left; has been a pronounced success; improves every match.

PEARCE.—Inside left; has done well, but is given too much to high kicking when shooting.

INGRAM.—Committee; reserve, has played at half and forward, and done well.

2nd ELEVEN.

The second eleven led by Ingram has had a good season, the outstanding players being Hurding, Hodgess, Stitson, Billing and Glover. The form shewn, gives promise of another successful season next year when the majority will probably figure in the first XI.

3rd ELEVEN.

There has been some variety of form shewn by the third eleven probably due to the changing of players but the results have been good. The outstanding players have been Bray, Newton, Harding and Ward.

HOUSE MATCHES (to date).

House.	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Pts.	Perctg.
Raleigh	10	6	3	1	15	75.00
Drake	10	5	2	3	12	60.00
Gilbert	10	4	0	6	8	50.00
Grenville	10	2	1	7	5	25.00

1st XI.

Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	Goals.	
			For.	Against.
Hoe Grammar School 1st XI	Home	Won	16	0
Corporation Grammar School				
1st XI.	Away	Draw	3	3
Junior Technical School 1st XI.	Home	Won	14	0
Peverell Wesleyans	Home	Won	7	0
Mr. Stidever's Eleven	Home	Won	3	0
Kingsbridge G. School 1st XI.	Away	Won	9	1
Mr. Stidever's Eleven	Home	Won	4	0
H.M.S. "Impregnable" (Boys)				
1st XI.	Home	Lost	1	2
Peverell Wesleyans	Home	Won	7	0
Mutley Baptists	Home	Won	6	0
Corporation G. School 1st XI.	Home	Draw	1	1
Liskeard County School, 1st XI.	Away	Lost	0	3
H.M.S. "Impregnable" (Boys)				
1st XI.	Away	Lost	0	4
Totnes Grammar School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	6	1

1st XI.=continued.

Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	Goals.	
			For.	Against.
Senior Technical School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	7	0
Mr. Stidever's Eleven	Home	Won	3	2
Plymouth United Banks	Home	Draw	1	1
St. Boniface College, 1st XI.	Home	Won	5	0
Totnes Grammar School, 1st XI	Away	Won	7	1
Kingsbridge Grammar School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	4	0
Plymouth Technical College, 1st XI.	Home	Draw	0	0
Mr. Stidever's XI.	Home	Won	4	1

2nd XI.

Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	Goals.	
			For.	Against.
Corporation Grammar School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	8	2
Junior Technical School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	12	0
Senior Technical School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	5	0
Junior Technical School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	4	1
H.M.S. "Impregnable" (Boys) 2nd XI.	Away	Lost	2	3
Senior Technical School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	8	0
H.M.S. "Impregnable" (Boys) 2nd XI.	Home	Lost	2	3
Hoe Grammar School 1st XI.	Away	Won	2	0
Junior Technical School 1st XI.	Home	Won	6	3
Plympton Grammar School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	6	1
Hoe Grammar School, 1st XI.	Away	Lost	0	1
Plympton Grammar School, 1st XI.	Away	Won	10	2
Peverell Private School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	6	1
Junior Technical School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	3	2
Hoe Grammar School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	6	1

3rd XI.

Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	Goals.	
			For.	Against.
Mutley Grammar School 1st XI.	Home	Won	13	1
Plympton Grammar School, 1st XI.	Home	Lost	3	5
Mutley Grammar School, 1st XI.	Away	Lost	4	6
Mutley Grammar School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	7	0
Plympton Grammar School, 1st XI.	Away	Lost	1	4
Junior Technical School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	11	2
Hoe Grammar School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	3	1
Mutley Grammar School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	11	1
Junior Technical School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	4	0
Mutley Grammar School, 1st XI.	Away	Won	5	2
Mutley Grammar School, 1st XI.	Home	Won	12	0
Hoe Grammar School, 2nd XI.	Home	Lost	1	2
Mutley Grammar School, 1st XI.	Away	Won	7	2
Hoe Grammar School, 2nd XI.	Home	Lost	1	3
Junior Technical School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	2	0
Hoe Grammar School, 2nd XI.	Home	Won	3	1
School Games.				
Peeverell Boys (D.H.S.-ians)	Home	Won	8	0
Ford Boys (D.H.S.-ians)	Home	Drawn	3	3
Devonport Boys (D.H.S.-ians)	Home	Won	5	1

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' DINNER.

Saturday, March 4th, 1922.

Of the last Old Boys' Dinner held on January 10th, 1913, it was written, "It was a warm and rainy evening."

Maybe some bygone stalwarts of D.H.S., well versed in the chronicles of their Alma Mater, bethought them of that phrase as

in the warm humidity of London's quick-change climate they wended their way through the brilliance of Oxford Street to Pritchard's Restaurant, where, if report spoke true wine and wassail and abundant mirth awaited them

Through the glittering restaurant with its gay air to the special apartment with flowered tables set for our use. A score of hands flash up before you. You grip and are gripped; exchange greetings; tear off in a flash the shroud time has grown over a host of memories. In a moment you have recaptured the atmosphere of D.H.S. Groups swell and dwindle and grow again, chattering, jesting, bantering, rejoicing.

It is almost an hour after the time scheduled for dinner that the initial cordialities—and cordials—have simmered down and we take our seats before a tempting table, set U-shape, the Chairman (Mr. Arthur Treseder, M.A.) sitting at the head.

Dinner is served. In 1913 the scribe passed over the Dinner as being "after all a merely mechanical adjunct," but who can dismiss such gastronomic excellences as fell to our lot that happy evening with a superior wave of the hand? Savoury hors d'oeuvres, delicious soup, salmon of delicate pink, exquisite Tormedos, brown duck bordered with green peas, cherry ice, café.

It has been established as a psychological fact that palatable viands make generosity and good will to leap in the breast. On the occasion of which we speak they leapt heartily; in the case of some it may be said they tangoed. The chef's skill had ample reward.

Thus to thirty old D.H.S.-ians flushed with sumptuous fare the Head toasted H.M. George V., amid enthusiasm. Henceforward followed a flood of eloquence from the orators chosen for the evening, tintured with pleasant musical numbers from J. Phillips, A. T. Brooks and C. B. Hosking. Phillips' song "Glorious Devon" was received with tumultuous applause, the chorus going forth lustily from thirsty throats, all loyal to the West Countree.

Hosking rendered that popular lilting, "My old Shako" and Brooks showed us that he is still a runner up to Robey, in that although unassisted by theatrical make-up he kept us in roars of merriment with songs of the type we learnt long ago to associate almost entirely with him.

But the Speeches. F. Olford demonstrated his iron nerve by "opening the ball," proposing the Professions. Expressing his reluctance to give a forensic display he spoke briefly in laud of the professional ranks and the toast being drunk, sat down amid fulsome cheers and empty wine glasses. To him replied, Dr. Samuel who as a humble member of the medical profession felt overcome with the honour done by the proposer, and Lt. Waters, who paid tribute to the School to whose glory the presence of so many professional men reflected.

Dr. R. J. Mc Neill Love, his years heavy upon him, toasted the services. In proof of his extreme age, he ventured to indulge in some reminiscences of his school days so far back as 1905 or thereabouts. After this he remembered about the Services and raised his glass to their health.

Following rose Dr. F. E. J. Johnson who although really a professional man served long enough in the Army to entitle him to reply. He made several sly digs at the proposer whom he alleged; he remembers attaining 3rd Class Hons. in the College of Preceptors with a distinction in Scripture. (Loud Applause). Lt. A. T. Brooks next took up the strain and thanked the proposer in a few well chosen words.

The School was toasted by the Secretary R. F. E. Cock, who reminded us that the happiest of school times were not always the most exemplary. No one however could possibly have any regrets about D.H.S. Which toast was drunk spiritedly mostly in lees, for had not most of the wine been sacrificed to sundry other toasts?

In replying the Headmaster recalled that fact that the last Dinner had been held over nine years ago—and nine such years! He referred to those who had dined with us before and now lay in a foreign land, to the "Immortal 56,"—our portion of the Great Sacrifice. This amid silence. Then enthusiasm brims as he touches upon the bright prospects of the School, its success in sport and academics. At the time of the last Dinner it numbered 240; now 440. But while, he said, he grew prouder of the School as years advanced, he had pride also in that larger D.H.S., of which those gathered together were so fair an ensample. D.H.S., was no longer contained within four walls. Not even the Empire could hold it.

Finally E. C. Cammack brought forward a proposal that an Old Boys' Association should be formed. Seconded by H. J. M. Westlake and carried nem. com. It was further suggested that Mr. H. Ferraro should be asked to undertake the general secretaryship, A. T. Brooks being elected as Secretary of the London Branch and a small Committee formed.

Three cheers were called for the Head. Good humour bubbled. Ancient brotherhood had been reestablished.

In the meantime we had sent our tickets on a tour of the table for autographs, a happy idea inaugurated by the Head. An excellent souvenir of the occasion was the result. From a ticket before us we descry the following signatures; A. T. Brooks, E. E. Cammack, R. H. Couchman, R. F. E. Cock, E. E. Cock, M. J. Collier, R. N. Curnow, J. B. Heywood-Waddington, C. B. Hosking, H. Heard, R. E. Holwell, E. Hitchcock, F. E. J. Johnson, H. J. Luscombe, R. J. McNeill Love, H. S. Marks, K. S. Mason, F. Olford,

H. Pett, J. Phillips, J. D. Reed, A. Reed, T. Samuel, B. Stribling, J. A. Screech, W. O. Sims, H. C. C. Taylor, H. J. M. Westlake, J. Waters and E. G. Williams.

(A wire was received from Engr. Rear Admiral Sidney Rider announcing that he was prevented from attending at the last moment).

"Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" terminated festivities. A merry band set loose at 11-45., we issued into the now deserted Oxford Street, contributing our quota to the Brightening of London.

R. F. E. C.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

The Dinner held on March 4th, revealed the fact that there are quite a number of Old Boys resident in London. In order to enable these to keep in touch with one another and with the doings of their Old School it was decided to form an Old Boys' Association. A Committee was appointed to consider the lines on which the Association could best be worked and Mr. A. T. Brooks was asked to accept the Secretaryship.

The Annual Subscription for members resident in London is 5/-. Those residing outside the London area may be enrolled as Hon. Members at a yearly subscription of 2/6. The subscription in both cases will secure the delivery of the School Magazine. It is hoped to acquire Club premises and Hon. Members on an occasional visit to London will be entitled to full membership privileges during their stay. Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. A. T. Brooks, 41 Gayville Road, West Side, Clapham, S.W., 11., or from Mr. H. Ferraro who is acting as Secretary at School Headquarters.

THE ATHLETIC WORLD.

Training hints for Sports and General Physical Fitness).

(By an Old D.H.S.-ian—now a Champion Athlete.—Ed).

The boy who is fit, absolutely fit, feeling "top hole" from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, is a boy to be envied. There isn't a grouse in him. He doesn't chew the rag because it's a wet day, and the rain prevents him from doing something he particularly wants to do. Not a bit of it, he knows, rain or no rain, how to get the fullest enjoyment out of his existence.

Now, the cause of this wonderful feeling is health,— good health. Health is something that doesn't come to you accidentally, like a grain of dust in the eye ; it's something that you must deserve before you get it. Some clever man said health was the birthright of everybody. It may be, but very few except those who take the trouble to earn that birthright ever get it, and there is nothing worth having that's to be got without taking trouble.

At last year's Sports at Montpelier, the open 100 yards was won in $2/5$ sec., over the record for Plymouth College.

The open 440 yards took 7 seconds longer than the record for The Royal College, Worcester.

The long Jump equalled the long standing record for the R.N. College, Dartmouth.

The High Jump was only one inch below the record for King's College, Worcester.

These records can be excelled and it is in the hands of you, who are bearing the colours we once bore, to do it. In this brief article it is impossible to give you all the hints one would desire, but I will deal with the more important items ; those which include the results of personal experience.

Having decided that it is really worth while taking the trouble to get fit, be careful also to decide to get fit steadily. You must train, not strain. Half-an-hour a day,—fifteen minutes in the morning and fifteen in the evening—will be ample, and you can all spare that. Some of you will say you get all the exercise you require from your games. But it is not correct. You don't play games all day, nor do they bring all your muscles into play. A little each day is essential and ideal. You can't miss one day and do double the next. The strongest muscle you have in your body is in your jaw because you are daily using it.

First, then, we will discuss some of the exercises we can do. You do many yourselves, at School, and all are very useful. The morning work must not be severe, as the body is not ready for very vigorous an exercise immediately after rising. Open the window wide and breath in deeply through the nose, exhaling through the mouth. Raise and lower the arms to their fullest extent as you respectively inhale and exhale. About six or seven times will suffice. Now try a chest expansion movement ten times. Bring the arms out straight to the front, palms of hands inwards and swing them back as far as they will go, without straining, then return to normal. In all exercises breathe in as the body is moved from the normal position at the commencement, and breathe out as the normal position is recovered. Don't be slow ; don't hurry the movement. Now we will follow on with :—

No. 2. Fifty steps each leg, stationary running.

This may later be increased to 100. One minute.

No. 3. The old and very useful body bending forward, and touch the toes. One minute.

No. 4. A fine leg exercise. Hips firm, on the toes and full knee bend. Go down until your knees touch the floor in front of you Two minutes.

At night repeat the above and add :—

No. 5. For body strengthening. Lie flat on back with hands behind the head. Raise the legs slowly to perpendicular position, and gently lower. Three minutes.

No. 6. Adopt the above position with arms back straight. The feet should be held down by any weight e.g., a chair until proficient in this exercise. Raise the body with hands at full stretch and gradually bend forward and touch the toes.

No. 7. Skip for about three minutes to make the limbs more active after these slow exercises.

Take a brisk rub down after exercise.

In training for a race a month's conscientious training should be sufficient. It is impossible here, to explain the necessary training for various distances but many conditions are general and I will just give a very brief idea of how to prepare for a mile race and leave you to reduce the extent of training proportionately for lesser distances. Good training can be had by walking. Three or four miles a day (to or from school or after school) with attention to deep breathing at intervals is excellent for everybody. The really effective running is slow, easy trotting for two or three miles. A week of exercise and a couple of two mile runs should make one fit enough to start the more serious training. Commence by running a hard 440 yds. about twice in one evening and repeat this about two night later. Then increase the distance to 880 yards, and three quarters mile lastly doing a mile at nearly top speed. I say "nearly" because a mile at top speed ought only to be done once or twice and at about a fortnight before the event, otherwise it will take too much out of you and make you stale. During the last week, dispense with the slow runs of two or three miles and devote yourself to hard sprints to obtain speed and one or two hard runs of about 1,500 yards. Finish all training about two days before the race and be content with steady walks up to within 24 hours of your event. **On the day of the Race** make a good start by having a good breakfast. Many runners become so nervous as their race draws near that the food they eat sometimes upsets them. For these

people I find nothing better than a good mutton chop, toast and Bovril for the last meal before the race, and about three hours should elapse between the meal and the race.

At the Sports Ground I cannot lay too much stress on keeping warm before and after a race. A week ago I had the pleasure of running in the National Cross Country Championship at Hereford, and it was an object lesson to watch J. Guillemot the gallant little Frenchman who beat the field of 237 runners. Up to the very last possible moment before proceeding to the post he wore long trousers over his running shorts. Even at the starting post his woollen jersey was retained until the last second, and the result was obvious in the fast get-away he was able to make in thus starting warm. Get into something warm immediately after an event for colds are picked up more easily than many think after a run.

When in a Race never attempt to pass anyone on the bend,—you will run too far. Do all your overtaking on the straight. Should you suffer from **stitch** there is no infallible cure, but press the hand on the troublesome spot and hold the breath for a few seconds and—struggle on, for it will possibly leave you.

I have only touched the fringe of Athletic Training but I do hope it may help you and if I can be of practical help to any of you as an Old Boy I shall be delighted to do my little bit for you, and the Editor will be able to send for me if any of you would care to let me try to assist you.

H. G. HALLETT.

POT' POURRI.

The response to our Competition for the Best Poem received was very poor there being but three entries. No great difficulty was therefore experienced in selecting the best effort and the judges, consisting of the Headmaster, the Senior English Master and the Editor, decided, after consultation, to award the five shillings to W. E. Brockman. His poem, entitled 'The Flame,' therefore appears in this issue.

A great number of entrants were disqualified since they shewed complete ignorance of the vital fundamental of a competition viz; the enclosure of the entrance fee of five EMPTY 'scrapbooks,' 1,000 boys sent no 'scrapbooks' at all, but enclosed a 'Hymnal Companion,' whilst two promised to pay after the first competition's winnings. The Editor was heard to remark, "Yus, I don't fink." Five boys sent threatening letters *re* the result. H.M. has promised to see them individually in the top corridor—that is, the boys. A few tail enders disturbed the Editor

in bed at 12 midnight on the last day of entry, when the poor fellow was congratulating himself on the fact that no five shillings had to be disbursed, whilst one requested that in the event of his winning, his people were on no account to be informed. The Editor hopes that more attention will be paid to the spirit of the thing, when future competitions are announced.

Humour still abounds in the Lower School, and the following examples have been culled from various sources by the Editor :—

'Two mournful-looking boys stood under the clock to receive their dessert' (It was probably not 'cold,' as at first thought).
'I would like to be a monkey because I should not be worried by exams.'

'The Prince of Wales was born 27 years ago and has been popular ever since.'

'In Cornwall there are tin and copper minds. Some people have pipes from their minds. The small bits of copper and tin come through these pipes and they make articles and sell them.'

'Puellae rosas pueri equos amant'—'The rosy girls love the boys on horseback.' (Now we know why a certain N——t is occasionally to be seen bestrode a snorting Bucephalus).

'The field we have now is much nearer than Greatlands, you can move in this field without knocking anyone down' !

'We get good Cricketers from Australia.' (That's one against the 1st XI.)

We sincerely sympathise with the Form to whom the Magazine notice was read as follows :—'Those forms, subscribing before etc, will have their Homework excused *every* night next term' !

We are indebted to the Middle School for the following account of the origin of Speech Days :—Once a year, D.H.S., has a Speech Day. Now Speech Days were invented by a Schoolboy, who, wishing to have a look around Plymouth, suggested a Speech Day. Well, this boy got what he wanted, for he had to go to the Guildhall in the morning, wash, change, clean teeth, tear ties, polish boots, and, in general, catch a cold in the afternoon, and then betake himself to the Guildhall again in the evening.

Yet, this boy was not satisfied. Why? you ask. Well, because there was no French Play. The next year there was a French Play. French Play?!! you exclaim, why, what's that? The Play is the sweetening of the whole concern, it livens you up—you need it after all the 'dry' speeches given by hard-hearted gentlemen, who forget about the boys. Altogether, a Speech Day without a French Play would be like a servant without an O'Cedar Mop, in fact dusty !!

A KING OF BABYLON.

It was a flight of fancy, borne on the wings of imagination . . .

I lay dreaming in the deep shade of the sandstone cliffs, gazing into a blood-red sunset, shot with streaks of burnished gold and listening to the never-ceasing thunder of the breakers on the sparkling sands.

But a change came over the scene—the towering cliffs changed into massive marble pillars, supporting a far-away dome of azure-blue from which huge winged monsters, amidst tiers of grotesque carving, glared down upon a scene of oriental splendour. The glittering sands became a coloured marble floor inlaid with gold and precious stones. The roar of the sea changed into that of lions—the sacred lions of the great goddess Omaha.

I found myself sitting on a throne of carved ivory, covered with costly hides and skins. I was arrayed in magnificent robes of finer silk than I had ever seen before ; my arms and legs were weighed down by massive gold and silver bracelets ; while on my head rested a golden crown surmounted by a trio of hooded serpents of solid silver, set off below by a mass of thick, black hair reaching to the nape of the neck.

Huge negro guards, holding long, wicked-looking spears stood like statues on either side of the throne while behind it a bevy of laughing, female slaves were slowly waving enormous, palm-leaf fans. On the carpeted steps of the throne, beside a statue of a crouching lion, sat an old soothsayer with the sacred Book of the Law on his knees in which is written every possible crime that can be committed together with its respective punishment.

It appeared to be a sort of court that I was holding, for prisoners were brought in by guards such as stood beside me, their accusations were read out by a scribe, the old man at my feet muttered the sentences, waited for my nod and then commanded the prisoner to be taken away to undergo his punishment.

This went on for half-an-hour or so, till presently, a scuffle was heard behind the tapestries which draped the door ; hoarse commands followed by the thud of a spear butt reached the ears of the Court. At length, the tapestries were drawn apart and two guards entered, dragging between them a young female slave who was kicking and biting so viciously as to cause her usually imperturbable captors some slight inconvenience. From what the scribe said, it appeared that she had been captured from a neighbouring tribe and had refused to work. According to the law this was a most heinous offence and the penalty required that the offender should hold his or her hand in a brazier for five minutes.

The old soothsayer was waiting for my customary nod and the girl was already being led to a near-by brazier, screaming and kicking as she realised the ordeal that she would have to undergo, before I became aware of what was happening.

With a kingly oath I sprang to my feet and turning abruptly on the old sage rapped out, "Khammuragas, I over-ride the law in this case— you will release the slave."

The old fellow started and stared at me, wondering if I was bereft of my reason, while the slaves behind actually stopped the fans in their amazement. However, with a "My Lord, thy will is my command," he turned to the negroes and uttered a curt order, whereupon they let the girl go and retired to the door.

For an instant she stood there alone, in the middle of the great hall, her hands clenched and a look of bewilderment in her jet-black eyes, but at last, grasping the meaning of my words, she uttered a cry of joy and, rushing forward, threw herself at the foot of the throne, bending over to kiss my feet.

A film came over my eyes as I felt her cool lips touch my toes.

.... My dreams forsook me and I found that the tide had come up and was lapping gently over my bare feet.

J. H. ECCLESTONE.

CADET CORPS NOTES.

The coming Term should prove a busy one for the Corps. This year we hope to compete for the Lucas-Tooth Shield and this competition, together with the Section Competition for the Lampard Cup, will provide the N.C.O.'s with abundant opportunities for the exercise of both patience and skill.

There has been a satisfactory number of recruits during the present School year, but there are still vacancies to be filled. The times of parade are so arranged as not to interfere in any way with the games. The fact that the members of the Football Committee are also members of the Corps is sufficient evidence that the Corps requires no sacrifice of the ordinary School Games.

With the advent of the finer weather it is proposed to resume Shooting Practice. Last year, thanks to the careful instruction given by the Musketry Officer, Mr. Armor, considerable progress was made in this useful branch of Corps work. Each Cadet should study the detail and principles of Musketry as set forth in the various lectures and endeavour to put these into practice when at the Range.

The 12th March, was the seventh Anniversary of the official recognition of the Corps by the War Office. The customary "birthday" celebrations were held on March 18th, and proved a great success. Mr. Hutchings had provided a varied programme, and enjoyable items were contributed by various members of the Corps and also by Mr. Davis. An excellent programme was brought to a close by a sketch entitled "Ici on parle francais," which under the able stage managership of our Senior Prefect, went with a swing from start to finish.

SPEECH DAY.

This year's festival was celebrated with appropriate honours on February 15th, in the Plymouth Guildhall, when the evening's Programme commenced with an organ solo by the School's new Visiting Music Tutor, Mr. T. Martin, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M. Following this, the Headmaster delivered his Report for the year 1921. He warned his hearers that he was once more about to "bore" them with the 'Annual Monotony,' and referred to the continued soaring of the School's 'curve of success.' The occasion offered an excellent opportunity to Alderman Munday, who presided, to inveigh against the Geddes Report, especially that portion of it devoted to Education. He affirmed that the Geddes Committee were hopelessly out of touch with the realities of school conditions and with the true aims and purposes of Education in the welfare of the nation. The whole Report was affected by the material angle of vision from which it was viewed, and the country, when it realised the deadly blow which the 'Axe' was striking at our educational fabric, would, assuredly, rise in revolt against the proposals of the Committee.

Professor Hetherington, M.A., the Principal of the Exeter University College, before distributing the prizes and certificates, expressed his approval of the strong Science side which the School possessed. The essential thing, he thought, was that the School was thoroughly healthy in its corporate life, and this was very important, for examination results were by no means the best criterion of a School's life. The speaker also joined with Alderman Munday in a wholesale condemnation of the Geddes Report. It was rather absurd, he thought, that a country, which spent sums totalling nearly 600 millions a year on alcohol and tobacco, could not afford 100 millions on the Education of its children.

The Prizes were then presented to the accompaniment of bursts of applause from the 'also rans,' whilst the redoubling of hearty acclaim from particular portions of the orchestra, as each miling recipient came forward, plainly indicated where the latter's

own particular Form chums were seated in state. A vote of thanks to Principal Hetherington was proposed by Councillor Perkins, seconded by Alderman Weston, and supported by Alderman Moses, who said that the Education Authority of Plymouth had more cause to fear the 'Axe' of the Geddes' of Plymouth, than that of Sir Eric Geddes.

During the evening a Pianoforte Solo was finely rendered by an Old Boy, Mr. A. Pryor, whilst a Violin Solo, artistically executed by another Old Boy, in the person of Mr. E. Pryor, preceded the vote of thanks. In lieu of a bouquet a Cheque subscribed for by the Boys was presented to Mrs. Munday for any Charity in which she was interested.

A successful Speech Day was then concluded with the eagerly anticipated French-Play—described by many who witnessed it as the 'pièce de resistance' of the evening. We may state, without fear of contradiction, that for clarity of expression, gesture, and for pronunciation it surpassed all records. To individualise among the actors would be invidious, but a tribute is certainly due to Pike, who in the role of Scapin, the hub around which the whole play revolved, acted, faultlessly, a part requiring no mean amount of energy and study. The enthusiastic applause, which finally greeted the actors, was well deserved, yet to M. Jacquet, that still figure which sits in the rear with the prompter's book, happily never required, is most praise due. By his instrumentality a tradition has been made and handed down, from one Speech Day to another a tradition which, is almost a *sine qua non* of our Speech Days.

The characters in the play were as follow:—

Argante, père d' Octave et de Zerbinette	N. L. Rowe.
Geronte, père de Leandre et d' Hyacinthe	A. L. Stephens.
Octave, fils d' Argante et amant d' Hyacinthe	R. Merren.
Léandre, fils de Geronte et amant de Zerbinette	L. F. Ingram.
Zerbinette, crue Egyptienne, fille d' Argante et amante de Leandre	W. E. Brockman.
Hyacinthe, fille de Geronte et amante d' Octave	L. A. Jeffery.
Scapin, valet de Léandre et fourbe	C. E. Pike.
Sylvestre, valet d' Octave et fourbe	A. E. Stephens.
Nerine, nourrice d' Hyacinthe	B. Durant.
Carle, fourbe	E. J. Riggs

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

As a prelude to my Report this evening on the doings of Devonport High School for the year 1921, I should like to sound a note of apology for being about to give you another instalment

of what may, perhaps, be termed my Annual Monotony—and so I will be as brief as possible. For had I to portray some picturesque failure, which would wring my heart and the hearts of the Staff and call down upon us the wrath of the Chairman and of the whole of the Education Committee, this Report, though it would be horribly unsatisfactory, might rise to a point of almost tragic interest.

Such, however, is not the case. There is no dip in the curve of success. On the contrary it has risen to a higher level than ever before, inasmuch as, for the first time in the School's history, there has been gained an Open Exhibition, tenable at a University. On two previous occasions the Dyke Exhibition had been secured; but the Dyke, though very difficult to obtain, is limited to natives or inhabitants of the three western Countries, whereas J. L. May, in winning an Open Exhibition of value £80 per annum at St. John's College, Cambridge, had to compete against all comers from any part of the United Kingdom. This excellent student also gained a State Scholarship for Mathematics and Science, a new, keenly-contested and very valuable endowment. Moreover, he did what is called in Cricket the 'hat trick,' by bowling the examiners in three successive examinations, his third success being that of winning an Open Scholarship of value £40 per annum tenable for four years at University College, Exeter. May has gone to Cambridge; but, had he the power of being in two places at one time, nothing would have suited him better—giant for work that he is—than to be pursuing his study at Cambridge, and, simultaneously, to be at Exeter under the able guidance of Principal Hetherington. One of our students, however, is enjoying this privilege at University College, Exeter, having been awarded the Cobb Exhibition, the Devonport High School War Memorial Exhibition and a Scholarship from the Plymouth Education Authority.

Having begun by detailing results I will continue, and so complete this part of the report. W. J. Merren and E. J. Riggs, passed the Inter. B. Sc. Examination of London University. At the matriculation examination of the same University, A. L. Stephens and F. R. Coombe were placed in the First Division, while no fewer than 14 others qualified for Matriculation by means of the Cambridge Senior. J. B. Heywood-Waddington successfully competed for entrance to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. R. K. Waters was placed 4th among nine successful Candidates for Paymaster Cadetships in the Royal Navy. At the Cambridge Higher Certificate Examination the only Candidate submitted passed and obtained Distinctions in Chemistry and in Physics. At the Cambridge Senior Locals six boys gained First Class Honours, four Second Class Honours, four Third Class Honours, ten passed and one failed. Fifteen passed in spoken French. Eleven distinctions were secured, namely, two each in English, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics

and Geography ; and one each in Religious Knowledge, Chemistry and French. A comparison, at this point, may be of interest. Of the High School Candidates, 24 per cent. obtained First Class Honours ; of all the boy senior Candidates throughout the United Kingdom, four per cent. Again 96 per cent. of our Candidates were successful compared with 58 per cent. throughout the Country. H. S. Marks passed the Medical Preliminary Examination and has entered Guy's Hospital, At the December College of Preceptors Examination F. E. A. Thompson and W. J. Gale obtained, respectively, senior and junior honours, scoring nine distinctions between them.

We record with sorrow and deep regret the death, since last Speech Day, of two Members of the visiting staff, Mr. Jeffery and Mr. Northcott, each of whom had been associated with the school for more than fifteen years.

Speaking now of games and sports I can say, without fear of contradiction, that never before has the school been so fully and effectively leavened by them as it is today—a state of affairs reflecting the utmost credit on the Sportsmaster, whose services, as such, it should be remembered, are entirely voluntary, and also on those other masters; who, in addition to performing their allotted field duty, give extra time, week by week, throughout the year, to refereeing and otherwise encouraging boys in this most important phase of education.

The same remark applies to the Captain and Officers of the Cadet Corps, who give time and thought without stint to what they have voluntarily undertaken. It must be some reward to them and a matter of congratulation to the Cadets themselves to have heard the cheering commendation of General Sir Edward May, K.C.B., at the Annual Inspection. The Corps has just completed its year of tenure of the Bowles Cup as the most efficient Cadet Corps in the County of Devon. Almost wrecked during the recent stormy times of abnormal cost production, the School Magazine is, nevertheless, still afloat, and will, I trust, soon enter upon smoother water. For service to the state during the War the School has been awarded a Certificate from the National Savings Committee, the amount subscribed having reached a total of over £2,500.

In conclusion I am glad to be able to report a thoroughly healthy tone throughout the School, owing in no small measure to the excellent staff and the remarkably keen and capable set of prefects which we at present possess. No one, perhaps, so well as the Head of a large School can appreciate the importance of good team work—the real secret of efficiency. In a staff of over 20 there are bound to be different temperaments and different methods of

achievement, but all is well as long as each individual is bent on the same aim—and that the development, on right lines, of the three-fold nature of those committed to his care.

SOME REFLECTIONS.

Having, on occasion, to peruse certain notice boards for the names of warriors to do battle for the House Championship, it slowly dawned upon us that as has been often said, we are, indeed, a cosmopolitan crew. It is to be hoped that the following remarks will cause no offence to anyone named therein as none is intended by the writer.

In addition to working "Veryard" in our Forms, some of us are engaged in other divers occupations, for we include two "Clark's," several "Smith's," an indispensable "Colëman," two "Proctor's," three "Porters," who have only one "Dore" between them, and our Physical Drill necessitates the permanent residence of no less than five "Taylors." We are legally represented by a "Sargent" at "Law(ry)," who sees that we have only one "Bailey." One "Chamberlain" decides our comings and goings, whilst we receive occasional visits from the "Baker," the "Paynter," several "Glovers," a devout "Vicker(s)," who has no "Sole"—or "Hele,"—yet is a "Holeman(s)," and a "Turner" and "Seaman." We have a "Gardiner," and last, but not least, we have a "Pope," whether ex or future, or of what nationality, is at present uncertain.

On Wednesday afternoons we "Reep" the "Wraight" reward for our "Riggs," and in "Durant (ce)" vile we expiate the crimes we "Shute" not have done. Others at the "Field," "Hürding" in the Pavilion, watch the rain pour "Down" "Werry" "Quick" and "Howell" the "Moore" as the "Day" grows darker and the lightnings "Dart."

Among the feathered creation we possess a diminutive, yet yet sturdy, "Gosling," a "Swan," a "Rook(e)," and a "Mallard," all of whom regularly (p) "Breen" their feathers, but have "Fewings" and are occasionally to be seen standing on one "Stone" in a "Brook." Ofttimes two "Gents" "Cumbe" down from two "Houses" hard by and "Forse" them to "Soar" "Vere" high in a "Body," lest they be consigned to "Davey" "Jones." Our "Stonelake" is creatured with a small variety of fish, among which are "Pike," "Pollard," "Sole" and "Roach," but, of precious stones, we possess only a "Dimond" of rare "Price." It is not surprising therefore that two are "Owen" (g) whilst only one is "Rich." If a masculine "Crew(s)," withal, yet are we no women "Hayter"-s, in fact, we have "Joyce" and "Rose" among us, who are two "Giddy" "Goa (t) ds" at times, but we are glad to

say that there is little "Billing" and cooing. We are not all "Brown," but regale ourselves with "Burton" "Hailes," conveyed on two "Trays," at annual feasts, known only unto the favoured, whilst on certain other days, more particularly known as Speech Days, those in authority over us "Fursdon" and pater—and mater familias "Ternout (h)" to "Rickard" our antics and hear of our deeds. We are glad to inform any chance "Reeder" that we are well-behaved, having only two who are of the class of "Knapman," and only two "Rowe's," these latter being of a quiet demeanour, whilst only occasionally are we exhorted by cries of 'Get on "Widger" work' and stop that "Rowden" or out you go.'

We include several famous men for we have a "Förd," the one and only "Richardson," several "Hill's," a "Gordon," a "Wellington," an "Izaac" "Newton" and "Beattie."

We hope, however, that the Cricket 1st XI., will experience better luck during the coming season and register a "Fewins" at least, and that by the time we reach the "Wickenden" April 15th, we may all be as happy as kings.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society met on November 23rd, when W. J. R. Merren proposed that "A Life of Travel is Preferable to a Stay-at-Home Life." He said that one of the joys connected with a life of travel was the joy of anticipation, but the greatest pleasure was that of fulfilment. What could be more pleasant than a visit to a foreign country, to see the natives, with their quaint customs and language, and observe the thousand and one things which in a book appeared far from interesting, yet were wonderful to behold. A life of travel, concluded the proposer, was certainly a happy life.

D. W. Dimond, in opposing, declared that a life of travel was beset with many dangers, whilst travellers were open to exploitation, by unscrupulous natives and interpreters, in countries, whose languages were unknown to them. An iron constitution was needed in order to successfully undergo the constant changes of diet, etc., which a nomadic life demanded.

W. E. Brockman, who seconded the proposal quoted Gray's famous lines

' One crowded hour of glorious life
Is worth an age without a name.'

He asked his audience whether they cared for a sleepy place like Plymouth or whether they wanted to see the world and its seven wonders. Surely the latter.

'A rolling stone gathers no moss,' declared B. Durant, and by short stays in many places one learns a little of all and nothing thoroughly. Nationality was lost, and the voyager became cosmopolitan in outlook.

Divers opinions were expressed in open debate, and on finally voting, it was found that 23 favoured a life of travel, while 16 preferred that of the armchair variety.

The next Meeting was held on November 30th, when a most interesting lecture on "Clouds and their Formation" was given by Mr. C. D. Stewart, B.Sc., the Plymouth Meteorological Officer. A vote of thanks, proposed by the Headmaster and seconded by Mr. W. J. Andrews, was passed to Mr. Stewart in hearty appreciation of his kindness in delivering the lecture. Thanks are also due to W. J. R. Merren, a member of the Committee, who was entirely responsible for the lantern arrangements, whereby a number of fine slides were shown, illustrative of various points in the lecturer's address. On December 14th a mock meeting of the Plymouth Town Council was held; the Mayor, 'Alderman' N. L. Rowe, being in the chair. The minutes of the various committees were read by the respective 'Chairmen,' and after each set of minutes, discussion was invited. In the eyes of the ward 'Councillors' matters were in a very bad way and the acts of the various Committees were not endorsed by the Council, in many cases. The Tramways' Minutes involved a most awkward discussion for the Chairman of that Committee, his mechanical principles having to be of the soundest, to dispose of problems such as the construction of trams to turn in their own length and of one-wheeled buses ! !

The Society again met on February 1st to discuss the advisability of Class Distinction, E. J. Riggs, in proposing, that "Class Distinction is Undesirable," said that everyone—duke, prince and beggar—has descended from the same stock. All were of the same flesh and blood, and all were susceptible to disease, why, then, should there be such a distinction between one and the other as there exists to-day ?

W. E. Brockman, in opposing said that since intellectual capacity differed among men, therefore some mode of distinguishing them was necessary. He argued that no amount of Education could transform the son of humble parents into a cultured aristocrat.

A. L. Stephens, in seconding the proposal, maintained that Universities cultivated no class distinctions, all were equal and the result was for the common good.

A. E. Stephens, on the other hand, considered class distinction essential for good Government. An interesting debate followed, and eventually the motion was rejected by 11 votes to 5. A successful musical programme included a humorous Dialect Reading by A. E. Stephens.

The Geddes Report was laid before the assembled members on February 22nd. Extra ts from the Report were read and discussed. The Army and Navy reductions were approved by a majority of 11 votes to 10, but the Education Survey was most keenly attacked on all sides and was finally rejected by an overwhelming majority.

OBITUARY.

BURNS.—At a Nursing Home, on December 9th, 1921, John (Jackie) Burns, aged 9½ years. (Late Upper Preparatory Form.)

