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## Editorial.

We are angry ; justly so we think. A new girls' secondary school is to be built, whilst for us nothing is to be done. When, O when will the " Powers that be " realise that to ask boys and masters to work under the conditions we experience is mean and despicable. If secondary education is to be provided, surely the building of adequate and suitable buildings is the most urgent necessity.

Consider the Sixth Form Room. The sole heating apparatus consists of one gas fire, not in the best of repair. The form itself is badly cramped for space, and the Arts Section condemned to continual wandering, like a lost tribe of Israel, in search of another room. The school dining room can only be described as a subterranean passage, unwanted and uncared for, hastily provided with a few benches and tables. The Assembly Hall consists of two classrooms, ordinarily separated by a screen ; and into these must be packed, every time a General Assembly is demanded, over five hundred boys. Small wonder, then, that cases of fainting are not infrequent.

We are taught art ; but the buildings in which we work are neither artistic nor useful. Science, which shows us the benefits of light and air, is taught in an underground room, appropriately nicknamed the " dungeon." The chemistry lab. is situated at the bottom of the school, in direct contravention of the elementary law that hot vapours rise, to the continual discomfort of all.

To expect a school to flourish under such conditions would be unfair ; yet we have flourished. Our record of successes compares favourably with that of any other school in the country. Has this record blinded the authorities to the great handicaps imposed upon us ! Would it be for our ultimate good if we did our worst, instead of our best ?

Of the buildings we occupy, one was originally intended to be a private residence, and the other a school to accommodate only a fraction of the boys we have to-day. Passable as a temporary makeshift, they are no more fit to be a permanent secondary school than is a barn to be a respectable dwelling-house.

## School Notes.

We should like to thank all those boys who sent in contributions and regret that owing to lack of space, only a small selection could be published.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Hodgson, who at half-term, joined the mathematic staff of the school. We hope that he will be very happy with us and are glad to think that he will be of great help not only in the class-room but on the sports-field, for, we are given to understand, he was games master for six years at Marlborough Grammar School. He is interested in all forms of school sport but more particularly in Association Football.

We were again favoured by having a visit from Mr. Walter Weekes who gave us another of his inimitable talks on the Plymouth concert of which he was the conductor. Again he combined instruction with humour and his illustrations gave us an excellent foretaste of the concert which a School party thoroughly enjoyed.

The Scouts and the Dramatic Society have been very active and each has given an excellent concert to crowded audiences in St. Michael's Hall. We are informed that the two Societies combined in giving an entertainment to the adult patients in the Orthopædic Hospital.

Shortly before half-term Mr. Austin's form room was converted into a miniature museum and many interesting exhibits were on view. We refrain from further comment as reference is made elsewhere.

In the last issue of the Magazine it was mentioned that we were about to lose our playing field. The blow has fallen and Montpelier will know us no more. The new field is situated at Weston Mill and commands an extensive view of the surrounding country to the Hamoaze and beyond. The field is large and though it is far from being flat, yet the slope is regular and we hope that soon we shall accustom ourselves to the changed conditions and are convinced that school sport is unlikely to suffer by the change.

At present the dressing accommodation is very inadequate and inconvenient, but as the erection of a pavilion was passed in the original estimates, it may not be long before our urgent needs are satisfied. Indeed we have visions of a suitable structure nestling in a convenient corner of the upper meadow and quietly blending with its environment. This is not an idle dream for we can rest assured that the Authority which generously provided the field will not refuse the means whereby the field may be of the utmost value.

On the eve of going to press we learn with great regret that Frederick James Jago of 1B has passed away. To his relatives and friends we offer our sincerest sympathy.

## PRAEFECTI VALETE.

S. MORRELL.—Entered School, 1928; Cambridge School Certificate, 1933; appointed Prefect, 1934; Full Colours, 1st. XI Cricket, 1934, Cricket Captain, 1935. Half-Colours, 1st. XI Soccer, 1934-5. Entered Civil Service, Junior Clerical Branch, 1936.

## THE CALL OF THE SEA.

I love the sea in all its moods—calm or stormy. To me it seems, sometimes, to be almost an incarnate being alive, throbbing with human passions and subject to human moods. When calm it lulls my mind to unconscious passivity. In the wildest gale it seems to be testing my courage, and it is then that I think that it represents God himself, angry. But the storm dies down; the water is calmed and waits once more for the day when all men will be equal. Whether the sea is quiet or troubled, a walk along the sea-shore refreshes my mind tremendously, and enables me to carry on with my work as though I had unburdened my conscience before the very Creator himself.

It is sheer delight to be sailing peacefully along on a breezy but summer day. The wind sinks into a slow contemplation of every thing around the boat. The blue sea, slightly rippled, the far-off shore all serve further to make a person relax and bathe in the warm rays of sunshine. Then comes the time when the boat's prow is turned homeward, and the sun sinks slowly to rest behind a thin bank of clouds just above the horizon. As the shore comes into sight, with its houses and all other signs of an organized community, the great contrast only makes me wonder why the world was ever created if the present is a sign of its destiny.

When the long summer days are over, and winter begins once more its almost devastating march, then I enjoy most the thought of a walk by the sea. Along gaunt, weather-beaten cliffs my path lies. A line of foaming breakers dashes in towards the shore and a barrier of fallen rocks. There is a roar, and where a moment before had been sand, a mass of frothy water is recoiling, broken, as a line of soldiers from a strongly-defended fortress. But then comes another roar, and so the cycle goes on, on, while the force of the waves gradually wears away the stone.

Out at sea, perhaps, some small vessel is struggling in the fury of the great storm—a sign that there is still one thing on earth that man has not conquered. Yet, even in this, who cannot but think of the sea as a woman, when her vanity is wounded—furious, heedless of advice? And then she calms herself, and is once more beautiful and serene. Thus the sea goes on, the emblem of the most powerful king of all, awaiting the fateful day when the full purpose of the Earth will be finished. Until that day comes, the sea will still be there to refresh and gladden the heart of every person responsive to its vibrant call.

R. BROOK, IVL.

## Out of School Activities.

### SCOUT LOG.

*Troop Meetings.* The programme this term has included a number of visits to places of great interest to Scouts. On Jan. 18th a visit was made to the new St. John Ambulance Station, the emergency operating theatre proving of gruesome interest. By the courtesy of Superintendent Lee members of the Troop were able to inspect the Police Headquarters at Greenbank. A thorough tour of the buildings included a glimpse of the C.I.D. where the latest methods of detecting crime were explained. The spotlessly clean handkerchief of one Scout assumed a different hue when placed under the lamp which is used to detect "invisible" writing. It is said that a certain Scout on the night of Feb 1st had his finger-prints added to the Police records. Superintendent Smith very kindly gave members of the Troop some instruction in fire-fighting, great interest being displayed in the engines at the disposal of the Plymouth Fire Brigade. These visits occupied two Saturday evenings, half of the Troop going to each place on each occasion. The senior members of the Troop went to Mount Gold Hospital on March 14th, to provide an entertainment, with the help of other members of the School, for some of the adult patients.

*Troop Concert.* On Feb. 22nd, with the help of Plymouth friends the Troop produced an enjoyable concert. Troop Funds benefited by over £9.

*Parents' Evening.* Parents and friends of the Troop were invited to a Troop Meeting on March 7th. Each Patrol gave a Patrol Display before the actual Troop Meeting commenced. The 'Peckers gave a particularly good display of model bridge-building. Other Patrols illustrated knotting, campcraft and handicrafts. The Troop Meeting Programme was unrehearsed and illustrated the type of work which is done at the weekly Troop Meeting. After an interval for refreshments, during which De Gruchy and Barrow ably entertained, on the stage, the S/M presented his first "Annual Report" to parents concerning the work of the Troop. He was able to report progress in all directions. The evening concluded with a short Camp-Fire programme.

*Patrol Meetings.* These continue to be successful and well attended. A feature of the programmes this term has been the work on the removal of certain borders near the lawn. Useful badge work has also been done at these meetings.

*Summer Camp 1936.* After careful deliberation the Court of Honour has decided, in view of the Plymouth Jamboree, to cancel the booking of the camp site at Marazion. A camp will be held at the Troop Camp site, Noss Mayo, in order that all members may take part in the Rally on August Monday.

S/M. D.H.S.

## THE CHESS CLUB.

During this term the club has made considerable progress, especially with regard to the standard of play amongst the Junior members. Membership is maintaining a high constant level—20 frequently being present. The forthcoming Higher Schools' Examination has prevented the senior school from taking any extensive interest in the activities of the club, but at present members of the team are endeavouring to get as much practice as possible in view of the match with Sutton Secondary School on March 28th.

The Club has recently been favoured, also, by the interest shown by one more member of the staff—Mr. Hodgson, while Mr. Lockwood's activities as chairman are unceasing.

R. CORY *Sec.*

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The Society has been very active during the last term. Many of the newcomers to the Society proved their worth by their performance of "The Knave of Hearts." This play provided plenty of scope for the ambitious and enthusiastic stage section, who constructed the stage setting, designed the costumes, and installed a really efficient lighting apparatus. They will have even greater opportunities at Easter. "The Knave of Hearts" was presented at the Dramatic Society Concert, forming the second half of the programme. The first half was generously given by many well-known local artistes, to whom the thanks of the Society are due: largely owing to their kindness, the evening was a great success. The play was subsequently produced at the Orthopædic Hospital, being included in a concert given by the School Scout Troop.

Throughout the term, preparations have been made for the next production at Easter. Three one-act plays are being presented—all comedies, but each of a different brand of humour. The plays are "The Poetasters of Ispohan," "The Old Bull," and "Queer Street"; and together with "The Knave of Hearts," their ample casts have provided a part for every acting member of the Society (over 30 in all), while the stage-craft section includes over 10 regular members.

Mr. Frank Lunt, the celebrated exponent of Devonshire dialect, in addition to appearing at the Concert, has devoted considerable time and enthusiasm to "The Old Bull," whilst Mr. Ulick Burke, the former Repertory player, has given up several evenings to "The Poetasters of Ispahan." The Society is greatly indebted to them.

By the time this magazine has been issued, the Easter production will be over. The Society hopes and trusts that the support of the School will once again have made the venture a successful one.

H.A.P.

### THE CHOIR.

The Choir continues to maintain its numbers, and the quality of the singing is improving. The practices, in spite of the many activities of the School, are well attended and the members appear to enjoy themselves. During the first part of the Term, the Choir was preparing for the Dramatic Society's Concert which was given on the Saturday of the Mid-Term Holiday. Two Unison songs were selected: — (a) "Old Winter," — the second verse being taken as a Solo by J. Saunders (1c) and (b) "My Dreams." These songs were rendered very well indeed, the choir responding to the baton admirably. During the last month, attention has been paid to some old National Songs.

I should like to thank the Choir for attending so well, and the accompanist (N. Chaffe, 5B) for giving up his time to assist at the piano.

A.H.

### THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

A comparatively small, but very enthusiastic, band of debaters has assembled for four meetings this term. Probably the most stimulating subject was "This House is of the opinion that people suffering from incurable diseases should have the right to take their own lives." After prolonged discussion the motion was eventually defeated by the narrow margin of two votes, twenty two votes being cast.

### THE ORCHESTRA.

There has been no opportunity so far this term for a public performance, so that our activities have been confined to rehearsal of some new pieces for the Dramatic Society entertainment on April 3rd and 4th. We then hope to perform several new numbers, the scores for which have been kindly loaned by Faulkner Mutton, Esq., of Plymouth.

Progress by several of our number has been very rapid of late, and it is probable that a repertoire sufficient for a complete concert will soon be available. We still look in vain, however, for 'cello and "wind" players though the number of capable violinists is growing, and the violin classes are flourishing.

Our grateful thanks are due to Messrs Loman, Moir, and Webb for their help at Speech Day.

H.F.C.

### THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Another successful session of the society is now nearing its close. This term, a reorganisation of the society was attempted. Up to the end of last term, the lectures were open to any member of the Vth and VIth forms, but, at the meeting held on Thursday January 23rd it was decided to make membership a necessary condition of attendance. The introduction of a Minutes Book was also proposed and the motion adopted.

The lectures given this term include the following :—

“ The utilisation of by-products in modern industrial chemistry.”

S. G. Ash, LVIA.

“ The History of the Telephone,” J. Ruberry VI.

“ Crystals and Crystallography,” F. C. Hornbrook VI.

Before the end of the present term two more meetings will be held at which the following lectures will be given :—

“ Illumination ” J. Parsons VB.

“ Sources and Production of Heat,” D. J. Cory VA.

The illustration of lectures has been facilitated by the use of the epidiascope.

F. B. ANSTEY.

### SCHOOL JOURNEYS.

On May 6th, there is to be an excursion to Swindon and Bath. At Swindon there will be a tour of the railway works, and tea will be provided.

The time-table is as follows :—

Assemble at the North Road Station (lower side), 7.35 a.m.

Bath 11.30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Swindon (arrive) 1.51 p.m.

Tour of works 2—4.30 p.m.

Tea (East St. Hall) 4.30 p.m.

Entrain 5.40 p.m.

Arrive North Road 9.45. Millbay 9.53 p.m.

Party to bring lunch to eat on the train preferably between Bath and Swindon. There will be a supply of minerals etc. on both forward and return journeys. Parents are asked to limit pocket money severely : enough for a drink and a bus fare.

It is proposed to run a sight seeing trip to LONDON for Forms V. and VI. at the end of the Summer term from July 23 to 31. No details are yet available. The cost last year was about £2-10. Visits were paid to the most important places of interest—the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, the Guildhall, the Docks, Kew Gardens, the Zoo, the Office of Records, etc. The cost and programme should be approximately the same this year. Immediate application however is necessary.

It is further proposed to try to organise a trip to PARIS in 1937 probably at the beginning or end of August. A week for £5 is aimed at. The party would be limited to boys over 14. We shall go ahead with arrangements immediately we have the guarantee of a party of 20.

C.F.A.

## THE CONCERT AT THE MOUNT GOLD HOSPITAL.

I don't know if you've ever had a spell in hospital. It isn't always pleasant, but the time of day when things drag most is in the evening, when people outside are drawing the blinds and making up their fires, or setting off to the pictures or some such thing. I have seen the interior of the Mount Gold Hospital in the evening fairly often. Two of our old boys have been helping to run a Scout Troop for the boys there for a couple of years past. It's sad to think of youngsters lying in bed with weights on their legs, some boys lying face downwards all the time, some perched up in the air in all sorts of curious attitudes, and as keen as mustard on tying knots and learning as much as they can of the kind of things Scouts do. It's very difficult to tear yourself away when the nurses begin to look in as a hint that time is up. The boys make all sorts of excuses to detain one for a minute or so longer.

I saw another side of the hospital on the evening of Saturday, March 14th, when I was allowed as a spectator to be present at a concert given by the School to the older patients. It was a very good show and the patients enjoyed it tremendously. Those who gave up their time to help can be assured that there were more smiles that evening than otherwise would have been the case. And the way the patients all joined in when songs they knew were being played or sung!

The dance band set the ball rolling. Job, at the piano, put in all the flourishes he knew. Our two cornetists acquitted themselves valiantly, Godwoods' accordian was the real thing and the crooning was quite up to B.B.C. standard. Morrell and Worden turned up to lend a hand, for which we are grateful. The Scouts sang Camp Fire songs and gave three of their pantomime sketches. Wills, riding an imaginary horse in the pathetic story of the Tall, Tall Castle was particularly funny. Then Mr. Whitfeld's Marvellous Infants gave a performance of the "Knave of Hearts." I wondered how they remembered it all. If only they could remember, my his—, well, never mind! I suppose the boy who said that they'd be delighted to come and sing to me in hospital, didn't mean it exactly like that.

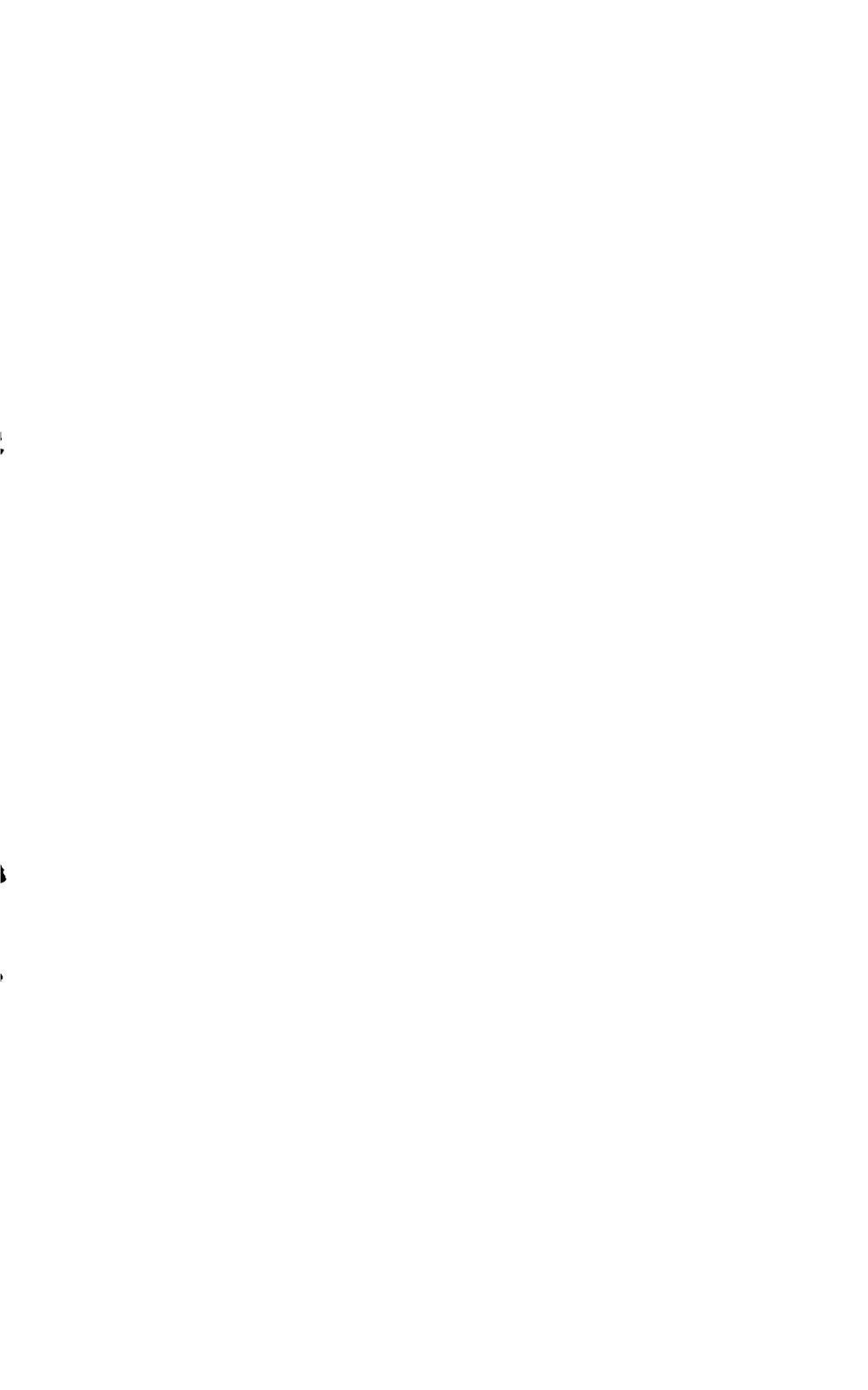
Anyway it was a good piece of work, and Mr. Sparrow and Mr. Whitfeld, and all concerned are to be congratulated.

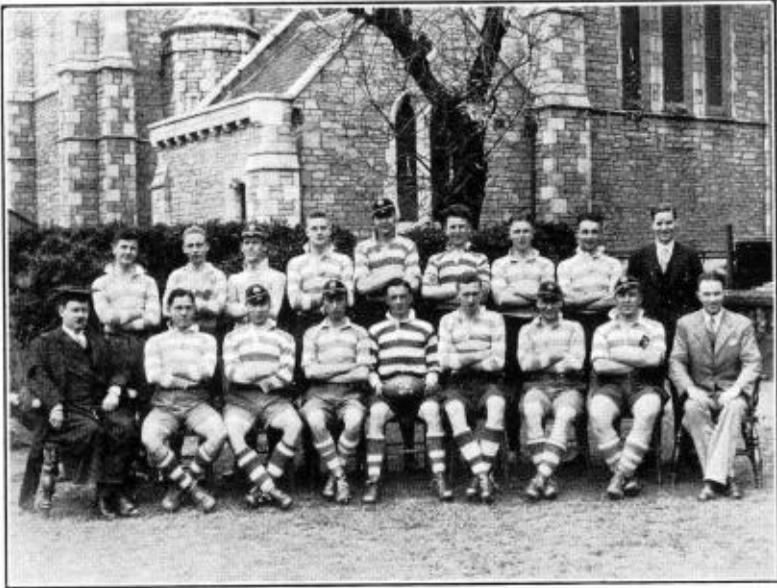
T.X.

## THE HISTORY EXHIBITION.

For a week just before half-term Vc form room was turned into a museum, more so than usual, we should say, perhaps.

A large number of interesting articles were placed at our disposal. Space does not permit us to give a complete list or to make individual acknowledgments to all. Will all parents who co-operated please accept our thanks?





Devonport High School Rugby XV., 1935-36.

STANDING. G. Waycott, A. Simmonds, R. Osborne, A. Edwards, D. Mason, F. Godfree, D. Barrett,  
 F. Crocker, Mr. Mallinson  
 SITTING. The Headmaster, C. Rogers, F. Healy, W. Simmonds, L. Holmes (Capt.), S. Hurden,  
 K. Eves, E. Andrews, Mr. Brown.



Devonport High School Soccer XI., 1935-36.

STANDING. R. Coaker, D. G. Barkell, C. Lark, C. A. McLeod, G. Cox, G. R. Callaghan  
 SITTING. The Headmaster, A. Harris, L. Tovell, R. L. Morgan (Capt.), R. Lyon, J. W. Luxton, Mr. Brown

Naturally the war relics were the most numerous, souvenirs of Zeebrugge, of Jutland, helmets, field post cards and so forth. There were reminders of the Boer war, including a very fine album of photographs of the Ladysmith siege taken by a member of the garrison: the list of siege prices was most interesting. Weapons were well represented, horsepistols, muskets, a knobkerri, an assegai, sword stick, bayonets, among them. There was wood from a Spanish galleon, from a ship sunk at Jutland and from the "Victory." Cowling VA showed some very interesting model ships, his own handiwork. Coins included a Roman coin of 281 A.D., a William and Mary Id., coins of the Georges, private coinage of pre-Truck-Act days, a spade guinea, and many others. Mr. Millet lent us a Greek testament of 1549, Molland a 1650 Bible. Other articles in this section included books of the 17th and 18th centuries, a very old Shakespeare, facsimile Waterloo and Trafalgar newspapers, an early Dock newspaper, a bound magazine of 1769. In the general section were shown work by French prisoners at Dartmoor, 18th century snuff-boxes, a small model carried by the cabinet-makers in the procession to celebrate locally the passing of the 1832 Reform Act, a phonograph record unfortunately without the phonograph, to mention a few.

The exhibition suffered from lack of space but that is a condition to which we are completely accustomed. For this reason we were unable to invite the parents. We hope that the omission will be forgiven.

## TOC H.

I should be glad to know early in the term the names of boys leaving at the end of term and more especially in the case of boys who are taking up posts in strange towns.

Toc H is anxious to help all such, irrespective of whether they happen to be interested in the movement. Toc H is naturally pleased when newcomers, whom it helps, show interest and a desire to join in its activities, but it doesn't expect them to do so. It can nearly always be of use to them if only by finding suitable lodgings at the right price. In many large towns there are Toc H hostels where the charges are fixed in accordance with what the individual can afford.

I am deeply concerned at the falling off in the School interest in Toc H. At one time many of the older boys attended branch meetings regularly and joined in the local "jobs". Many old boys are doing useful social work in other towns, work to which Toc H first introduced them. Secondary Schools ought to do their bit in providing the Boys' Club Leaders etc., of the future. Perhaps you are preparing in your own way. If you are not, you should begin to think about it and learn how to do it. I shall be glad to resume the periodical visits to some Toc H branches where you may learn what other people are doing. It's a more interesting and useful way of spending an evening than some I could mention. C.F.A.

## Interschools Debate, 1936

At the invitation of Sutton Secondary School, members of our Society attended an Inter-schools Debate on Friday March 29th, when the motion before the House was " That Great Britain should adopt a policy of isolation with regard to foreign affairs " The proposer of the motion (Corporation Grammar School) treated the subject from the historical point of view, illustrating the widespread changes which have resulted from the Great War, and pointing out that pre-war theories are no longer valid. He examined the state of the world powers one at a time, declared that they were " A menagerie of wild animals, " and that isolation combined with heavy armaments was the only means of safety. The opposer (Plymouth College) laid great stress upon the recent progress in air warfare, which, he claimed, nullified the advantages of our insular position. He also pointed out that England is dependent upon foreign oil supplies, and affirmed that we should be powerless if deprived of that essential commodity. He therefore advocated an active participation in international politics, as the only way to security. Representatives of Stoke Damerel and Plymouth High Schools ably supported the proposition, pointing out that the policy of intervention which England has previously adopted has been proved by its results to be unsatisfactory. They maintained that the sea was still our safeguard and that our Empire was of more importance to us than the affairs of Europe. They treated in detail every aspect of the situation, and presented a most interesting case. But the representatives of Devonport Secondary School and D. H. S. equalled them in their exhausted examination of the matter. It was clear, they said, that any combination of powers which excluded Great Britain, must necessarily be anti-British ; and furthermore, that the past accomplishments of the League of Nations have made it fully deserving of English support. They too, utilising history to illustrate the disadvantages of isolation, and emphasising the importance of financial and economic factors, declared that isolation was not only undesirable, but impossible.

The motion was keenly debated from the floor of the House. Some members showed obvious alarm at the Communistic tendencies of a large section of the House, and shuddered at the mention of Karl Marx. Many new ideas and theories were forthcoming, and there was no lack of humour. The motion was finally rejected by 106 votes to 26, although from the spirited nature of the debate, such a large majority was quite unanticipated.

We wish to thank our hosts for a most enjoyable evening, and to congratulate them upon the success of their arrangements.



## House Reports.

### GILBERT HOUSE.

Although Gilbert did not start the season 1935-6 very auspiciously we have no reason whatsoever to feel downhearted. The loss of some of the stalwarts of Gilbert in Lake, Duke, Morrell, Wyatt, Cadogan, Pester and Compton was rather a set back, but the younger members of the house are slowly but surely filling the breach and now Gilbert are again on the road to success.

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

By the time you read these notes the cross-countries will be upon us, and I hope that Gilbert will do well in both. It must be remembered that the Sports are not far off, so I should like to urge all those who intend to run or who have even the remotest chance of being chosen for a House team to train seriously during the holidays.

Our united thanks are again due to Messrs Ferraro, Heather and Chamberlain for their help and support, and my thanks as House Captain for the way you have backed me up.

R. LYON. *House Captain.*

### DRAKE HOUSE.

From the six Senior and five Junior House Matches which have been played this term, Drake has gained but seven points, all of which, however, have been well deserved.

In rugger the Seniors have badly missed Crocker in the three-quarters, the defence being still further impaired by the enforced absence of our House-Captain. The new field has increased our difficulties in this respect as the results of two matches against Gilbert, one on the old field, and one on the new, will show. The Juniors have done well although their record is not too good, but a little more effort would improve this.

In soccer too, the Seniors have lost a valuable member in Luckcraft, but they are showing signs of improvement as in their last match against Raleigh. The Juniors have done well by gaining four points out of a possible six, the team working together in the right spirit.

If the recent improvement is maintained, and if the cross country runs produce fruitful results, we may start the Summer Term with fresh hopes.

R. J. G. HODGES, *Vice-Captain.*

## RALEIGH HOUSE.

The house has done fairly well up to the present, being placed second to Grenville in the points so far gained from football.

There has been rather a slump in house soccer this term, the seniors losing to Grenville and only drawing with Drake ; the juniors, however, gained a rather unexpected win over Grenville juniors. Lack of enthusiasm for turning out for the house rigger matches has caused an unnecessary loss of points, for the talent has been there, but has been handicapped by the team being two or three men short.

At the moment Grenville have a substantial lead, but it is not impossible to overhaul them ; if this is to be done, however, the house must back up with enthusiasm and determination, and gain every possible point in the sports, cricket, and swimming.

R. L. MORGAN, *House Captain.*

## GRENVILLE HOUSE.

Grenville has continued its success this term and is certain to finish in a very favourable position at the head of the football competition. Both Rigger and Soccer matches have aroused great keenness ; the Seniors have an unbeaten record, while the Juniors have lost but two games, in both of which they lacked Bray, who was unfortunately injured in the Rigger match against Raleigh.

It is to be hoped that the spirit manifested in the past two terms will be maintained. Possibly these notes will appear in time to spur some to a belated entry for the cross-country runs which are to be held on the last day of term. Next term will be a full one, cricket, swimming, and sports all claiming attention. We would advise all those who contemplate running in the sports to start training during the holidays as Sports Day is likely to be rather early in the term. Remember that even those who do not compete in the finals can gain points by beating a standard time in the various events ; while all swimmers fast or slow, can gain points by swimming the width or length of the Mount Wise bath. Therefore all out next term to keep Grenville in the lead she has deservedly obtained.

C. ROGERS, *Vice-Captain.*

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 LINGUA LATINA EST.

Latin is a language as dead as dead can be,  
 It killed the ancient Romans and now is killing me,  
 All are dead who wrote it,  
 All are dead who spoke it,  
 All are dead who learned it,  
 Lucky dead—they earned it !

E. CHOPE, IIIA.

## Soccer Club, 1935-36.

*Captain* : R. L. MORGAN.  
*Vice-Captain* : R. F. LYON.  
*Secretary* : L. TOVELL.

Once again the soccer club has enjoyed an outstandingly successful season. Only two matches in all have been lost out of the played.

The 1st XI. has preserved an unbeaten record at home, and has lost only two matches away, at the beginning of the season. The defence especially has proved very sound, and has conceded remarkably few goals ; while the youth of the team as a whole augurs well for the future success of the soccer club.

The 2nd XI., although weakened by the calls of the 1st team, has nevertheless been very successful throughout the season, losing only one match. Miller has proved an efficient captain, and Adams, Trenerry and Callaghan have also played well.

A 3rd XI. has been fielded, and has successfully bridged the gap between the junior and senior teams.

The Junior 1st XI. has suffered from lack of matches, but has shown itself a capable side in those matches which have been played. Bray is an able captain, and Wilce, Baines and Collins have also played well.

### TEAMS

1st XI.		Lark			
	McLeod		Morgan (Capt.)		
	Luxton	Harris	Cox		
Martin	Coaker	Lyon	Barkell	Tovell	
2nd. XI.		Adams			
	Miller (Capt.)		Trenerry		
	Balkwill	Duffin	Semmens		
Essery	Cory	Rickard	Callaghan	Lodge	
3rd XI.		Quickenden			
	Bargery		Coyne		
	Wigmore	Bray	Webb		
Williams	Salter (Capt.)	Emery	Luff	Organ	
Junior 1st XI.		Nicholas			
	Baines		Wilce		
	Crookes	Bray (Capt.)	Squibb		
Backhouse	Jackson (i)	Collins	De Gruchy	March	

The Club is indebted to the Headmaster and Messrs. Armor, Austin, Heather and Hodgson for giving up their time to referee, and extends a cordial welcome to its new manager, Mr. Hodgson. Thanks are due also to Mesdames Simmonds, Luxton and Morgan for preparing the teas.

R. L. MORGAN.

## 1st XI COMMENTS

LARK. Goal.

A safe and reliable goalkeeper whose confidence has been reflected in the remainder of the defence.

MCLEOD. Right Back.

A fast and reliable back with a strong tackle ; is inclined, however, to dribble too much.

MORGAN. Left Back (*Captain*).

Steady in attack ; calm in defence he has been a tower of strength to the team, a good captain by his reliability in play as well as by his leadership and management. Not afraid to give youthful talent its chance. (H.M.)

LUXTON. Right Half.

A hard-working and reliable half ; is equally good in attack and defence.

HARRIS. Centre-half.

A sound defensive centre half whose tackling, positioning, and first-time kicking are good.

COX. Left Half.

A good attacking half whose heading is excellent ; should try to return more quickly to the aid of the defence.

MARTIN. Outside-right.

Dribbles and centres well, but lacks speed and thrust.

COAKER. Inside-right.

A young forward and a natural footballer ; dribbling and approach work very good, but has a tendency to neglect his wing man.

LYON. Centre-forward (*Vice-Captain*).

A whole-hearted player who has set a fine example of team spirit to the club by the willingness with which he has played anywhere placed. At the moment he is playing a strong and successful game in the centre, where it takes a strong defence to keep him out. Very good dribbler : powerful shot. (H.M.)

BARKELL. Inside-left.

Another young and natural footballer whose constructive work and dribbling are very good.

TOVELL. Outside-left (*Secretary*).

He is one of the outstanding players of the team. Fast, persistent and stocky he rarely fails to get the ball over. Should now learn when to cut in. (H.M.)

## RECORDS.

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GOALS	
					FOR	AGAINST.
1ST XI.	21	16	3	2	86	23
2ND XI.	15	14	0	1	97	22
3RD XI.	7	5	0	2	34	16
JUNIOR 1ST XI.	4	3	0	1	28	4

## Rugby Club, 1935-36.

*Captain* : W. L. HOLMES.  
*Vice-Captain* : W. A. SIMMONDS.  
*Hon. Sec.* : S. J. B. HURDEN.

This has been a very successful season for the 1st XV. An average of over 17 points per match has been achieved, and, by the end of the season, the total score may exceed 400 points.

The team itself has shown considerable team spirit, and in this respect the forwards are especially noteworthy, the backs being inclined to keep the ball a little too long.

Crocker, who has been absent during the second term on account of an ankle injury will probably be back before the end of the term. His place has been filled first by Barrett and in the Liskeard match by Dyer-Smith.

Evea has left the school team and Mason is expecting to do so, so it is fortunate that the 2nd XV. offers a good selection of forwards. The latter team, while it has not had the success of the 1st XV. has been very strong and has shown better team work, on many occasions than the 1st XV.

The 3rd XV has only lost one match and is particularly strong this year. Unfortunately many schools do not run a corresponding XV., and thus the 3rd XV. has had few games.

The Colts XV. has at last won a match. By hard fighting and the ability of the captain Grindrod, they won their match with Sutton.

Since many of them are very young, next year's Colts should be quite strong.

The teams have settled down fairly well on the new field, which offers greater scope to the speed of the 1st XV and is probably worth at least three points in any match to those who know it.

The Club is indebted to Messrs. Mallinson and Webb for taking part in the more important club matches, to Messrs. Austin, O' Connor, Mallinson and Webb for refereeing and to those mothers who gave tea to visiting clubs during the term. We also wish to thank Mr. Brown for refereeing Rugger House matches and Mr. Gore who has been present as spectator at every match and has refereed a house match in an emergency.

L. HOLMES.

### COMMENTS.

ROGERS. Full back.

A newcomer to Rugby who has proved a very capable full back. Very good in defence (at times approaches brilliance) but should not allow the ball to bounce before gathering. Should improve his left kick. Has true positional sense.

SIMMONDS (ii). Left Wing three-quarter.

Tackles well and has a strong kick. Runs well and has improved considerably in the later games of the season but lacks experience.

HURDEN. Left Centre.

Is very fast but erratic. A good place kicker. Should endeavour to keep in touch with his wing. Handling needs improvement.

HEALY. Stand-off-half.

A good place kicker. Has improved his tackling and loose play. His ability to find touch is very useful. Should pass a little sooner. A very polished player.

CROCKER. Right Centre.

A strong runner. Tackles and kicks well but touch finding and handling need improvement.

BARRETT. Right Wing.

Tackles and covers well but should endeavour to use speed more. Is inclined to kick to touch too frequently.

HOLMES. Scrum-half (Capt.)

At times is excellent. Must get the ball out from the scrum more quickly and cleanly. Defence especially good. Has proved an inspiring and efficient captain. (F.B.)

SIMMONDS (i). Winging forward.

Leads the pack by example. Inclined to robust play. Tackles, dribbles, handles and breaks from scrum well. Defensive and general game are very good.

OSBORNE. Middle Back rank.

Tackles, dribbles and breaks from scrum, well. Handicapped by lack of weight. Handling very good.

MASON. Winging forward.

An opportunist. Is invaluable in line-out. Breaks very well and with Simmonds (i) and Osborne backs up the three-quarters. Is inclined to keep the ball too long.

EVEA.

Breaks from the scrum well. Is very clever but inclined to slack at times. He can stand up to the worst of rough handling.

ANDREWS.

A hard worker. Very strong and heavy. Tackles very well and is quite fast over a short distance. Almost unstoppable and can stand hard play.

WAYCOTT.

Uses his head, but is very unlucky. Tackles, breaks and backs up very well.

GODFREE.

The School hooker. Has improved his general play since he came into the 1st XV and now backs up and dribbles very well.

EDWARDS.

A very strong forward with plenty of weight. Tended to slack at first, but has played some very good games.



## AN OLD BOY VISITS THE SCHOOL IN 1950.

" Show you round? Only too pleased. Come in. We'll start at the top of the school and work downwards. Ah! Heres' the lift. . . Now, this room is devoted to the Historical Society. The exhibits are mostly fire stock bought up when the local museum caught fire in 1943. The Belisha beacon? Ah! That's one of the original London ones—a souvenir of the last London trip in the School air-liner. The Geological Section have been excavating in the playground—or rather bribing the Scouts to do all the work—and now they are at the Pleistocene level. When did they start? Oh, it would be about 1936, I suppose. However, lets get on—here's the Star-Gazing Society's quarters. What, astronomy? Oh! dear no! The Hollywood brand, old bean; that's the School Cinema in there. All the best by Greta West; films sad and cheery with Carrymore and Berry. Eh? Yes, very well patronised—they dress the caretaker up as commissionaire.

" Over here is a set of cubicles for the Chess Club. Muzzles for every member, and felt carpet on the floor. Now let's go downstairs. This room is absolutely sound-proof. The Hot Rhythm Maniacs and the Philharmonic Orchestra have some pretty keen contests. I can tell you! Sometimes the School Glee Singers manage to get in as well, and the result beats anything by Gershwin or Ellington. The room on your left is the Sixth Form Lounge, complete with billiard table, bar and spittoons. Oh yes, and a good supply of the latest " hits " for the radiogram—thats for all the embryo crooners, (Crooning being a malady peculiar to the Sixth). Come on in and make yourself comfortable. We all do. Cosy, isn't it? Some of the more riotous Sixth Formers go in for needlework and domestic science—you know, cooking and all that—but I'm more or less orthodox. I say, just glance out of this window a minute. There's the car park for the staff; and right ahead is the lawn. What's that? Good condition? Aha, that the effort of the Gardening Society. They produce anything from a Scarlet Pimpernel to a Jerusalem artichoke. This club was founded in that remarkable year, 1936, when several public-spirited individuals spent a considerable time, zealously and enthusiastically weeding and rolling that lawn of which we are so proud. Why, now the first-formers often have a good hearty game of bowls, and the Middle School even aspire to croquet. Personally, I'm rather addicted to blow football, but every-one to his own taste. Some of the staff, who shall be nameless, have been caught playing marbles. . . Well, what about seeing the rest of the school . . . we'll take the bottom corridor next. Here we have the Indoor Swimming Bath (warmed in winter, of course) for the Swimming Club—a frightfully Spartan crowd. This reinforced concrete affair is the strongroom of the Scientific Society—they muck about with explosives and poison gas. Oh, yes, a few casualties now and then, y'know, but they don't mind, they're so keen! This

other room is another gas-works ; the Debating Society have their conflicts here. The collars chained to the seats are for the more rabid members. A dangerous lot when roused.

“ The Scouts are usually locked in this cage for their meetings. Few people can hold a true Scout down when he’s out for a badge or a good deed for the day. Taming them takes a lot of kindness and patience. Yes, the place is rather full of models . . . No, that one isn’t a Tibetan lama’s hut in the Himalayas ; that’s the School playing-field complete with “ pavilion.” Now, tread softly, this room is perhaps, the most unholy of the lot. Note the padded walls and floor. The Dramatic Society have their orgies here. They enter through a trap-door so that no doors can be left open at night to worry the local constabulary. They aren’t much different from ordinary fellows outside, but the uninitiated wonder what proceeds within. All is vague conjecture, but horrible sounds have been heard—Black Mass, or something.

“ Well, I’m very pleased to have—what did you say ? Class-rooms ? Work ? My dear fellow, don’t be so old-fashioned !

ANON.



## ODE TO THE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

One half my life is spent in serving thee,  
 And from thy nauseous grip I seldom flee.  
 By day, I am thy slave,  
 My mind thou dost deprave.  
 For thee I strive to fill my brain with lore—  
 Thy chief delight can only be to bore—  
 And all my grief I have to thank thee for,  
 O School Certificate !

At night I restless am  
 With things I have to cram.  
 What pleasure canst thou find in torturing me ?  
 I long for when I shall be of thee free ;  
 ‘Till then I groan aloud.  
 My heart thou dost enshroud  
 With calculations, verbs and dates and seas  
 With such rapidity I scarce can sneeze.  
 Oh ! When wilt thou my poor brain cease to tease  
 O School Certificate ?

THEOBOLD, IVL.

## THE MODERN CHILD.

(*apologies to "Lone Dog"*)

I'm a hot guy, a sharp guy, a wild guy, and tough ;  
 I'm a real guy, a good guy, living in the rough ;  
 I'm a bad guy, a mad guy, pulling out a gun,  
 I love to, 'hold-up " policemen just for a bit of fun.  
 I'll never be a soft guy, holding mummy's skirt,  
 A weak guy, a meek guy, keeping clean my shirt ;  
 Not for me my parents or a small play-mate  
 But for me the shut door, the hard hand and fate.  
 I don't want the other kids playing in the street,  
 Mine is just the hard trail stealing the food I eat,  
 Getting all the beatings and yet I'm not afraid  
 Of sleeping in the open and not on sheets of braid.

ACKUM IVL.

## THE GREAT TREK.

When England said the Boers' slaves were free  
 They took recourse to genealogy,  
 And, looking upon the negro's family tree,  
 Found out that, early in his history,  
 The black man was a Gibeonite and he  
 A slave for ever was condemned to be.  
 Thus, authorised by Holy writ  
 A disobedient slave to hit  
 Cape Colony the Boers quit  
 And 'cross the Orange River emigrate,  
 To settle down and form the Orange State.

ANON. IVL.

## HOWLERS.

(On a school notice-board.)

Four-hundred seats may be reserved by payment of an extra 3d.

A mirror is placed under the galvanometer needle to avoid paroxysm.

The change in the thickness of the eye lens is caused by the culinary muscles which expand and contract.

(In a French class.)

" Please, sir what is the difference between the imperfect and the prehistoric ? "

One of the chief uses of balloons to-day is to try and find out something about the cosmetic rays in the stratosphere.

Champagne was a Holy Roman Emperor.

## ALGERNON AUGUSTUS.

Now Algernon Augustus was a goody goody boy.  
 He did such things which caused his ma to live a life of joy.  
 Alas one day he fell so ill the doctor shook his head  
 Then gravely he looked up and said, " This boy will soon be dead."  
 On hearing this his mother cried, and wept so bitterly,  
 They thought that she would not conclude ; but all things stop for  
 tea.

The days went on but still he lay so very very ill,  
 Until at last his ma gave him a little Beecham's Pill.  
 Before she'd time to look around he sprang from out the bed.  
 And when at last she did turn round he had both dressed and fed.  
 Then up he spoke in piping voice, " My dear Maam," said he,  
 " I am at present in good health and owe it all to thee."  
 His mother blushed ; her pet, her pride, was praising her again,  
 Just as he had before he lay upon his bed of pain ;  
 And so she answered mid her sobs, " My son you were so ill,  
 You do not owe your life to me, but to that Beecham's Pill ! "

R. GLINN IIA

## AROUND THE FORM ROOMS.

It has been suggested that the School Song lacks impressiveness owing to its being written in English. Many schools have a song in Latin, and it is thought that we might with advantage follow their example. No doubt the classics master could be persuaded at the pistol point to write such a song.

Among the many advantages of the new playing field, says a communique from the Rugger Club, is the adequate provision close at hand for dispensing with the injured.

In some circles it is felt that the formation of a school Darts Club is long overdue. Some of its advocates declare : that the authorities are prejudiced against the idea, on the grounds that the honours boards are likely to be used as targets.

Stubbins of IID is regarded as being almost certain to win the forthcoming marbles championship, although some declare that he is overtrained, and that Gubbins will prove to be the winner. It is hoped that the professional element will not invade this admirable sport, and that measures will be taken to prevent gambling and pool-promoting.

Several forms have decided unanimously that the annual cross-country run is a survival from uncivilised days, and that it is brutal and quite indefensible. They advocate its immediate abolition.

From the chemistry lab.—Why was the oxylate ? Because it had been for a nitride.

REPORTER.

## THE REFEREE.

Oh ! football is a noble game, and good it is to see  
 The flying players as they urge the ball so lustily.  
 No troubles fill their youthful souls, their breasts from care are free  
 And every man's a Comrade, all but the referee  
 All but the referee.

The crafty halves race in to nip the movement in the bud.  
 A hefty back puts down his man with a resounding thud,  
 But that's the game. No harm is done. Only one man's named  
 'Mud.'  
 And that's the referee.

The ball comes out. Then back again they boot it with a will.  
 They fail to score. They try again. What force and speed and  
 skill !  
 How well they know the tricks and rules ! One man alone knows  
 Nil,  
 And that's the referee.

The players dodge and dribble. There's nothing like a win.  
 The followers in the touch-line keep up a rousing din.  
 But failure ends the effort. We should have got it in  
 But for the referee.

And now the game is ended, the final whistle's blown.  
 And arm in arm they leave the field. But here is one alone.  
 Grateful for life and limb he slinks dejected on his own.  
 —The poor old referee.

T.

## LINES TO SOLITUDE.

There comes a mood when all the madding strife  
 Of this rude world confounds me ; and I crave  
 A respite from the frenzied starts so rife  
 Which men call living. Then solitude can save  
 My troubled soul from sour despair, a grace  
 Afford for introspection, that I may reflect  
 On what has pass'd away ; yet can I face,  
 The knowledge that those sacred moments, deck'd  
 With all the splendid majesty of thought,  
 Have yielded place to struggling bustling crowds  
 Of nations striving, earthly treasures sought  
 Since I rejoice that in your lap, sweet mood,  
 Lie fleeting raptures of a sort that men  
 Have long forgot. Fain would I cast aside  
 This savage race of mortals to the end  
 Of sorrow, and with Solitude abide.

C. R. L.

## A ROMAN FOOTBALL MATCH.

Ladies and gentleman, the Romans have given up such pleasant sports as throwing Christians to the lions and are trying football for a change. On my left hand are the Old Romanians, on my right are the Etruscans.

But hold your "equos", I see the referee putting his whistle to his lips.

They're off! Sorry folks, I mean that Titus neatly trapped the ball with his nose and passed to Galba, who kicked so hard (and missed) that his bootlace snapped and his boot landed in the mouth of the referee, who happened to be shouting the war-cry of Carthage. When the referee got the ball out of his mouth he found that he had swallowed his whistle, and he had to hold his breath for the rest of the game to avoid stopping the fray.

Well, by this time the ball had reached Hannibal, who shot for his own goal quite unintentionally and scored.

Scipio, the goalie was very annoyed and angrily threw the ball at Hannibal.

However, it missed, and hit Minucius in the back of the neck. That worthy turned on Caius whom he thought to have done the dirty deed.

Caius would not have stopped to argue, but in departing he unfortunately butted Marcellus in the solar plexus. In exactly fifteen sixteenths of a second a free fight was raging, so the game accordingly ended.

RESULT :—Old Romanians 1, Etruscans 0.

Bang!!! The Referee has just bust!

"Mephistopheles." IIIA.

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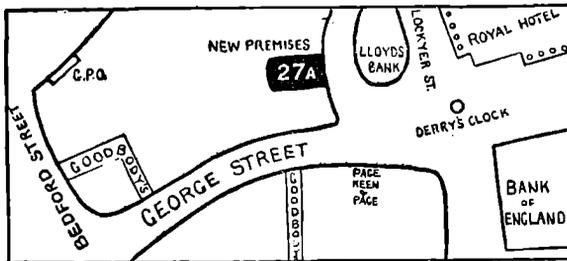
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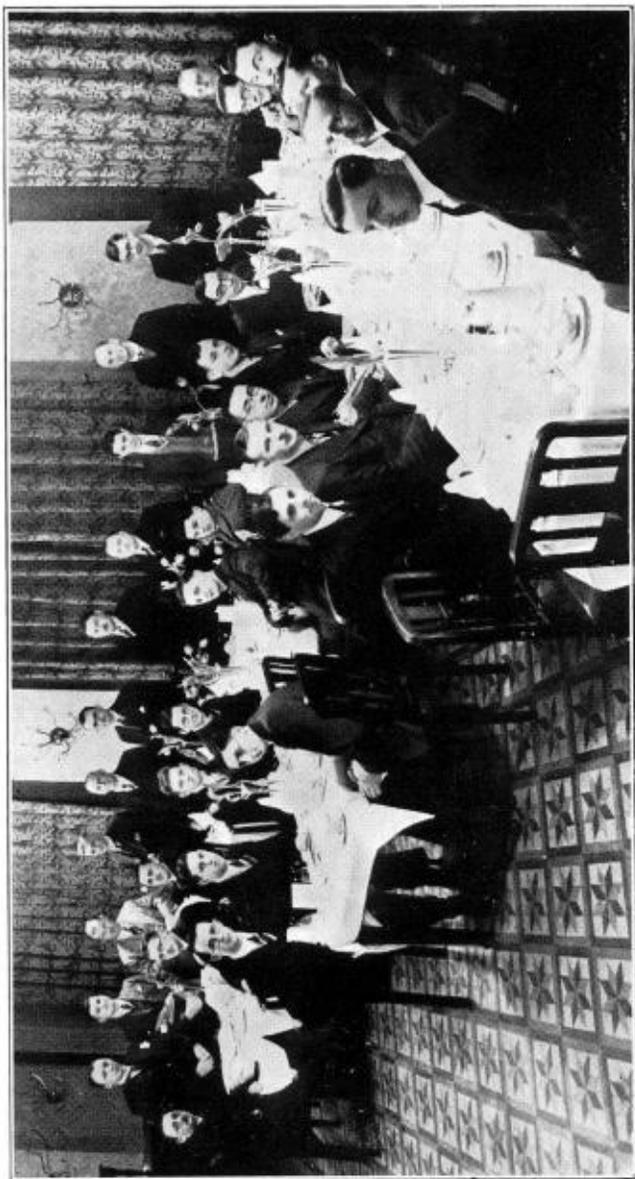
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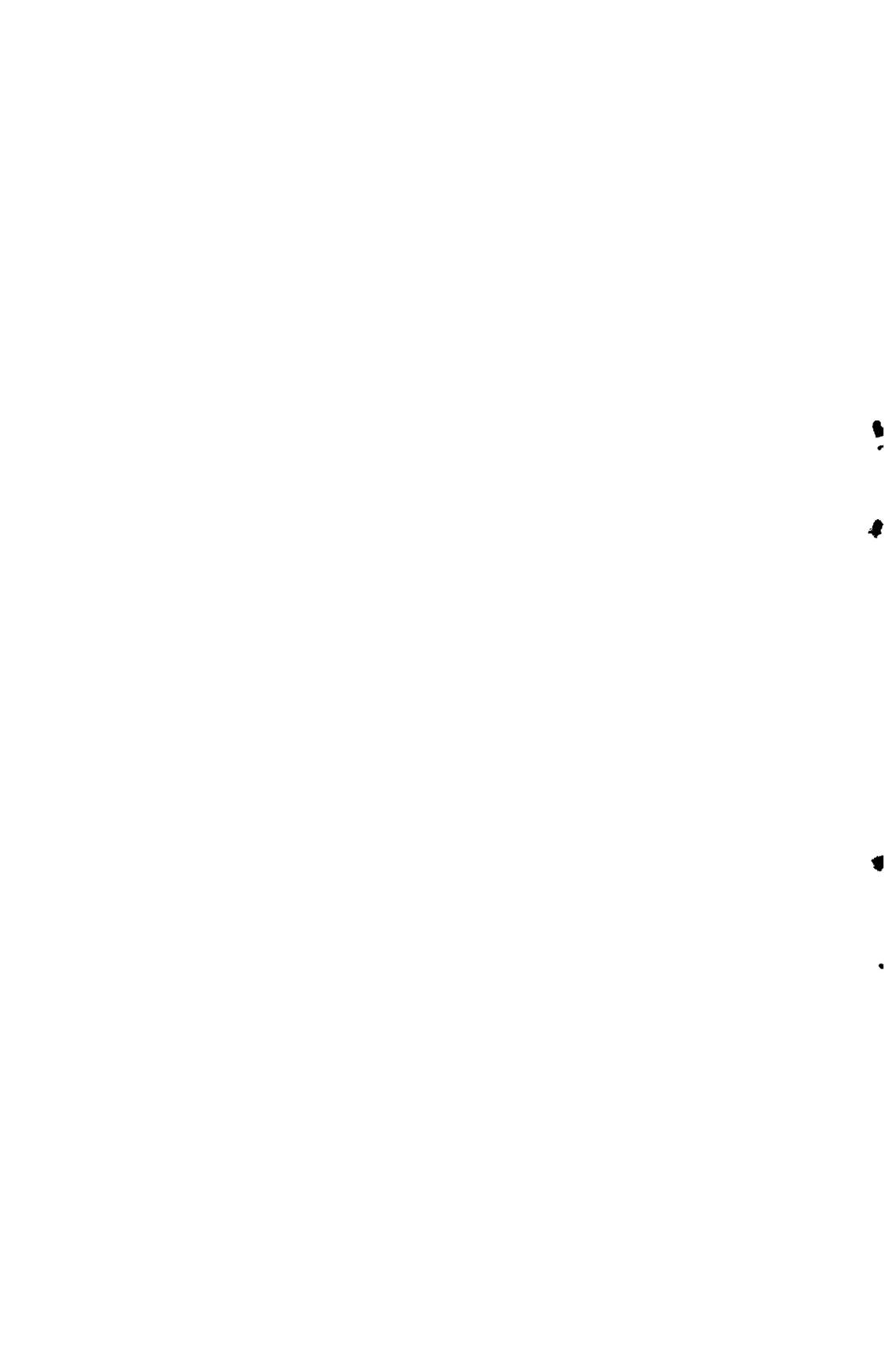
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D.H.S. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (LONDON BRANCH) DINNER, 1936.





## D.H.S. Parents' Association.

The educational side of the Parents' Association has been to the fore this term.

The first meeting on 31st January was an address by the Bishop of Plymouth on

“Religious instruction and the School.”

The Bishop's four points received general agreement.

- (i) Christian Knowledge was a department of knowledge and as such necessary in the school curriculum to-day.
- (ii) Religion is necessary for the living of a complete life.
- (iii) Some form of religion is essential in a modern community.
- (iv) If the Christian religion was not taught in schools it would not be taught elsewhere.

A general discussion followed and the Bishop kindly replied to several questions.

On March 6th Professor Stanley H. Watkins, M.A., Ph.D., paid us his second visit. His lecture of last year on “The Place of the Parent in the Family,” was amplified by another on “Adolescence, its significance and Difficulties.”

This problem affects every D.H.S. Parent and the lecture was followed with close attention and appreciation.

The attendance at both these lectures was considerably larger than in previous sessions and is evidence that the D.H.S. Parents are succeeding in one of their most important aims:—“To promote interest in the aims of education and child study.”

Forthcoming Meetings :—

27th March, General Meeting and Social.

27th June, Garden Party.

G. PROWSE, *Hon. Sec.*



## D.H.S. Old Boys' Association.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Dec. 27th. The attendance was satisfactory and offered further evidence that this date is more suitable than July for our A.G.M. At the Meeting it was decided to invite Major Clifford Tozer to become a Vice-President of the Association and we are pleased to state that this invitation has been accepted. Mr. R. Warren was elected to the Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. B. C. J. Rickard.

For some while it has been felt that the present annual subscription of 2/6 is inadequate, especially now that three issues of the Magazine have to be provided for. It was therefore decided that as from July 31st, 1936 the Annual subscription should be increased to 3/-. Will members please note this? They are also reminded that prompt payment of their subscription will greatly help in the working of the Association. Subscriptions should be sent to the General Secretary as early as possible in the Autumn Term.

The Dinner proved a triumph of organization for Mr. Cock and his Committee and again we acknowledge our indebtedness to these loyal workers for their continued efforts on behalf of the Association.

A few weeks ago a meeting was held at the School to consider the advisability of forming an Association Football Club. As a result of this meeting there now exists a Soccer Club which with the able Secretaryship of Mr. R. Warren gives every promise of enjoying a successful career. Mr. Warren (*17 Clarendon Place, The Hoe, Plymouth*) would be glad to hear from any Old Boys interested in Soccer.

The London Branch held a very successful Dinner at Half Term, and are to be congratulated on the excellent attendance. The evening proved a re-union which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

A few days ago we were pleased to receive a visit from Mr. F. Paltridge. Mr. Paltridge, who adopted Engineering as a profession, is now on leave from the West Coast of Africa. Mr. R. Barrow, of the Executive Civil Service (War Office) also paid us a visit. He is about to take up an appointment in Egypt.

Greetings, which appropriately arrived on the morning of the A.G.M., were received from Mr. B. Mantle an old D.H.S-IAN, now of N. Battleford, Sask, Canada.

All D.H.S- IANS will greatly regret to receive news of the death of Mr. A. Lampard, of Travancore, S. India. Mr. Lampard, whose name is familiar to all in connection with the 'Lampard Cup' was engaged in tea-planting and represented the Planters on the Travancore Legislative Assembly. Our sympathy goes to his family in their loss.

The following is a list of new members. A very pleasing feature of this list is that it includes a large percentage of School 'leavers'.

E. S. J. March,	1, Greatlands Place, Swilly.
A. Bowden,	4, Tenby Road, St Budeaux, Plymouth
L. Copplesstone,	12, Wembdon Place, Bridgewater
A. Chambers,	The Townhall, Stonehouse, Plymouth
K. S. Duke,	57, Castle Street, Salisbury, Wells.
R. Barrow,	Army Audit Office, British Troops in Egypt.
S. Morrell,	8, Camilla Ter., Peverell, Plymouth.

- F. Cadogan, 91, Goschen Street, Keyham, Devonport.  
 R. E. S. Morris, " Battreaux " Russell Avenue, Plymouth.  
 J. D. Pester, 21, Beechcroft Road Peverell, and Homestead Hotel, Bystock Ter., Exeter.  
 F. C. Wyatt, 8, Warleigh Avenue, Keyham, Devonport.  
 K. F. J. Eves, 11, Victoria Place, Stonehouse, Plymouth.  
 E. W. J. Brimbecom, 76, Woodville Road, N. Prospect, Plymouth.  
 D. A. Worden, 122, Beaumont Street, Stoke, Devonport.  
 E. M. Williams, St. Cross, Russell Avenue, St. Albans, Herts.  
 F. Paltridge, St. Budeaux, Roebuck Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin.  
 Garner,

The following change of address have been received :—

- R. E. Stacey 23, Melbourn Road, Crookes, Sheffield.

*Please Note:—*

The School Sports will be held on 23rd May, at 2-30 p.m., at Beacon Park.

#### THE ANNUAL DINNER.

On December 27th, over 70 Old Boys assembled at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel for the Annual Re-union. Arrangements were as usual made by Mr. E. E. Cock, who, backed by an enthusiastic Dinner Committee saw to it that everything possible was done for the comfort and entertainment of all present. It would be difficult to over estimate the work Mr. Cock has done for the Association, and the President in paying a warm tribute to the Dinner Secretary voiced the sentiments of all old boys.

The excellent fare provided having been discussed, attention was turned to more serious matters. It was announced that Major Clifford Tozer had accepted a Vice-Presidency of the Association. Major Tozer expressed pleasure at being associated with the School in this way and was presented by the President with a badge of Office. In addition to Mr. Rous, we were pleased to have with us Mr. Winnicott, who has often shown his interest in the school.

The toast of " The Association " was given by Mr. S. F. Rous, Secretary of the Football Association. As a result of a longstanding friendship with our President, Mr. Rous had consented to curtail an already short holiday in order to be present at the Dinner. He maintained that an enthusiasm for sport helped to bring about a better understanding between people, an understanding which, extended to nations, would replace feeling of fear by one of sympathy. He expressed pleasure at finding the Association had so keen a Rugby Club and hoped that the proposed Soccer Club would be equally successful. He claimed that organized games played a more important part than the mere maintainance of physical fitness, Games taught courtesy, and developed a sense of humour. The school provided ideal conditions for the inculcation of such attributes.

Replying for the Association, the General Secretary (Mr. H. Ferraro) expressed the thanks of the Old Boys to Mr. Rous for his presence at their Annual gathering. He referred to the way in which

Old Boys overseas evidenced their continued interest in their School, and expressed appreciation for the practical assistance the Association had received from its Presidents--past and present. The acceptance by Major Clifford Tozer of a Vice-Presidency has brought additional honour to the Association.

The " Toast of the School " was proposed by the Committee Chairman (Mr. E. E. Cock.) He remarked on the whole-hearted way in which the Headmaster had entered into every phase of School life and pointed out how various interests were catered for at D. H. S. He had noted with pleasure the revival of the Scout Troop.

The Headmaster in reply, said that D. H. S. had always had a reputation for efficiency and while it was a pleasure to take over the Headmastership of such a school, it was also a difficult task. Wherever possible the scope of the school had been extended. The past year had constituted a record for successes in the Executive Civil Service examinations while more boys had passed the Higher School Certificate exam. than at any time in the School's history. Turning to games, success could also be reported. The 1st Rugby XV had had an unbeaten record during the season. The worth of a School however, should not be measured by the records gained by its best boys but by the achievements of its ordinary pupils, every boy who passed through a School should be different as a result of having passed through it. All School activities went to make up the School atmosphere which was to leave its mark on its pupils. He had never known a school in which old Boys returned so regularly to visit their School as at D. H. S.

" The London Branch " was proposed by Mr. Gill and replied to by Mr. Swan.

Mr. Andrews in proposing the Rugby Club outlined its history from the time when a few enthusiasts received their encouragement to go forward from Mr. Austin until it was in the position of being able to field two XV's.

Mr. Warren, Sec. of the Rugby Club, in reply, impressed the indebtedness of the Club to the Headmaster for facilities afforded them.

A musical programme was arranged by Mr. R. J. Werry, those contributing being Messrs C. F. Austin, G. R. Harris, and C. Howett.

## THE LONDON BRANCH.

*Chairman* : MR. A. T. BROOKS.

*Secretary* : MR. J. H. FRANCIS, 36, Marksbury Avenue,  
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*Treasurer* : MR. M. J. COLLIER, 59, Windermere Road, N.10.

*Committee* : The above with MESSRS. A. J. SWAN and  
A. R. PIKE.

The most important items of interest to report in connection with the London Branch are the A.G.M. held on the 13th Jan. and the Dinner held on the 29th Feb., a detailed report of which is appended at the end of these notes.

At the A.G.M. the officers were elected as above and a proposal was carried raising the annual subscription to 3/- with the alternative of 5 years' subscription being paid in advance for 12/6.

It was also decided that an informal meeting of Old Boys should be held on the first day of every month (excluding Sundays and public holidays) and the venue now chosen is the basement of the Zecta Restaurant opposite Victoria Underground Station. The time of meeting is 6—6.30 p.m.

The next function to be held by the London Branch will be a Whist drive, bridge drive, card party and smoker combined (all tastes being thus well catered for, that of the bridge fiend and anti-bridge fiend alike). The date has been fixed for Tuesday, April 28th, and a room has been booked at the Brook Green Hotel, Brook Green Road, Hammersmith (3 mins. from Station) The proceedings will commence at 7.30 p.m. The cost of the tickets will be 1/6 each or if purchased at least a week before the event 1/3 each. Old Boys and their friends of both sexes are cordially invited and it is hoped that the response to this notice will be highly gratifying. Make a note of all particulars at once.

On Sunday June 14th a ramble in some spot as yet undetermined will be held for the benefit of London members and their friends. The party will meet at Victoria Station between 9.45 and 10 a.m. outside Platform No. 1. All those desirous of rambling should book the date straightway.

To end these notes I am forced to pen a reminder to those whose subscriptions for this year (or previous years!) are overdue that the Branch cannot function effectively unless remittances for Subscriptions are promptly transmitted to myself or the Treasurer. It would be a matter of no little gratification to the London Committee if these few words elicited from you the hoped-for response. And why not, od's bodikins, why not?

#### THE LONDON BRANCH DINNER.

The Second Annual Dinner of the London Branch was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 29, and was generally acclaimed an enormous success. The number present was 35 and had it not been for the misfortune of sickness and the bogey of prior engagements this number would have been greatly exceeded.

The reception was held between 6.0 and 6.30 p.m. and it would have been difficult to imagine a more representative gathering of the Old Boys Association. The School of every year from 1935 right back to the years of the Boer War seemed to have produced its delegates. From the fastnesses of Wales and the hills of Surrey, from Plymouth and from Leicester, Old Boys had come along to show that the institution of School is indeed a religion which dies hard.

Cordiality was the keynote and when at length the company proceeded upstairs to Dinner all were friends and none were strangers. The fare provided was of the customary high standard and those members who had spent the afternoon in the energetic pursuit of sport were not alone in doing full justice to the board and upholding the tradition of the West for its scions of hale and hearty appetites.

When at length all had relapsed into the genial state of comatose satiety the Toasts of the evening were proposed and drunk with becoming fervour.

Firstly "THE KING—KING EDWARD VIII. "

Next came "THE SCHOOL, PAST AND PRESENT. "

In proposing this Toast the Chairman, Mr. Brooks, touched on the representative nature of the assembly and stressed the importance of school life in our after years. He hardly deemed this the occasion for an excursion into abstruse metaphysical speculations and yet he could not but reflect that the ultimate reality of life and the end to which our lives must be bent was the formation of character. Nothing had so great an influence on our characters as the early years spent at school, and he was deeply and sincerely grateful for the wise and careful moulding to which his own character had been subjected at the hands of the omniscient staff of D.H.S.

In reply, Mr. Simmonds, the President, said that the 4 minutes at his disposal were totally inadequate for the shy and shrinking provincial which, he boasted, he had now become. He felt like an opening batsman who was forced to retire before he had had time to settle down.

The School he said, had maintained the prominent position won under the guidance of Mr. Treseder with the able co-operation of a staff typified in the person of the General Secretary Mr. Ferraro. D.H.S. was the best sporting school in the West, the latest achievement being a handsome victory over Plymouth College 1st XV, whilst in the examination room D.H.S. still ranked supreme.

To the School we owed the birth of friendship, and friendship, next to marriage, was the finest thing in life.

In proposing "The Visitors," Mr. Collier narrated several amusing anecdotes before proceeding to the more serious business of welcoming the visitors. It was gratifying to see the old faces once more, especially as many of the visitors had travelled from long distances.

In reply Mr. Ferraro thanked the London Branch for the cordial reception received by the visitors. He was delighted to see so many present and to observe how the Branch was flourishing. The regular influx of new members would ensure its continued success.

Mr. Oates toasted "The Chairman." Mr. Brooks and the London Branch were, he said, always spoken of in the same breath. The one connoted the other.



A team is being built, and the former haphazardness of both attack and defence is being replaced by concerted cohesive action and the standard of play is improving accordingly. We are grateful to the Headmaster for putting us on the track of those leavers who may be of use to us and it is hoped very soon to revive the 2nd XV. The Club has everything except the playing strength to make this 2nd XV. a real success—so it is hoped that sufficient new men will come forward for next season.

Dances, still a popular club function, are well attended and form a useful means of maintaining the Club spirit.

As in previous seasons there has been the usual contingent who have left the Club for other parts of the country and it is felt that during their stay with the Rugger Club their Rugby has progressed considerably.

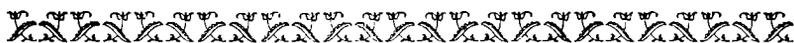
Finances are in a good state, despite heavy expenditure in new equipment, grounds, etc. This present season, incidently, saw the first issue of the new O.B'S colours—green, white and black stripes—stockings to match. Blue knickers complete a very smart ensemble.

Matches have been keenly contested—many of our reverses, sad to say, being by the smallest of margins and usually when playing two or three short—on one occasion playing a Cup match with only ten men. This shortage appears now, however, to have been rectified, weather conditions have been the worst experienced for many seasons; but on the other hand we have not had very many serious accidents.

As Old Boys we are glad to see the revival of the Soccer Club—we wish it every success. It is felt that this is another indication of the growing activity of the O.B.A.

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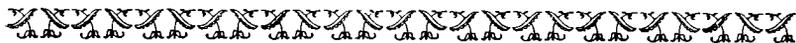
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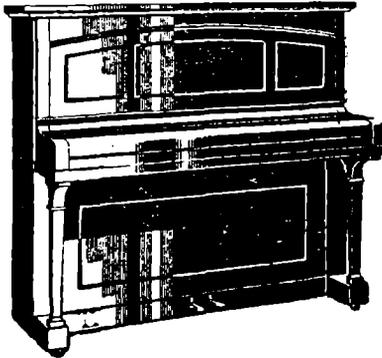
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