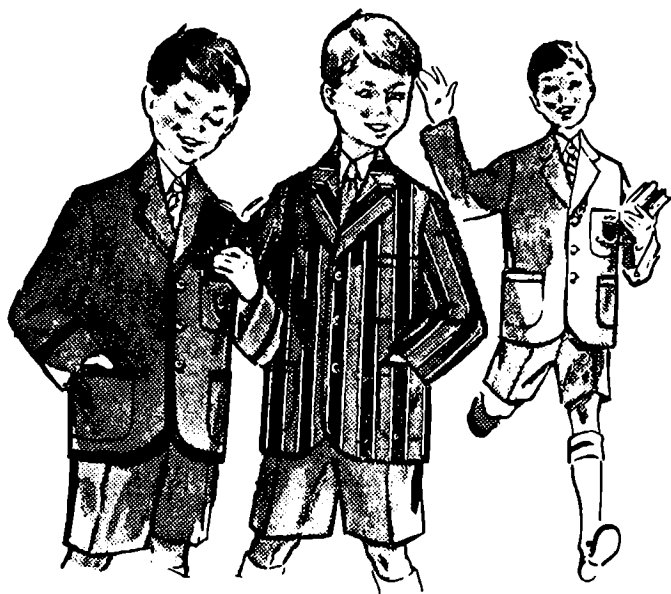


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Editorial

The subjects which are studied in a Grammar School today may be grouped under the general heading of either Arts or Sciences. The purposes of Sciences are at once apparent: to help to provide material comfort for man and to satisfy his curiosity. Thus Calder Hall, the recently opened atomic-powered electricity-generating plant, is made possible by Science to provide us with heat and light. These comforts are not essential—after all, the Ancient Greeks achieved a civilisation with very few of the material benefits which have been provided by Science as we know it today, although for every freeman then, there were hundreds in slavery. Science can provide machines to take the place of the slaves, thus raising the standard of all men's living.

Life is a series of relationships, which, owing to the extra leisure secured through Science, are of a more social nature, and in which the relations are on a more nearly equal basis. It is essential that all men shall have an understanding of others and be able to direct their leisure to suit themselves without interfering with those about them. This can be achieved through the Arts which are essentially a study of the problems relating to mankind. In literature, for example, with few exceptions, each novel and play is a word-picture of the reactions of a section of the community under a given set of circumstances.

The Arts have flourished in the Western Civilisation for a very long time but in the past they have not always met with much success—indeed history seems to be a succession of wars, and of friction between peoples, which can be overcome only by an appreciation of the values with which the Arts are concerned. In the past the Arts had been faced with many difficulties but,

now that Science has provided the means of easy communication, wireless, the telephone, cheap printing, and effective means of mass education, television and the cinema, the task of the Arts has been made much easier.

Education, which is a means to the homogeneous development of the human being is, unfortunately, often regarded as an unpleasant thing involving much work and yielding few but material gains. Little that is worth while is achieved easily; and man, essentially a leisure-loving animal, is not generally willing to work to his interest. Educated, in spite of these difficulties, he must be, and the pleasures of the Arts are a part of that education.

An understanding of man and his affairs is not only necessary, but vital. Twenty years ago the helium bomb was a scientist's dream capable of destroying large cities; ten years ago the hydrogen bomb was a dream capable of annihilating countries; the cadmium bomb, the brainchild of the present-day atomic scientists, is estimated to be capable of removing all living things from the face of the earth. This fearsome weapon will one day exist, yet none of these developments will help man to understand his fellows better. It is to the Arts that we look to attune man's understanding of and respect for the rest of humanity, until bombs become museum pieces and "war" an obsolete word. Never before has the opportunity been so great; never before has the need been so urgent.

The Arts and Science are complementary, Science providing the means and the Arts the standards of good living. They must be linked by the closest possible bonds. The time will come, we hope, when the present rift between them will disappear.

Headmaster's Note

Recently I attended a meeting of the London Branch of the Old Boys Association at which some eighty Old Boys were present. They ranged from men who left in 1914 to our newest Old Boy — 'Vintage 1956.' As I looked at them three things struck me: what a fine group of people they were, how wide their interests and activities ranged, how keenly interested they are in the School. There is no doubt that they have gained much from the School, and no doubt that when they were at School they gave much to the School. D.H.S. means more to them than bricks and mortar. I asked one of them what D.H.S. did mean to him and he replied: "I cannot put it into words, but I think it is being part of and belonging to a fine tradition." We must always remember we too are part of that tradition.

School Notes

We welcomed a three-form entry again this term, and by now they have settled down and are a real part of us, working well as befits Forms I, for they are the Sixth Forms of the future, and the sooner they realise it the better.

Prefects were appointed on September 19th. They have already justified their selection by their conscientiousness and efficiency. Their position in the school is an honourable and important one, and those who hope to take their places in the years to come must realise that they are won only by service to the school, coupled with integrity, personality and drive.

The Music Club held a successful dance on September 22nd, and again on October 27th. Such functions are not only social occasions but are also means of raising very necessary funds. They should be supported by all.

On September 24th the B.B.C. recorded Round I of the Top of the Form contest, when we passed on to Round II, which was recorded on October 29th for presentation later in the year. As we now know that round was lost by a narrow margin.

An account of Speech Day is to be found elsewhere in these pages. We are grateful to L. A. G. Strong, Esq. for his presence, his speech and for presenting the prizes. It is good that persons of national repute should grace such functions, and by their words of wisdom contribute something of value to our wider education. We thank them all, and not least Mr. Strong.

Examinations continue to be taken because that is a very important part of our work. The Executive Civil Service examination was held on October 9th, and "O" and "A" Level Examinations are now in progress. Good luck to all candidates, and may the best men win.

General Swinburn writes to the Headmaster of the "phenominal success" of D.H.S. boys at Sandhurst. Out of eight who have gone up in recent years, six are on degree courses or have already got degrees.

R. W. JUNIPER—B.Sc. Engineering, R.M.C. Shrivenham.

E. W. PERKINS and R. E. HANCOCK—Final year of B.Sc. Engineering course.

B. R. FOX—In 2nd year B.Sc. course.

B. D. PORTER—1st year Mechanical Science Tripos.

D. L. MACMANUS—1st year B.Sc.

Our evening with the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society is now an annual event, and we are always grateful for that invitation because the conduct of a debate before such an audience is a very

useful exercise whose value is enhanced by the kindly and sympathetic treatment and the warm welcome that we receive. On such occasions we gain confidence and experience. Thank you very much, Y.M.C.A.

On November 22nd about thirty boys made by rail a one-day excursion to Stratford to see the performance of *Hamlet* at the Memorial Theatre. Not only is this a fine thing from a purely cultural point of view, but it is of special value to those who are reading *Hamlet* at A-level. We hope that in the future many more boys will avail themselves of such opportunities.

By the time this issue appears our annual dramatic production will be a thing of the past. As you will already have seen, fresh ground has again been broken. An account of this combined Dramatic Society and School-Choir effort will appear in our next issue.

The Carol Service took place on December 21st, but this year was confined to members of the School. We thank parents who would have liked to come for their understanding of the difficulties.

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PRAELECTI VALETE

- B. WARLOW. Entered school 1949. Prefect 1955-56. G.C.E. 'O' level, 1954, 'A' level, 1956. Inter B.Sc. and State Scholarship, 1956. Vice-Captain Grenville, 1956. "Cornwell" Sea Cadet Award, 1955. Now entering Britannia R.N. College, Dartmouth (Supply and Secretariat Specialisation).
- M. S. GOLLOP. Entered school, 1948. Prefect 1956. G.C.E. 'O' level, 1953, 'A' level, 1956. Inter B.Sc., 1956. Athletics Team, 1953. 2nd XV Rugger, 1954-55. House Secretary of Gilbert, 1956. Now entering Executive Civil Service.
- M. A. HARRISON. Entered school 1954. Prefect 1956. 'A' level 1956. Secretary of Christian Union and Literary and Debating Society, 1956. Now entering Executive Civil Service.

ENGLISH SPEAKING BOARD EXAMINATION

Boys drawn from all over the School—from Year 1 to Year 8—are sitting for an examination in spoken English on Monday, 2nd December. In view of the extreme importance of clear, effective speech to a Grammar School boy, it is disappointing that only 25 boys have decided to avail themselves of the skilled advice of an expert of national repute.

Speech Day, 1956

Speech Day is the most important event of the school year, for it is then that we publicly take stock of the past year's achievements and perhaps set ourselves a standard which will make the next year one of even greater achievement.

This year's Speech Day was held on September 27th, 1956, under the chairmanship of the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Councillor W. J. Oats. Other distinguished guests included the Lady Mayoress, Mr. J. J. Astor, M.P., Alderman H. J. Perry, Councillor L. F. Paul (Chairman of the Board of Governors), Dr. Andrew Scotland, M.A. (Director of Education), and our guest speaker, L. A. G. Strong, the famous author.

The evening began with a choral item which was followed by the Headmaster's Report. During his speech the Headmaster spoke of the very high standard of the G.C.E. 'A' level results this year, but added a caution to parents about the many distractions which exist and asked them to co-operate by ensuring that all boys give full attention to homework, and that a daily effort is made until care, neatness, and perseverance become habit. He went on to say that to play an active part in the life of the community is right and proper, but it is necessary to restrict to a sensible maximum the bewildering variety of activities which surround the boy at school.

A regrettable change this year was the appearance of a Junior choir only. This was necessitated by the lack of space in which to rehearse, owing to the alterations being made to the school hall. Nevertheless the choir provided very successfully light relief between the speeches and is to be congratulated upon its effort under difficult circumstances.

In his address the Lord Mayor complimented the school on its achievements during the past year. He stressed the importance of the grammar school student in a world where scientific and technical advances such as automation demand skilled technicians and fully qualified scientists.

We were very fortunate, this year, in having Mr. L. A. G. Strong, the distinguished West Country author, to present the prizes. In his address he told a story of two children who were rehabilitated from a concentration camp at the end of the last war. Although it was a sad story, it had a happy ending and contained much encouragement for those of us who had not already had it in the material form of a prize. It showed that each one of us, however ungifted or insignificant we may seem, has his part to play in life. Mr. Strong ended with advice which every one of us might well consider: "to be able to decide on the

things that are good, and then co-operate in a team to do them." Well, did Dr. Scotland say, in supporting the vote of thanks, that the finest gift a man can have is the ability to write, for Mr. Strong truly demonstrated the magic of the story-teller.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Alderman H. J. Perry, seconded by Councillor L. F. Paul, and supported by Dr. Scotland and Mr. J. J. Astor, M.P. M. J. Stephens, the School Captain, made a small presentation to the Lord Mayor and Mr. Strong; after which the evening was brought to a close by the customary singing of the School Song.

E.J.T.
D.G.P.

"TOP OF THE FORM"

This term the school took part in the B.B.C. "Top of the Form" contest for the first time. The selection of the members of the school team was largely dependent on the results of last term's General Knowledge examination, and the boys who were chosen were C. G. Baker 6Sc., B. R. Arstall 5L, P. Cohen 3A, and J. Ley 2A.

The contest between the School and Romford County School for Girls, which was the first of this year's series, was recorded on Monday, 24th September and broadcast a week later. The result was a win for the school by 42 points to 36.

This win enabled the school to go on to the second round, and on Monday, 29th October we competed with the girls of Sutton Coldfield High School. The questions in this contest were rather more difficult than those set for the first round, and although the school team spoke well, the girls' team was clearly superior. The literature round brought out our weaknesses, and at this stage in the contest the girls increased their lead appreciably and went on to win.

The school team gave a very praiseworthy performance in both contests; and if we are disappointed by their narrow defeat, perhaps some consolation can be drawn from the fact that Sutton Coldfield had a very strong team which should, and we hope will, go on to do well in the rest of the competition.

Each of the recordings came as a welcome change from the day-to-day routine, and made a most interesting and exciting afternoon's entertainment.

The members of the team are fortunate in being able to hear their voices on the air, especially in a programme with such a large listening audience. This is an experience which few school-boys can claim to have enjoyed.

D. G. PROTHEROE, U.VI.Sc.

Careers

In recent notes the dearth of recruits for the Dental profession was stressed. At this stage the shortage is even more acute and active measures are being taken to remedy the matter by a simpler form of training to enable some of the less-skilled work to be done by young people unwilling or unable to face a five or six-year course at a dental school.

It is still necessary to point out the valuable opportunities which this school can offer for careers in both the medical and dental professions. Never before has the market been so favourable to boys inclined to these two careers. It is difficult to explain why so few boys will seriously consider these chances. In some cases it must be lack of sound appraisal of both the job and the boy by the boy himself.

Another career which we seem to pass by with no real consideration is that of the metalliferous mining engineer, despite the close association in the recent past of the West Country with the mining of copper and tin, and the existence of a school of mining engineering of high repute at Camborne.

It is ten years ago that D.H.S. last sent a student to the Camborne School of Mines and that is far too long an interval. This career is one which should have a special appeal to the boy with a spirit of adventure and exploration and a desire to spend some of his youth abroad. Later he can reasonably expect to settle at the head offices of his firm in an executive or consultative capacity if he so wishes.

The pay is very good and the training within the scope of the grammar school boy. The work can never be dull, for development work in a mine must always be subject to the engineer's skill and wise interpretation of the clues nature has given him.

Today with the world demands for new sources of copper, lead, tin, aluminium, tungsten, titanium and especially uranium or ever increasing, the need for the skill of the metal-mining engineer is very great, while the rewards, in all senses, are high. The initial requirements are a good "O" Level G.C.E. of six subjects including English, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

By the time these notes are read, a party of Fifth Formers will have visited the School of Mines and seen the facilities offered and have made a tour of the King Edward Mine, an old tin mine used exclusively for training in the practical part of the engineering syllabus. It is to be hoped that this visit may lead to a keener appreciation of the possibilities of this career.

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

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Parents' Association

When the last report on our activities appeared we were busy making arrangements for the Annual Garden Party which was held for the first time on a Wednesday, because our normal Saturday clashed with the All-England Athletic finals at the Brickfields. The change of day had no appreciable effect on the numbers attending or on their interest and enthusiasm, for we ended the day with a record profit of over £170.

Several of this term's events have been delayed while we have awaited the completion of the Assembly Hall stage, but we have now held our Annual meeting and a Whist Drive. At the former we accepted with regret the resignation of several committee members who have rendered fine service for many years but whose boys have now left the school. We thank them most heartily for all they have done. The second half of the meeting was a most entertaining Brains Trust consisting of Alderman H. J. Perry, Mr. E. Foulkes, Mrs. Norman Sitters, Rev. W. H. A. Cooper and Mr. Best Harris, and answering questions which concern the welfare of young people.

The Whist Drive in November was much enjoyed by about one hundred and thirty parents and friends. Mrs. Cresswell maintained the Staff tradition by appearing among the prize-winners.

The Association has given its usual help with Speech Day expenses and also made possible the visit of Mr. L. A. G. Strong to distribute the prizes.

The Association has agreed to purchase a set of Association Football shirts for use on the London trip and to make it possible for every member of the team to undertake the trip. The routine tasks of providing refreshment for visiting teams and guests has continued quietly and efficiently, and we sincerely thank all those who perform these onerous tasks so regularly.

It is hoped that all parents will take an active interest in our doings and so ensure our continued success.

THE RUGBY CLUB

So far, this season has proved an encouraging one for most of the rugby teams and if their present successes are maintained a fine season is ensured. The increase in the width of the Ham pitch and the very mild weather have been responsible for the number of tries scored by the three-quarters. The use of the pitch at Manadon has eased the situation at Ham.

The 1st XV has had a very good season up till now having lost only one of its seven matches. The keenness of the forwards is noticeable and although they are a small pack, they are extremely mobile and efficient. However, the lack of a tall, line-out forward has seriously handicapped them, this being evident in the Truro match. The backs have continued to play well and Allison's place-kicking has been as outstanding as it was last season.

The 2nd XV may prove to be the most successful for a great number of years having been unbeaten in six matches. They have been ably captained by Mason and their team spirit is most praiseworthy. Their fine backs have combined successfully with a large and strong pack of forwards resulting in a high aggregate. This season there has been keen competition for a place in the 1st XV and 2nd XV (fifty boys endeavoured to gain a place in one of these teams) and this is indeed encouraging.

The Colts XV, although only winning two of their five matches, have played better than the previous season's team. Woodward, Norman, Webber and Virgo must be congratulated on being chosen for a Plymouth Schoolboys' trial.

The Junior XV are a promising team and although they have lost one of their three matches they are expected to complete the season with a fine record.

The —13 XV, captained by Hallett, have won all their matches to date convincingly and ought to maintain the excellent record of previous seasons. Their 2nd XV is also promising and these teams do much to encourage the younger boys to play rugby.

The Club thank Mr. Mallinson, Mr. Warne, Mr. Lunnion and Mr. Nash for their organisation of the team and for refereeing matches, and the other members of the staff who have given their welcome support.

J. A. ELLIS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SOCCER CLUB

President: THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-Charge: MR. WARREN.

Captain: W. J. BADCOCK. *Vice-Captain:* A. E. BRIMACOMBE. *Secretary:* B. WIDGER.

In view of the excellent record of last season's 1st XI and the fact that several of its members are still available this season, it has been decided to undertake a Soccer Tour of London during the Christmas holidays. Fixtures are to be played against Christ's College, Finchley, William Ellis' Grammar School, Latymer Upper School and Lower School of John Lyon, Harrow. The 1st XI are unbeaten so far this season, having recorded fine victories over R.N. College, Dartmouth 1st XI, Torquay Grammar School,

Seale-Hayne College and Liskeard Grammar School. It seems, however, that there is a great weakness in the defence's ability to give the forwards full support when they are on the offensive. Our congratulations are extended to Beer on being selected captain of the Devon Youth XI and also for his selection as reserve for Devon.

In contrast, the 2nd XI have had a mixed season, and, although recording victories over Technical S.S. 1st XI and Seale Hayne College, they have lost their other fixtures.

The 3rd XI have had only one fixture to date, which they lost.

The Under 15 XI have a very strong side, and have defeated Technical S.S., a much heavier side. Up to now this is their only game. We congratulate Scoins and Attrill on their selection for the Plymouth Schoolboys' team.

On the other hand, the Under 14 XI is most disappointing and have recorded only one victory so far. To remedy this, keener tackling in defence and first time shooting are necessary.

The Under 13 XI lost their first three games but recovered to win their next three. Good football is being played and the future is bright.

Once again we are indebted to Mr. Warren and his colleagues on the Staff, for refereeing, and to the Parents' Association for providing the teas for the visitors.

B. WIDGER, *Hon. Secretary.*

<i>Team Records</i>			<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
							<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XI	..	..	6	5	1	0	26	9
2nd XI	..	..	5	2	0	3	12	13
3rd XI	..	..	1	0	0	1	2	3
Under 15 XI	..	..	3	2	0	1	9	5
Under 14 XI	..	..	4	1	1	2	12	13
Under 13 XI	..	..	9	4	0	5	22	18

THE CRICKET CLUB

President: THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-Charge: MR. WAYNE.

Captain: J. H. ATHERTON. *Vice-Captain:* N. W. CLARKE *Secretary:* B. WIDGER.

The 1st XI, although they had the strongest side for many seasons, did not come up to full expectation. After winning their first four fixtures, there followed a succession of drawn games which could easily have been turned into convincing victories. However, fine victories were recorded over Plymouth C.C. 'A' XI, Okehampton Grammar School, Sutton High School and the Staff XI, and the match with the Old Boys resulted in a draw. Unfortunately the game against Pembroke College, Cambridge, was cancelled owing to the weather.

The 2nd XI, like so many other second teams, were forced to field a changed side from week to week owing to the frequent demands of the 1st XI. Consequently, at times their strength was appreciably weakened. One noticeable result, however, was a convincing win over Plymouth College.

The Colts XI started the season badly and never recovered, winning only one fixture, that against Plymouth College, throughout the entire season. In this side there was a general all-round weakness.

The Junior XI, like the 1st XI, started the season in fine style, but failed to maintain their unbeaten record. However, they completed the season with a better record than any other side. They are a strong side in all spheres and the future is bright.

Our congratulations are extended to Widger who was selected to play for Devon Colts, and to Williams and Scoins on their selection for the Plymouth Schools' team.

The club offers its sincere thanks to the many members-of-staff who have given up so much of their time to umpire and coach the teams. We are again most grateful to the Parents' Association for providing such excellent teas for our visitors.

B. WIDGER.

COLOURS AWARDED 1956

RE-AWARDS: *Full Colours*: J. H. Atherton, N. W. Clarke, B. Widger.

AWARDS: *Full Colours*: E. Martin, G. S. Mason, J. Mitchell, J. R. Parsons

AWARDS: *Half Colours*; R. D. Smerdon.

		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Tied</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI	..	.. 13	6	0	5	2
2nd XI	..	.. 9	3	0	0	6
Colts XI	..	.. 9	1	1	1	6
Junior XI	..	.. 11	8	0	1	2

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

Master-in-Charge: MR. W. NASH.

Captain: J. R. BRECKON.

The Athletics Club this summer has fielded probably the best all-round team for many years, particularly in the senior section. The earlier successes of the team were recorded in the last issue of the magazine. Our first fixture was the match with H.M.S. Fisgard at Torpoint. Conditions were ideal and the general standard of performance was high, particularly in the track events. In the 880 yards there was a 'photo-finish' in which Wickenden took second place, although he recorded the same time as the winner, namely 2 min. 4.7 sec. Another very close race was the 4 x 110 yard relay which was the last, and deciding event. By winning this race the school team defeated H.M.S. Fisgard.

The next match was with Sutton High School at Marsh Mills. Once again conditions were fine and many records tumbled. Breckon set up match records in the Senior Hop, Step and Jump (42 ft. 7 ins.), High Jump (5 ft. 6 ins.) and Long Jump (19 ft. 3 ins.), and in the mile Blight was second, but recorded a time of 4 min. 47.6 sec., which is a new school best performance. Once again the senior relay was the deciding event and the school won this event to make the final result 115 points to 109 in our favour. This result is particularly gratifying as our local rivals have held this match trophy for the past two years.

The season concluded with the match at Truro School. Atmospheric conditions were ideal, but the unfinished clinker-cinder track made for extremely slow times. The seniors won all but two of their events, the juniors fared less well, but the combined score indicated a win for the school by 140 pts. to 113 pts.

Although our success this year has been due to all-round ability, there have been some good individual performances. Four boys represented Devon in the National Schools Championships at the Brickfields in July. Hawken ran in the Intermediate Hurdles, Wickenden in the Senior Half-Mile, Protheroe in the Senior 220 yards, and Breckon did the Senior Hop, Step and Jump. Breckon came fourth in his event with a jump of 43 ft. 7 in., which broke the existing record, and Protheroe ran in the winning Senior Sprint-Relay Team.

With some resolute training on the part of all members of the team we should maintain our fine record next year. In conclusion I wish to thank Messrs. W. Nash and D. E. Stone for their guidance and encouragement throughout the season.

RE-AWARDS: *Full Colours*: R. J. Bond, J. R. Breckon, D. G. Protheroe.

AWARDS: *Full Colours*: J. G. R. Baker, P. F. Wickenden.

AWARDS: *Half Colours*: J. H. Atherton, M. J. Beer, B. N. Blight, P. G. H. Hawken, B. Hay, D. Martin.

D. G. PROTHEROE.

House Notes

DRAKE.

At the end of the Summer Term many senior Drake boys left school. Notable among these is R. A. Miller, the House Captain, who is now at Wadham College, Oxford. He considered that House activities should not be limited solely to inter-house sport; as was the tendency, and he introduced many new activities within the House. His schemes were often viewed with scepticism by other Houses, but nevertheless they were successful. The House is indeed grateful to Miller for his drive and leadership, and we wish him every success at Oxford.

In the field of sport Drake has maintained its good record. The House team did well in the swimming sports, but were finally

beaten into second place by Raleigh in a very close contest. Individual competitors who won Championship cups in their respective age groups are I. Cooper (Under 16) and Couch (Under 12). Last July, Breckon and Protheroe represented Devon in the All-England Schools Athletics Championships for the second year in succession. The Senior House Rugby matches were played off early this term. The House XV, enthusiastically led by Heale, played with determination and lost only one match. The Senior House Soccer XI, however, in its only match so far, succumbed to a much stronger team from Grenville.

A hike was held during the half term week-end, and we hope to have a Junior Christmas Party and a House film show at the end of the term.

The House extends its congratulations to M. J. Stephens on his appointment as Captain of the School, and also to Breckon, Endall, and Heale, on becoming School Prefects. R. G. Conybeare has been appointed House Secretary. In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to Mr. Nicholas for the advice and guidance which the House officials find invaluable.

D. P. PROTHEROE, *House Captain.*

GILBERT.

We begin this term feeling keenly the loss of our House Captain of the last two years, John Atherton. His efficiency and leadership will be sorely missed throughout the coming year. We wish him success in his studies at Cambridge.

Last term was marked by the apparent growth of disinterest which culminated in our being fourth in the swimming sports, despite our having considerable ability in the sport. However, that the position can be rectified by more effort, individually as well as collectively, is shown by the promising start made this term. We finished third in the senior Rugby tournament, a notable improvement on recent years, and could have improved this position with a little more vocal support from the House. With the Chess Championship at its half-way stage, we are second and have a good chance of retaining the Chess cup.

Next term will see the completion of the Soccer, the seniors having lost their only game to date, the junior Rugby and the start of the Athletics standards. We look forward to our continued success with the knowledge that effort by every member of the House could well see us restored to the position of Cock House.

We congratulate Wickenden on his selection to represent Devon at the National Schools' Sports and Gollop, Harrison and Pemberton on their appointment as school prefects.

Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Berry for his continued support and guidance which have proved invaluable.

P. S. HARRIS, *House Captain*

GRENVILLE.

As another year of House activity has begun, both on and off the field, let us remember 'the glory that was Grenville' and seek to retrieve it by a determined and sustained effort. The St. Levan Shield has stayed far too long from its rightful place in Grenville's safe keeping.

We started on an encouraging note by decisively defeating Drake in a senior soccer match by 5 goals to nil, and our team, containing five 1st XI players, should repeat this success in the remaining two games. Unfortunately, our senior rugger team has not been as strong as in previous years, but nevertheless deserves much praise for having acquitted itself with vigour and determination. After being defeated rather heavily by a much stronger Raleigh side, it finally went down to Drake by 22 points to 20, and was then surprisingly beaten by Gilbert by 20 points to 6.

In chess, the senior team has done extremely well, having won all its three matches to date, which indicates that, provided the support of a strong junior team is forthcoming, we stand an excellent chance of wresting the Chess Cup from Gilbert.

Our congratulations are due to Freeman and Ruse, who have been appointed School Prefects, and at the same time we extend a warm welcome to all new members and hope they will respond readily and do their utmost to help reinstate Grenville as Cock House. Indeed, if we are to succeed, we must all make that extra effort which makes so much difference in the long run.

In conclusion, we thank Mr. Mallinson very sincerely for all he has done in guiding and running the House.

W. J. BADCOCK, *House Captain.*

RALEIGH.

Raleigh has made a fine start in its bid to retain the St. Levan Shield.

The Senior Rugger team, fortunate in possessing several members of the first XV including this year's captain Hay, won all three matches convincingly, with a points tally of eighty-four for and six against. The younger members of the team, especially Jago, Montgomery, Thornton, and Studley, deserve a mention for some very spirited play, despite their lack of size and experience. The Senior Soccer side, under the captaincy of Brimacombe, has won its only match to date against a strong Gilbert XI by three goals to two, and we are hoping for further successes in the two remaining games.

Nevertheless to win the St. Levan Shield all sections of the House must pull their weight. Among our juniors we have many fine young athletes, and it remains only for them to follow their seniors' example, and our prospects are bright indeed.

Our chess team, alas, has not been very successful, having lost the three matches which it has so far played. We should do well to remember, however, that, despite the fact that Raleigh was fourth for chess last year, it nevertheless went on to win the House Championship. Parents of boys in the Junior School should encourage their sons to learn this fascinating game.

We extend our congratulations to Allison, Hay, Mason, and Wright on their appointments as School Prefects, and to Bennett (U.6.Sc.), the newly appointed House Secretary.

Finally to all Raleigh boys, who left us at the end of last term, including our House Captain, Green, whose energy and enthusiasm played no small part in our success, we offer our best wishes for the future.

M. J. ALLISON, *House Captain.*

Out of School Activities

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Anticipation must be the keynote of this term's comments on the work of the Dramatic Society; for it is at the end of this term, as this magazine is being printed, that the plays for this year's major presentation will be in rehearsal. As usual, the target is an ambitious one and will provide food for thought for many months to come. The three plays which will be presented each evening are: "The Shepherd's Play," from the mediaeval Coventry cycle; "The Three Marys and the Apostles," a Cornish Passion play; and "The Summoning of Everyman," from a modernised version of the famous fifteenth century morality play.

The cast involved in such a production will be impressive, being drawn from boys from the second to the sixth forms. These in turn are to be supported by the School choir of sixty voices which will provide the necessary musical setting in the form of excerpts from Handel's "Messiah." Ambitious? Yes. Controversial plays? Certainly; and what is more they are to provide the baptism by fire of our new stage in our own hall.

Contrary to certain views expressed on the choice of these plays, the evening will, I am sure, be a credit to the great tradition of the D.H.S. Dramatic Society. From the audience's point of view they will rarely, if ever, find such a variety bound together in one programme: the first play is a farcical comedy, the second a poetical drama, whilst "Everyman" acted in modern dress presents the problems of to-day in a manner provocative of thought rather than escapism.

G. LANCASTER.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society is meeting on Wednesday evenings this term, and, this day has proved to be more convenient, as the numbers attending have doubled. We have tried to cater for most tastes by having a greater variety of meetings, which, it is hoped, have aroused stimulating discussion and thought.

We opened our series of meetings on 26th September when two Balloon Debates were held, and, it was decided that an atomic scientist should be thrown out so that the balloon could keep afloat. In the second, only Pandit Nehru was kept and other famous and infamous characters—Earl Attlee, Sir Winston Churchill, Bill Haley, and Dr. Johnson—were thought to be of less use to the community. A week later, an interesting and rather disconcerting evening was held for our members. Everyone there had to speak for two minutes on a subject given to him by the chairman, and speeches ranged from talks on Field Studies—with the inevitable remarks—to modern newspapers. It was an enjoyable and, at times, a very humorous meeting.

On 10th October, R. Shute proposed 'That the State is interfering too much in personal liberty' and he was opposed by R. Seager. The debate provoked a great deal of discussion, especially, over the need for censorship. However, the voting showed that eleven persons were in favour of the motion and sixteen against it with two abstentions. A week later P. Eames proposed 'That men enter into the field of politics more for personal glory than for the betterment of the community as a whole,' while I. Daymond opposed. It was an extremely lively debate which at times became rather amusing because of the many interruptions from the floor: the voting being thirteen in favour and four against the motion with six abstentions.

The Society was honoured to welcome as its guest on the 24th October, the Rev. G. E. Shearer, M.A., who gave an excellent and most interesting lecture entitled 'An Introduction to Theoretical Psychology.' Not only did the lecturer give an admirable summary of psychological discoveries, but he also entertained us with his delightful sense of humour.

We paid our annual visit to the Y.M.C.A. on Monday, 12th November, when the motion was 'That this House deplores the action of the Government toward certain of our overseas colonies.' G. A. Lancaster, with C. J. Ruse as seconder, proposed it, and E. J. Thomas with the support of D. G. Protheroe opposed. After a very spirited discussion the motion was carried by twenty-five votes to eleven. We are always very pleased to attend this particular outside function, and we feel greatly honoured at being invited especially as the Y.M.C.A. is renowned throughout the city for its debating skill and friendly attitude.

Our thanks are due to my predecessor B. Childes who ably organised the Society during the previous two sessions. We are indebted to the devoted support of our chairman, Mr. Clark, who has given us invaluable help and advice. My thanks are extended to the committee D. G. Protheroe (U.6Sc.), D. Dingle (6A.) and P. Eames (L.6Sc.) for ably supporting and advising me.

In conclusion it is necessary to point out that the continued success of the Literary and Debating Society depends on the keenness of the Sixth. It is absolutely essential that any intelligent Sixth former should speak coherently and purposefully, and this ability may be acquired most easily by becoming active at our meetings. Many more Sixth formers should avail themselves of this opportunity.

M. A. HARRISON, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The excursions to places of scientific interest which were envisaged in the previous issue, took place during the closing weeks of last term. In late June, a party of members enjoyed an illustrated dissertation on electronic equipment, given by Messrs. Mullard & Co. at the Continental Hotel. In July, parties visited Messrs. F. J. Moore & Co.'s Moorcroft quarry installation at Billacombe, the physical, chemical and metallurgical laboratories of H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, and the South Western Tar Distilleries, recently modernised at Cattedown. The Society is deeply indebted to its hosts, whose cordial hospitality made these occasions all the more enjoyable.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was the last formal business of the 1955-1956 session. The various activities of the past year were viewed in retrospect in the reports of the retiring officers, and officials and committee members for the coming year were elected. E. J. Thomas, U6, was elected chairman, and M. J. Stephens, U6, vice-chairman. The Society extends its sincerest good wishes for the future to C. E. Matthews, the retiring Chairman.

The Society held its first meeting of the 1956-1957 session on the second day of term amid the reorganisation associated with the beginning of a new school year. Since then, a meeting has been held every Tuesday, the usual policy of a lecture evening following every two film programmes being maintained. Among the interesting films seen this term, 'Far Horizons,' dealing with the part played by the Dunlop Rubber Co., in equipping the armed forces for the last war, 'Crescent Wing,' about the long-range Handley-Page 'Victor' jet bomber, and 'The Principles of the Gas Refrigerator' were outstanding.

At its opening lecture of the year, the Society was to have heard Mr. Leckenby speak on 'Metal finishing and Plating.' We were very sorry when we learnt that Mr. Leckenby was seriously ill and could not, therefore, fulfil his engagement. We

extend to him our sincere desire for his speedy recovery. In place of that cancelled lecture, Stephens of U6 gave a lecture on 'Gas Turbines and Rockets.' The second lecture of the term was given by Mr. Billings, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures in the Plymouth area, on 'The Weights and Measures Service.' Mr. Billings brought with him a vanload of instruments and equipment, with which he illustrated his most fascinating lecture. Other lectures, which will have been delivered to the Society before this article is published include 'The Disposal of Factory Wastes,' by Mr. Guthrie of Messrs. Tecalemit, and 'The Pine Marten,' by Mr. H. G. Hurrell.

The Committee has resolved that a film shall be made by the Society this year. A cine team of about twelve, under the leadership of Perrett U6, has been formed, and as a change from the customary 'school film,' it has been decided to make a film of a scientific and experimental nature. The title is to be 'Wave Motion,' and preliminary 'rushes' should have been seen by the end of this term. The Photographic Section of the Society has also broadened its activities further by the institution of a photographic competition. It is proposed to hold one of these every month or so, limited in each case to a definite subject, with a small prize for the winning entrant.

In conclusion, it may be added that study of the membership list of the Society reveals a need for stronger support from the fifth forms, whose numbers on our register compare very unfavourably with those of last session. If it is felt that the Science Society, being an out-of-school activity, might interfere with examination work in the vital fifth and sixth years, the potential member may rest assured that the truth is quite the reverse. The Society provides very useful extension of a boy's scientific studies at school, often giving that extra information about an industrial application of a scientific principle which leads to success in an examination. For both Arts and Science students it furnishes a scientific background conducive to informed conversation and confidence before interviewing boards.

M. J. STEPHENS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Christian Union has now come to one of the most important phases in its history. There is no one left who actively supported the Society when it was originally formed in May 1954. Therefore it is up to us to show that we can maintain the good record established by our predecessors.

Mention must be made of the magnificent work accomplished by those who left in July, especially, Atherton, Kimmins, Williams and Miller, who were at one time committee members, and to whom we owe a real debt of gratitude. Also we were sorry to lose Lock, Finch and Childes who had given us much support.

It was decided that as the Society had dealt with many of the intellectual problems in Christian Beliefs, that the term should be devoted to the general theme of 'Practical Christianity,' which is also the basis of our prayer meetings in Stoke Damerel Church, where we dealt with the Sermon on the Mount. Both the open meeting on Monday and the prayer meeting on Thursday have facilities to cater for a larger membership—especially from the Middle school. It is a dangerous sign for the future when much of our support comes from the supposed materialistic scientists of the Upper VIth. Perhaps, it is a sign of the times!

On behalf of the Society, I should like to say how sincerely we appreciate the visits from the various clergymen in the city, and how, very grateful we are for the great interest which they take in our work. With regard to our prayer meetings we thank the Rev. F. Adam—the rector of Stoke Damerel—who has helped us a great deal by providing facilities in his church, and also those members of the staff who have taken these meetings.

We have joined the Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship, which now has a membership of 222 schools, and this will guarantee our present status. In addition we shall receive help in the way of films, film-strips and visits from I.S.C.F. staff.

We are at present undecided as to the future of the Junior School Society, a venture launched by the Christian Union last year, but, we hope to resurrect it, in some form or other, in the near future.

M. A. HARRISON, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

After the Concert which was given during the Summer Term, the choir has this term been concentrating on the two main events of the Autumn Term in the School Calendar. The first of these was the School Speech Day, held towards the beginning of term; as time was short, and also because of difficulties in accommodating a full choir for practice, it was decided to use only a small Junior Choir. The programme included songs by Schubert "The Trout" and "Whither," a song by Haydn called "The Sailor's Song" and Mendelssohn's "Lord, at all Times": all these were sung in unison.

At the time of writing, the Choir is engaged practising for its part in the production which is being staged by the Dramatic Society at the end of term; in this connection we are to sing several choruses from Handel's "Messiah" together with some other incidental music. I should stress to all members of the choir the importance of regular attendance at all practices for this event, for at the moment I feel that not everyone is playing his full part; and there is still room for more Tenors and Bases. I should always be very pleased to welcome new members from the Senior School.

A.L.B.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Apart from some "*pane-fully*" fresh air involuntarily introduced into the Library by a member of the Library staff, this term has been quite an uneventful one: no jarring note has broken the room's serenity and sanctity.

We have noticed, however, that the members of the Junior school are not making use of the Library as fully and as often as they might; they obviously think that it is a sort of castle in the clouds, frequented only by masters and Sixth formers, when, in fact there are books on the shelves, and being bought, especially to interest them. Two schemes have been evolved to bring them to realise that there is, in the Library, a wealth of books suited to their tastes. The first is a series of book displays on specific subjects of special interest to them; the second admits a form into the Library during school time, under the supervision of their English master, to browse through the shelves under his guidance.

Meanwhile, the usual hard work is carried on behind scenes, to keep the establishment running smoothly. In this respect, I must thank Forrest (6Sc.), Dustan (6Sc.), Whitting and Bennett (L.6A.), Daymond and Wickenden (6A.), and Thompson and Barrett (4A.) for their assiduous endeavour and help. In the Crafts' Room, the Book Repair Section, led by Rowe (L.6Sc.) continues to rejuvenate many well-worn books.

This is, indeed, a large list of acknowledgement; but it is heartening to see so many taking such an interest in the Library. We hope that this enthusiasm will be long-lasting.

V. SLADE, *Hon. Librarian.*

THE CHESS CLUB.

The school was unfortunate in losing two of its strongest players at the end of last season but despite this, the gaps in our ranks have been adequately filled and the team has a very good chance of retaining the Goodman Cup. In this competition, the school team (Blight, Hurst, Daw, Horley, Yates, Ruse) has, so far, won all three matches, but we have yet to meet our stiffest opposition.

We have again entered for the Moyle Cup (a Devon Senior event) and are looking forward to our first match which is with Tavistock Chess Club on November 29th.

The highlight of this season has been the 13-board School v. Staff match in which the school defeated a very strong staff side (11½—1½!).

So far this season three senior house matches have been played and have resulted in the following positions: Grenville 12 points; Gilbert 8 points; Drake 4 points; Raleigh 0 points. The junior house matches are to be played in the near future.

The Junior Chess Club (every Wednesday evening) is again thriving, and it is encouraging to see such interest in the 1st and 2nd forms. The school is organising a 'jamboree' competition for all the Plymouth junior teams later in the term. The Senior Chess Club is also meeting every Monday; advanced juniors as well as seniors are invited to attend.

The junior team has played three matches winning two and drawing one.

We are now looking forward to the Christmas Congress and are hoping to do even better than last year.

Once more we are grateful to Mr. Adams and Mr. Berry, for it is due to their patience, skill and experience that we are again enjoying a fruitful season. B. J. N. BLIGHT, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE LOCO SPOTTERS CLUB.

This term has been a very full one for the Club, with talks by members on aspects of the railways of general interest and by two outside speakers who have given us very interesting talks on their jobs. There have also been five quizzes—these being very popular—and an "Any Questions" session. This last item has also been popular and we plan to have another one in the near future. The Committee's pride, however, has been the film-show—the films being supplied by British Railways. Our members have been wildly enthusiastic about this and we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Lee who brought and manipulated the projector. Our most notable speaker this term has been Mr. Selley, the Chief Traffic Inspector of the Plymouth Area. His first talk, on "I. K. Brunel" was heard by an appreciative audience and we hope that it will be the first of a series. H. D. WHITFELD.

THE DANCING CLASS.

The Dancing Class has continued to flourish during the last term. At the moment the membership is restricted because it is felt that with a larger number it would be impossible to give the individual tuition which has always been a feature of this class. It is therefore pleasing to note the lack of persistent absentees during this last term.

There are, however, some members and observers who, as yet, fail to appreciate the real purpose of the Class, namely to give boys the necessary confidence to mix freely on the numerous social occasions to be encountered in life.

In conclusion we express our thanks to those who make the class possible; Miss Weedon, the Headmistress of Devonport High School for Girls; Miss S. Tout and Mrs. Bradley; and, of course, to the girls for their charming co-operation and patience.

THE FIELD CLUB.

The Field Club ended the last summer term on a very pleasant note, for our Garden Party display was admired by both parents and boys. The emphasis was on ornithology, the room being decorated with a wide variety of wings, feet, skulls and eggs. The main source of attraction was the model of a cliff with a small beach at the foot of it, and nests of sea birds scattered in realistic crannies.

At the beginning of this term, the senior members of the society decided to undertake an ecological survey of the rocks on the eastern side of Wembury beach. Members of the fifth and sixth are encouraged to join this survey which will prove to be valuable in the future, besides being very interesting work.

The gull enquiries and duck counts will continue this winter, and we look forward to some interesting results, as the experts forecast another good duck year.

It seems impossible that we shall ever have such an excellent opportunity of studying a red-throated Diver as we did last winter. It was with us over a month and during that time we were visited by several other unusual birds, the most outstanding being a record number of Goldeneye Ducks.

Our Monday evening meetings continue, and discussions deal with a wide variety of field subjects. We do urge more members of the school to join the club, as Natural History is a very important part of one's General Education and provides a very healthy, out of school activity.

We should be grateful to anyone who finding injured birds during the coming winter, will bring them to the Biology Laboratory.

Again we express our gratitude to Mr. Dodd, our never-failing support, for his guidance and encouragement in our activities.

K. C. J. HUGHES, L.VI.Sc.

SCOUT LOG.

The troop was away to a quick start in this term's activities with the annual Group Committee Camp Fire, held at our Clearbrook camp site on September 10th.

Members of the Troop have started constructing Patrol Corners in the Scout Hut, and we hope that they will soon be completed. These corners are boarded off into small rooms, with four feet high walls, and are decorated with the appropriate Patrol colours and emblems.

Lack of equipment, suitable for the more ambitious expeditions which Senior Scouts are encouraged to make, has been apparent for some time, and we are now trying hard to raise money so that our Seniors may have the best chances possible. One

way in which we are trying to get money is by collecting jam-jars, of a particular type. These jars have the mark of a "winged M" on the bottom, and, if any of our readers have any such jars, we should very much appreciate it if they could get in touch with us, and we should then collect their jars. We thank the Headmaster, who has allowed us to use his study as a temporary stores. A Whist Drive was also held, at the school, and this has helped considerably.

A. R. Smith and P. G. Eames are going to the Jubilee Jamboree—this Jubilee year ahead will see many celebrations of fifty years of Scouting—and P. Hawken will be going as a member of the working party. The Jamboree will be held next August at Sutton Coldfield, where representatives of many nations will gather.

As many of our boys have left school, our numbers are rather low. We should therefore welcome any new recruits, particularly from the Junior School. The Troop meets every Friday night at 7 p.m., in the Scout Hut in the School grounds. P. G. EAMES.

SENIOR SCHOOL SOCIAL CLUB.

In the editorial of the school magazine of July 1954, attention was called to the need for a society which would cater for those members of the middle and upper school who had outgrown the various junior societies and wanted an organisation more general than the specialized societies of the senior school.

This society was duly formed. Its scope was from the beginning extremely wide; it provided facilities for table tennis, badminton, billiards, snooker, dancing and for listening to music of all kinds. All these activities have been continued with no lack of enthusiasm. The weekly meetings continue to have large attendances, and the regular socials will be restored as soon as the improvements to the hall are complete.

The school table-tennis team had been allowed to lapse, but when the school received a challenge from Plymouth College we volunteered to provide a team. The club offers its congratulations to Baldwin, Beer and Smerdon on their win by six games to four.

Contrary to the announcement in the last issue of the school magazine the society is still run by the same officials. It continues to satisfy the need for such a society and we feel that in this manner it has the best of prospects for continuing to do so in the future.

All members should join in expressing their gratitude to N. W. Clarke for his help during the past year as prefect-in-charge, to S. Seager, our treasurer, for his help during our life as a club, and to Mr. Mortimer, the school caretaker, for his continued assistance.

N. H. D. DINGLE, *Hon. Secretary.*

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Correspondence

Fitzwilliam House,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

Most of us piece together an idealised picture of Cambridge before coming into residence; few, but those with extravagant imaginations, can be seriously disappointed. Cambridge has everything. It has the enthusiastic bustle of a metropolis, epitomised by flocks of bicycles darting at amazing speeds through traffic congestions; it has that serene dignity and quietude so essential to a university town—and to the forty per cent. working population! It would be all too easy and tedious to make platitudes about the diversity of Cambridge architecture, but one must live in the atmosphere of this historical amalgam really to appreciate it. Time is apparent everywhere: it is even softening the edge of King's College Chapel, so that the west end has a temporary stubble of scaffolding.

Naturally enough, activities are centred around one's own college, and, as at D.H.S., a wide variety of societies exist: from the Cymdeithas y Mabinogion to the Bandung Society, from the Music Society to the Railway Club—which should encourage the Loco-Spotters Club no end! There are also many inter-collegiate societies, of which the Union is the most important. It is, in fact, very similar to a London club, containing a library, a gramophone library, a bar, a billiards room, squash courts, a dining room, a dance-floor, and, its pride and joy, a large debating-chamber. Great was the fracas in the first debate this term, at which the motion was "That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government," when three large fireworks went off, filling the whole chamber with smoke. For the ensuing ten minutes the scene was like some fantastic religious ritual as gowns were flapped in unison to drive the mephitic fumes away. Since the "bombs" exploded amongst the Socialist benches, the incident was attributed to some of the more extreme elements of the Tory party!

Of the other societies, the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union is decidedly the most active and potent. It is a very notable fact, I think, that more stress is placed upon religion than politics in Cambridge: debating in the Union must have reached an all-time low. Another interesting feature in the political sphere is that the Liberals can hold their own against both the Conservatives and the Socialists, but these clubs are mainly social centres. Music and drama play a very prominent part in Cambridge life, and not a week goes by without a production of some interest—this week the Cambridge Music Society is performing Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro"; last week the Arts' Theatre was staging the London play "The Quare Fellow."

Every student who is physically able is urged to participate in some kind of sport. For better or worse I have associated myself with the Boating Club, and, I must hastily add, rowing on sliding-seats is quite different from any other form of rowing. Before the first outing our captain described in quite unnecessary detail how, in his first "eight," he had caught a crab and been thrown out of the boat! Mercifully no mishap occurred in our boat. The discipline in this club is the most severe, but one feels that it is the most worth-while.

There must be a record number of D.H.S. Old Boys up at Cambridge now: at Pembroke, C. Newey (5th year); R. A. Langsdale (2nd); and B. Cross (1st), who spends most of his time entertaining friends he made in the forces; at St. Catherine's R. Pullen (3rd); at Emmanuel, B. Porter (1st); at Fitzwilliam, R. A. Adams (2nd); C. Boden (1st); and myself. We shall have a reunion towards the end of this term, which could become a tradition if we get a steady stream of supporters.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN H. ATHERTON.

Wadham College,
Oxford.

Sir!

The pupils of a state school reported to their parents that they had been spending several days on their knees in prayer. The parents, considerably distressed at this alarming situation, petitioned the Minister of Education, who, in all haste, after the appropriate delay, dispatched a government inspector to investigate. The inspector entered a class where he found the boys still at prayer, and with true civil service probity and caution solemnly announced, "I am the Inspector of Schools. Tell me what you are praying for?" Whereupon, a beaming master ejaculated, "Boys our prayers are answered!" This story from the Oxford Law Society Dinner, I mention as supplying a possible remedy to those grouses which have so admirably furnished such pleasure during the last nine years.

The Law Society Dinner, addressed by Lord Justice Birkett and Judge Gordon Clark has been the highlight of term so far, and, that you may know a little of the guiding influence of my college, may I relate a description given at it of Sir Maurice Bowra our Warden (a description which, with trepidation, I venture to suggest applies also to the D.H.S. staff room). It was said of Sir Maurice that he would find an hour's contentment in getting drunk, three days' enjoyment in marriage, a week's pleasure from killing his pig, but that from teaching youth he derives perpetual contentment. Under such guidance we in the liberal atmosphere of Wadham College may make some claim to combine the treasures of academic study with the many other advantages of an Oxford life.

It would, indeed, be difficult for me to describe in full an Oxford life for no two people here will have exactly the same pursuits. The Freshman is literally bombarded with suggestions to join a multitude of Societies and few evenings are spent in our rooms. Mornings are divided between work, lectures and sleep, or a combination of all three. While at present, an afternoon may be spent in demonstration or discussion as the Ivory Towers heed world turmoil, afternoons are normally spent taking advantage of the excellent sporting facilities, and I myself turn out three times a week for the Wads. 1st XV.

Wadham College itself has a familiar air of Oxford antiquity; built in 1613 it has retained its original character. It has a most imposing hall, a splendid chapel and delightful gardens. Yet modern facilities are provided and the College furnishes a most comfortable home. My own room overlooks an immaculately green "quad" and by removing the window grill one may walk along the top battlements.

I hope that the present number of D.H.S. Old Boys coming up will be increased, for Oxford, probably our most complete and perfect instrument of higher education provides contentment for all tastes. It is not merely a preparation for living, but is life itself.

May I now wish the High School every possible success and commend to all eager pupils the Varsity motto "*Dominus Illuminatio Mea.*"

Yours sincerely,

ROBIN A. MILLER.

King's College,
London.

Dear Sir,

What a difference between school and university; but what an interesting difference. In school one is taught; at university the staff guide and the rest is entirely up to the individual. However, to get things in perspective I shall return to the beginning of the term. At the end of the first day the fresher is fed up, for he has spent hours in queues, filling in forms for this, that and everything else.

The first ten days are devoted to introducing freshmen to university life. Socials, debates and the Freshers' Squash, at which the College clubs and societies try to recruit new members, are held. Here one is perplexed by the bewildering complexity of College life. There are a hundred and one clubs and societies ranging from dancing to biology (in two easy steps!) It is vital to join a few, but the choice must be careful, for work has to be fitted in somehow. However, after a week or two, when one has settled down, calm reigns again.

In London the student either lodges out, or in a hall of residence. Being fortunate enough to have obtained a place at Halliday Hall I settled down, quickly making new friends, ranging from theologs to law students, and engineers to historians. When one has made acquaintances in the department, the bewilderment gradually disappears. There are two choices open to the student: he either has to lose himself in his work (unheard of), or join in the life of the College. The latter is much easier in a Hall of Residence, for at Halliday we have a ballroom, badminton and tennis courts, table-tennis tables, billiards and darts, a common room radio, and last, but not least, the bar. On the whole College life is grand, and I only hope some more boys from the School will come and join us next year.

Roger Perry seems to prefer entertaining female friends, during which times social visits for coffee are definitely not appreciated. He even works once or twice a week. Colin Bray spends much time booting a ball around a field and a good proportion of the rest of the time on the tube to Hampstead, Pine doesn't seem quite as good at table tennis as he used to be (too much hard work). As for the inmates of the other establishments, Arthur Trice is slowly emerging from his shell while Williams was last seen walking down Piccadilly, briefcase in hand with his arm round a chess set.

Finally we wish the school the best of luck in all its activities.

Yours sincerely,

A. B. JEFFERY.

South Stoneham House,

University of Southampton.

Dear Sir,

No longer do I write with a feeling of complete isolation. As the School fully appreciates Jeffrey Lamb obtained one of the Southampton Open Scholarships this year and is now enduring the heavy lecture schedule of the Aeronautical Engineering Department. Some member of the School may remember Mike Rowe of my own year who on completion of National Service has begun his course in General Arts and seems to have settled into our way of life with comparative ease. Both freshmen are members of Halls of Residence. Jeff at Glen Eyre and Mike at the neighbouring Connaught Hall. I remain at South Stoneham House and thus D.H.S.O.B's. are represented in all the centres (male) of University liveliness.

I believe many have erroneous ideas regarding the residence of undergraduates during their stay at University. There are approximately twelve hundred students at Southampton this session; only five hundred live in Hall. The remaining hordes

are all lodged somewhere in the Southampton district under landladies and it is just 'hard luck' if you find yourself 'dugged' out at Bitterne or Totton with a few changes of bus each morning before you reach the seat of learning. It is not surprising, therefore, that it is to the Halls that one looks for the sign of University life. Only in the communal atmosphere (of Hall or Union Building) is the true University life experienced—long coffee sessions, discussions, arguments, social occasions (both formal and strictly non-formal!) and invariably it is within the Hall that University 'capers' are envisaged.

Last term, working for Finals, one became tired of sitting in the same room for hours on end and staring blankly at the too-familiar curtain pattern. It was a pleasant change to take your books along to the Hall Library or Studies Room. There you would find half-a-dozen other Finalists each inflicted with the same desire to work in a different atmosphere. You settled down and the concentration and almost visible effort of your fellows was stimulating to your own studies. One day I sat back after completion of a specific topic and took note of my companions. On my right an Economist, struggling with social statistics, next a Physicist, then a Chemist, squashed between the textbook on Light and the pile of set books belonging to the Hall's Classics scholar. Opposite sat a Colonial student giving the impression of profound interest in the Law Suits of 1906, a Government official from Malaya, again studying Economics, and finally an Honour French man engrossed in a Proust novel. Three of these gentlemen shared my table at dinner. Obviously the experience of the afternoon gave good basic material for conversation over the meal; to be continued in the Common Room while we digested our slightly indigestible pudding.

All these students were specialists working for the Honours Degree. In digs, especially if you are alone, that tends to become the ultimate, and often the only, aim; whereas the communal spirit of the Hall permits a broadening of your outlook. As well as being convenient for your special study (you have one of your own department on the next floor) if you are so inclined it also allows for full appreciation of the other subjects and of the individuals who study them. You *should* be so inclined if you are to derive the maximum of benefit from your University course.

Living in Hall is expensive. Your grant is correspondingly higher, yet often it does not seem to be enough to cover the additional expenses (coffee bills are enormous!) Some Universities make it compulsory for all students to spend at least one year in an official Hall of Residence. This to my mind is essential if one is to be able to disprove Tibble when he stated "Specialists are like horses in blinkers; each one sees only the road ahead. A collection of parallel roads does not make a landscape." To

experience the Hall spirit and to converse and associate as much as possible with persons tackling essentially varied subjects (even if it means an extra months' vacation work to help finance it) is the most advantageous way to avoid becoming the all-too-common '*uneducated*' specialist.

Yours faithfully,

D. W. HENDRA.

University College of North Staffordshire,
Keele, Staffs.

Dear Sir,

The old D.H.S.-ians at Keele send greetings to all who will be reading this letter. Peter Warlow and myself are now feeling really like old stalwarts, being in our third year, but are rather fearing the examinations in eighteen months time, while Bill Andrews is finding his second year tolerable—I say only '*tolerable*,' as he is in the throes of studying two subsidiary subjects as well as his two principals:

The general aim of Keele—amply illustrated by Andrews' second year position—is the provision of a broader course than those followed in the older Universities. The course here begins with the Foundation Year, which comprises a series of some 270 lectures on subjects varying from the Ancient World to Atomic Energy, from English Literature to Economics, together with tutorials in subjects of the students' own choice. The second year marks the beginning of the degree course proper, and consists of lectures and tutorials in two principal subjects and, normally, two subsidiaries—although students may extend their subsidiary studies into the third year. The third and fourth years usually involve only courses in the two principal subjects. The only exception to this general scheme is the student who elects to take the course in Theory and Practice of Education, at the end of which (we hope!) comes the award of an Education Diploma. This course extends over the second, third and fourth years, and replaces one of the normal two subsidiary subjects.

As for societies and other activities, they are numerous—so much so that it is no uncommon event to have at least four clubs meeting on the same night. These societies range from the Music Group to the Science Society, from the Folk Dance Society to the Philosophy Society. At any rate, this shows that the student who comes to Keele need have no fear of being at a loose end in the evenings.

Many exciting preparations are being made around me as I write, for next Monday evening (and early Tuesday morning!) the College has arranged a Royal Ball in honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret, our President, who is coming to instal Sir George Barnes as Principal. Needless to say, the tailors in Newcastle and Stoke have done a roaring trade recently, as evening dress is obligatory for the occasion!

Since the last Keele letter, the College building scheme has progressed favourably. We now have a permanent Teaching Block, in which all the Mathematics, Economics and Modern Languages are taught, and a new Conference Hall in which the Royal Ball will take place, and which will be used, amongst other things, as a College cinema. Extensions have also been made to the Geography and Geology Departments. A new residence has been completed for the women undergraduates, while two new houses, each to accommodate about twenty men, have been planned. Most of these buildings are constructed in the red brick, typical of the Potteries, and we indeed are becoming a truly 'Red Brick' University.

May I, Sir, conclude by saying that we shall be pleased to hear from any boy contemplating entrance to Keele, and that we all three send our best wishes to the School.

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL J. RICH.

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With Christmas approaching our thoughts turned again to the Annual Dinner which was held at the Continental Hotel on Friday, 28th December, 1956. Our guest of honour was Mr. R. Ferraro for whom a fund has been opened similar to that of last year for Mr. C. F. Austin. This latter was very successful, the capital invested bears interest sufficient to provide a Speech Day prize. Please help us to make this year's fund as successful by sending along your donations, the fund will not be closed until later in the New Year.

A point of much discussion within the committee has been the form the function should take in future years. There have been suggestions that a Dinner and Dance would be more popular. The view taken was that no alteration should take place until the opinion of members of the Association was known. Those attending this year's Dinner have been asked to state their views on the subject.

We welcome suggestions and hope they will be forthcoming, to enable us to decide which is likely to attract most members to our annual gathering:

Since my notes in the last issue of this magazine our Soccer, Rugger and Badminton clubs have opened season 1956-57. They are keeping our Association alive in local sporting circles as will be seen from the reports of their secretaries.

The annual Old Boys v. School cricket match was revived at Collings Park on the 26th July this year. The School won the toss and had the benefit of batting in good light. Runs were slow in coming, mainly due to the frequent stoppages whilst "Nobby" Clarke wiped the perspiration from his spectacles! A stubborn second-wicket stand was eventually broken by Jeff Lakeman who produced a wonderful spell of fast, accurate bowling. He was ably assisted by Doug. Barkell who took some fine catches "behind the stumps." Our innings was largely a matter of "hit out or get out before the light fails." There was a complete absence of stonewalling and one wicket remained intact when the failing light put an end to the game with the Old Boys less than 20 runs behind the School total. An honourable draw indeed!

As a keen table-tennis player myself I should be happy to organise an Old Boys' team to compete in the local league. Are there two members definitely interested and two others willing to "stand-in" when required? With such a small nucleus we could open a new sphere of activity. I hope to hear from anyone who will support this venture.

Would any Old Boy care to visit the Old School premises at the top of Albert Road? These are now occupied by a primary school and the headmaster is one of our members—Mr. Charles Evans. He is willing to show you around if you call. But don't expect to see "The Lawn." It is now an expanse of concrete.

During the past few months Peter Coakley has moved to Truro and Ron George to Bradford. The committee wish to extend their thanks to both for their services, and regret they are no longer in Plymouth.

Messrs. E. Dingle & Co. Ltd. have a large stock of navy blue and black blazers ranging from £6 19s. 6d., they are selling our badges, machine made, at 12s. 0d., and hand made in wire, at 55s. 0d. Ties are also available at 12s. 0d. each—if someone is buying you one as a present tell them to give your name and address so that the firm can check it on their list of members of the Association.

If you wish to pay your subscriptions by Banker's Order we shall be pleased to let you have a form for this purpose.

The committee extends the wish of a happy and prosperous New Year to all readers of these notes.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' RUGGER CLUB.

When the season opened there was some doubt whether there would be an Old Boys XV this year, but, thanks to support from the school (especially by Hay and Heale) and a few recruits we succeeded in finding a team. We welcome Michael Bluett as our new 'hooker' and only regret John Baker was unable to stay longer in Plymouth. We hope he will join us again if and when he returns.

Dave Cliffe has written to us from China where he and his wife are enjoying life and we have also heard from Ron George and Bert Cambridge now in Yorkshire.

Once again congratulations are in order, this time for "Vas" Southern who took the plunge in August last. We wish him and Helen the very best for the future.

We are grateful to Jeff Lakeman (our Treasurer) for opening his heart (and our purse) to provide a new ball and for having the boiler repaired. It's a pity the water is still cold and the ball has disappeared.

Our results to date are:

Played 10; won 4; lost 4; drawn 2.

B. K. JANE, *Hon. Secretary.*

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB.

Once again it can be reported that the 1st XI has commenced the season in fine style, winning ten out of the eleven matches played to date. Last season we finished fourth in the Combination League, reached the Area Final of the Devon Junior Cup and the quarter final of the Combination Cup, all members of the team are eager to improve upon this record in the current season. We are sorry to have lost John Shinner who has commenced studies at a University. He proved himself a capable outside-left in the few weeks prior to the commencement of his term, scoring eight goals in four matches. David Quick who has been moved from left half to inside forward has also proved himself a prolific goal scorer netting thirteen goals in seven games.

The 2nd XI have also started as if they mean business, lying fifth in the Second Division and giving a much improved display on that of last season. There is still, however, a shortage of playing members; although a few newcomers joined the Club in August, these merely replaced others who have had to do National Service or commence a University Course. Consequently, new members would be welcomed and anyone interested should contact:—

D. MACKAY,
c/o Lloyds Bank,
Mutley Plain, Plymouth.

D. MACKAY, *Hon. Secretary.*

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' BADMINTON CLUB.

The Old Boys' Badminton Club continues to flourish with its nucleus of members from the previous season, and whilst the number of Old Boys is satisfactory, the number of lady members at our disposal is considered to be inadequate. We would welcome any ladies whose playing strength would be an asset to the club.

Referring back to the Old Boys of the club, we have as our Chairman Harry Brenton, who can be found playing regularly on Club evenings and always willing to help out in the event of an emergency. We find Harry left school in 1934. Our Treasurer and also an active member of the Club, is George Rooke. To remember George at School, one would have to go back quite a few years—in fact to 1930 when he left school. Of course we have quite a number of younger members in the club and we are grateful to them for their enthusiasm and support.

At the time of writing it is not possible to give many results, as the majority of our fixtures in Division One of the Plymouth and District Churches' Badminton League are played in the New Year. However, the two league matches played to date have found us on the losing side, but we have followed the pattern of last year in the Beckley Cup, winning the first round and we will in all probability reach the Semi-Finals. If we are thus lucky we may find we will have to play last year's successful finalists, who incidentally, with a revision of partnerships in their team, are stronger than they were last year.

D. F. MALLOCH, *Hon. Secretary.*
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PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

Congratulations to the London Old Boys! What a splendid evening we had on November 3rd. May I remind Old Boys in London to get in touch with Mr. Austin at 10 Northfields Road, Acton, London W.3., if they haven't already done so.

Will Old Boys please check the Address List and let me have any corrections.

Continue to write. We do welcome news of any Old Boys.

D. WALFORD (1936-44). Became engaged last month. Is at present in Australia helping to straighten out 'atomic' problems.

F. J. WALFORD (1940-48). On leave in Plymouth is to be married on December 20th. All best wishes.

M. E. R. WALFORD (1948-56). At present at Locking and the youngest

of the four is now doing National Service. Writes, praising the opportunities for hearing excellent music but is reticent on other matters.

G. F. WALFORD (1935-43). Eldest of the four, will soon be able to visit School for the first time in seven years. At present on a course at Seale Hayne. Will be at the Dinner.

- M. WOTTON (1946-53). Called in at School looking very fit. Has passed 2nd M.B. and is now walking the wards at St. Mary's.
- J. REED (1949-1956). Visited us on leave from National Service. Is hoping for some spare time to start revision before going up to Nottingham.
- R. WILTSHIRE (1947-52). Now on the staff of the Wolverhampton "Express and Star" has sent us some valuable information for the "Careers Room." Thank you.
- P. C. R. NOBLE (1910-1916) Wrote to express his real enjoyment of the London O.B.A. meeting. Hopes to be in Plymouth for a visit.
- P. J. CROWTHER (1932-38). One of the Hon. Secretaries of the Customs and Excise Federation. Volunteers help for any O.B. in London. 'Exec' hopefuls please note. Married to a former Stoke Damerel High School girl. Has a son David (4½). Saw the Albion game in London and enjoyed it. Says PAUL VENN (1945-51) played an excellent game.
- G. H. KNIGHT (1933-40). Senior Master at Downer Grammar School the latest Middlesex Grammar School—just over 750 boys. Is looking forward to the visit of the School Soccer XI. The head of the Mathematics Department is another Old Boy, P. J. M. SHEPHERD.
- W. S. KINGDON. Justice of the Peace. Now at Clyst St. Mary near Exeter, belongs to the 'Ryder' vintage and would like to hear from others of his generation.
- G. J. DOWRICK (1938-45). Writes a most interesting letter. After his degree took a Research Scholarship and was awarded a Ph.D. for work in Cytology. Is now with the famous John Innes Horticultural firm. (Gardeners note!). Married Pam Clarke, elder daughter of Mr. Clarke, former History master here. Has a daughter Susan. Has spent three months on the Gold Coast and is hoping to go to the U.S.A. next year!
- F. C. H. DOWRICK (1934-40). Elder brother of above is in London at the Head Office of the National Provincial Bank.
- G. GREENWOOD (1938-45). Met DOWRICK recently. Is now at the Rothamstead Experimental Station, Harpendon.
- A. R. PINCHES (1946-54). Called in looking very fit. Working for Marconi in London on I.T.V. installations.
- L. A. MIDDLETON (1942-55). Unconfirmed but very strong suspicions that he was in the parachute brigade that moved to Egypt.
- A. J. HERRING (1946-53). Has visited us several times lately. He is sitting an 'A' level paper again. Good luck.
- W. A. PORTER (1934-42). Obtained 1st Class Honours Degree after 4½ years in the Fleet Air Arm, and is now teaching English at Whitley Bay Grammar School, Northumberland. Married with one little girl.
- B. J. COLLIER (1948-54). Early call to National Service 1954-56 Sept. R.A.F. (Radar Fitter). Now with A. V. Roe on guided missiles just outside Manchester. Anticipates a visit to Australia in the near future.
- D. A. N. LAVERICK (1948-54). Called in looking very smart and fit. Now promoted to Corporal. Hopes to try for a commission shortly.
- T. C. BLACKLER (1948-56). Now at Sir John Cass, London. Is thoroughly enjoying life. Called on Mr. Self—other recent Old Boys please note.
- J. BIDGOOD (1915-21) Chief Superintendent Scotland Yard, told me in London something of the openings in the Police Force for the right type. Be prepared to work hard is his warning. With him was
- D. WEBB. Promoted Commissioner. Is in charge of three London Police districts including the Thames Police.
- M. J. COTTON (1939-45). Visited us on his first leave in Plymouth for several years. Now a Surveyor with the London Electricity Board. Is married and by the time we are published may be needing an occasional 'sitter in.'

- H. S. JAMES (1948-54). Has finished his National Service and is starting with the Phoenix Insurance Company in London in the near future.
- L. J. VOSS (1909-14). Has called in several times recently to see us and given several books to the library. He would like to contact men of his years.
- R. H. LEMMON (1938-41). Managed to get to Speech Day. Has now left the Civil Service and is with the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority. Gave us some very useful data about Careers. Has also met
- L. F. J. PASCOE (1934-39). Who is also with the Atomic Authority.
- R. W. WILTSIRE (1947-52). Now serving in H.M.S. Maidstone has recently passed out very well from H.M.S. Caledonia.
- T. BLACKER (1950-56). Now with the National Provincial Bank Portsmouth has written to say how much he enjoys the work. Is going up to London on a Training Course shortly.
- D. SMITH (1948-55). Now at Guys Hospital on 1st M.B. Looked very fit indeed when we managed to peer through the very artistic beard he has grown.
- 'BERT' MANTLE (1895-1905). Has written us a fascinating letter. He is also writing to NORMAN HUGHES (1889-1897). Sixty years of memories! Bert remembers playing for the 1st XI in 1904, scoring 29 runs for the 1st XI in 1905. His brother-in-law, M. C. FARHALL is also an Old Boy (1890-96) and has met A. B. JOHNSON whose father was a Chemist in Fore Street. He tells us L. J. CRANG died in 1951.
- D. E. CLARK (1944-50). After National Service 1952-54 decided to study Medicine. Is now at Leeds University.
- R. P. GEORGE (1941-40). So many good men leave us! Has gone up to Bradford with the English Electricity Co. for a 12 months course. All good luck to you.
- S. P. WILLIAMS (1949-54). Went out to Singapore with his parents, continued School and has passed three 'A' levels out there (English, French, Latin). Is now seeking University entrance.
- H. J. LILICRAP (1947-53). After National Service in the R.A.S.C. qualified for the Civil Service and is now stationed in Bath.
- D. S. CHISWELL (1946-54). Now doing National Service. Wrote to us recently from Ruislip and managed to get time off to attend the London O.B.A. reunion. Is enjoying his Service riding round London meeting people in Movements Control.
- J. MARTIN (1946-53). After his B.Sc. Engineering Course at Imperial College is beginning work on a Ph.D. Hopes to go to Munich for a period of preliminary research. Whilst at Imperial rowed in the Henley Regatta.
- L. J. ROWE (1950-56). Now living in London, 149 Sutherland Ave., W.9. Will be glad to meet any Old Boys.
- C. K. WOODFIELD (1946-54). Has written a long interesting letter on opportunities in the Foreign Office. Excellent for our Careers Room. He has news of DEREK MARCH and CHRIS RALPH. WOODFIELD's mother has been ill in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.
- D. A. HAMLEY (1942-49). Called in to see us looking very sun-burnt. Stationed in the Persian Gulf—Foreign Office Department. Says he's ~~not~~ getting married just yet. Had news of DEREK MARCH who is now learning Turkish!
- K. F. WORTLEHOCK (1945-50). Looking very prosperous called in to see us. Publicity Manager of Microcell Ltd. Has sent us some very useful material for the Careers Department. Is married with two daughters. Recently met BILL ELLIS and F. WILLIS. Ellis has recently become engaged.
- G. A. G. WORTLEHOCK (1945-50). Twin brother of K.F. Captain in the R.A.E.C. is now at the Duke of York Military School, Dover. Also met JIMMY VOGEL in Singapore, Captain in the R.E. and PHIL BRYANT.

- A. E. HUDSON (1950-55). Called in looking very fit and happy. He is at Halton and is thoroughly enjoying the life.
- J. HOSKIN (1948-50). Has now settled on his future after an excellent University career. Is to join an American firm, Grace Brothers Ltd., and after a period of training in the U.S.A. go out to South America. Has spent the summer, touring Europe with a Travel Firm.
- A. W. PEARCE (1932-40). Congratulations on being appointed General Manager of Esso.
- W. CHAPMAN, Major, uncle of BARRY CROSS, had tea with C. F. AUSTIN recently, hopes to meet the other exiles in London.
- C. W. NEWWEY (1942-51). Congratulations on passing the Administrative grade of the Civil Service.
- P. TAYLOR (1939-46). Called in after visiting Mr. FERRARO. On leave from Calgary where he is a Geologist to a Canadian Oil Company. Advises Fuel and Oil as degree courses.
- L. RAVELL (1914-1919). Writes to me from Blackpool, spurred on by his great-nephew at present in School. Is at present a Senior Executive Officer in the Ministry of Pensions. Would like to be remembered to his years and especially to Mr. LAMB and Mr. FERRARO.
- R. M. WILLCOCKS (1914-19). Same vintage as Ravell. Is now in same branch but stationed in London.
- R. BERESFORD (1949-54). Now on National Service with the R.A.'s Will go to Moorland College, Dawlish and train for Inter-Denominational Church work.
- A. R. SMALE (1916-22). Writes to me from Bristol. His mother's brothers—she at 80 is still living in Saltash—all attended the School, his father's half-brother, JOHN COLES was killed in the 1914-18 War. He remembers with affection Mr. J. H. MILLETT and the Gilbert House Masters. Entered Banking in 1922. After visiting Iceland, Brazil, Bermuda, Auckland and Malta during the War is now a Commercial Accountant in tobacco. His son was at the Monte Bello atomic test, his daughter is private Secretary to the Chairman of the Bristol Cream group.
- A. TREDGET (1935-42). Was with the School at Penzance. Joined the Royal Navy and was brave enough to visit Mr. Ferraro sporting a long black beard.
- R. J. WERRY (1918-24). Kindly put me up recently. Now Headmaster of a large Secondary Modern School in London. His family are doing well: daughter at Girton College. Son in Australia, daughter in Medical School, London. Now feels he is a Londoner.
- A. T. BROOKS (1910-16). Sandhurst. Invalided. Insurance, First Secretary of the London O.B.A. is now the Chairman of the resuscitation Committee. Good luck.
- W. L. HOLMES (1928-36). A former School Captain has written to Mr. AUSTIN. Is now in the Atomic Energy Authority at Warrington.

OLD BOYS WITH WHOM WE ARE IN TOUCH

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- ADAMS, R. A., 38, St. Martin's Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth.
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