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## Editorial.

"He wrought at one great work for years."

*John Davidson.*

Perspective is a matter of distance, and we who are so close see too many of the brush strokes to appreciate the picture. We may have a greater and more intimate knowledge of the work involved, of the craftsmanship, of the detail; but those who can step back from the finished picture, see the beauty of design, the blending of light and shadow, all that contributes to a sense of spacial contentment—in other words, the completed work.

When Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds came to Devonport High School in January, 1932, it already had a reputation for both sport and academic work. What he has done with it only those who knew it then and know it now can appreciate. That its size has been doubled is a sufficient tribute. Nothing succeeds like success, and that so many parents desired to entrust their children's futures to his care was an eloquent tribute to the Headmaster and the Staff that he had gathered round him.

He worked and schemed to increase the size of the School that it might be large enough to provide for the many activities that he wanted it to cover. That was a question of staff, and staff meant boys. Some of us know how he schemed and plotted to make D.H.S., Devonport, hold twice the number of boys, how he succeeded and how, too, he took the worst room as an office, that the boys might have the use of the better ones. It is to his foresight and good offices that we owe our present School Library, for he was responsible for its foundation—the foundation of a library which was to have an universal appeal. In fact, there is no school activity that does not reflect something of his interest and personality.

The School has become a little commonwealth, a kingdom of the young, where they can live and develop to their heart's content, where mind and body have received well-balanced treatment in an atmosphere that bred no license ; and the guiding hand behind all this, the fount of inspiration and inexhaustible source of driving-power has been the Headmaster.

He has the happy knack of getting things done, and of getting others to get things done. Think for a moment how great a task was our removal to Penzance, the fixing up of temporary and then permanent billets, the organisation of a half-day timetable with some morning work for the upper forms, the securing of our new premises, the organisation of a full timetable to cover five separate establishments so that almost all the travelling could be done in the ten minutes' break, and a thousand-and-one other things without which life would have been far less smooth, and work much less effective. All this we owe to his good offices and to his tactful importunity.

We look forward with hope to a future based on so firm a past. Mr. Simmonds has led us into a land flowing with milk and honey ; to another will fall the task of taking us into the promised land of a new school when war is over. The past we know ; the future is not yet ; in the meantime there is the present. Mr. Simmonds takes with him to Tottenham the comforting knowledge of a completed undertaking and a task well done. With him go all our best wishes for happy and successful work in his new school, and there remain pleasant memories of one

“Boold of his speche and wys and well y-taught,  
And of manhod hym lakkede right naught.”

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## School Notes

“School Notes ” indeed ! Everything is in full swing, and we are on full time ; we work, play, and do all that a normal school should do—yes, and to the full. School activities are so flourishing that there is but one obstacle yet to be overcome ; and that is a lack of time, of time to do all we want to do. We are in the happy position of having two many things to enjoy. Ours is a problem of choice.

Spring has given place to Summer, Autumn will soon be yielding to Winter, and by the time this goes to press we shall have spent six months in this hospitable town of Penzance ; and what a host of things has been achieved in that comparatively short time ! The few temporary hostels have gone, and everybody is now in a permanent and comfortable billet ; we no longer impede—as we must have done—the work of the County Schools for Boys and Girls, for we now work in our own premises, where we have a permanent place for our books, and where so many necessary things can be

done without a sense of depriving others of their rights, however, pleased they were to surrender them. That they were pleased we know ; that much was sacrificed for our sake we know ; and we would like Miss Mandville, Mr. Bradley and the masters and mistresses to know how much we appreciate their kindness.

Few of us realise, too, how much we owe to the Cornwall County Education Authority for the provision of these new premises that we prize so much. We tender our grateful thanks to Mr. Jackson for his unfailing energy and kindness. We can now go forward bearing in mind Wilfred Blunt's lines :

“ What is the motto of youth ? There is only one. Be thou strong.

Do thy work and achieve, with thy brain, with thy hands, with thy heart, the deeds which to strength belong.”

It is good for us that life does not always run smoothly ; we may learn much in our efforts to adapt ourselves to minor situations that develop from time to time ; but whatever difficulties arise and however great or fundamental they may be, they must be met with that spirit that first put Devonport High School upon the scholastic map of England, and has enabled it to retain its prominent position ever since. Wars may come and wars may go, masters may be called up, there may be evacuation from our home town, unforeseen difficulties may arise, but we *must* “ go on for ever.” One day the School will return to Plymouth, masters will come back to us when war is over, and having done our duty to ourselves and to the School we shall be able to look them in the face and say, “ Yes, we carried on. The old School is as virile, and sport, academics and school societies are as healthy as ever.” That will be a proud day for all of us who have helped to keep the torch alight through these boisterous times, that it may be handed on bright and in full flame to those who are to come after.

Before term began Mr. Whitfeld left us to become an Officer in the Royal Air Force ; later Mr. Vivian also joined the R.A.F., and Mr. Sandon went to Cumberland to become the headmaster of Mellon County School. To them we wish all the best of luck, and success and happiness in their new spheres of usefulness. We cordially welcome three ladies who take their places. Miss U. E. Sparkes, B.A. (of the University of London), who has taken over Mr. Whitfeld's English ; Miss W. A. Sharp, B.A. (of the University of London), who has taken on Mr. Vivian's French and Latin ; and Miss G. A. Side, B.Sc. (of the University of London) who has Mr. Sandon's work in the Mathematics department. Theirs are our sincere wishes for a healthy and happy sojourn with us.

On Saturday, September 13th, we held our ninth Annual Swimming Sports, as usual under A.S.A. laws, and with the skilled assistance of Mr. F. Sandon. The inner reaches of the harbour formed an ideal pool at high tide, and the ten events went off without a hitch. Our grateful thanks are tendered to the Harbour Master, Captain Daniel, and to Mr. J. R. Hunt, of the Penzance Swimming

Club, for their ready assistance ; to Mr. J. Walton, of Coast Lines, Ltd., for the use of a dressing room and the loan of a boat ; and to Mr. H. Legg, boat builder, for the loan of a boat and gear, and for their help with fixtures and general preparations.

We have been favoured this term with a visit from Mr. Stanley Leatherby, Chairman of the Plymouth Education Authority, and Mr. W. Alfred Clegg, our Secretary for Education. This is the last time we shall see Mr. Clegg, for, as the Chairman told us, having weathered the storm of evacuation and seen the scheme working well everywhere, Mr. Clegg is retiring to enjoy a well deserved rest. The School wishes him many years of health and happiness. He has been a great friend to us, and we know that that friendship will not cease now.

The Chairman gave us a message from Plymouth, less a personal message of good cheer than a plea and a challenge. The good cheer was there too ; but we were told that the greatest piece of war service we could do for our town was to preserve intact our little Plymouth in Penzance, to remain (as a unit) down here where work can be carried on unhindered, and by so doing, not only to benefit ourselves, but to ease a great problem and lighten a heavy load of responsibility that our presence in Plymouth would but aggravate.

In these days everybody is talking about how much he can and should do to help to win this war. No member of D.H.S. need be in any doubt. Plymouth is better off without us at the moment. by remaining in Penzance we are doing everybody in Plymouth a real service—a piece of really important war service. All day and every day we must make ourselves conscious of that duty, and be glad that it is such a pleasant and profitable one. Every arrangement has been made here for work to go on in a normal way—in fact there are many who think more is being done now than was accomplished before the war. Be that as it may, Plymouth Education Authority in collaboration with the Board of Education, Cornwall County Education Authority, the Borough of Penzance and the Ministry of Health, is spending much money, care and energy to ensure that we can carry on with our work. Those who have no experience of life down here don't know what they miss, but they very well may when their turn comes to pass examinations. All parents and boys who have an eye to the future will realise this. We thank the Chairman for his timely word. He has never spoken a truer one !

Mr. Leatherby also expressed officially something that had been in our minds for some time. He gave expression to much that we had hoped was insufficiently real or imminent to find expression. The Headmaster leaves us before the New Year ! Masters, scholars, Old Boys, and, outside the precincts of the School, everybody with knowledge of scholastic and public life in Plymouth, is struck with a sense of impending and portentous change. The Chairman and Mr. Clegg stressed the loss to Plymouth's educational, civic and



religious life. Some of us may not realise clearly what that means. Ours is a more vivid sense of loss, for it is human and personal. We shall miss the assuring voice and kindly humour that cloaked while it revealed the grip of a master mind and a disciplinarian; we shall miss that sense of individual personal interest that the Headmaster's knowledge of each boy gave; we shall miss the driving force, the personality that put work and the boys' futures first and then brought human values level with them. What Mr. Simmonds has done for D.H.S. few of us really know, and those who do cannot sum it up in few words. In this play of life, as upon the stage, character works itself out in action. What he does, that he is—

“One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward,  
Never doubted clouds would break,  
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,  
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,  
Sleep to wake.”

Speech Day for 1940-41 was held in the Richmond Methodist Church, where, by the generosity of the Trustees, we normally hold our School Assemblies. Councillor E. Stanley Leatherby was the Chairman, and the prizes were distributed by His Worship The Mayor of Penzance, Alderman E. S. Harvey, J.P.

The Rev. C. P. Bardsley, Minister of the Richmond Methodist Church, opened the proceedings with prayer. The programme of songs and choral speaking, R. Beswick's violin solo, N. Hodge's organ solo, and A. Pengelly's fine rendering of a speech from Shakespeare were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

This was the Headmaster's last Speech Day, and the Chairman, who is also Chairman of the Governors of the School and of the Plymouth Education Committee, paid a glowing and fitting tribute to the great work that Mr. Simmonds has done for Plymouth and in particular for Devonport High School.

The Headmaster's report had shown what fine work the School was doing in spite of the difficulties caused by wartime conditions and evacuation just before the examinations. One Open Scholarship to Oxford, four to Leicester University College, one to Nottingham University College, two to the University College of the South West, two Kitchener Scholarships, two University Entrance Examinations, Army and Navy Cadetships, one R.A.F. Course at St. Andrew's University, an Open Scholarship to Cadetship on the Conway, three exemptions from London Inter. Arts and three from Inter. B.Sc., ten London Higher School Certificates—there were eleven candidates, one Higher School Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board had been gained. In the Cambridge School Certificate 93% of candidates were successful, and forty-seven of these, that is 60% of the total, obtained Matriculation Exemption.

In a dignified speech, the Senior Prefect, J. M. Simmonds,

thanked the Mayor for kindly distributing the prizes and for his able exposition of some important aspects of education. K. W. Rockey, the Second Prefect, proposed the vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. Simmonds chose a cigarette box as a parting gift from the staff, and in his reply to Mr. H. Ferraro's graceful tribute to his work the Headmaster stressed that his heart was with Devonport High School, and that had certain circumstances not arisen he would have remained with us. He paid a just and pleasing tribute to Mrs. Simmonds, to whose great patience, forbearance and unwavering support he attributed much of his ability to devote so much of his time and energy to the School.

The School presentation of a very fine chiming clock was made on Friday, December 19th, at the final assembly by J. M. Simmonds, the Senior Prefect, who handed the gift to his father and headmaster as a token of the School's regard and good wishes. In his last speech to the assembled School, the Headmaster gave an account of the history of his stewardship, an account of difficulties overcome, of goals reached and aspirations achieved. He was heartily cheered as he left the building.

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## House Notes

### GRENVILLE HOUSE.

Last year Grenville lost its position as Cock House. In the Swimming Sports, the last activity of the School year, we finished fourth. This can partly be attributed to the unexpected way in which the Sports were thrust upon us, and to the fact that we had lost our principal swimmers just before the day; but the House as a whole must bear the responsibility.

This autumn we have not yet been able to play a programme of House matches in football. However, we eagerly await such matches, for we can turn out teams in both soccer and rugby, consisting of first and second School team players. The one activity possible has been chess, and in this we share top position with Gilbert. In this connection the juniors deserve commendation, but we expect better results from the seniors in the next series. We await next term with confidence, for it holds the promise of football and athletics, in both of which we can do well, provided that every member of the House backs up.

J. M. SIMMONDS.

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### RALEIGH HOUSE.

This term is too young for any definite results to be given. If enthusiasm counts for anything Raleigh House will be in the same position as she was five years ago. The Seniors, our former source

of weakness, have now realised their responsibilities, and the Juniors are as keen as ever.

Soon after the Summer holidays, Mr. Sandon organised his Swimming Sports. For the first time since the award of a Swimming Cup, Gilbert were beaten, Raleigh taking their place. The House owes thanks to Holgate, Bowen, Honey and Weldon, who, among others, did much to ensure this excellent result.

We have not fared so well at chess. The Seniors have played one match and through lack of practice, narrowly lost it. The Juniors have redeemed this by a very substantial victory. We are confident that the final result will be in our favour.

At the time of writing Soccer matches have not materialised, but Rockey and Brown are struggling to field strong teams from insufficient numbers. Rugby promises well: the Juniors, who in previous years have been neglected, have won their match with the aid of a little coaching, despite the fact that our only School player was injured during the game. As yet no Senior matches have been played owing to pressure of School fixtures and the loss of Wednesday afternoons for playing House games. Since we have thirteen members of the two Senior School XV.s, it is expected that results will prove more satisfactory than last year.

Raleigh, for a long time, has been off the honour's boards, but it is hoped with ample justification that this year our name will reappear.

R. MOLLAND.

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## DRAKE HOUSE.

Recent House competitions have seen the effort of past years continuing to grow in power. The average performance of the House has been quite good, but more enthusiasm must be shown in certain spheres to hasten the attainment of our goal, the House Shield. In this respect Chess in particular must be better supported.

So far this term only junior games have been played; we have won one Rugger match out of three and the only Soccer match yet played. Deserving mention among the Juniors are, Creber ii, Waldern, Hyne, Cooper, Price and Sutton. Although no senior games have been played the outlook is very promising.

The next term will bring the cross-country and athletic sports, in both of which every boy is expected to participate.

The Shield must be Drake's, look to it that you do not let her down.

S. J. MOGER.

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## GILBERT HOUSE.

Since the last publication of the Magazine, we regret to say, Gilbert has lost its House Captain and his deputy, Parsons and Warn respectively, but the remainder of the House is largely intact. What we have lost in members has to some extent been made up to us in billets, for we still have the Marine Pension and Tredorvah, a large private house with the best grounds and garden of all the billets has been added unto us. We owe great thanks to Mr.

Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Heather, Mr. and Mrs. Davies and to Miss Mallett (our Matron), for all the work they have put in towards making these places so truly our home.

Early this term a Swimming Sports was held, and for the first time since their institution, Gilbert was beaten. It was, of course, a disappointment for us, this break in our record, but on the whole the House had tried as well as in previous years to gain standards, the exclusion of which from the final totals was a blow to us. However, little difference would have been made to the final result, for we were so far behind Raleigh in the actual events; we missed Eddy and had only limited use of Bartlett, owing to a previous injury.

As yet no House soccer matches have been played, and only one rugby match, a junior game, which we lost. In chess the seniors won their game against Grenville while the juniors lost.

So juniors let us hear a little more that's favourable, to reassure us that the House has spirit in it.

Let's shew the others that we are a team all pulling in the same direction, instead of an assembly of individuals without co-operation.

ROY TOMLINSON, *House Captain.*

## Hostel Gossip

### LIFE AT THE HOTEL ROYALE.

After spending "forty years in the wilderness," during which our various members have tasted the joys and sorrows of billets ranging from hotels to workhouses and nursery schools to vicarages, Grenville has at last found a permanent refuge in the Hotel Royale. During the summer our uninterrupted view of St. Michael's Mount has roused many a husky member of the First Fifteen to heights of unsuspected lyricism, whilst loving swains in the Sixth have been known to gaze enraptured at the splendour of the full moon reflected on the rippling waters of the bay.

The hostel is of modern design, and makes a comfortable billet, too comfortable in fact if the reluctance of certain members to get up for breakfast is any criterion. After breakfast at 8 and a period of frenzied bed making, we all leave for school. Lunch at 12.15 comes after a mass attack on the letter rack, and after a grim struggle with the results of Albert's onward march into the realms of Mrs. Beeton, we stagger in our repletion "like snails, unwillingly to school." Tea is served at 4.45, after which the lower school sit with noisy enthusiasm around chess boards and card tables or dash off to other various activities, whilst the Sixth indulge in wild war-dances in the common room to the strains of Artie Shaw.

We can never grumble that time hangs heavily on our hands. The woodwork club is gradually producing a second air force, the Biology club is busily solving the mystery of life, and the Hornby

club, with all the careless abandon of youth, have not yet realised that they are merely going around in circles. After assiduous practice, the House Band has produced many numbers which are recognisable to the juniors, if nobody else, judging from the stentorian bellows which shake Number 2 lounge at our Saturday night sing songs. Another activity which has fostered aggressive instincts, is boxing, and many nights have been devoted to internecine strife.

At last comes the relaxation of Sunday, when to our great satisfaction, breakfast is not served until nine. After lunch we hold our usual weekly House meeting when we ruefully contemplate our past misdemeanours and busily contrive ways and means to elude new rules.

Captain Bligh, looking down from his portrait on high, casts an all-seeing eye on our doings, and silently censures or commends, thinking no doubt, "Here's a merry world, my masters."

#### MOUNT'S BAY HOTEL.

At the beginning of the term we, nine distinguished gentlemen, prided ourselves on the sharp distinction in our hostel between the babies and the great men of the School. Now we are sadly disillusioned. The juniors indulge in such childish pastimes as whist drives and boxing, but the seniors' main occupation seems to consist in watching them. The only real distinction between the two groups is that when the rising gong goes, the juniors already out of bed, rush to the table-tennis, while at least nine seniors turn over and go to sleep, dreaming of their favourite record "A lull at dawn."

The seniors have learnt much in their stay at the Mount's Bay. Even our best pianists have been shown how to play at least one ditty, and we have also been given good advice on how to get streaming wet from head to toe, and how to go prospecting on the beach for precious pebbles. Any music "lover" will be struck by the sense of rivalry between the seniors and juniors. At one end of the corridor the juniors with the aid of a very scratched record inform the world that "He was a very handsome young soldier, he was." At the other end of it the seniors' gramophone insists no less certainly that "Night and day, you are the one." The competition between the seniors and juniors every Sunday night as to the way to sing "Rule Britannia," although it deafened one of the staff, must have gladdened the heart of every sailor on the high seas.

As to general conditions in the hostel, I can do no better than to point out that the cat which moved to another Hostel, has now returned, and one of our kittens was so well sustained with food, that it spent a night in the refrigerator without apparent ill-effect.

K.W.R.

## THE MARINE HOTEL.

When evacuation of the School was undertaken there was very much dubiety as to the final outcome, but there need be no doubt now about the welfare of the boys at the Marine Hotel. This part of Gilbert House is living under conditions which even the scoundrels of the second form, who are an everlasting torment to the masters in charge, describe as being "not so dusty." Such praise is rare and a sure proof that the boys are delighted with their new mode of life.

Anybody dropping in to see us would be amazed at the homely atmosphere existing; but one fact would strike them in particular—the amount of spare time that the juniors seem to find for table tennis. Unfortunately the standard reached by them in this game has led, regrettably, to its complete abandonment by the prefects. The two great events in the hostel this term were the Xmas Party and House entertainment. Both these were a tremendous success, mainly due to a very extravagant meal.

On behalf of all at the Marine, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Penzance Authority for our grand accommodation, to the staff of the hostel who are doing so much to make us feel at home, and to Mr. Simmonds, without whom the whole experiment would have been impossible. It is an unforgettable experience and a remarkable but pleasant education.

J. H. SYMONS.

## LIFE AT THE ROOKERY.

Life at The Rookery is very pleasant and healthy. Here is an account of a typical day: We get up every morning at 7, take our turn in the bathrooms, wash and dress. The first group of boys to wash must be downstairs by the time the first breakfast bell goes at 7.30. After breakfast we get ready for school, clean our shoes if they haven't been done before breakfast or even the night before, and collect the gear we need for the day. Then the "pocket money" bell goes, and we line up outside (when we've got our money of course) ready to move off as a "crocodile" to the station in charge of our prefects. It is nearly a mile to the station, but we haven't missed the train yet. When we get to Penzance we hurry to school.

Now we must jump over a considerable period—school time—until we get back to The Rookery again. When we are lining up for tea, and ready to have hands inspected, there is usually a wholesale argument between the first formers as to which House is the best, Grenville or Gilbert. After tea—and don't we look forward to it?—there is a short interval before "Prep" which is conducted peaceably by Mr. Sparrow, our Housemaster, who I might mention is very helpful and considerate. The first formers are lucky, because they can read for the last half-hour, whilst the rest of us slave away. After preparation we go up to the bathrooms to have

a good wash before coming down again for supper. After supper all but the duty boys go up to bed, the lights out bell rings and a prefect comes around and tells us to settle down ready for sleep. Just before nine our Housemaster does his last round of the house to make sure we are all quite all right, and then all is black and silent.

ROY GOLDRING.

### LIFE AT MOUNT PROSPECT. (Or *PER ARDNA AD ASTRA* !)

Last term we endeavoured to give parents and exiles in the Emergency High School a picture of what our life is like as a boarding school. By the summer holidays things had shaken down, so that we were all enjoying a fuller and generally more exacting life. This past term has seen an extension of this process, and despite all the drawbacks which this experiment has encountered, it has proved a great success in co-operative living. If the lessons of give and take which are being learned here are applied in our future lives, the world will be run in a saner and more efficient manner.

For we are a state in miniature. We have to live within the limits of a frugal budget : this calls for no mean skill in the working out of meals—one of the most important tasks in the smooth running of affairs. Rationing and fluctuating supplies make its success very difficult, but with sound directing principles and suggestions from the House, the job has been done with credit by all concerned. The maintenance of a good, well thought-out diet, including the staple necessities but lacking the frills that contribute so largely to ill-health, coupled with the inculcation of hygienic habits has led to a remarkably high standard of health—a fine tribute to the organisation of the House. Of course there have been difficulties, and grumbling, because some boy dislikes vegetables, another cheese, and yet another wanting the unobtainable. But individual fads have to be corrected for the boy's sake, and it must be realised by all that to live within their income we must be prepared to accept what is humanly possible to obtain, and remember that the best possible is always being done for the boys.

Food and hygiene are perhaps the most important problems in an establishment like ours. The maintenance of order, without destroying freedom or provoking repression, is also a difficult function. The dangers which lie on either side have been carefully avoided by a middle course, and generally speaking, tact and persuasion rather than punishment have been used as social weapons. This ideal has had a good effect all round, and although some respond more readily than others to proper treatment, the tone is generally high.

Entertainment is also a problem while living away from home. Pictures and organised activities have filled in the blanks produced on free evenings ; prep. amply fills the others. Despite the provision of papers, light literature and serious books, the enthusiasm

of the majority in this direction has been low, but already a new outlook on the subject—the result of experiment, be it noted—has produced a marked improvement. Recreation is difficult to provide for so many varied tastes, but responsible delegates chosen by the votes of the House at large, have made even this run smoothly—an example of what can be accomplished by co-operative organisation.

The Staff, their hardworking wives and the domestic staff, have all contributed to the great effort which has been made to ensure every possible chance of success in this communal experiment. Furthermore we all seem to thrive on the sweets and bitters of our existence.

R. MOLLAND and J. T. HALE,  
Raleigh House.

## Out of School Activities

### DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

At the end of last term the Society suffered a severe blow by the loss of Mr. H. Whitfeld. He was the true founder of the "Drams" and his enthusiasm and driving force earned us our present good name. We were, however, extremely fortunate in being able to secure the interest of Mr. Clark. There is already sure evidence that Mr. Clark will carry on the good work during P/O Whitfeld's enforced "holiday."

At the time of writing there are some difficulties in obtaining a suitable stage for rehearsing, but when the Magazine is published we shall be nearly ready for this season's production, "Outward Bound." We suffered no loss in personnel by evacuation, but were, indeed, faced with the unhappy prospect of disappointing some enthusiastic members in casting.

The Society is confident that the School will give its support to our initial effort at Penzance, for we again promise good entertainment.

As a direct result of last year's effort we have secured a permanent item in the Speech Day Programme. The Choral Speaking section will this year present "Hollow Men" by T. S. Elliot, and "Tarantella" by Hilane Belloc.

We are sorry to have disappointed the junior section up to the present, but we will endeavour to hold junior meetings during the Spring Term.

W.G.B.

### CHESS CLUB.

The chief activity this term has been the Inter-House Competition, in which junior matches have again been introduced. At the time of going to press the final matches have yet to be played; the result of the competition cannot therefore be given.



Fixtures this term have not been possible owing to present circumstances, but next term we hope to play Sutton High School. We wish to thank Mr. Armor for his valuable services, and Messrs Hodgson and Hutchings for the use of the Hotel Royale and the Mount's Bay Hotel. K.G.F.

## SCOUT LOG.

Scouting has proceeded this term on a rather unusual basis but with considerable success. At the beginning of term a meeting was held at Marazion, all Patrol Leaders being present. It was decided that the best thing to do was to try to carry on Scouting within the Hostels as far as possible by running Patrols at each place. The following are the results :—

### *The Rookery.*

Troop-Leader A. Tredget and his assistant, H. Hitchborn, have organised two Patrols of new scouts. Meetings have been held each Wednesday evening. It has been possible to provide a loft as a Den—The Owls' Nest—and this has been cleaned and painted, and should soon be a first class Scout headquarters. There is also a Troop store room at Marazion. Next term it is hoped to report a number of badges gained.

### *Mounts Bay Hotel.*

Mr. Hutchings has made it possible for Patrol Leader Ralph Maybourne to organise Patrols of new Scouts. The Lion Patrol and the Tiger Patrol have met each Wednesday evening for games and instructions. The Patrol Leaders, Burton and March, have done good work with their Patrols.

### *Marine.*

Patrol Leader M. Taylor has organised a Patrol with the assistance of Scouts Barrett and Bryant. Regular meetings have been held and some useful badge work has been done. The Patrol looks forward to some expeditions next term.

### *Ponsandane.*

Patrol Leader G. Young has obtained the use of a room for his Patrol and has his own supply of Scouting equipment. Looking ahead, this Patrol has already asked for a tent from the stores. It is hoped to report next term that some active Patrol meetings have been held.

### *Hotel Royale, Mount Prospect, Tredarvah.*

Patrol Leaders Read, Hale and Tozer, have made an attempt to organise Patrols at their respective Hostels, but without much success, due to a variety of reasons—absence of keen members, other House activities, other duties of Patrol Leaders and so on.

It is hoped that a Scout Patrol will be formed in each Hostel and, that being put to the test of running entirely on the Patrol System, will not be unsuccessful in some measure. S/M D.H.S.

## SEA SCOUTS.

*18th Devonport Sea Scouts Patrol, Season 1941.*

Evacuation to our present environment prompted a few members of the School Scout Troop to form a Sea Scout section under the able leadership of Mr. J. L. Foster. The Newlyn Sea Scouts have lent us a twenty-seven foot Montagu whaler which had been slightly damaged by enemy action, together with the use of their A.S.M. In a short time the boat was repaired, and after some preliminary scrubbing and cleaning during the summer holidays, she was ready for sailing. Our thanks are also due to Commander Pilcher, R.N.O., Newlyn, who generously offered to have the boat made seaworthy, and to Mr. Curnow, our instructor, who accompanied us on our sailing expeditions.

We have been able to enjoy only a short season, and the boat has now been laid up for the winter. There is plenty of work to be done and seamanship to be learned in the coming months. During this time we hope to recruit another crew of six to supplement the present one, the only qualification being sustained keenness.

After a thorough cleaning and repainting "The Lyonesse" should be ready for a good boating season in 1942.

J.T.H. and R.B.M.

## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

There are many School activities, but few are so useful as debating. This society died an unnatural death when Mr. Gaskin was called upon for more pressing duties and no one could be found to take his place. For a year or more we were living while great questions were being raised every day and while problems were calling for solution. These were discussed in small groups at School, but little was effected. Not until we moved to more peaceful surroundings was it possible to restart, and the Upper School, as a body, must primarily thank Mr. Clark for his efforts in this direction.

Tentative enquiries were made of likely Seniors, and on Sunday, October 12th, a preliminary meeting was held at the Mount's Bay Hotel. Besides the election of officers and a committee, the procedure, scope and subjects of the society were discussed. A certain amount of restraint was dispelled by the witty and typical remarks of the chairman, who can always be relied upon to ease awkward situations and bring people out of their shells.

The first debate was held at Mount Prospect a fortnight later. The motion that "There need be no more wars" was defeated by a substantial majority after an animated, if not skilled, debate. Ward, proposing, made a forceful, if unconvincing, argument, while Fitzsimmons in a lighter style that evaded the knock-out blows of his opponent, used a special application of the Theory of Evolution as his main theme. Although the floor was well balanced in its speeches, very few of the speakers spoke as well as they might have done if given the practice. Mr. Chamberlain, by mutilating Darwin, caused a civil war among the scientists, which was much appreciated by the rest of us.

The Hotel Royale was our next venue, and Porter gave an extremely able and interesting paper on Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle." After a brief review of the author's life, he passed on to a vivid analysis of the novel. The horrors of the American stock-yards, and the economic slavery of the simple Scandinavian hero, were by no means a shock to those of us who know the crushing effects of industrialism and big business in the best of countries, even to-day, but the lecturer dealt with it in such a way that they seemed a revelation and Socialism their only cure. An eloquent testimony to the strength of Sinclair's pen was that Porter refused "for nearly a month after first reading the book to eat anything out of a tin." The paper raised many interesting questions, and it is to be regretted that there was not enough time to discuss them all fully. Higson was persistent, Mr. Tamblin aggressive and Simmond authoritative, but the bulk of the floor left the speaking to a few. By the end of the year it is to be hoped they will all be getting up on their feet and making good, forceful speeches, while the others will become more polished.

By the time this is in print an open discussion on "Reality" will have been held. This rather formidable subject has been given careful thought by a number of boys in one hostel, and it is considered that they will bring forward many interesting view points.

In conclusion, we must sincerely thank the Hostel masters for putting meeting places at our disposal. It is this interest which is manifest everywhere that makes these Sunday evening discussions so vital to real education, the success they are.

R. MOLLAND, *Hon. Sec.*

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## Rugby Club

*Rugby Master* : MR. F. DRAKE.

*Captain* : P. L. MARTIN.

*Vice-Captain* : R. H. HUZZEY.

*Hon. Secretary* : H. WILLIAMS.

The Rugger Club was this year fortunate in retaining a nucleus of last year's 1st XV., now more fully developed and much more a unit. A fairly strong side has been built, and it is unfortunate that owing to war-time conditions and the limitation of games to Saturdays, more games have not been played. There has been considerable success up to the time of going to press, due to the solid play of the forwards, with the excellent hooking of Evea, the good defence of the backs, in particular Down, and the attacking power, in which Bartlett shines. The loss of Walford by an injury in the first match, was a blow to the team, but Ford and Molland (ii) keep the scrum quite as solid.

The 2nd XV. is well supplied with good backs, and though the forwards are rather inexperienced, what is lacking has been made up by spirited play ; and the three games so far played have been won. This success is due chiefly to the play of the backs, in particular Truscott, Honey and Pyne.

The Junior XV. suffers from lack of practice, there being little co-ordination. Hyne, Parsons and other individual members, however, show great promise.

The Club was fortunate in securing for use in its first season in Penzance the St. Clare pitch, formerly the field of the Penzance Rugby Club. Thanks are due to Mr. Bradley, headmaster of Penzance County School, for changing accommodation.

By the resignation of the headmaster, Mr. Simmonds, the Club will lose an enthusiastic supporter of long standing, and one who has done much to give Rugger such a prominent place in our School life. We tender him our deepest gratitude for his firm support and encouragement in the past.

Mr. Webber resigned his post as Rugger master early in the season, owing to pressure of work. Our thanks are due to him for all his work connected with the Club, and to Mr. Drake, who fills his place. We owe thanks also to Mr. Gaskin for refereeing, and to Mr. Jarvis, an experienced referee living in Penzance, who has very kindly refereed home fixtures.

#### First XV. :

Down ;

Huzzey, Powell, Simmonds (ii), Bale ;  
Bartlett, Holgate ;  
Pickering, Molland (i), Cocking, Ford, Molland (ii),  
Beswick, Evea, Fitzsimmons.  
Tozer, Truscott, Honey, Ellis and Pyne have also played.

#### 2nd XV.

Vogel ;

Truscott, Keast, Honey, Hale ;  
Roberts (ii), Pyne ;  
Hurwitt, Gould, Maybourne, Tozer, Tomlinson  
Wannell, Higson, Gill.  
Martin and Stephens have also played.

#### Junior XV.

Grant ;

May, Parsons, Simmonds (iii), Hyne ;  
Robinson, Waldern ;  
Tomlinson, Holding, Walters, Harwood, Geach,  
George, Cliffe, Jane.

							Points.
		Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For	Agst.
1st XV.	...	7	7	0	0	152	34
2nd XV.	...	4	3	0	1	77	28
Colts XV.	...	2	2	0	0	29	0
Junior XV.	...	3	0	1	2	15	26

## Soccer Club

*Soccer Master* : MR. W. G. TAMBLIN.

*Captain* : S. J. MOGER.

*Vice-Captain* : W. G. BROWN.

*Secretary* : R. A. BEARE.

Up to the time of going to press the Soccer Club has had a successful season, despite the fact that all matches have been played away. The 1st XV. though small compared with former teams has maintained a high standard of play. It has suffered one defeat against a heavier and stronger Army XI., but has decisively defeated three Cornish teams. The 2nd XI. has played one match, which was won by a large margin. The Junior XI. has won three matches, and should prove worthy of the School in the Penzance League.

The Soccer Club feel that they are losing their most valued friend and supporter in the Headmaster, and whilst wishing him success in his new position, we most strongly envy the school to which he is going. We thank him for all his efforts connected with the Club and for his consistent interest in its welfare.

The committee thank the Penzance Council for the interest they have taken in the Club and, for refereeing and accompanying away teams, Messrs. W. G. Tamblin and J. Williams. We also thank the Penzance County School for the use of their grounds.

### 1st XI.

Ward ;

	Weeks,	Moger (i) (capt.) ;	
Simmonds,	Moger (ii),	Hobbs ;	
Brown,	Grindrod,	MacAlpine,	Semmens, Beare.

### 2nd XI.

Burrows ;

	Sutton,	Sketchley ;	
Hill,	Roberts,	Rose ;	
Scouler,	Lang,	Lawrence,	Rockey (capt), Prideaux.

### Junior XI.

Escott ;

	Moger (iii),	Price ;	
Tanner,	Coles,	Reed ;	
Cooper (capt.),	Ingham,	Richards,	Gosling. S. J. Moger.

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# Tennis Club

## OFFICIALS :

*Tennis Master* : MR. D. B. GASKIN.

*Captain* : W. G. BROWN.

*Secretary* : P. L. MARTIN.

*Committee* : The above with D. ALLEN and I. J. PICKERING.

Favoured with better conditions than ever before, the Tennis Club had a most successful season. Three matches were played, of which two were won without the loss of an individual match, but the absence of Martin and Allen contributed to a heavy defeat against the Staff.

It was found possible this year to enlarge the annual tournament so as to include events for the younger players, who had proved among the keenest members during the season. Both the Open Singles and the Open Doubles provided finals in which the tennis reached a high standard and attracted many spectators unconnected with the School. Results :—

OPEN SINGLES—Brown (holder) beat Martin, P. L., 7—5, 6—4.

OPEN DOUBLES—Brown and Martin beat Burrows and Lang 4—6, 6—2, 6—3.

UNDER 16 SINGLES—Burrows beat Roberts, L. A., 6—2, 6—0.

UNDER 14 SINGLES—Creber, D., beat Waldern 6—1, 3—6, 6—3.

## CRITIQUE.

BROWN.—Both his strokes and his tactics are well above the average for a schoolboy, and as he shows himself a cool and resourceful match player, he should do well in the future.

MARTIN.—Always steady and determined, he improved his strokes out of all recognition this season and developed a good deal of the " sting " which his shots had previously lacked.

ALLEN.—Lacked the opportunities for play which most of the others enjoyed. His forehand drive is a powerful stroke, but his service is apt to let him down.

PICKERING.—Still fails to live up to his earlier promise. He plays well when winning, but collapses when things go against him.

LANG.—A very steady and determined player who has improved his stroke-production considerably, but has still some way to go in this direction.

BURROWS.—Easily the most promising of the younger players. He is very keen, and he and Lang showed their fighting qualities by nearly defeating a much stronger pair in the Doubles final.

D.B.G.

## Swimming Club

*Swimming Master* : MR. F. SANDON.

*Captain* : S. BARTLETT.

*Vice-Captain* : F. BOWEN.

*Secretary* : S. J. MOGER.

Although the existing conditions presented many difficulties, the Annual Swimming Sports were held at Ross Bridge, Penzance. The final positions of the Houses were :—1, Raleigh ; 2, Gilbert ; 3, Drake ; 4, Grenville. The School has had one outside match against an Army team, the result of which was a win for the School. The Swimming Cup was won this year by F. Bowen and the Relay Cup by Raleigh.

The Club would like to express their deep appreciation to Mr. F. Sandon for his invaluable help and direction, and wish him success in his new post.

S. J. MOGER.

### "THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH."

In the days before we had tasted the all too brief joys of mixed tea-parties and of School buildings which, strange to say, had been built for the purpose of holding schoolboys (and girls), the homely and old-fashioned sound of the electric bell served the needs of those in high places.

This bell was rung by one who, though unacquainted with the mysteries of Vergil, Book VI., and Higher Mathematics, was supreme in his own station, and whose absence has caused a grief which will be dispelled only by the appearance of a fitting successor. But now, it would seem, the mighty men have been afflicted by some strange property of the Penzance air, and an unbecoming originality has revealed itself in the matter of bells. On our arrival at Penzance Girls' School, we were greeted by a bell which had a voice "whose sound was like the sea." If only the donor of this magnificent instrument had infused some of his artistic spirit into the minds of our own authorities ! Yet it was not this erection which seized their imagination, but the atrocious apparatus which was suspended from the grand piano at the Boys' School, to be smitten with a hammer at appropriate intervals.

The influence thus set at work impelled our leaders to install a similar gadget at each of our present buildings, and the resulting clamour has caused us to cast many apprehensive glances through such pamphlets as "The truth about Hell," and "The Way to Salvation." They do not seem to have the resonance of the original, and whether this is due to the inexperience of the performers who

manipulate them to the weapons with which they are provided, is a question that time alone can solve.

Meanwhile we have cause to believe that energetic researches are in progress to produce even more startling alarums, for strange sounds have issued forth from the locked doors of Richmond Hall. We understand that the possibilities of the gas rattle have been closely examined, and that thoughtful officials have been seen ringing the bells of the bicycles in the vicinity. Surely these exertions will result in the equipment of those gentlemen whose proud duty it is to liberate us from the toils of our stern taskmasters, with a more dignified badge of office than a crowbar and a rusty iron brakedrum.

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## D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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Another year has gone, and for D.H.S., as for many other Schools, it has been a year of change. Old Boys will be interested to hear that the School now has its own buildings, and that we have been particularly fortunate in the matter of laboratories. There have of necessity been Staff changes. In addition to those already recorded, two have joined the R.A.F.—Messrs. F. Vivian and H. Whitfield. The latter recently took advantage of a short leave to pay the School a visit: Mr. Sandon has been appointed to the Headship of Mellon County School, Cumberland.

Everyone will be glad to know that Mr. Lockwood, who had been so ill for several months, is now much better. He has left Plympton and is living at Gainsborough. His son is Headmaster of Gainsborough Grammar School. It is pleasing to record that



Mr. Lockwood's interest in Chess has in no way abated. His address is 3, Garias Road, Gainsborough, Lincs.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lieut. and Mrs. Barrett.

Mr. J. Truscott has passed the Int.B.Sc. (Engineering) Exam. of London University and has received an appointment on the Engineering side of the B.B.C.

Mr. D. Worden has been promoted to Executive Officer in the Civil Service.

Mr. E. J. Forbes, our late senior prefect, who won an Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Jesus College, Oxford, has since been awarded a Kitchener Scholarship.

Paymaster Midshipman J. L. Parford has also received a Kitchener Scholarship.

Midshipmen D. Pepper and A. C. Simmonds have been promoted to Sub.-Lieutenants.

An interesting letter comes from 2nd Lieut. S. G. Ash. His address is : 10th Corps Signals, Middle East Forces. He would very much like to get in touch with some of his old friends and asks for the present addresses of Messrs. Kingwell, Willis and Good-fellow. Can anyone help, please ?

Mr. K. S. Lake, late of the Estate and Duty Office, is now in an A.A. Battery.

Last year we deplored the absence of the usual gathering of Old Boys at Christmas. At the moment it does not seem likely that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the customary time either. However, we are doing all we can to keep the Association going in these difficult times, and we hope it will continue to serve the purpose of maintaining friendships between Old Boys. So many of the London members are in the Services that the Branch had has to suspend activities, but Mr. S. L. Mills, 18, Northwood Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, will be pleased to hear from any Old Boy desiring information about London members.

Mr. R. Lyon, now Sergt. Lyon of the R.A.F., seems to be enjoying the strenuous life of a Navigator-Observer. Our congratulations on his marriage, although belated, are sincere.

The names of two Old Boys' figured in the XV. selected to appear for the Navy v. the Army, on November 22nd, at Devonport. Lieut. (E) Healy and Sub.-Lieut. (E) A. Simmonds. Both had a good match. Lieut. Healy showed all his old-time skill, while Sub.-Lieut. Simmonds scored one of the Navy's tries and converted another.

Congratulations also to Mr. J. L. Deal, who has been elected Captain of Oxford University Football XI. This honour follows two outstanding performances in the Oxford v. Cambridge matches of last season.

Of our recent leavers, Messrs. Parsons and Wain are pursuing their studies with University College, and are located in Wales. Messrs. Bennett and Rowe, now well advanced in their course, are at Bristol. The former gives news of his old friend of VIth form days, Mr. Alec Barnes, now with Mr. F. Crocker, undergoing training overseas as pilots. Messrs. B. Border and Stower are at Exeter University College, Mr. G. L. Foster is in training at Westminster, Mr. D. Allen at Nottingham University College, while Messrs. Greenwood and Glinn are at Leicester University College.

Mr. A. Smith gives an account of what must be an interesting life as a Laboratory Assistant with the I.C.I.

By this time Old Boys will have heard that Mr. Simmonds has been appointed Headmaster of Tottenham Grammar School, and will join in offering their congratulations. In the case of those still at the School the congratulations must be tinged with regret at losing such a good friend. During the nine years Mr. Simmonds has guided the affairs of D.H.S. he has done all in his power to further the interest of the School and its pupils. That he has succeeded is beyond all question. He has given the O.B.A. the benefit of his wide experience and particularly do we value the fact that Old Boys have been helped and advised as readily as the pupils of the School. To Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds we wish all good fortune and happiness in their new home. The Old Boys are naturally anxious to show their appreciation of an esteemed Headmaster in the form of a presentation. A number of subscriptions has already been received. Contributions may be sent to me at Poltesco, Alverton, Penzance, while for the convenience of those living at Plymouth, Mr. Lamb is willing to receive any contributions to the fund at the Emergency High School, Regent Street, Plymouth.

To all Old Boys we send greetings and best wishes. We look forward to the time when Mr. Eric Cock will again arrange a reunion in the way that only he can do. Mr. Cock is now engaged in Civil Defence work. We wish him good luck and assure him that the lapse of our gathering this year serves all the more to remind us of what he has done for us so willingly in the past.

H. FERRARO.

We welcome the following new members :

- 763. N. Essery, 46, Wembury Park Road, Plymouth.
- 764. B. J. Warn, 15, Penrhos Drive, Bangor, Caerns., N. Wales.
- 765. P. C. Colling, 23, Stendee Road, Milehouse, Plymouth.
- 766. R. F. Harris, 7, Gordon Terrace, Mutley, Plymouth.

The following changes of address are notified :

- 2nd Lieut. G. Barrett, 8, St. Luke's Grove, Burton Stone Lane, York.
- J. Truscott, Donny Brook, 59, Embankment Road, Kingsbridge.
- R. Smith, 90, Cambridge Street, Werneth, Oldham.
- D. Worden, The Retreat, Third Avenue, Calesdown Hill, Billacombe.
- J. W. Batten, 5, Lower Broad Park, Dartmouth.

K. S. Lake, G.L. Section, 380th Heavy A.A. Battery, Halton Hill, Bedford, Middlesex.

E. E. Cock, Social Centre, Horn House Lane, Kirkby, Nr. Liverpool.

MISSING.

We desire to express our sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Mowan, whose son, Sergt.-Observer T. P. Mowan of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, has been reported missing. Sergt. Mowan was on the staff of the city electrical engineer and joined the Air Force soon after the outbreak of the war.

OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Denis Donahue, who was killed in a flying accident with the R.A.F. We desire to express our sympathy with his family.

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