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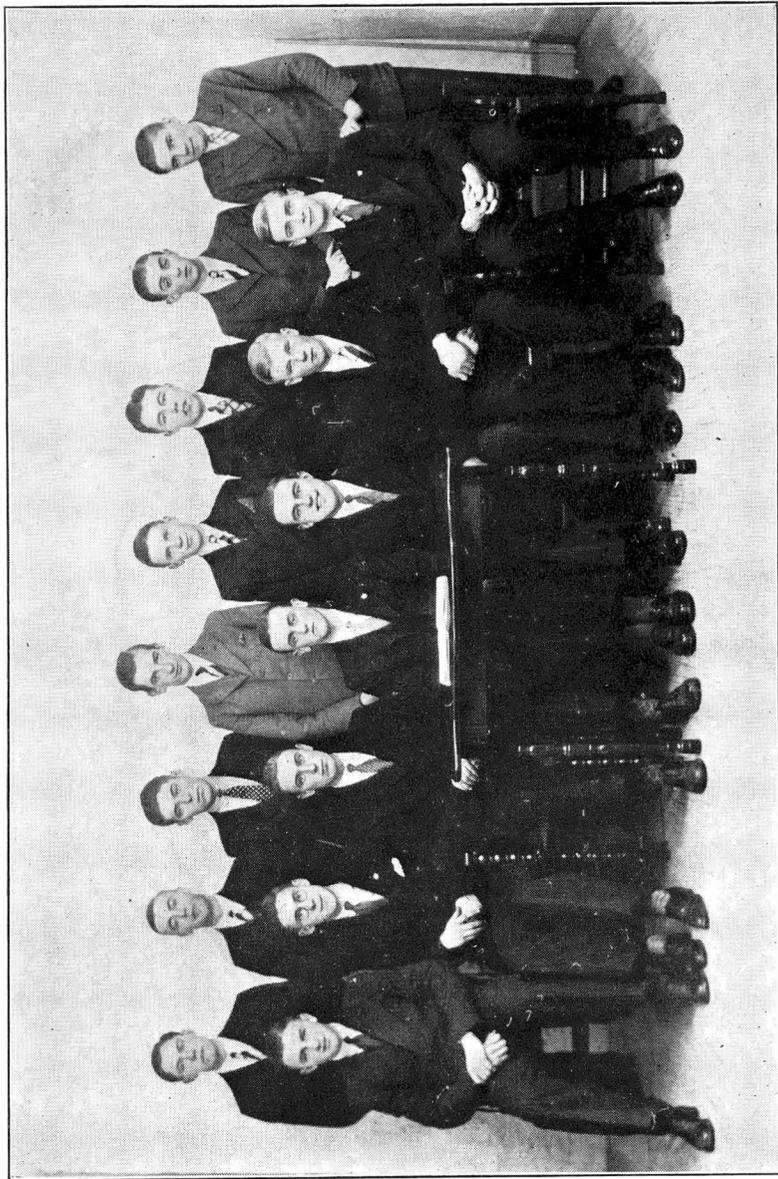
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Editorial.

Our first duty must needs be to apologise for the belated issue of this magazine. But we feel that its value is in no way lessened. Indeed, in some respects it is enhanced. Surely we are too apt to regard school life as being made up of a series of terms, each term being clear-cut and wholly different from the others. We trust that this magazine, coming at the beginning of a new term, will help to show that this is not the case; that our deeds and misdeeds have a lasting impression, and that no one can say, as one term draws to a close, "That's another term over."

The moral we would seek to convey is that every one of us, in passing through the school leaves some lasting impression upon its record. And that the school is judged, not by the achievements of some outstanding individual, but by the whole sum of its successes and failures, in which each one of us bears a part. Moreover, the standards we set, the successes we gain, will be the guiding-light for future scholars. And if we fail to distinguish ourselves by scholastic achievement, by a high code of honour, and by a sense of duty, we are leaving them at a grave disadvantage.

We hope, then, that this magazine, besides being a reflection of school life and school activities, will also serve as a reminder to each one of us that we have a part to play, and that, although our school career is but a temporary one, the impressions we leave are permanent.

School Notes.

We should like to welcome Mr. Cookson amongst our ranks, and assure him that his part in the School activities is greatly appreciated.

To Mr. Chamberlain we offer our congratulations on his recent marriage.

The interior of the School has been completely re-decorated and now presents an appearance both restful and pleasant. At the same time we have to record the moving of the Sixth Form Room to what was known for many years as the Senior Physics Laboratory and which has been considerably enlarged. The room which was formerly the kitchen has now become the Senior Physics Laboratory,

These changes, which are at the same time definite improvements, were made necessary by the considerable increase in the number of boys admitted to the School, and the consequent increase in the number of forms. It is pleasing to note that passages and partitions have been constructed so that it is no longer necessary to pass through one room in order to reach another, in fact every part of the present inadequate building is being used to its fullest extent.

During the coming term we are to suffer a loss which has been threatening us for some years. The School Field at Montpelier, which has provided sport for thousands of boys, is to be taken from us, but we are pleased to learn that suitable provision has already been made. And though the outside-right when playing down the hill will no longer be required to dig out the ball as from a pit, he will have ample opportunity for showing his skill along more orthodox lines.

The coming of the French Players to Plymouth and the skilful presentation of "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon" was an event enjoyed by many of the senior pupils. The success of the event was in no small measure due to the School Dramatic Society, whose members, under the direction of Mr. Whitfield, rendered valuable assistance behind the scenes.

We should like to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Rev. A. Campbell and Mr. Walter Weeks. The former came to us at short notice and gave a most interesting and impressive Armistice-Day address which by scholars and staff alike was greatly appreciated.

The latter gave us a delightful lecture on the Plymouth Orchestral Concert. He described the instruments to be used and explained the music in such a way that we had a splendid example of education blended with entertainment. The appreciation of the Senior School was admirably expressed by the Headmaster when he hoped that Mr. Weeks would never conduct a concert without first talking to us about it.

There is much more we would wish to say, and it is only the fear of the blue pencil of an angry editor which restrains us.

The event of the term—nay the event of the year—was Speech Day. An account of this is given on another page, but we should like to say that we were very pleased to see on the platform Mr. A. T. Treseder, the previous headmaster. We feel that he must have shared our pleasure on learning that the School whose creation and success were his life-work is continuing its prosperous voyage.

At the end of term we were again favoured with a School concert. Each House contributed, and both performers and listeners spent an enjoyable afternoon. A selection from the items was repeated on Saturday evening. A collection on behalf of the School library was taken and to our pleasure we learned that the generous response of the Parents amounted to three pounds seven shillings.

En Passant.

We heartily congratulate all those who were successful at the recent

London Higher Schools Examination,
Junior Clerical Branch of the Civil Service,
Royal Society of Arts Examination,
Cambridge School Certificate Examination.

Praefecti Valet.

- M. V. HALLORAN—Entered School 1928; Cambridge School Certificate 1933; Colours, 1st XI Soccer 1933-34; Colours, Cricket 1st XI 1934; appointed Prefect, 1934; London Higher School Certificate 1935; entered Civil Service, Executive Branch, 1935.
- R. OLIVER—Entered School 1928; Cambridge School Certificate 1933; appointed Prefect, 1935; entered Armstrong Coll., 1935.
- F. K. DUKE—Entered School 1927; Cambridge School Certificate 1932; London Higher School Certificate 1934; appointed Prefect, 1934, Senior Prefect, 1935; entered Civil Service, Executive Branch, 1935.



We should like to thank those boys who sent in contributions and regret that, owing to lack of space, all of them could not be published.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines and apologise for any accidental omissions—"The Review", "The Kingsbridgian", "The Gaytonian", "The Plymothian", The Plymouth Corporation Grammar School Magazine.

Speech Day.

Speech Day was held on December 12th in the Plymouth Guildhall, when the Rt. Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha, M.P., presented the prizes. In the unavoidable absence of Alderman R. McDonald (Chairman of the Education Committee), who was to have been Chairman, Alderman Dymond kindly consented to deputise.

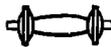
A large audience received with enthusiasm a programme both interesting and well-organised. After songs by Forms I and II, the Headmaster, presenting his report on the School year, welcomed the new masters to the Staff, and spoke of the admirable enthusiasm of his assistants. Their work had its reward in the academic successes achieved, which were as brilliant and varied as ever. Pointing out the wide range of vocations appealing to those leaving school, the Headmaster had one regret to express, namely that the profession of teaching was apparently out of favour. However, his report suggested an eminently satisfactory School year, and the flourishing condition of out-of-school organisations bore witness to the truth of his statement : " School is not a preparation for life ; it *is* life."

The School Orchestra, ably conducted by Mr. H. Chamberlain, gave full proof of its efficiency in the excellent rendering of two pieces ; and this was followed by the address of the Chairman, who congratulated the School on its brilliant record.

Two songs by the School Choir preceded the presentation of prize-winners and School officers to the School's distinguished guest. In his remarks the Rt. Hon. Hore-Belisha, M.P., enthusiastically advocated the extension of that " team spirit " so characteristic of school life, into later years, and caused some amusement by reference to a few personal experiences of education.

Later speakers outlined an ambitious career for our guest, who promised to endeavour his utmost to justify their confidence in him : and a very interesting evening was appositely concluded by the School Song.

Our thanks are due to Mr. T. Martin, F.R., C.O., L.R.A.M., who was kind enough to entertain our guests at the organ during the assembly.



Trip to Dartington Hall.

On December 4th, about 30 members of the Dramatic Society visited Dartington Hall.

The party left the School at one o'clock, and an hour later was in the main court-yard of the Hall. Through the courtesy of the Estate, a guide was provided to conduct the party.

The first place to be visited was the restored 14th Century dining hall, where the mediæval atmosphere was recaptured by the long refectory table with its silver platters, the rush matting on the floor, the huge open fireplace, the minstrel gallery, and the banners which hung round the walls. The only modern note was the grand piano in one corner, and several electric light switches.

From the dining hall we went to the open-air Grecian theatre, where the grassy terraces descending to a yew-backed stage might well have been set in Greece itself. A strange contrast to the graceful yews was made by the magnificent Monterey pines on one side of the theatre. This charming spot, we were told, had been first a jousting-place, then an artificial lake, and was now finding peace in the Grecian atmosphere which dominated the scene.

We next visited the well-known Barn Theatre, and as we gazed from the old timbered roof to the gleaming chromium seats which had been fitted in the auditorium, we were again reminded of the queer mingling of the old and the new which characterises the whole Estate. The stage, though not wide, was deep, and was equipped with the most up-to-date lighting arrangements and an inner revolving stage. We were fortunate enough to see some ultra-modern impressionistic scenery, designed by a famous Continental artist.

Leaving this interesting theatre with regret, we boarded the charabanc and went to the Estate School. This is a modern building with extensive grounds. Co-education is the rule, and an opportunity was afforded us of meeting some of the girls of the school—an opportunity which the party was not slow in taking. Under their guidance, we toured the school, and found a fine library, comfortable class-rooms, well-equipped workshops and laboratories; and out in the grounds a fine swimming-pool, a small school farm, a pottery, and a gymnasium which to us seemed a paragon of gymnasiums. Another surprise was the school theatre and cinema—very well equipped for the drama or the screen.

After an hour at the school, we left reluctantly for the saw-mills. Here the embryo engineers amongst us were in a seventh heaven. After watching a travelling gantry crane which handled

whole tree-trunks like feathers, we dived into a welter of buzzing hand-saws, screaming circular saws, and some of the most up-to-date and efficient machinery in this country. We soon became accustomed to the din, the flying sawdust and the terrifying proximity of the whirring saw-blades, and saw the progress of a tree-trunk—how it was sawn into strips by a large band-saw, and its consequent conversion into well-shaped furniture by smaller machines.

When our ears would stand no more, we sought the comparative stillness of the pottery show-rooms ; and then at the command of the inner man, returned to the Hall for tea. We sat down to an excellent and wholesome tea in the kitchen-cum-restaurant which, like the banqueting-hall, was built in the mediæval style.

The return journey was quite hilarious, and the party was, if not strictly musical, very enthusiastic. Apart from the fusing of the lights of the motor, there was no untoward event, and we arrived home about half-past seven after an extremely well-spent day.

The authorities at Dartington Hall were always most helpful and courteous to the party. We were fortunate in our guide, and cannot praise too highly the Estate as a whole, or its aim to further Agriculture, Industry and Research.

H.P.



To Keats.

In former times, when, in the Latmian groves,
 At leafy shrines the rustics worshipped Pan,
 When o'er the lofty mountains shepherds roved,
 Without a care through all the longday's span,
 Content they were, if, at the close of day,
 Their woolly flocks being safe within the fold,
 Among their fellows they could sing and play.
 And listen to the tales their comrades told.
 I thank thee, Keats, that with thee I can leave
 Behind me all the cares of this dull life,
 And travel to their land, where no one grieves,
 Where hate and greed and bitterness and strife
 Are things unknown : I mingle with the throng
 Around the Altars, joining in their song.

S.P.A.

Interschools, 1935.

The Interschools Debate, Autumn Session, of this year was held at this school on Friday, November 29th, when the motion before the House was "That the tendency of modern life is towards the destruction of character." A large number of representatives from neighbouring Secondary Schools were gathered and with a strong contingent of our own Society composed an audience of 133. Proposing the motion, Mr. Addicott (Sutton Secondary) treated his subject with characteristic thoroughness, examining in turn the literary, religious, political and social tendencies of the modern age. He concluded that the influence of evil in the modern world was of a nature sufficient to overpower better influences. For the Opposition, Miss Perkins (Plymouth High) proceeded to unfold the conditions of social and political progress during the preceding century, and the efforts that had been and were being made to combat the evils of an industrialism that does not keep pace with the adjustments it renders necessary. Seconding the Proposition and Opposition respectively, Miss Hill (Devonport Secondary) and Mr. Clements (Plymouth College) took widely differing view points. Miss Hill pointed to the enforced cynicism and over-rational outlook characteristic of the machine age as the causes of social unrest and crime. Mr. Clements opening the theme of modern adventurousness, appealed to the exploits of courage and daring that bore witness to the greater freedom of the individual mind—and hence to the formation of true character. In support Miss Clynick (Stoke Damerel) for the Proposition, and Miss Blann (Corporation Grammar) for the Opposition, each brought forward the scientific development of the modern era. For the Proposition, it was argued that the tendency of modern life is towards the provision of increased facilities for leisure which is ill used. For the Opposition, Miss Blann commended the emancipation of the younger generation from the too rigid parental control reminiscent of the last century and cited the great popularity of modern sporting activities as an instance of the independent basis of modern youth's character.

A spirited debate followed from the floor of the House. The themes of modern tendencies in religion, art, marriage, and literature were tossed from speaker to speaker. Much sense was propounded: some nonsense enjoyed. To an older observer, the spectacle of modern youth alternately praising and decrying its own tendencies in life and manners must have been of great interest and some amusement. After a long "open" debate the motion was defeated by 70 votes to 63.

Thanks are due to Stoke Damerel Secondary School for their kind loan of chairs, and to the Chairman, Mr. Mallinson.

Out of School Activities.

CHESS CLUB

This year the club has resumed its activities under the leadership of its chairman, Mr. Lockwood, after the respite during the summer term. Membership has considerably increased—at present it is 28. A match with Sutton Secondary School which was arranged for Dec. 6th, resulted in a 7-4 win. The introduction of flat-topped desks has greatly facilitated playing although we still suffer from lack of "games."

R.C.

THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

In spite of the fact that there is so much call upon the time of the boys, the Choir is progressing very well. We are fortunate this year, in having a number of good voices among the newcomers.

In October the Choir sang a number of Folk and National Songs at a Parents' Association Meeting; solos were rendered by Saunders 1c, Holgate 1b and Semmens 1b.

On the occasion of the Speech Day, two songs were rendered—"O Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast" by Mendelssohn, and Sterndale Bennett's "May Dew", the latter accompanied by the School Orchestra.

At the School Concert in St. Michael's Hall on Saturday 14th December, the Choir gave a selection of Carols, a number of boys taking solo parts.

The accompanist is N. Chaffe, 5b, and the thanks of the Choir are due to him for attending the practices.

A.K.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

At an inaugural meeting on Nov. 8th it was decided to form a Historical Society, with the Headmaster as President and Perkins as Secretary. The aim of the Society is to provide lectures and other items for those interested in history. The first lecture was given by the Headmaster on Nov. 21st.; it dealt with the Gallipoli Campaign, and was highly appreciated, as was a lecture on the History of D.H.S., by Mr. W. J. Andrews. Thanks are due to the Headmaster for giving up so much of his time to the Society, and to all those who have kindly undertaken to lecture.

G.R.L.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The dramatic society has had a full term. The arduous task of selecting suitable plays and casts for the Easter production has occupied much time, and rehearsals will soon begin in real earnest. The Society has now a technical side, and each week there is a meeting of those interested in stage-craft. This "band of brothers," has done some sterling work in preparing stage equipment for future use. They have been helped by the acquisition of some of the effects of the late Plymouth Repertory Company. At the same time, a complete libretto of some 600 books was bought. This is probably one of the largest collections of plays in Plymouth, and the Society is indeed fortunate to have obtained it. The stage section was asked to assist in the production of a comedy by the French Players, and provided some of the scenery and properties required.

Several new members have joined, bringing the membership to about 40. These have been divided into an "A" team and a "B" team, each team meeting on alternate Mondays.

During the term, Mr. Bernard Copping, late actor-manager and producer of the "Rep" was kind enough to give a talk on "Stage Craft" to the Society—a talk which was appreciated and enjoyed by all those who attended. Another former 'Rep.' personality—Mr. Ulick Burke—also visited us, and gave a recital which included excerpts from Galsworthy, Dickens, Moliere and Shaw. Only about half of the Society attended, but those present were well rewarded by the fine portrayals which Mr. Burke gave of the various characters.

A trip to Dartington Hall and a tour of the Estate was made recently, the tour including a visit to the well-known Barn Theatre. About 30 members in all made the trip.

The Society hopes that at the next production the School will support as enthusiastically as it did last Easter.

H.A.P.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has not been very successful in its activities this term. Perhaps lack of numbers has been compensated by keenness on the part of the faithful. Mr. Mallinson, who took over the duties of Chairman, has fulfilled his office nobly, in consideration of the difficulties mentioned. Subjects before the House have included "Sanctions," and "Communism in this Country." An account of the Interschools Debate appears elsewhere. It is hoped to organise a Literary Evening next term, in conjunction with another School. Meanwhile, a recrudescence of debating enthusiasm would be welcomed.

J.J.L.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society has tried a new experiment this season. Instead of the real Chairman, Mr. Whitfeld, boys who are good at this subject have been picked to take his place in the chair. I may say that the experiment is successful—at any rate we have had an average fortnightly attendance of 25. Many debates have been very amusing, including “This House feels that Education is merely a waste of time,” which motion was lost by only one vote!

K. T.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Orchestra rehearsals this term were concerned mainly with preparations for speech day, when there was a performance of two new pieces, as well as a song accompaniment with the school choir. Our numbers have been increased this term by the addition of several members from the violin classes, but we still look in vain for players of wood wind or brass. A.M. Dodd has been appointed leader of the orchestra, with L. De Gruchy as deputy, while in Chaff we seem to have found an accompanist whose valuable help should be available for some time to come.

H.T.C.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Winter Session of the Society began on Thursday 3rd October when F. Marks of VA delivered a lecture entitled:— “The applications of X-rays to industry.” The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides projected by means of the ever useful epidiascope. Other lectures given during the term include:—

“The Fluid Flywheel and the Self Changing Gear,” (A. Nicholls, LVI_A),

“Explosions and Explosives,” (G. Beedle, VU),

“The Utilisation of By-Products in Modern Industrial Chemistry.” (S. G. Ash, LVI_A).

The general standard of lectures is high, delivery being markedly good, whilst the meetings continue to be well attended.

F.B.A. II.

SCOUT LOG

SUMMER CAMP.—An extract from the report of the visiting Commissioner:— “Six Patrols were in camp, run absolutely on the Patrol System; each had a separate clearing in the wood for a kitchen, the tents being outside in a field on high ground; everything I saw was on most efficient Scout lines—a very well organised camp.” The Troop gained the Camping Standards Certificate. The 1936 Summer Camp is to be held near Marazion, Cornwall.

STRENGTH.—Two new Patrols were formed at the beginning of this term—Stags and Foxes. The Troop now consists of 8 Patrols and 75 members.

SCOUTING.—Troop Meetings are always well attended, interesting and instructive programmes giving scope to individual, Patrol or Troop work. A number of Second Class Badges and Proficiency Badges have been gained and there is the possibility that before the end of the School Year the Troop will possess a number of First Class Badges.

GOOD TURN.—Funds have been raised by the carrying out of "jobs" which have ranged from weeding a path to entertaining at a children's party. Many parcels of clothing have been collected from interested friends. As a result, the Troop has been able to help one of the "Distressed Areas" in a practical way. We should like to thank all those who have helped us.

NEXT TERM.

Feb. 29th. Concert.

March 7th. Parents' Evening.

S/M. D.H.S.



The Reverie of a Sixth-former.

(with apologies to Wordsworth)

Through the corridors dreary, when daylight appears,
Peals a bell that rings loud, it has rung many years.
Heavy-eyed he has passed and has heard, so they tell,
In silence of morning the song of the bell.

'Tis a note of enchantment ; what ails him ? He views
A table of green and a brace of good cues.
The billiard balls click—a sound to delight ;
" Good shot " rings the cry—he has " gone in off white."

His vision's of " leaves " ; every ball he can pot,
(Tho' everything round him's suggestive of swot)
In a smoky saloon, a " dive " like a " tough's,"
With clandestine joy his tobacco he puffs.

He looks, and his heart is in heaven : but they fade,
The table, the cues, the score he has made
The balls will not click, the smoke clears away,
A day's work confronts him—a day's work ? I'll say !

C.L.

House Reports.

DRAKE HOUSE

In spite of bad weather, four senior and five junior House matches were played last term. From these nine matches, Drake gained only six points, two of these being hardly deserved, as Gilbert Juniors played with only nine men.

The juniors have shown promise, notably Baines, P. Collins, and Crookes at soccer, and P. Collins, Endacott, Martin and Sprague at rugger.

The seniors, however, have not gained many points, either at soccer or at rugger. With the rugger talent which the house possesses, the defeat by Grenville should not be repeated. The win against Raleigh, however, was certainly encouraging. At Soccer we were once again badly beaten. Let us hope that this term will yield more fruitful results.

G.W.D.

GILBERT HOUSE

The House has made by no means an auspicious start for the season 1935-6. We have been somewhat depleted in Junior games, owing to the loss of Cory, Barkell, Crouch and Bargery, but these have fitted in excellently with the Seniors. I feel with regret an obligation to deplore the waning enthusiasm characterising all House affairs. With such a record as we have behind us, it is our duty to do all within our power to maintain it in the future. We cannot all play games, but we can all make an effort to back up those who do, and only by making this effort can we hope to sustain the enthusiasm essential to success.

F. K. D.

GRENVILLE HOUSE

The House has made a very good start to the season. Out of all matches played, both Rugger and Soccer, only one point has been lost. These results have not been achieved by the efforts of one or two outstanding players but by the keenness and team spirit shown by both Junior and Senior teams.

The whole House took an interest in preparing for the House Concert. Here, again, there was evidence of the keenness that is shown by the House in all its affairs.

The thanks of the House are due to the Housemasters, for their hard work, especially in connection with the House Concert.

If the present enthusiasm is maintained, Grenville will have a good chance to repeat its success of the season 1933-4.

W. A. S.

RALEIGH HOUSE.

Up to the present the house has not done too badly, having gained 8 points out of a possible 14 ; Grenville alone are ahead of us. There are still many matches to be played, however, and if everyone does his best these should yield sufficient points to place us in the lead.

Both Seniors and Juniors have defeated Gilbert at rugger, and drawn with them at soccer, the Seniors being very unlucky not to win. It would be unfair to single out anyone for special mention as so few games have been played ; but Chesterfield's weight is proving an invaluable aid to the Juniors.

We should like to thank the housemasters for their assistance in preparing for the House Concert at the end of the term.

If the house backs up to the best of its ability, there is no reason why we should not regain the House Shield this year.

R. L. M.

Pavement Walking.

We talk constantly of trivial matters such as stamps and sticking tape, of saucepan lids and soup : but all the while we keep on walking. If we are poor we jump on a lorry back or ride in a tram. If we are rich we buy a car or use a taxi. But we can't evade walking, even though we may be a dictator or an American Negro fresh from cornering monkey nuts. Not even a president or a film star can sail along a sidewalk without meeting resistance in some form or other. Indeed, it is much more likely to be the poor man with a hiker's experience who will get the best of a right-of-way argument and keep his favourite part of the pavement clear for an appreciable while.

My ideal is the man who knows just how to make that sudden side-step and give that look of command which will leave his opponent flummoxed and fuming after he has passed by. He is the one who can hug the wall at the start and finish his trip without faltering or leaving his stronghold once : the one who can balance casually on the edge of the kerb for a two mile walk, and leave hefty men and fat boisterous women groping and slipping in a muddy gutter—he who can effectively settle with the pavement artist and the female bargain hunter at a blow.

There are many other virtues that a successful pedestrian must possess. For instance, the use of witty and crushing speech, and of a lasting look of supercilious contempt—but I will not bother you with them now. Instead I will close, hoping that I have succeeded in inspiring you with a desire to learn more of this fine art.

(LAZY 4L.)

Progress in Education.

Dramatis Personae :—Master, Headmaster, Caretaker, Muggins, Jones Minor, Yellow Shirt, Class.

Time. First day of term in the year 1940.

SCENE I. A SCHOOL CLASSROOM.

Master. As you know, our new Heliotrope Shirt government, has decided to put into practice the modern progressive ideas in education which have been so much discussed during the last few years. We shall no longer learn Latin and French which are useless as a training for life, but, now that universities and examinations have been abolished, we shall proceed to acquire some really useful knowledge.

Class. Hoo-ray.

Master. We shall start with a lesson in emptying dust bins.

(Enter caretaker with a dustbin which he gives to the Master.)

Master. Observe how I raise the bin to shoulder height, and tilt it with a rhythmical swing into an imaginary cart. Now Jones Minor, let us see what you can do.

(Jones proceeds to wield the dustbin in the manner shown.)

Master. Splendid. You will be a credit to the profession—Oh goodness me!

(One of the boys has projected a paper pellet at the master. The master leaps towards the culprit but stops suddenly.)

Master. Why, I nearly forgot that punishments in school are now abolished. That is a thing of the past; it is brutal and altogether ineffective. Ha, ha, boys! you *will* have your little joke.

(Enter a man wearing a gown and mortarboard. He is big and braveny but has not the appearance of a scholar.)

Master Ah, here is your new headmaster, boys.

Headmaster. Now look 'ere, I'm the new headmaster, and wot I says goes, see! I was specially selected for this job because I was never taught Latin, History, and them other old fashioned and useless subjects. I'm an expert street sweeper, I am.

Class. Ha, ha, ha!

(The headmaster proceeds to cuff one of the boys who is guffawing like a donkey.)

Master. Oh stop sir, it's old fashioned and brutal; you can't do that there 'ere.

(The headmaster reluctantly releases the boy.)

Headmaster. All right, but don't laugh at me again. Now boys, come outside, I want to give you a lesson in road sweeping.

Exeunt.

SCENE 2. THE ROAD OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL.

(The head is sweeping with the tired skill of an expert. One of the boys is lounging against the wall reading a book. The class looks on.)

Headmaster. What are you reading Muggins?

Muggins (guiltily). Vergil, book six, sir.

Headmaster. What did you say?

Muggins (absent mindedly). Nec minus interea Misenum in litore Teucrici flebant.

(Headmaster seizes the book and tosses it aside.)

Headmaster. Is that rubbish a preparation for life? Come and take a turn with the broom. And what's the matter with you, Jones Minor?

(Jones Minor is shivering and looks very miserable.)

Jones Minor. It's a bit cold out here isn't it sir?

Headmaster. Well it ain't too warm I must say. I'll tell you wot; we'll have a roadmending lesson to keep warm. Hi! caretaker!

(Enter Caretaker with pickaxes, shovels, etc.; the boys arm themselves and set to work on the pavement.)

Muggins. Ooch! you've squashed my finger; be careful with that hammer.

Jones Minor. This pavement's hard. I'd rather be doing Chemmy; you can at least warm your hands over the bunsen.

Class. Hear, hear!

(Suddenly a chiming of bells is heard. People are rushing about excitedly.)

Muggins. What's the matter?

(Enter a man wearing a yellow shirt.)

Yellow Shirt. Our coup d'état is successful. The Heliotrope Shirt government is overthrown, and the new education system is at an end.

Class. Hoo-ray!

Headmaster. Well I'm darned!

(ANON.)

Concerning a Motor Bike.

The Idea came to me while I was peeling potatoes. Now if you peel the hard, lumpy Irish Blue potato, your thoughts are brutal and you cut away half the potato before you know what's what ; and if you feel the pulpy, squishy, Great Scott potato, your thoughts invariably fly to moonshine, honeysuckle and love. On the other hand, if the Majestic potato is the object of your peeling, directly the peeler touches the potato, thoughts fly from your brain like chewing gum from a slot machine, shivering sensations jellify your back-bone, and brainwave follows brainwave as quickly as indigestion follows Christmas pudding. It was in one of these prolific moments that I thought of the motor-bike.

The motor bike! The saucy little vehicle which flips pass cars at traffic blocks, and carries a siren like an antiquated fog horn, which, in spite of its size can (and this of course, is every motorist's aim) still frighten half the wits out of every pedestrian on the road.

Just at that moment Ezekiel Jenkins, spreading tin tacks on the road at the request of the local garage proprietor, hobbled past the window. Some people consider that Ezekiel is morose and reserved, but if you talk to him about Double Decrankshafts, Infernal Combustion Engines, Cardboardretters or some sensible subject like that he immediately grows garrulous and communicative.

I hailed him, and he produced a new catalogue of motor-bikes and began to explain the advantages of every cycle. He told me that he *had* heard that a Daventry Hawk had done seventy on bottom, and that he *had* heard that the S.A.B. were turning out a machine for £50, and that he *had* heard that the stream-lined Empireal had a super-set of brakes. He went his way leaving the catalogue in my hands.

All that evening I pored over the catalogue, until my head was a maze of cylinders, lubricators, connecting-rods, etc., and when I went to bed I kept the catalogue close to my heart.

In my dreams I saw the shares of the Lit-Eze Upon Motor Cycle Company rise from 72¾% to 153½% ; factories were being built upon all the playing fields of England, and M.P.'s were riding to Parliament upon motor-bikes. I dreamt that in three days there were only eight pedestrians upon the road and that the King himself was riding to a motor show on a golden motor bike, attended by his Queen in a side-car.

I am having a bike for a Christmas present.

LATER. I am selling my motor-bike. The nurse in my ward tells me that I am lucky to get off with merely a broken leg and a fractured skull.

“ Slacker.” 4L.

Soccer Club.

CAPTAIN : R. L. MORGAN.

VICE-CAPTAIN R. F. LYON.

SECRETARY : L. TOVELL.

Once again the Soccer Club seems assured of a very successful season. Each of the four teams fielded has so far done extremely well, as may be gathered from the records given below.

A great deal of the strength of the 1st XI. lies in the defence, where McLeod has been outstanding, and Lark has proved a safe goalkeeper. The half-back line has suffered greatly by the loss during the term of Brown ; but Morrell and Harris, the wing-halves, have played well. The forwards, as during last season, need more thrust in front of goal ; Tovell, however, has shown himself a capable outside-left.

The 2nd XI. have lost through injury a valuable captain in Duke ; some of their best players, too, have either left school or been required by the 1st XI. Thus they have done extremely well to have lost, up to the time of writing, only one match. Names that deserve mention are Worden, Barkell, Coaker and Cox.

The Junior XI are a very promising combination, and will evidently keep up the School soccer standard in the future. Bray has proved an able captain and Wilce, Baines, and Collins have shown ability ; Wilce, however, should learn to kick with his right foot.

A 3rd XI has also been fielded.

The Club wishes to thank Messrs. Cookson, Armor, Heather, Simmonds, and Austin for giving up their time to referee, and Mesdames Simmonds and Morgan for preparing the teas.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Goals Against
1st XI ...	11	9	2	0	51	16
2nd XI. ...	10	9	1	0	58	17
3rd XI.	3	2	1	0	15	6
Junior 1st XI.	2	1	1	0	8	4

Teams :—

1st XI. Lark,
McLeod, Morgan (Capt.),
Morrell, Dyer-Smith, Harris,
Martin (P.), Luxton, Rickard, Lyon, Tovell,
Cox has also played.

2nd XI. Worden (Capt.),
Miller, Trenerry,
Balkwill, Cox, Martin (K.),
Callaghan, Cory, Essery, Barkell, Coaker,
Smith (R.), Adams, Semmens, Duffin and Pepper have also played.

Junior 1st XI.

Nicholas,
Baines, Wilce,
Backhouse, Bray (Capt), DeGruchy,
Reed, Jackson (ii), Collins, Jackson (i), Thomson,
O'Flaherty and Squibb have also played.

Rugby Club.

The 1st XV. has been very successful up to the present. The average score for each match is 18.3 points against 2.8. The star match of the term was against Plymouth College 1st XV. away. This was the first match between the two teams. The High School won by 10—0 before about 200 spectators the majority of whom were D.H.S.ians. No match has been lost yet. Rogers, Simmonds and Crocker, the three newcomers to the back division have settled down and are playing quite useful games. The forwards are good individually but do not play as a pack, although the backing up of all members of the team is brilliant.

It has been difficult to choose the 2nd XV. forwards this year. There are about a dozen forwards who really deserve a place and only 8 positions to fill. The team has been ably captained by Morey, and although their record is not very good, yet they have beaten S.B.S. for the first time in the history of the School.

The 3rd XV. has only played one match this term and is very strong, although rather inexperienced.

The Colts have not yet won a match. They owe their lack of success to their size and inexperience. Grindrod, the Captain, is a tower of strength to the backs, while Chesterfield at back, has played some good games but does not make full use of his weight. Crabb, Martin and Salter also play well. The team should do better next term when Mason will return to the three-quarter line after his shoulder injury.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Mallinson and Webb for their refereeing and playing in club matches, to Messrs. Austin and O'Connor for refereeing, and to Mr. Gore for his enthusiastic support on the touch line. (We miss his umbrella on the away matches.)

There has been a great increase in the number of players this year and all the masters have shown great interest.

1st XV.

Rogers,
Crocker, Healy, Hurden, Simmonds (ii),
 Holmes, Miskelly,
Osborne, Eves, Waycott, Edwards, Andrews, Simmonds (i), Smith,
Mason (Kirk, Ridley, Godfree have also played).

Swimming Club.

The most important event to record is the 3rd Annual Swimming Gala, which was held at Mount Wise Baths at the end of the Summer Term, and which proved highly successful. Seven new records were created, and the most keenly contested event was the Senior Relay Race, in which Gilbert finished just ahead of Drake. We should like to thank Mrs. Simmonds who presented the Lampard Cup to the Captain of Gilbert, the winning House. This year, for the first time, we entered an under 14 relay team for the Devon County Schools Championship, and succeeded in gaining first place. This, coupled with the fact that several members of the school gained medallions awarded by the Royal Life-Saving Society, indicates the high level of swimming maintained in the school.

What shall we do ?

(with apologies to the "Drunken Sailor")

What shall we do if we can't learn "Chemmy ?"
Smashing up atoms with a burglar's jemmy,
Mixing up stinks until we are phlegmy,
Every Monday morning.

What shall we do if we can't learn History ?
Cramming about our fine ancestry ;
Why we have to is a mystery,
Every Tuesday morning.

What shall we do if we can't learn Latin ?—
" Flumen " the river old Cæsar spat in—
This is a subject we lose our fat in
Every Wednesday morning.

What shall we do if we can't learn Physics ?
Swotting up laws as if they were lyrics ;
This stuff makes me have hysterics
Every Thursday morning.

What shall we do if we can't learn " Geogger ? "
All about cod swimming round the Dogger ;
Can't get it in how much we slogger
Every Friday morning.

Chorus

Oh dear ! up we rises !
Scholars of all shapes and sizes,
Working hard to win some prizes,
Every schoolday morning.

(ANON.)

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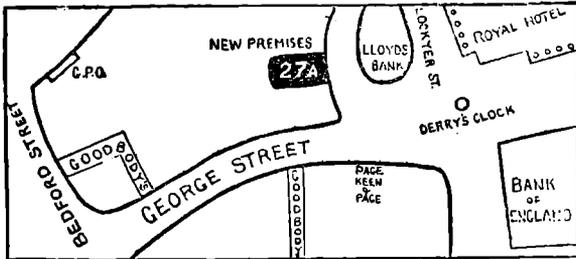
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D.H.S. Parents' Association.

The opening meeting for the year 1935-6 was held on October 4th in St. Michael's Hall when the subjects considered were "Pocket Money" and "School Sports." The former was introduced by the Headmaster who pointed out the desirability of entrusting boys with small sums to enable them to budget adequately and wisely for essentials. Mr. L. J. Backhouse, speaking on "School Sports," thought that they should not be limited to a few teams, but that all scholars who were physically fit should take part. Many questions were asked and an interesting discussion followed, the Headmaster replying to many of the points raised. An enjoyable social followed, at which an excellent programme of unison songs was rendered by the School Choir, under the direction of Mr. A. Hutchings, the soloists being Semmens, Saunders, and Holgate. We are extremely grateful to the members of the School Choir, to Mr. Hutchings who arranged the programme, and to Mr. Werry.

A fortnight later, a Whist Drive was attended by about 100 parents. Mrs. Simmonds presented the prizes and Mr. L. J. Backhouse acted as M.C. The prize winners were Mesdames Singlehurst, Drinkwater, Knapp, and Messrs Dalton, Hutchings, Frizelle, and Showell.

On November 15th Mr. W. J. Andrews, the Second Master, gave a comprehensive lecture entitled "Some Recollections of D.H.S." The lecturer traced the history of the school in detail from 1865 when it was an institution with but one classroom and about 60 pupils. It was then known as Stoke Public School and was supported by voluntary contributions. The steady growth of the school culminated in 1906 when the D.H.S.—as known to-day—was really founded with Mr. Treseder M.A. as head master. At that time there were 94 pupils, by 1914 the numbers had increased to 323, while to-day there are 523.

Mr. Andrews recalled many howlers which had come to his notice. Two with a local flavour were that the Royal Albert Bridge was the first tubercular one in the West, and that Dartmoor was a very romantic place crossed by many bridal paths.

Mr. Andrews' work and influence for the school were eulogised by Mr. Treseder who proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer. This was seconded by Mr. Eric E. Cock, Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, and supported by the Headmaster.

Again we thank the Ladies' Committee for their valuable and efficient work in arranging all matters connected with the provision of refreshments at our meetings—a feature which is very much appreciated.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS—

- Jan. 31st, 1936. The Bishop of Plymouth (The Rt. Rev. F. Whitfield Daukes M.A.) "Religious Instruction and the School."
- Feb. 27th Lecture by Professor S. H. Watkins, M.A., Ph.D.
- Mar. 26th Concert and Social, followed by ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Membership of the Association continues to increase and it is hoped that eventually every parent will become a member. Already this year our numbers have reached 425, and the committee would like to see this number doubled. If you have not yet joined, all you have to do is to send your name and subscription (1/-) to Mr. Hutchings, at the school. Will you please support us and join at once? We should like to feel that every parent was a member and that we were a 100% organisation.

B. C. J. RICKARD

ACTING HON. SECRETARY.

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association.

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Committee : the above with MESSRS. W. J. ANDREWS, W. J. CHING, B. H. CHOWEN, E. HARRIS, F. HAWTON, P. J. MOWAN, G. PLUCKNETT, B. RICKARD, R. SMALL, L. H. T. WARREN, R. J. WERRY and K. T. M. WINTLE.

The many friends of our London Secretary, Mr. A. J. Swan, will be delighted to hear that he has been promoted to the Taxes Inspectorate. For several years Mr. Swan has been responsible for the activities of the London Branch and has rendered loyal service to the London members and to the Association as a whole. As a result of his promotion it will no longer be possible for him to continue as Secretary of the London Branch and the Branch is fortunate in finding so worthy a successor to the office of Secretary as Mr. J. H. Francis. Mr. Francis has recently acquired the title of LL.B.

Mr. Cock, the Chairman of Headquarters Committee, hit on the happy idea of marking his year of office by the presentation to the Association of a Badge and Collar to be worn by the Chairman of Committee. He also undertook the raising of a Badge Fund which has provided distinguishing badges for officers and members of the Committee. These badges will be worn at all Old Boys' gatherings.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Parents' Association for so kindly inviting Old Boys to be present at their meeting when Mr. Andrews gave an address on "Some recollections of D.H.S." A number of old D.H.S.-ians were glad to avail themselves of the invitation and spent an interesting evening while Mr. Andrews traced the growth of D.H.S. from the time of its inception to the present day. The speaker dealt also with the lighter side of school life and from the glances that were exchanged one can only conclude that some of the references came very near home.

The School is gradually building up a Library and the Librarian, Mr. H. Whitfeld, would be very glad to receive any contributions from Old Boys in the shape of books by standard authors.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. S. Ware, now of Uganda.

Congratulations also to Mr. E. Warn on passing the B.Sc. degree of London University. Mr. Warn has captained his College XV this season.

Mr. C. C. Mill of Reading University is following up a 1st Class Honours Degree in Physics with research work on X-rays, having been awarded a Senior Research Scholarship. He rather laments the fact that he is now the sole representative of D.H.S. at Reading. Mr. F. W. Kellaway who recently left the University has received a teaching appointment under the Plymouth Education Authority.

Mr. R. G. Trevithick's recent promotion has in no way diminished his enthusiasm for aviation. We hear that he is now organizing a Flying Club in his new district.

Mr. W. S. Watson of King's Coll., Cambridge, has added to his achievements by taking an Hons. Degree in Economics.

Will members please note that our financial year ends on July 31st, and save the Treasurer the postage on "reminders" by sending along any overdue subscriptions as soon as possible?

We welcome the following new members:—

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| C. Clark | 22, Fleet St., Swindon, Wilts. |
| P. J. Edwards | 30, St. Aubyn Ave., Keyham, Devonport. |
| E. W. Whittaker | 73, Admiralty St., Keyham. |
| F. Clynick | 46, Amherst Rd., Plymouth. |

A. Legg	26, Tamar Avenue, Keyham, Devonport. and 50, East Stn. Rd., Aldershot, Hants.
E. S. M. Martin	99, Browning Rd., Stoke, Devonport.
R. Oliver	12, Prince Consort Rd., Gateshead-on-Tyne.
J. Reilly	5, Glenside, Mannamead.
M. E. Brown	26, Welsford Ave, Stoke, Devonport.
R. Passmore	" Moor View", Ernesettle Rd., St. Budeaux, Plymouth.

The following changes of address have been received.

R. Small	Denham, Coleridge Ave., Crownhill, Plymouth.
J. A. W. Peter	21, Foxley Rd., Brixton, London, S.W.9.

LONDON BRANCH NOTES.

<i>Chairman</i> :	MR. A. T. BROOKS.
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<i>Committee</i> :	THE ABOVE WITH MESSRS. E. E. CAMMACK AND A. R. PIKE.
<i>Auditor</i> :	MR. W. I. GOFF.

We have, in the first place, to express our regret that it was found impossible to arrange a dinner in the Christmas term. The Committee had decided that the event should follow the lines of last year's dinner but when it came to the point of arranging the date and the theatre, it was found impossible to obtain the accommodation we required until immediately before Christmas. At an emergency meeting of the Committee it was considered that to put this extra strain on members' pockets at a time when money is about as valuable and scarce as water in the desert, would have a disastrous effect on the attendance. It was therefore decided to postpone the event until the Easter half-term.

Seven new members have been enrolled since the 31st December 1934. There have been no backsliders and the Branch continues the steady growth which has been its main feature since its " rebirth " on the 17th March, 1933.

By the time these notes are in print the Annual General Meeting will have been held at the Bedford Head Hotel.

Owing to the demands of official business, (believe it or not) I find that I must resign from the Committee of the London Branch and, of course, from the Secretaryship. I do so with great regret. It has been more than pleasant, during the last three years, to watch the steady growth of the London Branch to which I have referred above. I feel that we have rendered some service not only to London members but to the Association as a whole, and to the School; and, with that to our credit, we can consider that we have proved the value of our existence and the need for its continuance.

In past issues of the magazines I have found it necessary to say a few unpleasant words to keep you all "up to the mark," but I realise that without the support and help which I have received from you all, and particularly from the members of your Committee, the task, the rebuilding of the foundations, would never have been completed. The Committee have appointed Mr. J. H. Francis to act as Secretary until the next Annual General Meeting, and in thanking you for your co-operation and assistance, I feel confident that, given the same, Mr. Francis and his successors will find their duties both easy and pleasant.

The London Branch extend to all the readers of these notes their best wishes for health and happiness throughout the coming year.

A.J.S. 30.11.35.

NEW MEMBERS.

- Butler, S. A. & C.G.(Audit), Inland Revenue, Bush House,
S.W.Wing, Strand, W.C.2.
Lake, K. S. 17, Campion Rd., Putney, S.W. 15.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

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Branch), Bush House, S.W. Wing, Strand, W.C.2.
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Pike, A. R. Firs Private Hotel, 329 Upper Richmond Rd.,
Putney, S.W.15.
Slade, F. C. 126 Downton Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W.2.
Swan, A. J. C/o the Acting Secretary.



D.H.S. Old Boys' R.F.C.

“Old Boys may come, Old Boys may go, but the Club goes on for ever.” This mutilated plagiarism might well serve as a maxim for those interested in Old Boys' affairs—for reference to our records reveals that upwards of sixty Old Boys have at one time or another donned the green, white and black of the Rugger Club. Many of these have passed on and are maintaining and enhancing the good reputation they enjoyed locally. We feel that through the medium of the Rugger Club D.H.S.-ians can get a very sound and sometimes surprising introduction to intermediate and senior rugby. All over the country are players who would not hesitate to recognise the useful training and experience obtained with the Old Boys. Those with aspirations in the rugby world and those who are content to enjoy a keen weekly game for the love of the sport would do well to enrol immediately they leave school. The R.F.C. is waiting to welcome them.

The present season has brought with it the usual quota of new arrivals, several of whom have made astonishing progress and we have also welcomed back to our ranks, if only temporarily, players home on leave from various situations outside “headquarters”.

We have, however, on occasions played short as, when business calls, sickness and injury deplete the side, we have insufficient reserves on which to call. We hope recruits will soon be applying for membership and will thus automatically solve this trouble. All the games played however, have been keenly contested, even if sometimes under atrocious weather conditions.

Dances—ever popular as a club function—continue to flourish at the Mutley Assembly Rooms. Make a note of Monday, February 10th, 1936.

Honour has been conferred on both players personally and the Club by the selection of H. Warwick, Capt. and G. Polkinghorne, Vice-Capt., to play for the District XV. in those capacities versus Albion United. This match took place on December 6th, and you will doubtless have read how ably they acquitted themselves.

In conclusion, the Old Boys' R.F.C. once more cordially extend to the Headmaster and Staff, present and past pupils seasonable wishes for a Prosperous New Year.

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The School Song.

First Verse.

'Tis of our School, the High, we sing ;
 For her we'll spend both strength and brain ;
 For her our finest gifts we'll bring,
 We'll give our all and count it gain,
 So that her praises far may ring,
 With records proud, devoid of stain.

Chorus.

High in Name, in fame, in aim,
 High in heart and strong endeavour,
 High to answer honour's claim,
 We will fail our own School never.
 Semper Prorsum Honeste—
 Thus our motto, Play the game.
 Semper Prorsum Honeste,
 The High for ever.

Second Verse.

And when in our last race of all,
 We round the bend with torch in flame,
 We'll hand it on and sound the call.
 We've run our race, in us no shame.
 Ne'er did we falter, fail or fall,
 We've played the game, do ye the same.

Chorus.

High in name etc.

The first verse to be sung by trebles only.

The second to be sung by basses only.

Both choruses to be sung full.

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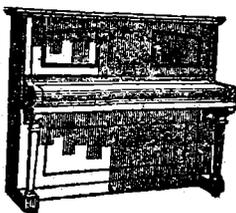
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