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Editorial

A student may be likened to a man rowing a boat; the one oar representing work, the other relaxation. It is through an equal application of the two oars that the proverbial Jack is made a bright boy. Everyone in a grammar school should attempt to cultivate interests outside the ordinary curriculum. In Devonport High School there is ample opportunity, owing to the large number of societies, ranging from the Arts Society to the Christian Union, and from the Stamp Club to the Science Society. In addition, every use should be made of the sporting facilities. Games not only foster team-spirit but are also a great aid in character-building.

Today, at a time when the whole country is crying out for specialists, the grammar school must maintain its proper place in Society. At present, many schools are producing only two types of boy: the parrot and the specialist. The former can merely repeat what he has been taught; the latter knows little outside his own subject. Both types are educational failures.

It is of the utmost importance that the students of the grammar school should not fall into narrow cliques—and this applies to both artists and scientists. Although some form of specialisation is a necessity, it must be built upon a wide general-knowledge. The pupil must cultivate an interest in politics, world affairs and the arts, but, above all, he must be taught to exercise his critical faculty. Not only must he be encouraged to express opinions on all manner of subjects, but those opinions must be respected, and not suppressed by dogmatic teaching.

Much of the trouble in the world may be attributed to a lack of sympathy between people holding differing ideas. It is only through resisting narrow specialisation that the grammar school can properly prepare its students for life. Let every boy, from the first form to the sixth, make sure that he makes use of the opportunities which the School offers.

HEADMASTER'S NOTE

I hope you have all read the Editorial. It states quite clearly what I have always deemed to be our function as a school: the preparation of good citizens. Naturally we all tend to be specialists; we cannot hope to know everything about everything: we follow our own interests. But you of this School ought to be intelligent enough to be able to understand and to appreciate other points of view, other skills, other specialised knowledge. You ought to be vigorous enough in mind and body to be active in a wide sphere. Don't be a parasite. Parasites either kill eventually that which gives them life, or they are themselves removed.

School Notes

We go to print with Christmas but six weeks away. When this magazine is published, the new year will be imminent with its opportunities for an assessment of our past achievements and for our resolutions for the future. Whatever form these resolutions may take, let us hope that they will carry us through the coming year, so that at the end of it we may say:

"The Future I may face now I have proved the Past."

The Inter-Schools Music and Film Societies, in which we are specially interested, having been concerned with them since their formation, continue to flourish. In addition to their obvious cultural value, both afford for their members the chance of contact with other grammar schools in the city and are, therefore, well worthy of our full support.

The fears expressed last term that the Literary and Debating Society would lose its independent existence, have proved groundless. As usual, the highlight of the term's activities was on November 10th, when the Society were the guests of the Y.M.C.A. The motion was, "That this House is of the opinion that the Western Nations are doomed to lose the battle of ideas." Jeffery proposed and Parsons opposed and the seconds were Searle and Daymond respectively. The motion was defeated by thirty-six to eight. We are grateful to the Y.M.C.A. for their kind invitation. We would advise all sixth formers, both artists and scientists, to give this society their active support.

As T. S. Eliot says: "We know that good manners without education, intellect or sensibility to the arts tend towards mere automatism; that learning without good manners or sensibility is pedantry." Therefore we wish the Arts Society continued success in its efforts, since it is the cultural complement to the flourishing Science Society.

A large party from the School attended the concert given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and a smaller group

visited the Festival Ballet later in the term. In October, a school party travelled to Stratford to see a performance of "Twelfth Night".

At Speech Day, on September 25th, the prizes were distributed by Professor K. C. Wheare, Rector of Exeter College, Oxford. In his address, he stressed the sense of achievement that results from work well done.

The Garden Party this year was again well supported, the proceeds exceeding those of any previous year. We are particularly grateful to the Parents' Association and to the members of the staff who assisted in so many ways. We also congratulate last year's 3A on their initiative in presenting a show of their own in aid of Garden Party funds.

We extend a hearty welcome to three new members of staff; Mr. A. Cross, B.A. (Cantab.) has taken Mr. Clarke's place on the English staff; Mr. K. Pring, M.A. (Cantab.) has replaced Mr. Tapley in the Mathematics department; and Mr. D. Smith, B.A. (Oxon.) has taken Dr. Frost's place on the French staff. We hope that their stay with us will be both long and happy.

We also welcome, as the new French assistant, Monsieur P. G. Ariola of the University of Bordeaux and hope that he will spend a happy year with us.

The School Play this year is Bertolt Brecht's "Caucasian Chalk Circle". An account of the play, which will be produced by Mr. Larkins, will be found immediately after these notes.

PRAEPECTI VALETE

K. C. J. HUGHES. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1956; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1958; Prefect 1958; 2nd XI Soccer; Chairman, Field Club; Now entering Guy's Hospital, London, to read Dental Surgery.

V. WALKER. Entered School 1953; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1956; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1958; Prefect 1958; 1st XV Rugger Secretary, (colours 1957-58); Senior Athletics Team; Now entering Camborne School of Mines.

R. G. WHITTING. Entered School 1951; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1956; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1958; Prefect 1958; School Librarian 1957-58; 2nd XI Cricket; Now entering Lloyds Bank.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

The School Play

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle", by Bertolt Brecht, is being produced in January. The play is in many ways strange, to say the least, and some prologue might help the enjoyment of the performance.

A person who is prepared to enjoy nothing in the theatre, except watching the course of an intriguing yet plausible plot, will probably be disappointed in this play. There is a Storyteller who intervenes between the actors and the audience; he addresses the audience directly, instead of pretending, as actors in so many plays have to do, that they do not know the audience is there. For instance, at the beginning of the play he describes, in a matter-of-fact way, the setting and approximate action of the first scene; only at his signal does the action itself begin. At times this action may seem episodic, the scenes disjointed; in fact the unifying link between them is the presence of the Storyteller, the presenter of the whole entertainment, who occasionally even stops the action momentarily for a sidelight of his own on what is happening.

The play is set somewhere in central Russia at a time before lances were replaced by guns; we know nothing more definite than that. The bare framework of the story is artificial and rather obvious, like that of a fable; it is in fact a parable with a well-defined "point"; but though its story is traditional and ends with no twist, its details and presentation are exciting in a more unusual and versatile way, mixing lyricism with violence, bitter understatement with almost music-hall caricature.

Brecht's primary intention was to stir honest thinking rather than emotion; his play aims, not so much at easy sympathy for the characters, as at responsible sympathy for people in real life who resemble them. In this way, though it does not have verisimilitude, it has a realism disturbing to those who consider the works of Mr. J. B. Priestley, or Mlle. Sagan, "realistic". The story moves fast and with a variety of incident, and its comments are sometimes truly shocking because a happy ending to the play does not lull the feelings which it has jolted into life.

Admittedly the play may be different from those which most people are accustomed to, but it is the type which a society with a reputation like ours should be attempting. Don't be put off by what you have just read; come and see for yourself to make up your own mind.

I. E. DAYMOND, U.VIA.

In Memoriam

Mr. D. J. DAVIES, M.A.

We have recently learned of the death of Mr. D. J. Davies in his native county of Cardiganshire, where he was living in retirement. He taught Latin in the school from 1921 to 1924 and returned here in 1936 after holding posts in India for some years and then at Corporation Grammar School. He left the school finally in 1944 for Millom Grammar School, Cumberland, where he worked until his retirement in 1948. All who knew him had the highest regard for him and for the work he did, and he has left many friends behind. Mrs. Davies was with him when the school was evacuated to Penzance in 1941 and she was one of those ladies who did so much in caring for the boys at that time. We extend to her our very sincere condolences in her bereavement.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBIN SMERDON

It is with the deepest sympathy and regret that we record the death of Robin David Smerdon. "Sam," as he was known to us all, will be best remembered for his achievements in the field of sport. He was an outstanding member of the 1st XI soccer team for the past four years, being awarded full colours each season. In addition, he represented Plymouth Schoolboys during the season 1954-55, and was selected to attend the F.A. Schools Week at Oxford in 1956. He was also a member of the 1st XI cricket team for the past five years, gaining full colours during the last two seasons, where he proved himself to be a forcing bat and a very able wicket-keeper.

During his final year in school, he was Vice-Captain of Gilbert House. Entering the School in 1949, he gained G.C.E. "O" level in 1955 and "A" level in 1957. In 1958 he passed the Customs and Excise Examination, and was later a successful candidate at the interview.

His sporting prowess reflected itself in his social life; he was a good mixer and enjoyed life to the full, being especially renowned for his dry sense of humour. His loss will be felt not only in the sporting world, and in the School, but in the community at large, for he was the sort of boy whose courage and generosity could have brought happiness to many.

Careers

Each June sees the "O" level boys tackling the G.C.E. and each August brings its harvest of just rewards and disappointments and each September brings its crop of problems for the Careers Master.

It may, therefore, be helpful to parents and boys alike to highlight the pitfalls and outline the precautions that can be taken to avoid them.

Too often the problem is solely that of trying to place the boy with three or fewer "O" level passes who admits that honest endeavour would have raised the total to five or more. There is also the boy who worked hard and unaccountably failed vital subjects and he it is we can help.

Whether or not he aims to become a clerical Civil Servant he could well consider it as a second choice. This accepted, he should do two things in the summer term. First, he should make provisional application for entry to the clerical Civil Service by his performance in "O" level G.C.E. and also later in the term apply to take the clerical Civil Service examination in September. In this way, if his results are poor he can brighten up by remembering he can try again in the September clerical examination. Failure to apply in July means he cannot sit the examination until the following January.

The boy with five "O" levels (English Language, Mathematics, a Science and two others) can apply for most jobs with every hope of success. It is when English and Mathematics or both are lacking that the trouble arises but even then there is no need to be too despondent for quite a number of the worthwhile jobs qualify their demands with the proviso "... at not more than two sittings".

This clause is clearly intended for the idler prepared to clog the fifth forms of our grammar schools at the ratepayers' expense and get his subjects one at a time. Five subjects at four sittings is an achievement best forgotten.

Boys would do well to note that jobs these days are highly competitive and the best G.C.E. takes the pick. One post advertised on our notice board last summer began at £325 p.a. at sixteen years of age! Many boys, when applying for this post, desperately eager to get it, must have wished for better G.C.E. certificates with which to support their applications. Now is the time for our present fifth formers to ensure success in such a situation.

W.H.W., *Careers Master.*

Speech Day 1958

This year's Speech Day was held on Thursday, September 25th. The Chairman was the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Alderman G. J. Wingett, J.P., whilst the guest speaker was Professor K. C. Wheare, Rector of Exeter College, Oxford.

In his report, the Headmaster spoke of the very high standard achieved in the G.C.E. "O" level, but added that there was no room for complacency. The "A" level results were satisfactory. Most pleasing, however, were the number of University awards and entrances. He emphasised the need for hard work, especially in the fifth year. Dr. Cresswell went on to state that the many school societies continued to flourish, and he felt it important that every boy should belong to at least one. He also mentioned the fine sporting record which had been maintained during the past year.

The Lord Mayor stressed that boys of today were given opportunities which did not exist in his own day. He urged everyone to make the fullest use of them, to prepare himself as a true and worthwhile citizen. He also congratulated the Headmaster, Staff and School on their achievements.

During the evening, choral interludes were provided by the School Choir, which performed excellently. The organ was played by the music master, Mr. D. Crump, B.A., A.R.C.O.

Before delivering his address, Professor Wheare distributed the prizes. He began his speech by emphasising that the University wanted only the best boys. He thought that schoolboys did not work hard enough. Professor Wheare closed by asking that the School should be given a half-holiday, a suggestion which was warmly received by the boys.

A vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Professor Wheare was proposed by Alderman H. Mason, J.P., Chairman of the Education Committee, and seconded by Dr. Andrew Scotland, M.A., Director of Education, and Councillor R. Briscoe, Chairman of the School Governors. The final speech of thanks was given by the School Captain, J. R. Parsons, who made presentations on behalf of the School to the Lord Mayor and Professor Wheare. The evening closed with the customary singing of the School Song.

I. E. DAYMOND, U.V.I.A

The Swimming Sports

Once again, Mr. Vanstone correctly interpreted the influence of sun-spots and H-bombs, to provide us with a reasonably fine day for our swimming sports. We were also very pleased to welcome those parents who were able to support this popular, annual event.

Although this was not a great day for record-breaking, our interest was held by an intriguing tussle between two of the Houses, Grenville and Drake. Grenville eventually came out on top, and the other Houses, Gilbert and Raleigh, finished third and fourth respectively.

Mrs. J. L. Cresswell presented the House Championship Cup to Grenville, and the individual trophies, which were as follows:

- 12 age group: Manning (Grenville)
- 13 age group: Atrill (Raleigh)
- 14 age group: Couch (Drake)
- 15 age group: Luxton (Raleigh)
- 16 age group: Davey (Grenville)
- + 16 age group: Walters (Grenville)

Our sincerest thanks are due to Messrs. Vanstone, Nash and Stone, whose hard work made the swimming sports possible. Also, we must congratulate the boys who took part with such zeal and sportsmanship for providing the spectators with a very enjoyable afternoon.

R. BRISCOE.

THE SOCCER CLUB

President: THE HEADMASTER *Master-in-Charge:* MR. WARREN
Captain: A. J. WARD *Vice-Captain:* J. R. PARSONS *Secretary:* G. E. REBURN

This term has seen many new faces in the senior teams, due to the loss of most of last season's players. Thus, the 1st XI has been rather weakened by the loss of many of its outstanding players, who in the past two years did much to sustain an almost unbeaten record.

The 2nd XI has had to rebuild its team due to the promotion of its players to the 1st XI; however, the team has gained two creditable draws with Kingsbridge 1st XI and Tamar 1st XI and it is hoped that it will have many similar successes.

Among our junior teams it appears that we have some very promising players, who, when they develop sufficiently, should become prominent members of a strong 1st XI.

The Under 15 XI has started with two wins and one loss. This team contains several powerful players and should enjoy a good season. We congratulate Horne, Gill and James on their selection for the Plymouth Schools F.A.

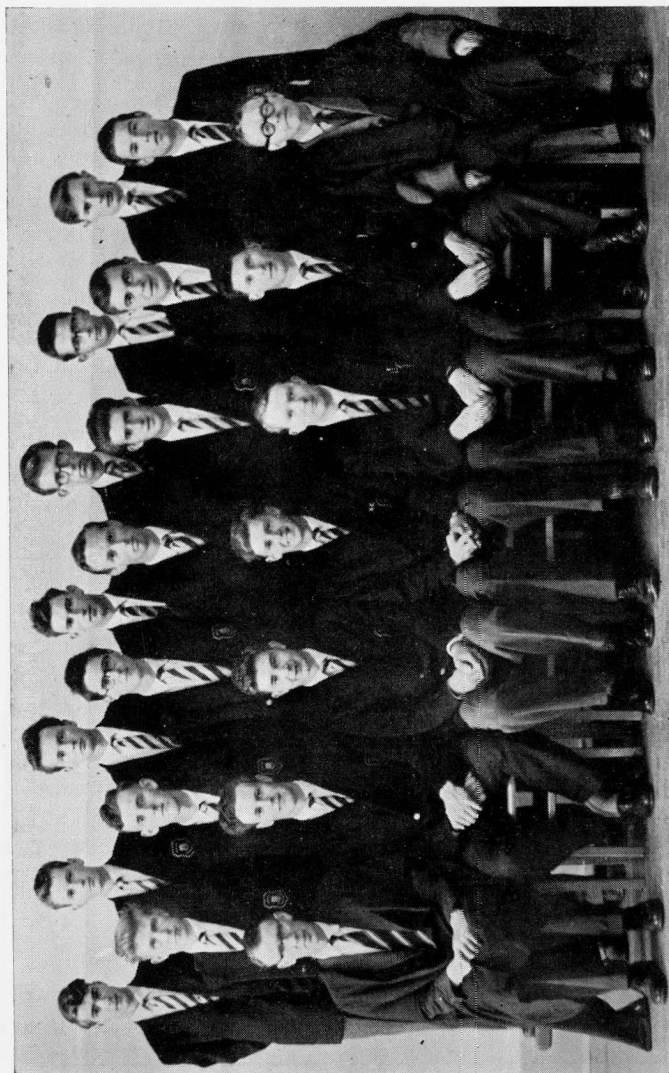
The Under 14 XI has won its three opening games and, although the players are small, seems likely to do well except under heavy conditions.

The Under 13 XI side is composed almost entirely of newcomers but is making a real attempt to play good football, and when its members gain more confidence they should improve upon their record of two defeats, and one draw.

Thanks are again most sincerely recorded to those masters who give so much of their spare time, and to the ladies who entertain our visitors to tea.

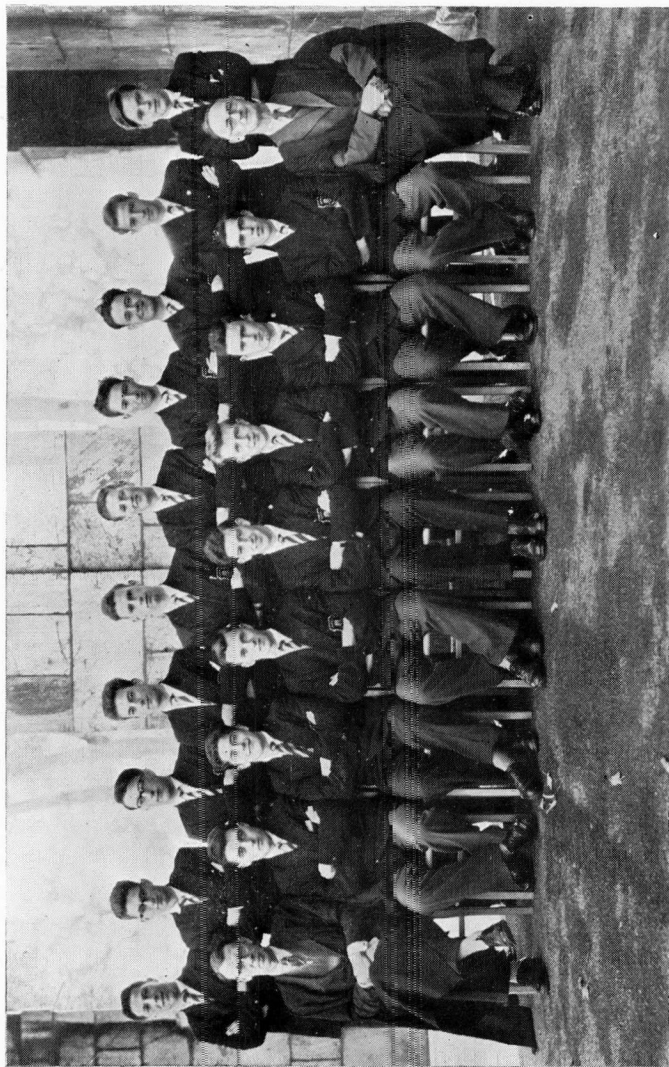
G. E. REBURN, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1957-58



Back row (left to right): A. Dustan, D. Walters, D. Denley, J. R. Parsons, R. Gould, J. Hurst, J. Ellis
Middle Row: I. E. Daymond, K. Horley, J. Partridge, D. Okell, D. Baldwin, P. F. Wickenden, N. H. Dingle
Sitting: Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*), R. Shute, C. J. Barker (*School Vice-Captain*), B. J. N. Blight (*School Captain*),
 R. Seager, B. Widger, Mr. D. H. Clark

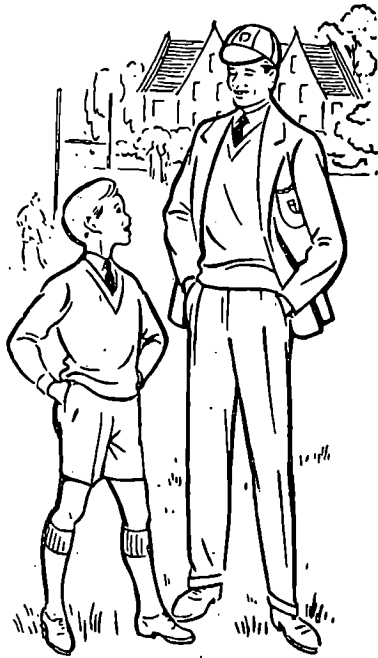
SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1958-59



Back Row (left to right) : M. I. Woodward, A. L. Quick, A. W. Carey, R. C. Hyde, K. P. Crowley, B. M. Williams, R. E. Hannaford, R. A. Butler, R. Cross, A. A. Daw
Sitting : Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster), R. C. Searle, A. J. Ward, G. E. Reburn, J. R. Parsons (School Captain), I. E. Daymond (School Vice-Captain), D. L. Dawe, D. P. Holliday, Mr. A. C. Truman

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THE TENNIS CLUB

Once again the Tennis Club has had a rather unsuccessful season. Our only victory was over H.M.S. Fisgard, and we suffered heavy defeats from Hill Lane, St. Boniface's College, and Kelly College.

With few exceptions, the team lacked the will to win, and the lapses in concentration at vital points, which were so often apparent, were quite inexcusable.

It is doubtful whether the standard of tennis in the school can improve while so few boys take a serious interest in the game. We hope that next year more boys will avail themselves of the opportunity of practising at Collings Park on Thursday evenings, thereby making it possible to select a team which will make up in enthusiasm what it lacks in skill.

The prospects for the future are a little brighter, however. There appear to be some promising players in the junior school who, with a little encouragement, may well provide the nucleus of a much stronger tennis team in years to come.

We thank Mr. Tamblin for his guidance throughout the season, and the Parents' Association for providing teas for our visitors.

J. R. PARSONS.

THE CRICKET CLUB

President : THE HEADMASTER *Master-in-Charge* : MR. WAYNE

Captain : B. WIDGER *Vice-Captain* : J. R. PARSONS *Secretary* : A. J. WARD

The 1st XI were fortunate in that eight of last year's team remained, including the Captain and Vice-Captain. The season thus opened with the team fairly settled and early victories were recorded against Torquay G.S., Okehampton G.S., and Plymouth "A." The highlight of the year was soon to follow with our victory over Plymouth College in which Mitchell took 9 wickets for 19 runs. It was this bowling, backed up by some excellent fielding, which caused the last 9 wickets to fall for 5 runs.

The season closed with five games in four days, all of which were won and when the fixtures were completed only two games had been lost throughout the year.

We offer our congratulations to our Captain, B. Widger, on his selection and successful performances for the Devon Colts, and to R. Widger on his selection for the Devon Schools XI, while it is felt that J. Parsons must also be congratulated for yet again heading the 1st XI batting averages.

The 2nd XI did slightly better than anticipated by drawing the majority of their matches. The games, however, were played with commendable spirit while the standard steadily improved throughout the season.

The Colts XI had a very successful year. Out of the fourteen games played, nine were won while one of their defeats was at the hands of a strong Plymouth Schools —15 XI. Their performances promise well for the future.

After a promising start, the Junior XI suffered a number of defeats, but it is felt that this might be attributed more to lack of experience than to lack of natural ability.

Once again we wish to express our thanks to the Parents' Association for providing teas throughout the season, and to Mr. Wayne, Mr. Warn and Mr. Poole and their colleagues for giving up their spare time to coach the teams and umpire the numerous matches.

<i>Team Records :</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI	16	10	4	2
2nd XI	9	2	5	2
Colts XI	14	9	2	3
Junior XI	7	2	1	4

COLOURS : *Re-awards, Full :* B. Widger, Parsons, Mitchell, Smerdon.

Awards, Full : Dingle.

Re-awards, Half : Ward. *Awards, Half :* F. Williams.

A. J. WARD, *Hon. Secretary.*

House Notes

DRAKE

With regard to the St. Levan Shield, last year was not a very successful one for Drake, despite the fact that we were second in the athletic and swimming sports during the summer term. The swimming sports provided great excitement, Drake holding second positions after a fine tussle with Gilbert. Congratulations are due to Rhodes and Couch on winning the —16 and —14 cups respectively. In cricket, the senior side was weak, losing two out of the three games but drawing with Gilbert, the cricket champions. Searle led the team with commendable zeal but he was handicapped by a lack of regular school players. The junior team did better, beating Raleigh, drawing with Grenville and losing to Gilbert.

Once again Drake's efforts were not confined to the field of sport. In a scheme devised by Mr. Nicholas, the House raised £2 12s. for the village of refugees at Pestalozzi. It is in such ventures that Drake shows that it is more than just a collection of boys who gather together once a week for prayers, but a united group willing to work together to help a less fortunate community.

This year Drake has four School Prefects: Cross, R. Hyde, Searle and Woodward. Hyde was elected Soccer captain, Cross, Chess captain and Woodward, Rugby captain. So far only the Senior Rugby games have been played. The results were promising, Drake winning two of three games and losing to a much heavier

Grenville team. Our Junior Rugby team should do well since they won all their games last season. Our Soccer and Chess teams also show promise.

Although little has been done so far, we have grounds for confidence in the coming year. This year is Drake's turn to win the St. Levan Shield. With keenness and enthusiasm from every member of the House, Drake must do well. It is the will to win which will carry us to the top. In all our aims, we have the support of Mr. Nicholas, to whom our thanks are due for his unfailing efforts on behalf of the House.

M. I. J. WOODWARD, *House Captain.*

GILBERT

At this early stage in the school year, with so few house activities completed, it is impossible to forecast which house will eventually win the St. Levan Shield. Nevertheless, Gilbert would appear to have a very good chance of regaining its position as Cock House.

No Soccer matches have yet been played but both the Senior and Junior teams still have many of last year's players and should maintain Gilbert's fine record in this sport.

The Senior Rugger team, although losing to both Drake and Grenville, played much better than for many years past, and did extremely well to defeat Raleigh by 14 points to 8. It is to be hoped that the Junior side will show a comparable improvement.

Despite the loss of most of the Senior Chess side at the end of last term, there is every indication that we shall again provide Grenville with a strong challenge for the Chess Cup.

We congratulate Butler, Crowley, Dawe, Quick, Williams and Whitting on their appointment as School Prefects, and Parsons who has been chosen as School Captain.

Once again I have the pleasant duty of expressing our sincere gratitude to Mr. Berry, for his continued guidance and encouragement.

J. R. PARSONS, *House Captain.*

GRENVILLE

Last term saw the departure of our House Captain, B. J. N. Blight, to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, where he will read Mathematics. Not only will his loss be felt in Chess and Athletics, at which he excelled, but in all departments of House activity. We wish him every success in his studies.

For the first time for several years, a Grenville House Captain received the St. Levan Shield at Speech Day. That is how it should be, and we must devote all our efforts to retaining the House Championship. The final positions were decided by the swimming sports and, as Grenville gained first place, we obtained the St. Levan Shield. Our congratulations are extended to Manning (-12) and Walters (+16) on their winning individual cups.

Our Senior Rugby team, captained by R. C. Griffin, has given the House an excellent start by winning all three Senior games. It is now up to the Juniors to help us to retain the Rugger Cup. The Soccer team, although containing four 1st XI players, will be hard put to equal the Rugger team's achievements, but should gain some valuable points.

Once again Grenville supply the School Chess Captain, F. Cooper, and it is hoped that the Chess Cup will remain with the House for yet another year.

Our congratulations are due to Ward, Griffin, Hannaford, Reburn and Carey, who have been appointed School Prefects. We again thank Mr. Mallinson for his continued guidance and support.

A. J. WARD, *House Captain*.

RALEIGH

Although we did not do as well as expected in the swimming sports last term, we congratulate Atrill who won every race he entered and was awarded the —13 Cup. Also, we extend our congratulations to Luxton who won the cup for the —15 group. We thank all boys from the House who took part for showing such zeal and sportsmanship, in spite of the fact that the House was losing. That is the spirit of which the House is proud.

In the cricket we finished second. This success may be attributed mainly to the fine efforts of the Senior team, ably captained by B. Widger.

Our final position in the St. Levan Shield Competition was third—a rather disappointing result. We have now said goodbye to B. Widger, last year's House Captain, whom we wish every success in his new post. We also wish good luck to those members of the House who have now left us.

We have not started the year too well, having lost all the Senior Rugger matches and the first Senior Soccer match to Grenville, when we failed owing to the mediocre finishing of the forwards. However, we have drawn our first Junior Soccer game, which was against Grenville, and we hope that this team will continue their success.

Only one Prefect remained from last year, I. E. Daymond, and he was appointed House Captain. We were unfortunate in having only two new prefects appointed in this House, Holliday and Daw. Our congratulations are extended to D. P. Holliday on his position as House Secretary, and to A. A. Daw, the new Soccer Captain.

Finally, we wish to thank our Housemaster, Mr. E. W. R. Warn, for his continued guidance and help. There is a hard road ahead, to put Raleigh back in its rightful position as the Champion House, and every boy must give of his best to achieve this end.

I. E. DAYMOND, *House Captain*.

Out of School Activities

THE LIBRARY

At the beginning of this term, Whitting, last year's School Librarian, left to commence training at Lloyds Bank; we thank him for years of service in the library and wish him every success in his career.

Our first task was to recruit new Assistant Librarians from the sixth forms and we now have a team of twelve keen and efficient boys. It is unfortunate that, as a result of the large-scale loss of books revealed last term, the new staff have been faced with the formidable and wearisome task of placing some twenty thousand cards in six thousand five hundred books. The work is proceeding slowly, with Librarians working until 6 p.m. every night. We regret the necessity to keep the library closed for such a long period; perhaps this will be a lesson, however, to those boys whose irresponsible behaviour has made the check necessary. A school library depends for its very existence on the integrity and respect of every boy who uses it.

The two new Junior Librarians, Ellis and Prideaux of 3A, have commenced their duties with splendid enthusiasm. Indeed they have secured so many new members that we shall soon need more space to store the rapidly growing number of books!

One of the most vital ancillary departments of the school library is the book repair section. Binns (L6A) is in charge of this but he desperately needs a larger and more enthusiastic team of book-repairers. Is it too much to hope that there are boys in the third, fourth and fifth years who will be prepared to help him? The need is great.

A. DUSTAN, *Hon. Librarian.*

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The visits envisaged by my predecessor, whose enthusiasm was an example to us all, were exceptionally well supported. An enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Blackfriars Distillery of Messrs. Coates & Co., where the basic principles of gin production were explained. The art and science of modern gunnery were introduced to members at the Gunnery School, H.M.S. Cambridge, where practice shoots were seen, and heard! We were equally fortunate in being allowed to inspect the installations of the City Water Department at Burrator and Derriford, at the latter of which a new filtration and water treatment plant is being installed. A morning at the recently completed Drake Cinema enabled the party to understand technical reasons why films shown there may be so visually and aurally impressive. A party visited the Avon Dam, and was conducted by the resident engineer through the body of the dam itself, to examine the equipment housed therein. A

group also studied the production of Portland cement at the Saltram Quarry works. The Society thanks, most sincerely, the organisations who made these excursions possible, and the gentlemen who conducted us over the installations visited.

After much hard work, the Ciné Section of the Society completed the film "Plymouth Breakwater" in time for it to be exhibited at the Garden Party. Those who have never been associated with a production unit engaged in the making of a film have little idea how many hours of work culminate in twenty minutes of running time in the edited product, but the experience was enjoyed by all concerned. The efforts of the team were amply rewarded by the enthusiastic reception given to the film when released.

In the last week of the summer term the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held. A mere thirty-nine out of the one hundred and thirty-one members attended, and it is disappointing that among so many who enjoy the regular meetings and excursions so few interest themselves in the administrative work. The retiring chairman, D. F. A. Childes, U6Sc, congratulated the Society on achieving a record membership, and expressed the hope that the enrolment would rise to one hundred and fifty this session. The resignations of last year's officials were received, and a new committee was appointed. The principal officers elected were R. C. Griffin, U6Sc., Chairman; R. J. Cross, 6Sc., Vice-Chairman; D. J. Butler, 6Sc., Secretary.

Although, at the time of writing, the target set by last year's chairman has not been achieved, it is hoped that it will have been attained by the time of publication. The increased number of members from the Arts Sixth is most encouraging. It should be remembered that this Society not only provides entertainment, but can also add greatly to the general knowledge of its members.

Arrangements have been made for three visiting lecturers to address the Society this term. They are Mr. H. Deacon, of Handley Page, Ltd., who has chosen as his subject "Design and Production Problems in the Aircraft Industry", illustrated by a film on the Victor bomber; Mr. W. McCartney, of the Chilean Iodine Bureau, on "Iodine"; Mr. H. G. Hurrell with "Nature Films of the Year". The Society is indeed fortunate in being able to entertain such accomplished visitors. In addition, by the time these notes have been published many films will have been exhibited, ranging over a wide field of subjects.

The Meteorological Section continues to publish a daily weather report; the notice boards outside the Physics Laboratories present articles and illustrations on scientific subjects, and the periodicals *New Scientist*, *Times Science Review* and *Science Club* are still taken by the Society.

D. J. BUTLER, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

We should like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Mr. Clark who, until his departure last term, was a great source of help and inspiration to debating in the School. In Mr. Clark's place, as master in charge of the Society, we welcome Mr. A. Cross.

In the past, the Literary and Debating Society has been open only to the sixth forms, but there was such a good response, in debates for the whole school, from the fourth and fifth that the Society is now open to any boy from the fourth form and upwards.

It is of the utmost importance that every boy should interest himself in debating, as he will then have the opportunity of learning how to express himself and argue intelligently in the presence of other people.

Our programme this term started with a debate, held in conjunction with the Arts Society, on the subject of Unilateral Disarmament. The programme also includes an exhibition debate, which we shall give at the Y.M.C.A. on the 10th November. On November 18th we shall be the hosts at an Inter-Schools debate, and at the end of term we hope to hold another School debate.

J. JEFFERY, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE ARTS SOCIETY

At our first meeting this term, our future policy was decided. It was suggested that meetings should take place once a fortnight (instead of once a week, as last year), since many boys found it difficult to attend every Thursday. It was stated that the aim of the Society is to encourage boys to take an intelligent interest in the Arts and to think for themselves, rather than to fill them with a mass of knowledge. We were particularly pleased to see six members of staff at the meeting, showing that if the boys are interested, they will certainly have the support of the staff.

We opened our programme with a debate, the subject of which was: "That it is both foolish and immoral for Britain to have nuclear weapons." The motion was proposed by I. E. Daymond and opposed by J. Jeffery. The debating from the floor was of only average standard, and clearly demonstrated that the number of boys capable of taking part in a debate is strictly limited. We must put more emphasis on the art of speaking intelligently and forcefully before an audience.

The second lecture was by Mr. Vanstone who chose as his subject: "The findings of recent excavations of Roman sites in Great Britain." The meeting was attended by a large number of boys, who thoroughly enjoyed the talk. Our thanks are extended to Mr. Vanstone for kindly agreeing to lecture.

The next talk was by Mr. Angus, on "The writing of a textbook." The speaker had written several and illustrated his lecture

by showing some publisher's proofs. The attendance was disappointing, but those who did go were charmed and instructed by the lecture.

Later in the term we hope to have a visit from Mr. Graham Cocks, who will give an illustrated lecture on the sort of music he likes. This should prove most stimulating, with something for all tastes, since I know that Mr. Cocks' record library ranges from Bach to Eartha Kitt, with numerous deviations on the way!

During the spring term we intend to visit a number of interesting places, such as Saltram Park and Exeter Cathedral. But the future of the Society depends entirely on the support we receive. We cannot invite good speakers unless we can guarantee a large audience. Nevertheless, it is of the utmost importance in a School like this that there should be a lively interest in the Arts. This Society provides the opportunity. Let every boy avail himself of it.

I. E. DAYMOND, *Hon. Secretary.*

DANCING CLASS

It is very pleasing to note that there has been a good start to the year, in spite of the rather tardy arrival, on some occasions, of certain of the gentlemen. However, the ladies feel that the black blazers look very smart, and the gentlemen have responded to this compliment by endeavouring to dance whenever the opportunity arises.

This year has seen a fresh start to the class. Most of the former boys, who attended for a number of years, have gone up to university. Therefore, it was felt that, since the new class consisted almost entirely of beginners, instruction should commence with basic steps.

Once again we extend our sincere thanks to Miss S. Tout, our instructress, to Mrs. Bradley, our pianist, and, of course, to our patient and long-suffering partners.

I.E.D.

THE BADMINTON CLUB

At the beginning of term, it was decided to revive the Badminton Club. A well-attended meeting was held at which Parsons was elected Captain and Holliday Secretary. It was very encouraging to find so many people interested in Badminton. At the moment, the club has a membership of over twenty from the fifth and sixth forms. It has been decided to charge members a small fee in order to cover the cost of shuttlecocks and the repair of school rackets.

The Club meets during the lunch-hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the School Gymnasium and we would welcome any members of the Senior School who wish to learn the game. It is hoped to arrange matches against Plymouth College, Sutton and other local teams later in the season.

D. P. HOLLIDAY, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SCHOOL CHOIR

The Choir's private recording of Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" is among this month's releases and is, in general, a creditable performance. While it might be expected to show certain faults if judged by professional standards, it remains an achievement in which those taking part can have a proper pride. The faults merely illustrate what further progress has to be made before full satisfaction is reached.

The most immediate objective is the Carol Service on December 19th and, meanwhile, the Choir is introducing the music of the new Services into School Assemblies. There is hope that the rest of the School may eventually join in with greater "élan" than they generally display in their hymn-singing. The year 1959 is the bicentenary of Handel's death and a Concert is planned for March, consisting mainly of his music. The chief item is likely to be "Acis and Galatea" which will be given with visiting soloists and an augmented orchestra.

D. J. CRUMP.

SENIOR SCHOOL SOCIAL CLUB

This term the club has had to make a new start. Most of the members of last year's Upper Sixth, who helped to keep the club running smoothly, having left, it seemed doubtful whether the club would receive adequate support from the present sixth forms. However, the attendances on Friday evenings have been extremely encouraging, and there is every indication that in future years the club will continue to fulfil its function of increasing the social consciousness of its members.

The usual activities, table tennis, billiards, badminton and record sessions, have continued, and the improvement in the general standard of the badminton has been most noticeable. One of the table-tennis tables is in need of repair and some table-tennis balls and shuttlecocks are required. Hence it is probable that all members will have had to pay a small subscription by the time this magazine goes to print.

We again thank Mr. Mortimer, the school caretaker, for his assistance in making the club possible.

J. R. PARSONS.

THE FIELD CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting of the Field Club, the sixth form members were surprised and delighted to see a greatly increased attendance from the middle and lower school. Last year the Club became almost a sixth form clique, and not much encouragement was given to boys lower down to take an active part in it. In the present session, we hope to alter that state of affairs and thus bring about a revival of the Club.

The committee has drawn up a programme for this term, and it is agreed that at our Monday meetings we shall probably have a talk or lecture, followed by a course of individual instruction in bird identification for younger members. We plan to show a series of film-slides on birds, which should greatly help those younger members learning how to identify them. Guest speakers will include Mr. C.V. Adams, Keeper of Natural History at Plymouth Museum, who will give a talk on entomology. Other projects include a visit to Mr. Hurrell's residence at South Brent to see his pine-martens, and also trips to the Rivers Exe and Plym, to Wembury, and to Weir Quay on the River Tamar, to see avocets.

All those interested in any branch of natural history are welcomed, for the Club, although primarily for bird-watchers, also caters for those interested in plants, insects, reptiles and mammals.

B. R. PERRETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCOUT LOG

Our summer camp this year was held at Bude. Nine boys and the Scoutmaster enjoyed a pleasant ten days under canvas, in spite of the fact that we were flooded on the day before our departure for home. Everyone entered into the spirit of the catastrophe!

The Patrol Competition resulted in yet another win for Stag Patrol, ably led by J. Mills, who received the Shield on behalf of his patrol at Speech Day.

This term has seen a revival in the life of the troop. We welcome I.E. Daymond as our new A.S.M., and Yates and Cross as Seniors assisting him. It was also pleasing to note that a number of the first year have joined the troop. We wish them a long and happy stay with us, and stress that we shall be pleased to welcome any others who care to come along.

A Jumble Sale, organised by the Troop Parents' Committee, was held just before half-term, from which we raised about £5 for Troop Funds. We continue to hold a Whist Drive at the school on the first Friday of each month, and hope that parents and friends will continue to support it.

J. MILLS, *P.L. Stag Patrol.*

THE CHESS CLUB

The club starts the season without such valuable players as Blight, Hoxley and Hurst. We hope to maintain the high standard of previous years, when the new and much younger team has gained more experience. In the first match for the Goodman Cup, the magnitude of the task was at once realised when we found ourselves 3-2 down, with one game to be adjudicated.

This year an —14 league has been formed, to be run on the same lines as the senior league, competing for the Horley Cup. This trophy has been presented for annual competition by Horley's father. In this event also we have a young team, which contains some very promising players.

In the annual "Sunday Times" knockout competition, our 1st VI reached the final of the West of England section last year, but were then defeated by a fine team from Bristol. This year we hope to do even better and have entered two teams.

The annual Plymouth Schools' Chess Congress will again take place at Plymouth College during the Christmas holidays. The competition, which lasts for five days, affords an opportunity for players of any ability and age, to meet suitable opposition.

Once more we thank Mr. Adams and Mr. Berry for their enthusiastic co-operation and look forward to a successful season.

M. J. RYDER, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

For the Christian Union, this term has begun fairly well. We have had increasing support from the fifth and middle sixth forms, although we have failed, as yet, to interest the fourth forms. We would, however, continually urge all members of the middle and Upper School who profess to be Christians to support us in the work we are trying to do: that of introducing to others Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Society, I should like to thank most sincerely Dr. Frost and Mr. Tapley, two members of staff who have unfortunately left us, for their invaluable help in putting the Christian Union back on its feet last term, after a period during which it was almost non-existent.

This term we are planning to have two short series of Bible Studies, during which we shall study one Book from each of the Old and New Testaments, trying to relate them to our lives today. We shall also have several discussions on topics of current interest. For example, we have already had a discussion, led by a member of Staff, Mr. Cross, on the Notting Hill riots.

We offer a sincere invitation to all boys of the fourth form and upwards to attend our meetings. D. M. ACKROYD, *Hon. Secretary.*

P.D.G.S. MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society opened its programme this year with a Dance at the School on September 20th. This was well-attended and we were particularly pleased to see all those who were waiting to go up to the universities. The Dance was so successful that we intend to hold another one later in the term.

On October 8th, a Record Recital was held at St. Boniface's College. Among the works played were Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet" Overture, Sibelius' "Finlandia" and Rachmaninoff's "Second Piano Concerto". It is planned to hold similar evenings throughout the year.

It is to be hoped that the Society will receive the support of many of the sixth form, in order to make this year even more successful than previous ones.

F. COOPER, *Hon. Secretary.*

P.D.G.S. FILM SOCIETY

Once more the Society commences a new term, trying to bring to the notice of the younger generation some of the classics of the film world. We have started well, showing at our first meeting the revolutionary film, "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari", together with one of Chaplin's best known comedies, "The Kid", also starring Jackie Coogan. The next film this term, "Gervaise", from Zola's novel, is a French X certificate, starring Maria Schell. We are hoping for record attendances at this film. The third film of the term, "Grapes of Wrath", is based on Steinbeck's famous novel.

There is a little doubt about the last film of the term, when we hope to have "Jour de Fête", another French film, starring Jacques Tatti, but it is uncertain whether we can obtain it. If we are unable to show it this term, we shall endeavour to do so at a later date.

These films are not really well-known, but the Society has always attempted to select films which were popular in their day, and show them to those who have never had the opportunity to see them. With this aim in view, we hope for increased support in the future:

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The D.H.S. Swiss Trip, 1958

A party of fifty boys from the School cannot complain of a wet summer this year, for they, together with eighteen girls from St. Dunstan's Abbey, enjoyed a fortnight's Continental holiday, when temperatures exceeding 80° F. were the order of the day.

Leaving Plymouth on the 26th July, we had a smooth channel crossing from Dover to Ostend in the early hours of Sunday morning. Belgian railways then accommodated us with the dubious comfort of wooden seats, taking us through Brussels, with a glimpse of the World Fair, to Cologne. Travel-weary after thirty-six hours without much sleep, we reached Königswinter-am-Rhein.

Refreshed after a good night's sleep, we embarked on the paddle steamer, *Goethe*, and proceeded up-river through the picturesque Rhine gorge, making friends with German and American fellow-passengers. We spent the night at Bingerbrück Youth Hostel and early next morning entrained for Frankfurt-am-Main, where we viewed Goethe's birthplace and the famous thirteenth century cathedral. After some discussion we spent an idle afternoon in the "Palmengarten" feeding the swans with our uneatable German packed-lunches. A brief musical evening drove us on to the train at midnight, and changing at Basle, we eventually arrived at Interlaken.

Our first glimpse of the Swiss mountains gave us all a thrill, but our view from the hotel surpassed all for scenic beauty. A closer acquaintance with the mountains was obtained on the excursion to the Jungfraujoch, over thirteen-thousand feet high, where an exhilarating snow-fight took place.

On another day we went by lake steamer to Thun with its fairy-like castle. We enjoyed all kinds of rail transport, including funicular, rack-and-pinion, cable car and chair-lift, amidst Switzerland's unique scenery. Every day the peaceful Swiss villages resounded with the tramp of heavy boots, as Dr. Frost led the "troops" on many interesting excursions.

After nine unforgettable days in the Bernese Oberland, we left for home, with mixed feelings, and arrived at Plymouth, rather later than expected, after thirty hours' non-stop travel.

We must express our appreciation to Herr Schneider, proprietor of the Waldhotel, Unspunnen, for his genial hospitality, understanding, and organisation throughout our stay. The success of the trip was largely due to the efforts of Dr. Frost, Messrs. Whitfeld and Hopford, and Mesdames Whitfeld and Southern, who did their best to restrain the high spirits of the party. This article could not be complete without mention of Dina, our Italian waitress, who added so much to the excellence of the Swiss meals.

Aufwiedersehen, Interlaken!

R.C.G.; D.P.H.; A.L.K.

Parents' Association

Since the last report in the magazine, two events have been successfully organised and plans have been made for another year's activities.

In June, the annual coach trip visited Buckland Abbey, where we were met by Mr. A. Cummings, the City Curator, who conducted us on an enjoyable tour of the Abbey's treasures. We then proceeded to Lewtrenchard, the family seat of the Baring-Gould family for tea and further historical enlightenment.

July brought the usual rush of activity from everyone in the Annual Garden Party and School Display. The day was warm and pleasant and more visitors than ever thronged the School grounds and buildings. Profits from this venture reached £216.

From the funds of the Association we have financed the purchase of stage curtains, the obtaining of kits to build four boats, the purchase of a band saw and a printing press in addition to providing money for Speech Day expenses and for general school purposes. The splendid service in the provision of teas for all visiting teams has continued quietly and efficiently.

At the Annual Meeting, a number of long-serving members will be retiring from the Committee, some after as much as eight years service and, in expressing our sincere thanks to them all we hope that equally enthusiastic new members will be forthcoming to take their place.

Events arranged for the term are:

Nov. 20th—Annual Meeting followed by a Brains Trust.

Nov. 25th—Whist Drive.

Dec. 12th—Annual Dance.

Parents, friends and Old Boys will be welcome at all these functions.

H.G.W.

F.A. Trip to Sweden

Last term, I was lucky enough to be included in a party of three which flew to Sweden to represent the English F.A. in a week's training at a soccer-camp. On arriving at Gothenburg airport, we were welcomed by an official, who took us to see the new stadium built for the World-Cup series.

We had an opportunity to see something of the Swedish countryside, when we travelled by train to the camp at Malmö. This camp was an ex-military establishment, and, when we arrived, a banquet was held in our honour, enabling us to meet some of the two hundred and fifty boys who had come from all over Europe to enjoy the benefits of this week's training.

Training began the following morning, after a flag ceremony, and games were played under the supervision of experts, who also instructed us in technicalities. The afternoon also was spent in training, with an occasional break for refreshments and a swim in the nearby lake. The evening was free, and we spent that time sight-seeing. This, in general, was the programme followed throughout the week.

One day we visited the town of Eskilstung, where we were able to see something of the Swedish way of life. Of particular interest to us were the outstanding training facilities for sport.

During our stay, everyone was most friendly and helpful, and our thanks are due to our coaches for making the week so enjoyable. We must also thank D.H.S. and Mr. Warren for making the trip possible.

J. S. OXLEY.

Correspondence

The Editors wish to emphasise that the opinions expressed are those of the author, and do not necessarily meet with their assent.

OXFORD LETTER

Lincoln College,
Oxford.

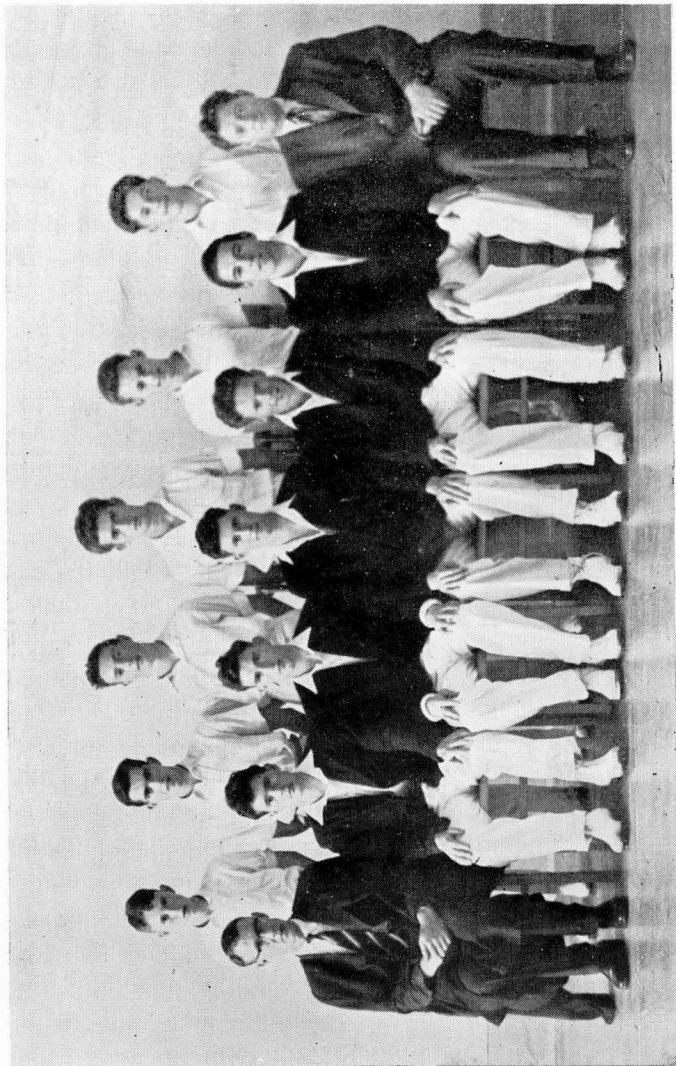
9th October,
(first day of Papal inter-regnum.)

Dear Ed.,

A little information about Oxford first of all. Si monumentum requieris, there are plenty around here in various stages of decay and dilapidation. The population may be divided into two classes—academic and civilian. The latter may be distinguished from the former by the fact that their flat 'ats are devoid of tassels, and are less sombre, being bedecked with treads, measles etc. As usual, generalisation falls down, since many of the academic inhabitants also wear the gaudier, rounder and tassel-less species of flat 'at. However, enough of headgear.

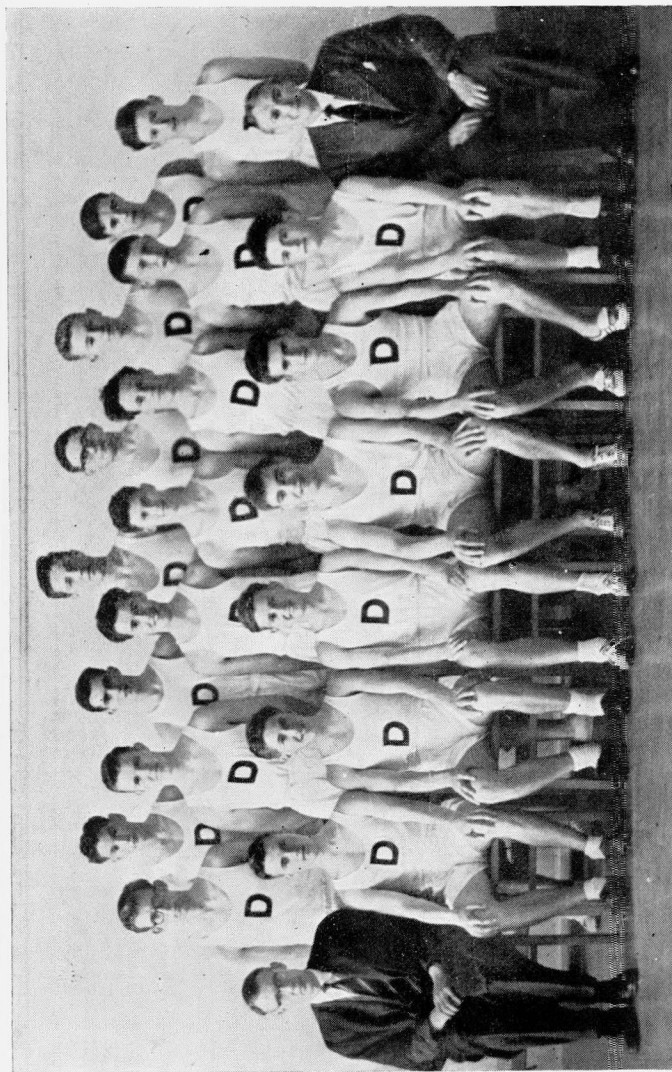
Now, posterorum gratia, what it feels like to come up. Basically, you feel like a lost soul, at least I did. You long for a visitor; the only one I got was the secretary of the rugby club—he didn't stay long. Next, you observe the notices:—"All gentlemen wishing to marry whilst in statu pupillari are reminded that they must seek permission from the Rector." "All freshmen must report to the Senior Tutor on arrival." He is also the Chaplain. "There is one point, sir, in view of the fact that I'm not a Christian, I would rather not read the lesson in Chapel." "Of course, naturally." Breathes again. Back chez moi, waiting for more visitors who never come.

FIRST XI. CRICKET, 1958



Back row (left to right): R. Widger, D. P. Holliday, M. Ryder, D. Baldwin, F. Williams, A. J. Ward
Front row: Dr. J. L. Cresswell, J. Mitchell, J. R. Parsons, B. K. Widger (*Captain*), R. Smerdon, N. H. Dingle, Mr. F. Wayne

SENIOR ATHLETICS, 1958



Back row (left to right): J. Easterbrook, D. P. Holliday, M. I. Woodward, R. C. Griffin, F. Cooper, J. A. Ellis

Middle row: R. Gould, A. Webber, P. H. Knight, B. K. Widger, R. C. Shute, M. J. Barrett, R. Cross

Sitting: Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*), G. E. Reburn, G. Taylor, B. J. N. Blight (*Vice-Captain*), B. F. Wickenden (*Captain*),
D. G. Baldwin, H. Atrill, Mr. W. Nash

However, I met a friend. Last saw him at the top of a ladder in Blackwell's, il y a about three-quarters of an année. We can think of nothing to say to each other, but at least it's comforting. And so to dinner.

Dinner: feel annoyed because I seem to be the only one who hasn't been to Greece. Later, become so desperate that I spend two hours talking to my next-door neighbour, though he happens to be a scientist. Round about bed-time the visitors start to arrive. "Would you like to join the Liberals?" He didn't stop long either. "There will be a Christian Union coffee-meeting tomorrow afternoon." Thinks: kettle may not have arrived, so free coffee might be handy. Accepts invitation.

And so to bed. This is what your first evening in Oxford is like. Future generations have been informed. However, Cambridge is doubtless no better.

Afterthought: Oxon. appears reasonably free from lolly-pop sticks.

Epitaph: "Set up my oar that I swung amid fellows."

(Ezra Pound, Canto I)

There are other people from D.H.S. here, of course, but I haven't seen them, so know nothing of their health and various activities, or of the subtle interdependence of these factors.

Yours sincerely,

Sal.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

St. Catharine's College,

Cambridge.

3rd November, 1958.

Dear Sir,

Throughout the latter part of my school career, I regarded Cambridge University as a rather cold, distant place of intellectual reputation and I have often attempted to discover what type of introduction the freshman receives to this new life and how he adapts himself to it. In this letter I shall try, through my own experiences, to form a picture of the undergraduate's first impressions of Cambridge for the D.H.S. boy who has ambitions of studying here.

On arriving, I felt at first, as most freshman must do, rather out-of-place and bewildered by the bustle of university life. The city centre consists mainly of very formidable college-buildings, bordering a maze of narrow streets, through which hurtle dozens of gown-clad undergraduate cyclists, sometimes five or six abreast. Having reached my college, I attended a talk by the college Senior Tutor on "University life and Regulations." The discipline of the University, such as the necessity of wearing academic dress in the streets after dark and of being in college by midnight, is enforced

by a body of men called proctors who, with their "bulldogs", two brawny helpers, parade the streets after dark, and are really a type of university police-force. A "criminal" is usually fined 6s. 8d. for an offence and 13s. 4d. if he attempts to avoid capture. It was not long, however, before one received numerous invitations to tea parties and coffee squashes from the various College and University Societies. If they do nothing else, these meetings give the freshman the opportunity to establish new friendships; this is of more significance than might be apparent, for most first year students are in lodgings and there is, therefore, great danger of their being cut off from the social life of the University. On the first Tuesday and Wednesday of term the Societies' Fair was held in the Examination Schools; each University Society had a stall at this fair and freshmen were invited to make enquiries and enrol themselves as members if they so wished. It is advisable to be most particular in one's choice of societies for, owing to their intense activity, one has time to take a deep interest in not more than three, whereas there are altogether over a hundred different clubs in the University, besides those belonging to the individual colleges.

There are magnificent facilities for all sports here, and although the freshman may initially be disappointed to find himself somewhat outclassed by the best in his particular sport, he will ultimately find his own standard, for every game at Cambridge is played at almost all levels. Each undergraduate has a tutor, a director of studies and a supervisor in his own college; these manage both the academic and personal life of the student during his period at Cambridge. The undergraduate is expected to attend a certain number of lectures but is not compelled to do so. We can well be proud of the fact that the U.VI at Devonport is an excellent preparation for a university career, due to the U.VI formers being treated as students rather than as schoolboys.

There are, at present, seven D.H.S.O.B's. up here. I haven't seen much of Brian Porter or Barry Cross yet, but I am hoping to remedy this soon. John Atherton and Bill Boden are now in their third year; John has taken up squash in place of rowing, finding six days a week on the river a bit too much! Bill seems quite happy and is very generous with his "egg-sandwich teas". My fellow freshmen, Mike Walford and Jock Wright, have all settled in quite well. Jock devotes most of his spare time to philosophical arguments at a society calling itself "The Heretics" and Mike is leading quite an energetic life playing hockey for Pembroke II and accompanying me in training at Finners.

I hope that this brief insight into life at this university will interest, and perhaps even inspire, the "Cambridge potentials" at the school to fulfil their aims.

Yours faithfully,

BARRY BLIGHT.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

*Excerpts from a letter from J. T. Williams, now holding
an American Field Scholarship in Michigan, U.S.A.*

Dear Sir,

School life here is much different from that at D.H.S. We have four-thousand students and the accent is very much on social life. We have a wide range of subjects to choose from. These range from Russian to Driving Instruction. Among my subjects are:

(1) Public Speaking for which I get an automatic "A" since I am in the School Play—incidentally the Debate topic for the U.S.A. this year is:

"Resolved that the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of Education". It appears that only a small minority of pupils and adults disagree with this resolve to do away with Comprehensive Schools.

(2) American Literature by Television. Owing to the fact that we cannot discuss points with our teacher we tend to get a one-sided view, and since I was elected president I have to lead a class discussion. Very much a case of the blind leading the blind.

(3) Physics. I am told that I have done enough Physics to complete a general Physics degree course.

(4) American History. This I consider to be my most interesting class.

(5) Television Workshop. An after school course which teaches everything about television.

Another interesting difference from D.H.S. is the interest in Games. Football players are almost idols—two thousand of the School attended the first match. I gather however, that since Sputnik I, brains are becoming respectable.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN WILLIAMS.

(Williams hopes to write us a longer letter for our next issue.—Ed.)

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I must open by reminding all Old Boys that the 1958 Annual General Meeting will be held in the Mayflower Restaurant, at the Noah's Ark Hotel, on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1958. It will be followed by a general get-together with a buffet supper. In the hope of drawing a larger attendance we have reduced the price to 4/-. If you cannot obtain a ticket, we shall be more than pleased to collect your cash at the door! It is hoped that everyone who can will come along and make it a successful evening.

Ties may now be obtained in terylene, at 13s. 6d. each, from Messrs. E. Dingle & Co. Ltd. They are crease-resistant and washable.

Next February, we hope to hold a whist drive in the school hall. I should be pleased to hear from anyone, who would like to donate a prize!

Our rugby, soccer and badminton clubs are still in need of playing members. If anyone is interested, I can soon put them in touch with the appropriate secretary.

Two cricket matches were played during the recent wet summer. The Inland Revenue XI were easily defeated in a game which proved very enjoyable—everyone bowled except the wicket-keeper! Once again the school proved too good for us. They made 139 for 9 declared, B. Widger (39), A. J. Ward (26) and N. H. Dingle (20). After tea we chased the runs on full stomachs, our most successful batsmen being E. W. R. Warn (32), D. Letcher (22) and D. G. Barkell, (18). Against the accurate spin bowling of B. Widger (4 for 33) we could only total 87 and must wait another year to try again.

How pleasant it would be if we could see some of these excellent young men playing for the Old Boys later on. Unfortunately for us, their academic successes match their sporting achievements, and they are rarely seen in Plymouth after leaving the School.

However, we do feel pride in the way in which they carry their prowess to fields afar. We receive letters from many parts of the United Kingdom and numerous places overseas. It is their migration to other climes which weakens the Association in its home town.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE LONDON BRANCH

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The London branch opened its 1958 activities with its Annual General Meeting in January, which the Headmaster attended. The 1957 committee was re-elected "en bloc" and a full list of events was approved. M. Allison was subsequently co-opted to represent the student element and to take the place of C. Bray who is now doing his National Service. The "Princess Louise" Hotel, Holborn, saw many of our faces again (and some unfamiliar ones, among whom were our old friends Norman Taylor, C. G. Evans and L. S. Miles) at our "get-together" on April 25th.

On June 22nd the motorists of the Branch (suitably labelled and, unfortunately, sou'westered) rallied at Burnham Beeches. Aquatic cricket and rounders were followed by an amusing, though hectic, Scavenger Hunt through the lanes of Buckinghamshire, in pursuit of such items as 1928 pennies and articles of ladies' clothing. Two memories: the rain and a cricket ball ricocheting off an unsuspecting Old Boy's car.

Over a hundred of us paid a return visit to the grounds of Trent Park Training College, Hertfordshire, on a very sunny July 19th. The weather allowed the swimming pool, boating lake and tennis courts to be enjoyed to the full, and the visit created a perfect opportunity for Old Boys of all "vintages" to introduce their families to the D.H.S. community. At the end of one of the few days of last summer worth remembering, the School badge, in the form of a plaque, was presented to Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds, the Principal of the College, whose kind invitation had made the visit possible.

At the time of writing, future plans include a Christmas Dinner and entertainment at the "Cock Tavern", Fleet Street, on December 20th. The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 6th, 1959 at the "Bull and Mouth" Tavern, 31 Bloomsbury Way, Holborn, the venue of the first meeting of the revived Branch in 1956.

Members are also reminded of the monthly lunch-time meetings (12 noon to 2 p.m. on the first Monday of each month) at the "Princess Louise," Holborn, where at the very least (!) one will meet L. Adams, C. Grant, V. Hannaford, A. Chambers and R. Horne.

These notes would be incomplete without a tribute to London's indefatigable Chairman and Secretary: "Dicky" Brooks and "Tex." Atomic power has nothing to offer comparable with the energies of this pair.

T.R.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' A.F.C.

The Old Boys received a severe blow by the death of Robin Smerdon, who always displayed a keenness and ability, both on and off the field, which will be greatly missed by the Club. Our sympathy is extended to his parents and relations.

Another season is now in full swing, and we are sorry to report little success to date. Up to and including the 1st November, the 1st XI have won one league game and drawn two.

However, a good win was recorded over Laira Bridge Utd. in the first round of the Devon Senior Cup, and it is hoped to continue the success against Colecraft in the next round.

Injuries to a goalkeeper and a couple of other players have prevented both teams from fielding strong sides regularly, and so the 2nd XI have won only two matches out of six, but all of these games have been against the best opposition in the Division.

Once again, anyone wishing to play for the Old Boys can contact either Mr. Warren, at the School, or myself, at the address below.

E. DAMERELL, *Hon. Secretary.*
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PERSONAL COLUMN

We go to Press somewhat earlier this year than in the past and as a result the news of Old Boys in this column is not so great. I still appeal **Do Write**—especially if you have news of Old Boys who have lost contact with us.

May I add a personal request. If you are applying for some appointment etc., and use me as a referee do let me know.

Two requests:

- (a) Have you a musical instrument for us?
- (b) Have you copies of the numbers 1-20 of the magazine?
I want to bind the magazine.

N.B. Plymouth A.G.M. and Social evening.

Tuesday 23rd December. Noah's Ark. 7.30. 4/-.

London Christmas Dinner and Social.

Saturday, December 20th. Cock Tavern, Fleet Street,
Ladies invited.

TONY ROSS. Hard working member of the London Branch, provider of cigars and entertainment will have changed in two ways by now: he's leaving for Hong Kong on December 12th and he is getting married. Heartiest good wishes and all happiness.

P. H. G. HAWKEN (1949-56). Joins Cranwell as a Cadet January 1959 for the three year course. Well done.

P. EAMES (1951-58). Has just got his first M.B. (Cantab.) Very cheerful, temporarily in London, Foyle's Bookshop.

J. Y. WILLIAMS (1950-58). Now in the U.S.A., Cody High School, Detroit on an American Field Scholarship, writes most interestingly of his life there. One course is in car driving, another in television.

- C. WILLIAMS, O.B.E. (1924-30). Apologies and corrections. Should read L. C. G. WILLIAMS M.B.E. (1921-26). Has been with Shell Mex and B.P. Ltd. for thirty-three years and resident in the Midland Divisional Office for the last six years. I quoted a source which quoted a source. My apologies. He remembers being a sergeant in the Cadet Corps and 1st XI goal-keeper, the sacred lawn at Albert Road, and Joe the Caretaker. He served in Forces 1939-54, remembers RAY NEWTON, HENRY WHITFIELD and EGO MAY only too well but with great affection. Present address Sandford Road, Moseley, Birmingham.
- H. S. JAMES (1948-55). Appointed House Master at Dr. Barnado's Home, Newcastle-on-Tyne. We wish him well and hope to hear from time to time of the North Country O.B.A. Branch.
- R. K. REYNOLDS (1950-57). Now with the Royal Signals Corps and is training to be an Electrical Technician. Expects to be posted abroad shortly. Met A. MANTLE (1945-56) who is in the Intelligence Corps, also M. GRIFFITHS and J. ROUSE who are both in the Royal Navy.
- G. PEMBERTON (1940-47). Recently with Mr. Austin. Working in the Customs and Excise and enjoying life. Married with one daughter.
- A. MILLET (1918-24). We are sorry to learn that his mother is very ill.
- H. DOWRICK (1934-40). Gives us news of R. M. STEVENS (1933-40) and D. CRABB (1934-40). Both are with the National Provincial Bank and would be glad to contact any prospective entrants to their profession.
- L. S. ADAMS (1931-39). Has just been elected to the Parents' Committee of Ilford Grammar School, where Dr. Jones of Sutton was a pupil. Adams' youngest son has just entered.
- F. PENPRAISE (1950-56). Has decided to take a further course though he is enjoying life. Feels he should have completed the sixth form before entering Industry. He looked extremely fit.
- D. CHISWELL (1946-55). Gives news of the continued prosperity of H. JOINT at High Wycombe, J. EDE at Hounslow and C. MIDDLETON at St. Mary Cray, Kent. It is good to know that they meet so often.
- R. C. TUCKER (1931-37). Has been transferred to Devonport.
- P. GILL (1943-51). Tells us that TONY WILTSHAW is now in Reading and BILL BOWDEN has moved house to Ealing.
- F. EASTON (1945-52). Kept it very quiet indeed but he is now married.
- R. A. GOODANNEW (1928-32) and C. C. MILL (1925-32) hope to attend the London Dinner. ERIC GOODANNEW (1930-37) is at Sudbury.
- Congratulations to H. JAGO seconded from E.D.O. to Somerset House for special duties and C. GRANT promoted Senior Examiner.
- K. HOLLOWAY. Now with Rootes attended the Trent Park party with his wife and parents.
- K. S. LAKE (1926-32). Managed to get to Trent Park bringing the 1926-32 group up to full numbers.
- I. COOPER (1950-57). Now teacher training at Tipton in Staffordshire and making a name for himself in the water polo world.
- R. A. SCAGELL (1947-51). C.P.O. Naval Cadets now living in Bath called in to see us. Might join our profession!
- B. T. ALLEN (1945-51). With the South West Electricity Board. Playing as an amateur for Plymouth Argyle and Horrabridge. Is contemplating a Training College Course.
- J. HARE (1952-58). Playing Hockey for his Station. Training as an Instrument fitter (Navigation) at Halton. Very smart indeed in the new R.A.F. uniform.
- G. LANCASTER (1950-57). Now on a R.A.F. Commission course with a four year engagement. Appears to be enjoying life and to have lost none of his vigour.
- R. MCCOY and B. M. FALCONAR (1951-56). Both R.A.F. apprentices, are very happy and recommend the R.A.F. without reservation. Good to see them looking so well.

- Corporal MURCUTT (1944-50). Now with the R.A.F. Police at Mount Batten. Married, but no children.
- L. J. TAYLOR (1920-26). Now Director of the Post Office Services in Northern Ireland. Married with no children. Hopes to contact any Old Boys in Ireland. Was concerned after the war with reconstruction work in bombed cities especially Plymouth and Exeter, became Chief Inspector of Postal Services for the United Kingdom and three years ago was promoted to his present very important post. His outside interests are music, golf and rugby, the last nowadays only as a spectator.
- S. F. WARE (1925-30). Promoted to be Commissioner of Mines in Uganda. An associate of Camborne School of Mining, went overseas in 1935, became a surveyor in 1938. Served in the Forces 1940-45 and appointed Senior Inspector of Mines in 1949. His present appointment is one of the most important in Uganda.
- J. MITCHELL (1950-58). Has started off well on his University Course. He is the only freshman member of the 1st XI. Well done.
- D. J. WRIGHT (1937-44) M.Sc. Ph.D. Senior Physicist at Auckland Hospital New Zealand, recently had a long article in the *Family Doctor Magazine* on his research. He may already have left to take up a Chair as Professor of Physics in Canada.
- N. W. BEHENNA (1947-54). One of the first to pass the new Diploma of Technical Engineering. Well done. Is going to Stockport on promotion. Advises all fifth formers to get "A" levels and then either degree or student apprentice courses. He is very happy.
- C. P. BEALE (1950-56). Now back in the R.A.F. after two very serious operations. Hopes to resume boxing as soon as he is fit.
- C. R. PEARCE (1937-43). Is now a Lecturer in the Dockyard Technical College.
- V. F. SLADE (1950-57). Called in during the end of term. Is very much enjoying his University career, north of the Border and contemplating haggis with relish. He has not got a Scots accent yet though B. D. FREEMAN is forsaking Devon for Midland dialect.
- M. GREGORY (1950-56). At present at Farnborough R.A.E., is to start a degree course in Chemistry next October.
- C. A. RICE (1950-56). Wrote a most interesting letter to us from C. & J. Clarke Ltd. Has already passed part I of his City and Guilds Examination and has transferred from Street to Radstock. He is very happy with the firm who do look after their trainees.
- B. C. OADES, C.B.E. After forty-six years with the Civil Service is retiring this year. He is a very Senior Officer at the Treasury.
- L. S. ADAMS and COLIN GRANT have both been promoted to Chief Executive Officer.
- KYRLE T. WINTLE. Headmaster Aylsham School, Norfolk, writes a most interesting letter, to us professionally, about his new School. It must be grand to have playing fields, acres of them, at your doorstep.
- E. SEMMENS (1935-43). Has written us a vivid account of Malaya where he is now at H.Q. Education Services. At a dinner party recently he sat next to PETER and JOAN WEEKES (1933-41). Peter has now been posted to Ipoh in Perak. Also present was MICK ANNIS (1939-46) now working with the Electricity Board in Kuala Lumpur, his two sons and wife are with him. Semmens now has three children, latest arrival a boy. Congratulations.
- J. R. EARLE (1949-56) after starting Executive Civil Service in London is now on National Service in the R.A.F. and is at present in Cyprus. In Ceylon he met M. GOLLOP (1949-56) who is hoping to be home in January 1959.

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