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Editorial.

The question of family life has been placed in great prominence during the war. Family ties appear to be breaking down, and the Victorian conception of the relationship between parents and children seems to be rapidly losing ground. Does this show that the "family tie" exists only in the imagination, or is the change due merely to the altered conditions of our lives?

The average Victorian family included five or six children, as compared with the two or three which represent the mean today. Childless marriages were almost non-existent; now they are frequent. All types of influence can be traced as having had their effect on the "Victorian idea" of family life. The very architecture of the period—the leaning towards larger, more solid buildings—played its part, and it was by no means uncommon to find three or even four generations of one family living under the same roof. Moreover, the internal combustion engine had not been highly commercialised until after the end of the century, and travel, as a result, remained restricted. But the most potent factor of all was the community, indeed the heredity, of interest that has since died out. It was usual for the son to follow in his father's footsteps, whether miner, mill-worker or clerk. This size of families, too, meant that less money could be spent on the education of each child, and each had therefore less opportunities.

All this led to two things. It induced a more stay-at-home outlook, coupled with an appreciable fear of going out into the world; and this in turn meant that the family was a more closely-knit unit, and that there was a respect—perhaps even awe—shown for the father by the son, greater by far than that which is shown today.

But the last half-century has seen very far-reaching changes. It has witnessed the growth of independence among the younger generation and the partial disappearance of the "absolute rule" of the father as head of the family. It is customary to put this down mostly to the incidence of war upon our lives—yet this is not the case. The vast majority of the changes had taken or were taking place before and between the two great wars.

Science had made great advances and travel had become much easier. The opening-up of Africa, and the increased acceptance of the doctrine of expansion, as formulated by Professor Seeley, induced many young fortune-seekers to undertake foreign and colonial travel. The heredity—and to a lesser extent the community—of interest disappeared; to follow a father's profession is nowadays the exception rather than the rule. Moreover, with smaller families, children are given greater opportunity of finding a place for themselves in society compatible with their abilities. And the State has taken a greater interest in children. Educational and other reforms have meant that the State has taken over many of the obligations to the child which were once those of the parents only. The scope of compulsory education, already wide, is shortly to be widened still further. It is now unusual for more than two generations of a family to be living together. Old-age pensions have made the aged less dependent—if indeed dependent at all—upon their sons and grandsons.

Finally, the impact of the war has meant the wholesale separation of families—due, both to the exigencies of National Service and to the evacuation of so many of the nation's schoolchildren. Even the mother of the family has in many cases found a job of her own—a step unheard of in Victorian times. In short, the youth has less fear of going out into the world, and the family ties are gradually breaking down.

For this we hold the war responsible in part only. Science, education, and the decrease in the conservatism of our outlook have all had great influence.

But when we view the history of family life over the last fifty years in perspective, surely there is no need of complaint, or of appeal for a reversion to the rigidity of Victorianism? Will our country not be the more broad-minded, the more progressive as a result? Progress must necessarily involve change, and if family ties are to go, then it is a sign, not of decadence, but of the changing order in which we live.

School Notes

By the time this appears in print the Spring Term will almost have run its course, and we shall be looking forward to the activities of the summer, Higher Schools and School Certificate, cricket and swimming, and we hope the right sort of weather for these things.

In the meantime we suffer the pangs of winter, gladly enough when the weather is fine, but less patiently when the sky is overcast, and when rain makes outdoor activity difficult or impossible. Yet the sun can and does shine in Penzance, and the brightness of the day is reflected in our attitude to things in general.

Time passes almost unperceived, and we realise but occasionally that examinations come nearer and that there is much to be done in the narrowing margin at our disposal. Hostels have become an institution, and it is almost superfluous to remark that they run as well as ever. We tend to take all these things for granted ; but to mention them here is good for us, and as a reminder that those responsible are carrying on their useful work. There have been and will be changes, for such is the way of life ; " Men may come, and men may go," but the system continues.

At the end of last term we bade farewell to two members of the staff. Miss A. Allen, B.A., has returned to the Emergency High School for Boys in Plymouth, in order to give place to Mr. Vivian, who has returned to his old school after seeing service in the R.A.F. We are glad that he is with us, and we wish him everything good in the years to come. Mr. A. Hutchings has also left us to take up new work as Headmaster of a school at Chapel-en-le-Frith, in Derbyshire. Our good wishes are his, too, and Miss Allen's.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. R. H. Symons, who has come from Plymouth to take over the housemastership of the Mount's Bay Hostel and the teaching of Music and Religious Knowledge, relinquished by Mr. Hutchings at Christmas. The boys in the Mount's Bay have already learned to know him and to appreciate all he is doing for them, and we know that the music and R.I. will be safe in his hands. We hope that he will be very happy with us.

A further list of academic and other successes is included in this issue. Congratulations to the boys concerned, many of whom have left us, and good wishes to those who will have done their best to gain scholarships before we publish. Good luck, too, to all examinees next term. Their trial is to come, and we hope their results will compare favourably with those of former years.

Praefecti Valete

ADAMS, N. S.—Entered School, 1936; School Certificate 1940; Higher School Certificate 1942; Exhibition U.C.S.W. 1943; Minor Open Scholarship, St. John's College, Cambridge, 1943 Prefect, 1942; School Captain 1943-44; Editor of School Magazine, 1943-44; entered Durham University on R.A. short course

BENNETS, T. V.—Entered School 1936; School Certificate, 1941; School Prefect, 1943-44; University Short Course, R.N. 1944; entered Cambridge University.

En Passant

- We heartily congratulate :
- M. BALL, on winning a Stapledon Scholarship in Natural Science at Exeter College, Oxford.
 - T. J. WOODFORD, on securing a Cadetship at Dartmouth—the first of its kind ever obtained by the School.
 - A. HIGSON, on qualifying for the rank of Prob. 2nd Lieut., Royal Marines.
 - K. BESWICK, on being granted a Commission in the Indian Army.
 - A. WEATHERSTONE, on qualifying for a University Short Course for the Royal Navy.

AN EPIC IN MINIATURE.

Parturiunt montes, nasceretur ridiculus mus.

HORACE.

Thine aid I now invoke, O Epic Muse,
 To guide me, lest thy powers I may abuse ;
 Of simple things I sing, of pastoral life,
 Of placid childhood rent with early strife,
 A child there was, whose dimpled, freckled face,
 Bespoke all innocence and childish grace ;
 Her name was Mary, and she chose to keep
 As pet a young and most sagacious Sheep.
 O Muse, my pen again invokes thine aid
 To tell what faith this loving Lamb displayed ;
 With airy tread, and eager, upturned face,
 The Lamb would follow Mary's every pace ;
 In all her walks, in all her daily round,
 Did plaintive sounds of Lamb's delight abound.
 And Mary gladly every day would tend
 The wants of this most loving, faithful friend ;
 So that its hooves were black as any jet,
 And whiter far its fleece than snow seen yet.
 Alas, for simple rural virtue dear !
 Full soon it withers at the townsmen's jeer :
 And Mary and her Lamb were soon to learn
 The heat with which such stupid spite can burn.
 There came a day when Mary went to school,
 And with her went the Lamb, that poor, fond fool.
 The loving pair had scarcely walked inside,
 When cruel boys began both to deride ;
 They mocked at Mary's graceful, rural port,
 And torture of the Lamb they thought was sport.
 Its gentle shapely hooves they marked with chalk,
 And as to Mary it essayed to walk,
 They seized it by its tail, and on its fleece
 A vile concoction poured of ink and grease.

Alas ! it is forbidden to my pen
 To tell the wickedness the boys did then.
 Meanwhile poor Mary, left alone a space,
 Had watched this, while the tears coursed down her face;
 And, horrified, she weeping fled the town.
 She vowed that ne'er again a pet she'd own.
 Thus, in this world of sin and wicked strife,
 Are grace and virtue driven out of life.

F.J.G.

Out of School Activities

RUGGER CLUB.

President: The Headmaster.

Rugger Master: Mr. Webb.

Captain: N. J. Downs.

Vice-Captain: K. Ford.

Secretary: A. Truscott.

The 1st XV. has had a checkered season this year. Injuries and sickness hampered us at the beginning of the season, and at the end of the Christmas term we suffered the severe loss of Beswick, the Captain, and Higson, the Hooker. Nevertheless, in spite of these and other difficulties, the season proved an enjoyable, if not an entirely successful one. The pack, generally heavily outweighed, settled down well, while the attack displayed great energy and determination throughout the season.

The 2nd XV. has only had a few fixtures, but has played well, while the Junior XV. has displayed great keenness and not a little talent. A Colt's XV. had one fixture, against Truro Cathedral School, losing by a narrow margin.

The high-spot of the season was provided by the two fixtures with the R.N.E. College, Keyham, which were played during the Christmas vacation. The 1st XV. welcomed several Old Boys who strengthened the team, and were well supported. The matches were keenly contested, the first being drawn, the second lost by a narrow margin.

Three masters must receive the thanks of the Club for refereeing and helping in many ways. They are : Mr. Webb, Mr. Harris and Mr. Brooks. The Hostel Masters have provided baths for several visiting teams, and our sincere thanks are also due to them.

1st XV. : Down (Capt.) ; Honey, Wortlehook, Ellis, Robinson ; Hyne, Malpas ; Vogel, Chapman, Truscott, Cliffe, Uren, Ford, Weatherstone, Bowen.
 May, Parsons, Tucker, Jane, Logan and Hobbs have also played.

2nd XV. (from) : Nicholls, Reardon, Orchard, Logan, White, Parsons, Tucker, Weldon, Gould, Hobbs, Paine, Maybourn, Gardiner, Ball, Chadwick, Taylor, Pearce, Standford, Waldern, George (i).

Colts' XV. : Mackintosh ; Moore (i), Warrillow, Quantick, Honey (ii); Pearce (capt.), Baker ; Cambridge, Patterson, Jarvis, Porter, Page, Pillage, George (ii), Widdicombe.

Junior XV. : Bustin ; Wattley, Honey (ii), Wiseman, Moore (i) ; Brereton, Baker (capt.) ; Jarvis, Walford, Charman, Cambridge, Widdicombe, Porter, George (ii), Patterson. Frith, Pillage, Phillips, March and Smith have also played.

ANALYSIS :

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Points.
1st XV.	15	4	9	2	147	170
2nd XV.	3	1	1	1	11	30
Colts' XV.	1	0	1	0	3	6
Junior XV.	2	1	1	0	8	14

A. TRUSCOTT.

CRITIQUE.

DOWN.—A very successful full-back. Has style and technique, and should develop into a first-class player. He should spend more time improving his place-kicking.

HONEY.—A powerful, speedy back. Has disappointed most frequently by his habit of "pushing" his way and by being tackled in possession. Must learn to pass at the right moment.

PARSONS.—Has tried several positions. A little more courage in tackling should turn him into a useful three-quarter. Has speed, but not very safe hands.

ELLIS.—The most promising back. A strong, fast centre. Must learn to side-step and pass more accurately. A good scorer.

ROBINSON.—A good wing three-quarter with a long stride. Must learn to take the ball when moving fast. Should be next year's top scorer.

WORTLEHOCK.—Has a good football sense, but suffers from off-days. An excellent kick, but not quick enough to take advantage of his punts forward.

MALPAS.—A very hard-working scrum-half. Tough and wiry. Weakest when the opposing side heels. Must learn to use the blind side of the scrum.

VOGEL.—A good winging forward, splendid in the line-out and the loose. Should practise dribbling. Has had a very good season.

LOGAN.—The returned warrior. Has well earned his place in the team. Energetic and forceful. Should give up the other code!

TRUSCOTT.—A fast-moving forward, alert and energetic. Follows the game well. Must learn to jump in the line-out.

CLIFFE.—Useful in the line-out, but often suffers from lack of energy. Could make a solid, reliable footballer.

JUREN.—Rather light for the scrum, and must make up by using speed. Not energetic enough in the line-out.

BOWEN.—One of the scrum's best workers. Quite a good hooker, and though not very heavy, a main-stay of the scrum.

CHAPMAN.—This hefty forward does not use his weight enough. Must learn to follow-up.

FORD.—A good player in the loose, who keeps well up with the ball. Has served the team well as vice-captain.

HIGSON.—The team will miss him. Against even weight a first-class hooker.

JANE.—A young forward from whom we expect great things next season. Has worked well in the games he has played.

BESWICK.—Captain and leader of the pack until Christmas. A reliable, enthusiastic leader whose weight is being missed.

L. A. WEBB.

SOCCER CLUB.

President : The Headmaster.

Soccer Master : Mr. Hodgson.

Captain : B. McAlpine.

Vice-Captain : P. J. Burrows.

Secretary : T. G. B. Hobbs.

This season the Soccer Club has taken every opportunity of playing on both the St. Clare and Lescudjack grounds. Two sets of House matches have been played by both Senior and Junior House teams.

As regards School games, the 1st XI has had a full-fixture list and a very successful season, as the table given will show. All but one of its losses have been inflicted by Service teams. The majority of the 1st XI. have also played in the School A.T.C. team.

Both the 2nd and Junior XI.'s have suffered from lack of fixtures, owing to the absence of suitable teams to play. We wish to record our thanks to Messrs. E. W. Clarke and Warren, who have taken keen interests in these two teams respectively. Dowrick has led the 2nd XI. well, while others deserving mention are Dugdale, Cooper, Tanner and Ingham, the top goal-scorer; In the Junior

XI., Cooke, Pengelly and Creber have stood out, whilst Carne has proved to be a promising goal-keeper.

To the hostel masters and matrons concerned we tender thanks for the help they have given. We also thank Messrs. Clarke, Harrison, Truman and J. L. Foster for refereeing.

CRITIQUE.

SCAMP (Goal-keeper).—Has filled the position of goal-keeper with fair success. Better handling and positioning would improve his play considerably. He is not afraid to lie on the ball.

MOGER (Right-back).—A staunch defender, whose tackling and kicking are good. He works hard, but should curb a tendency to wander on occasions.

BEALE (Left-back).—Has a good left foot, and is a strong defender. A little more speed would be an advantage, and he should learn to kick with his right foot.

SUTTON (Right-half).—A tenacious and energetic player, who throws in well and marks his opponent keenly. Should learn to distribute the ball to better advantage.

BURROWS (Centre-half).—He has proved to be a capable centre-half, combining efficiency and economy of effort very successfully. He has carried out his duties as vice-captain thoroughly. (G.H.H.).

HOBBS (Left-half).—A first-class player and a good secretary. At times he tries to do too much, but is to be commended for his activity and persistence.—(G.H.H.).

WALFORD (Outside-right).—A newcomer to the team, who centres well and whose corner kicking is good. He misses opportunities through lack of speed, and should learn to tackle.

GRINDROD (Inside-right).—A very hard-working inside forward, who kicks well with both feet, and is a formidable tackler. Should overcome a tendency to fall back too far and to try to do too much.

MCALPINE (Centre-forward).—He has scored many good goals this season. Being fast and strong, he should harry the opposing defence on all occasions. As captain he has been keen and stimulating.—(G.H.H.).

SCOULLAR (Inside-left).—Another newcomer to the team, who has maintained a constant standard of play. Gives good service to his wing man, but should fall back more in support of the defence.

GOSLING (Outside-left).—A fast, skilful and dangerous winger. Centres well and co-operates to good effect with his inside man. Should improve his right-foot kicking.

COLES.—Took the position of right-half while Sutton was subjected to a month's quarantine. Has a good kick with both feet, and heads well. Should learn to recover and retackle when beaten.

2ND XI.—Grigg ; Dugdale, Peake ; Shinner, Longworth, Dowrick (capt.) ; Cooper, McColl, Ingham, Thompson (i), Tanner.

Coles, Powell, Ellis, Holway, Hobbs, F., and Grose have also played.

JUNIOR XI.—Carne ; Napp, Ham ; Bryant, Cooke (capt.), Pengelly ; Creber, Brookshaw, Hatch, Hill, Twine.

Cole and Thompson (ii) have also played.

ANALYSIS.

	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	<i>Goals.</i>
1st XI.	15	9	2	4	88	37	
2nd XI.	4	2	1	1	11	10	
Junior XI.	4	2	0	2	5	5	
							T. G. B. HOBBS.

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The strength of the Squadron is now 84, having recovered well from the fall in numbers following the summer holiday. Parades have been very well attended this term, and it is hoped that a good number of Cadets will become proficient by Easter. Nine N.C.O.'s are taking the Advanced Training Examinations in various subjects later in February, while twenty-three N.C.O.'s and Leading Cadets are under training for the Advanced Drill and Squad-taking Tests.

Flt.-Sgt. Logan and Cpl. Ellis are to be congratulated on the results obtained by their classes in the Proficiency Examination held in December, when sixteen cadets qualified as Leading Cadets.

Fifteen cadets attended a week-end course at an R.A.F. Station at half-term. A very full programme was arranged, and much interesting knowledge gained. An aircraft from R.N.A.S. St. Merryn visited the Station on the Sunday, and each cadet got into the air.

Also at half-term, six N.C.O.'s and cadets visited No. 86 E.G.S., at Trelligga, Delabole, for gliding instruction. On the Saturday they received instruction in ground slides, and all of them were given good marks. Low hops were performed on the Sunday, and the best flight was made by Cpl. Ellis, who remained airborne for 25 seconds. On their next visit they will be released from the cable.

The first of three lectures by R.A.F. Officers was given by Flt.-Lieut. Evans on the 11th February. His subject was Flying Control, and his visit was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed.

We wish to record our grateful thanks to Mr. H. Ferraro for instructing cadets in meteorology and the Theory of Flight, and to Mr. Armor, for the assistance he has afforded many in shooting.

The Squadron has also done extremely well in sport. The soccer team has secured the championship of the S.W. Cornwall A.T.C. League, and hopes to become the champion of the whole of Cornwall soon. The Rugger team is shortly to play the Bude Squadron in the final of the Cornwall A.T.C. Rugby Championship. We wish them both every success.

Any boys over 15½ years will be welcomed as recruits.

G. H. HODGSON, FLT.-LIEUT.,
Officer Commanding.

A.C.F.

"G" Company, 1st Cadet Battalion, D.C.L.I.

The work of the Company is mainly the basic training for Certificate "A," although cadets also have the opportunity of attending lectures on First Aid and Signalling by outside experts. Early this term eight more cadets passed the first part of Certificate "A," and one cadet passed both parts.

The Company shooting-team has had a successful career since its innovation last summer. The team, under the guidance of Captain Harrison and R.S.M. Rowe, has won the Battalion Cup, beaten several local teams, and after drawing for second place, is now at the top of the Penzance and District League.

C.S.M. MALPAS.

SCIENCE CLUB.

Chairman : Mr. Harris.

Secretary : L. G. Paine.

Treasurer : W. E. Malpas.

*Committee : The above and A. Weatherstone, M. Ball,
W. Maybourn and B. Horton.*

Towards the close of last term the society was privileged to hear a comprehensive lecture on "Water Engineering" by Mr. Blight, the Borough Engineer. It is hoped to follow this up shortly by a visit to the Penzance Water Works.

A detailed and instructive lecture on "Aero Engines" was given by Logan, while Wright's lecture on "Radium and Radio-Activity" provided a very interesting evening.

A film on an expedition to the Galapagos Islands proved a fascinating and popular feature. This was accompanied by a talk on "Evolution" by Dowrick, which was most helpful in aiding a complete understanding of the subject-matter of the film. A film concerning the nickel industry was also shown.

During the term we have lost the services of Higson, the committee member for Mount Prospect. We wish him every success in his career, and welcome Maybourn as his successor.

L. G. PAINE.

SCOUT LOG.

THE ROOKERY PATROLS.

J. Bellamy, 5L, has continued to run short enthusiastic meetings each Sunday afternoon in the Owl's Nest or out of doors.

CAMPING HUT, NOSS MAYO.

Our hut at Noss Mayo is being kept in good order by various old scouts. A number of them used the hut last season, and sent interesting reports of their activities. This hut is fully equipped with bunks and lockers for winter expeditions. If any old scouts reading these notes would like to spend a night or two at the hut, will they please get in touch with me.

OLD SCOUTS.

Each term letters arrive from former members of the Troop, and it is a real pleasure to see, on occasions, Old Scouts at Penzance. Scouts who have attended D.H.S. Camps know that a very high standard of camping is expected and attained. The S/M has just completed his seventh book on Scout Training, entitled "Camp-craft." The book is to include a chapter on Combined Camps by Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds.

S/M. D.H.S.

LIBRARY.

The Librarian wishes to thank Bainton for his gift of three books, "Science for the Citizen," "Electricity," and "Films in the Making"; Miss Side for a fascinating book on Astronomy, and Mr. Hutchings for his parting gift of two books "The New Learning" (by F. J. E. Raby, M.A.), and "Cambridge University Studies."

J. H. CROSSLEY.

When the School broke up for the Christmas holiday, we said farewell to two members of our Staff—Miss Allen and Mr. Hutchings. Miss Allen had been with us only two years, but they had been at a difficult time, and she had kept Lower and Middle School French going during a critical period. Mr. Hutchings, as boy and master, had been connected with Devonport High School for 31 years. On his departure the School gave him a cheque, and he expressed his thanks.

Devonport High School, he said, has a tradition, as a secondary school, which stands with the finest in the country. It is not only for the Headmaster and the Staff, as for every boy of the School, to see that this tradition shall always be upheld. He would carry with him, he said, lasting memories of the School, at Devonport, at Penzance, and most of all at the Mount's Bay Hostel ; for it was there that he learnt his most important lesson—to know boys more intimately, and to appreciate their point of view more fully than ever before. Religious Instruction, which had been his subject, was a most difficult one among boys, but if they had carried away with them some of the lessons he had taught them, he felt, and hoped, that his long years of service had not been in vain. EDITOR.

HARBOURS.

Big craft, small craft, old and new,
 Fishermen in jerseys blue,
 Fresh-barked nets hung up to dry—
 Mid lovely scenes the merchants buy.
 A busy hive of industry,
 This harbour doth appear to me.
 With noise and bustle everywhere,
 Scents of fish pervade the air,
 Whilst gulls around wheel, cry and scream,
 Until of fish they catch the gleam.
 The flash of silver I espy,
 As to the quay their ships men tie.
 And idly as I stroll along,
 I watch the ever-active throng.

K. E. BROOKSHAW, Form 3G.

MR. W. J. ANDREWS.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Will. J. Andrews. Mr. Andrews was Senior Master of Devonport High School for thirty-three years, and very many Old Boys will have in grateful remembrance the sympathetic help and guidance they received from him.

Mr. Andrews began his career as a Pupil Teacher under Mr. Alonzo J. Rider. He then proceeded to St. John's College, Batter-

sea. On leaving the College he taught for two years at the Stoke Public School, and later joined the Staff of the Devonport High School, which had been acquired by Mr. Rider. When, in 1903, the administration of the School was taken over by the Devonport Education Authority, Mr. Andrews was appointed as Senior Master, under the Headship of Mr. Treseder. As time went on the natural expansion of the School made great demands on its space, and in 1937 it became necessary to establish a Junior School outside the D.H.S. building. Mr. Andrews was placed in charge of this Department.

The younger generation of the Old Boys will associate Mr. Andrews with School Certificate Mathematics, but the more senior ones will remember that for a number of years he was responsible for the History of the Upper Forms. He read widely, and was always willing to help by lending books from his own library. He was markedly successful in preparing classes for School Certificate Mathematics, but his personal interests were definitely humanistic and literary.

On his retirement in 1940 the Old Boys presented Mr. Andrews with a cheque. Mr. Andrews re-presented this cheque to the then Headmaster, Mr. Simmonds, with the request that it should be used to provide an Annual Prize, to be awarded on School Certificate Mathematics results.

Mr. Andrews was keenly interested in Church matters, and was a Churchwarden of the St. Budeaux Parish Church. He was a highly respected Mason, being a Past Master of Philamon Lodge, Devonport.

He died at Torquay, on February 4th, and was interred at St. Budeaux. H.F.

House Notes

RALEIGH.

There is hardly anything of note to record this term, the Athletic Sports have yet to be held. The Senior XV. has played two games, losing the first and drawing the second. The Senior XI. has won its only game. The Junior XI. has won and drawn one match. Circumstances have necessitated the fielding of teams composed of both rugger and soccer players. We hope that this will have the effect of knitting the House closer together. We are pleased to note great enthusiasm among the Juniors, whilst the Seniors have also displayed a certain keenness. It is to be hoped that this spirit will manifest itself in the coming Athletic Sports, and that Raleigh will gain its deserved position. A. S. HONEY.

GILBERT.

Although very infrequently rewarded with success, the four football teams have enjoyed some hard games. Special praise is due to the Senior XV., which has won one game and drawn one game so far this term. It has been a pleasure to see some of the more staid members of the Sixth Form turning out to support their House, and it is hoped that their enthusiasm will not wane before the Athletic Sports.

W. E. MALPAS.

DRAKE.

Drake's football has shown some improvement since the last House Notes were written. Altogether to date the four teams have won six games and lost ten, the Senior Soccer XI. possessing the most creditable record. Senior Rugby has not yet been able to turn out its best team this term, and with better luck in this respect should be able to retrieve its fortunes in the remaining games.

Preparation for the Sports is about to commence, and if all the members of the House co-operate enthusiastically and loyally, Drake should acquit itself with honour.

J. H. CROSSLEY.

GRENVILLE.

Since the last House report Grenville has been doing well in all its activities. The Senior Soccer team has won the only match played since half-term, and has therefore been victorious in all its games this season. The Juniors have been able to play the whole of their second round House Soccer matches, of which two have been won, and the third drawn. Grenville has been doing equally well in the Rugby matches, the Seniors having played five games this season, and won all of them; the Juniors have played four, of which they have won three and lost one.

By the time this has been published, the Athletic Competition may have been decided. It is encouraging to see that several members of the House have started training for this early in the term; if we should not reach the standard set by Grenville in previous years, it will not be through want of trying or lack of spirit.

Next term is the Cricket Season, and it is hoped that both Senior and Juniors will be able to raise good teams.

D. L. WALFORD.

Since these notes were written, we learn that it has been decided to postpone the Athletic Sports until the Summer Term.

EDITOR.

NIGHT OPS.

The Town Hall clock chimes out the midnight hour,
 And one by one the heads peep o'er the sheets,
 A box of tuck is brought from 'neath the bed,
 No sound is heard save that of pattering feet.

A stealthy tread is heard outside the door,
 "Who can it be?" they whisper, each to each;
 Swift now their sudden fears give place to joy,
 A prefect's brother will report no breach..

Somehow he'd heard of this delicious feast,
 And thought perchance he'd lend a helping hand;
 And did they mind? Why, bless you, not the least,
 A prefect's brother—you quite understand.

At length they writhing lay upon the floor,
 And vowed that ne'er again would they partake
 Of such a feast; for when they strove to sleep—
 Internal spasms kept them wide awake.

And yet when parents fondly send by post
 What only mothers to their sons can send—
 Why, all their resolutions fade like smoke,
 And there continue feasts and pains sans end.

J. WORTLEHOCK, Form 4G.

D.H.S. Parents' Association

The Annual Meeting of the Parents' Association was held at the Public Central School, Cobourg Street, Plymouth, on December 4th, 1943, W. H. Buckley, Esq., presiding.

It was announced that the Association had continued its policy of making annual grants to the School Prize Fund, and 12 guineas had been donated this year.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. A. Hutchings, who had served as School Membership Secretary for a number of years, and had had to relinquish the position on his promotion to a headmastership in Derbyshire. Mr. Buckley stated that Mr. E. R. Harris, B.Sc., had expressed his willingness to undertake the duties, and his election was endorsed.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. S. R. Hutton, the Deputy Director of Education, who spoke on the subject "The Government White Paper and the Secondary School." He explained the many features of the White Paper and of the Norwood Report, and dealt in detail with the abolition of the "Scholarship" examination, the development of the Grammar, Technical and Modern types of secondary education, and with the power vested in Local Education Authorities. Questions were asked and satisfactorily answered, and Mr. Hutton was thanked for his address.

It is highly encouraging to note that the School is so well thought of that the Director and Deputy Director of Education have been induced to address the Annual Meeting of the Association in successive years.

Despite the relative and unavoidable inactivity of the Parents' Association at the present time, it should be realised that it has in the past and will, we hope, in the future play a very important part in the smooth functioning of the School. It is only by complete understanding between parent, teacher and child that the best can be realised from any educational system, and our Association provides a ready means by which such co-operation can be arranged. Every effort is therefore being made by its officers to ensure the continuance of the Association during the period of hostilities, in order that when the School returns to Devonport, and the various problems associated with the new Educational system, adequate and modern accommodation, playing fields, gymnasiums, etc., are being discussed, it can play its part in the fashioning of the D.H.S. of the future.

During the present year the parents of 140 boys have enrolled as members, and any others who are desirous of doing so are invited to send their subscriptions to Mr. Harris at the School.

OBITER DICTA.

? Form.

" We are the hollow men
 We are the stuffed men
 Leaning together
 Headpiece filled with straw."

T. S. Eliot.

Swot.

“ That we would do,
We should do when we would ; for this ‘ would ’ changes,
And hath abatements and delays as many
As there are tongues, are hands, are accidents ;
And then this ‘ should ’ is like a spendthrift sigh,
That hurts by easing.”

Shakespeare.

Many.

“ You beat your pate, and fancy wit will come ;
Knock as you please, there’s nobody at home.”

Anon.

Epigram.

“ What is an epigram ? a dwarfish whole,
Its body brevity, and wit its soul.”

Coleridge.

Parting.

“ Or bathed in bliss, or overwhelm’d in woe,
The heart must still require a kindred heart ;
Divided joy bids double joy o’erflow,
And pain divided loses half its smart.”

R. A. Davenport.

Lower 6th ?

“ When men of infamy to grandeur soar,
They light a torch to show their shame the more.”

Anon.

Thursday.

“ Call for the music in the other room.”

Shakespeare.

Late Boy.

“ How now, my headstrong ! where have you been gadding ? ”

Shakespeare.

Tea ?

“ Who works may eat : they tempt me, your beans
there : spare a plate ! ”

Browning.

Text Books.

"Vix ea nostra voco."

Ovid.

? 5G.

"What a comical effect is produced by the reference to
the confused and foggy conception that quantity
changes into quality."

Duhring.

9 p.m.

"Must we to bed indeed?"

R. L. Stevenson.

Tackled.

"The smell of the mud in my nostrils."

Henley.

Matron.

"And gives at need (as one who understands)
Draught, counsel, diagnosis, exhortation."

Henley.

Mr.?

"So shall men call me sire of harmony."

George Eliot.

LOWER SCHOOL.

(With acknowledgements to T. E. Brown).

I thought of this life, of work and of dinner,
As I walked to the hostel by the sea ;
And here was I but a hopeful beginner—
And after dinner I'd think of my tea,
Of all tomorrow's tests, and supper bell,
Of letters home, the inward-bound express,
Of Flossie at the local school as well,
That King-class engine and her loveliness :
A happy thought. And then I recognized
That working now would— That old cry again :
Why care about what had to be revised ?
Let's help my room-mate with his aeroplane.

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

(With acknowledgements to Lord de Tabley).

My heart is vext with this fantastic fear,
 Th' examination's still some time away;
 And swotting all the evening's paying dear,
 And those who like to work on Wednesdays may.

Too much hard work can dull a fellow's brain—
 And yet I want to pass and win a prize ;
 I'll pour upon those Latin verbs again
 And learn that theorem if I'm really wise.

But creeps a whisper with a treason tongue—
 Why, in the morning have another glance,
 The supper bell 'will ring ere I've begun ;
 In all exams we merely take a chance.

And yet I feel within a pang of fear ;
 Work is too late when testing days draw near.

UPPER SCHOOL.

(With acknowledgements to R. L. Stevenson):

In Latin and History I can delight,
 With Loney or Edser spend night after night,
 At Oxford a scholarship's waiting for me,
 And when the time cometh prepared I must be.

To sundry temptations I never must yield,
 Nor let my thoughts wander to beach or to field,
 But nail down my poor self to work with my might,
 Slogging hard in the morning, all day, and at night.

And if I work now, when the time draweth near
 For results, I shall hope but have naught to fear,
 For I shall achieve my greatest desire—
 A good Open Schol. as well as my Higher.

IMPERTINANT QUESTIONS.

What really did happen to the gong ?

Did they bag the right fusee ?

Is it true that School Cert. is anticipated with mixed feelings ?

Is the mixture of feeling as between staff and boys ?

Is it true that the boys of a certain hostel prefer to be called ? Did they put the gong out of action ?

Is a seat in the window a privilege at Morrab Road ?

Why ?

Is it to be considered an insurance for spare time ?

Does anybody ever write for the Mag ?

Does term ever end ?

Is it sharp practice to have so many crisps ?

Who lives at Long Rock anyway ?

Must we call him Robert ? If so, would it be running with the hair ?

Is there such a thing as induced beauty ? Is a mirror necessary ?

Does this mean that we have the modern Adonis in L6A ?

Is the problem to find the Venus ?

Are the linguistic activities of the Hockey Team the object of frenzied exhortations ? Is there a way of killing such a cat besides hanging ?

Has the School eating championship gone to length rather than girth ?

Do Form 6S play trains ?

What do our biology friends rear in the Richmond Air Raid shelters ?

If shelters and boys are equated, is the answer dogs ?

From whom do the 6th Forms borrow their tuppennies ? Simple isn't it ?

Does Jenny live at Marazion ?

Is that a place where white heather doesn't grow ?

Does that account for the popularity of a certain hostel ?

Are there answers to these questions ?

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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Old Boys will have heard with great regret of the passing of a valued friend, Mr. W. J. Andrews. An account of Mr. Andrews' career and an appreciation of his services to D.H.S. appears elsewhere in the Magazine. It remains for us to express our sincere sympathy with Miss Andrews in her loss.

Lieut. A. J. Legg has again gone Overseas.

Cadet Treweeke, of the Fleet Air Arm, is now in Canada doing his initial training. Sergt. R. Govett is similarly engaged in South Africa.

L/Bdr. T. E. Irish writes from "somewhere in the Mediterranean." He refers to meetings with Messrs. Glover and Plucknett. Doubtless these keen supporters of the Rugby code talked more of Rugby than of war. Another member of the Rugger team, Capt. Wingett, recently paid a visit to the School.

Lieut. F. C. Hornbrook, of the Royal Artillery, is now in Burma.

The D.F.C. has been awarded to P/O. Backhouse.

Messrs. Huzzey and Ward are both at Oxford, and find ample opportunities for sport as well as for work. The latter "keeps goal" for his College, while the former has figured in the Rugger team.

Mr. D. Worden has been appointed Overseas. A change in his home address is given at the end of these notes.

Mr. A. W. Pearce, of Birmingham University, has been awarded the Degree of M.Sc. as a result of Research work. We wish him all good luck with the Ph.D.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lieut. (E) and Mrs. A. C. Simmonds, Flying Officer and Mrs. J. Cole, and to Lieut. and Mrs. Barkell.

Second Lieut. A. Higson, of the Royal Marines, is well over his initial course of training.

Mr. D. J. Hooper recently visited the School. He is now L/Bdr. Royal Artillery.

Mr. K. Mason, formerly of Guildford, has been appointed Headmaster of a school at Aldershot. His contemporary, Mr. N. L. Rowe, volunteered for a National Camp, and is finding the experience interesting if strenuous. Still another member of the same VIth, Lieut.-Col. A. L. Stephens, is in India.

Sir Clifford Tozer, a Vice-President of our Association, has been elected to the place formerly occupied by the late Alderman Lovell Dunstan, J.P., as leader of his party on the City Council.

It is with much regret that we record the following :

MISSING.

P/O. J. Hayden, R.A.F.

Sergt. F. Trevethick, R.A.F.

Sergt. K. Dolton, R.A.F.

We desire to express our sympathy with the relatives of the above in their anxiety. H. FERRARO.

We welcome the following new members :

818 W. R. Ward, University College, Oxford.

819 A. G. Blanchard, 31, Parker Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth.

820 A. Higson, 8, Shelley Way, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.

821 R. H. Huzzey, 142, Church Way, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.

822 J. Mitchell, 3, Ocean Street, Keyham, Devonport.

823 P. E. Holwell, 35, Westacres, Alnwick, Northumberland.

824 E. Weeks, 36, Onslow Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

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