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Editorial

In the past, much has been written in this space concerning various aspects of the life and work of Devonport High School. The time has now come to broaden our outlook and consider briefly the place which the grammar school occupies in society.

A justification on purely academic grounds of the education provided at a grammar school is simple. The boy or girl who enters such a school is given full opportunities to discover the subjects which his or her natural talents encompass. During this period, the grammar school pupil receives a thorough grounding in a wide range of subjects. Later, he is able to specialise in his best subjects and is given tuition in them which fits him for entrance to a university, the Civil Service, or the Services. Yet, thanks to his early groundwork, the specialising artist can still execute such Herculean labours as subtraction and division by two, whilst the expert scientist is capable of enunciating, albeit with difficulty, "La craie est dans la boîte." Scientists "praestantissimo ingenio praediti"* may even be able to decline "mensa," but these are few.

Among those whose favourite theme is that the purpose of education is "to fit young people to set out upon the path of life" (always with a very large capital L)—strange how these people, like Odysseus and his "well-greaved (or grieved?) companions," always travel the aforesaid path decidedly ἀκαχημένοι ἦτορ †—among them, there are some who deplore the fact that grammar schools lag behind public schools in the imparting of poise and social savoir-faire. However, whether this is so or not, the pupil of a grammar school is able, through participation in sporting and other functions, to come into contact with persons from all the various types of school which operate under the present educational system. This existence, less sheltered as it is in this respect

than that of the public scholar, enables the pupil to feel at home in any company, and, in conjunction with the non-residential character of the grammar school, which keeps the student in touch with the world, moulds him in readiness for Life.

Thus the intrinsic value of the grammar school is beyond question. That it is an essential part of society is equally obvious. The grammar school provides an education leading to the heights of any career for boys and girls with the requisite mental capacity, but it also provides that education for all, regardless of means. The only requirement for entry to a grammar school is a level of intelligence sufficiently high to enable the pupil to cope with the necessary work. It is in this that the grammar school is a vital part of the framework of society as a whole, and we of Devonport High School may well be proud that we belong to one particular example of such a valuable type of institution.

* of outstanding genius † of dismal temperament

School Notes

Christmas is but six weeks away as we go to print; Christmas with its joys and festivities, its memories of past joys, and its hopes of a new year, when good resolutions are made. Let us put ours in the words of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, in George Long's translation:

"Keep thyself then simple, good, pure, serious, free from affectation, a friend of justice, a worshipper of the gods, kind, affectionate, strenuous in all proper acts. Strive to continue to be such as philosophy wished to make thee."

Add to that a desire to work hard not only for self-advancement but also as a social duty, and we shall begin a new year at least on the right foot. As MacNeice wrote:

"If only I could wake in the morning
And find I had learned the solution,
Wake with the knack of knowledge
Who as yet have only an inkling."

It is satisfying to be able again to write that the Inter-Schools Music and Film Societies are flourishing, if only because they were created and launched by members of sixth forms. There is more to it than that. The will to wander, if only occasionally, off the relatively narrow path of examination-bound academics, the development of the critical faculties, the enjoyment of the arts, discussion of the problems of quality: these give to each of us a compensating balance, putting our utilitarian culture into its right place and adding to life that width and depth and significance without which it can have but little real meaning. So good luck to these societies: may they go from strength to strength.

The Inter-Schools Music Society held a successful dance in the school hall in October. In September one was held on behalf of the Old Boys' Soccer Club. The social value of such events is evident; that they were financially successful but adds to their value.

Good luck, too, to the new Arts Society. This was another sixth form conception and very largely of science sixth origin. It was envisaged as a cultural complement to the already existing Science Society, and the idea was to incorporate the existing Drama, Music and Debating Societies, with one central directive and a wise distribution of activities, so easing the tension caused by the fact that there were so many more activities than there were evenings to hold them.

As Olive Schreiner wrote in "Dreams":

"There is a world in one of those far-off stars, and things do not happen here as they happen there." The society was formed. It was to hold debates, musical recitals and play-readings, and so on. In actual practice it has become a successful cultural society, doing all and more than the others do, in a very different way. So the old societies still function and we are the richer by a new society that is wider than any of the old ones.

It becomes almost superfluous to mention that the School Swimming Sports were again held in fine, if not in hot, weather. The organisation was up to standard and everything ran to time. We were glad to welcome Miss Treseder, the daughter of a former Headmaster, and thank her for graciously presenting the trophies. Such links with the past are a leaven that keeps tradition alive and in ferment; and tradition is more important than some of us may realize.

We congratulate those who did well at "O" and "A" level. To those who missed their goals by a mark or two we wish better luck next time: more drive and harder work is our advice to the remainder.

The Garden Party was more financially successful than ever. One day we must publish a complete list of the benefits bestowed upon us by the Parents' Association. It will be an eye-opener to many. In the meantime we appreciate too the zealous devotion and self-sacrifice behind the time and energy expended in providing teas for teams and in the hundred-and-one other tasks undertaken by its members.

"Illustrious acts high raptures do infuse," but let us not be carried away. Those who achieve do not boast, and far be it from us; yet up to the present our 1st XI soccer and our 1st XV rugby teams have suffered no defeat this season. The latter has deprived Kelly College of her unbeaten record. Surely we have cause to be pleased and proud while still remembering that the game's the thing.

We were not unnoticed in connection with the interesting discoveries made on Lundy Island by a section of our Field Club led by Mr. Dodd. An account of the exploit is published elsewhere in this issue. That we have contributed something to the early history of the island should at least be noted in these records.

On November 6th a school party, forty-one strong, journeyed to Stratford to see a presentation of "Julius Caesar." The staging was excellent.

The School Chess Team on November 9th enjoined in a twenty-nine-board match against Truro School at Truro, and we won by seventeen games to twelve. Congratulations!

Half-way through last term Mr. Bennett left us to take up a post at Wrexham. We wish him every success in his new post. In his place we welcome Mr. D. J. Crump, B.A. (Hons., Music), Durham University, A.R.C.O., who has had wide experience as an organist and among other posts was conductor of Durham College's Music Society. He has already established himself with the boys and should look forward to a successful and, we hope, a long stay with us.

We welcome to England and to D.H.S. Mr. Jean Raoult, L-ès-Lettres of the University of Rennes, who is here as a French Assistant, and hopes to teach English in a French High School. That he is going to have a happy time with us is already evident; that he will be entirely successful is our sincere wish.

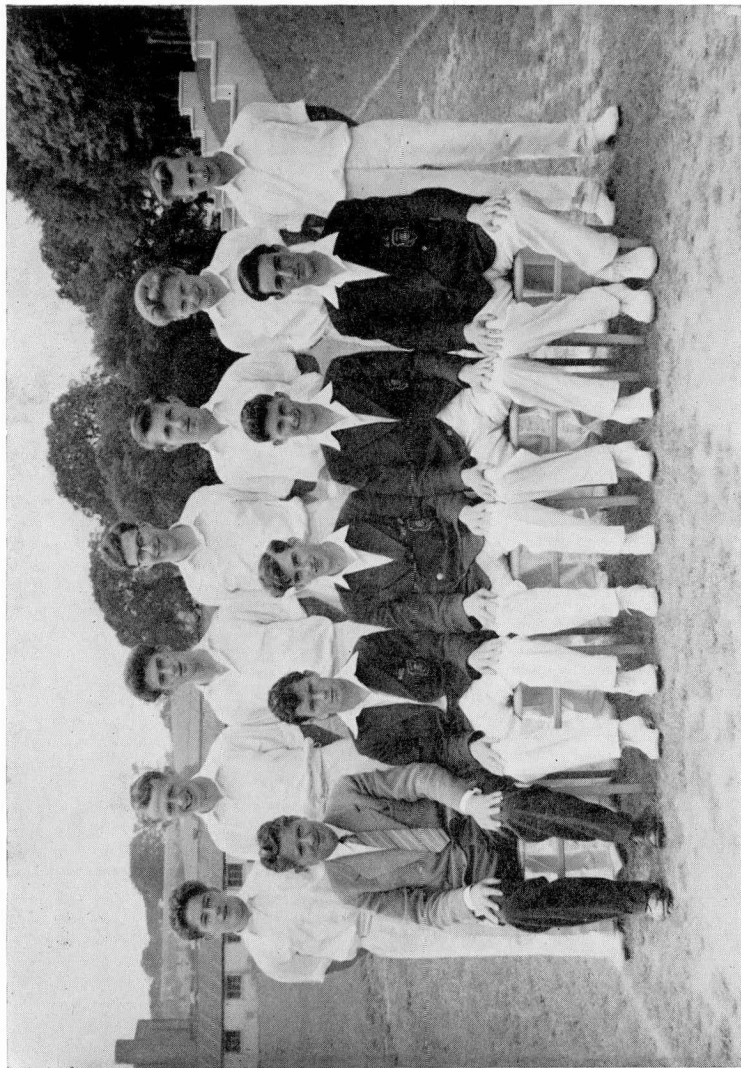
On November 11th the Debating Society were the guests of the Y.M.C.A. This has become an annual and always a very pleasant and satisfying event. On this occasion the motion was "That the splitting of the atom was a major tragedy." Seager proposed and Williams opposed, and the seconds were Daymond and Parsons respectively. The motion was lost by fourteen votes to eleven. The debate was lively, well-informed, and well presented and everybody enjoyed it. We thank the Y.M.C.A. for their kind invitation, and look forward to next year.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. P. F. Larkins, M.A., Cantab., who has taken Mr. Green's place upon the English staff and Mr. G. Osborne of Loughborough, who has replaced Mr. Quartermaine on the Manual Instruction staff. They have our best wishes for their success and happiness at D.H.S.

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We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the following publications: The Beacon; The Albanian; The Coathanian; Plymouth High School for Girls Magazine; The Halton Magazine; Hove Grammar School Magazine; The Julian; The Patesian; The Suttonian; Stoke Damerel High School Magazine; The Review (Tavistock Grammar School); The Truronian; The Tamaritan; and The Wheatching; also The Lockleaze Secondary School (Bristol) Magazine. Many thanks, and apologies for any inadvertent omissions.

FIRST XI. CRICKET, 1957



Back row (left to right) : A. J. Ward, M. J. Beer, D. G. Baldwin, W. J. Badcock, A. E. Brimacombe, R. D. Smerdon, F. Williams
Front row : Mr. Wayne, J. Mitchell, J. R. Parsons, B. Widger (Captain), G. Mason

Headmaster's Note

I can think of no better words at the beginning of a new School year than those uttered by Dr. May on Speech Day. He is an Old Boy and he should know. He said, "Work hard, very hard and hard again until you are 25 years old and then the world is yours." Each year is indeed a critical year. Too many of last year's 5th form left their effort too late. Never let it be said of you that you wasted the golden opportunity of youthful endeavour. You will be too old soon to be able to work as hard as you will need if you fail to create now in yourself the right attitude. Genius does not exist, only the capacity for attention to detail and the will to work.

Speech Day 1957

Speech Day was held this year on Thursday, September 26th. The Chairman was the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Alderman Leslie F. Paul, whilst the guest speaker was a distinguished Old Boy of the school, Dr. H. B. May, Dean of the London School of Medicine.

In his report the Headmaster spoke of the high standard once again achieved in the G.C.E. "A" level, and the number of boys who had succeeded in obtaining entrance to universities. The "O" level results were satisfactory. He emphasised, however, the need for hard work throughout the school, especially in the fifth year. Dr. Cresswell went on to congratulate the school societies on their continued activity in various fields, and spoke of the fine sporting record which had been maintained and enhanced during the past year.

The Lord Mayor began his speech by avowing that he had no intention of delivering an address. He kept this promise nobly, but congratulated the school on its successes, with a special word for the Headmaster and staff.

During the evening, artistic interludes were provided by the School Choir—in the opinion of a large number of the audience, the best for some years. The programme was drawn entirely from Handel's oratorios "Saul" and "The Messiah." An innovation was the use of the organ, excellently played by Mr. Bennett. Thanks and praise are also due to the conductor, G. S. Mason, who performed heroically despite his oriental affliction.

Before delivering his address, Dr. May carried out the presentation of the prizes, in the course of which he made a point of speaking individually to every prize-winner. He began his speech by recalling to all present that he was an Old Boy of the school by reminiscing about his days at Devonport High. He spoke of Mr. Treseder, who was in his time Headmaster, and of Mr. Andrews,

who regarded mathematics as poetry and instilled a love of the subject in all his pupils. His deepest debt of gratitude was, Dr. May affirmed, to the brothers Ferraro, and he was delighted to have this opportunity of acknowledging it publicly in their presence. He went on to entertain the audience with a series of witty anecdotes drawn from his own experience, at the same time making clear the lessons which lay beneath them. Dr. May closed by mentioning the school motto, which he translated as "Progress with Integrity"—a great improvement on "Play the Game."

The vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Dr. May was proposed by Alderman H. J. Perry, J.P., Chairman of the Education Committee, and seconded by Dr. Andrew Scotland, M.A., Director of Education, and Councillor R. Briscoe, Chairman of the School Governors. They were supported by the School Captain, B. J. N. Blight, who made presentations on behalf of the school to the Lord Mayor and Dr. May. The evening closed with the customary singing of the School Song.

R. J. SEAGER.

Careers

About a year ago we pointed out in these notes that boys interested in engineering could now do their training without leaving Plymouth.

We were thinking of those boys, not anxious or possibly, not fitted to pursue a degree course at a university, and we referred of course to the student apprenticeships now tenable at the Dockyard. This development brings Plymouth more nearly into line with the careers advantages available in industrial centres, and should prove of great financial benefit to parents.

A similar development has now taken place for those boys who want to be engineers but as Merchant Navy officers. In the past such boys have had to do their training in say S. Wales or Southampton for 2 years followed by training afloat. The 2 years can now be spent doing an engineering course at our own Technical College if the student is sponsored by a shipping company.

There is good news here too for the brighter boy, the potential university graduate but with a hankering for the sea.

One shipping company, a large one, wants "A" level science students to maintain at a Northern university with a view to becoming marine engineers, capable of managing that side of the company's affairs. It would mean time at sea to gain experience and then a life ashore in an administrative and executive capacity. It promises well for the right boy.

May I remind parents to remind their sons that we have knowledge of all careers and are only too glad to advise and help any boy at any time.

W.H.W.

In Memoriam

JOHN MANSFIELD BROCK

PHILIP DINGWALL

KENNETH C. STUDLEY

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we record the deaths of John Mansfield Brock a member of form 4B, who was drowned in the Sound, Philip Dingwall of form 1S, who was a victim of influenza, and K. C. Studley of last year's 4B, who left us for Chatham when his father, a lieutenant of Royal Marines, was posted there, and who was killed in a motor-cycle accident.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the parents and relations of these boys in their bereavement.

Parents' Association

Most of our energies last term were devoted to the Annual Garden Party and School Display on Wednesday, July 24th, 1957. The weather was warm and sunny and, in spite of similar functions elsewhere, the attendance was excellent. Almost every section of the School had an official display while large and small stalls and sideshows were well stocked and showed much ingenuity. The day's effort yielded a profit of £179, a few pounds more than last year's record. This is most encouraging to those who work hard for the Association and gratifying to those who support them.

Plans for winter activities have been delayed by the 'flu epidemic which had both secretary and treasurer as victims. However, the following events have been arranged and will, we hope, be well supported:—

Wednesday, November 20th, 1957. 7.15 p.m. Whist Drive.

Tuesday, November 26th, 1957. 7.15 p.m. Annual General

Meeting to be followed by films dealing with various careers.

Wednesday, December 11th, 1957. 7.30 p.m.—11.30 p.m.

Annual Dance, Ted Coleman's Orchestra.

All these functions will be held in the School Assembly Hall.

At a recent Committee meeting the Association agreed to lend money (about £100) to the School Dramatic Society to purchase such curtains as were necessary to equip the stage properly for future dramatic productions. At the same meeting a small sub-committee was formed to investigate ways and means of improving the School's playing field accommodation.

The routine activity of the Association in the provision of teas for visiting teams has been maintained by the willing and hardworking Ladies Committee and their service is greatly appreciated. The usual grant was made to the Headmaster for Speech Day expenses and Parents' Association prizes.

We look forward to another year of useful activity and service to the School, and ask for the support of all parents in our various efforts.

H.G.W.

THE CRICKET CLUB

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-Charge : MR. WAYNE.

Captain : B. WIDGER.

Vice-Captain : J. R. PARSONS.

Secretary : N. H. DINGLE.

The time has now come to look with a critical eye at last season's cricket matches. We can see events which a school with a sporting record like ours needs to take note of, and to remedy, and some of which we may well be proud.

We congratulate Parsons, Widger and Mitchell on attaining places in the South Devon Colts XI, and Widger on gaining selection for the full Devon Colts side. It is strongly felt, however, that at least one of the others would also have obtained selection if the trials had not been disarranged by rain and other factors. We also congratulate Ryder on his selection for both the Plymouth and Devon Colts under 15 XI's.

The 1st XI record is one of which any cricket team could be proud. Only one defeat was suffered and that in a very close match. Three of the matches were drawn, one an excellent game with St. Boniface in which over 300 runs were scored in the afternoon—a considerable achievement. Excellent wins were recorded over Torquay, Okehampton, Tavistock—in a very low-scoring game—both sides scoring less than 50, Fiskard, Plymouth Bohemians 2nd XI, Plymouth Cricket Club A XI, the Old Boys, and finally the staff, the last match of the term.

The season started on a fine note with a majority of last year's team being available but several disappointments came our way during the season. Widger's bowling for the school came up to standard only in one match, albeit at the College where it was most needed: Mitchell's batting although excellent at the start of the term deteriorated markedly towards the end of season. Mason, although bowling with great determination and spirit, did not achieve great success against the stronger teams and the fielding, although better on the whole, was terrible in the slip region. Parsons, frequently moving the ball to the slips, was most unfortunate in receiving little help from his field, especially in the early matches. The batting was generally sound with Parsons being outstanding; Ward, in his first season, did very well and Widger was always sound. Smerdon, behind the wicket, had, in the main, a good season.

The 2nd XI, captained by Heale, contained no stars and did not have too happy a season, but as their record shows they almost broke even and were better than last year's team. They recorded fine victories over Sutton and Fisgard and three other sides, but could not keep a settled team owing to the demands of the 1st XI. The side could, however, have been better if all capable members of the school had been prepared to play.

The Colts were the least successful of the teams; they managed to win only 2 of the 11 fixtures. Unfortunately the team never settled down but even so the talent necessary was not present. Next year's Colts team ought to have a very good season as it will be composed of this year's juniors.

The juniors tell a much different story, having the best record in the school for keenness and team spirit as well as results. They lost only the first match of the season, this by only one run, and one other. The latter took place on the day the team was split to play two matches; this proved a disastrous policy as on this day they lost one match and drew the other. The team to whom they lost on this occasion was later defeated by over 50 runs.

The team was very fortunate in possessing two outstanding players in Widger, R., and Hall. Fine wins were recorded over Plymouth College (8 wickets) Public (50 runs and later again by 5 wickets) Plympton (10 wickets) Technical Secondary School (9 wickets) and Sutton (5 wickets) and three other matches—fine performances which augur well for the future.

We would once again like to thank Mr. Wayne, Mr. Warn, Mr. Poole and the many other members of staff who have given up time to umpire and coach, and also to the Parents' Association, who have so kindly provided and prepared excellent teas for all home games.

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

<i>Team Record</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI	12	8	3	1
2nd XI	11	5	0	6
Colts XI	11	2	2	7
Junior XI	12	9	1	2

COLOURS AWARDED, 1957.

Re-award Full Colours: B. Widger, J. R. Parsons, J. Mitchell, G. S. Mason.

Award Full Colours: R. D. Smerdon.

Award Half Colours: P. O. J. Ward.

Swimming Sports 1957

We had a dry, warm day for our swimming sports this year, even if the sun didn't shine brilliantly, and in this we were luckier than many. The sports were well supported by many parents, friends and old boys, and vocal support was not lacking.

The overall standard of the entrants this year seemed above that of previous years and many records were broken. The placings

of the Houses were very close until the relays, when Raleigh showed their superior team strength and went ahead to win from Drake, with Grenville and Gilbert third and fourth in that order. Raleigh also won the relay cup.

The House Championship Cup was presented to Raleigh by Miss Treseder, the daughter of a former headmaster of the school, who also presented the individual trophies, which went in the -12 age group to Atrill of Raleigh, in the -13 to Couch of Drake, in the -14 to Luxton of Raleigh, in the -15 to Ferris of Raleigh, in -16 to Crook of Drake and in the open age group to Cooper of Drake.

As usual much hard work went into the organisation of the sports and our thanks are due to Messrs. Vanstone, Nash and Stone.

The spectators were provided with a very enjoyable afternoon and our congratulations are extended to all who took part for showing such keenness and sportsmanship.

I. COOPER.

THE SOCCER CLUB

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-Charge : MR. WARREN.

Captain : A. E. BRIMACOMBE. *Vice-Captain* : R. D. SMERDON. *Secretary* : A. J. WARD.

Although it is early in the season to assess the abilities of the various school teams it seems that the 1st XI will continue their run of successes. All but two of last year's team remain, and in the two matches played so far 13 goals have been scored while there has been none conceded. Our congratulations are extended to Brimacombe on his selection to the F.A. Coaching Course at Lilleshall during the summer holidays.

The 2nd XI, although having one of the strongest combinations for many seasons, began badly by losing 4-2 to Tamar 1st XI. This was to some extent redeemed by an 8-0 victory over Seale-Hayne Agricultural College, and a successful year for this team is anticipated.

This season has seen the revival of fixtures for the Colts XI. Although only four fixtures have been arranged for them, it is hoped that this list will grow in future.

The under 15 XI, containing several promising players, should do quite well despite the fact that they have gained only one point from their first two matches.

The under 14 XI have begun in an uncertain manner, winning one and losing the other of their fixtures but it is hoped that they will soon settle down.

The under 13 XI have made a very good start, dropping only one point in their first four games, and it is hoped that once again they will prove strong challengers for the League and Cup.

Once more we are indebted to both Mr. Warren and his colleagues on the staff for their work on and off the field, and to the Parents' Association for its many sacrifices for the sake of School soccer.

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

Team Records			Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
							For	Against
1st XI	..	..	3	3	0	0	18	2
2nd XI	..	..	5	3	0	2	23	12
Colts XI	..	..	2	0	0	2	1	15
Under 15 XI	..	..	2	0	1	1	2	3
Under 14 XI	..	..	2	1	0	1	6	8
Under 13 XI	..	..	4	3	1	0	17	8

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

President : THE HEADMASTER.

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

The senior athletic team has enjoyed another extremely successful season and the all-round improvement of the juniors predicts a continuation of this trend. Inter-form matches were held throughout the lower school as well as a first form match with Montpelier.

On May 25th, a perfect Saturday afternoon, the school sent a strong senior team to Tavistock for the Devon Public and Grammar School Sports, finishing a strong third out of the fourteen schools which participated. Blight, deputising at the last moment, was a close second in the 440 yards; other outstanding performances were by Heale (2nd in javelin) Daw (2nd in pole vault), and Breckon (2nd in high jump).

The following week the juniors did better still in finishing second in a similar meeting. After getting off to a poor start, Hallett won the shot with a fine putt of 45 ft. 3½ in. He was also first in the 100 and 220 yards while Webber did well to win the discus.

The School's grip on the W. Nash Trophy proved too strong for H.M.S. *Fisgard* who, after a hard struggle, were defeated by 81 points to 61. Breckon was as consistent as ever in winning the 120 yards hurdles, the high jump and hop, step and jump, while fine doubles were recorded by Wickenden in the 440 and 880 yards and Beer in the 100 and 220 yards. Williams won a well-judged mile after finishing a good second in the 440 yards.

Unfortunately, owing to bad weather, the match with Sutton High School was cancelled.

We were, however, fortunate in having good weather for our annual match with Truro School, which resulted in a 139-113 points victory for the school. In the senior section meeting, records were broken by Breckon (long jump), Blight (mile) and the 4 x 330 relay team (Conybeare, Holliday, Wickenden and Williams).

Hallett was again outstanding for the juniors, winning the 100 yards, the 220 yards, hop, step and jump, and long jump.

With the close of the season, the Club was unfortunate to lose the services of J. R. Breckon, who had ably captained the team for some of its most outstanding achievements in the past three years.

Once again we are grateful to Mr. W. Nash and Mr. D. E. Stone, whose patience and keenness have once more been invaluable.

B. J. N. BLIGHT AND P. F. WICKENDEN.

COLOURS

Re-awards Full Colours :

J. R. Breckon, P. F. Wickenden.

Awards Full Colours :

M. J. Beer, B. J. N. Blight, J. G. Williams.

Half Colours :

M. J. Allison, R. Colwill, R. J. Daw, R. W. Gould, R. A. Heale, D. P. Holliday.

THE TENNIS CLUB

The weather gods were kind to us this year, only one match out of eleven—that against D.H.S.O.B.—having to be cancelled. We fared better this season than last, winning 3 and losing 7 matches. Two or three of these defeats could have been avoided, had the team played consistently. Although we started badly, we saw the season out with a convincing win over Plymouth Cricket Club (tennis section) at Peverell Park.

Breckon, Thomas, Bennett, and Langman have left us; Daw is due to leave us soon; and so the team will have to be rebuilt. However, there is little cause for anxiety, as there are promising players in the middle-school.

I should like, at this point, to put in a plea for the status of tennis in the school. Too many regard tennis as something one plays if rejected by the cricket and athletics teams. They do not, apparently, realise that good tennis can be attained only by constant practice. Some schools, against which we played, have benefited considerably by insisting that all boys learn to play tennis. Perhaps interest in the game would be stimulated, and the standard of play greatly improved, by the introduction of inter-house matches, as in other sports.

Breckon, our captain, was awarded full colours, and Daw, Langman, Parsons, Thomas and Williams were awarded half-colours.

I should like to thank Mr. Tamblin for his guidance throughout the season, and the Parents' Association for providing teas for our visitors.

J. Y. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Secretary.*

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House Notes

DRAKE.

As only a short time has elapsed since the end of the last school year, it is not yet possible to predict the temper of Drake House in the terms to come. The activities of the House at the end of the summer term, although not continuing with the magnificent success won in the athletics, gave us nothing of which to be ashamed. At this time the swimming sports were the chief interest; Drake finished in second place, as in the previous year. It was not until the last group of events, the relays, that Raleigh gained a noticeable points lead; it must be noted that, as in the past, a house effort, rather than individual achievement, was largely responsible for our good results. Thus ended what we in Drake must consider the most spirited year of many that we remember, bringing us the honour of being runners-up for the St. Levan Shield. We extend our sincere congratulations to our successful rivals in Raleigh House on winning that shield.

C. Lovell has been elected to the captaincy of the House, with D. Okell as Vice-Captain. Milford and Partridge are also to be congratulated on being appointed school prefects. Mr. J. G. Nicholas has our support in his apt choice of Woodward as House secretary; Daw continues to play a leading part in both soccer and chess, captaining both teams, whilst Cooper has proved himself a more than efficient leader in rugby. Outdoor activities were somewhat disrupted by the outbreak of Asian 'flu. However, the senior rugby team played two fixtures, winning against Gilbert, but losing, with a weakened side, to Grenville. A good start to the season by the junior soccer players, captained by Oxley, holds promise for the future; their only game so far was convincingly won. An improvement is shown in the senior chess, as one of the first two matches ended in victory.

In black and white, then, our achievement this year is not yet a startling one, but we have high hopes for the future. Drake House must not be content even to equal its past successes; it must "strive for the stars, count nought well done but best." We offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Nicholas for his unflagging efforts on behalf of the House.

C. J. LOVELL, *House Captain.*

GILBERT.

At this time of the year our thoughts are of necessity concerned with those activities which have yet to be completed rather than with those which have already taken place. However, the senior chess side has achieved a good victory over Raleigh, whilst being narrowly defeated by Grenville, last year's champions. There is

every indication that our junior chess team will improve on last year's performances, and Gilbert should again provide Grenville with a strong challenge for the chess cup.

No senior soccer matches have so far been played but the junior XI did remarkably well to defeat Grenville by 8-0. This result augurs well for the future, and, if the members of the team can maintain their present spirit and enthusiasm, Gilbert can look forward to continued success in the years ahead.

The record of our senior rugger team again makes sad reading. We have suffered defeats at the hands of both Drake and Raleigh, but these results are not as disappointing as they might at first appear. On both occasions the team played with a vigour which we are not accustomed to expect from Gilbert rugger sides, and their efforts are worthy of the highest praise. Nevertheless it is certain that we could have fielded stronger XVs if some of the senior members of the House had shown a greater willingness to display their latent talent.

Certain sections of the House appear to have the mistaken impression that Gilbert can regain its position as Cock House without their making any conscious effort towards that goal. This is indeed folly! Gilbert cannot hope to regain its supremacy unless every boy in the House gives of his best. Come on Gilbert, success attends those who are determined to succeed!

We congratulate Barker, Gould, Horley, Hurst, Parsons and Sampson on their appointment as school prefects, and again Barker, who has been chosen as school Vice-Captain.

Once more we express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Berry, for his continued guidance and encouragement.

J. R. PARSONS, *House Captain.*

GRENVILLE.

At the end of last year the House was unfortunate to lose W. J. Badcock, our house captain, who has entered Leeds University to read modern languages. We are grateful to him for his leadership and services to the House and wish him every success in his future career.

It has been many years now since the St. Levan Shield was in Grenville's possession, but we have started this season determined to rectify this; our senior rugby team, under the captaincy of R. C. Griffin, has two well-earned victories to its credit, defeating Raleigh by 15 points to 6 and Drake by 11 points to nil. It is pleasing to note that our side, lacking stars, has gained these victories by playing as a team.

In our only soccer match played this year, our juniors were beaten by 8 goals to nil by Gilbert, but despite this, our soccer

captain, N. H. Dingle, is hoping to equal the record of our rugger side with a team containing five 1st XI players.

For the past few seasons the inter-house Chess Cup has been passing from House to House, but fortunately it seems to have settled itself at last in the grip of Grenville. The senior team, containing half of the school side, has recorded two fine victories, defeating Drake by 4 points to 2 and Gilbert by $3\frac{1}{2}$ points to $2\frac{1}{2}$. We are also fortunate in having many promising junior players.

The House has pleasure in congratulating Blight, Dingle, Hawken, Seager and Williams on the appointments as school prefects.

We are once more indebted to Mr. Mallinson for his advice and assistance and hope that his enthusiasm will inspire every member of the House to strive to restore Grenville to its rightful position as Champion House.

B. J. N. BLIGHT, *House Captain*.

RALEIGH.

This year has been one of considerable success for Raleigh House; once again the St. Levan Shield is in our proud possession. Our all-round superiority was clearly shown, for we won the association and rugby football, cricket and swimming; and owing to a very fine effort on Sports Day, finished second in athletics. This achievement was due mainly to the fine efforts of Allison, who was then House Captain, and Mr. Warn, whom yet again we must thank for his guidance and enthusiasm.

However, the House has not started well in its bid to retain the St. Levan Shield. The senior rugger XV lost its first game, but improved considerably in the second to defeat Gilbert 26-8. The senior chess team was defeated in its first two matches and the future does not look bright in this sphere. It is imperative that all juniors should learn the game. In the only soccer fixture played this year, the junior XI lost. Nevertheless there is still plenty of time for a fine Raleigh recovery.

At the beginning of term arrived the first form boys, to whom we extend a warm welcome. We must congratulate Blackler (school rugby captain), Brimacombe (school soccer captain), Daymond (House secretary), Ellis (school rugby vice-captain), Shute and Widger on their appointments as school prefects. Our best wishes are forwarded to all boys in the House who left at the end of the summer term.

In conclusion, it is a hard road to the St. Levan Shield. All that is required is enthusiasm, with every member from the first form to the sixth giving his full support and co-operation. So go to it, Raleigh!

B. WIDGER, *House Captain*.

Out of School Activities

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The membership at present shows every sign of breaking last year's encouraging record of one hundred and ten.

During the last three weeks of the summer term the Society enjoyed six excursions to places of scientific interest. An insight into modern studio techniques was gained during an evening visit to Broadcasting House, Seymour Road. A very exciting excursion was that to H.M.S. *Cambridge*, the Gunnery Training Establishment at Wembury Point. The day was also notable for ending many weeks of good weather by gale and torrential rain, but twenty members braved the elements to reach the station, where we were shown some of the intricacies of modern gunnery. Arrangements had been made for aircraft to fly drogues over, and for us to witness the shoot, but, unfortunately, due to heavy rain and low cloud cover, this exercise had to be cancelled. An afternoon at the Bush Radio factory revealed to the party how radio and television receivers are constructed under modern conditions, and two days later the management of Messrs. Tecalemit entertained the Society. The following week a small party visited the Meteorological Station at Mount Batten, and the session's activities closed with a tour of H.M. Dockyard. We would like to reiterate our thanks to all concerned with our excursions for giving us many enjoyable hours.

The autumn term has been the most active in the history of the Society. Five outside lecturers have addressed us on varied topics. Mr. Gibson Martin, of the British Iron and Steel Federation, spoke on "Steel and Current Affairs." He gave some very illuminating statistics on steel and reviewed the variety of its uses. Captain L. D. Smith, of the British India Steam Navigation Company, talked on "A Career at Sea." This lecture was arranged in collaboration with the Careers Department. Mr. J. W. Fozard, Chief Project Engineer of Messrs. Hawker Aircraft, addressed the Society on "Design for supersonic flight." Mr. S. Gordon Monk delivered a highly topical illustrated lecture on "Atomic Energy." The last lecture of the winter term series was the annual visit of Mr. H. G. Hurrell to present more of his excellent natural history films. We would here like to thank these gentlemen for taking so much trouble to come and speak to us.

Among the numerous films exhibited during the term were "Challenge on the Lake," showing how Donald Campbell broke the world water-speed record on Lake Mead in his boat *Bluebird*, and "Calder Hall," dealing with the great engineering feats accomplished in building the first atomic power station. It is pleasing to note that increasing numbers of films in natural colours are becoming available, and that the colour rendering is constantly

improving. This latter point was well brought out by the films "Song of the Clouds" and "Distant Neighbours."

The Cine Section of the Society, under the leadership of Siviour 6Sc., has entered upon its task of film production with enthusiasm. The Meteorological Section has been particularly active, and we are happy to record our gratitude to Mr. Montgomery and Mrs. Cornwell for making and presenting a Stevenson Screen and a Wind Sock, respectively, to the Society.

On November 22nd the Society was host to the Junior School Society. Our guests were shown films of general and scientific interest, and, at intervals, members of the Committee demonstrated, and attempted to explain, some spectacular experiments in physics. We believe the visitors had a very enjoyable evening and we attempted to satisfy, at least partially, their thirst for knowledge.

The Society has continued to take *New Scientist*, *Wireless World* and *Technology* regularly. These have been available for loan to members week by week. They are very well-written magazines, and contain a considerable amount of information. In addition, the Society sold copies of *Science Club* to members, this term for the first time. It is a small journal, but it includes some very interesting articles, and is published twice a term.

Members are reminded that the Science Society Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, and any relevant matter will receive attention if the Secretary is requested to include the topic in the agenda.

A. J. COLLINGS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE ARTS SOCIETY.

The idea of an Arts Society was first hatched early this year when a group of prefects felt that there was a genuine need for such a society. Certain members of staff were approached and on their approval it was decided that an attempt should be made to create a society of this kind. Its function would be to present the Arts to members of the school in a pleasing and attractive manner. As a result of this approach we hope that scientists as well as artists will find themselves attracted to the meetings and thus be given an opportunity to broaden their knowledge, which tends nowadays to become merely specific, while at the same time we might sow the seeds of a genuine interest in the arts.

Consequently, early this term, a meeting of all 4th, 5th and 6th formers interested in or opposed to the idea was called under the Chairmanship of Mr. Truman, who had kindly agreed to act as master-in-charge. The aims of the new society were explained, and after much debate it was agreed that we should proceed with the venture. The Society was immediately launched with the election of the officials for the year. They are G. A. Hurst (Chair-

man), R. C. Shute (Secretary); C. G. Barker (Treasurer) and three extra committee members; B. J. N. Blight, N. H. Dingle and P. G. Eames.

The first meeting this term was an illustrated lecture by Mr. Charlesworth (Deputy City Librarian), entitled "Plymouth before, during and after the blitz." This lecture was extremely interesting and we thank Mr. Charlesworth for coming along instead of Mr. Best-Harris, who was suffering from influenza. Our next meeting took the form of a debate. The motion was "That this House deplores the Science Society and recommends its extinction." It was proposed by R. J. Seager and opposed by R. C. Shute. When the vote was taken it was found that the motion had been carried by the slender margin of one vote.

Mr. Wyn George was our next speaker and he gave the first of a series of talks entitled "An introduction to the appreciation of pictures." He illustrated his talk with slides which proved to be both very interesting and informative. All boys from the 4th form upwards are recommended to come along to Mr. George's future addresses to us.

In the near future we are looking forward to a visit by Mr. Tony Soper (B.B.C. T.V. Features Producer, Bristol). Next term we are being visited by a musical group from Dartington Hall, by the Dickens Fellowship, the Clarion Choir and the Gilbert and Sullivan Fellowship.

The attendance at the meetings has so far been very encouraging, but it is still felt that many scientists are letting a valuable opportunity pass in not joining the Society. If the present numbers can be maintained, or perhaps increased, it looks as if we should have a bright future ahead of us.

RAY SHUTE, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

During the latter part of the past year a highly controversial plan was promulgated—the amalgamation of the Literary and Debating, Music and Dramatic Societies to form one single Arts Society. Thus the continued existence of our Society was threatened. However, a compromise was effected, by the terms of which the Arts Society was founded, whilst the other societies concerned still survived as separate and autonomous units.

Such being the case, the valuable service to members of the Upper School which has hitherto been performed by the Debating Society will not be confined in future to the occasional debates of the Arts Society. The sum total of the debates held by the Arts and Debating Societies will ensure that those boys who are prepared to take advantage of the opportunities offered them will be well provided for.

Our thanks are due to last year's secretaries, M. Harrison and D. Protheroe, for their unflagging efforts on behalf of the society, and, as always, to our Chairman, Mr. D. H. Clark, for his unfailing help and guidance. In conclusion, it is not out of place to emphasise once again the great benefits which a boy can draw from the society. Poise, self-confidence, and the ability to express himself coherently are essential to any candidate at an interview. It is at the meetings of the Literary and Debating Society that he is best able to acquire these virtues.

R. J. SEAGER, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE MUSIC CLUB.

Since the publication of the last magazine, it has been decided that the Music Club shall retain its independence and shall neither be integrated with nor become a satellite of the newly formed Arts Society.

Attendances at meetings which take place 1 p.m.-1.45 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday, indicate that the sixth forms are, at last, learning to appreciate more than one type of music, but that the fourth and fifth forms show no sympathy toward this art in any shape or form. Considering the size of the record library, there must be some music amongst the Classical and Jazz records to appeal to everybody. Any member of the fourth form upwards, who would like to taste our music, will always be warmly welcomed at meetings.

At present, the programme for this year is being devised and it is hoped to include, besides the playing of records belonging to members and to our own library, lectures from members and visits from guest speakers. Such lectures were introduced into the Club's activities during the stay of Mr. Bennett, who has now left the School. We thank him for his invaluable services to our Club, and for building a truly excellent choir, and wish him the best of luck in his future career.

The Dance Band, which was formed last year, will continue to operate with D. Bennett (trumpet), R. Colwill (drums), I. Daymond (piano) and G. A. Hurst (bass). Although the band played with proficiency at the last Garden Party, it is doubtful that they will play at the Music Club Dance which should take place in the near future. However, they will probably practise this year in order to function at the Garden Party of 1958.

We welcome Mr. Crump who has already announced his intentions of training the choir and establishing an orchestra; he intends, eventually, to produce a school opera. We thank him for his help during his first few weeks with us, and wish him every success in his stay at D.H.S.

G. A. HURST, *Hon. Treasurer.*

THE CHOIR.

With the arrival of a new music master there is now going to be a complete re-organisation of the choir; at present voice tests

are taking place and first form boys will be included so that their voices may be trained while they are still young. The aim is to build up slowly a choir which will, with the Dramatic Society, produce a performance of a semi-operatic nature in about a year's time.

It is hoped that the junior choir will provide music for the One-Act Plays which Mr. Larkins is going to produce later this term.

THE ORCHESTRA

An attempt will be made to re-form the school orchestra, preferably in time to play for the music concert next term. At present we are trying to get together all those boys who are able to play instruments of a type which might safely be included. After that it will be necessary to have repaired all those relics of instruments which have long stood neglected in the farthest corner of the music room.

Both the choir and those interested in forming an orchestra extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Crump. We sincerely hope that his stay with us will be a long and happy one. I. E. DAYMOND.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

For the Christian Union this term has not begun too well. In the first place, there was some confusion as to the programme; and secondly there seems to be a weakening interest in this Society, a phenomenon which is unhappily manifest in all parts of the school. This is hardly a healthy sign in an institution of supposedly alert and inquiring minds. Since our civilisation is built on a basis of Christian teaching, it is rather discouraging to find so much apathy towards this important part of our lives, especially in view of the modern trend away from a morality of long standing.

On behalf of the Society, I should like to thank most sincerely our last secretary, John Badcock, whose faith and determination helped him carry out the duties of what is probably the most exacting post among school societies. We thank also other past members—we miss their fellowship greatly—and wish them God-speed in their new spheres of life.

This term our meetings are centred around some aspects of Christian belief which appear as obstacles to those who have not bothered to discover the truth. For example, we are having, later in the term, a discussion on Evolution, and its application to belief in the Creation. To all of our meetings we offer a sincere invitation to boys from the fourth year upwards; anyone disinterestedly reading this report should come along and find out more about the Society! We shall always be very glad to see him.

P. G. EAMES, *Hon Secretary.*

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL SOCIETY.

This year the Junior School Society has been meeting, not as formerly every Friday after school, but on alternate Fridays.

The aim of the Society is to acquaint boys in the three junior years with the life of the upper school societies, in order that in due course they may take an active part in them.

Any boy who cares to avail himself of the opportunities that membership can provide will be most welcome. It was disappointing to see that so few first formers have yet made the effort to attend.

We are most grateful for the meetings arranged by the upper school societies so far this year. They were most absorbing and were enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks are given to those responsible for the organization of these entertainments.

As the society is still in its tender years, many new ideas have yet to be exploited, and it is hoped that more outdoor activities will be arranged for next spring. We welcome the new committee and the form representatives who are striving to increase the membership of the society, and we are pleased to see that members of the last committee have successfully entered senior societies and furthermore that they are playing active parts in them.

P. G. EAMES, M.6Sc. AND K. C. J. HUGHES, M.6Sc.

THE FIELD CLUB.

It was mentioned in the last issue of the magazine that the Field Club was considering camping on Lundy Island for a week during July. The visit was a great success, and the stay was enjoyed by all. The main objects of visiting Lundy were to look for flints, to collect hymenoptera (the family of bees, wasps, ants and ichneumon flies) for the Lundy Field Society, and to carry out a survey of the nesting material of various species of gulls.

By the end of the week, one thousand and fifty flints were found; and this search did not start as a joke, as was stated in the newspapers. The flints of the Meso-lithic period (Middle Stone Age), which date back to about 2,500 B.C., were mostly found in the Brickfield, thus corroborating a previous theory of a Stone Age settlement in this particular locality. The find included a micro-burin, some microliths, tools, flakes and cores. The flints were identified by Mr. K. S. Gardner, an amateur archaeologist from Bristol, who was staying on Lundy at that time, and his opinions have since been confirmed by Mr. W. Rankine of Surrey, an expert on the Meso-lithic Age.

About forty specimens of hymenoptera were collected, and are now with Mr. Spooner at the Marine Biological Laboratory for identification. As no survey of hymenoptera has ever been carried out before on Lundy, we hope that the results of our collection will be most useful.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, new officials and committee members were elected, and it was decided to organize a survey of the starlings of Plymouth, with the hope of finding their roosting places. It was also agreed to continue with the weekly count of birds on Stonehouse Creek, the gull survey of the Plymouth area, and the duck counts on the River Erme. These last, which are carried out monthly on all rivers and lakes in Devon, are run by the Devon Bird-Watching and Preservation Society in collaboration with the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge.

The Field Club is not a society for senior boys alone, as is mistakenly supposed by the juniors; it is open to the whole school, and more members are needed, especially from below the fifth form. The club meets on alternate Mondays after school, in the junior biology laboratory. For the benefit of all members, it has been decided to purchase a copy of the *Field Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe*, which will be kept as a reference book in the junior biology laboratory.

Last, but not least, our thanks are due to Mr. Dodd, whose help and encouragement were particularly valuable with regard to the Lundy trip.

J. H. BENNETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

LIBRARY NOTES.

At the end of last year, we had the misfortune to lose Slade, the former librarian, who is at present studying at Edinburgh University. His services to the library kept it in perfect running order, and his presence is sadly missed.

Throughout the year, many new books will be arriving and it is hoped that they will be as widely appreciated as the last collection. The library seems to be becoming increasingly popular and is visited by the juniors as much as by the senior school. The junior library is also functioning very efficiently and has been well patronised, thanks to the efforts of the junior librarians.

Finally, I should like to thank my deputies, especially Daymond, Dustan and Wickenden of U6A, Dawe and Wevill of 6A, Webb of L6A, Thompson of 5L, Barrett of 5S1 and the large number of junior partners, for the invaluable service rendered behind the scenes, without which I should be greatly handicapped.

R. G. WHITTING, *Hon. Librarian.*

THE CHESS CLUB.

At present the Chess Club is commencing what is perhaps the most active season in its history. The senior team have again entered for the Goodman Cup, recording a $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ points victory over the Technical College in their first match and are hoping to regain this trophy for the School. We also have three teams participating in an English Schools' National Knockout Championship

and, as all three teams have survived the first round, we are now looking forward to a telephone match with a Bristol school in the near future. A welcome addition to our fixture list is a "mammoth" board match with Truro School on November 9th when 10 seniors and 20 juniors will be travelling to Truro to increase further the School's chess reputation.

Junior chess has once again thrived; the junior team has so far won all its matches and should continue to do so. M. A. Easterbrooke achieved a fine success in finishing 6th in the British Boys "-15" Championship last August.

Four House matches have been played this year and after several close games the positions to date are:—

Grenville 8 points, Gilbert and Drake 4 points each, Raleigh 0 points.

The School has good reason to be proud of its present senior chess team who have carried our chess banner for the past 3 years. Considering the present importance of the Chess Club in the school, and the amount of time which members of the team devote to the game, may we not hope that colours will be awarded for chess?

The chess club meets every Monday under the supervision of Mr. Adams while the 1st form meet with Mr. Berry on Wednesdays.

We once more express our gratitude to these two members of staff, for it is thanks to their patience, skill, and experience that we are again enjoying a fruitful season.

B. J. N. BLIGHT, *Hon. Secretary*

SENIOR SCHOOL SOCIAL CLUB

The Club, now open to all members of the sixth form, continues with undiminished vigour. We welcome the lower sixth. The facilities for badminton have been greatly improved with the acquisition of four rackets and prizes given by the Parents' Association, to whom we extend our warmest thanks. This gift will also aid the Badminton Club, which will commence operations later this term. The other activities of the Club: table tennis, basket-ball, billiards and snooker, and record sessions continue to receive consistent support. Dancing classes, with the upper sixth as instructors, have proved an interesting innovation.

It is an important feature, the value of which cannot be over-estimated, that the Society enables the prefects and rest of the sixth form to meet socially on equal terms.

As always our thanks are extended to our caretaker, Mr. Mortimore, without whom our Society could not continue to function, to Sal our Treasurer, and to all who bring records on Friday evenings and so help greatly to re-establish this branch of our activities.

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

SCOUT LOG.

This term will see a momentous change in the life of our troop—the formation of a junior troop, with the help of Eames and Hawken as acting Resident Scoutmasters; this section of the group now meets on Wednesday, after school. With the influx of the new first year, we have had an encouraging rise in numbers—but we shall always be glad to welcome new recruits!

This year, as is well known, is the Jubilee Year of Scouting; A. R. Smith and P. G. Eames, who represented our troop at the Jamboree, will, perhaps, retain more lasting memories of this great event than others, but we hope we have passed on some of our enjoyment to them.

Despite adverse conditions the annual Group Committee camp fire was a most enjoyable occasion—the “hot dogs” were a culinary delight! Our singing may not have been up to Eisteddfod standards, but we certainly kept the “weather blues” away!

Any readers interested in playing whist might like to know that we hold a whist drive on the first Friday of every month, at 7.15 p.m., in the school buildings; this is one of the ways in which we are trying to gain funds for much-needed equipment.

I end these notes with a word of sincere thanks to our Group Committee, who work very hard to raise money for us, and also to the Headmaster, whose support and interested help are so encouraging.

P. G. EAMES.

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THE DANCING CLASS.

In the last issue of the magazine I expressed the hope that this year's class would be a success. It has had an exceptionally good start; the sexes have mixed well and there has been a real effort on both sides to learn how to dance.

Once again the numbers have been restricted so as to retain individual tuition which has been a feature of the Class in the past.

It is an essential part of one's education to be able to mingle and converse freely with other people, and the Dancing Class provides an informal occasion for overcoming that shyness which in most schoolboys and schoolgirls is an innate obstacle to successful mingling.

In conclusion, we express our sincerest thanks to all those persons who make the Class possible: Miss Weedon, M.A., the headmistress of D.H.S. for Girls, Miss Tout, our ever-patient instructress, Mrs. Bradley our pianist and, of course, our footsore partners.

I. E. DAYMOND.

THE PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' FILM SOCIETY.

The Society, now in its second session continues, under the guidance of Mr. Stankley, to show some of the classics of the film world which are not now available on general release. Mr. Stuart Keen of Crediton, a member of the British Film Institute, who presents the films to the Society, has been a great help in directing our choice.

The Society now includes members from all the Grammar Schools in the area. The committee met at the beginning of the year, elected officials and settled the question of our programme and future activities. It is hoped to extend our scope in future by including such innovations as lectures and discussions. Before this can be done it is important to provide for the future financial security of the society. This can be achieved by all the representatives obtaining maximum membership in their schools.

Our first film of the year, shown on October 4th, was "The General" an American film of the silent era, starring Buster Keaton; supporting this was an excellent nature film made in Russia. Enjoyment of the latter was somewhat marred by the English soundtrack which tended to sacrifice effect to sentiment. "The General" fully displayed Buster Keaton's comic genius. In such a silent film the actor is entirely dependent on the visual medium to achieve his effect and Buster Keaton was entirely successful, as was proved by the continual laughter of the audience.

At our next meeting we shall show Shaw's "Pygmalion" supported by "The Immigrant" with Charlie Chaplin in the main role, which should provide the society with a first-class evening's

entertainment. On November 22nd a modern Italian film, "Friends for Life," will be presented. If this production proves to be as good as "Bicycle Thieves," the Italian film shown last year, we shall be well pleased. The term's meetings end with a showing of "Scrooge" with Seymour Hicks. This is a British film released in 1935 and is probably the best single film in the whole programme.

If we can improve our membership in the other Plymouth Grammar Schools the future will be well assured, for the present members show great enthusiasm.

In conclusion we thank W. J. Badcock, and last year's committee for successfully launching the Society.

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

THE PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' MUSIC SOCIETY.

Although two Plymouth Grammar Schools withdrew from membership of the Society this year, it appears to be on the verge of a new era.

The new committee, elected at the beginning of the term, were worried about the fall in attendances which became obvious towards the end of last term, no doubt due to the continual performances of the works of Stravinsky. In order to counteract this trend, a programme entitled "Pick of the Classical Pops," was arranged for October 7th and more than fifty members enjoyed listening to Grieg's Piano Concerto, "The Planets" by Holst, "The Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikowsky, "Henry V" by Walton and "Pomp and Circumstance" Marches by Elgar. It is hoped to hold a similar meeting later in the term.

There will be a dance on November 2nd, the film "The Glenn Miller Story" will be shown on November 15th, and Stanford Robinson will lecture to the Society on December 6th.

This Society is open to all fifth and sixth formers, and it is gratifying to note that there is a large membership from this school.

P. F. WICKENDEN, *Hon. Secretary.*

Correspondence

Dear Sir,

Fitzwilliam House,
Cambridge.

In the last Cambridge Letter, Barrie Cross suggested, if I remember rightly, that this correspondence could be far more profitably used than as a mere channel for rather fatuous social chit-chat. I thoroughly agree. So I hope that something of what I am about to write will be of value to someone, somewhere in Plymouth. To all who are preparing themselves for university life, my text is: be prepared for all things!

The average sixth former tends to dream of the day of independence when he will be freed from all the restrictions and disciplines attached to school. I know from experience that he does not give adequate consideration to the new responsibilities which will accompany the freedom of university life before he actually finds himself wading through its confusions. Almost as soon as he enters the university the guileless freshman is surrounded by crafty canvassers trying to inveigle him into sundry clubs, societies, sports and pastimes, all of which are as attractive as the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. The man can react in three ways. He can blot out these distractions by mummifying himself in his work. He can allow himself to be led away captive by the aforementioned advocates of the devil, kidding himself that through a welter of varied activity he will emerge a broad-minded and thoroughly useful citizen: or he can take the initially most difficult but ultimately most fruitful course of sorting out the priorities of his university life at the very outset: deciding why he is an undergraduate and then how he can best arrange his time to lead a balanced and integrated existence.

All this may sound aridly elementary to philosophical sixth formers, but I say it because incredibly few undergraduates strike this eight-fold path to a really happy university career. By this I don't mean that every other student is a bundle of morbid frustrations, desperately trying to reconcile himself with his surroundings—although the broad leavening of "hearty types" might lead one to think so! What I am suggesting is that a freshman cultivates a disciplined and organised approach to life which will satisfy the whole man, instead of allowing himself merely to become one of the boys, which will satisfy no one. Please don't regard this as a piece of veiled missionary zeal, but I have discovered that the most balanced undergraduates (and a few of the most unbalanced!) are those who have the stabilizing power of a religion, which enables them to have a more objective view of what life is all about. This fact I mention en passant because it is becoming ever more significant in Cambridge and, I think, elsewhere.

It is so important that a boy should have some positive, but not rigid, ideas about university life before he comes up, so that he is not shot down by the first volley fired at him. These can be the happiest years of one's life, or they can be a misery. I'm sure that if there are any boys at D.H.S. who have particular queries about college life, we would leap at the chance of helping them. Let us know if you have.

Regards from all of us at Cambridge.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN ATHERTON.

King's College,
London University.

Dear Sir,

Although the university term is a comparatively short one, ten weeks in length, it is, for the conscientious student an extremely busy period. Besides being expected to do large quantities of written work and reading, the student has to look after himself and if he is going to lead a full university life, to participate in the after-college lectures and the many and varied activities offered by the union and his particular college. To many a hitherto sheltered fresher all this, coupled with the new life he is leading in the busy metropolis, seems to present something of an initial, though not unpleasant, problem. The work, though plentiful, constitutes, at least in my own subject, geography, no really great problem since in many ways it is merely the continuation of sixth form work. Not only does university life in London teach the student how to approach life in general, but it broadens the mind in its complexity and instruction, giving the West Countryman that additional tempo which he so often lacks.

King's College itself is situated in a most convenient, central position in the Strand, a short distance from the London School of Economics. From such a position the student is within easy striking distance of the well-known land marks and all the amenities of Central London. The College staff has in the past been graced by such great men as Lyell, Wheatstone and Maxwell, to mention a few; and the scientific research which proceeds in the basements of the College is not without curiosity for the student fresh from the science sixth. A short tube journey to Russell Square takes the student close to the Senate House and its library, the general university nucleus in Molet Street. The London University Union building here provides entertainment and relaxation for the student and an opportunity to mix and talk with overseas students. So far this term King's has been raided once by L.S.E. and an allied group from an obscure institution at the northern end of Gower Street (U.C.), but they were soon shown the exit and matters quickly returned to normal.

The London Branch of the Old Boys thrives under the watchful eye of Mr. "Tex" Austin and its Annual Social Evening at Balham in mid-October proved to be quite remarkably lively. Unfortunately I have not had the opportunity of meeting all the old D.H.S.-ians here in London, I can only therefore make passing reference to Colin Chatfield, who is at Sir John Cass, John Breckon, at Imperial College, and Brian Hay at Queen Mary. Terence Blackler is settling comfortably into his second year at Sir John Cass, whilst Colin Bray is now taking an education course after attaining his degree at King's. Michael Perrett and Raymond Heale are reading for a science degree at Sir John Cass. At King's, Malcolm Pine and Roger Perry, now veterans in the third year,

are so I have been told, preparing for their "finals," whilst Alistair Jeffery, reading geography and into his second year, is quite pleased with life. Arnold Leigh, fresh from the services, has taken up the first year of his theology course with us. Michael Allison, comfortably settled into a flat with Raymond Heale, is proceeding with the first year of his history course. Finally before closing, I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of all of us up in London of wishing the school every success in the current academic year.

Congratulations to Brian Hay who is now playing for the London University Rugby Team and is reported to be showing great promise. You will remember that he is a student at Queen Elizabeth College.

Yours faithfully,

R. G. CONYBEARE.

Cadets' Mess,

H.M.S. *Vigilant*,

c/o G.P.O., London.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter from the Dartmouth Training Squadron, which was formed to give midshipmen and cadets their first taste of the sea and ships.

The squadron is in two divisions. The first division, consisting of the frigates *Vigilant*, *Venus* and *Roebuck*, is responsible for the training of term 3 cadets, who live in the ships as Ordinary Seamen, and terms 5, 6 and 7 of midshipmen, who come aboard for three-week cruises in order to learn the practical application of their training in gunnery, T.A.S., radar, etc. The areas in which the cruises take place are governed by the three-week time-limit, although plans have been made for a change of midshipmen to take place away from Dartmouth.

H.M.S. *Acute* and *Jewel*, "Algerine" class mine-sweepers, form the second division, whose job it is to give terms 1 and 2 cadets initial experience in practical seamanship, e.g. lowering a boat at sea, anchoring in Torbay, and steering along the coast. Midshipmen carry out more complicated evolutions on these ships, which are nearly always to be seen in the Dartmouth area.

The squadron replaces the cadets' training carrier or cruiser and gunrooms in the fleet. The first experience in a ship of the fleet comes when the cadet leaves Britannia Royal Naval College as an Acting Sub-Lieutenant. The only exceptions are the electrical branch, who leave after their cadet's time to go to Cambridge or to R.N.C., Greenwich, and seamen officers wishing to fly, who have further training in flying.

Best wishes to all at D.H.S. and to Old Boys,

B. WARLOW, *Cadet, Royal Navy.*

The University,
Leicester.

Dear Sir,

It is many moons, so I am told, since any of our boys has been to this, the newest of all the universities, and so I hope that a few words about it will not go amiss.

The University College, as it was until very recently, was founded in 1921, mainly due to the endeavours of the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society and other well known local benefactors. One of these, Mr. T. Fielding Johnson donated the original buildings, on a site of some eight acres overlooking the town. For many years these buildings served their purpose without much alteration, but since the war, a great deal of new building has been carried out to cater for the larger number of students.

The original buildings, part of which date from 1837, are still used, though mainly for administrative purposes. The library was extended in 1954 and now contains some thousands of volumes, together with the library of the Mathematical Association. A large block of laboratories, the Astley Clarke Laboratories, was opened in 1951, and now houses the departments of botany, zoology and genetics. At the moment, the new students' union building, the Percy Gee building, is nearing completion adjoining University Road, and it is expected to be opened in May. Before this happens, however, work is to start on two new science blocks to house the departments of physics and chemistry, which at the moment are restricted in size due to lack of facilities. These two new blocks, plans for which have already been approved, will house some three hundred more students on what were originally the staff tennis courts.

Unlike most other universities, we are also fortunate in having a large amount of residential accommodation, some two thirds of the students living "in hall." The men's halls are situated just beyond the city boundary, at Oadby, and consist of a number of large houses with central dining halls set in delightful gardens which form part of the university botanical gardens. For the last two years, I have been fortunate in being accommodated in one of these, and feel that more pleasant surroundings would be hard to obtain. The women's halls are similarly situated, one being adjacent to the university, the other houses being at Knighton Fields, where a large area of ground has been purchased to allow for future developments.

However, a university is not represented solely by its buildings and sites; more by the life and work that goes on inside it. Here, we have a smaller number of students than at most other universities. One of the advantages of this, though, is that a larger proportion of the students are able to take part in union activities, especially sports, for which ample facilities are provided. The athletics track at Manor Road was one of the first post-war tracks to be opened,

forming part of a sixty acre site which is being developed as playing fields for all branches of sport, and though hampered by the narrowness of the Soar, the boat club flourishes, and has been known to go "Head of the Avon" at Evesham. Many other clubs and societies to cater for tastes ranging from mountaineering to speleology also exist, bringing into closer contact students of many different environments who share a common interest.

More important still, however, is the fact that with a small number of students, closer contact between staff and students is possible. This leads to a more individual treatment, a friendlier approach, and inevitably to better results. Academically, the university is well known for its work along particular lines of research. The chemistry department has for some years now been chasing the hydrogen bond, while among other things, the physicists are busy carrying out X-ray spectrographic analysis of the rare earth elements. The department of English local history also, was the first to be founded in England, and from time to time publishes papers on topics of historical interest.

This year, however, we have taken one more step forward, having satisfactorily petitioned Her Majesty the Queen for a Charter establishing the College as an independent university. We look forward now to the various ceremonies connected with the granting of the Charter which are due to take place during this academic year. Unfortunately, I shall be the only old boy from Devonport here to see them, though I hope that our ranks here may soon be reinforced.

May I take this opportunity, therefore, to wish those working for university entrance this year every success in their endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

COLIN E. MATTHEWS.

Dear "Ed.",

Wadham College

Way beyond the heights that Icarus once reached, Sputnik now bleeps its blurry trail through the Milky Way, while Pupnik speeds heavenwards that the angels may have a puppy's bark. Below in swirling Neptune's damp dark depths *Nautilus*, once fair creature of Verne's dreams, now as a reality weens her endless path in search of some new Charon.

Yet here it is raining, and, as our forerunners many years ago, we shall get wet as we hustle among our halls of learning—ancient edifices—these crumbling stones.

How many miles did we hike from the picturesque islands of Denmark during the vacation? I can't remember; I shall have to ask my corns. Those cars that passed us, and those friends that stopped, where are they now I wonder?

Yes, impecunious students, how free we are to explore; to stand in humility upon the threshold of learning (or, as my tutor

might put it, to wallow in an abyss of ignorance). Perhaps the true value is that we may pause to realise that man is not the master, nor should he permit himself to be the slave, of our modern world. . . . Just a moment, there's my landlady—Mrs. Bird—What my toast is burning! Can't be helped; it went stale a week ago.

Oh yes! to news of Oxford. Welcome—last term Mr. Barker. Was it coffee we had together? No, I don't think so.

October 8th. Splendid! Tea with Dr. Cresswell, who, we trust, had a most enjoyable visit.

October 10th. Now there are six. However will Exeter put up with others? What a sanctity to be in Wadham, where D.H.S. associates have recently partaken of sherry.

It was learnt that the five Exeter members in alphabetical order are; P. H. Miller (law), C. H. Sutton (mod. lang.), M. D. Whitear (hist.), C. H. R. Wood and G. W. Wood (maths.). I can assure you that it would be interesting to give a list of what they are actually doing, but propriety forbids. Suffice it to say that the two Woods dabble in the unknown, that M. D. Whitear is on the other side of town when the proctors are on this side, that C. H. Sutton dreams of climbing banks (on motor-cycles) and P. H. Miller is to coin a phrase "bar-ing."

We apologise if, unlike certain other institutions, we do not assume a gloss of culture, and pedantically preach the damnation of non-intellectualism, or what we are told the "grammar" school lacks. Rather let us rejoice in our background and look forward to the future.

At the same time on behalf of all here in Oxford I extend our best wishes to D.H.S.

Yours sincerely;

ROBIN A. MILLER.

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J. SOUTHERN.

The ranks of our committee have become depleted this year due to the departure of B. K. Jane to Germany, A. Herring to London and B. H. Cousins to Northern Ireland. We thank them for services rendered and wish them every success in their new ventures. Incidentally any Old Boy finding himself in Belfast

should call on Brian Cousins at 35 Rossmore Avenue, Ormean, where he can be sure of a warm welcome and probably a party as well!

I must also remind you that our London Branch is enjoying frequent social gatherings. Their erstwhile secretary is our old friend Mr. C. F. Austin, 10 Northfields Road, London, W.3. They are always happy to help newcomers to London and their ranks include members from almost all walks of life.

We enjoyed three cricket matches during the past season. Good wins were recorded over the Inland Revenue and Valcourt Cricket Clubs. Unfortunately the annual match against the School was marred by rain. Thanks to a stand by our chairman and Tommy Orchard we reached a score of 65 for 9 when the inclement weather made a declaration desirable.

The School quickly passed our total for the loss of 3 wickets but our chagrin was compensated by the sporting game the young men gave us. We would like to thank the ladies of the Parents Association for providing an excellent tea and also young Williams for making up our number.

I feel sure the difficulty experienced in raising a team is largely due to the modesty of our members. We must make an effort to give the School a closer game in 1958. Please let me know if you are interested in a few friendly matches.

The success of our soccer team in their first season as members of the Premier division of the Plymouth Combination League has kept the name of the Association in the public eye. The poor pitches are not their only stumbling block as their financial path is not easy. Perhaps we shall be able to reward their efforts, and also those of the rugger and badminton Clubs, by dispensing to them a part of our increased subscriptions. I hope we can, as they are most certainly doing their best to uphold the rules and constitution of this Association.

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

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

LONDON BRANCH.

The London Branch continues to flourish.

Our largest gathering to date took place on July 20th at Trent Park Training College, Hertfordshire, when over 150 members, families and friends were present to enjoy the beauty of the College's spacious grounds. Cricket in the gymnasium proved most popular with the young element (and with most fathers) but was deserted for the swimming pool and the tennis courts when the sun appeared. Tea was followed by a social evening of games and dancing (not to mention a shapely-leg competition). Thanks for a most happy

occasion were due to the Principal of the College, Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds, who has very kindly invited us to repeat the function next year.

L.B's. social year was rounded off on October 18th at the Bedford Hotel, Balham, when a convivial evening of competitions cabaret and dancing was enjoyed by members and their wives and friends. It was good to see the student contingent in London so well represented.

All members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting (London Branch) will take place on Saturday, January 18th, 1958 at the Princess Louise Hotel, Holborn. Time and place have been well chosen to take care of "A.O.B." so come early!

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

The Old Boys' 1st team has this season moved up into senior football in the Premier division of the Plymouth Combination League.

The side has started off in grand style and at the moment is among the league leaders. There have been only two setbacks to date. The most notable success was the defeat of the previously unbeaten 42nd Marine Commando at Bickleigh by 2 goals to 1 in a very hard game.

Our home ground is Victoria Park, and we have use of the school changing accommodation.

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P.	W.	D.	E.	F.	A.	PTS.
9	6	1	2	28	10	13

The 2nd team in Division 2 West has had an indifferent start to the season. An unsettled team has upset their performances a little.

More Old Boys who are interested in playing for the club will be very welcome, and they should contact me.

On behalf of the club I should once again like to thank our chairman, Mr. Warren, for the invaluable assistance he continues to give. Also we thank all boys of the school who have stepped into the 2nd team to ensure a full side.

E. DAMERELL, *Hon. Secretary*,
5 Trelawney Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

BADMINTON CLUB.

The 1957-1958 season has commenced with the membership numerically as it was at the close of last season. We regret to report that we shall be without three of our staunchest members, included amongst whom are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brenton. Harry has been chairman for the past two years, and previously for five years was secretary. Their attendance at Club nights will be sorely missed, as will Mrs. Brenton's participation in the League team.

We are again affiliated to the Plymouth and District Churches' Badminton League, and shall compete in division one. It is anticipated that our playing strength, especially that of the younger members, will retain first division status in this and many seasons to come.

Perhaps it will not be amiss in these notes to express the Badminton Club's appreciation to its members, particularly Colin Smith, Johnny Johnson and Tommy Wright with their partners Miss I. Irish, Mrs. M. Down and Miss J. Liddicoat, who will be the mainstays of the League team this season, now that we have lost one of our co-opted members, known to many no doubt, Billy Strauss, who assisted us for many years, and was a pillar of strength in the days we were achieving promotion from division three of the league.

Whilst we have many new members, there is still room for more on club nights, Tuesdays and Saturdays, at the school.

In closing, the Club's appreciation of the assistance received from the School caretaker, Mr. L. Mortimore, is expressed.

D. F. MALLOCH, *Hon. Secretary.*

D.H.S. OLD BOYS R.F.C.

The Old Boys' rugby team is still going strong thanks to the support of a nucleus of regular players. We have started the 1957-8 season in good style having only lost one match, and having beaten our old antagonists the O.P.M.S., and we hope to do well during the rest of the season.

We are still very short of players and greatly appreciate the help given on occasions by members of the School XV. I realise that school rugby and club rugby differ in many respects, but I think an occasional game for the Old Boys would prepare players intending to continue with rugby at the university.

J. SOUTHERN, *Hon. Secretary.*

30 Reigate Road, Plymstock.

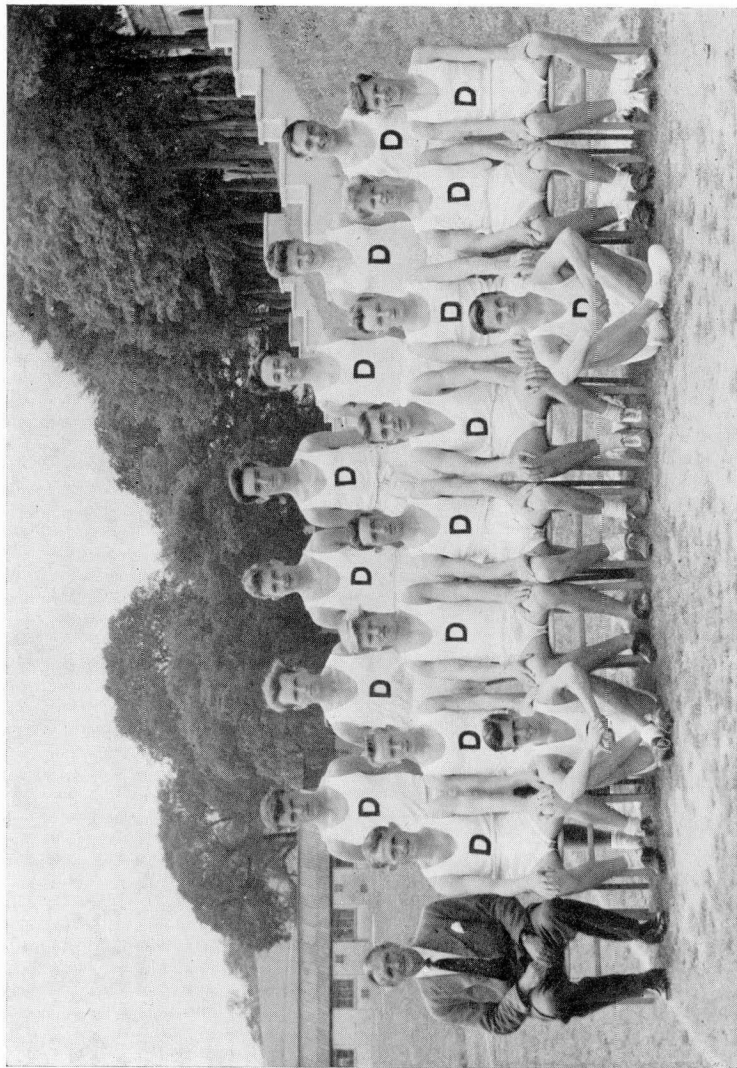
PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

I think I am up-to-date with my letter writing except for two which will be written before this edition appears. May I reiterate how glad we are to see Old Boys—even though I personally may not be able to give you all the time I would wish. Do make the effort to call in and see us. We realise that you do not have much spare time but your visits do encourage us.

Don't forget the A.G.M., the annual get-together, December 20th and the London A.G.M., January 18th. Do you ever read the rugby, soccer, athletics, tennis and academic accounts. You should be proud of your old school.

Read Bert Mantle's suggestion lower down.

SENIOR ATHLETICS, 1957



Back row (left to right): D. G. Blackler, R. A. Heale, C. G. Barker, G. S. Mason, P. H. G. Hawken, V. Walker, R. G. Conybeare
Front row: Mr. W. Nash, M. J. Beer, J. G. Williams, R. Colwill, J. R. Breckon, P. F. Wickenden, B. Hay, R. J. Daw, B. J. N. Blight
Sitting: D. P. Holliday, M. Reburn

- E. G. HEWLETT (1903-09) awarded C.I.S.O. Congratulations.
- ALAN ROWE (1932-40). Teaching French at Plympton Gr. Sch. has been helping us with our French Summer School visitors.
- E. HARRIS (1921-22). Headmaster of the Technical Secondary School is going to call in and see us one day.
- F. HAWTON (1919-1926). Teaching maths at Plympton Gr. School has now joined the ranks of fathers of boys in the School. Hawton was a senior prefect: his son has an example to work for.
- H. A. MARTIN (1903-08). After many years working on gold mines in India is back in Plymouth and has a fine collection of crystal models. He specialised in geology after a period in the Camborne School of Mines.
- C. A. OAKLEY (1910-17). Is now Professor of Industrial Psychology at Glasgow University.
- G. W. COLLINGS. Called in to see us when on leave from Wiltshire where he is helping to direct education. Has been appointed Vice-President of Eastleigh R.F.C. Keeps "open house" for O.B.A. visitors.
- "BERT" MANTLE (1895-1905). Sends us a cheque with the suggestion that all Old Boys overseas might subscribe enough (£40) to create a fund to offer an annual "Overseas O.B.A. Geography Prize." An excellent idea. The treasurer is open to receive contributions. 39 more subs required only.
- A. GREEN (1950-56). Continues to work and play hard in Birmingham. Has met ENDALL, SMITH and MASON, all reading for degrees at Birmingham. Shares the same telescope as Smith for small bore rifle shooting.
- J. ATHERTON (1947-56) joins with C. BODEN and R. ADAMS in sending regards from Cambridge where they continue to meet for coffee etc.
- R. MILLER (1948-56) did me the honour of giving me a conducted tour round Oxford. We seemed to walk round the same block an awful lot. It produced the same sort of thirst as any other forms of exercise.
- A. DARK (1947-51) has just taken up a teaching appointment in London and has contacted TEX. Address 11, Abbotsford Gardens, Woodford Green, Essex.
- P. M. MILLER (1947-55). Called in on us between leaves from the army. Was i/c a Troop at Aldershot but went up to Oxford this October. Looks very fit and energetic.
- L. H. MARTIN (1924-30). Called in to see us and spent an enjoyable day with us. Married and has two sons and a daughter. Has just spent 3 years in Malaya. Is now a Civil Engineer with the R.A.F. Works Department. Address: Senior Resident Engineer A.M.W.D., R.A.F., Greenham Common, Newbury.
- G. NEWTON (1923-29). Also a Civil Engineer with H.M. Dockyard. Recently met L. H. MARTIN.
- J. E. RUBERRY (1929-36). Surveyor of Customs has just joined the London Branch.
- J. HOSKING (1903-9). Formerly H.M. Inspector of Taxes has now retired and is living in Dorchester. We wish him many happy "gardening" hours.
- J. M. SARGEANT (1946-52). Has just completed National Service and is finishing his career as a professional footballer with Reading F.C. to begin training as a teacher. Is going to Culham Training College.
- J. NICHOLS (1948-54). At present on National Service with the R.A.F.—fighter plotting—leaves soon to return to his job in Insurance with the London Scottish. He looked very well and happy.
- M. J. SMERDON (1948-54). Called in to see us the day before he left for Canada. Has no job to go to but said "the spirit of adventure is not dead." All best wishes to you.
- A. J. PORTER (1948-55). Has now qualified as a radiographer at Greenbank and is to do three years in the R.A.F. Is hoping to see something of the world before he comes back to civilian life.
- G. YOUNG (1948-54). Congratulations on the B.Sc. Is now joining an Aero Engineering firm.

- R. A. LANGSDALE (1946-53), R. PULLEN (1946-54), J. ADAMS (1948-56) have all done well at Cambridge. Congratulations.
- E. H. SEMMENS (1935-43). Called in on a leave from Malaya where he is senior lecturer in the Department of Education of the University of Malaya. Married with two children—a boy and a girl. Is thoroughly enjoying his life out there and looked very fit.
- R. E. COLE-MACKINTOSH (1939-46). Also called in to see us the same day as SEMMENS. Was in Malaya (1948-50). Did a course in Russian at London. Now a captain in the Devonshires. Is married with no children as yet! Now off to Germany.
- W. GARETH EVANS (1939-46). Now a sergeant in the Devonshires.
- G. WHITE (1939-46). Captain with the R.E.M.E. in Germany somewhere, and recently met.
- W. TRUSCOTT (1938-44) a lieutenant doing special work with the Army C.I.D.
- H. J. M. WESTLAKE (1911-18). Called in unexpectedly after a fruitless visit to Albert Road. Is now at Gosport in the Armament Supply Dept. of the Admiralty. Very much taken with our present buildings.
- R. COX (1948-55) and M. J. ROUSE (1946-54) have done very well in the Mech. Eng. course at Nottingham getting a 1st class. Cox is to go to Bristol Aeroplane Co., and Rouse to Armstrong Siddeley at Coventry. Congratulations.
- R. H. LEMMON (1938-1941) now at Harwell. Called in to see us. Hopes to be able to help any prospective arts or science sixth seekers for employment.
- P. F. GOODFELLOW (1947-54). Has completed his degree and now joins John Holt Ltd. of Liverpool. Starts off with a year in England and then two years in Nigeria.
- B. FOX (1945-52). Lieutenant R.E.M.E.—possible transfer to a parachute regiment. Is now a proud father. Congratulations.
- Assistant Commissioner WEBB (1911-16) recently met a deputation from the Treasury and found it headed by another Old Boy B. C. OADES.
- R. D. HUID (1945-52). Finishes his R.A.F. Service this year. After graduating with honours at Exeter in physics, intended to follow a career in physics but is now going over to research in electronics. Is enjoying life very much in Bristol.
- R. SAINSBURY (1947-53). Writes to tell us he has got a 2nd class honours degree. Congratulations.
- K. WORTLEHOCK (1945-50). Now with Marshall's Flying School Ltd. Cambridge, has recently conducted a party round the aerodrome. Talking with the lads discovered several were from D.H.S.
- J. F. WOOD (1937-43). Has just been appointed Sales Manager with Sanders & Forster Ltd. Writes to tell us he will soon be revisiting the West Country.
- F. TEAGUE (1924-30). Congratulations. Has been appointed Headmaster Ventnor School, Isle of Wight.
- W. R. TAYLOR (1942-46). Has just returned from overseas and wrote at once to see what he could do to help the O.B.A. Now in Plymouth. All Old Boys in Plymouth copy this example please.
- D. G. PIKE (1944-50). Has joined the married men—though he forgot—or was he too shy to tell us of the date. We wish you both all happiness.
- B. H. COUSINS (1945-51). Had to decline invitation to Speech Day because he is now in Ireland, and and says he likes it over there but he is hoping to start an O.B.A. Branch in Ireland and report to us at Xmas.
- F. J. HOLDING (1947-55). Called in shortly after his return from Lapland, where he had been on work connected with the Swedish Government. Is now Secretary of the Students' Union and has rowed for his College 8.
- R. PERRY (1947-55). Spent his summer in Greece as part of his London Degree course. It seems that London has several things to offer besides a degree.
- W. A. ELLIOTT. Writes from Slough giving us the address of C. B. HELE, and has passed the magazine on to him. Result, Hele joins the O.B.A. That's the spirit.

VIC HANNAFORD (1927-34). Recently spent a holiday in Italy and met KEN TAPPER (1934-40) there. Tapper lives in Croydon and runs a couple of orchestras there.

W. D. NAISH (1925-31). Now at the Admiralty, hopes to call in and see us. Has joined the London Branch and intends to chase up A. MAUNDER (1927-33) and R. G. SYMMS (1926-31) who are also at the Admiralty.

J. HERRIDGE (1925-31). Inspector of Taxes has joined the London Branch through DENIS SINGLEHURST (1934-39) who is also in the Tax Department.

M. J. DOOLEY (1947-52). Congratulations. Has just passed 2nd mate's Certificate. Called in after 3 years at sea with Silver Line Shipping Co. Visiting Australia, America and India and New Zealand. Not yet married!

J. SMITH (1948-53). Has also passed 2nd mate's Certificate. Sailing with British India Co. Ltd.—mainly on the Australia India route.

J. COLES (1947-52). Passed his 2nd mate's Certificate recently too. Is with Ellermans Shipping Co. and is on the same route as Dooley. Congratulations to all three of them.

R. NEWSON (1947-52). Also in M.N. is sitting his 2nd mate's Certificate at present, but has had to have an appendicitis operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

J. BRAZENDALE (1947-52). Another 2nd mate in the M.N. DOOLEY met him in Melbourne. Brazendale is now living in London.

OLD BOYS WITH WHOM WE ARE IN TOUCH

ALLISON, M. J. 29, Alfred Road, Ford, Plymouth.

BADCOCK, W. J., 21, Compton Avenue, Mannamead, Plymouth.

BENNETT, D. W. R., 14, Braddon's Hill, Woodford, Marsh Mills, Plymouth.

BENNETT, R. W., 21, Haddington Road, Stoke, Plymouth.

BURROUGHS, R., 14, Mt. Edgcombe Terrace, Stoke, Plymouth.

CAINES, P. A. G., 47, Exonia Caravan Site, Dunsford Hill, Exeter.

COWLING, W. J., ['50-'57] 9, Seaton Place, Ford, Plymouth.

CONYBEARE, R. G., ['49-'57], 26A Montpelier Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

EASTON, S. J., ['48-'57], 42, Portland Square, Plymouth.

ENDALL, J. C., 18, Aylesbury Crescent, Whiteleigh, Plymouth.

ELLIOTT, D. G., ['48-'57], 2, Northcroft, Farnham Road, Slough, Bucks.

FORREST, J. D., ['49-'57], 7, Oakcroft Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth.

FREEMAN, B. D., ['49-'57], 10, Stephenson Way, King's Tamerton, Plymouth.

FLEMEN, F. W., 71, Fern Avenue, Geamond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GERRISH, F. E., "Woodlands," Green Lane, East Howe, Bournemouth.

GILBERT, P. S., "Silvermead," Fort Austin Avenue, Crownhill, Plymouth.

HARRIS, P. S., ['50-'57], 2, Cedarcroft Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

HAY, B., ['50-'57], 15, Stuart Road, Stoke, Plymouth.

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