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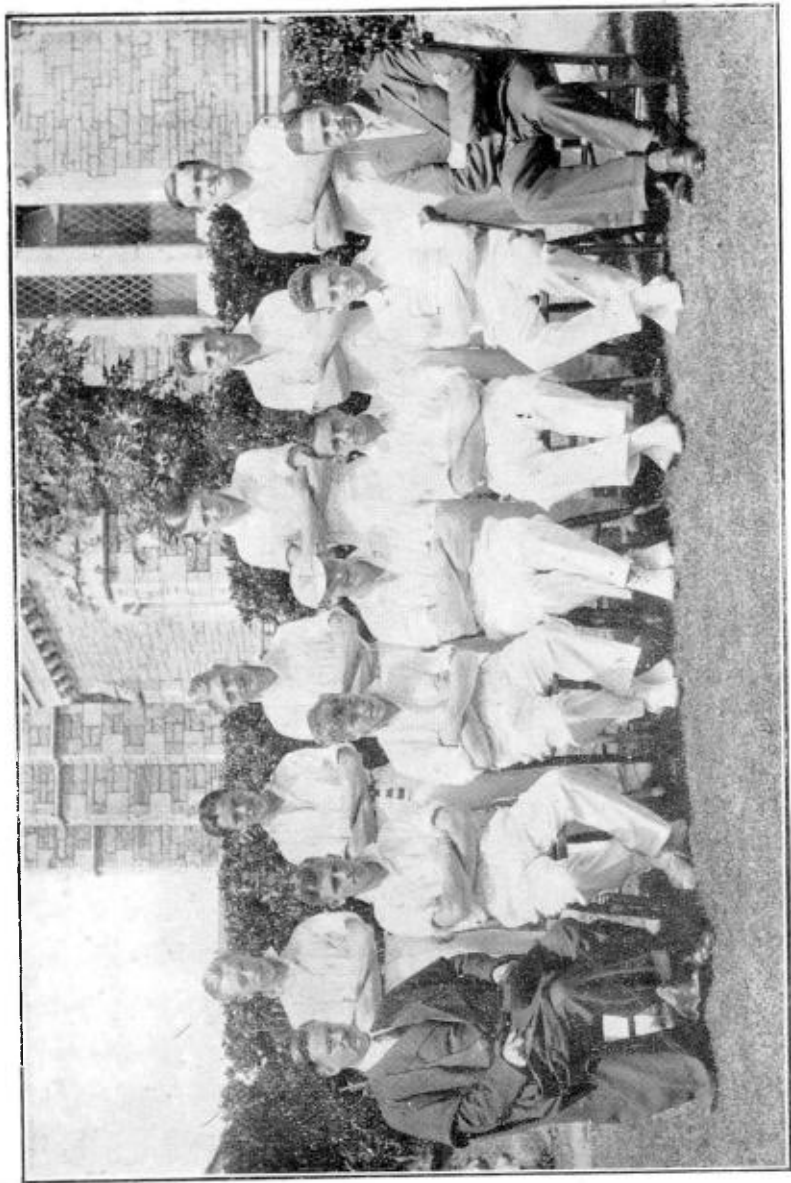
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Editorial

Youth has always had paramount claim upon the interest and attention of the public at large, but the present generation of those rising to manhood and womanhood claims the more regard, in that it is faced with a greater responsibility than has ever before been laid upon the shoulders of the young.

We feel sure that the duty of those much-discussed people, you and me, is to receive the admonition of a generation which said "There shall be no more war;" this is our responsibility, and our goal is plain.

The primary object, however, of our bringing forward this great matter is the now famous "Oxford resolution." It is a matter of history that a students' debating society passed the resolution that their House would "under no circumstances, fight for its King and country," and that, by so doing, they provoked acute controversy.

Now such a resolution is of great significance to all of us. Firstly, it shows us that a few, at least, of the present-day youth have realised the responsibility that has been laid upon them and that, having realised it, they have therefore determined to start a campaign against war. Secondly, it is a protest against those who, whilst saying that they hate war, have made little or no effort to eradicate it.

Whether, by taking this oath, the pacifists are pursuing the right course to obtain "peace in our time" is, however, a debatable subject. It is obviously necessary for the success that every nation, as a nation, should take the same oath and such a thing is, to say the least, improbable. What are those nations in which the militaristic tendencies are strong, likely to think of it? What is England likely to think of it? What indeed, readers, do you think of it?

Frankly, we do not believe that you will agree with our Oxford friends. We should be unmindful and unworthy of our trust, if we were willing to allow ourselves to be drawn into the maelstrom of war on the first provocation. But how much more unworthy should we be, if, in the hour of our country's need, we failed her?

We are all proud of the name of "Englishman;" proud, because we are mindful of its implication. Of England we have received a noble heritage; and, inasmuch as we are willing, in the days of her peace, to acknowledge her, we must, in England's day of danger, be England's . . . that we may not "break faith."

Editorial Notes

On behalf of the whole school, we extend a very hearty welcome to our new masters, Messrs. Lerner and McLeod.

Also we wish Mr. White, who resigned at the end of the summer term owing to a breakdown in health, a speedy recovery so that he might enjoy a long and well-earned retirement.

We would like to express to Mrs. Beckly the thanks of the whole school for the books she has presented to the School Library.

The school is indebted, also, to Dr. Murray in respect of the prizes he has offered for original poems—details of which will be found elsewhere.

The school cap was altered at the beginning of this term in order to make it quite distinct from that of any other school. The changes consisted in picking out the school motto (a motto well worth picking out and one of which we are justly proud) and of introducing the subsidiary school colour—white—in the form of stripes along the seams.

The first School Swimming Sports went off very well indeed and seems likely to become one of the most popular of School institutions.

The Athletic Sports, too, was, in our opinion, the best that the School has ever held—or rather the best of those at which we have been able to attend. The greatest improvement was in that there were no long intervals between events.

The cricket team made a good recovery from a rather poor start, the backbone of the team being Warn. His departure makes a big gap both in this and in the rugby team. The loss of Orchard will also be severely felt. Jones, unfortunately, was unable to play for most of the season owing to illness. We are glad to see that he is quite fit again now.

The football teams continue their successful careers despite many changes owing to members leaving school.

In place of the annual concert which was abandoned for various reasons, the Sixth, upper and lower, gave an open-air dramatic entertainment on the school lawn on July 24th. The Arts section of Upper Sixth presented the "rude-mechanical scenes" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the Science section the "inn" scene from "Henry IV, Part I," and lower Sixth the "duel" scene from "Twelfth Night." The appreciation shown by the parents and friends warrants us in claiming that this new venture was a decided success.

The school is very grateful to the Education Committee for procuring for us the use of St. Michael's Hall. P.T. lessons are now carried out there. The Hall provides much better dressing accommodation and is much warmer.

On Nov. 11th a Remembrance Day service was held for the whole School in St. Michael's Hall. The late Dr. Masterman was to have addressed us but owing to his illness—which afterwards proved fatal—he was unable to be present.

The vicar of St. Michael's, however, kindly consented to take his place, and we are grateful to him not only for his kindness in filling the gap but also for his timely reminder that the last war was fought by us to guard our idea of freedom. It gives us a new view of Remembrance Day.

It was most appropriate that the first occasion on which the School used the Hall should be this Remembrance Service and that the first speaker to address the School should be the Vicar.

The Editors are glad to report that contributions have come in much more readily this term. Let your response be better still next term.

Those accepted are by Lee VI lower; "Cymru am Beath," Vb; Semmens Va; Morgan IIIb. Others have had to be held over for lack of space.

We would like to thank those Old Boys who have contributed to the Mag.

Finally we wish all our readers a very happy Xmas.

School Excursions

The Windsor Trip.—On Saturday, May 20th, a school party set out from North Road Station, en route for Windsor. The weather, albeit rather dull at first, brightened up considerably, so that, by the time the party reached their destination, the sun was shining brightly. Windsor Castle was visited, and the royal state-rooms inspected. On the Castle terraces youthful photographers were able to pursue their bent to their hearts' content, and many fine photographs were taken. Later, the schoolboy

sightseers were taken by steamers down the Thames as far as Runnymede Island, and tea was enjoyed by all on board the boats. The journey back was as delightful as the outward trip. It was certainly more peaceful, for the majority of the youthful adventurers, tired out by the day's exertions, were asleep or nodding before home was reached. Altogether a very delightful, instructive day.

K. C. Thomas, VI lower (C).

Several parties from the Sixth Form visited Mr. Gill's laboratory on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 20th, 21st, 22nd July, 1933, and they were afforded an excellent insight into the work of an analytical chemist. On Monday 24th July, Mr. Gill came to the School and talked to the Sixth about the various kinds of problems which a public analyst has to solve, and about the way he sets out to solve them. The subjects he spoke about were both interesting and instructive, and it was amazing to discover the means available for safeguarding the public. We are most grateful to Mr. Gill for giving us this opportunity of seeing something of his work.

W. J. Wakely, VI.

En Passant

We heartily congratulate :—

L. S. Mills, R. D. Finner, S. C. Slade, F. W. J. Lawrance on gaining Executive appointments at the last open competition.

V. C. Hannaford on gaining an appointment in the Junior Civil Service.

L. S. Mills on gaining a State Scholarship and also a Kitchener Scholarship.

R. D. Finner, on gaining a State Scholarship.

A. E. Hawke, on gaining a British Empire Scholarship in Engineering at Loughborough College.

N. A. Dolton, on winning the Victor Ludorum Cup for 1933.

All those who were successful in the Higher School Certificate Examinations this year.

All those who were successful in the Cambridge School Certificate Examination of July last.

All those Old Boys who gained successes during 1933.

School Societies

The amended list of School officers is as follows :—

PREFECTS.—**W. J. Wakely** (Senior Prefect), **H. M. Blewett**, **W. P. Bowden**, **R. J. Davison**, **N. A. Dolton**, **L. A. Frayn**,

H. Garland, K. S. Lake, J. L. MacLaren, E. A. Pearn, W. J. Pepperell, H. Smith.

SPORTS COMMITTEE.—The Masters and Prefects.

SUB-PREFECTS.—S. P. Butler, C. P. Grant, A. J. Legg.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.—“Drake” J. L. MacLaren; “Gilbert” W. J. Wakely; “Grenville” N. A. Dolton; “Raleigh” E. A. Pearn.

1st XI—*Captain*, E. A. Pearn; *Vice-Captain*, W. J. Pepperell; *Secretary*, H. C. Mitchell; *Committee*, H. F. Hawkins.

1st XV—*Captain*, W. P. Bowden; *Secretary*, N. A. Dolton.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY—*Chairman*, The Senior Prefect; *Secretary*, E. A. Pearn; *Committee*, H. Garland, C. P. Grant, J. J. Lawlor.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE—*Chairman*, H. Ferraro Esq., B.Sc.; *Secretary*, W. J. Wakely; *Committee*, E. A. Pearn, N. A. Dolton.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION—*President*, The Headmaster; *Vice-President*, Mr. A. Treseder; *General Secretary*, Mr. H. Ferraro, “Hillside,” St. Budeaux; *Headquarters Chairman*, Mr. B. H. Chowen; *Headquarters Secretary*, Mr. Cyril E. Gill, 14 Haddington Rd., Stoke; *London Branch Chairman*, Mr. A. T. Brooks; *London Branch Secretary*, Mr. A. J. Swan, Special Commissioner's Office, York House, 23 Kingsway, W.C.2.; *Rugby Club Secretary*, Mr. L. H. T. Warren, 42 Beresford Street, Stoke.

Praefecti Valet

R. DENYER (*Gilbert*)—Entered School 13. 9. 26; appointed Prefect, Sept. 1932; 1st XI Hockey. Entered Clerical Grade of Civil Service.

R. FINNER (*Grenville*)—Entered School Autumn Term, 13. 9. 26; appointed Prefect Sept. 1931; 1st XI Soccer, House Captain of Grenville; State Scholarship 1933. Entered Executive Branch of Civil Service, 1933.

A. HAWKE (*Drake*)—Entered School Autumn Term, 14. 9. 25; appointed Prefect Sept. 1932; 1st XV Rugger; Open Scholarship to Loughborough Engineering College, 1933.

F. JOHNSON (*Gilbert*)—Entered School, Autumn Term, 14. 9. 25; appointed Prefect Sept. 1931; 1st XV Rugger. Entered University College of the South West, 1933.

D. JONES (*Drake*)—Entered School, Autumn Term 13. 9. 26; appointed Prefect Sept. 1932; 1st XV Rugger; 1st XI Cricket. Entered Teachers' Training Dept, Loughborough 1933.

- F. LAWRENCE (*Raleigh*)—Entered School 7. 5. 23 ; appointed Prefect Sept. 1932 ; 1st XI Hockey. Entered Westminster Training College October 1933 and subsequently appointed to the Executive Branch of the Civil Service.
- L. S. MILLS (*Raleigh*)—Entered School, Autumn Term, 14. 9. 25 ; appointed Prefect, Sept. 1930 ; Captain of 2nd XV RUGGER ; Captain of Harriers ; Dyke Exhibition, 1932, Kitchener Scholarship, 1933 ; State Scholarship, 1933. Entered Executive Branch of Civil Service, 1933.
- R. NOAD (*Gilbert*)—Entered School, Autumn Term, 13. 9. 26 ; appointed Prefect, Sept. 1931 ; State Scholarship, 1933 ; Open Scholarship in Natural Science, Jesus College, Oxford 1933. Entered Jesus College, Oxford, 1933.
- A. PRITCHARD (*Gilbert*)—Entered School, Autumn Term, 15. 9. 21 ; appointed Prefect, Sept. 1932 ; Entered University College of the South West, 1933.
- G. PROWSE (*Drake*)—Entered School, Autumn Term, 19. 1. 22 ; appointed Prefect, Sept. 1932 ; 1st XI Cricket ; 1st XI Hockey. Entered Westminster Training College, 1933.
- S. SLADE (*Drake*)—Entered School, Autumn Term, 14. 9. 25 ; appointed Prefect, Sept. 1930 ; 2nd XI Soccer. Entered Executive Branch of Civil Service, 1933.
- E. WARN (*Drake*)—Entered School Autumn Term, 14. 9. 25 ; appointed Prefect, Sept. 1931 ; Capt. of 1st XV ; Capt. of 1st XI Cricket ; Capt. of Tennis. Entered University College of the South West, 1933.

Literary and Debating Society

Secretary's Report.

During the term literary activities have been far more prominent than those of debate. Mr. R. E. Lockwood has favoured the Society with a series of interesting lectures on the Development of the Drama, including :—

- (a) Introductory Talk.
- (b) Free Drama and Modern Rigidity in Drama.
- (c) Tragedy of Error and Modern Domestic Tragedy.
- (d) Comedy of Fun.

The Society attended an inter-schools debate at Stoke Damerell Secondary School and an interesting discussion followed. It is to be hoped that next term will see a revival of debating after school time—a proposal which has not met with enthusiasm this term.

D.H.S. Sixth Form Social Committee

Chairman : H. Ferraro Esq., B.Sc.
 Hon. Secretary : W. J. Wakely.
 Committee : E. A. Pearn, N. A. Dolton.

The Annual Sixth Form Dance is being held at the Mutley Assembly Rooms on Thursday, 4th January, 1934, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is by ticket (3/- double, 1/9 single) and refreshments are obtainable at moderate prices. All Past and Present members of the Sixth are cordially invited to be present, and with their help we hope to make this function as successful both socially and financially as it was last year. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Committee, or from the Secretary, 17 Boringdon Terr., Billacombe, Plymstock, Devon.

W.J.W.

Correspondence

(The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for the views expressed)

DEAR SIR,

I profess to be neither a disciple of our worthy art master nor an admirer of that genius, Epstein, but I think I may claim for myself some slight conception of beauty. Even my elementary ideas, however, were rudely shocked at the appearance, a few months ago, of a cheap-looking covering for the head masquerading under the name of a "distinctive school cap." I must admit it has achieved a considerable amount of distinction solely as a result of its objectionable nature. Why so many parents should be coerced—I can find no other word suitable—into spending two shillings and ninepence on a cap to which they have taken an immediate dislike is beyond my admittedly feeble intellect. For the majority of these parents the expense was a distinct loss. May I be allowed to point out that there still exists a similarity between this new cap and that of an obscure Peverell Private School. I am still waiting for the effect of a few showers on these atrocities.

Yours disgustedly,

"Queror."

DEAR SIR,

At the present moment when the advent of a new Headmaster has brought in its train so many changes, I too, would like to bring forward a suggestion.

It concerns the awarding of prizes in the London Higher School Examination. At present, as you know, prizes are awarded to those who are most successful in certain subjects. Here a strange anomaly, which surely should not be permitted, creeps in.

It has happened in two cases that a senior member of the Sixth has won a prize, in two successive years, both prizes being for the same subject. This state of affairs is, I think, decidedly unfair to others who sit for the examination once only and who would have had a much better opportunity of gaining a prize, had the other boy not sat for the examination twice.

As Professor Murray pointed out, human nature requires a spur, or else, an inducement to preserve it from the original sin of laziness and nobody should have two doses of such an inducement while somebody else does without. I suggest therefore that everybody should only be permitted to compete for any prizes on the first occasion that he sits for the Higher School Examination. This measure would, I think, without any difficulty, obviate the present anomaly.

Yours sincerely,

Hybrid.

The Meccano Club

The Meccano Club has resumed its activities this term, and is still well attended. This term, a Hornby Railway Section was introduced, and has proved immensely popular, almost to the exclusion of the Meccano side of the Club.

A visit to the G.W.R. Locomotive sheds at Laira was arranged on Saturday, June 17th, and many took this opportunity of inspecting the locomotives at close quarters, and visiting the Machine Shops and Stores.

The visit was so popular that another one is being arranged for the near future.

The Club meets on Tuesday evenings, after school (4.15 p.m.) in the Junior Physics Laboratory.

J. L. MacLaren.

School Gossip

On the 21st day of November at eleven of ye olde schoole clocke (i.e., 11.30 Greenwich Mean Time) our Special Representative obtained an interview with a gentleman who was a newcomer to this scholastic establishment. A seraphic smile hovered around his rugged, Gaelic countenance as he gave the S.R. his impressions of Plymouth in general and D.H.S. in particular.

"Hoots, laddie, 'tis an unco school in a bonny wee town. Mony a sair mile hae Ah come frae the Var-r-rsity, where Ah did ma twa year-r-rs boxin', but, e'en if there do be some loons

about wha ar-r-re no wor-r-rth a bawbee at all, an e'en if the Devonshir-r-re parritch hae nae salt to keep a body braw, Ah dinna min' repeatin' that Plymouth is a guid ceety, especially sin' the whusky isna dear-r-r."

On the next day, the enterprising journalist learned the momentous news that Lucknow had been relieved! He rushed hurriedly back to the editors' sanctum in the hope of securing a tremendous scoop for this paper, but was deeply mortified on hearing that the news had already been published in at least one other periodical some decades previously. Having scored nothing in this direction the indefatigable reporter sought an interview with another celebrity. This gentleman, a noted humanist (for the meaning of this word vide the School's 1869 edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica), clad in a flowing toga and with a gladius in his cinctus, was studying a ponderous tome entitled "De Bello Gallico." Smiling sweetly, our Special Representative asked the man of learning what his views were on the Irish question. Surely such a man ought to have valuable opinions! As a matter of fact, his reply was somewhat enigmatic, viz.: "Jack is a sailor; a sailor is Jack; therefore the nouns are in apposition." Does this remark shed fresh light upon the Irish question? The reader must decide for himself.

During his stay in the School, our S.R. picked up a number of famous sayings. He prefers to keep the identity of the authors a secret—but perhaps you can guess?

1. "Nah den, I'll have none o' dis! Phwat cheek, by Jove, phwat cheek!"
2. $x \text{ donkeys} + y \text{ donkeys} = (x + y) \text{ donkeys.}$
3. "Keep to the original English theah, you little noodle."
4. "T'row you aht!"
5. "More work is to be done in the Dockyard than ever before."
6. "Please sir, I didn't want you; I wanted the other Mr. Fritz."

A Merry Xmas to you all.

"A Commercial Traveller."

An Alphabet of School Life

- A is for Algebra, which is always a bore
- B is for Biology, about which we'll learn more.
- C is for Chemistry, about salts and such things,
- D is for Drawing—coal-scuttles and tins.
- E is for English, which is not always King's.
- F is for French, which many a growl brings.
- G is for Geography, about wheat, jute and figs,

H is for History, about " Dishing the Whigs."
 I is Italian that, thank goodness ! we lack,
 J is the Jerks that we do on the " rack."
 K is for Knowledge which we don't all possess,
 L is for Latin of which I just make a mess.
 M is for Mechanics—find the weight of a mass,
 N's for Noughts and Crosses which X plays in class.
 O is Orthography—just spelling and such,
 P is for Physics, of which some know much.
 Q is for Quaking when the Head reads the lists,
 R is for Rugger when you use both your fists.
 S is for Scripture on the journeys of Paul,
 T is for Trig—find the height of a wall.
 U is the Umpire when cricket comes round,
 V is for Vaulting—to land on the ground.
 W's for Woodwork—a particular hobby,
 X is the 'Xertion to push through the lobby.
 Y is for You, who should work with a will,
 Z is for Zenith, the top of the hill.

" Cymru am Beath," Vb.

The Raid

A schoolboy has this curious twist,
 An apple he can ne'er resist.
 Fate, high as Everest may set it,
 If he's a schoolboy he will get it !

Tom and his cousin Joe were blest
 With apple-hunger like the rest ;
 Orchards of large and small dimensions
 Alike had claim on their attentions.

On Doctor Paine they paid a call
 One day, behind whose garden wall
 An apple-tree its branches spread,
 Laden with apples green and red.

Tom had just " made a back " for Joe,
 And Joe was up the wall ; when lo,
 The gate flew wide, and with a shout
 Old Doctor Paine came flying out.

Away they sped on wings of fear,
 The Doctor pounding in their rear ;
 The grace of Mercury he lacked,
 But he could run—and that's a fact !

They had not covered half a mile,
 When up he came in splendid style,

And collared them and brought them back
And then disaster came, alack !

He cut a little switch—the rest
I won't describe ; it may be guessed !
Enough to say that not in vain
The doctor bore the name of Paine.

When in the end he let them go,
Their spirits were extremely low.
Now as they breakfast, dine and sup
They eat their rations standing up.

T. S. Morgan, IIIa.

Lodgings and Landladies

In an article written with a desire to be of some use to future victims one cannot do better than commence with a word of general warning, which should be borne in mind as applying to all lodgings and all landladies, good, bad and indifferent. Always keep a spare toothbrush, a clean collar, a ten-shilling note and a bottle of embrocation packed in a carpet-bag, ready for a hasty departure. The embrocation will be useful on the following morning, should you have found it necessary to sleep on the pavement or in the park.

Firstly, do not live with relatives unless there is absolutely no alternative. It is neither fair to your relations, nor fair to yourself, for in their house you are neither an ordinary guest nor, on the other hand, are you one of the family. Sooner or later both you and your relations would be forced to realise this

If possible always go to lodgings recommended by someone upon whom you can rely. Particularly is this necessary in the first days and until you have had time to look around and find a place more suited to your needs and taste.

The present day average charge for lodgings in the Metropolis (it is lower in the Provinces) is about thirty shillings a week, and for this you can expect a private bedroom and a sitting-room that you will probably have to share with two or three other men. Also, it should entitle you to breakfast, bath, a hot meal in the evenings, a spot of cheese and cocoa or whatnot at night, together with full board at week ends. In this connection, do not agree to have meals with your landlady and her family—you will hate it !

If the Exchequer permits, pay your landlady weekly. There is an unwritten law that, on leaving, one either gives a week's or month's notice (according to the system adopted) or one pays

for a week's or month's lodgings. If you should wish to leave suddenly, you would hate parting with a month's lodging money for nothing, whilst to stay for another month would probably be equally distasteful, especially as landladies usually display no great affection for you during that time.

I once had a landlady who had a habit of keeping the breakfast egg and bacon warm by placing a cushion (removed from a nearby chair) on the food. The third time this happened I took a deep breath, marched into the kitchen and announced that I was leaving that evening. "Ho no you don't," said she, "you pays me monthly and you gives me a month's notice." There I had to stick for one more long month.

When inspecting lodgings tell the lady of the house *all* you require in the way of service, and also mention any peculiar idiosyncrasies of your own—that you do not like blankets on the bed, or you would like an oil stove under the bed, or you sing in the bath. Before saying anything about payment, take a look at the rooms, especially the bath-room. The bath-room I find, is the barometer to the rest of the house and a dirty bath-room is more than unpleasant, it is unbearable! If you like the general appearance of the place and of the landlady, then ask her for her charges. Do not hesitate to try to reduce them if you think them too high. At the present moment there is a considerable dearth of lodgers and the hunting's good! Should you be a Civil Servant or in a position enjoying a steady and assured salary, a gentle hint of this has, frequently, most satisfactory results. Such lodgers are steady and sure payers (normally)—not likely to abscond with the aspidestra in a moment of financial embarrassment. If you hear a baby crying, say "I'll let you know," depart and forget the place.

Newly married couples are frequently very glad to take in a lodger to help satisfy the demands of the Building Society. Here you have an opportunity of living in a new house with modern furniture, and, believe me, ninety-nine per cent. of the lodgings you will strike will have a decided inclination to antimacassers, aspidestras and horse-hair chairs. If you are offered such a chance, seize it, but again, keep the carpet bag packed and the roller skates oiled. Into the homes of the newly-wed strangers sometimes come. When that occurs, you must go, because the strangers to whom I refer will occupy everybody's attention, and you will probably be left to starve.

If there is anything you dislike about your lodgings, mention it in the early days. The longer you leave it, the more difficult you will find it to mention. A considerable amount of tact is always useful. For instance, landladies are curiously addicted to photographs of deceased and hideous relatives. Try, however, to suppress a desire to tell her exactly what you think of them or

to hurl lumps of coal at them.

The same landlady who made omelettes of cushions and eggs refused to darn my socks. On one occasion I returned from a dance at two o'clock a.m. and darned (my mother subsequently gave my effort a different name) a pair of gent's golf hose before retiring. Nowadays my first question to the landlady is "Do you darn socks?" In fact one cannot ask sufficient questions. The landlady wants you as a lodger a great deal more than you wish to go into lodgings (and the longer you live in "digs," the more you will appreciate this). She is only too glad to help you decide to stay with her.

You may be lucky, you may be unlucky. If I were a betting man, I know where I would place my money! One of my friends fell into the best of "digs" in early 1929, and has been there since that date. He is engaged to be married to the landlady's daughter and is perfectly happy. In about four years' time he will be married, will have a nice little privet hedge in the front garden and will catch the 8.19 every morning to Town (ye Gods!). Another friend has, in four years, been in seventeen different lodgings and is shortly moving into the eighteenth. Perhaps he has been unlucky, perhaps there have been no daughters—who knows? Normally the gilt wears off quickly, but if it should be of unusual thickness, thank your lucky stars and stay put!

Statistics have shown that a large number of London's married men spent their younger days in lodgings. Think it out for yourselves, but I will give any of you two years in lodgings and wager you a hundred to one in door-knobs, doughnuts or daschounds that at the end of that time, consciously or unconsciously (probably the latter) you will be searching for somebody's daughter.

A. J. Swan.

[I shall be happy to render any assistance to members of D.H.S. or Old Boys seeking lodgings in London].

Life on Board H.M.S. "Frobisher"

(I have written this article at the request of the Editor and with the sincere hope that it will prove both interesting and instructive.—C. H. Rowe.).

In the first place I think it will interest all D.H.S.-ians to know that H.M.S. Frobisher is a local product, having been built at Devonport Dockyard and launched there in 1924. Since then, however, she has been specially reconstructed as a Cadet Training Cruiser. The cadets on board number about 140; of which the great majority are being trained for the Executive branch of

the Royal Navy, whilst the rest are divided among the Accountant and Engineering Branches.

The daily routine for us cadets is :—

- 5.30 a.m.—At the sound of the bugle we “rise and shine” and “lash up and stow” (for we sling hammocks—a detail I almost forgot to mention), and after adorning ourselves in the rig of the day—which is white shorts, shirts and socks and brown canvas shoes in tropical waters, and the same with the substitution of grey flannels for the shorts in more temperate climes—we fortify ourselves with cocoa and ship’s biscuit.
- 6.0 a.m.—Both watches fall in and cadets proceed to scrub and wash decks.
- 7.0 a.m.—Breakfast.
- 7.50 a.m.—Both watches fall in and cadets, except those whose turn it is to do semaphore exercises, carry on cleaning up the decks and putting things ship-shape.
- 8.45 a.m.—Divisions on the Quarter Deck, which consists of a hymn and prayers, after which cadets proceed to their various instructional classes.
- 12.10 p.m.—Lunch.
- 1.15 p.m.—Instructional classes again.
- 4.0 p.m.—Evening quarters, after which tea is served.

At 7.30 p.m. at sea or at 8.0 p.m. in harbour the cadets have their evening meal, and can then turn in when they wish, “pipe down” being at 9.30 when at sea, and 10 p.m. when in harbour. On certain evenings after the evening meal cadets have to read messages in the Morse Code sent from the mast-head light.

Having thus briefly described the daily routine, I will now deal with the subjects which are included in the training of a Paymaster-Cadet. Firstly there is the subject of “Victualling and Clothing” and various other things connected with it. Here I should say that all the responsibility of victualling is in the hands of the Accountant Officers. Then, as at some time in his career an Accountant Officer is almost certain to be required to act as secretary to a captain or some other officer of flag rank, instruction is given in the duties that have to be carried out. The Paymaster-Cadet has also to learn the system of Central Book-keeping and acquire a knowledge of the work done in the Ship’s Office. This entails a thorough understanding of the ship’s company, their advancements, allowances etc. In addition to these subjects, the Paymaster-cadet is instructed in the main principles of engineering, gunnery, torpedoes, seamanship, pilotage and signalling.

There is no doubt that everyone in the “Frobisher” enjoys himself thoroughly ; there is always sailing to be had and a

regatta and boxing competition is held at the end of each cruise. Physical exercises can be done each evening on the quarter-deck and wherever possible football and cricket matches are arranged ashore. Cadets have leave from 4.15 to 7.15 each evening and have two "make and mends" or half-holidays on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and, of course, are free on Sundays after lunch. Also, whenever the ship visits places of interest, trips are arranged for those who want to see the sights. (During this present cruise, we have visited Malta, Athens, Rhodes, Cyprus and Alexandria).

This, I think, is all I have to say, so I will close by wishing everybody a very happy Christmas.

C. H. Rowe,
(Paymaster-cadet, H.M.S. *Frobisher*).

Your Newspaper

Reporters and agencies are most probably the best known contributors to the success of a newspaper. But there are other parts, and with these I wish to deal in a rapid survey of the factors connected with its publication.

Manuscripts are sent to the sub-editor who, without impairing the matter, can reduce 400 words to 200 with ease, and correct mistakes. On the editor depends the journal's drawing power—he has to write leaders and be most tactful in all respects.

From the sub-editors a manuscript reaches the operators and compositors who are waiting to set it in the various types. At this point I may mention the works' manager who, although unrecognised by the public, controls the destinies of the paper. Advertisements, too, are of great moment—this staff being an important factor.

The reading-room is probably the most interesting in the building. Here proofs are corrected—manuscripts, too at times—and revised to perfection. May I remind doubters "the humblest reader is superior to the highest Lady; the latter has the last word, the reader the last full point."

When next you find a "bad" mistake in any paper, please don't hasten to forward it for publication elsewhere. After all, *The Untied States* is merely a transposition of "*it*," and a 14 page journal contains about 100,000 words. Easy to err—is it not?

Once past the readers a mistake is seldom retrieved. Word is given, formes locked up and passed through the "mangle," moulds cast, and after various other operations the printing machines are set going. Sometimes this takes place before all is well, but train time-tables cannot be altered, nor papers delayed.

From the machine-room the papers are taken to the distributors, and then from the newsvendors they find their way to your table.

Meanwhile our friend the photographer, as yet unmentioned, seeks more interesting pictures and the various staffs prepare for the morrow's issues.

FACTS.

The Six Ages of a Boy

The schoolworld is our stage,
 And all the boys and masters merely players.
 They have their exits and their entrances,
 And each boy in his time plays many parts :
 His acts being six ages. At first the infant,
 Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms ;
 Next the nervous schoolboy, shy and homesick,
 To whom " mensa " is nothing less than dread.
 Then the " swotter," sighing like a furnace,
 Endeavouring to please a stern-faced master.
 The next age ushers in the sportsman,
 Striving with all might to be a first eleven bat,
 Which honour he attains, being reputed in the term's great match
 Also he aspires to be an adept at the " soccer " art,
 To shoot goals good and true, play clean,
 And be a credit altogether to the school.
 The fifth age shifts into the " swell " sixth-former,
 Without a sign of swagger or of " side,"
 And at his work no mean success—
 At every sport a Don. Clean both in thought and word.
 Last scene of all we see the smart " Old Boy,"
 Now bound for his appointed place in this world's toil and strife,
 He leaves his school with pleasant thoughts
 Of friendships made, to form eternal memories.
 So, finally our hero goes—beloved
 By everyone. *" Sem."*

Speech Day

The Speech Day for the School year 1932-3 was at the Central Hall, Devonport, on Monday 27th November, 1933, and we are indebted to the Trustees of the Hall for their generosity in putting the building at our disposal. Although rather small, it is warm, compact and possessing good acoustic properties, and is therefore much better than the Guildhall. An evening was chosen this year, instead of an afternoon as in previous years, in order that fathers might have an opportunity of being present. The wisdom of this measure was demonstrated by the large number of men in the Hall. His Worship the Mayor of Plymouth

(Councillor E. Stanley Leatherby) occupied the chair, and Dr. John Murray M.A., Principal of the University College of the South West, presented the prizes and certificates. A large number of visitors, representatives of various sections of the City's activities, were on the platform.

The Chairman said that, before opening the proceedings, we would wish him to mention the late Bishop of Plymouth, and at his suggestion everybody present stood in silence for a moment as a tribute to the memory of one whom we so deeply mourn.

The Headmaster was able to report a record year both in academic and athletic activities, and he acknowledged the manner in which Mr. Andrews had conducted the School during the Christmas Term, and the many ways in which he had been of assistance since that time. There were several changes in School organisation to be reported. The afternoon session had been shortened to finish at 4.30 p.m. instead of 4.45 p.m., and the School curriculum had been altered to include games, and each form has one complete afternoon at the playing field each week. Another change was brought about by the Plymouth Authority's Reintroduction of fees for Secondary Schools' Scheme, and some fee-paying pupils had entered the School just at the time when the last of the old-scheme fee-payers were on the point of leaving. This scheme was welcomed, for a Secondary School should be a truly representative community.

The results of the academic examinations had been excellent, for 5 Open Scholarships, and 16 Higher School Certificates were won in the Senior School, and it was a notable fact that in the London Group 5 distinctions in Latin were obtained, a truly remarkable success. 4 boys were successful in gaining posts in the Executive branch of the Civil Service, out of 100 candidates placed; another excellent achievement. In the Middle School the Cambridge School Certificate examination was marked by the fact that the School obtained more honours certificates and more distinctions than any other school in Great Britain. Altogether, of the 50 candidates entered, 40 obtained certificates.

The Headmaster called attention to the analysis of occupations entered by leavers from the School. All leavers, i.e. 44, had been accounted for, thus :—61.2% by Further Education, the Services, the Civil Service, and other Professions; 25% by the Forces (Selected Entry and Direct Enlistment) and 4.6% each by Clerical work, Salesmanship and H.M. Dockyard. He emphasised the fact that all leavers had been placed, and pointed out the wide variety of occupational interest and the complete absence of blind-alley occupations.

An important fact was that the School was organised in such a way that the smallest boys might feel that they were an integral part of the School, as were the bigger boys. The examination

results might lead one to believe that only the best boys were concentrated on, but this was erroneous, for each individual was catered for according to his needs. Neither did the School concentrate on examination subjects, for the Religious Instruction course had been extended, and recently Biology, Economics and Economic History had been added to the curriculum. From the point of view of music, although hampered by lack of instrumentalists, Mr. Lerner had collected all the boys who could play, if only a little, and the results of his diligence would be heard later. It was hoped that parents would let boys learn to play other instruments than the piano, and thus make possible a real School Orchestra.

Thanks to Mr. Brown and the masters who refereed, games had been most successful, as had been the Athletic Sports. A very successful Swimming Club had also been formed, and at the end of the Summer Term 38% of the School were able to swim. A School Gala took place at Mount Wise baths, and its success, like the success of the Club itself, was due to the energies of Messrs. Lockwood and Heather. The other School Societies continued to thrive, while a National Savings Association and a Meccano Club had been formed, and various educational visits had been arranged.

The Headmaster expressed the thanks of the School to all those who had given prizes, and especially to Mrs. Beckly who had presented books which had belonged to her late husband. This gift called to mind a very pressing need, i.e. a School Library. He also thanked Mr. Watson for designing the new Magazine Cover, and the Central Hall Trustees for their generosity. The report concluded with a tribute to the Staff, and the Headmaster was grateful to them for their loyalty, and their assistance in maintaining the good name of the School.

The Chairman referred to the problem of the workless boy, but he said that his fears were somewhat allayed when he looked around him and saw that people who were only average boys in his younger days had reached very good positions. At the conclusion of the Mayor's remarks, the Mayoress was presented with a cheque towards the Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund by J. W. Howarth on behalf of the School.

Dr. Murray presented the prizes and certificates, and before he started on the subject of his address, he deplored the death of the Bishop of Plymouth, not only because he had lost a personal friend, but also because the Bishop had been a great educational force in the West, and had been very keenly interested in the University College of the South West. This tribute was made more impressive by the fact that the Speech Day was taking place almost in the Bishop's own parish. Dr. Murray stressed the need for prizes, because although nobody liked the principle, they were necessary to overcome laziness which he humorously referred to as 'original sin'. He appealed to the boys and the

parents to use their imagination, for even if one could not use imagination in science, literature or even mathematics, everybody could bring it to bear in everyday life. He considered that poetry was a much neglected art, and he proposed to offer a prize for this, being sure that there were a number of potential poets among the boys of the School.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Murray was proposed by Sir William Mounstephen and seconded by Alderman Watson, and it was carried with acclamation and cheers. On the motion of Alderman Mason, seconded by Mrs. Daymond, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress was carried.

During the evening E. A. Pearn (VIth) and L. A. Frayn (VIth) once more charmed the company by their performances with the piano and violin, and a new item was introduced when E. S. M. Martin (Vb) played an excellent organ solo, while Mr. Martin played at the organ during the assembly. A. Cain (IIIc) sang two solos and Forms I, II, and IIIc contributed songs under the direction of Mr. Martin. The programme was brought to a conclusion by the School Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Lerner, which played from Mozart's "Serenade for Strings." Hearty congratulations are due to Mr. Lerner and his instrumentalists, but for whose keenness, such a standard of playing would have been impossible in the eight or nine weeks at their disposal.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES.

(in addition to those reported in the Speech Day Programme)

H. F. VERE—L.D.S., R.C.S. (Engl.)

G. H. ROOKE—Intermediate examination of the London Association of Certified Accountants (June 1933).

F. W. KELLAWAY—B.Sc. (Lond.)

COMPOSITION PRIZES OFFERED BY DR. JOHN MURRAY

The closing date is February 1st. Put your age on your attempt. Age will be taken into consideration.

Prizes of books are offered for original poems on any of the following topics.

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- (2) Memory.
- (3) The School Day.
- (4) An original Fable or Fairy Story.
- (5) A striking incident or character in the Old Testament.
- (6) A poetical address to a favourite writer.
- (7) Joan of Arc, or Queen Elizabeth, or Florence Nightingale, or Queen Victoria.

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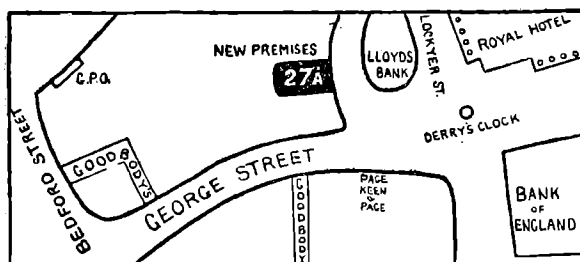
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SOCCER CLUB

Officers :—

<i>Captain :</i>	E. A. Pearn.
<i>Vice-Captain :</i>	W. J. Pepperell.
<i>Secretary :</i>	H. C. Mitchell.
<i>Committee :</i>	H. F. Hawkins and V. C. Hannaford.

The school must congratulate itself on its excellent soccer performances. All three teams have done well and it is especially gratifying to note the high standard of play in the 2nd XI, a team which has played with a keenness and spirit so rarely displayed in a second string which is called upon to fill the gaps in a senior eleven.

The 1st XI felt keenly the loss of Rowe, Hutchings and Finner and minor injuries have necessitated a frequent re-arrangement which has kept the XI unsettled. The goalkeeping problem has rankled the minds of the Committee throughout the term and it has not yet been settled to complete satisfaction. Worden has filled the position on most occasions but, although full of possibilities, he lacks complete confidence, a failing which has caused more than one serious error. The defence has played well and the new halves, Lake and Grant, have distinguished themselves on more than one occasion. The forwards have certainly a better understanding than those of previous years but at times mere lack of dash and energy has prevented scoring. Pepperell's return to form in the centre has been most gratifying and the inside men, if a bit slow, have worked well.

It is difficult to give individual praise in the 2nd XI, but Every, Morrell and Luckraft deserve recognition for their splendid work in the half-back line. Steed is a promising back and has filled the gap caused by the departure of Westcott. Lack of shooting is the main fault, for at present good approach work is wasted by weak finishing.

A Third XI has been fielded and such players as Halloran (ii), Sutton and Tovell should do well next year.

The Colts are excellent and their record speaks of their ability.

<i>Records</i>		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
						<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
1st XI	...	12	8	2	2	71	30
2nd XI	...	10	8	0	2	65	11
3rd XI	...	8	7	0	1	56	16

Leading goal scorers :	1st XI	Pepperell	15
	2nd XI	Hawken	10
	Colts XI	Rickard	31

Teams :—

1st XI.

		Worden		
	Hannaford	Pearn (<i>Capt.</i>)		
	Grant	Babbage	Lake	
Hawkins	Halloran	Pepperell	Lyon	Mitchell

2nd XI.

		Wyatt		
	Morgan	Steed		
	Luckraft	Every (<i>Capt.</i>)	Morrell	
Brown	Rogers	Cory	Duke	Hawken
	Davison has also played.			

Colts XI.

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

The Club wishes to thank the Headmaster, Messrs. Armor, Austin, Heather, Hutchings, Lerner, MacLeod and Hannaford, Mitchell, Babbage, Pepperell and Luxton for refereeing.

RUGBY CLUB

Officials :—

<i>Captain</i> :	W. P. Bowden.
<i>Secretary</i> :	N. A. Dolton.
<i>Committee</i> :	W. J. Wakely.

The team again suffered heavily as a result of members leaving school, there being four full colours, two half colours and one other member of last season's team to form the nucleus for the 1st XV. The introduction of younger players has reduced the average age to just under seventeen, and the value of the 2nd and Colts XV's are apparent when it is realised that two of the present 1st XV were members of last season's Colts XV. Robins the full back, needs to improve his right foot kicking, while among the threequarters a little more keenness in tackling is needed. Dolton is outstanding at fly-half, and the forwards do well in the loose, but lack of weight tells against them in the scrum. Unfortunately, Legg has been unable to play this term, owing to illness, but it is hoped that he will play next term.

The 2nd XV has been playing well, considering the varied composition of the team. The keenness and fine play of James, the captain, has materially helped, while among others doing well, are Holmes, Healy, Billing and Clynick of the backs, and Constable and Jago of the forwards. The last named has played a few good games for the 1st XV.

An innovation this season has been the introduction of a 3rd XV, which has been prominent mainly by reason of the enthusiasm shown by leading members of the team. Woods deserves mention in this respect, while Truscott, the captain, performs with credit.

The Junior 1st XV has done really well, as evidenced by their drawn game with the Plymouth Schools XV. Miskelly is the outstanding member of the backs, with Osborne, Pike and Morey running him close. The forwards play well together, and all should be prominent in a few seasons. It is hoped that Richings will soon be fit again.

The chief feature of the term's play has been the all round enthusiasm shown by the members of the club. We are also indebted to Messrs. Brown and Lerner, and to the new arrangement whereby games are played on afternoons other than Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The teams and performances are :—

1st XV.

			Robins				
Jenner		Brenton	Hurden		Dyer-Smith		
		Simmonds	Dolton				
Knapp	Evea	Bowden	Blewett	Garland	Butler	Smith	Wakely
			(Rogers).				

2nd XV.

			James				
King		Billing		Clynick		Peter	
		Holmes		Healy			
Rogers	Constable		Masters	Roberts		Bond	
Osborne	Maclaren		Jago				

3rd XV.

			Mason				
Barrett		Edwards	Woods		Shakespeare		
		Truscott	Miskelly				
Waycott	Edwards	Wingett	Johns	Angus	Lawlor	Kirk	Shapter.

Junior 1st XV.

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

Records.		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Points Agst.
1st XV.	...	7	5	2	-	95	35
2nd XV.	...	7	3	2	2	120	84
3rd XV.	...	2	-	2	-	12	25
Junior 1st XV.		3	2	-	1	70	6

Sports Day, 1933

Sports Day this year was held on a Saturday, May 27th, and Millbay Park was chosen as the ground. The weather, though at times threatening, was quite kind, and, save for a little wind, conditions were ideal. Once again the performances were of a high standard—five records being broken, namely 220 yards under 15 ; 100 yds. under 13 ; 220 yds. open ; 100 yards under 15 and 440 yds. under 13. The Junior School is to be congratulated on its fine performances in these events.

Dolton won the Senior Championship rather easily, his total being 22 points, while Hannaford, his nearest rival, gained 7 points. Lyon was third, with Pearn, scoring 5. Dolton's running was again excellent ; he gained the 220 yds. open in record time, with the 120 yds., Hurdles, and the 100 yds., thus maintaining his performances of last year.

The Junior Championship presented a much closer struggle ; Hurden, gaining $14\frac{1}{2}$ points, beating Dyer-Smith, 13 points. This was a reversal of last year's result. Dyer-Smith ran splendidly in the 220 yds. under 15, putting up the record time of $26\frac{3}{4}$ sec. and in the 100 yds. under 15, again breaking the record with a time of $11\frac{2}{3}$ sec.

There was relatively keen competition, also, in the under 13 Championship, which went to Pike (12 points). Pike is another record breaker, gaining the 100 yds. under 13 in 13 secs.

The Tug-of-war, School v. Old Boys, was particularly enjoyable—and entertaining. The School lost both its Tugs.

Lyon won the Senior, and Pepper the Junior, Cross Country Runs, which were, as usual, run off some time before the Sports Day.

In the House Championship, Grenville was placed first, followed by 2, Gilbert ; 3, Raleigh ; 4, Drake.

The prizes and football caps were presented by Mr. Bracken.

The Military Band of the Devon and Cornwall Heavy Brigade provided a musical programme throughout the afternoon.

RESULTS OF EVENTS

Cross Country (Senior) : 1, Gilbert ; 2, Drake ; 3, Raleigh.
 Cross Country (Junior) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Raleigh ; 3, Drake.
 Cricket Ball (under 15) : 1, Billing ; 2, Every ; 3, Hurden.
 Long Jump (open) : 1, Dolton ; 2, Pepperell ; 3, Hawkins.
 Long Jump (under 15) : 1, Sutton ; 2, Barrett ; 3, Billing
 and Hurden, tie.

- Long Jump (under 13) : 1, Pike ; 2, Cory (ii) ; 3, Crocker.
 Half Mile (open) : 1, Dolton ; 2, Hannaford ; 3, Lyon.
 440 yards (under 15) : 1, Hurden ; 2, Barrett ; 3, Healy.
 Cricket Ball (open) : 1, Rowe ; 2, Pearn ; 3, Hawkins.
 220 yards (under 15) : 1, Dyer-Smith ; 2, Hurden ; 3, Barrett.
 Record, 26 $\frac{3}{8}$ sec.
 100 yards (under 13) : 1, Pike ; 2, Saxby ; 3, Cory.
 Record, 13 sec.
 220 yards (open) : 1, Dolton ; 2, Pearn ; 3, Legg.
 Record, 25 $\frac{1}{8}$ sec.
 High Jump (under 15) : 1, Mason ; 2, Dyer-Smith, Billing
 and Richings, tie.
 High Jump (under 13) : 1, Crocker ; 2, Saxby ; 3, Williams
 and Trenery, tie.
 High Jump (open) : 1, Hannaford ; 2, Grant and Hawkins, tie.
 Hurdles (under 15) : 1, Hurden ; 2, Mason ; 3, Dyer-Smith.
 Sack Race (under 12) : 1, Atkins ; 2, Smyth ; 3, Gilbert.
 440 yards (open) : 1, Dolton ; 2, Hannaford ; 3, Lyon.
 220 yards (under 13) : 1, Pike ; 2, Saxby ; 3, Cory.
 100 yards (under 15) : 1, Dyer-Smith ; 2, Hurden ; 3,
 Sutton. Record, 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ sec.
 Hurdles (open) : 1, Dolton ; 2, Clynick ; 3, Prowse.
 Javelin Throwing : 1, Dolton ; 2, Smith ; 3, Trebilcock.
 100 yards (open) : 1, Dolton ; 2, Legg ; 3, Pearn.
 440 yards (under 13) : 1, Crocker ; 2, Pike ; 3, Prowse (ii).
 Record, 69 sec.
 Half Mile (under 15) : 1, Dyer-Smith ; 2, Hurden ; 3, Barrett.
 Tug-of-War (School v. Old Boys) : Old Boys.
 Mile (open) : 1, Lyon ; 2, Hammick ; 3, Constable.
 Relay Race (under 13) : 1, Drake ; 2, Grenville ; 3, Gilbert.
 Relay Race (under 15) : 1, Gilbert ; 2, Raleigh ; 3, Grenville.
 Team Race (open) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Gilbert ; 3, Raleigh.
 Team Race (under 13) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Drake ; 3, Gilbert.
 220 yards Handicap (Old Boys) : 1, Rooke ; 2, Howell ;
 3, Warwick.
 Relay Race (open) : 1, Raleigh ; 2, Gilbert ; 3, Drake.
 Team Race (under 15) : 1, Gilbert ; 2, Grenville ; 3, Raleigh.
 Relay Race (School v. Old Boys) : School.
 Tug-of-War (School v. Parents) : Parents.
 Altogether, an enjoyable afternoon.

J. J. Lawlor.

Swimming, 1933

At the beginning of the Summer, a School Swimming Club was formed with the object of making D.H.S. a school of swimmers. Its first season was most successful and the credit for this belongs chiefly to Messrs. Lockwood and Heather who were untiring in their efforts to give the club a good "send off."

The Club held its first Gala on July 25th at Mount Wise Baths. King Sol kindly blessed the event by his presence, and everything went off without a hitch. The trophy up for competition was the Lampard Cup, and was won easily by Gilbert. In addition to the points awarded on the results of the swimming and diving, the Houses also gained 2 points for each boy who, at some date before the Sports' Day, swam the length of the bath.

Altogether 137 boys turned out to swim the length—which is very satisfactory considering that this is the first year that swimming has been definitely encouraged—whilst in many other ways a great deal of enthusiasm was shown.

7 of the Education Authorities' Medallions were won by Constable, Johns, Hutchings, Knapp, Lake, Rogers and Smith.

K.S.L.

RESULTS

Final House Placings : 1, Gilbert (180) ; 2, Grenville (126) ; 3, Raleigh (120) ; 4, Drake (76).

Breast Stroke (open) : 1, Warn ; 2, Constable ; 3, Jenner.

Breast Stroke (under 15) : 1, Eves ; 2, Osborne, Richings (tie).

Breast Stroke (under 13) : 1, Crouch ; 2, Sutton ; 3, Babb.

Level Diving (open) : 1, Hawke, Lake (tie) ; 3, Facey.

Level Diving (under 15) : 1, Eves ; 2, Strong ; 3, Richings.

Level Diving (under 13) : 1, Rogers, Wilson (tie) ; 3, Potter.

Free Style (open) : 1, Whitting ; 2, Constable ; 3, Brenton.

Free Style (under 15) : 1, Edwards ; 2, Godfree ; 3, Mason.

Free Style (under 13) : 1, Rogers ; 2, Cooper ; 3, Crouch.

Running Dive (open) : 1, Facey, Hutchings (tie) ; 3, Rogers.

Running Dive (under 15) : 1, Eves ; 2, Woods ; 3, Strong.

Running Dive (under 13) : 1, Potter, Trout (tie) ; 3, Rogers.

Back Stroke (open) : 1, Smith ; 2, Johns ; 3, Robins.

Back Stroke (under 15) : 1, Compton ; 2, Osborne ; 3, Richings.

Back Stroke (under 13) : 1, Babb ; 2, Wilson ; 3, Joint.

High Diving (open) : 1, Hutchings ; 2, Lake ; 3, Facey.

High Diving (under 15) : 1, Eves ; 2, Woods ; 3, Strong.

High Diving (under 13) : 1, Potter ; 2, Wilson ; 3, Rogers.

Relay Race (open) : 1, Drake ; 2, Gilbert ; 3, Grenville.

Relay Race (under 15) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Gilbert ; 3, Raleigh.

Relay Race (under 13) : 1, Gilbert ; 2, Grenville ; 3, Drake.

Plunging (open) : 1, Orchard ; 2, Whitting ; 3, Knapp.

Plunging (under 15) : 1, Ridley ; 2, Wingett ; 3, Edwards.

Plunging (under 13) : 1, Cooper ; 2, Casterton ; 3, Wilson.

Tennis

Last term tennis in the School was given a useful fillip by the raising of a school team, of six players, for two matches with the Old Boys. Although the latter won both matches, the games were hard fought.

Thanks are due to the Old Boys' Association for acting as hosts in these matches.

The School Court was used extensively during the term, and the acquisition of new posts and net was very opportune.

This year the Single's Tournament, won by Prowse, proved very successful, interest being maintained to the end.

Officers :—Warn (*Capt.*).

Prowse and Orchard (*Committee*).

Cricket

Last season the cricket teams had but moderate success. The 1st XI was practically a "two man" team, Warn and Orchard being the only members who performed at all consistently. Warn had a fine season, making many good scores, notably 68 out of 88 v. P.M.C. Orchard was the best bowler, being closely followed by Warn. Incidentally, the weather was very kind, only 2 matches being cancelled.

Net practices were held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and were fairly well attended, although of course, homework prevented some from attending. The innovation of a games' afternoon for the lower school and one lesson for the seniors was greatly appreciated. This should increase the skill of all, besides stimulating an interest for cricket which is now sadly lacking in the school.

The new pitch was better than the old, and enclosing it should keep it in good condition for next year, when we hope to have a good season.

Orchard was awarded full colours.

<i>Records.</i>	<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>D.</i>
1st XI 14	6	6	2
2nd XI 8	3	3	2

No records of the 3rd XI are to hand.

The 1st team consisted of :—

Warn (*Capt.*), Orchard, Pearn, Dolton, Jones, Rogers (*C.*), Hannaford, Babbage, Morgan, Grant, Mitchell.

Also played : Morrell, Halloran, Prowse.

To Messrs. Armor, R. Ferraro, Lockwood, Austin, O'Connor, Brown and Heather we express our cordial thanks for umpiring and coaching.

C. Rogers.

House Reports

DRAKE HOUSE

The fortunes of Drake House have been extremely varied this term. The Junior teams are practically the same as last season, and in the Senior teams the Soccer is the only one which has not suffered much through numbers leaving school. The results so far have been one win and one draw. Pepperell, Mitchell, Worden, Hawken, and Luckraft are the mainstays of the team. The Senior Rugger Team suffered much through Warn, Jones, Orchard, Hawke and Smith leaving, but the way in which these places have been filled is a credit to the House. The team lost heavily both to Gilbert and to Grenville, but beat Raleigh comfortably. Illnesses, injuries and medical examinations seem to have a great effect on House teams, so it is not surprising that a House team should be victorious one afternoon and hopelessly beaten the next. Bowden, Brenton, Butler, Rogers, Jago, Holmes, James and Billing form the nucleus of this team.

In the Junior teams, members are still as keen as ever, whether the game is Rugger or Soccer. The players of the future are in these Junior teams, and, sooner or later, attract attention, so that the management of these teams is really more important than that of Senior teams. Trevaskis, especially, deserves mention as a Rugger forward. Adams, Dingle, Morey, Essery and R. Smith are still playing steadily.

The keenness and sportsmanship of the House is very strong, and I hope it remains so indefinitely.

J. L. MacLaren (House Capt.)

GILBERT HOUSE

The season 1933-34 has not started very auspiciously for Gilbert House, as there has been a marked lack of success in all departments. The Seniors have played 2 Soccer matches and lost both of them, v. Raleigh 2—6, and v. Drake 1—2. In Rugger they have been rather more fortunate, having beaten Drake 17—6 and having lost to Raleigh by 6—8 after a most enjoyable game. Altogether the Seniors have won but 2 points out of a possible 8.

The Juniors have been even less successful, having lost in Soccer to Raleigh 2—5, and to Drake 2—3, and in Rugger to Raleigh 6—18. They shared 6 points with Drake in Rugger and have thus gained 1 point out of a possible 8.

One pleasing feature is that the standard of play has, in most

cases, improved, and none of the games has been won by an overwhelming margin. We have good players in all the four sections of the winter sport, and good combination next term should bring its reward.

Altogether, perhaps the less said about this term's efforts the better, and we must find consolation in the fact that the game is far more important than the number of points gained.

W. J. Wakely.

GRENVILLE HOUSE

The house has on the whole done considerably better than last year. In Rugger the seniors have won both matches played and the juniors have drawn one and lost one. In Soccer the seniors have been less fortunate having only succeeded in drawing one match out of the three played; the juniors have been slightly more successful winning 1 and drawing 2.

Altogether, both the Seniors and the Juniors have gained 5 points each. With 10 points to its credit in the first term the House has a more favourable outlook than it had at the same time last year.

N. A. Dolton (House Capt.).

RALEIGH HOUSE

Following up last year's success in the House Championship Raleigh has once again established a lead. The House has gained 15 points out of a possible 20 and great credit is due to the juniors who are unbeaten, having gained nine points. The Seniors have done well in Soccer but keenness in Rugger has been opposed by lack of experience. The temporary absence of Legg was rather a blow to Senior Rugger and his presence in the team next term may even yet enable the House to gain maximum points. No special mention may be made of the Seniors but the House is especially indebted to Rickard and Miskelly for their excellent work in the junior teams.

E. A. Pearn (House Capt.).

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

President : The Headmaster.

Vice-President : Mr. A. Treseder.

General Secretary : Mr. H. Ferraro.

Before these Notes are in print particulars of the Dinner will have been circulated. Arrangements have been made to hold the Dinner on December 27th at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel. Full particulars as to the sale of Tickets appear under the Dinner

notice. With happy recollections of the last gathering we look forward to our re-union on December 27th. Mr. Cock and his Committee are making every effort to ensure the success of the evening and it is hoped that they will receive the support they well deserve.

It is a matter for much satisfaction that the London Branch continues to be active. The London Committee are faced with difficulties not met with at Headquarters. They cannot expect a big membership at any time and the actual number on their roll from year to year must vary considerably. It speaks much for the perseverance and organising ability of those who are in charge of this Branch that it continues to serve the needs of D.H.S.-ians in London.

By a strange coincidence three former Senior Prefects were married at the end of last Term. Our congratulations and best wishes go to Dr. and Mrs. Barrick, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawton and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Rowe.

We were pleased to have a visit from one of our Overseas Members—Major Reed Dawe who is just home from India; also from Paymaster Lieut. C. E. Smith who has been stationed in China. The Sports proved a veritable re-union of Old Boys. Among these were Messrs. Day and Hurding, who after many years abroad must have been agreeably surprised at the nature of the Summer England can still produce.

Our congratulations are due to the many Old Boys who achieved success in University and Civil Service Exams. during the past year.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

We hope to continue the feature of "Letters from the Universities" introduced in the last Magazine. We feel, however, that we cannot expect such letters in every issue, so this time we are being content with a few notes on those who have left us for the various seats of learning.

W. S. Watson who went up to King's College, **Cambridge** in 1932 is finding an antidote to French and Latin in the study of Economics. The result appears to be that his political views need constant readjustment. He would like to hear of more D.H.S.-ians going up to King's and he emphasises the fact that it **MUST** be King's. He strongly advises them to reject all substitutes.

At **Oxford**, B. Matthews who took his degree last year from Exeter College is now in Wycliffe Hall studying Theology preparatory to taking Orders. His love of athletics has in no way abated and he is still a stalwart of the Soccer XI.

W. Osborne of Jesus College disports himself with the Rugger

XV and with the stimulus of " Finals in June " wrestles with Mathematics in his spare moments.

R. Noad who went up to Jesus College in October last fills a gap in the number of D.H.S.-ians at Oxford caused by the departure of R. H. Clements. He is beginning to get acclimatised though he still lives in an atmosphere of Chemistry. We understand he emerges from Labs. at intervals presumably to collect samples of Oxford air for analysis.

T. H. Burton, late Corps Sergeant-Major, is at Blackfriars. We wonder if he remembers the turning out of the Guard at the Battalion Inspection at Broadsands.

Our first entrants at **Reading University** have now taken their departure and we are pleased to be able to congratulate them on having made a start in their professional careers.

A. H. Blatchford—President of the Cosmos Society—rounded off some Research work by taking the M.Sc. Degree in Physics. He is now directing others in the paths of Science.

H. F. Gordon another Corps Sergt.-Major, also elected to teach. He will be remembered also as Captain of the School Soccer and Cricket XI's. He followed up his athletic achievements at D.H.S. by even greater ones at the University, for he was Captain of the University Soccer XI and President of the Athletic Union. He was also President of his Hall. He took an Honours Degree in Chemistry and later the Diploma of Education.

C. H. Morgan after taking an Honours Degree in Physics struck out in a new line and secured an appointment as Assistant Examiner in H.M. Patent Office.

Of those still up, J. W. Geaton took an Honours Degree in French. He is now doing Education Diploma work and serves on the Committee of the French Literary Society.

F. W. Kellaway—a vigorous member of Wantage Hall since 1931, took the General B.Sc. Degree this year and has now embarked on an intensive study of Physics. He plays Hockey regularly, if not well. To those who are inclined to decry Hockey as lacking virility, he proudly points to the fact that he was knocked out in an Inter-Hall match. His predilection for Debate, so often noted both on lawful and unlawful occasions at School, is still in evidence.

C. C. Mill, who used to delight us with his lightning dashes on the Rugger field continues the good work in the University XV. The number of positions he has filled is really remarkable. He is in the thick of Degree work at present.

The above unite in deploring the absence of "freshers" from D.H.S. this year. They recognise that the Civil Service is entitled to *some* entrants, but they feel that without a regular supply of D.H.S.-ians of a like calibre to themselves the future of the University is imperilled,

They strike a more serious note when they point out the facilities offered by Reading University for the taking of Degrees both in Agriculture and Dairying. The prospects of employment for those who take up either of these studies appear to be very fair.

At **University College, Exeter** our late Senior Prefect, E. Hannam is finding scope for his organising abilities in a number of Presidencies and Secretaryships. Among others, he is Secretary of the Guild of Undergraduates and President of the Dramatic Society. Squash Racquets also claims his attention when not being initiated into the mysteries of Teaching.

L. Taylor plays in the 1st XV Rugger and has achieved the dignity of Alderman of the Borough of Bradninch.

J. Burrows and G. Warne having safely negotiated a B.Sc. and B.A. Degree respectively are now on the Certificate Course in Education.

T. B. Pearn, who secured a B.A. Honours Degree last June finds an outlet for his energies in a host of social activities. Those who knew him well at D.H.S. will not be surprised to learn that Music bulks largely in his spare time occupations. He is Vice-President of the Choral Society and Organist of the Borough of Bradninch.

Among the Second Year we find that Charles is serving on the Squash Racquets Committee, Whitmarsh on the Choral Committee while Ware and Oliver figure in the 2nd XV and 1st XV Rugger respectively. Oliver is also in the 1st Cricket XI.

The First Year people have hardly had time to settle down as yet, but we are pleased to find C. Howell, F. Johnson, and E. Warn playing in the 1st Rugby XV. An unfortunate accident has debarred Orchard from taking part in games up to the present.

At **Loughborough College** Jones is in the Teachers' Training Dept. He has played regularly for the 1st XV. J. Howell and A. Hawke are in the last and 2nd year of the Engineering Course respectively. Both have secured places in the 2nd XV.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

Last, but not least, we come to our Civil Servants.

Of the recent entrants to the Executive Branch L. S. Mills and R. Finner have found lodging under the same roof as F. Hill who left us a year ago. The back row of the VIth is thus again united. Mills is in the Exchequer and Audit Dept. Finner like J. Francis has selected the Estate Duty Office while S. Slade follows in the steps of F. Hill in securing an Executive post in the Customs and Excise Dept. A further addition to the "Executive" ranks will be that of F. Lawrance, though at the moment of writing the nature of his appointment is not known.

THE FORCES

Our latest recruit to the Paymaster Branch of the Navy, C. Rowe, is reaping the benefit of the change in the policy of the Admiralty. Instead of receiving his initial training in home waters he is enjoying the genial climate of the Mediterranean shores.

Hyland, who is an apprentice in the Air Force, writes to say that he finds school hard, but the workshops harder. He is a member of the junior Wing Rugby XV and of the cross country team. The square is completely exhausting but he manages to enjoy himself.

IN GENERAL.

Monahan for Jermyn, Endacott, Hammett (E.R.A.'s) says that work and play are both enjoyable, although workshops are very exacting.

HEADQUARTERS' NOTES

- Chairman :* Mr. B. H. Chowen.
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 E. Hannam, E. Harris, F. Hawton,
 P. J. Mowan, B. Rickard, L. H. T. Warren,
 R. J. Werry and M. Westlake.

A very enjoyable Dance was held on Friday, Nov. 3rd, at the Mutley Assembly Rooms and was well attended by members.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel on December 27th, at 7 p.m. All members are strongly urged to make a special effort to attend this function which is always a great foregathering of Old Boys from all parts of the world.

The Christmas Soccer Football matches will be held on Saturday, December 23rd (kick off 2.30 p.m.) and Wednesday, December 27th (kick off 10.0 a.m.). Those wishing to play are requested to communicate with Mr. R. J. Werry, Tanglewood, Plymbridge Road, Crownhill, as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Old Boys' Association held a successful Dance at the Mutley Assembly Rooms on Friday, November 3rd, 1933. Arrangements were made by the Social Sub-Committee, and among those present were Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds and Mr. A. Treseder.

The Association is very much indebted to Mr. Warren who did so much to make the evening a success and our thanks are due to the Rugby Club for their valuable support.

We are looking forward to our next Social gathering, the Annual Dinner and to a further social event at a later date.

All Old Boys, members of the Association or otherwise are always welcome to any of our social gatherings.

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LONDON BRANCH NOTES

- Chairman :* Mr. A. T. Brooks.
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Treasurer : Mr. M. J. Collier,
 59, Windermere Road, N.10.
Committee : The above with Messrs. E. E. Cammack and
 A. R. Pike.

Since the recommencement of the London Branch, a little over eight months ago, we have enrolled twenty-two new members, bringing the total membership to date to thirty. This increase may be regarded as the fruit of a circular issued by the Committee in July and of the co-operation of Mr. H. Ferraro, the General Secretary, who by notifying the London Secretary of D.H.S.-ians transferred to London enabled him to pounce while the iron was hot and enrol the victims. The names and addresses of the London members will be found at the end of these notes and members will assist by advising the Secretary of any change of address without delay.

Under the heading of "Lost, Stolen or Strayed" will be found the names of Old Boys whose London addresses have been furnished to the Committee and to whom have been issued all the circulars issued to enrolled members—without result. Doubtless some of the circulars never reached the Old Boy concerned and doubtless some Old Boys have too many other interests, but there are those who, so far, have not found sufficient energy to write to, or telephone the Secretary and in these, we trust that in due course, the spirit will move. Old Boys in London who are, at present, on the Devonport list are reminded that by transferring to the London Branch they will lose nothing, and gain the services of a Committee devoted to the peculiar interests of the London Old Boy. The Committee regret that they cannot continue to circularise the Lost, the Stolen and the Strayed, and they must now look to the reader of these notes to assist in returning them to the fold.

After lengthy deliberations, in various places, the Committee decided that they had neither the membership nor the resources, to enable them to organise a private dance before Christmas. Accordingly, with the assistance of the management of the Covent Garden Opera House five double boxes were reserved for the public dance to be held at the Opera House on Friday, the 1st of December. On that date London Old Boys and their friends forming a party of about fifty people assembled at the Opera House to dance to two of the finest bands in London and upon what must be one of the largest floors in the world. Owing to indisposition, our Chairman was, unfortunately, unable to be present, but all those who attended, enjoyed a wonderful evening, enhanced by the fact that the doors of the boxes opened only from the inside. Among those present were Mr. Hele and his wife, who so recently entered into that state called matrimony, that the Committee feel that they are not too late to offer them the very best of wishes for their happiness.

The attention of London Old Boys is directed to the O.B.A. Dinner to be held on the 27th December and to the VIth Form Dance to be held on the 4th January. Particulars of these functions will be found elsewhere in the magazine. Subscriptions fall due on the 1st January. Please send your half-a-crown to the Treasurer without waiting to be reminded.

The Committee of the London Branch extend to all the London members, to their wives and sweethearts and to all by whom these notes may be read, the heartiest of good wishes for the best of all Christmases and the happiest of all New Years.

December 2nd, 1933.

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into our midst as President of the Club at the Annual General Meeting at which he presided. Mr. A. Treseder was unanimously elected to a life Vice-Presidency. The Club is indeed grateful for the kindly interest and encouragement with which the late Headmaster has favoured it, and we hope that in his retirement he will evidence this interest in even more ardent support.

The revised list of officers for the 1933-34 season is as follows :

President : H. A. T. Simmonds, Esq., M.A.
Vice-President : A. Treseder, Esq., M.A., and C. F. Austin, Esq., B.Sc.
Chairman : C. E. Gill, Esq.
Captain : H. G. H. Warwick, Esq.
Vice-Captain : G. Polkinghorne, Esq.
Hon. Sec. and Treas. : L. H. T. Warren.
Committee : Chairman, Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, E. J. Evens, and G. Plucknett.

The season opened rather inauspiciously with our first three fixtures lost, but the team has now settled down and out of the last six matches only one has been lost.

The record to date is as follows :—Played 9 ; Won 5 ; Lost 4 ; Points for 66, against 60. Our usually ambitious fixture list is this year no exception to the rule—no less than 10 fixtures being with Service sides who invariably field well trained fast XV's.

The Club has entered for two cup competitions—the Lockie and the R.N.E. College Cup Competitions—the former on a K.O. basis, the latter on a points basis. At the time of writing the Club is well in the fore of the R.N.E. College Competition and we hope to maintain this position.

We feel that greater success would attend the Club if we could retain our players longer—but each season brings a loss of veterans who have served us well but who no longer assist us owing to appointments out of Plymouth, injuries etc. However, “ the moment brings the man ” and if a mixed metaphor may be permitted the Club continues like the Phoenix bird to rise from its own ashes and—we hope—to better things on the stepping stones of its dead self.

We are indebted to the Headmaster for the facilities provided at the School for gym work on Tuesday evenings and to Mr. E. J. Evens who is generously giving of his time to train players and to advise them on play, etc. Already this training is having good effect in improving the team's stamina and staying power. This was strikingly evidenced in a recent game when after losing at half time by 4—0 the Old Boys finally triumphed by 17—4.

The home ground of the Club is at the Central Park, pitches being rented from the Corporation through the Plymouth and District Rugby Competition.

We are glad to see that players leaving school now naturally turn to the Old Boys R.F.C. to further their Rugby careers. This is as it should be, and players can rest assured that generally speaking the camaraderie and good sportsmanship which invariably exist in Old Boys' Clubs is rarely found elsewhere. The R.F.C. is no exception to this and we are fortunate in having a team of workers who play for the love of the game.

In conclusion, to the Headmaster, Staff and the school generally the Club offers its sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

L. H. Warren.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Capt. A. E. Damerell. He was serving with the Desert Column in Egypt and was suddenly taken seriously ill, rushed by an aeroplane to the hospital at El Obeid in an effort to save him, but he died from strangulated hernia three hours after the operation, on May 7th, 1933.

He had done extremely well in the R.A.S.C., and undoubtedly had excellent prospects for the future.

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