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Editorial

"EUROPE in ferment!" This was the phrase that caught my eye when looking through a newspaper a few days ago, and I thought then how aptly it described the state of Europe as it is to-day.

First of all, no one who takes an interest in international affairs can doubt that Europe is passing through a very critical period. Germany, after being for thirteen years bowed and crushed down under the Treaty of Versailles, now feels strong enough not only to refuse to sign anything she feels to be unjust to herself, but also to put forth a claim for partial re-armament. The validity of her claim has been conceded by most of the nations of Europe, their opinion on the matter being no doubt the same as that of M. Broqueville, the Belgian Prime Minister, who said: "There is a great bitterness in me when I think of the illusions of the men who believed in 1919 that they could for ever keep a great nation in a state of disarmament."

What, however, the nations have been unable to decide is as to what extent they should allow Germany to re-arm and they themselves dis-arm. Fear of the new Germany, although serving for good in some cases (as in bringing France and Russia closer together) has made them desirous rather of increasing their forces than of reducing them. "We have reached the limit of disarmament compatible with safety," they cry, and forthwith prepare to strengthen their navies, their armies and their air forces.

The problem that faces Europe to-day is the prevention of another race in armaments—a race that would ultimately end in war. Statesmen are rushing here and there, seeking the solution and not finding it ; let us hope that they will find it soon.

Turning our attention to the national affairs of the countries of Europe, we are confronted by scenes of upheaval and unrest. Riots have taken place in Paris, there has been revolution in Spain, and in Austria civil war, with all its attendant horrors. Everywhere, too, we see the rise of the dictator who, obtaining his position by force, maintains it by the same means. At the present moment, indeed, democracy is fighting for its life, and lovers of liberty are asking, " Can the democratic machine be so reformed as to get quick decisions in moments of crisis ? Or is democracy doomed to extinction ? "

The form of democracy, as known in many of the countries of Europe, has blundered into chaos, but there seems no reason why democracy, as we know it in England, should fail if we will but realise that citizenship confers responsibility as well as privileges, and if, realising that, we will be prepared to identify more closely our own interests with those of the community.

Editorial Notes

On behalf of the School, we extend a hearty welcome to our student teachers, Messrs. Evans and Warne.

On the afternoon of the last Tuesday of the Christmas term, a " House " concert was held in St. Michael's Hall. Each of the Houses provided about twenty minutes' entertainment, whilst the intervals were filled up by the singing of carols. Arranged in great haste, the concert was, on the whole, good, and certainly justified another trial. It was most pleasing to see that we have so much talent in the school. The number of carols, however, could have been cut down by half ; this would have increased our enjoyment, without in any way detracting from the spirit of the occasion.

The season which has just ended has shown us that enthusiasm in the School for both rugby and soccer is just as great as ever. All the soccer teams have done extremely well—the 1st XI having an unbeaten home record ; and the rugby teams, although not meeting with an equal measure of success, have put up some very good fights against bigger and heavier teams.

This season we reverted to the practice of providing tea for visiting teams in the School itself, instead of at the Britannia Hall. Up to the time of his leaving us to go to Hyde Park School, all the catering and other arrangements were carried out by Mr. Mullins, the caretaker, and, since then, they have been carried out by Mrs. Simmonds and Mrs. Bowden, who kindly consented to undertake the task. We would like to take this opportunity of expressing to them the thanks of the whole School.

Since the beginning of the term, some alterations and improvements have been made to the School. A partition alley-way has been put across the big room in the west wing, thus dividing it into two class-rooms and, at the same time, giving access to the two first-form rooms without the necessity of walking through a room where a form is at work. Another partition has been put across the room immediately above, through which, hitherto, all wishing to get to the senior physics' laboratory or the old staff-room have had to pass. The forms concerned will now be able to work without the distraction of people constantly passing to and fro. Perhaps their work will improve accordingly.

The number of contributions submitted to the Editors was not very great, and we have come to the conclusion that this is partly due to the fact that would-be contributors leave writing till the last moment and then find they have neither the time nor the inclination. We therefore suggest that as ideas occur, they should be committed to paper and placed in the box provided.

The Editor has got one of the members of the Sixth Form who was present at the Parents' Meeting to write the following short report :—

" On Friday evening, March 2nd, a Parents' Meeting was held in St. Michael's Hall with a view to forming a parents' organisation. The school orchestra opened the evening by playing two pieces. They were followed by the choir, who sang a group of sea shanties.

Then came the more serious part of the programme. The Head Master outlined the reasons for the meeting and stressed the need for closer contact between the parents and teachers in the interests of the pupils. Afterwards Dr. Angus Macrae, Head of the Vocational Guidance Section of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, gave an interesting address on 'Square Pegs and Round Holes,' which was designed to serve as an introduction to the problem of finding the most suitable careers for boys. At the conclusion of his talk he answered a number of questions put to him. A vote of thanks to Dr. Macrae was moved by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Angus.

It was decided to form a Parents' Association, and a committee of representatives for each form was appointed.

A.H.B."

The Editor acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of the following publications, and apologises for any accidental omissions: "Seale-Hayne Agricultural College Magazine," "The Suttonian," "Plymouth Corporation Grammar School Magazine," "Plymouth Junior Technical School Magazine," "The Limit," "The Review," "The Lamp," "The Plymothian," "The Okehampton Grammar School Magazine."

The Annual Sports will be held at Home Park on June 2nd. All Old Boys are invited to be present.

School Excursions

On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 6th, a party of twenty from the Science sections of the Sixth Form and the Lower Sixth (a) visited the works of the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas, Light and Coke Company at Coxside. The party was conducted all around the works by two members of the laboratory staff, who explained most carefully the principles involved and the methods employed in the manufacture of coal gas. The whole process was seen from the point where the coal, which comes from Durham, first enters the works, to that where the gas is stored for distribution to consumers. Everybody must have been struck by the apparent simplicity with which the gas is manufactured, but this, of course, is due to the extraordinary ingenuity of the automatic devices. We were shown both the new and the old types of retorts, the new ones being of the vertical type and automatic, while the old type are horizontal and have to be charged every two hours by an ingenious machine which puts the fresh coal in at one end, while it pushes the coke from the previous charge out at the other. We were then able to trace the course of the gas, through the hydraulic main, to the extractors which remove the coal-tar and the ammonia (which we later saw being treated with sulphuric acid to form ammonium sulphate). In these works they do not treat the tar to prepare all its derivatives, but they do fractionate it and remove the benzene (for motor spirit) and the naphthalene. The sulphuretted hydrogen has also to be removed from the gas, and this is done by means of iron oxide, which after use is stacked in the air to "weather," and used time after time until it contains too much sulphur, when it is sold to sulphuric acid manufacturers. Finally, we examined a gas-holder and had its principle explained to us, and, from the distance, we saw the new holder which does not have a guiding structure, but which is manipulated by means of wheels which run in grooves, and act on the principle of a screw.

Altogether it was a most interesting and instructive afternoon, and we are very grateful to the Company for giving us the opportunity of seeing the works, and also for their generosity in sending a 'bus to fetch us, and in entertaining us to tea after the visit.

W. J. WAKELY.

Meccano Club

VISIT TO THE LAIRA LOCOMOTIVE SHEDS

On Saturday, February 17th, an interesting visit was paid to the G.W.R. locomotive sheds at Laira.

Our guide took us first into the "round house," which consists of a central turn-table with several tracks or bays radiating from it. As each engine comes in it is run on to the turn-table, and this is made to revolve until the lines on it are opposite those of the required bay. The advantage of this, we were told, is that engines can be moved without disturbing other engines which may be around it.

From the "round house" we entered the "long shed," at the entrance to which are four tracks converging into one. Several large engines were stationed there, including locomotives of the "King" class—the latest Express Passenger locomotives. It is interesting to note that the first of this class to be built, "King George V," carries an American type of bell on the buffer beam and two medals on the cab to commemorate its visit to America. Fortunately we were able to go beneath one of these large engines, the "Abbotsbury Castle." The guide took us two at a time into the inspection pit, between the rails, and explained the working of the various parts of the engine. Among other engines, we saw an "old stager," which was of particular interest. It served at the Front from 1914–18, and is now used to haul goods-trains.

In the fitters' shop we were shown a hydraulic crane, which is used for lifting the front of an engine for repair purposes. By this means running repairs are carried out very quickly and efficiently; for there are always men on duty in case of emergency. We came next to the coaling-plant. Our guide explained how the coal is carried in trucks into the elevated building, and there loaded into smaller trucks, from which it is tipped into the engine waiting below. The best quality South Wales coal is used in the G.W.R. engines, as it gives out the minimum of smoke and ash. The express engines carry in their tenders about six tons of coal, and most of this is moved by the fireman in the course of a two-hundred mile run. In

the last building we visited we saw sand being heated, so that it should be thoroughly dry. This sand is supplied to the engines for use on slippery rails ; and if it were moist it would easily form into lumps and clog the pipes through which it runs on to the rails.

Our visit, as you may gather, was very instructive, and we certainly came away with a feeling that we knew a little more about locomotives and their working than we did before.

En Passant

We heartily congratulate :—

DOLTON, on gaining a Naval Cadetship (Engineering Branch).

MISKELLY, on being chosen to play for England in the Schoolboys' International Rugby match against Wales.

GERMAN, on obtaining a position in the Junior Civil Service.

We wish PERKINS (*Ib*), who has been transferred to Harrow County School, and PITCHER (*44*), who has gone to South Africa, every success in their new spheres.

Præfecte Vale

N. A. DOLTON (*Grenville*).—Entered School, 13.9.27 ; appointed Prefect, Sept., 1933 ; appointed House Captain of Grenville, Sept., 1933 ; 1st XV Rugger ; 1st XI Cricket ; Victor Ludorum, 1933 ; entered Navy as Cadet (Engineering Branch).

Correspondence

" To the Editor of the ' School Magazine.' "

SIR,

" What contribution can I send to the ' Magazine ' ? " This is a question which has often troubled me, and which, I confess, I have never been able to answer. And so I begin to think that there is something wrong either with me or with the " Magazine."

Now, although exposing myself to the charge of self-exaltation, I refuse to believe that I am incapable of sending in some contribution ; and surely the thrill and honour of having my own work in print should stir me to a very special effort.

So I am forced to think that the fault lies with the " Magazine," or rather with the method of compiling the " Magazine." You ask for original short stories or articles ? What can I do in this way to delight over four hundred boys ? Surely, if I was of any use at this, I should be making my fortune by writing for the " Boys' Magazine " or even for some popular newspaper ? As for poetry—well, I am no poet ; and poetry flows naturally from one's pen, they say, only when one is in the mood for it. Then what can I do ?

May I make a suggestion which would, I think, help me to solve my difficulty. Newspapers sometimes offer small prizes for short accounts of true, thrilling experiences, humorous incidents or coincidences, and the like. They receive thousands of letters ; and I recently read of a prominent scientist engaged in psychical research who received seventeen hundred replies to his request for true ghost stories. Now I am not suggesting that you should offer prizes or that you should try to fill the " Magazine " with " thrillers." But I consider that if you were to ask us to send in short accounts of some humorous incident, for example, that we have witnessed, you would, from amongst four hundred boys, receive two or three accounts worthy of publication. I, for one, could make some sort of attempt !

" AJAX."

[We apologise for being so foolish as to ask for things beyond our correspondent's scope ! Our only defence is that we were acting upon precedent. Let our correspondent send in his " true " stories by all means.—EDITOR.]

Literary and Debating Society

(SECRETARY'S REPORT)

During the meetings Mr. Lockwood has favoured the Society with the following talks :—

Bernard Shaw.

Noel Coward.

John Galsworthy.

Eugene O'Neill and Sean O'Casey.

On Wednesday, February 28th, an Inter-Schools Debate was held at the Devonport Secondary School for Girls, the motion being that :—

“ This house is of the opinion that punishment under the present system of English law is detrimental to the offender and consequently to the community.”

The debate was preceded by the reading of extracts from John Galsworthy's play “ Justice.”

Miss Scholfield (Plymouth High School), proposing the motion, gave many examples to prove the unfairness of our present system. She said that when a criminal is punished, all the circumstances of his life should be taken into account, and his punishment should be strictly in relation to these.

Mr. Arscott (Sutton Secondary School), in opposing the motion, spoke firstly of the success of our Borstal Institutes, and secondly, of the opportunities given to criminals in our prisons for recovering their self-respect and becoming useful citizens once more. We cannot alter our wonderful structure of justice, he said, for the sake of one or two isolated cases.

After an interesting and keen discussion the motion was carried by 63 votes to 56.

The Chess Club

On Monday, January 22nd, the School Chess Club held its first meeting, the Head Master taking the chair. Officers elected were : *Captain*, Cory (*Vb*) ; *Vice-Captain*, Brooks (*Va*) ; and *Secretary*, Evans (*Vb*). The Committee consists of the officers and Bowden (*Vb*). Meetings are held every Monday evening, after school.

The Head Master gave talks on various types of games, and it is hoped that the standard of play will improve after a few more of these talks.

It was decided to hold an open tournament, and quite a good number of entries have been received. The result has not yet been decided.

C. EVANS (*Secretary*).

Here and There

The deferential thermometer.

The Law of Definite Proportions :—Every compound composes of definite composites.

Famine made the tower of Pisa lean.

Lines of Latitude and Longitude are very useful, for when you are lost you know where you are.

To the left of the Speaker sit the opposition, to the right are the cabinet makers.

Five Mile Act. No clergyman could come within five miles of his former living unless he signed the pledge.

Book-keeping is the art of not returning borrowed books.

A bishop without a diocese is called a gentleman-in-waiting.

We should like to know :—

1. Who said, "A flue bunk ! That's the exact phrase ! The man was in a flue bunk !"

2. Who asked the Sixth Form why they took Beecham's Pills ?

The Wild and Woolly West

Some time ago a friend invited me to accompany him on an adventurous journey, which he proposed to undertake into those barren, inhospitable, uncivilised lands which lay to the west of the Tamar. Foolishly I consented. Our preparations did not take very long. We provided ourselves with serviceable guns, beads for barter with the natives, and gas-masks. After making our wills, we were quite ready to depart on our perilous voyage.

The embarkation took place at Pottery Quay one dull, miserable morning. The Torpoint Ferry heaved uneasily at its moorings ; the elements seemed determined to make our venture as unpleasant as possible. Preliminary to our departure we performed the necessary swinging for compass adjustment. After this, the barometer was read, and after reduction to N.T.P. it was found to be quite normal. Similarly the temperature and humidity of the air were measured and recorded. Just before the voyage began, a sacrifice was offered to Father Tamar : the captain seized one of the passengers, and holding him over the side, cut his throat, so that his

blood ran into the water. The victim did not seem to appreciate the honour conferred upon him, but struggled vehemently.

Promptly at ten o'clock we crossed the bar. Our weeping relatives were soon lost to sight, and as we proceeded further from the shore, a chill wind was felt. The captain drew a graph of our course, and after differentiating with respect to t found our rate to be a true one. We all were very pleased at this, heartily fearing that it might have been a false one. After a dreary half hour the Cornish coast began to appear through the haze. On approaching nearer, the natives could be seen drawn up on the uninviting shore, armed with sticks, stones, and broken bottles. A sign-post pointed out that we were about to disembark at Torpoint.

We put on our gas-masks, and saw that our rifles were loaded. Screwing up our courage to the sticking point we rushed ashore, greeted by a cloud of brickbats, empty bottles, etc.

(A thrilling instalment will not be found in next week's issue.)

PERCY PATERA.

Kaolin

There are probably very few people who have not seen the great white, conical mounds which are found on Dartmoor in the neighbourhood of Shaugh, but most people think of them as "only clay dumps." Of the industry which lies behind, or more accurately beneath, these mounds they know little or nothing.

China clay, also called feldspar, is formed when the feldspar which is one of the constituents of granite, disintegrates through the action of rainwater, thus causing the rock to change to a mass which will easily crumble. This rock is subjected to powerful jets of water from hoses, which cause the china clay, together with the other constituents of granite, to become suspended in the water. This water is run into "settling pools," where all except the china clay settle to the bottom. The china clay water, which looks remarkably like milk, is then run into other settling pools and afterwards treated with alum, which precipitates the china clay. This is then transported to the Pottery district for manufacture.

The mass which remained when the clay had been removed from the settling pools is not wasted however. It is transported to the top of a mound by a truck driven by power obtained from a

water-wheel, and dumped there. A stream of water flows around the base of the dump, and by its speed carries off with it some of the mixture of grit, mica, etc. The various sizes of gravel in this are removed by ingenious sieves and sold for road-making and other purposes, but at present no suitable market has been found for the mica, which can be recognised in the actual granite by the manner in which it glitters.

The water which is made to do all the work in this Dartmoor industry comes in pipes from the upper regions of the River Plym, which passes close to these very interesting clay works.

A.P.

“ With Apologies ”

Homework.

“ If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well,
It were done quickly.” (Macbeth)

Latin master, after reading unseen translation.

“ Alas ! thou hast misconstrued everything.” (Julius Caesar)

8-45 a.m.—Master.

“ Are we all met ? ” (M.N.D.)

Cambridge.

“ Present fears
Are less than horrible imaginings.” (Macbeth)

Or

“ My dull brain was wrought
With things forgotten.” (Macbeth)

Goalkeeper, preparing to stop hot shot.

“ I'll cross it though it blast me ! ” (Hamlet)

The day we joined the School.

“ Let this pernicious hour
Stand aye accursed in the calendar.” (Macbeth)

Player underneath Rugby scrum.

“ Methought I lay
Worse than the mutineers in the bilboes (fetters).” (Hamlet)

All damages to School property to be paid for.

“ Thou canst not say I did it.” (Macbeth)

Runner in the 100-yards' Race.

" My legs can keep no pace with my desires." (*M.N.D.*)

The Prefects.

" We few, we happy few, we band of brothers."

(*King Henry V*)

Late arrival.

" What a haste looks through his eyes."

(*Macbeth*)

4.15 p.m.

" Stand not upon the order of your going,
But go at once."

(*Macbeth*)

Fat runner in cross-country race.

" O, that this too, too solid flesh would melt."

(*Hamlet*)

The cry of those in the Science Lecture Room.

" Give us a light there, ho ! "

(*Macbeth*)

Master, after marking test papers.

" O, woe is me

T'have seen what I have seen, see what I see" (*Hamlet*)

End of Term.

" When shall we three meet again ? "

(*Macbeth*)

ARTUS.

Our Playing Field

That awful " fourth " is quite a shame,
(As any one knows who's played a game)
Especially when puffing *up* the hill
After that very elusive " pill."

The " third " although not half as bad
Is nearly enough to make one mad.
When over those wretched bumps you stumble
You cannot really help but grumble.

The second pitch is quite all right,
Except when you kick with all your might ;
Then over the hedge the ball disappears
And getting it back takes years and years.

The " first " is on a gentle slope,
 With which the uphill team oft fails to cope ;
 And down the field one unmarked opponent
 May score a goal at any moment.

The changing huts are far from good,
 Our Head would improve them if he could.
 Still, whether or not our field's a shame,
 It's there we learn to play the game.

H. D. TREGURTHA (*IIIa*).

" Adventure "

The song of the Wild is sounding
 Here—on a Saturday night ;
 The roar of the surf is pounding
 There—in the lamp-post light,
 The lilt of the ancient sailor
 Is caught up—in a dream,
 The modest, suave city tailor
 Catches fair Helen's scream,
 The forgotten hatred for Baal
 Is kindled—and in a clerk ;
 And a Knight is seeking the Grail
 In a world that is strangely dark.
 The gift of Justice—her keen sword
 Has passed into the hands of a boy ;
 And another has heard the Great Lord
 With a heart of estrangèd joy.
 The tidings are come to one man,
 And, kindling a restless surge
 He now is building a new plan
 To rid the Earth of her scourge.

[ANON.]

" Per Ardua ad Astra "

Just about ten thousand—and it's snowing jolly hard,
 Just below twelve thousand—and the cockpit shines like lard,
 Pretty near the fifteen—and that's our old 'bus ceiling.

Gee ! it feels like nineteen—only now we're all past feeling.
 But what's the song of the motor ?
 And what does the engine demand ?
 " Remember there's only a rotor
 Between you and No-man's land."
 Driving into the fog bank,—and the slip-stream feels like ink.
 Diving out to the cloud-bank—where the cold is making us blink.
 Plugging along at ninety—and the old 'bus beginning to shake,
 Shuddering through at one-twenty—and the speedo begins to wake
 But the floor slipping away to starboard
 As we lazily turn to bank
 Moans " If you don't right your larboard
 It's you for the oil-tank."
 Slopping along at seventy—with a steady starboard yaw,
 Flopping about at sixty-six—and a shocking larboard saw,
 Creaking forward at sixty—and a sudden sickening bump,
 Lurching downward at two hundred—and a tearing, rending thump,
 But what about the Farman
 And what had he to Claim ?
 " My lad, you'll make an airman—
 If you play the Englishman's game."

[ANON.]

Sonnet—" On Old Age "

Qui bene vivunt, mortem expectant.

When twilight shadows overshroud life's day,
 And Age usurps the throne which Youth once held,
 The spirit sadly, in its weakening clay,
 Yearns from its bondage, flesh, to be dispell'd :
 No dread of future things entralls it now,
 For all is peace within. The course is run ;
 The span is near complete. What can endow
 The mind resign'd of any Nestor's son
 With hope, more firmly than untainted life ?
 Good carves more lasting grooves. The memory fills
 The soul with retrospect expurged of strife,
 And those for whom life holds no more, instils
 With gentle longing to be judged, to meet
 The lov'd Creator, take the promis'd seat.

" MIKE."

“ Off the Beaten Track ”

ACCOUNT OF A HIKE IN SOUTH-WEST DEVON

Having three days' holiday recently, two companions and I, members of the Youths' Hostel Association, decided to make a short hike in South-West Devon.

Setting out from Yealmpton, permission was obtained at the entrance to Flete to cross Lord Mildmay's estate. We passed the fine old mansion, and made south for the coast, reaching Bigbury for lunch. Taking the ferry across the river near by, the cliff track around the coast was followed, past Thurlestone, with its large hotel and golf links, to the quaint little fishing village of Hope.

Our destination lay a mile inland at Bolberry, which we reached at five o'clock, having covered sixteen miles that day. After cooking a meal at the hostel, a large fire was made. Gathering round it together with several others who were staying at the hostel, we had a jolly sing-song that evening.

A good breakfast next morning, and we were off again. Retracing our steps to Hope Cove, the cliff path around Bolt Tail was followed. From there magnificent views were obtained, the whole coast around Bigbury Bay, Stoke Point and Rame Head being clearly visible, whilst behind that the Dodmin Point could be faintly discerned.

Our path now lay along the cliffs to Bolt Head. Just below us, the screaming of gulls ; a little way out to sea, one or two coasting vessels passing up and down ; and beyond them a great liner, just out from Plymouth, steaming up channel. Where the cliffs were rather difficult of access a raven, driving all intruding jackdaws and gulls from its domain, circled over our heads.

Bolt Head reached, it was but a short step to Salcombe, where lunch was obtained. A little ferry took us across to the other side of the harbour, from where we had intended to follow the coast around Prawle and Start points. But time did not permit of this route, and we had to strike inland. After ten miles of country lanes, interrupted now and then by sleepy little hamlets and farm houses, the village of Slapton was reached. Another three miles and—" at last ! " the hostel.

This hostel is two miles from Strete, at Gara Bridge, which is so often confused with the Gara Bridge on the main road from Plymouth to Dartmouth. Very prettily situated at the meeting-place of three valleys, it is rather difficult to find, being a good way off the beaten track.

It was seven o'clock when we arrived at the hostel, and after our twenty-mile walk that day a cooked meal was very welcome. Tired by our long journey we turned in fairly early and were soon asleep.

Next morning saw us off again, making our way northwards this time. We were soon going parallel to the River Dart, amidst orchard after orchard of apple blossom, past pretty little thatched cottages, till in the afternoon we entered Totnes. A few provisions were obtained, and the main road back to Shinner's Bridge followed, where we turned off for Dartington. Opposite Dartington Church a lane leads to the hamlet of Week.

Arriving at the hostel and claiming our beds for the night we sallied forth to inspect Dartington Hall Estate. This estate, two thousand acres in extent, is unique, for it is a centre for research in rural industries and into problems involved in the development of the British countryside. It is, however, essential, if the results of investigations undertaken on the estate are to be of value to other persons who may wish to develop the activities of the countryside, that each department should be run on strictly commercial lines.

There are two farms of four hundred and two hundred and fifty acres respectively, the latter being managed as an intensive dairy farm. It is equipped with all the latest machinery, and the milk is sold locally in Torquay, Totnes and Plymouth.

There is a poultry farm, with large incubators and grading apparatus, containing ten thousand birds, an Orchards Department and Cider Mill, a Woodlands Department owning, in addition to the forestry on the estate, fifteen hundred acres on North Dartmoor, saw mills with electrically-operated saws and automatic handling plant, a Gardens Department, containing three nurseries, and a Textile Department, yet in its infancy. It will be seen from this that the estate is well worth a visit, and is always open to inspection.

But alas ! our little tour had come to an end, and next morning saw us returning home from Totnes. How we envied those others at the hostel who were going north to Dartmeet via Buckfast, and then across the moor to Plymouth !

How enjoyable our trip was may be judged from one of my pal's remarks : " Next holiday, and I'm off the beaten track again."

To pass through the peaceful countryside at one's leisure, to drink in the pure air and the beauty of the surroundings, to sleep the healthy sleep of tired youth is—well, a real holiday.

J.W.L.

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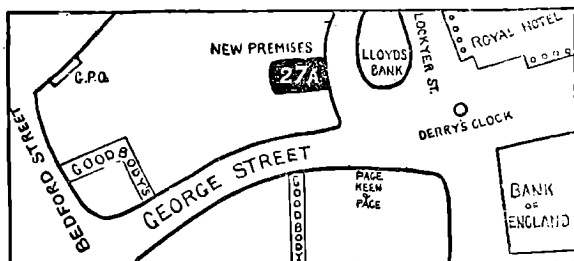
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Soccer Club, 1933-34

Officers :—

<i>Captain :</i>	E. A. Pearn.
<i>Vice-Captain :</i>	W. J. Pepperell.
<i>Secretary :</i>	H. Lyon.
<i>Committee :</i>	A. H. Babbage.

The season 1933-34 has been one of outstanding success for the Soccer club. Fifty-eight matches have been played in all, and only six have been lost, while all three XI's have scored over one hundred goals, a feat which must certainly constitute a school record.

Throughout the season the 1st XI has played well. Perhaps the one fault is a lack of connection between forwards and halves, a fault which is detrimental to good team play. Although the goal-keeping is better, Worden still has to gain that complete self-confidence which is essential to a player in that position.

The 2nd XI have failed to maintain their unbroken record. The calls of the senior side have caused a consequent and unavoidable weakening in the second string. The team, however, still has ability, but needs to adopt more thrustful and energetic methods in front of goal. Wyatt, Morgan, Luckraft and Brown have played well ; while the rest have backed up in a spirited fashion so unusual in a 2nd XI.

The Colts XI are the great success of the season. They have an unbeaten record to their credit and their play at times has been a source of delight to those who have the interests of the Soccer Club at heart.

1st XI :

WORDEN (*Goal*). Has given some good displays, but lack of confidence has caused hesitancy which has proved fatal on more than one occasion.

LAKE (*Right back*). A strong tackler and fast back who has played consistently well.

PEARN (*Left back*). *Captain*. A keen and discerning captain ; a good and unselfish footballer ; a strong and reliable player. The record of the Club this season is to be directly connected with his work. He will be difficult to replace both as captain and player. (H.M.)

GRANT (*Right half*). Tackles well and has good ball control, but is inclined to be slow and to over-elaboration.

EVERY (*Centre half*). A sound player who has shown tremendous improvement during the season. Makes good use of the third-back game.

BABBAGE (*Left half*). Without doubt one of the best left halves the School has had.

ROGERS (*Outside right*). Fast, but inclined to centre too late.

PEPPERELL (*Inside right*). *Vice-Captain*. A most improved player. Needs to master the short pass, but his thrust and shooting have materially assisted in the success of the team this season.
(H.M.)

HALLORAN (*Centre forward*). Thrustful centre with a strong shot who has played well throughout the season.

MORRELL (*Inside left*). Has a powerful shot, but needs more speed and energy.

LYON (*Outside left*). *Secretary*. Fast winger who has played a number of good games, but is inclined to stray out of position.

<i>Records</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
					<i>Goals</i>	
1st XI	23	18	2	3	132	48
2nd XI	20	14	3	3	107	31
Colts XI	15	14	1	0	124	19

Teams :—

1st XI.

		Worden		
	Lake	Pearn (<i>Capt.</i>)		
	Grant	Every	Babbage	
Rogers	Pepperell	Halloran	Morrell	Lyon

2nd XI.

		Wyatt		
	Steed	Morgan (<i>Capt.</i>)		
	Luckraft	Gardner	Davison	
Brown	Sutton	Cory	Duke	Tovell

Colts XI.

		Adams (<i>Capt.</i>)		
	MacLeod	Martin (K.)		
	Balkwill	Harris	Cox	
Lampen	Trace	Rickard	Grindrod	Martin (P.)

The Club are indebted to the following for giving up much time to referee: The Head Master, Messrs. Austin, Armor, Heather, Lerner, MacLeod.

Howett (*Va*) has refereed junior games consistently, and the Club is deeply indebted to him for a work which is extremely useful but often forgotten.

Rugby Club

Officials :—

Captain : W. P. Bowden.

Secretary : A. J. Legg.

The above, together with W. J. Wakely form the Committee.

At the end of last term we received a further setback by the loss of four outsides, Dolton, Brenton, Jenner and James, and thus a new back division was formed. Dolton's speed and resolution have been sorely missed, while a weakness in tackling must be remedied next season. To put it nicely, more "courage" is needed in going hard and low for the opponent. The backs have all the speed necessary for the work, but it must be used. The hoped-for help from Legg has not been available, owing to a recurrence of an old injury, while Healy, although extremely unfortunate to be injured in his first match, should do well next year. Owing to these injuries, the team has been unable to settle down, and the same team has not been fielded twice this term.

The 2nd XV have some promising talent, but as most of the side are rather on the small side at present, it will need practice and still more practice to make up for this deficiency. Jago and Maclaren have pulled their weight in the team, backed by the help of Peter, Osborne, Masters, Billing and Roberts. Oliver and Truscott have displayed remarkable tenacity, despite their stature, while Barrett, with training, should make a fine wing threequarter.

The 3rd XV have themselves proved that it is worth while running a team to fill the rather wide gap between the Junior and 2nd XV's, and their formation has fulfilled a hope expressed six years ago.

The Junior 1st XV have an excellent record, having played seven and won six games. Essery, Simmonds, Flower and Andrews have come to the fore this term, and our heartiest congratulations are extended to the captain, Miskelly, on gaining a place in the England Schoolboys' XV.

1st XV Comments :—

ROBINS (*Full back*). Fielding and tackling good, but lack of a right foot kick cramps his play.

CLYNICK (*Right-wing threequarter*). Tackles well, but rather apt to get out of position, and passing needs improvement.

DYER-SMITH (*Right centre*). The fastest member, who kicks really well, but must look where he is passing, and tackle harder. Should be a very valuable player next season.

WAKELY (*Left centre*). Has satisfactorily filled the position for three or four games.

SIMMONDS (*Left wing*). Played part of the season at scrum-half, and has a safe defence. Improved pace and handling should help.

HOLMES (*Scrum-half*). Rather slow in passing out, but kicking and ability to stick considerable buffetting deserve mention.

HURDEN (*Fly-half*). A little inconsistent, but speed and an eye for an opening must certainly bring success.

BOWDEN. (*Captain.*) A really good middle-line forward, with a sound knowledge of the game. Has displayed great keenness and has worked very hard, both on and off the field, to make School Rugger successful. (*F.B.*)

EVEA (*Hooker*). Has improved his stamina, and work in the loose shows promise.

KNAPP. Possessed of a devastating tackle at times, and pushes his weight in the scrums.

BLEWETT. Extremely energetic and vigorous in the mauls and tight scrums, but a trifle slow.

GARLAND. Plays hard at all times.

SMITH. A good forward, despite lack of weight. Line-outs and loose play, his forte.

ROGERS. A greatly improved player, who has worked very hard.

BUTLER. Another tall, light-weight, whose handling and dribbling have served the team well.

<i>Records.</i>	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Points.</i>	
					<i>For.</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
1st XV ..	16	5	9	1	158	120
2nd XV	10	4	4	2	128	134
3rd XV	3	—	3	—	15	30
Junior 1st XV ..	7	6	—	1	165	17

Teams :—

1st XV.

				Robins			
	Clynick		Dyer-Smith		Wakely		Simmonds
			Holmes		Hurden		
Bowden	Evea	Knapp	Blewett	Garland	Smith	Rogers	Butler

2nd XV.

				Billing			
	Oliver		Barrett		Healy		King
			Truscott		Peter		
Masters	Osborne	Roberts	Jago	Maclaren	Constable	Bond	Johns

3rd XV.

				Mason			
	Pike (i)		Woods		Edwards		Shakespeare
			Bryant		Miskelly		
Angus	Kirk	Waycott	Shapter	Edwards	Wingett	Nicholls	Whitaker

Junior 1st XV.

				Osborne			
	Essery		Simmonds		Pike		Soden
			Morey		Miskelly		
(From)	Prowse (i)	Godfree	Andrews	Trevaskis	Ridley	Richings	
		Flower	Kingwell	Crocker			

The Club thanks Messrs. Austin, O'Connor and Lerner for refereeing, and also Mr. Brown for the great help given by him in practice, and for his sporting action in turning out for the team when hard hit by injuries.

W.P.B.



Drake House Report

Results this term have been rather varied, the scores in many cases ranging from one extreme to the other. The Junior Rugger team beat Gilbert easily, but lost hopelessly to Grenville. The Junior Soccer team lost one match and won the next. Among the Juniors, Trevaskis, Essery, Morey, Adams and Smith are outstanding players. In the Senior games the Soccer suffered from the loss of Mitchell, Hawken and Westcott at Christmas; the team drew in one match and lost the other. The Senior Rugger team is the only one to win all the matches it has played. The games with Raleigh have still to be decided.

Injuries and especially illnesses have affected the teams, but it is noteworthy that the determination not to be downhearted because of a weakened side is still strong. This spirit has especially been evident in one or two matches where the scores at half-time were not in the team's favour. As long as this spirit remains, the House should be able to hold its own.

J. L. MACLAREN.

Gilbert House Report

Although the Seniors were weakened at the end of last term when Hannaford and Jenner left, they have put up a very creditable performance this term in obtaining six points out of eight so far. They have yet to lose a Soccer match, and they have only lost one Rugger match, which compares very favourably with the records of the last few seasons. We have several stalwarts, such as Lyon, Lake and Morrell, who serve us well in both codes, while Wyatt, Cory, Duke and Davison help to make up the backbone of the Soccer team, and Dyer-Smith, Eves and Waycott supply the experience of the Rugger team. Healy also played well until he was unfortunate enough to injure his collar-bone.

The Juniors have not very much to report, as they have not earned a point yet this term. We have, however, several promising players who form the backbone of both teams, such as Cory (ii), Martin, Prowse, Trace, and these players will soon have the others welded into something which is more like a team than we have seen for some time in this House.

W. J. WAKELY,

Grenville House Report

Last term both the Seniors and the Juniors gained five points. Already this term the Juniors have obtained five and the Seniors four. Considering that we have still four matches to play and that the Seniors feel the loss of Dolton these results reflect credit on the teams which gained them. Nevertheless though the house has done well to reach a uniform standard, enthusiasm will have to be continued throughout the cricket season in order to gain a lead in the House competition, which promises to be keen.

Individual talent is by no means lacking among Seniors or Juniors, but to make special mention of it is unnecessary, for those most deserving praise need no encouragement and would be the first to attribute success to team spirit rather than to their own efforts.

The matches this year have been hard fought and the play has been of a high standard. If Grenville can continue deserving every victory gained, and losing nothing her own efforts could have saved, the prospects of the future will be bright.

H. SMITH.

Raleigh House Report

The House has not been so successful this time. Out of a possible sixteen points only eight have been gained, and seven of these have been the result of Junior matches.

The Juniors have played exceedingly well, and such players as Rickard, in Soccer, and Miskelly, in Rugger, are towers of strength in the junior section of the House.

The ranks of the Seniors have been depleted by injuries and other calls. In two games they were certainly unfortunate, but play as a whole has been more energetic than skilled.

If the House is to maintain its position a determined effort will have to be made during the summer months, when cricket and athletics offer a great chance of a further reaping of valuable points.

E. A. PEARN.

Devonport High School Old Boys' Association

President : The Head Master.
Vice-President : Mr. A. Treseder.
General Secretary : Mr. H. Ferraro.

The annual Dinner was held on December 27th, and a goodly number of Old Boys turned up to welcome our new President. Arrangements were in the hands of the Social Committee, with Mr. E. E. Cock acting as Secretary. The Association is greatly indebted to Mr. Cock and his Committee. Year by year they cheerfully undertake the difficult task of organising this annual function, and we can assure them that we as Old Boys thoroughly appreciate the efforts they make on our behalf.

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Gill, whose marriage took place in December. Old Boys had an opportunity of conveying their congratulations in person at a very pleasant gathering at Stephens' Café, Devonport, when Mr. Treseder kindly entertained a number of Old Boys to tea. He later, on behalf of former D.H.S.-ians presented Mr. Gill with a cheque in token of their good wishes.

As will be seen from the notes the London Association continues to flourish. Mr. Swan attended the Dinner and gave us an outline of the work that had been done and of plans for the future. Their progress will be watched with interest.

The following is a list of new members :—

Wellington, C. H., 24, Fircroft Road, Peverell, Plymouth.
 House, L., 126, Pasley Street, Stoke, Devonport.
 Sparks, N. G., 18, Ford Hill, Stoke, Devonport.
 Lawrance, F. W., 19, Camperdown Street, Stoke, Devonport.
 Dolton, N. A., 8, Glenhurst Road, Mannamead, Plymouth.
 Whitting, L. J., 56, Barne Road, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.
 Ware, S., Highfields, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.
 Pawley, B., 81, Maristow Avenue, Ford, Devonport.

The following change of address have been received :—

Broad, W., 5, Glebe Terrace, Saltash.
 Durant, B., 6, Gladstone Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

HEADQUARTERS' NOTES

Chairman : Mr. B. H. Chowen.
Vice-Chairman : Mr. E. E. Cock.
Hon. Secretary : Mr. Cyril E. Gill,
 14, Haddington Road, Stoke. ('Phone 614).
Committee : Messrs. W. J. Andrews, W. J. Ching,
 E. Hannam, E. Harris, F. Hawton,

P. J. Mowan, B. Rickard, L. H. T. Warren,
R. J. Werry and M. Westlake.

The Association and Rugby football matches against the School will be played on Saturday, March 31st, at 2.30 p.m. The Annual Cricket Match is fixed for Saturday, July 28th, at 2 p.m., and the Tennis Match for June 30th. Will all those wishing to play in any of the above, please write to Mr. R. J. Werry at the School as soon as possible.

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at the School, on Friday, July 6th, at 7 p.m. I trust that all members will make a special effort to attend, as several matters of importance have to be dealt with.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation of the presentation made to me on the occasion of my marriage, and I offer my sincere thanks to all subscribers.

CYRIL E. GILL.

LONDON BRANCH NOTES

<i>Chairman :</i>	Mr. A. T. Brooks.
<i>Secretary :</i>	Mr. A. J. Swan, Special Commissioner's Office, York House, 23, Kingsway, W.C.2.
<i>Treasurer :</i>	Mr. M. J. Collier, 59, Windermere Road, N.10.
<i>Committee :</i>	The above, with Messrs. E. E. Cammach and A. R. Pike.

Since the last issue of the magazine the chief item of interest in the London area has been the General Meeting (the first of the re-organised Branch), held, by permission, at the Headquarters of the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles, on Friday, the 16th February. The event was a very considerable success, particularly marked by the enthusiasm of the seventeen members present.

Among other business transacted, the *ad hoc* Committee, which has been in office since March, 1933, was elected *en bloc* for a further period of one year. It was also decided to hold an Annual General Meeting of the Branch as soon as practicable after the 31st December in each year. The greater part of the evening was devoted to the consideration of the various forms of entertainment likely to appeal to London Old Boys, and several of the suggestions put forward were adopted for the attention of the Committee. In the first place we hope to organise a smoking concert to be held on Saturday, the 14th April next. Members are asked to book this date provisionally. Detailed particulars will be issued as soon as possible.

May we again appeal to London members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the year ending the 31st December, 1934, to send their half-crowns to the Treasurer without delay?

The London Secretary will always be glad to hear from and to assist Old Boys coming to London. A post card with your name and address will place us in touch with you and you will then be duly advised of any function arranged by the London Branch.

The London Committee have heard with regret of the death of the General Secretary's father, and they extend to him and to Mr. R. Ferraro their very sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

9th March, 1934.

A. J. SWAN.

NEW MEMBERS

Bright, N., 20, Airthrie Road, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex.

Ellis, P. G., 49, Drakefield Road, Balham, S.W.17.

Featherstone, B. M., 73, Wickham Chase, West Wickham, Kent.

Holwell, P. E., H.M. Inspector of Taxes, Town Hall Chambers, Castle Street, Farnham, Surrey.

Richards, F. G. H., 56, Camberwell Grove, S.E.5.

Swan, W. A., 35, Sydney Road, Torpoint, Cornwall.

Wingate, W. R., 114, Bridge Lane, Golders Green, N.W.11.

Yarrell, L. J., 90, Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Middlesex.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Drummond, K. E., 46, Lloyd Road, Worcester Park, Surrey.

Gilbert, G. R., c/o the T.G.M.'s Office, Boots the Chemists, 112-118, Edgware Road, W.2.

Goff, W. I., 75, Eastbury Road, Northwood, Middlesex.

Kell, T., 9, Kent Road, East Molesey, Surrey.

Morgan, C. H., H.M. Patent Office, Chancery Lane, W.C.2.

Slade, F. C., 51, Eton Avenue, New Malden, Surrey.

Obituary

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Boys :—

C. Stratton-Hallett.

C. Jeffery.

H. J. Murray.

C. Osborne.

E. Remfry.

The Dinner

At the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth, on the evening of Wednesday, December 27th, 1933, about sixty members of the Old Boys' Association sat down to dinner under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds (Head Master and President of the Association), and with Sir William Mounstephen, J.P., as guest of the evening.

A very enjoyable time was spent and Mr. Eric E. Cock (Chairman of the Social Committee) could not but have felt a glow of pleasure and satisfaction at such a highly successful and well-attended function. Praise also is due to those who gave musical and other contributions, including Professor Edgar and Messrs. E. R. Harris, Roy Hill, B. C. J. Rickard, C. H. Wellington and R. J. Werry, the last named being responsible for this part of the proceedings.

Sir William Mounstephen, in proposing "The Association," said that the Great War had brought about a changed world, and he sometimes wondered what would be the goal of progress, for example, of the engineer, who, in shaking his horn of plenty all over the earth, was scattering everywhere an endowment of previously unpossessed capacities and powers. Beyond question many of these gifts were benefits to mankind, making life fuller, wider, healthier, richer in comforts and interests and bringing such happiness as material things could promote. He suggested to the Old Boys that with the training that such a School had given them they should try to create a better world than their fathers had known, to make their own destiny, to have hope, to adventure; and he praised the Association as that which would enable them to keep in touch with one another as the years rolled on.

This toast was jointly responded to by Mr. H. Ferraro (General Secretary of the Association) and Mr. B. H. Chowen (Chairman of the Headquarters' Association).

Mr. Arthur Treseder, the former Head Master, in proposing the toast of "The School," said that, for himself, a relay race possessed a singularly human appeal as a symbol of active life which had a definite beginning and a definite ending. The flag or token of office was grasped, carried for a while, then passed on. For twenty-six years he had run the race of headship. Mr. Simmonds had the token now, and he himself had stepped aside from the course and had become just a spectator. All were agreed that the token had been placed in very worthy and capable hands and that the School would continue to be the same efficient training ground for life's work as it had been for the hundreds of Old Boys who were serving their day and generation in all parts of the world.

It was but natural that Mr. Simmonds should have made some changes, for, as said Cicero two thousand years ago : " As many men, so many opinions." He (Mr. Treseder) and his successor, as it happened, had each begun their headship at the same age, 36. He recalled his own start in 1906, when the struggle was grim and stark and the way was rough and uphill. No effort could then be spared from the main objective or the future of the School might have been jeopardised. He had listened to the new Head Master's report at the last Speech Day with a thrill of almost parental satisfaction and with unfeigned delight, and he could assure them that the results which had been obtained during the past twelve months were equal to those of the very best year in the previous history of the School, whilst the social and athletic sides struck him as being not only equal to anything in the past but brimful of promise for further and rapid development.

After alluding, with lighter gesture, as befitted the convivial occasion, to the charm and persuasiveness of the new pilot, Mr. Treseder concluded by calling attention to the fact that twelve months before on a similar occasion, he had foretold that Mr. Simmonds was eminently fitted to maintain and even enhance the School's tradition, reputation and efficiency. That prophecy had been fulfilled. He hoped that the School would continue to prosper and to live up to its motto : " *Prorsum semper honeste*," which he liked to translate, in free and easy fashion, " Get a move on, but play the game."

Replying, Mr. Simmonds thanked Mr. Treseder for the terms in which he had proposed the Toast. He felt very pleased to be with them that evening. The achievements of the Old Boys must be a matter for much satisfaction to Mr. Treseder. The more he knew of the School the more he realised what wonderful work Mr. Treseder had put into it. He would refrain from giving a list of the School successes, but he felt sure all Old Boys would be glad to know that the standard they had set was being maintained and that the present day boy was in no whit inferior to his predecessors. He reminded Old Boys that they were still members of the School community and the School would be measured by their standard. He liked to think that everyone in the School was contributing something to its life and in that respect the Old Boys had a great responsibility, for they were establishing a tradition that others would be expected to follow. Speaking of its excellent record, he said there was an atmosphere and spirit in the School which in his experience was unique, but he might be allowed to remark that it was amazing to him that such work should have been done in such a building. He recollected his first impression of the building as distinctly unfavourable, although now he could not quite see what it was that worried him then, and he felt that as time went on he would begin to look on it as a palace. The School had, by its wonderful work, completely overthrown the educational doctrine

of the necessity for beautiful buildings, and he was almost at a loss for an argument to justify very necessary improvements in the old building.

"The London Association" was given by Mr. Cyril E. Gill (Headquarters' Secretary), and acknowledged by Mr. Swan (Secretary of the London Association).

Mr. W. J. Andrews proposed "The Artistes," and Mr. Werry responded.

Presentation to Mr. Gill

In the late afternoon of 25th January last, twenty members of the Old Boys' Association met at Messrs. Stephens and Risdon's Café, Devonport, where, as guests of Mr. Treseder, they partook of tea. They represented eighty subscribers towards a cheque for £10, as a wedding gift to Mr. Cyril E. Gill, the Honorary Secretary of Headquarters Branch of the Association.

Mr. B. H. Chowen, the Chairman of the Headquarters Branch, explained that when news emerged of Mr. Gill's forthcoming marriage, the idea arose simultaneously in the minds of several members of the Committee that an occasion had arrived when the Association, and especially the Headquarters' Branch, might be given an opportunity of showing their appreciation of himself and his work. The matter was brought before a committee meeting, and was left in the hands of Mr. Treseder, who consented to receive subscriptions and supervise arrangements generally.

Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds (President of the O.B.A.), after congratulating Mr. Gill, called upon Mr. Treseder (Vice-President), who had known Mr. Gill for so many years, to make the presentation.

Mr. Treseder said that students of history were, he believed, pretty unanimous in recognising that there was always a power behind the throne. And students, if there were any such, of committees, would, he was equally sure, agree that, for a committee to function effectively, there must be some dynamic force, in other words, some individual or individuals willing to devote themselves, for its benefit, to self-sacrificing travail. Such a one had been and still was Mr. Gill. For years and years he, as Headquarters' Secretary, and Mr. Ferraro, the General Secretary and Headquarters' Treasurer, together with Mr. Eric Cock, their great dinner organiser, had formed the power behind the Committee.

As secretary and otherwise, especially to younger members of the O.B.A., his sanguine temperament, his ready sympathy for

others and his power of inspiring confidence had been of the utmost service. Nevertheless his time was valuable. Mr. Treseder wondered whether those who wrote to Mr. Gill on what might be sometimes, trivial matters, realised that they were taking up the time of one of the ablest analytical chemists in England. Yet such was the case. With a natural bent for chemistry, he had devoted many years of strenuous study to the subject, with the result that he had become a great specialist in it—a master of analysis. For example, in the course of a single year, thousands of adults and children were safe-guarded in their milk-supply through the skill and care with which he tested hundreds and hundreds of milk samples.

Thus they were assembled on that afternoon to honour and congratulate an old D.H.S.-ian, a recognised specialist in a branch of science, a trusty friend, a dynamic member of their Committee and one who had for many years expended time and energy on the Old Boys' Association.

Mr. Treseder concluded by saying, "It only remains for me, Mr. Gill, in handing you this cheque for ten pounds, to epitomise all the good wishes and kindly thoughts that have been conveyed to you by the old boys, and to add my own, in words, which, however conventional and commonplace, are, I can assure you, full of sincerity and depth of meaning. May your wife and yourself experience every happiness in your married life."

Mr. Gill, in responding, said he felt, at that moment, quite unable adequately to convey his feelings of gratitude to those who had taken part in that wedding gift. All he could say was that on behalf of his wife and himself he very heartily thanked all concerned.

The "tea party" ended with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Treseder, on the proposition of Mr. Werry.

Rugby Notes

With the season drawing to a close we can look back with satisfaction on a very strenuous and enjoyable Rugby campaign. The Club has enjoyed quite a fair measure of success and the record for the twenty games so far played stands as follows :—

Won, 12 ; Lost, 7 ; Drawn, 1.

Had it not been for the loss of six points in our first three matches of the season we should be in an unassailable position in the R.N.E. College Cup Competition. As it is, there is still close competition with the Old Boys fighting a running battle. However, the Club is definitely stronger than it has ever been, and we feel this is due

in no little measure to Mr. Evens, who has unsparingly devoted his time to training the players, and to the Head Master for so generously placing the gym at our disposal. Thanks to these facilities players are rapidly developing a physique which tends to make Sandow resemble an advanced case of infantile paralysis. Training and conscientious training is essential, although speaking as one who has received a split eye (three stitches), a dislocated knee, a split skull (four stitches), one sprained big toe and *n* bodily wounds, I can confidently recommend Rugger as the ideal game for keeping one fit.

Fewer dances have been run this season, but they all have been really successful ; especially the last one. We were glad to see the School well represented and we do feel that it is in this way that an even stronger link can be formed with the School. We do not expect all the School along at the next dance, but we regard 50 per cent as a modest estimate. The venue is St. Michael's Memorial Hall and the date Wednesday, March 28th. Admission, 1s. 6d.

We were delighted—nay, overjoyed—to note that Miskelly had been selected to represent his country. Congratulations, old man ! The best of luck. The Old Boys wish you every success.

We still have with us some of our veterans—Warwick, Plucknett, Polkinghorne, etc., but, on the other hand, we have lost many of our ablest players through appointments out of the City. We are, however, very pleased to welcome new faces. You would understand what I mean if you saw the others !

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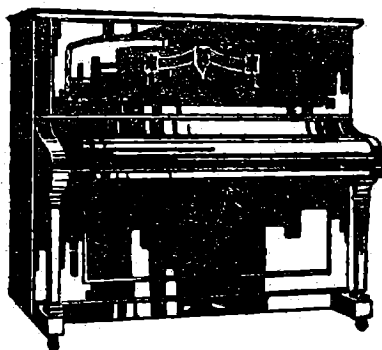
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