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Editor :
J. A. OATES.

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F. A. J. MATTHEWS.

EDITORIAL.

During this term we have noticed with great pleasure that two eminent generals, opponents in the Great War, and two naval captains, who, peculiarly enough, were respectively capturer and captive, then, have been reunited at banquets. The spirit of comradeship and friendly atmosphere of these meetings must have appealed to everyone.

These gestures, graceful and reassuring, reveal the value of broadmindedness, and emphasise strongly a grave weakness in our educational systems of to-day.

Despite minor revolts in some schools, which are almost inevitably jeered at as being faddy, the overwhelming majority of schools still cherishes the academical and athletic aspects of their being with a fanatical and conservative energy which — much as we admire its ideals and its loyalty to them — might be advantageously diverted into broader channels.

Many pupils, unable to bridge the enormous gap between sheltered school life and the sterner battle of reality by any college career, are almost entirely at sea during early adult life, and acquire but slowly any value as citizens.

The fault lies, not in themselves, but in their upbringing. Our most fervent prayers are that training in citizenship, moral and social values and humane principles may supersede the more abstruse systems of knowledge with which — as for long centuries past — modern minds are impregnated.

The only appeal of some traditional subjects is one of sentiment, and much of this knowledge becomes mental lumber within a few months of leaving school.

Education has undoubtedly improved in physical conditions and in the standard of teaching, but definitely not in selection of work.

To-day too much of our scholastic nourishment merely produces indigestion. We are now faced by the problem of replacement. To this end we commend to all D.H.Sians the cultivation of outside interests. Nothing proves a greater obstacle than a belief that the somewhat orthodox run of school life provides adequate preparation for adult life. The habits acquired in our schooldays cling closely and tenaciously to us all through : narrow ideals and ideas in youth mean narrowness and even futility later.

The judgments of our schoolfellows are as scathingly critical as any likely to be encountered : sometimes they approach barbaric cruelty, but after all they are the standards of immature persons working on very insecure moral bases.

These faulty estimates can be eliminated chiefly by contact with outside matters, and intelligent interest in world-wide policy.

All honour to our school-life, which teaches us these two dominating factors of all life, hard and clean work and play, but let us look elsewhere and find the third factor which is to look with the other fellow's eyes, the practical expression of broadminded theories.

Don't forget that other fellow. In helping him you raise yourself.

We conclude with our sincerest wishes to every past and present D.H.Sian for a jolly Xmas and prosperous New Year.



SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The amended list of School Officers is as follows :—

PREFECTS—E. Hannam (Senior Prefect), J. A. Oates, E. J. Barnes, R. W. Barrow, E. R. Gordon, J. H. Chaff, E. O. Jewell, F. A. J. Matthews, W. A. C. Collings, J. W. Geaton, F. J. Trevithick, F. W. Kellaway, J. Francis, C. J. Howell, W. H. Osborne, T. B. Pearn, W. A. Rickard, C. E. Smith, L. Taylor, W. S. Watson.

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EN PASSANT.

We congratulate heartily :—

R. H. Clements, on obtaining State, Open Science, and Astor Scholarships, and the Dyke Exhibition.

N. Bright, on gaining the Devonshire War Memorial Scholarship.

D. Donahue, Phillpott exhibitioner at Cambridge.

A. Merton, who won the first G.P.O. (Plymouth) scholarship.

C. W. Alway and his house Grenville on gaining the St. Levan House Shield for athletics.

All candidates successful at the recent July School Certificate exams, especially Mills, the top boy of the centre.

All those prefects who gained Intermediate degrees in July last.

C. W. Alway and W. R. Wingate, Victores Ludorum (equal); N. Sparke, Junior Champion; and the under 13 champions—Luxton and Hannaford (equal).

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Mr. H. D. Blackmore.

Mr. F. A. Whiteway.

We extend to all these ex-pupils our sincerest congratulations.

**PRAEFECTI VALET.**

C. W. ALWAY—Entered school, January, 1923.; appointed prefect, September, 1928; full colours and committeeman Cricket; Half-Colours and committeeman, Assn. Football; Tennis committeeman and Victor Ludorum, 1929. House Captain of Grenville, 1928-29. Entered University College of S.W., Exeter.

N. A. J. BRIGHT—Entered school, April, 1921; appointed prefect September, 1928; Captain 2nd XI, Assn. Football, 1929. Captain of Tennis 1929. Entered University College of S.W.

R. E. CLARK—Entered school, February, 1923, appointed prefect February, 1929, entered University College of S.W.

- R. H. CLEMENTS—Entered school, September, 1922, appointed prefect, September, 1927. Senior Prefect, chairman Literary and Debating Society, full colours and Secretary Assn. Football, 1928-29. House Captain, Raleigh, 1928-29. Entered Jesus College, Oxford.
- D. DONAHUE—Entered school, September, 1923. Appointed prefect, February, 1929. 1st XI Cricket, 1929. Entered Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.
- J. D. KENNEDY—Entered school, January, 1919; Appointed prefect, September 1928. Entered commercial career.
- A. E. T. MERTON—Entered school, September 1923. Appointed prefect, September, 1928. Entered University College of S.W.
- H. F. VERE—Entered school, April 1917. Appointed prefect, September, 1927. Entered Bristol University (Dental).



HOWLERS.

Who explained that :—

" a *panorama* is a large straw hat."

" *Oratio* was the name of a Roman Consul."

" *Elocution* is an electrical process for killing people."

" Sugar is a white, crystalline substance used for sweetening any *liquid* drink."

" *Senna* was an old Greek author who produced many tragedies."
Sardi venales, means, sardines for sale (i.e. Sardinians for sale).

What member of the staff described Charon's boat as the " chinky bark " ?

What master ingenuously asked the Sixth Form " Any screws loose here ? "

Note our *literary* general knowledge—

Milton is what you clean false teeth with. (Shades of Helicon !)

Sordello is a brand of medicinal liquorice.

Mistress Quickly was supposed to be the husband of Pistol.

THE TASK.

" Cast off thy sloth," the prefect said,

" And write a poem for the Mag.

Prepare thy wits, take up thy pen,

Nor deem it too much fag."

"Fine Sir," quoth I, "what shall I choose
 As subject for my happy rhyme?"
 "Choose what thou wilt, or paeon, or dirge,
 But get it done in time."

By day and night I sought a theme,
 A subject for my verses fair.
 To enrich the page with thoughts sublime
 Became my constant care.

But though the Muse from me withheld
 The gift of poetry divine,
 I listened to ambition's call,
 To make the laurels mine.

With care I penned each laboured line
 And weighed each word as poets must.
 The task complete, I tore it up,
 O'erwhelmed with sheer disgust.

"Thy time has passed," the prefect said,
 "Show me the efforts of thy pen,
 That all may read, and thou shalt be
 Renowned amongst men."

"Go seek elsewhere thy verse," I cried,
 "'Mongst those who of their prowess brag,
 For never canst thou make me write
 A poem for the Mag.!"

J.S.



SCHOOL CONCERT.

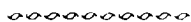
Last March the Literary and Debating Society held its first concert. The staff and school's friends attended nobly and—to the amazement of the artistes—were most enthusiastic. The spirit, forgiving and appreciative, of the audience inspired the actors and Musicians (sic) to great heights.

A programme which embraced classical and popular music, humour and drama was rapturously received. The "*pieces de resistance*" were two plays—"Mrs. Amblett records her vote," by Vupper, with Watson in the title role guided by a winsome daughter in Pagan, whilst Taylor and J. Smith proved gruff officials; and "*Master Wayfarer*" played by the Sixth with Hannam outstanding and Collings in the feminine lead, supported by C. Smith and Oates as hero and villain.

Every performer was well received, and the Committee is grateful to them, especially to Byfield (*Vb*) who sang two splendid treble solos— a glorious foil to the weird ladies' voices which the Glee party produced.

The entertainment proper ending, Mr. Andrews humorously thanked the Society, in whose name he bade farewell to Mr. Swan who, by his energy and resource, had done so much to ensure a successful evening, and who then responded suitably.

A most gratifying result was capped by the evening's financial success.



VITH FORM SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Secretary—E. J. Barnes.

Committee—E. Hannam, L. M. Taylor,
C. E. Smith.

A Dance will be held on January 2nd, 1930, in Mutley Assembly Rooms (just above Mutley Station), from 7—11 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary, E. J. Barnes, 6, Argyle Terrace, Mutley, or from any other member of the Committee. The prices of the tickets (including refreshments) are Single 2 6. Double 4 -.



REVELATION.

Why was Ovid exiled? Professor Strong, an authority on Science and Art, was confronted by this delicate question. Much to his annoyance, he could not answer, and determined therefore to investigate.

He switched on his expensive wireless set; with but little adjustment he could listen to England at one moment, to France or any foreign country the next. "Very interesting," he muttered sarcastically, "I want to hear someone in 20 B.C., not 1929 A.D.

"Dash it all, how on earth can I get back to that remote period?" He thought deeply, first of the elements of wireless reception, then of the theories of echoes.

"When a sound wave is returned by some barrier, an echo is heard; if the wave be not intercepted it spreads out and eventually grows so faint that it cannot be heard, yet it still exists. In wireless the sound can be increased or decreased by various adjustments, so why can't we pick up sounds from the past by magni-

fyng the waves. If a much more powerful modification of a wireless set is made with a much more accurate observer I see no reason why the sounds of the past shall not be heard."

These were the views that Professor Strong expounded to his colleague Professor "Jimmy" Earle. He turned to a giant construction something like a receiving set.

"You brute, you're strangling me," a girl's voice rang out. "Hold your wretched tongue" came the gruff reply. Then there came a scream, followed by a peal of ribald laughter.

"Is this a play at 2 L.O.?" asked Jimmy. "Wait and see," replied Strong.

"So that's your little game, Jack Foster?" came a voice from the construction. Bang! a pistol shot rang out. Then came that gruff voice again, "Dead men tell no tales."

"Do you remember Jack Foster in the murder case last year?" asked Strong, and Earle answered quickly, "Yes — verdict of murder and suicide returned on Dudley Austin, the girl's fiancee."

Strong then explained that five wheels operated on one condenser; representing thousands, hundreds, etc., of years. The condenser worked slowly by clockwork to record what was taking place. The episode just heard revealed its use in detecting crime.

"Now" he said, "I have always believed in Mother Shipton. Yesterday she revealed to me that she actually prophesied the end of the world in 8081, not 1881 as some deaf gentleman evidently believed."

II.

Some days later the two friends were again experimenting. Strong believed that his set, now altered, would reproduce the future.

After they had manipulated the various dials and coils they heard voices of 8081 A.D. Although the language was very different he was able to distinguish several technical terms, electro-magnetic, screened-grid, etc.

The tale they heard was horrifying. Some scientists had brought the world under electric control, and, being fatalists, they proposed to destroy all vital matter.

While Earle listened to blood-chilling groanings mighty explosions and a general uproar, above all he heard Strong scream—try to snatch his hand from the controller—fail and drop back stark dead.

III.

The verdict at the Professor's inquest was that he had been electrocuted whilst experimenting. James Earle tried to explain what had really happened, but men said that the accident had turned his brain.

Despite all his efforts Professor Earle was unable to explain his friend's secrets and till his death was regarded as a fanatic. Thus the invention was lost with the inventor.

K.W.



LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, October 4th a debate was held on the motion "That the attainment of modern woman to her business and political position is detrimental to mankind."

Proposing the motion, *Mr. Matthews*, pointing out the advance of women in public life during the last twenty years, protested against the spirit and nature of the modern woman, emphasising especially the inevitable neglect of her home duties. Opposing the motion, *Mr. Osborne* maintained that women had been kept in subjection too long. They had proved themselves capable of holding many business posts of importance. *Mr. Howell* and *Mr. Pearn* spoke third and fourth. The motion was carried by 14 votes to 8.

The subject on October 18th was that "The raising of the school-leaving age to fifteen will be beneficial to the community. Proposing the motion, *Mr. Barnes* showed the advantage of the higher age in that there was an opportunity provided for vocational training and theoretical development. He considered it a terrible state of things if boys were sent into a trade to bring in an extra five or ten shillings a week in wages.

Opposing the motion, *Mr. Taylor* pointed out the financial difficulties of the average working man who could not afford to keep the child longer at school. The raising of the school-leaving age would inflict further hardships. *Mr. Collings* seconded *Mr. Barnes*, and *Mr. Francis* seconded *Mr. Taylor*. The motion was carried by 12 votes to 11.

On November 15th a debate was held on the subject "That the return to the Free Trade system is the only hope for the future of British trade."

Mr. Osborne, in proposing, emphasised the absurdity of Great Britain's competing with the United States which were a self-contained unit. We could not keep ourselves and consequently

trade was of vital importance, moreover taxes on goods merely stifled our trade.

Opposing, *Mr. Matthews* showed the deplorable condition of trade — a result of a Free Trade system. Our industries needed protection against unfair competition. *Mr. Watson* and *Mr. J. Smith* supported, the motion being carried by 12 votes to 8.

On the alternate Monday afternoons *Mr. Lockwood* has delivered interesting lectures on contemporary authors, including John Galsworthy, Hugh Walpole, Thomas Hardy and Arnold Bennett.

The Committee are pleased to announce that probably monthly debates on Wednesday evenings will be resumed next term after a lapse of three or four years.

E. HANNAM, *Chairman.*

E. J. BARNES, *Secretary*.



THE INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE.

On Wednesday, November 20th at 7 p.m., a very successful and enjoyable debate was held at our own school, under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society. There were just over a hundred present, amongst whom were the Headmaster and Mr. R. Lockwood, the latter performing the duties of chairman in a very able manner. The motion before the House was "That State control of the major industries of this country would not alleviate trade depression."

MISS M. WAYCOTT, of Devonport Secondary School, proposing the motion, argued that many costly experiments in State control had failed. In the coal mining industry, State owned mines increased costs, decreased production, and had been unanimously abandoned. The speaker, pointing out that shipping was the mainstay of Britain, declared that State controlled shipping had failed miserably in the United States of America. Finally, State control deprived industry of its competitive spirit; it meant increased staffs, heavier taxation, higher prices and reduced output.

MR. M. CLARK, of Corporation Grammar School, opposing the motion, said that the present depression in British trade was due to lack of co-ordinated control. Private enterprise, disregarding the welfare of workers, merely sought immediate profit. It neglected scientific work on by-products, which were wasted, and merely gambled in money—e.g. by floating companies for speculative gain. The Speaker declared that State Control, obviating this, would regard the good of the Nation and not the mere financial gain of individuals (e.g. Australian Railways) and would care for the future of industry.

MR. HIGMAN, of Sutton Secondary School, seconding the motion, said that State Control could not meet foreign competition. State employees were snugly complacent and lacked initiative. He quoted the French railways as an example of State inefficiency declaring that private control, only, could give efficiency.

MISS D. JAMES, of Stoke Damerell Secondary School, seconding the opposition, said that State ownership obviated over production, and was not run for profit alone, but considered the benefit of employees. Private enterprises of influence often curtailed supplies of necessary foodstuffs for selfish profit, and generally overstocked the market, with the result that men were discharged to cut losses. The speaker, quoting Italy and Russia as successful examples of state Control, appealed for a fair trial in this country.

MR. E. J. BARNES, of Devonport High School, gave statistics which showed the complete failure of State Control, and pointed out that State Control, which was the Socialist panacea for all ills, deprived industry of its finest characteristic—individualism; and that the grotesque and ridiculous criticisms of the capitalist system should have been levelled, not against the system, but its abuses; and finally that state control was the infantile paralysis of mankind.

MISS G. STONE, of Plymouth High School, considered the subject very suitable for women. Using the Post Office and several foreign examples, she tried to show that the most remarkable feature of private enterprise was high price and limited output, whilst both these disadvantages would fail in concerns run for communal ends.

After a keen debate, the motion was rejected by 43 votes to 41.

E. J. BARNES.

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GAMES.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

VICTORES LUDORUM :—

Senior :—	Alway, Wingate (equal).
Junior :—	Sparke.
Under 13 :—	Hannaford, Luxton (equal)

The Houses were placed respectively :—

1. GRENVILLE.
2. GILBERT.
3. DRAKE.
4. RALEIGH.

EVENT WINNERS.

Cross-country race	Johnson, W.
Throwing the Cricket ball :	Open, Smith, C. Under 15, Sparke.

The **junior throw exceeded the senior by 4 ft.** and was a **record** for the junior event.

Long Jump :	Open, Alway. Under 15, Smeeton. Under 13, Hannaford.
High Jump :	Open, Geaton. Under 15, Luke and Sheppard (equal). Under 13, Hannaford.
Half Mile :	Open, Wingate, 2 mins. 11 2/5 secs. (Record). Under 15, Sparke, 2 mins. 20 secs. (Record).
Hurdles :	Open, Alway. Under 15, Sheppard.
100 yards :	Open, Rooke. Under 15, Sparke Under 13, Hannaford.
Relay :	Open, Grenville. Under 15, Gilbert. Under 13, Raleigh.
Dribbling Football :	Under 15, Lyon. Under 13, Halloran.
220 yards :	Open, Wingate. Under 15, Sheppard. Under 13, Luxton.
Sack race :	Under 15, Nicholas. Under 13, Wyatt.
440 yards :	Open, Wingate. Under 15, Sparke. Under 13, Endacott.
Obstacle :	Braidwood.
Mile :	Anning.
Tugs :	Senior, Grenville beat Drake. Junior, Grenville beat Raleigh.

The afternoon was marred by the rain, which began after the programme had been going for an hour, and gradually increased in intensity, causing the abandonment of the Team race, gala items, and tug finals. It may be worth while to consider the advisability of holding the sports next year at some recognised sports ground, where the spectators will be in somewhat happier plight, in case of

bad weather, than they were on the School Field last time. The problem is chiefly one of money. Perhaps someone will come forward with suggestions.

CRICKET.

Three elevens were fielded, the usual series of Senior and Junior House matches played, whilst in addition, Forms arranged their own games, including some with the corresponding "Years" in other Schools.

The 1st Eleven won 9 matches, lost 5, drew 1.

The 2nd Eleven won 6 and lost 3.

The 1st XI was chosen from :—Hannam (Captain), Gordon, Taylor, Alway, Oliver, Warn, Oates, Wingate, Donahue, Bilney, Luff, Rickard.

The best performances were those of Bilney 36 and Oliver 18, each not out, against Plymouth College 2nd : Warn, 32 not out against Plymouth Technical College and Alway's 6 wickets for 4 runs against Corporation Grammar School, and 7 wickets for 7 runs against Emmanuel.

Caps were awarded to Oliver and Warn.

The House results are as follows :—

	RALEIGH.	GRENVILLE.	DRAKE.	GILBERT.
Senior	2	4	2	2 points
Junior	2	2	2	6 points.
Total	4	6	4	8 points.

The House Competition for the year finished up thus :—

1. **Grenville** (ALWAY, Captain) 120 points.
2. **Drake** (OATES, Captain) 103 points.
3. **Raleigh** (CLEMENTS, Captain) 96 points.
4. **Gilbert** (GORDON, Captain) 81 points.

SWIMMING

A promising swimming club was successfully inaugurated during the Summer term. Our sincerest thanks are due to Mr. Campbell, from whom we have received the following report, for his capable and enthusiastic coaching.

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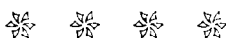
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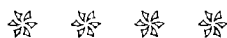
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NOTE NEW ADDRESS

won. The awards were made by the Education Authority. We had a fine summer which helped us greatly. Facilities were good, although, the only times we could visit the Baths being Wednesday afternoons, accommodation was rather limited !

We have several promising swimmers in the school, the most prominent being Stone, Sparke, Dunn-Taylor (Vc) and Smeardon. The latter's diving was especially worthy of mention.

The following gained medallions :—Dunn-Taylor, Smeardon Sparke and Stone."

A. A. CAMPBELL.

N.B.—It is hoped to arrange some instruction for non-swimmers next year.

TENNIS.

Under Bright's captaincy the club enjoyed a long and gloriously fine season. Enthusiasm amongst the members kept the court in constant use, and the standard of play rose steadily.

The Committee are grateful to the Education Authority for playing facilities during the Easter and Summer vacations.

Once again the tournament was abandoned in its intermediate stages due to alleged pressure of work.

E. HANNAM.

FOOTBALL.

Soccer.

Many of our old opponents have joined leagues this season, the Impregnable has gone, the weather has caused the cancellation of many games arranged, so that there is little to talk of.

The 1st XI has played only five games (won 4, lost 1), the 2nd XI five games (won 4, lost 1), the 3rd XI and the under 14's, four games, of which three have been won. In addition nine House games have been played (Senior and Junior) and fifty-two form games.

The 1st team has settled down remarkably well and plays with a thrust, skill and combination pleasant to watch. Special mention must be made of the younger players ; Francis in goal, Luke and Pearn, as young and yet as safe a pair of backs as we have had for years, and Sparke, the centre forward. The team is :—

		Francis.		
	Luke		Pearn	
Gordon		Hannam		Wingate
		(Captain)		
Jewell	Roach	Sparke	Bennett	Oates

The 2nd XI has improved very much. Hamley, the imperturbable, has done very well in goal. Congratulations to Evans, for some very fine displays, including one with the first eleven. The side is

		Hamley		
	Linscott		Foster	
Evans		Collings (<i>Capt.</i>)		Chaff
Geaton	Rowe	Hodge	Sheppard	Matthews
(or Sampson)				

The 3rd XI is rather a changeable quantity. The players who have appeared most are :—

		Hutchings		
	Smeeton		Leggett	
Cottle		A. Truscott		Naish
Hosken	Hawkins	Martin	E. Truscott	Rowe

The Under 14 side is :—

		Babbage		
	Lake		Allin	
Robins		Nicholas		Duke
Hannaford	Endacott	Mitchell	Halloran	Crowley

Of the new entry, Cory, Carpenter, Truscott, Shakespeare and Every show promise.

There are quite a number of new boys, however, who are not playing at all. This is a pity. If they do not start with their own year, they will probably not start at all. Regrets, when they have left school, at never having joined in the games, come too late to do any good.

Rugger.

The fifteens, too, have suffered from the weather, the last four or five matches having been cancelled.

The 1st XV has played seven, losing one only and scoring in all 93 points against 15; the 2nd XV has been able to play two games only (one lost) and we have now an under 14 side, which has played three games, winning all. In addition nine House games have been played. The fixtures include games with Plymouth Albion Juniors, Argaum (A)—showing how well the game has developed in the school.

The numbers turning out are very gratifying, but embarrassing, as team selection is difficult, and many good boys are either without a game or kept in the 2nd XV, when only very little short of the 1st XV standard. Holiday fixture, 1st XV v. Old Boys, Friday, December 27th, at 10.30 a.m.

The 1st side is :—

		Polkinghorne				
Mill	Bilney	Warn	Pearn	or	Baker	
		Darch	Taylor			
Smith (Capt.)	Stone	Joslin	Chapman	Martin	O'Carroll	
	Rooke		Howell ii	or	Haydon	

The side has worked together very well and is capable of giving an excellent display against any side that cares to air the ball. Unfortunately there are many sides which apparently make a corner in fat and adopt the tactics of the steam roller or mechanical excavator. This makes the game much less interesting.

The 2nd XV has been chosen from :—

		West				
	Ware	Haydon	Wakely	Jones		
		or Finner				
		Smeardon	Orchard			
Osborne	Rees	Triplett	Peatheyjohns	Howell i	Bevan	Dennis
		Watson	or Floyd			

The Under 14 side is :—

		Chambers				
	Endacott	Williams	Legge	Bradbury		
		Pawley	Luxton			
Bowden	Willcox	Bullen	Trebilcock	Wood	Brenton (i)	
		Brenton(ii)	Langridge			

The House shield points are now :—

	SOCCER.		RUGGER.		
	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	
Drake	6	4	4	3/4	17/22
Gilbert	4	4	2	4/6	14/24
Grenville	0	4	6	2/6	12/24
Raleigh	2	0	0	2/4	4/22

Special thanks are due to the Committees for the work accomplished, to the Secretaries who do a thankless job cheerfully, to the members of the staff who get wet and muddy in the interests of the games, to J. H. Francis who has refereed a record number of junior matches this term, while we unhesitatingly censure the scurvy behaviour of the Clerk of the Weather — the worst ever known. For the permission readily granted to use Montpelier School on Saturday afternoons for changing, our best thanks are due to the School Authorities and the Education Office. If the Education Committee will lighten our gloom by assuring us that when, in the near future, building operations commence on the Field, we shall have a ground to which to transfer, we will take back what we said about the early demise of their rabbits.

The last time we were a whole term without anything and they've known all about this business for a long time. The fact that other schools are badly off for grounds is no excuse for building on the only centrally situated playing field the city has.

You may think we sound peeved. To be perfectly frank, we are.

Suggest building on a corner of Ford Park for example, and certain contributors to the local press would blither for a week. There has been only one and that a faint protest from the *Western Independent*, at the proposal to build on the Montpelier Ground. Of course it saves money for the time being, so the Plymouth ratepayers' withers remain unwrung.

That's what comes of being a Town school. No one loves us, no one is proud of us, no one bothers to write up on Thursdays a couple of pretty paragraphs about our successes, tho' a member—or is it an ex-member? — of the Education Authority might be expected to do as much for us as a school in which he has neither part nor lot.

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A DREAM.

One night as I was feeling drowsy I prepared for bed. I felt rather strange because I had just read a creepy ghost story. On one of the stairs I froze with horror, for there was a pair of yellow eyes looking at me. The owner of those eyes moved and I found, much to my relief, that it was only Smut, the cat. On the way to the bedroom I had to pass through the bath-room and suddenly stepping on a cake of soap, I fell down with a terrible bang, that I shall never forget. Then, trembling, I collided with the wash-stand. By this time I was feeling pretty bored, as you might imagine. Feeling for my pyjamas I found, to my great annoyance, that they were over the other side of the bed, and I shivered as I walked across the cold lino. At last I crept into bed.

I was not there long, however, when the room began to change. There had been a history test the day before and I had been thinking very deeply about it. On the mat before me I saw fighting Robin Hood and Sir Walter Raleigh. "O, Goodness me," I thought to myself, "I do believe that I said on my paper that Robin Hood and Sir Walter Raleigh fought in the year of 1066." I watched them fighting until they reached a mousehole where they disappeared! Suddenly from behind me a voice said, "I tell you I will not sign it. I don't intend to sign it, and if I do I must have a fountain-pen." I looked around and found that men in armour were standing around a table, on which was a piece of parchment. It was Queen Elizabeth who spoke. She signed her name and walked past me proudly, saying that she had signed the Magna Charta so that her men could defeat the Spanish Armada. I felt more worried than ever. Then, I saw sitting at a table a man in Quaker dress singing, "God save the King." "More Mistakes," said I, "When will they finish?" John Milton was a Republican and not a Quaker and he did not compose "God save the King." Then following a man whom I recognised as Guy Fawkes, was King Henry the Eighth. He was saying, "By my codfish, I must have some of that fellow's fire, why a great man like me, who discovered and explored Australia should be allowed to have anything, and *I will too!*" Dear! Dear! Dear! things are going from bad to worse. Then my mother said, "Do you know who is at the bottom of the class and also of the history test? well, *you* are." And then I suddenly awoke and found that it was all a dream.

W. A. SEMMENS,
(age, 11 years).



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General Secretary—Mr. H. Ferraro.

At the last Annual General Meeting, members were informed that the London Branch was in process of being revived. It is now in full swing and members will welcome the return of the London notes. Once again, we are indebted to Mr. Brooks for some admirable pioneer work and we congratulate him and his loyal Committee on the success that has been achieved. There may still be a number of members who would benefit by transference to the London Branch. Will such members please communicate with the General Secretary, when the matter will be adjusted.

Attention is called to the reference to boarding accommodation in the London Notes. Any member about to take up residence in London would be well advised to communicate with the Secretary as soon as possible.

Since the last Magazine was issued the following changes of address have taken place.

- P. S. Bailey, "Agorita," Fortescue Rd. Paignton.
- P. Blowey, Royal Tank Corps Mess, Bovington, Dorset.
- E. Cammack, 49, Lamma Park Rd., Ealing, W.5.
- W. Eastabrook, 6, Stirling Rd., St. Budeaux, Devonport.
- L. Essery, 5, Higher Braddon Tce., Torquay.
- W. Fewings, 12, Wellesley Villas, Ashford, Kent.
- R. Fewings, 109, Hamlyns Lane, Heavitree, Exeter.
- P. Golding, 45, Edith Avenue, Mt. Gold, Plymouth.
- W. I. Goff, 25, Selkirk Rd., Curzon Pk., Chester.
- T. Hamilton, Astra Athletic Club, R.A.F. Henlow Camp, Beds.
- G. House, 8, Cromby St., Swindon.
- W. J. Hooper, 74, High St., Penzance (Temporary).
- A. Tait, Toc H., Mark I, 24, Pembroke Gardens, W.2.
- L. J. Yarrell, 33, Browning Rd., Stoke, Devonport.

NEW MEMBERS.

- E. C. Arscott, 39, Penrose St., Plymouth.
- G. Marwood, 16, Home Park Avenue, Plymouth, and University College of S.W., Exeter.
- A. Pike, The Chalet, 2, Fulham Park Rd., S.W.6. (London Branch)
- J. M. Widdecombe, 105, Fore Street, Saltash, (London Branch).
- G. S. Williams, 5, Belair Rd., Peverell, Plymouth.
- E. R. Wraight, Fortescue House, London Rd., Twickenham, (London Branch).
- F. Badcock, Bank of Montreal, Lethbridge, Alberta.

- A. H. Blatchford, 14, Dundonald St., Stoke, Devonport, and University of Reading.
 R. Major, 24, Brandreth Rd., Mannamead, Plymouth.
 A. J. Swan, 70, Maberley Rd., Upper Norwood, S.E.19. (London Branch).
 N. A. J. Bright, 13, Langstone Road, Peverell, Plymouth, and Reed Hall, Exeter.
 C. W. Alway, 25, Barn Park Rd., Peverell, Plymouth, and Reed Hall, Exeter.
 R. F. Clark, 'Linwood,' 3, Barker Rd., Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, and Reed Hall, Exeter.
 A. E. Merton, 45, Chaddlewood Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth, and Reed Hall, Exeter.

HEADQUARTERS' NOTES.

Hon. Secretary

Mr. Cyril E. Gill (Phone 614)
 14, Haddington Rd., Stoke,
 Devonport.

Committee

Messrs. W. E. Battrick, W. J. Ching, B. H. Chowen, R. F. E. Cock, H. Lockwood, P. J. Mowan, N. Taylor, M. Westlake, and L. C. G. Williams.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on July 12th, when the Committee for the current year was elected and the meeting received the reports of the Branch Secretary and Treasurer. Considerable satisfaction was expressed at the prospect of the revival of the London Branch.

The question of the Association Tie has been discussed at several meetings and arrangements have been completed for the execution of the approved design. The contract for the supply of Ties is in the hands of Messrs. Stidever Bros., Albert Rd., Devonport, and to ensure that the Association Ties are only supplied to Members it has been agreed that the tie, price 3'6, shall only be sold on the production of a Membership Card, or through one of the Executive Officers. A scarf can be supplied at 10'6 and Blazers can also be quoted for. The Blazer Badge, which has proved so popular, will continue as before and can be obtained from the School, price 4'6.

At a meeting of Rugby enthusiasts at which Mr. Austin kindly presided, it was decided to form a D.H.S. O.B. R.F.C., and the following Officers were elected :—

<i>President</i> —	The Headmaster.
<i>Captain</i> —	H. G. H. Warwick.
<i>Vice-Captain</i> —	H. P. John.
<i>Hon. Secretary</i> —	L. H. T. Warren.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i> —	L. Richard.

A little initial difficulty was experienced but the Club is now on a firm basis, being definitely recognised by the O.B.A. as the D.H.S. O.B.'s R.F.C.

The aim of the Club is to form a sporting association to which students will naturally come on leaving school, and the only qualifications required are—membership of the O.B.A. and a true sporting spirit.

As the Club membership increases, two teams will be run, and probably a Wednesday team in addition.

The team has played 6 matches in all, and although from a point of view of wins the results have not been impressive, yet in each game a keen fight has been put up by the Old Boys. The team is light and comparatively young, and in each match it has been the Junior Team.

The Club was fortunate in beating Bere Alston away in the first round of the Pedrick Cup for which K.O. Competition the Club is entered.

In conclusion, the Club extends a hearty welcome to all Old D.H.Sians.

It is to be hoped that the Club will not suffer from lack of support numerically, which is all that is needed to make it an unqualified success.

All communications referring to the O.B.R.F.C. should be addressed to:—

Mr. L. H. T. Warren,
Hon. Sec., D.H.S. O.B. R.F.C.,
 42 Beresford Street,
 Stoke, Plymouth.

who will be only too pleased to give any information on the matter.

L. H. T. W.

For this year, a Dance has been arranged to take the place of the usual Dinner. Members will have received particulars by post. The Dance will be held at Boots' Cafe, December 28th, 7.45—11.45 p.m.

The Christmas Football Matches with the School XI are being played, one on December 21st at 2.30 p.m. and the other December 28th at 10 a.m. Will those desirous of playing, please notify me giving customary position in the team?

Members are reminded that the Association Year ends on July 31st and that all subscriptions for the current year become due in August. Will any member who has not yet paid his subscription please forward it to the Hon. Treasurer?

CYRIL E. GILL

LONDON BRANCH NOTES.

*Hon. Secretary and
Treasurer*

Mr. A. T. Brooks,
80, Lewin Road,
Streatham, S.W.16.

Committee

Messrs. E. E. Cammack, M. J.
Collier, A. J. Swan, C. P.
Osborne.

At a Meeting of Old Boys held at 80, Lewin Road, S.W.16, on October 9th, 1929, it was decided to revive the London Branch of the Association and the above members were elected to hold office, with the exception of Mr. C. P. Osborne, whose name has since been added.

A monthly programme of Social events was decided upon and the first of these held on November 9th was very successful from every point of view. A real atmosphere of jollity and sociability pervaded the whole, and judging by the demand for tickets and the fact that we have been successful in securing the same excellent band—we are optimistic for the success for the second of the series on December 7th.

It gives me great pleasure to be writing these notes once more, and I really feel that with the support of the ever growing body of old boys in London, we shall make the Association here a live organisation of real value to them from more than an entirely social point of view.

Any Old Boy desirous of securing comfortable board residence at very reasonable cost should write to me for full particulars of such accommodation.

My sincere thanks are due to Messrs. Cammack and Swan for their valued co-operation on November 9th and I feel sure that they and other members of the Committee share my confidence in the future of the London Branch.

The annual subscription for membership of this Branch is 5/- (inclusive of post free delivery of the School Magazine of course), and it is hoped that every old boy living in or near London will "rally" round and send along his sub. at the earliest opportunity.

A. T. BROOKS

A SUCCESSFUL START.

On Saturday, 9th November, the recently revived London Branch of the Old Boys' Association held a Social Evening at the Ralphia More School of Dancing, Baker Street, W., when fifty-two persons were present. It was a Social Evening in very fact, for before long everyone was chatting to everyone else, old friendships were renewed and new ones formed. There were, too, some unexpected meetings, for several Old Boys had recently arrived and were visiting for a short while, and they dropped in for a pleasant evening as well.

The evening passed off without a hitch although the writer must confess that he nearly caused a tragedy by almost letting the bulk of the crockery fall downstairs, while in his eagerness to be useful in handing round refreshments, he was reduced first to appropriating someone else's sandwich, and, secondly, to eating the same sandwich in a more or less damaged state, owing to its having been dropped in the middle of the dance floor.

Of course, dancing was not the only thing we indulged in, though it was naturally the backbone of our evening's entertainment. Games, too, formed a part and altogether the evening was, I am sure, just what its organisers wanted it to be — a great big party with no formalities and a spirit of "esprit de corps" (or possibly "joie de vivre" or even "ex parte") pervading the whole.

The continued success of the Branch will, of course, depend on the support it receives from Old Boys in London and as this latter seems rapidly to be getting a Mecca for them it is to be hoped that all new "Old Boys" arriving in the Great Metropolis will take immediate steps to join the London Branch.

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Of course this is quite the wrong issue of the Magazine to talk about people leaving school and so forth, but that doesn't matter as long as the fortunate potential Old Boys who read this piece of print bear the foregoing advice in mind.

A. R. PIKE



OUR BELL.

(With apologies to Edgar Allen Poe).

Hear old Joey with his bell,
 Sullen bell,
 What a world of agony its summonses foretell !
 Boys now scutter, scutter, scutter
 In the nipping frosts of morn
 And electric lights aglow
 Emphasise the weary woe
 On their faces haggard drawn.
 Swinging stroke, stroke, stroke,
 Every pedant to invoke,
 With the dull reverberations that arrestingly still swell
 From that bell, bell, bell, bell,
 Bell, bell, bell,
 From the droning and the moaning of the bell.

Hear the liberating bell
 Heav'n sent bell !
 What a tale of laughter now exuberant doth swell
 On the drowsy air of noon
 Singing out our freedom's tune !
 Far too joyous now to toll
 It can only roll and roll
 Madly clanged,
 In its happiness a-mocking at the pleadings of the sage,
 In its fevered pleasures spurning now the darkly-printed
 page.

Clanging gayer, gayer, gayer
Reassuringly and gayer
Willing but to send those boys
Now or never to their joys,
In the cheery kitchen's savours.

Hear that dismal creaking bell,
Cackling bell?

What message, cheer or punishment does that volley expel?

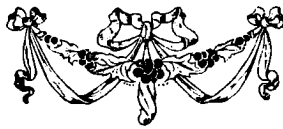
Its hoarse tirades grow chiller
 And some, unwilling, shiver,
 Well knowing they're the " sinner "
 Signified

By the eerie, fateful laughter of that spiteful hateful bell.
 But others, passing by, hurl their jests pell mell and sly
 Pour scorn upon its ailings
 But laughingly their railings
 Point the moral of this tale,

For if you jest—beware ! — you sail
 Too near the wind — that poor cracked bell
 May point an equal weakness within your mental cell.

ATTICUS

(The school bell has recently become cracked. Ed.)



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