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Editorial

Most of us dislike talking or even thinking about work, but sooner or later there comes the need for a conscientious assessment and subsequently a conscious reorientation in our attitude.

Evasive tactics bring a certain measure of ease and freedom denied to those whose consciences are more sensitive to obligations, but the rewards, reaped materially when examination results are published and unobserved in the gradual maturing of character, are correspondingly less.

As we progress through the School we become more and more aware of these factors. Sometimes the awareness is sudden, sometimes gradual, but there is one moment when it is obvious, and no boy has properly appreciated School who has not experienced it—it is entry to the VIth Form—an aim which should be the ambition of all.

Entry to the VIth Form means a change of life. There is a freedom of choice to work . . . hard or just to work (in spite of the hints from the Staff); there is a moral if not a utilitarian urge to take on certain responsibility for School Societies. No longer does a boy go along each week to listen meekly to what is put before him; these out-of-school activities are run mainly by the Sixth Form—with some much appreciated advice and encouragement from the Staff when necessary. There are programmes to be arranged, lecturers to be approached and many minor difficulties to be overcome before the meetings can be held, and all these things come within the province of the Committee of a Society. Here is an outlet for enthusiasm and initiative and, when all goes well, the rewards are lasting and valuable.

To obtain certificates that shall make the most exacting professor or employer eager to accept us is, to say the least, pleasant; to gain experience in organisation is very useful; but undoubtedly,

the greatest gain to be made from a Sixth Form life is that from the tremendous spirit of camaraderie within the group. We share the same praise and—much less frequently of course—the same rebukes, and we have many interests in common. When examinations are over and the need for intensive work is past, our enthusiasm and energy overflow and the foggy stillness of the night on Dartmoor is shattered by a band of trampers trying—usually in vain—to find Ducks' Pool; on some other night, in more sober mood, sixty or so ill-disciplined feet take the floor at the Spa Ballroom at Torquay; while yet another evening is spent in pulling a long line of boats to Goodness-Knows-Where up the Tamar.

To be in the Sixth Form entails much labour (though few would admit it) but its compensations are many, and not the least is to be able to stand on this supple spring-board over the rising waters of life.

School Notes

One aspect of education can be summed up in the words of the essayist: "Every station of life has duties which are proper to it. Those who are determined by choice to any particular kind of business, are indeed more happy than those who are determined by necessity, but both are under an equal obligation of fixing on employments, which may be either useful to themselves or beneficial to others."

Such "employments," the activities of a school, are the woof of the cloth of life, the creator of the pattern of the future and the artifice of happiness. Choice of service in the arts is free; but there is an obligation to work which, however, is now to seek its consolation—or, ignored, its remorse—in the testing-house of examination. "He that will not when he may,"—Burton was right wasn't he?

So once again we write of the incidence of summer. Twelve months have passed—exciting or weary months, according to our view of life; but twelve months. We are a year older; we have one year less ahead of us in school; the responsibilities of life loom larger: if we are thoughtful we may realize what these things mean. The end of a school year is the time for parent and pupil to take stock. Satisfaction comes only from the realization that a year's grammar school education has been amply justified, that sacrifices have not been made in vain, that something has already been put into store for the future. Benjamin Franklin's advice is not out of place here: "Dost thou love life, then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

That we can send yet another team on tour—this time a soccer eleven—is a sure sign of the virility of the school and of the sports side of it. The value of such experiences is much greater than it

seems, for to the virtues of clean sport are added the social graces without which life is barren. Congratulations also to the four boys picked for the Devon rugger side, and to the rugger team that toured South Wales in April.

We were responsible for the formation of the Inter-Schools Music Society, and now have added another feather to the cap of innovation with the formation of the Inter-Schools Film Society; and what a healthy child it seems to be. Many successful meetings have been held, and among the films shown have been, "Bicycle Thieves," "The Navigator," Battleship Potemkin," and there are more to come. Good luck to it!

Our annual Speech Contest was held early in March and was as important and as valuable as ever. It is too late to become speech-conscious a week or so before an interview. Good speech is a matter of constant training and care. It is not merely correct pronunciation—though that is important enough—that gives us the hallmark of culture and then entrée into society: to be grammatically correct is to say what you mean in the best way; and if to that be added a pleasing manner of approach, a restrained gracefulness of expression, and a richness of voice, then we are aware of a personality, of an individual that in this respect at least is educated and refined. Interviews will then become matters of routine or pleasant experiences, and life will be fuller, more satisfying and more valuable.

Encouragement at home is more than half the battle. Parents must show practical interest, not only by example and precept in the home but by identifying themselves with the efforts made in the school. A greater attendance at our Speech Contest would do much to stress the importance of this very necessary aspect of true education.

Every boy should be encouraged to become a member of one or more of the school societies open to him—the Debating Society, Dramatic Society, Science and Music Societies—not only that he may gain greater knowledge, but that he may learn something of the conduct of affairs and become proficient in the art of public speaking. In this connection we are glad to record the success of our School play and of the public performance of our one-act plays. Roll up and join if you're wise.

This term the Staff have held two "At Homes" for parents; and very successful they were. It is a good thing for us to meet parents and to discuss frankly with them many things that would otherwise lack an airing. Both were heavily attended and much valuable work was done; yet there lurks the feeling that it is many of those who do not attend that we ought to see. Surely a boy's membership of a Grammar School should lay upon his parents an obligation to a more-than-ordinary interest in his welfare. *All*

parents should be members of the Parents' Association, should attend its functions, and should do all in their power to help us to help them and their sons.

As we go to press "O" and "A" level examinations are being held—a fitting end to five or seven years' work. All candidates have our best wishes for success, and may those who have striven conscientiously, reap the reward they so richly deserve.

" 'Tis not in mortals to command success,

But we'll do more Sempronius; we'll deserve it."

They say that marriage and hanging go by destiny, the former, a happy fate which has overtaken Mr. Adams. We extend to him and his wife our congratulations and best wishes for all the joy that married life can bring. May they look back upon this as the first of the many and the happiest days of life.

Two successful dances have been held; one in March sponsored by the Rugger Club, and one in May run by the Music Society. Both had immediate objects in view, but in addition to these they contributed to that wider social education which is so much a part of our function. Our activities have also included an enjoyable coach trip run by the Parents' Association. Detailed accounts of these events are to be found in this issue.

"Some said, 'John, print it,' others said, 'No.'" Whatever Bunyan thought we say, "Yes"; so in this issue you will find two excerpts from a possible *New Writing*, a tribute to our dormant contemporary, and a recognition of effort by or talent in those who should wish for a new edition of it. This is an innovation which we hope will become a permanent feature. So come along you budding authors, let's have a taste of your quality.

The School Sports held in fine weather on May 14th was yet another tribute to Mr. Nash and his capacity for organization. Up-to-the-minute timing and no hitch are the most difficult of achievements on such occasions. We must conclude that Mr. Nash has the "talent of success," which Longfellow called, "doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame."

We were glad and fortunate to be able to welcome Capt. Sir J. Walsham, Bart., R.N. and his lady, and to hear his short but breezy speech before he presented the trophies and certificates. We extend our thanks to him and to Admiral Sir C. T. Mark Pizey, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., for so kindly permitting us to use the Brickfields track.

Mention must be made of the Plymouth Schools' Athletic Sports at which the two Devonport High Schools did well. Cervantes wrote that a good name was better than bags of gold; and how true that is. We must strive then not to fall short of the good reputation we have. Self-praise is no recommendation: with Mr. Gradgrind we merely stick to facts.

Last term we said farewell to Mr. Green, who left us to take a post in London, and to Mr. Quarterman who has taken a post at Saltash Grammar School. To them both we wish all success and happiness in their new work. Congratulations to H. A. T. Simmonds Esq., M.A., a Vice-President of the O.B. Association, and a former headmaster of D.H.S., on the award of an O.B.E.

POSTSCRIPT.

Have the gods arranged to uphold Mr. Vanstone's reputation as a model-weather expert? If so, how does he propitiate them?

PRAEPECTI VALETE

- STEPHENS, M. J.** Entered School 1949; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1955-57; School Captain 1956-57; Drake House Captain 1957; Secretary Science Society 1955-57. Awaiting call-up for National Service prior to entering Exeter College, Oxford, to read Natural Science.
- BADCOCK, W. J.** Entered School 1949; Inter B.A. 1956; Prefect 1955-57; School Vice - Captain 1956-57; Grenville House Captain 1956-57; 1st XI Soccer 1955-57 (Captain, Colours) 1st XI Cricket 1955-57; Secretary Plymouth Grammar Schools Film Society 1956-57; Secretary Christian Union 1957. Entering Leeds University to read Modern Languages.
- ALLISON, M. J.** Entered School 1949; Inter B.A. 1956; Prefect 1956-57; 1st XV 1955-57 (Colours); Athletics Team 1955-57; 1st XI Soccer 1954-55. Entering King's College, London, to read History.
- ENDALL, J. C.** Entered School 1953; Inter B.A. 1956; Prefect 1956-57; 2nd XV 1954-57; 2nd XI Cricket 1956-57. Entering Birmingham University to read Geography.
- FREEMAN, B. D.** Entered School 1949; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1956-57; School Choir. Entering Bristol University to read Aeronautical Engineering.
- HAY, B.** Entered School 1948; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1956-57; 1st XV 1953-57 (Captain, Colours); Athletics Team 1956; 2nd XI Cricket 1955-56; School Choir. Entering Queen Elizabeth College, London, to read Natural Science.
- BRECKON, J. R.** Entered School 1949; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1956-57; Athletics Team 1954-57 (Captain, Colours); 1st VI Tennis 1954-57 (Captain); 1st VI Badminton 1956-57. Entering Imperial College, London, to read Civil Engineering.
- FORREST, J. D.** Entered School 1949; Prefect 1955-57; 2nd XV 1955-57; Deputy Librarian. Entering Loughborough Engineering College to read Mechanical Engineering.
- HARRIS, P. S.** Entered School 1948; Inter B.Sc.; Prefect 1956-57; 1st XV 1956-57; Athletics Team 1953-55; Gilbert House Captain 1956-57. Entering Bristol University to read Mechanical Engineering.
- HEALE, R. A.** Entered School 1949; Prefect 1956-57; 1st XV 1955-57 (Vice-Captain, Colours); 2nd XI Cricket 1955-57 (Captain); Athletics Team 1957, Dramatic Society 1955-57. Entering Sir John Cass College, London, to read Botany and Zoology.
- PEMBERTON, D.** Entered School 1948; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1956-57. Entering Bristol University to read Civil Engineering.
- SLADE, V. F.** Entered School 1950; Inter B.A. 1956; Prefect 1956-57; Senior Librarian 1956-57; 2nd XI Cricket 1957. Entering Edinburgh University to read English.
- THOMAS, E. J.** Entered School 1949; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1955-57; 2nd XV 1954-55; 1st VI Tennis 1954-56 Editor of School Magazine 1956-57; Chairman Science Society 1956-57; Secretary Music Club 1956-57. Awaiting call-up for Nat. Service prior to entering Keble College, Oxford, to read Physics.

SMITH, M. Entered School 1948; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1957. Entering Birmingham University to read Electrical Engineering.

LANCASTER, G. R. Entered School 1948; Prefect 1955-57; Secretary Music Club 1955-56; Chairman Stamp Club 1954-55. Entered Executive Civil Service in London.

MASON, G. S. Entered School 1949; Inter B.A. 1956; Prefect 1956-57; 2nd XV 1955-57 (Captain); 1st XI Cricket 1955-57 (Colours); Athletics Team 1956-57; 1st VI Badminton 1956-57; 1st VI Tennis 1954-55; Leader School Dance Band; Conductor School Choir. Entering Birmingham University to read Russian.

PERRETT, M. E. Entered School 1949; Prefect 1956-57; 2nd XV 1956-57; School Choir. Entering Sir John Cass College, London, to read Chemistry.

SMITH, K. Entered School 1949; Inter B.A. 1956; Prefect 1957. Entering Executive Civil Service in London.

RUSE, C. J. Entered School 1948; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1956-57; Treasurer Music Club 1956-57; Chairman Field Club 1955-57; Supervisor Junior School Society 1956-57; 1st VI Chess 1956-57. Entering University College, London, to read Geography.

WRIGHT, R. D. Entered School 1949; Inter B.Sc. 1956; Prefect 1956-57. Awaiting call-up prior to entering St. John's College, Cambridge to read Philosophy.

In Memoriam

MR. W. H. BUCKLEY, B.Sc.

Mr. W. H. Buckley came to Devonport High School in 1942 after fifteen very happy and successful years as the first headmaster of the Public Central School and remained our headmaster until he retired in December, 1948. Catholic of taste and widely read, sensitive to beauty and to the good, he was a charming companion to the cultured and a friend to those who strove to become so. His good taste in music and the arts was evident in all he did. But it was in his human relations that he was at his best. Kindness, sympathy and understanding leavened a power of judgement that was rarely at fault; justice was ever tempered by mercy, and reproof, by compassion; and if he had a weakness it was to be too kind. To all who knew him he has left a memory and a sense of quality without which we should be poorer indeed. To Mrs. Buckley we extend our sincere sympathy and the consolation of kind thoughts.

MR. R. A. HODGE

Mr. R. A. Hodge, a chartered accountant of Thornton Heath, London, collapsed and died in his office on July 1st, 1957. He was at D.H.S. from 1933 to 1939 and had recently been made a director of his firm. To Mrs. Hodge and family we extend our sympathy in their bereavement.

MR. P. J. DART

Mr. P. J. Dart, headmaster of Plymview Primary School, was a member of the School in the early years of this century. He was always closely associated with the school and after becoming headmaster of Plymview; our friendly relations were, if possible, even closer. Mr. Dart died in harness on May 25th, 1957, and his loss will be felt throughout the teaching profession in Plymouth. To Mrs. Dart we offer our condolences and sympathy in her bereavement.

MR. S. MARKS

Mr. S. Marks of the Knowle, 21 Seymour Park, who died suddenly last month was also at school in the early years of this century. Like Mr. Dart he too maintained a very close association with the school as many of our boys well know. As manager of the Millbay Laundry he was always ready to help in placing them in employment both permanently and casually during the Summer holidays. To Mrs. Marks we offer our condolences and sympathy in her bereavement.

MR. STANLEY BARTLETT

Mr. Stanley Bartlett became a schoolmaster after leaving D.H.S., and served at Trelawney, Ford and Efford Schools. He joined the R.A.F. during the war and became a Warrant officer. In 1944 he was a prisoner of war in Germany and was released by the Americans, and settled down at 9 Fisher Road, Stoke. He was killed in the aeroplane crash at Blackbush on May 1st, on his way to Tripoli to take up a teaching post. His wife and two children died in the same crash. May they rest in peace.

Careers

Parents should be interested to know of a recent step taken by the Commissioners of the Civil Service regarding apprenticeships in Devonport Dockyard.

We are all familiar with the craft apprenticeships taken from the secondary modern schools and grammar schools in the past but it is now possible to apply for a student apprenticeship to be held here in Plymouth for 5 years at rates of pay rising from £3 3s. od. to £7 3s. 7d. over that period.

Previous to this, it has not been possible to hold a student apprenticeship locally, for we have no engineering firms large enough to carry student apprentices. The minimum requirements are ability to pass "O" level English, Physics, Chemistry and Maths and this with conscientious effort over the 5 years will lead to a degree in engineering with first rate prospects of a rewarding career.

It is to be hoped that this information will encourage boys contemplating the craft apprenticeship to aim at something which really justifies their grammar school places; let us find them taking an exam which proves that their time at D.H.S. has been well spent. All too often in the past the Dockyard has been the refuge of those who have neglected their work and opportunities.

The vacation courses mentioned previously in these notes were sampled by two of our Sixth Formers at Easter and their experiences are outlined below. It is an excellent means of sampling a possible career before finally committing oneself. Further courses will be available this summer.

W.H.W.

A VACATION COURSE AT CLARK'S SHOE FACTORY

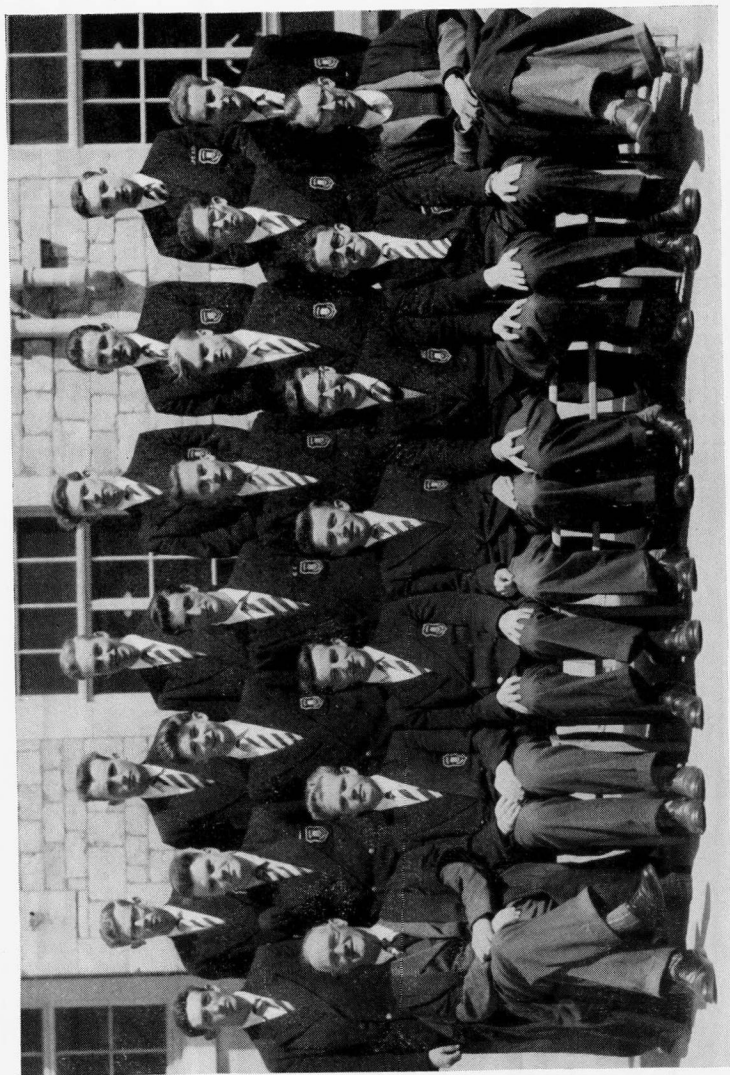
About forty boys from all corners of the South-West applied for the Clark's Vacation Course; we two were among the fifteen accepted. On arrival in Street, transport from the railway station to the factory was provided by the firm, as was transport from the factory to the two excellent boarding-houses where we stayed, again at the firm's expense. Only two meals were served there, breakfast and dinner; lunch and tea were provided in the staff canteens. The latter were hot and varied—a definite improvement on school dinners.

There was ample time for practical work in the training-school buildings. Some of us cut leather, while others tried sewing it. Expert instructors endeavoured to show us the correct use of the machinery, but they let us operate only the stronger and less expensive machines! Lectures on management and production techniques were illustrated by films, and all this was alternated with tours of the factory buildings. We visited the laboratories to see the research which is concentrated on improving the materials used in shoe manufacture, and also the Bullmead warehouse which is the largest in the European shoe industry.

The factory's surroundings are pleasant but we found life in Street a little quiet. To offset any possible monotony, Clark's have provided a swimming pool, a library and a club for their employees. If this still does not suit the worker he may always, of course, move to one of the other factories which Clark's have in the larger towns in the South-West.

The instructors emphasized the excellent opportunities provided by the firm. Mr. K. S. Marsh the head of the training department made it clear that if a student entering with the required G.C.E. passes (three O's and two A levels for the advanced course) is not earning £1000 a year at the age of thirty then he is certainly not making a success of the job. The firm is rapidly expanding in size and output and the amount of research on shoe manufacture offers splendid opportunities for scientists, while management and general office work employs over two hundred Arts students.

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1956-1957



Back row (left to right) : B. D. Freeman, R. A. Heale, D. Pemberton, M. E. Perrett, M. J. Allison, B. Hay
 Centre row : J. R. Breckon, M. S. Smith, J. D. Forrest, G. S. Mason, P. S. Harris, R. D. Wright, J. C. Endall, V. F. Slade
 Front row : Mr. A. C. Truman (Senior Master), K. Smith, C. J. Ruse, M. J. Stephens (School Captain),
 W. J. Badcock (Vice-Captain), E. J. Thomas, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)

The training scheme offered by the firm is a sandwich course—a mixture of both practical work and theory in the local Technical College. During our five-day stay, Clark's spared no expense; they even provided an evening coach trip for us to Glastonbury, Wells and the Cheddar Caves. In every way the organisers endeavoured to make the visit as enjoyable as it was instructive: they succeeded!

A. DUSTAN and P. JONES.

The Speech Contest

The ability to speak well is an invaluable asset to every educated person, and so to encourage pleasing and coherent speech, boys throughout the school receive coaching during certain of their English periods. Early in the Spring Term, the best speakers from each form are selected to enter the semi-finals of a Speech Contest and, following the syllabus of the Northern Universities English Speaking Board examination, which all boys are encouraged to take, each contestant is required to read at sight from a prose book, recite a set poem and give a talk on a topic of his own choice. This is an exacting task, especially for the Lower School but the confidence gained in public speaking at such an early age is invaluable, as is the extra coaching given to all those who need it.

From these semi-finals a number of boys from each year are chosen to proceed to the Finals, which, this year, were held on the 1st and 2nd March in the Assembly Hall before an audience of parents and boys of the school. For this event, we welcomed as adjudicators, Mrs. Joan Warn, who has graced each Final since the contest was started eight years ago, Mrs. Carol Smith, whose charming presence we enjoyed for the first but not we hope, the last time—both of the Central School of Speech Training, London—and Mr. Derek Parker, the Dramatic Critic of the Western Morning News; to these we offer our sincere thanks and assure them that their helpful criticism has not passed unheeded.

The winners were:—

Year 1, P. M. Hawkyard, 1c; Year 2, E. F. Floyd and J. M. Ware, 2A; Year 3, K. J. Norman and H. D. Whitfield, 3A; Year 5, K. W. H. Saddler; Year lower 6, P. G. Eames, lower 6sc, T. Webb, lower 6A.

Middle School Orator: C. A. P. Binns, 4A.

Senior School Orator: J. Y. Williams, 6sc.

The finals of the dialogues held on the same evenings were won by M. J. Amery and M. J. McCarthy, both of 3c, with an extract from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," and by J. A. Beattie and G. F. Walker, both of 4A, in a passage from "Phoenix too frequent" by Christopher Fry.

The standard of the speech was generally very high, and we congratulate all those who contributed to the success of the two evenings.

E.J.T.

A Career for young men that carries responsibility

Britain's need for coal increases every year. Oil and nuclear energy can only bridge the gap between the coal we have and the power we need. The bulk of this energy must, for many generations, come from coal.

To meet the increasing demands for coal, vast schemes of reconstruction and expansion are being undertaken by the coal-mining industry, for which there must be an adequate supply of suitably qualified and well-trained men.

University Scholarships.—The National Coal Board offer a hundred University Scholarships a year; most are in Mining Engineering, and some are available in Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical Engineering and in Fuel Technology. They are worth about the same as State Scholarships but there is no parental means test.

School Leavers.—There are also good opportunities for advancement for boys with initiative who come straight into the industry from school. You can attend part-time courses (for example, National Certificate courses) at technical colleges for which you are given day release from work with pay.

Management Training.—When you are qualified—either through the University or through technical college while working—you are eligible for a two or three-year course under the Board's Management Training Scheme. Each trainee has a course mapped out for him personally, with a senior engineer to give him individual supervision.

Scientific Careers.—If you are interested in a Scientific Career, there is absorbing and rewarding work at the Board's Research establishments, and in the coalfields on operational work.

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Prospects.—After qualifying, there is every prospect of promotion to really responsible posts at an early age, and it is possible to earn a four-figure salary by the age of thirty.

Write for full particulars to any of the Divisional Headquarters of the Board - Edinburgh, Newcastle, Sheffield, Manchester, Nottingham, Dudley (Worcs.), Cardiff or Dover - **or to the Director-General of Staff, National Coal Board, Hobart House, London, S.W.1.**

The Lord Mayor Choosing Ceremony

On Monday, 20th May, three prefects were privileged to attend, along with representatives from other schools in the city, the Lord-Mayor-Choosing ceremony in the Central Hall. The audience gathered for this annual event was a most impressive array of civic dignitaries, the Service chiefs of staff, and people from most walks of professional and business life in Plymouth.

The ceremony began with the singing of the National Anthem, after which, the whole gathering was led in prayer by the Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Reverend Norman H. Clarke. The election of Alderman Leslie F. Paul to the office of Lord Mayor for the year ensuing was then moved by Councillor Trebilcock and seconded by Councillor Briscoe. The strictly ceremonial nature of the election was at once apparent when votes were taken (after there were no other nominations)—all the councillors raised their hands in favour of the motion, although it was noticed that their hands ascended with varying degrees of alacrity.

Next came the climax of the ceremony—a tense, rather awkward silence, whilst the retiring Lord Mayor, Mr. W. J. Oats, was derobed and his successor enrobed. After making a formal declaration of acceptance of office, and taking the oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath, Alderman Paul appointed his deputy (Councillor G. Creber) and his chaplain (Rev. A. Fenn).

In his inaugural speech, the Lord Mayor outlined his policy, laying particular stress on the City's housing programme and on the development of its Technical College. He also expressed concern over the need for Plymouth to make more use of its maritime position in order to attract industrial organisations, so that the city might not suffer by the inevitable reductions in the naval dockyard. Nor could Alderman Paul resist a crack at that old chestnut, the Tamar Bridge, which he described as "the greatest single factor in bringing prosperity to Plymouth."

Alderman Mrs. J. Marshall and Councillor Miss E. K. Pryor respectively proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor, who responded heartily. The ceremony then being over, the council adjourned, the audience filed out of the Hall to Elgar's stirring "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" with spirits uplifted, only to have them damped again by an unexpected downpour of torrential rain as they passed, unmackintoshed, into the street outside.

M. J. STEPHENS.

THE CRICKET CLUB

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Master in-Charge : MR. WAYNE.

Captain : B. WIDGER.

Vice-Captain : J. R. PARSONS.

Secretary : N. H. DINGLE.

The 1st XI having so far played five matches without defeat seem to have a side at least as good as that of last year's, when we lost only 2 of the 13 fixturés. This year's team is very well balanced with sound batting extending throughout the team, and we are hoping for a successful season.

The 2nd XI appear to have their best team for many seasons, and particularly strong in its bowling strength. They have lost only one match to date and that to the strong Public Secondary School 1st XI by 6 runs.

The Colts XI, as with last year's team, appear to have weaknesses in all branches and a radical change is necessary if they are to reach the usual standard of our school cricket.

The Junior XI has a very able side greatly strengthened by several of last year's successful team, and should finish the season with a good record.

The congratulations of the Club are extended to P. D. Rhodes and M. Ryder, who have represented the Plymouth Schools under 15 team.

The club's thanks are due to all those members of the Parents Association who have so willingly given up their Saturday afternoons to provide excellent teas during all our home games. We also wish to thank the many members of staff who have umpired and coached us during the term. Without their help the fine record we hope to maintain would not be possible.

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

THE TENNIS CLUB

Owing to the difficulty in getting Saturday fixtures, because other schools do not allow tennis and cricket fixtures to clash, the tennis club has made a slow start this season. We hope to compensate for this, however, after the G.C.E. examinations. Officials elected at the annual general meeting were: J. R. Breckon, Captain; R. W. Bennett, Vice-Captain; and J. Y. Williams, Hon Secretary.

We have played three matches to date against Kelly College, Plymouth College and St. Boniface. Matches have been arranged against H.M.S. Fisgard, Plymouth Cricket Club, Hill Lane and St. Boniface's College. In the Plymouth Schools Challenge Cup, we lost to Plymouth College after a most enjoyable match.

The courts at Collings Park are greatly improved since last year, and members of former teams will be interested to know that we are no longer troubled by bees! As a result of all this we are

confident that in spite of the results our standard of play is showing a distinct improvement.

The keener interest shown by the Middle school this year and the inclusion of D. Lewis of 48 in the team augurs well for the future.

Our thanks are due to the Parents' Committee who devote their Saturday afternoons to providing teas for our visitors and ourselves, a gesture which we have found to be greatly appreciated and envied.

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

Sports Day, 1957

In response to all our prayers, Jupiter Pluvius provided weather which, if not everything we expected, nevertheless remained dry for the whole afternoon. A large number of parents and friends joined us to watch sixteen records broken and one equalled during the sports.

J. R. Breckon, the athletics captain, who added two inches to the high jump record of 5ft. 4ins. as well as winning two other events, was "Victor Ludorum." Amongst the seniors, other outstanding performances were Williams' record mile in 4min. 43.6secs. and Wickenden's half mile in 2 min. 6 secs. Yet it was not for the seniors but for the 13 year old Hallett who broke three records and Webber who hurled a discus 26ft. over the previous record to set up the best performances of the day. We note the latter especially, as one senior in particular deemed the most suitable place for the discus to be the water-jump! These outstanding junior feats bode well for the future.

The House Championship Shield was presented to Drake by Capt. Sir John Walsham, commanding officer R.N.E. College, Manadon, who also presented the cups and certificates. Raleigh, as runners up, did surprisingly well after starting the afternoon far behind. Sir John thought some of the performances magnificent and especially congratulated those who—although not themselves winning—had yet provided the competition which was a spur to those who did.

As always, much hard work went into the organisation of the sports and Sir John Walsham attributed the split-second timing of the meeting to Mr. Nash's years in the Navy!

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

I. E. DAYMOND.

THE SOCCER CLUB

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-charge : MR. WARREN.

Captain : W. J. BADCOCK. *Vice-Captain* : A. E. BRIMACOMBE. *Secretary* : B. WIDGER.

On the whole the 1956-7 season produced very satisfying results and our very high standard was maintained.

For the 1st XI this was in many ways the best season ever. At the end of the Autumn Term, the side had played nine games with only one draw marring our string of victories. Then came the most exciting part of the season: a soccer tour in London, in which all four games, played within five days, were won with victories over the Lower School of John Lyon; Christ's College, Finchley; William Ellis Grammar School and Upper Latymer. Then, throughout the whole Spring Term, the team continued its winning run, recording successes over R.N.C. Dartmouth and R.N.E.C. Manadon. Our congratulations are extended to Beer on his selection for the Devon Youth XI and the F.A. School's Week at Cambridge. We warmly thank both Mr. Warren and Mr. Barkell on their extremely efficient handling of the London Tour.

The 2nd XI had a varied season and one feels that had there been a little more drive in the play of the team as a whole, the narrower defeats could have been turned into victories.

The Under 15 XI had yet another good season and ended very high in the league. Scoins and Attrill are to be congratulated on their selection for the Plymouth Schoolboys' team.

The fortunes of the Under 14 XI were also varied. Although they gained several big victories, they were also defeated by substantial scores.

The Under 13 XI, after a bad start, in which they lost their first three games, went from strength to strength as the season progressed, and the future looks bright.

In conclusion, we are yet again most indebted to those members of staff who referee matches and to the Parents' Association who have provided and prepared the teas for the home games.

Team Records		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
						For	Against
1st XI	19	18	1	0	110	28
2nd XI	13	6	1	6	42	33
Under 15 XI	11	7	1	3	29	19
Under 14 XI	16	5	4	7	44	47
Under 13 XI	16	8	2	6	39	23

B. WIDGER, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE FIRST XI. VISIT LONDON

At approximately 8.30 on the evening of Saturday, January 12th, a group of 16 boys and 3 masters arrived, tired but triumphant, at North Road station after spending a week in London, during which time the 1st XI had played matches against four London grammar schools.

The tour began on the previous Monday when the party, seen off at the station by Alderman Perry, caught the early morning train for London. On our arrival at Paddington it was a very pleasant surprise to find Mr. Austin, who had come to the station especially to meet us. After a walk to Marble Arch with him, the party then moved on by tube to the youth hostel at Earl's Court. Some initial disappointment at the absence of a games-room was soon dispelled on the discovery that the crowded and interesting programme permitted of little spare time anyway! A quiet evening was spent in the hostel and next morning the full programme commenced.

At 9 a.m. the whole party travelled to Harrow, Middlesex, where the team played the Lower School of John Lyon on a pitch already saturated by heavy rain. Aided by 3 goals from centre-forward Daw, the school emerged comfortable winners by 7 goals to 3. After lunch, the party proceeded by tube to South Kensington to spend the afternoon at the Science Museum, and in the evening a visit was paid to the New Theatre to see Dylan Thomas' widely acclaimed play, "Under Milk Wood." On Wednesday, after a morning visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, the team was entertained to lunch at Christ College, Finchley, and afterwards took the field against that school. The match, refereed by Mr. George Robb, the Tottenham and England winger, was played on a veritable mud-heap, but, thanks to a fine first half hat-trick by Beer and some stubborn rearguard action by the defence in the second half, the school gained a deserved 5-0 victory. The evening was spent at the Whitehall Theatre for a performance of "Dry Rot" a light-hearted comedy.

Thursday was in the nature of a rest-day, as no match was scheduled, although the programme was fairly full. In the morning the whole group was led on a detailed and stimulating tour of the Houses of Parliament by Miss Joan Vickers, to whom we extend our warmest thanks, and a matinee performance of "Romanoff and Juliet" at the Piccadilly Theatre occupied the afternoon. On Friday morning the party was afforded a glimpse into both the structure and the history of the Drury Lane Theatre through the kindness of Mr. W. MacQueen Pope, whose capacity for telling a succession of absorbing tales was truly amazing. After lunch, a match was played against William Ellis Grammar School at Edgware in which the school, showing some signs of fatigue, managed to win by 4 goals to 2. In the evening, the party saw the American musical, "The Pajama Game," at the Coliseum. On Saturday morning the team travelled out to the vicinity of the White City Stadium and played Latymer Upper School in the last match of the tour. Although Latymer showed themselves to be the best footballing side encountered, their forwards were weak in front of goal and with the help of 4 goals from Daw the school

achieved a 9-1 win. After being given lunch at the ground, the party travelled by tube to Paddington, and the long, but happy, journey home was begun.

The week was not without its lighter moments. At night, peace generally reigned supreme, except in one dormitory where it seemed the accepted thing to attempt to be the last to get to sleep, and where stray plimsolls were not conducive to the deepest of slumbers. The sudden appearance of the warden on her nightly round and her plunging the room into complete darkness caused one person considerable discomfort, and he, in a state of undress, was obliged to grope his way over scattered clothing and muddy boots into an already disarranged bed. The party was also provoked into private mirth by the antics of various of the personnel in the hostel, not least of all a certain tall, bespectacled gentleman who insisted on a perusal of the evening paper whilst attempting to demolish a large bag of nuts in record time and spilling a seemingly unending number of empty shells over the remnants of the morning edition.

We must not forget to acknowledge the encouragement given to the team on the tour by Old Boys now resident in London, some of whom were known to us notably "Ginger" Bray and Roger Perry, others of an earlier vintage, and especially Mr. Ferraro who managed to come and see us.

No account would be complete without showing our appreciation to Dr. Cresswell for finding time to accompany the team, and our deepest gratitude to Mr. Warren and Mr. Barkell for their hard work in arranging the detailed programme in which not a hitch occurred, and for managing somehow not to lose a stray sheep in the underground and on the buses. It was solely through their efforts that the tour was made the unqualified success it undoubtedly was.

W. J. BADCOCK.

THE RUGBY CLUB

At the end of a season in which the County Championship was won by the Devon R.U., of which we are an affiliated club, it is pleasant to record that the School's extensive rugger programme was carried out with enthusiasm, enjoyment and success.

The 1st XV, our strongest for some years, had a most satisfactory season, playing 14 games and losing only to Truro School (away) and Albion Juniors (home). The team was led with great zeal and ability by Hay, the scrum-half, who passed as accurately as ever and also scored a number of tries with a most dangerous burst from the base of the scrum. The two finest examples were his tries, both at decisive moments, in our games with Plymouth College and St. Boniface's College. Allison played powerfully in the centre and, alongside him, Walker showed promise of becoming a first-class player. Cooper F. performed creditably as a stop-gap

full-back; his two tackles of the right winger enabled us to beat Hele's School for the first time for some years. The forwards were rather small, but very tough and never beaten. Bennett hooked splendidly and Heale, Blackler, Bond and Wilson were outstanding in the loose. The team was slow to start, but played better and harder as the game went on. Victories over H.M.S. Fisgard, Kelly College, Plymouth College, R.N.C. 3rd XV and Hele's School were all achieved by second half pressure. The Old Boys were narrowly beaten, 9-8, the School's first victory over them for years.

At the end of the season, a short tour in South Wales was made possible by the kind hospitality of St. Julian's H.S., Newport, whom we warmly thank. We beat our hosts, 9-6, but, the following morning(!), lost to Newport H.S., 21-3.

Once more, our 7-a-side team made an undistinguished appearance in the Devon P. and G.S. "Sevens" at Exeter. In the 1st Round, we beat Okehampton G.S., but then lost, 6-3, to Shebbear College, whose 15-a-side team we had beaten, 12-0, a fortnight before.

During the Christmas holidays, Hay, Heale and Allison played for the Devon P. and G.S. XV. At the end of the season, Full Colours were re-awarded to Hay, Heale, Allison and Wilson and awarded to Bennett, Blackler, Bond, Ellis and Walker. Half-Colours were awarded to Cooper F., Cooper I., Harris, Lovell and Williams J. G.

The 2nd XV, well captained by Mason, played good, open rugby and had its best season for a long time, winning 12 and drawing one of 17 games. All the 4 defeats came in a 5-week space when the team was weakened by 1st XV demands and injuries; then the season ended with 6 successive wins.

The Colts' record was the poorest of our six teams, for they won only 3 and lost 6 games. They had several promising forwards but were so short of backs that the Captain, Woodward, a fine back-row forward, had to play at stand-off. We congratulate Woodward who played for the Devon S.R.U. XV in all their three victories and who went on to play in the final England Trial. His repeated absences made a great difference to our Colts' results.

The Junior XV, in winning only 6 of 13 games, achieved less than they promised, for there were some players of real ability in the team. The weaknesses were chiefly forward and the tackling was generally slack. It must be added, in fairness, that more than one of their defeats were inflicted by teams containing older boys.

Winning all their 13 games, the Under 13 XV had the astonishing record of scoring 451 points against 17. This is the second time in eight years that Mr. Nash has turned out an unbeaten XV and, in all those eight years, only eight games have been lost. In this year's team, a number of boys showed much promise, with Hallett quite outstanding; he adds all-round ability to great pace and strength.

The Under 12 XV quickly picked up the essentials of the game and lost only one of eight games, scoring 57 points against 12.

The Rugger Club is greatly indebted to the Parents' Association which again gave the teas for our out-of-town opponents and to its members who did the work involved; to Mr. Lunnion, Mr. Nash and Mr. Warn, who were in charge of teams, and to all those who helped in any way to make this successful season possible.

H.M.

THE FIRST XV. VISIT NEWPORT

The School 1st XV, not to be outdone by their soccer club counterparts, visited Newport, Monmouthshire, during the Easter vacation. The Headmaster suggested during the season that a visit to play rugger against his old school, St. Julian's, and also against Newport High School would be an interesting experience for us. Arrangements were accordingly made by Dr. Cresswell with the assistance of Mr. Mallinson. The rugby club officials ran a highly successful dance, the proceeds of which covered a large part of the travelling expenses.

The party of twenty, accompanied by Dr. Cresswell and Mr. Nash with a handful of supporters, travelled by train to Newport on the morning of April 8th. We arrived during the early evening and were met by Mr. Martin, the Headmaster of St. Julian's who led a reception committee of Mr. Jones, the rugger master and four senior boys. We had a very warm-hearted welcome, and after friendly introductions were escorted to St. Julian's where we were entertained to tea. Our hosts then took us to their homes where we met their families. During the evening we all joined in a tour of Newport and after seeing the sights, descended "en bloc" upon a convenient coffee bar. Before returning to our respective "hotels" we paid a most enjoyable visit to the St. Julian's Old Boys Club, where we were entertained in the traditional Welsh manner.

The next morning was spent on a short coach tour of the local beauty spots which included Usk and the legionary Fortress of Caerleon. After lunch we made our way to Rodney Parade, the home of the renowned Newport team, to play the first match of the tour against St. Julians. It was a great thrill to play in such a fine stadium and to be honoured by the refereeing of Mr. Vernon Parfitt of international fame. Quite a large crowd was present to see the game, and in consequence we took some time to settle into the hot pace, having an early set-back when our opponents went over for a try. We soon retaliated, however, and after a hard fought game, played with spirit and gusto, we won by 9 points to 6. We spent the evening with our new-found friends at the Old Boys' Club and retired to bed early.

After breakfast we mustered at Rodney Parade for our game with Newport High School at 10 o'clock. We were compelled to make two team changes, through injuries, which somewhat unbalanced our side. Our opponents of the day before came to give us vocal support whilst we battled with their arch-enemies. It was soon evident that we were a little leg weary—two hard games in such a short period had its effect on us. Nevertheless, everyone gave of his best; we were beaten 21 points to 3 by a better team. We learned from our Welsh friends some of the finer points of the game, an experience which we shall always remember. After an early lunch we entrained for our return journey.

Our short excursion to Newport has gained us many friends and a reputation for honest-to-goodness, hard-playing West-Country rugby. We owe a debt of gratitude to our hosts for their hospitality and hope the trip will be the forerunner of a long association with them.

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House Notes

DRAKE.

The final results of the St. Levan Shield Competition are as yet unknown, but whatever they may be, there can be no doubt that Drake has put some spirited efforts into its activities this year. In House Rugger we finished second, playing the matches with great determination under the enthusiastic leadership of Heale. The House Soccer this year was, on the other hand, rather disappointing; Drake finishing third.

After two successful terms as House Captain, D. G. Protheroe left us to take up a place at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and M. J. Stephens was appointed House Captain for the final term. The very best wishes of his House follow Protheroe, together with the sincere hope that his career in the Navy will be a distinguished one.

The big interhouse event of the Summer Term has, of course, been the Athletic Sports, held at the Brickfields on May 14th in glorious weather. Drake won the Championship Shield decisively with a record lead of 30 points, this being only the second time since 1931 that it has been the proud possessor of the Athletics Shield. This result was contributed to in no mean measure by the star athletes of the house, notable among which were: Breckon, the Victor Ludorum; Anniss, the junior House Champion; Williams, who ran a magnificent mile, smashing the record by 3 seconds; and Oxley, who typified the spirit of the juniors by breaking the record for the under-thirteen javelin. But the effort was not solely individual: Drake, for once, had a clear lead before Sports Day through standards, exemplifying more than anything else the *esprit de corps* of the House which may this year be proud, not only of its outstanding athletes but of each individual who by his effort contributed very definitely to his House's victory.

Although it can be proud, Drake can by no means rest upon its laurels. The cricket season, half spent at the time of writing, presents a challenge to the House teams, which will have to play hard in order to maintain our current position of second in the St. Levan Shield Competition. The prospect of the House faring well in the Swimming Sports on 22nd July seems quite bright with the strong swimmers we have in most age-groups. That Drake will give of its best, irrespective of the outcome, is none the less assured.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to Mr. J. G. Nicholas, whose constant encouragement and counsel have been a spur to victory.

M. J. STEPHENS, *House Captain*.

GILBERT

At the time of writing, with little more than half of the House activities completed, a review of the year must needs be inconclusive. In the Soccer Championship, after a hard-fought series, we finished

a close second to Raleigh, but our junior team is worthy of special mention, winning all its matches without difficulty. Rugby was, once more, the weakest link in the chain—our only success being a senior victory over Grenville. Although weakness in this sport is fast becoming a Gilbert tradition, there is very little wrong which more enthusiasm could not rectify. Gilbert did not have the customary lead in standard points at the beginning of the Athletic Sports this year, but extra effort in the pre-Sports Day events remedied this. However, a tremendous effort by Raleigh, recovering by some thirty points, forced us into third place. Particularly fine individual performances were recorded by Beer, the athletics captain; Henderson, Wickenden, Collins and Webber. A rather disturbing omen was that although the seniors finished second our juniors were fourth.

Gilbert has not had a very successful year to date and the greatest effort in both cricket and swimming will be necessary if our position in the St. Levan Shield Contest is to be one with which we can be satisfied.

We congratulate M. E. Perrett on his appointment as a School Prefect.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Berry for his invaluable contribution to House activity.

P. S. HARRIS, *House Captain*.

GRENVILLE.

Since our last notes the winter games have been completed, and, with the Athletic Sports behind us, we are now plunging into cricket activities and the cold water of swimming baths. The school Swimming Sports are yet some distance away, and at this stage can be viewed only with a certain speculation, although we in Grenville are holding out more hope in a sphere which in previous years has not afforded us with much success.

On the soccer field the senior team was rather surprisingly unable to repeat its opening success against Drake, while the juniors, with a very young and small side, showed praiseworthy enthusiasm and no lack of skill and, although defeated by far bigger sides, gave cause for encouragement for future years. The junior rugger team was considerably more successful and, after losing its first match against a strong Raleigh side, gained fine victories over Drake and Gilbert.

Increased endeavour and a greater spirit throughout were undoubtedly shown by the record number of athletic standards attained by the House before Sports Day and all must be congratulated on this achievement. On Sports Day itself the House acquitted itself as well as could be expected, but unfortunately lost its position through Raleigh's surprising recovery. Although praise is due to all those who represented the House so ably, particular performances must be given special mention, notably the fine achievement of Mills in winning all four of his events for the second

successive year and gaining the Under 13 Championship Cup, Barrett's three wins in the Under 15 group and Davey's record of 5ft 1in. in the Under-15 high jump. These were all excellent performances of which the House may be justly proud.

So far the cricket teams have been unsuccessful, both the senior and junior sides having been heavily defeated in their opening matches, but it is hoped that they will have better fortune in their remaining games.

Turning to the more sedate activity of chess it can be reported that Grenville has at last won the Championship Cup by a decisive margin. To B. J. Blight and his team, well done!

Finally, M. S. Smith and K. Smith are to be congratulated on being appointed School Prefects at Christmas, and once again we are grateful to Mr. H. M. S. Mallinson for his continued advice and guidance.

W. J. BADCOCK, *House Captain*.

RALEIGH.

Now that we are approaching the end of another school year, we in Raleigh can feel well satisfied with our achievement. Although, at the time of writing, the destination of the St. Levan Shield, at the moment in our possession, has not been finally decided, we seem to have a fine chance of retaining it.

Last term was extremely successful; the senior and junior rugby teams won all their matches; the soccer teams did nearly as well, losing only one of their games. These results are particularly pleasing when one realises that the juniors, who did so well, will in the very near future be forming the backbone of the House.

The Annual School Sports were held at the Brickfields on May 14th. Raleigh had fared rather badly in the standards and pre-Sports Day events and began the day in fourth place. Gradually, however, we pulled up, and a victory in the final event, the senior relay, put us into second place. Whilst mention must be made of outstanding individual performances such as Atrill (-12), Hallett (-14) and Axworthy (-15), it cannot be over emphasised that our recovery was due the efforts of all our competitors who, whether first or last, must be congratulated.

The cricket season is getting well under way. The senior team ably led by Widger, has won its two matches to date against Grenville and Gilbert. Thus there remain the Swimming Sports, and with such fine swimmers as Atrill, Hender and Ferris in the House, we have high hopes of repeating last year's victory.

The record of this year's activities would not be complete without some mention of Bennett (U.VI) who has proved the most hardworking and efficient House Secretary we have ever had. Finally, on behalf of the whole house, I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. G. W. R. Warn for his guidance and enthusiasm during the past year.

M. J. ALLISON, *House Captain*.

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The Three One Act Plays

It must first be said that the producers and actors of "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler" were faced with a tremendously difficult task. A play of this type demands adequate physical presences from the actors in order that the full impact of the dramatic excitement may be felt; they did well to produce a very fair atmosphere of tension: I for one jumped when the pistol cracked off and so I noticed did many others in the theatre. This was not only because of the unexpectedness of the report, but because the cast had built up in us some feeling of anticipation. I feel it invidious to single out any particular actor for commendation, since none really stands out in that way. I believe that several of these boys in three or four years' time will make a considerable impression in the senior productions. I congratulate the whole cast on a tough piece of dramatic work, keenly and conscientiously attempted.

"Strife" was, let me say at once, a different kettle of fish both in dramatic seriousness and production. I have previously suspected Galsworthy's interest in the proletariat as perfunctory and patronising. During this production, I found myself revising (not entirely, but partially) that opinion. To make a crowd cohere on the stage is one of the most difficult dramatic problems—yet this was something of a *tour de force* in that respect. I suppose that the use of boys already conscious of a corporate unity (they were recruited I believe from one form) greatly aids this effect. Some of the coherence, though, must have come from the writing itself. Galsworthy demonstrates that he is an acute, if not particularly compassionate, observer of crowd hysteria and industrial discontent. The acting and production had an obvious and attractive sophistication; the tendency of the actors to appear at times caricatures of Welsh working-class folk is not really the fault of the production, but of the play. The demagogues have too much demagoguery about them and the presentation of Welsh character is what one expects of a dramatist of Galsworthy's English social position. Several of the actors do stand out—Roger Donne as Harness had the maturity and passionate glibness of his type, Jed Griffiths as Thomas made a very plausible old Welsh Methodist and while he was arguing I found myself listening with real attention. Gregory Walker as Roberts was perhaps not strong enough: we know that he is a man of many burdens and afflictions, but when his passion for social justice broke through, it did not seem to carry as much conviction as it might; it is, however, a tricky part and was remarkably played for a boy of his age!

Farces can be too farcical, and a production which leans too heavily on "gimmicks" runs the risk of overbalancing into slapstick comedy. That "The Torchbearers" was continually in this danger, seems to me indisputable. It was good rollicking fun, but

it rollicked just a trifle too much. In a farce of this kind it is important that we should still preserve some credence in the basic humanity of the cast: it was not long before I realised that most of these people had been lured out of some fantastical realm of caricature; they were not human beings at all. I must admit that I laughed, but there was a dangerous tendency for me to laugh less and less as the play proceeded. Perhaps there was too much stage-business; it was dramatically a rather cluttered affair. Kenneth Sadler as Mrs. Pampinelli was, within the limits of my previous criticisms, feminine, histrionic and affected in a very creditable way; I had a "soft spot" for Mr. Spindler, whose quality of refracted "goonery," deliberate and quiet provocation, was admirably done by Timothy Webb, Mrs. Fell, played by Paul Wonnacott, had a distracted and detached dignity which gave the character genuine comical depth.

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Out of School Activities

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Since the last issue of the School Magazine, Mr. Whitfeld has had another successful season at the City book-sales, resulting in the acquisition of many fine volumes for the Library. Several pounds' worth of new books are expected soon, and by the end of the year some five-hundred more books will have been made available. Such is the rate of assimilation that it is interesting to speculate that my successor in five years' time, who now moves blissfully unaware in the First Form, will have to take care of about ten thousand books.

The junior forms are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of the Library, and are using it much more, both for "research" and for enjoyment. Books have been, and, indeed, are being bought to attract young readers: such magnificent books, for instance as the set "Man Must Measure," "Puzzle of the Past," "The Story of the Sea," which present Science in a simple but interesting manner, and a set of informative space-travel books, which fascinate even sixth formers.

One of the dangers, however, of having eager young readers is that they are prone to borrow highly specialised books, intended for their elders, and which they cannot possibly hope to understand. One young man in 1B will insist on taking out books on Nuclear Physics and Alchemy, much to his form-master, Mr. Maw's alarm. We have now succeeded in diverting the boy's interest to some of the simpler aspects of Biology, so that Mr. Maw need have no fear of being blown-up or poisoned, or the risk of attack by a squadron of birds or an army of beetles.

The Library is fast becoming the metropolis of out-of-school activities. Within its precincts are held chess-matches, bridge-matches, Prefects' meetings, Arts Society meetings, and Headmaster's conferences, and all this in spite of the pugnacity of Mrs. Brimacombe, our most efficient cleaner, armed with her deadly-looking wax polish, and mop, on a Friday evening.

From all points of view this has been a successful and prosperous year for the Library; but nothing could have been accomplished without the enthusiasm, endeavour and team work of the Library staff. Whitting and Radmore (L.6A.), Dustan (6sc.) Thompson and Barrett (4A) and several vociferous youngsters from 2A, deserve the highest praise for the way in which they have kept the Library in running order; while Forrest (6sc.), Wickenden and Daymond (6A.) merit commendation for maintaining the rigid standards of discipline during Library hours. Praise too, must go to the Book-Binding team, who, somewhere, in the shadows of the Crafts Room continue to administer the "elixir of life" to many books. Nor can I close these notes without mentioning the driving-force behind the Library, the taskmaster himself, Mr. Whitfeld, who, though he refuses to admit it, does most of the work, and gets none of the glory, and without whom there might be no Library.

"For all, my thanks."

V. SLADE, *School Librarian.*

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The membership of the Science Society has now passed the three-figure mark, with a total of one hundred and eight. This is the highest number of boys we have ever had in the Society, and a record of which all members should be justly proud.

Since the last publication of the School Magazine, the Society has enjoyed an active Easter Term. Two of the lectures in this series were given by "internal" speakers, and very interesting they proved to be. Mr. Stankley addressed us on "Fundamental Particles," a difficult subject which he expounded most lucidly, and at the close of the term, Perrett, of U6, gave an illustrated talk on "Photography," with special emphasis on the practice, as opposed to the theory, of the subject. The remaining two lectures of the Easter Term were both connected with aviation and attracted large audiences, which is indicative of the fact that test pilots have displaced engine drivers as the schoolboy's dream of a career. Mr. Davies, the Chief Project Engineer of the Fairey Aviation Company, addressed the Society on "Rotating Wing Aircraft," and Mr. Rosser, of A. V. Roe & Company, spoke on the subject "... and now the Vulcan." We would like to re-iterate here our sincere thanks to these gentlemen for giving us very interesting evenings.

Of the numerous films exhibited during the Easter Term, "The Rival World," dealing with the world-wide ravages caused by insects, and "Forward a Century," a history of the past hundred years of scientific progress, were acclaimed as particularly interesting and entertaining.

The Photographic Section's film project, on the subject of "Wave Motion," launched in the Easter Term, has, unfortunately, made little material progress to date. The cine team has been confronted with various obstacles in trying to put its ideas on to film, but it is felt that the experience gained in overcoming these difficulties is valuable in itself. Moreover, during the weeks which succeed the G.C.E. Examinations (which involves most of the team) it is anticipated that some real progress will be made. The prospects of the film being completed in time for the Garden Party, as originally intended, are, however, rather remote.

On February 22nd the Society was host to the Junior School Society. Our guests were shown three films of scientific and general interest, and, during the intervals between these, members of the Committee demonstrated, and ventured to explain, some well-tried experiments in physics to groups of the boys. Although the scene in the Physics Laboratory was at times reminiscent of the sort on which Giles and Ronald Searle thrive, it is believed that those young minds thirsting for scientific knowledge were entertained, if not educated, by the demonstrations. The Physics Department is now back to normal.

The Society has been taking copies of the magazine "New Scientist" regularly. These have been available for loan to members week by week. It is a most instructive and well-written publication, keeping both the scientist and the interested laymen informed on the latest trends in research in various branches of both pure and industrial science. More members should avail themselves of the opportunity of borrowing it.

As has been customary for many years now, the Society is arranging several excursions for its members to establishments of scientific interest in and around Plymouth. The visits will take place in the closing weeks of the Summer Term, so reports of them must be held in abeyance until the next issue of the School Magazine.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on June 4th. Reports reviewing the past session's activities were given by the Secretary and Treasurer and adopted. Election of officers for the ensuing session took place; Childes of 6Sc. being elected Chairman, and Collings of L6Sc., Honorary Secretary. The retiring committee wishes the new one every success in guiding the Society's activities in the new school year, and would like to thank Mr. F. R. Coombe for maintaining his generous guidance and encouragement throughout the past year.

M. J. STEPHENS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE FIELD CLUB.

Since the last publication several excursions have been made to various winter bird-watching districts by small parties from the club. Birds of particular interest which were spotted included Eider duck, Slavonian grebe and Brent geese on the Exe and Avocets on the Tamar. The recently published Devon Bird-Watching and Preservation Society's annual report for 1956 contained many interesting records submitted by members of the club.

We were rather fortunate this winter in having a Black-Throated Diver and an immature Great Northern Diver on the creek at the same time. There was also an unusual influx of Kittiwake gulls, many of which were oiled, and some were found dead on the shore. A storm-battered Shag and an oiled Kittiwake were captured by a small group of club members and taken home to be cleaned and nursed back to health. Both were released about a month later. The Kittiwake flew out to sea immediately, but the Shag stayed for a week in the creek before leaving.

The duck count on the Erme has been continued throughout the winter, and is to be supplemented next winter by a synchronized, monthly count on parts of the River Yealm, including Kitley Lake.

This summer we are going to attempt something new as regards field study. A week's visit to the island of Lundy is being arranged, commencing on Thursday, 25th July. A programme of work has been drawn up including bird watching and insect and botanical studies. The party is to be made up of thirteen members of the Field Club with Mr. Dodd. We shall live under canvas, and, provided that the weather is fine, much interesting and absorbing work should be enjoyed by all.

Meetings during the term have been largely concerned with the Lundy Field Study Excursion; it may not be surprising, therefore, that the attendance at these meetings has been below average. We would welcome keen naturalists from any part of the school to share in our activities.

K. C. J. HUGHES, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE MUSIC CLUB.

The Music Club has had a good year despite a lapse in the first half of the the Spring Term.

Attendances in the Autumn Term had showed a remarkable improvement on past years, but they have tended to return to normal of late. It would seem that some sections of the school and especially the Fifth and lower Sixth forms appear to be unsympathetic to any kind of music.

The combination of the classical and jazz sections has facilitated the organization and presentation of the meetings. The main difficulty has been the caste system which has developed through

members becoming engrossed in one of the many types and subdivisions of music and ostracising all the others. They will not accept that, with reasonable attention and speculation, most styles can be appreciated by the average listener.

Mr. Bennett, besides showing his dexterity as a pianist on the B.B.C. Welsh Home Service, opened the year with a Bach piano recital. Talks on a variety of subjects were given by members of the society, and a successful evening meeting, attended by forty members, was held in the Autumn Term at which Mr. John Langmead lectured on "Giants of Jazz."

We had two more outside speakers Mr. Graham Cocks who introduced a selection of records of his own choice which varied from Bruckner's stately symphony No. 2 to the sensuous wailing of Eartha Kitt—and Mr. Alan Rowe who gave a very informative talk on an "Appreciation of Modern Jazz."

This year has seen the formation of a school dance band led by G. Mason on the alto-saxophone and aided by D. Bennett (trumpet) R. Colwill (drums) and I. Daymond (piano). The band has been reduced to a "quartet" as the double-bass violently disintegrated at a practice and has so far defeated all M. E. Perrett's ingenuity in putting it together again. However, having progressed from the Rock 'n Roll stage, they now play waltzes with some success and hope to demonstrate this at the Garden Party Dance.

The Music Club apologises for the "cultural sterility" of the Plymouth and District Grammar School's Music Society due to circumstances beyond our control, but we hope that when normal service is resumed next year the school will give it their full support once more.

As from next term the Music Club will be integrated with the Arts Society; this does not mean that music will be suppressed in the school, but that its audience will be wider and more appreciative and we wish the Arts Society the best of luck.

C. J. RUSE, *Hon Treasurer.*

THE SENIOR SCHOOL SOCIAL CLUB.

Since the publication of the last magazine the club has continued all its activities. As soon as the repairs to the main hall were completed we entertained Devonport High School for Girls to a badminton match followed by a social and dance. Our thanks go to Mr. Warren for once again performing the function of M.C. and to Mason and the School dance band for providing the music.

The usual club activities: tennis, table-tennis, badminton and snooker, continue to take place on Friday evenings, giving the members of the senior school the chance to get to know one another outside the form room.

Once again we thank Mr. Mortimer, the school caretaker, and Sal Seager, the treasurer for their continued assistance.

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

THE CHESS CLUB.

Once again the chess season has passed and, although the school team (Blight, Hurst, Horley, Daw, Yates, Cooper and Ruse) have not covered themselves with glory, the honour of D.H.S. chess has been upheld.

After many exciting and interesting contests the team emerged as runners-up to Plymouth College in the Goodman Cup and in the Moyle Cup (a Devon Senior event) we again finished second, this time to the Plymouth Chess Club. Both these results are quite creditable considering that two of the school's strongest players left at the end of the last season. The most enjoyable of our matches were played against Stoke Damerel High School, and the team must be excused for not giving of their best against such charming opponents.

The junior teams again enjoyed a fruitful season. The Under-13 team was unbeaten and the Under-15's experienced defeat only once. It is most encouraging to see how both the enthusiasm and the standard of the juniors rises each season.

The House Championship resulted in a win for Grenville (30 points) followed by Drake (19 points), Gilbert (15 points) and Raleigh (8 points), G. A. Hurst, K. W. Horley and B. J. N. Blight were chosen to play in the Devon Junior Team

At the Devon Junior Congress at Christmas the school had twenty-seven entries and thirteen of these gained prizes. In the senior sections R. T. F. Williams, an old boy, won the Under-21 section and Blight was runner-up in the Devon Junior Championship. In the junior section the following boys won in their groups:—

"C" section—B. F. Hedger. "E" section—C. Crump.

"F" section—J. L. Lee. "G" section—G. Hall.

M. J. Ryder and J. D. Couch also did well to finish second and third respectively in the strong "A" section.

We are, once more, grateful to Mr. Adams and Mr. Berry, for it is their patience, skill and experience that has made yet another season so successful, and our thanks also go to Mr. Tapley and M. Barbery for supervising the Lunch-Time Chess Club.

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

THE PLYMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' FILM SOCIETY.

Towards the end of the Autumn Term it was suggested by Mr. Whitfeld, ever ready to plunge into new ventures with a crusading spirit, that it might be a good idea to try to form a Film Society from amongst the 5th and 6th forms of the grammar schools of Plymouth. It was considered that, by opening the Society to those beyond the confines of one school, a sufficient number of people might be interested to enable the Society to be run on a sound basis and that further informal ties among the grammar schools could be made.

The aims of the Society were to introduce high-quality films, which are not of interest to a wide hedonist public and are not shown on the general circuits, and to stimulate interest in a branch of the Arts which is sadly disregarded at the present time through over-commercialisation and the ballyhoo of Hollywood.

Accordingly, a committee of representatives was formed and the officials were duly appointed—the president, Mr. Stankley from our own school; the secretary, also from D.H.S.; and the treasurer, Penelope Hopkins, from Devonport High School for Girls. Through the initial hard work of Mr. Stankley and the co-operation of Mr. Stuart Keen of Crediton a programme was drawn up for the Spring Term, whilst the membership of the Society grew steadily.

On January 25th, by which time the number of members had reached 146, the Society officially came into existence and an Italian film, "Bicycle Thieves," was shown in the school assembly hall, together with a short Chaplin comedy. This was followed on February 22nd by a Japanese film, "Seven Samurai," whose length (2½ hours) by no means detracted from its excitement and non-stop action. The Society held its third meeting on March 8th and saw "The Navigator," and American comedy of the "silent" days, featuring Buster Keaton; with an excellent documentary, "Man of Aran," in support. The fourth and final meeting of the Society took place on April 5th with the showing of a Russian epic, "Battleship Potemkin," with its famous "Odessa steps" scene, together with two short films.

A programme, is at the moment, being arranged for next term and I must emphasise that the more members the Society contains the greater chance there will be of making each meeting a social occasion with ample time for discussion and refreshment. The initial success of the venture has given cause for satisfaction, and has shown that with continued support the Society can become an organisation of which we may be justly proud.

W. J. BADCOCK, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

Must it be said that the majority of the Upper and Middle school holds no religious beliefs whatsoever, or are those who claim to be Christians content merely to give their so-called religion a brush-up and airing on Sundays and leave it at that? Do they consider the practice of their religion is necessarily limited to one day in the week? Unfortunately, the somewhat dwindling numbers at the C.U. meetings last term seem to indicate this fact. If, as we are apparently led to suppose, the school contains some confirmed atheists and agnostics, are we to presume that they are too confident and self-satisfied to air their views, or are they without enough courage of their convictions to declare their opinion in public? We should welcome helpful suggestions and even biting

criticism, but we gain no encouragement in the face of apathy and complacency. We are indeed fortunate in having a Christian Society at D.H.S.; let us all grasp its advantages before it is too late.

The general theme for last term was "Jesus in our Lives" and a number of subjects on this theme were treated by a variety of speakers. To them, on behalf of the Society, I should like to express our deep gratitude for their ready willingness to come and speak to us and for the live interest they show in our activities. In addition, we held an "Any Questions?" session, with the Rev. Lewis, the Rev. F. Adam and Dr. Frost constituting the team, and procured two "Fact and Faith" films—"Hidden Treasures" and "God of Creation"—which, through the kindness of Mr. Coombe, we were able to show in the senior Physics laboratory. Besides our open meetings each Monday after school, the prayer meetings were continued every Thursday lunch-hour in Stoke Damerel Church, and we must thank both the Rev. F. Adam for allowing us to use the church and also those members of D.H.S. staff who led the meetings. Once again, however, it must be reported that only the "faithful few" were in attendance and I would point out that anyone who feels in the least inclined to take part in such a meeting should not hesitate to join us in deriving from it the benefits which so many of them are missing.

Finally, I should like to convey the Society's thanks to our former secretary, Michael Harrison, who left us at Christmas. It was solely through his efficiency and unceasing hard work that the C.U. was able to survive after the departure of our "founder-members," and we sincerely wish him every success in his Civil Service appointment in London. W. J. BADCOCK, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE DANCING CLASS.

The object of the Dancing Class is not only to teach Sixth formers to dance but also to help them to overcome the shyness which inevitably accompanies their first excursions on the floor.

The success of this last term has been marred by apathy on both sides with the result that attendances were low and there was a general lack of co-operation. Luckily, Miss Tout kept a firm hand on the reins and the class remained in existence. We hope that this lack of interest will not mean a curtailing of the class in the future.

The indifferent attitude which was shown was attributable to an excess of exuberance by the few and lack of it by the majority. Few members of the class, however, could say that the experience had not been valuable.

Relations between the sexes might have been improved if both had assumed some sense of social responsibility; towards the end of the session, however, boys ceased dancing with boys and girls ceased dancing with girls and the end-of-term social proved to be

a great success. It is a pity that this state of affairs was not reached sooner.

Our sincere thanks are once more due to our long-suffering instructress, Miss Tout, our ever helpful pianist, Mrs. Bradley, and last, but by no means least, to our ever-patient partners. We hope that with the appearance of new faces—or is it untortured feet?—the class will continue to function, perhaps with a little more success.

I.E.D. AND P.F.W.

SCOUT LOG.

There has been an encouraging increase in the number of recruits and the troop has now grown to five patrols. The senior patrol has been concentrating on badge work, with very good results; the most recent event being the Night Hike for the Venturer Badge, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. New recruits particularly from the middle school would be welcome.

Progressing from the Troop, W. A. Prowse is now a Rover Squire and P. H. G. Hawken an invested Rover Scout, both with the City of Plymouth Rover Crew.

The Group Committee has decided to run a monthly whist drive to help raise funds for the Troop, whilst the scouts themselves have continued to collect the jam jars, with a "winged M." on the base. Our sincere thanks are due to the Vallétort School of Dancing for the excellent display they staged, in aid of troop funds, and to the Group Committee for all they are doing for us.

P. G. H. HAWKEN.

A. J. HILL (Tony). Commissioned in Royal Corps of Signals, now serving in Germany.

T. J. KNIGHT (Niff). Regular in R.A.F., has joined 1st Ruislip Rover Crew.

B. MARCH (Bins). Now recovering from a leg operation, due to injury sustained on National Service in the R.A.F.

B. MARTIN (Bomber). Cadet Navigating Officer in the Merchant Navy, last heard of at Yokohama.

L. A. TRIGGER (Al). Regular in the R.A.F. in the Air-Sea-Rescue section.

M. R. PARSONS (Mike). Apprentice Technician in the R.A.F. Has lost some of his "fat."

P. RYAN (Pete). Apprentice Electrical Engineer with the Shell Oil Company, and at present scouting in Cardiff.

M. T. G. ROWE (Big Fish). At Southampton University after completing National Service in the R.A.F.

B. ROWE (Little Fish). Engineering Officer on the "Queen Elizabeth."

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL SOCIETY.

This Society is confined to members of the First, Second and Third forms, and it is encouraging to see the increasing numbers taking part in our activities; this shows a genuine interest in the corporate life of the school and is a healthy sign for the future. Our aim is to introduce members to the various senior societies, in the hope that when they reach the upper school they will provide those societies with a firm backbone.

We thank most sincerely the organising bodies of those societies for their help in furthering this aim; the evening meetings they have arranged for us during the past term have been full of interest, and were greatly enjoyed. At the time of writing, the society, common with most others, is lying dormant, waiting to burst into new life with the advent of next year's First form. By then, we shall have lost the leading members of our junior committee; but we hope that they will pass on to the higher circles of senior societies. If they do, we may be happy in the thought that our efforts have not been fruitless. We wish them every success in these wider fields, and thank them for their help in making the Society a success.

K. J. H. AND P. G. E.

IN PRAISE OF THE DUFFLE COAT

Ah! The Duffle Coat!—That boon of every schoolboy; that bane of every parent; that ban of every headmaster! The Duffle Coat is an ingenious and invaluable invention that endears itself to all and sundry, as a teddy-bear does to a child. Of course, it has its limitations, for one Duffle Coat generally bears a distinct resemblance to the next, but this difficulty can be got over quite easily. One novel and different, but rather impractical way of wearing it, is to reverse it; and cut eye-holes in the hood, the wearer thus resembling some member of a sinister secret society. Nature also helps to add variety to the wearing of Duffle Coats, in that some of its wearers are not really endowed with the best figures for the job. Consequently, one sees barrel-shaped Duffle Coats at one extreme, and oblong-shaped ones at the other, both happily toddling down the street, oblivious of the questioning glances of other people.

The origin of the Duffle Coat is doubtful. The Admiralty courageously claim that it is their own amazing invention. However, it has been whispered among the ears of the Archaeological hierarchy that this statement is, in fact, a terminological inexactitude. They claim that it is a direct copy of the skin of one of the lesser-known brontosauri—namely, the Camel-haired Eye-soarus! But the Admiralty, in the best British tradition, have stoutly denied this rumour.

A person usually wears a Duffle Coat for one of three reasons—one, he feels the cold; two, he likes to be in the fashion; three, he likes everybody to think that he's a naval officer in mufti.

Nevertheless, for all its faults, the Duffle Coat has just as many points in its favour. Perhaps the most important of all, and also indisputable, is that it is worn by all classes. So bear this in mind, and when one of your biased friends begins to insult this marvel of man's ingenuity, let him say what he likes, but never let him refer to it contemptuously as—the "Middle-Class Sack!"

B. R. ARSTELL, 5L.

A YEAR DOWN FROM CAMBRIDGE

I have always believed it significant that, from whatever part of the country a student may derive, he goes "up" to Cambridge and "down" to any other part of the Universe. Maybe this is just another piece of the characteristic superiority of Cambridge men and maybe there is something to be said for the usage. One does indeed come down. I had always suspected that the business of human existence could not continue to be transacted with such delicacy, with such regard for the niceties of the intellectual life, that there must be some process of dis-illusioning awaiting. Now to be dis-illusioned, one must first have been illusioned: so perhaps we do not so much come down as wake up. It was, however, a beautiful and animated dream.

Animation is its chief characteristic: it should carry all those implications of vitality of the spirit which the word holds. I lived at Cambridge in and surrounded by some of the most handsome buildings in Europe; only 300 yards away from my room was one of the finest small art collections in Great Britain; 300 yards away in the opposite direction sang the most accomplished Church choir in the country; half a mile away was a cinema showing a fair selection of foreign films; three quarters of a mile away across the river, a splendid library; the town abounds in more than adequate book-shops. I present these advantages in terms of distance, because then one can understand the concentration of culture in this flat fenland city. How is it possible then to feel anything except a sense of cultural deprivation on returning to Plymouth? It is not quite true to say, as some do, that Plymouth, culturally-speaking, is as dead as mutton—nevertheless, and I am as willing to be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb, I have to confess that on close inspection, the animal is scarcely breathing.

At this point it would be easy for this article to develop into a sociological and economic analysis of why Plymouth is culturally not on the map. I forbear and content myself with stating that there just does not seem to be the initial pressure in the city to force the pace. Until we do get this necessary pressure, we may look upon such pipe-dreams as a civic theatre, professional city orchestra, concert hall, representative art collection, as the wildest of imaginings. The greatest mistake is to suppose that the difficulties are *primarily* economic—money would follow a public demand, but it is just this (except for a few notable individuals) which does not exist. How the demand can be built up except through the educational system of the city, I cannot see. This, however, is a democratic community, as we are never tired of reiterating, and culture cannot be imposed by a governing oligarchy; the people must be induced to demand it for themselves.

A new and unlooked-for embarrassment insinuates itself into the argument at this stage. After all, say the critics, what is the

use of culture—surely one of the frills, not really important, etc., etc., etc.

The gross materialism, the philistinism, of these criticisms do not shock, simply because they are so common in this part of the world and especially in the mouths of the “educated and successful” people. What can one say to them and where can one begin? Here anyway, is a good, even a great text:

“Art is a form of religion, minus the Ten Commandment business, which is sociological. Art is a form of supremely delicate awareness and atonement—meaning, at-one-ness, the stage of being at one with the object. But is the great atonement in delight?—for I can never look on art save as a form of delight.”

(D. H. Lawrence)

I write “text,” because only preaching will effect any conversion of these hardened hearts—one must demand what their conception of human life can be that they should be happy to continue in such a state of spiritual impoverishment. What is to be done with men who will not be saved, simply because they see no point in salvation?

If I have learnt anything worthwhile at Cambridge in the three years of my degree course, it is this: that Culture (in its widest sense, including ideological commitment) is what civilizes the individual, what raises human existence above the level of pleasant domesticity to the plane of fulfilment and satisfaction. Abstract enthusiasm on this theme is not very convincing, so I will try in conclusion to be a little more precise. Exciting new dimensions have been added, I believe, to the areas of human happiness when an individual has learnt to criticise and enjoy, say, the Beethoven opus 132, Vanbrugh’s Castle Howard, Rodin’s Burghers of Calais, Leonardo’s Virgin of the Rocks and Hopkins’ “Wreck of the Deutschland.” These are some of the great things produced by Western European Culture and without some appreciation of them, we remain good fellows but uncultured, philistine, and ultimately, uncivilised. Strong words but, I believe, justified by the social and aesthetic conditions in which we subsist.

If then, Cambridge has made me profoundly dissatisfied with the cultural condition of Plymouth, I have certainly not wasted that period of education. My eyes have been opened and unless I deliberately blindfold them, they must observe what they have been taught to see—and what is education if it is not an opening of the eyes of the spirit.

Clearly our opinions on this matter of culture will depend on our educational theories. Rudolf Bultmann, the Lutheran Existentialist, published in 1948 an essay on “Humanism and Christianity,” in which he favourably compares the approach to education on the part of these two rival ideologies of the West.

Reflecting on the evils of Nazi education, he defines true education:

“The decisive factor is that man is not looked upon, and does not look upon himself, as a being serving the purposes of natural, corporate, economic and political life, but as a person, that is, as a being who is something on his own account and carries his significance and value in himself, and who is independent of his availability for any of life's practical objects.”

Culture is, to my mind, the chief educational instrument in this construction of individuality.

ANTHONY J. CROSS.

THE CHASTE LAND

MCMLVI: LUDUM PUEROSQUE CANO.

The school's bell is broken: already shades of
The prison-house begin to close on the first-form boy.
The winds come to us from the rubbish heap. The B.B.C. is de-
parted.

Sweet creek run softly till I end my song.
The dustbin leans against the sycamore.
The stench of stale milk contaminates the colonnade.
Dead bricks and dying sand lie idle on the playground.
The workmen have departed and have left no addresses.
Trapped boys, doomed boys, in Death's other Kingdom.

No, no! go not to Lethe, neither twist
Wolf's-bane, tight rooted, for its poisonous wine;
See the joy of school-life, the mere living!

But at my back I hear grim, cruel voices
And snarls showing merciless canine teeth:

Hurry up those stairs. Smith! you're late.

As I was saying to Elmer only yesterday
His play's going to be a flop if he doesn't . . .

Hurry up those stairs. Jones! you're late.

‘O ces voix des préfets, grognant dans les passages.’

I see only a heap of broken spirits where
The master beats and the dull desk gives no shelter.

We stand in the playground, a petrified forest:

‘Verily, verily I say, unto you if a man keep . . .’

Cold claws our creeping flesh, and dust stings our eyes.

‘ . . . My saying he shall never see death.’

Dead leaves scratch along the concrete and crackle under our tread.

Ah! Somewhere, somewhere I hear Angel voices ever singing.

Brave voices ever.

Brave voices

Singing:

‘Tis of our school the High . . .’

The last twist of the knife.

V. SLADE, U VIA.

Correspondence

Pembroke College,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to disappoint those who look to the "Cambridge Letter" for a sometimes witty recital of gossip concerning "Old Boys" at this University. Not only does it give a false impression of the life here, but, to my mind, serves no useful purpose. The coffee bars in the city will no doubt satisfy those so disappointed in the next few weeks.

More to the point I feel is a short discussion of the place of the Grammar-School candidate at Cambridge—in fact at all the major Universities—in view of the new moves towards the future abolition of National Service. Much has been said about how the colleges are going to be affected by the bulge, and how they are going to cope with the accommodation problem; but only a few voices have been raised asking what effect it will have upon University life, its academic and cultural existence. These have usually echoed the "Town" in fearing a return to the pre-war standards of undergraduate behaviour.

Since the last war there has been a marked change, so many are thankful to admit, in the bearing of undergraduates. Firstly, there was the arrival of the older man immediately after the war who came to resume or commence studies suspended during hostilities, and then, after that era, the arrival—after National Service—of freshmen two years older than normal. The result was in many respects, a far more mature and responsible student and, hence, University atmosphere. Two years' National Service was more than just a twenty-four month hiatus in studies, regrettable but unavoidable, it was two years of valuable maturing experience. I am by no means trying to lament the passing of National Service—heaven forbid—but to point out that an incidental product of that institution had a beneficial effect upon that elusive "average undergraduate." It was a maturity which showed itself in application to work, an increased cultural awareness, and, often, a sane and adult standard of values. That was a great gain and is too valuable to be lost. The proof that it can be lost has already been provided this last term by an alarming outbreak of hooliganism, one notable example encouraging the succeeding occurrences. The major event—the climbing of King's College Chapel and the decorating episodes which followed—are largely common knowledge, due to the unfortunately amused and tolerant reporting of national newspapers, but there have been many more incidents, equally dangerous and irresponsible, childish and inconsiderate, which, unreported, are also symptomatic of some basic lack of values. However, it was during one of these episodes—a soda-siphon and mud battle in punts between Eton and Harrow in which some assailants jumped

from bridges attempting to sink the opposing punts—that a prominent official of the University (an Harrovian) on being enlightened as to what was taking place, commented loudly, “Thank God for the Grammar Schools.”

It is indeed a fact that the Grammar School can exert a considerable influence upon Cambridge life in this respect; its product is to a large extent a sane and mature leavening. He has had, of course, in most cases, no compulsory cadet-force background (inevitably leading to two years wastage in the Officers’ Mess) to pervert his standards and usually no rowing club to deify and exalt sport. True the public schoolboy has that surface gloss of ‘social’ maturity, but it is in the other that real intellectual maturity—academic and cultural—is usually found. It is for that reason that these next few years are going to be their testing time. If, even without the “help” of National Service, the Grammar School can continue to provide Oxford and Cambridge with the type of candidate both are at present beginning to appreciate, they will not only strike a considerable blow in their favour, but will also further the democratisation of the universities; they will help them to realise that desirable “equality of opportunity” which is, in spite of all protests, still clearly a myth.

Yours faithfully,

BARRIE CROSS.

Churchill Hall,
Bristol University.

Dear Sir,

After reading edition No. 112 of the D.H.S. Magazine, my conscience was considerably disturbed as my last magazine as a member of D.H.S. was, I think, No. 106, and I feel sure that I have promised a letter from Bristol for each edition since, no doubt much to the annoyance and frustration of the last two editors of the magazine, to whom may I now offer my humblest apologies.

Last session, as a “Fresher,” I was resident in one of the four annexes attached to Wills Hall, a pseudo-Georgian building built in 1927, thanks very largely to a certain cheap brand of cigarettes which shall be nameless. I did a certain amount of work (or so my Professor informed me—a little sceptically I thought!) enough, at any rate, to enable me to say that I am writing this in the Spring Term of my 2nd year in the three-year course for a B.A. (Honours) degree in Latin. Certainly academic work is of less interest to the student in a Hall of Residence than to one in “digs,” but in the former the opportunities for broadening one’s outlook, for spending hours discussing topics ranging from politics to the latest arrivals in a nearby hostel for women undergraduates, and for drinking (coffee) by the gallon are boundless. I would stress however that anyone who does not live in a hostel or hall for undergraduates is missing a very large, almost essential, part of his University education.

This year I was fortunate enough to obtain a place in a newly-built hall for men students which was named in honour of the Chancellor of the University, Sir Winston Churchill.

Bristol, like all provincial universities, is sadly lacking in accommodation for students, so much so in fact, that at the beginning of this session some students were homeless and in a recent edition of the excellent University newspaper "Nonesuch News" there appeared an article by three engineering students who have taken up residence in a houseboat on the Wennington-Avon canal. At the moment less than one quarter of the University's 2900 students are lucky enough to acquire a place in a hall, but it is planned to increase the accommodation considerably in the next few years.

The Students' Union headquarters at the Victoria Rooms and the Fry-Haldane Society for students in lodgings also have many facilities to offer: a theatre with an auditorium for 900 people, an excellent ballroom, common-rooms, gyms, tennis, badminton and squash courts, table-tennis tables, billiards and darts, television and radio, and, of course, for the thirsty brethren, a bar. The University boasts over a hundred societies, varying from the Conservative Association to the "Austin 7" club and from the Assegai Society to the Society of Change Ringers—something to suit all tastes. The university is especially renowned for its dramatic productions and debating ability. In the former sphere, we recently were runners up in the N.U.S. Drama festival with a world première production in English of Ugo Betti's play "Investigation," and in the latter a team from Bristol recently did very well in a National Tournament.

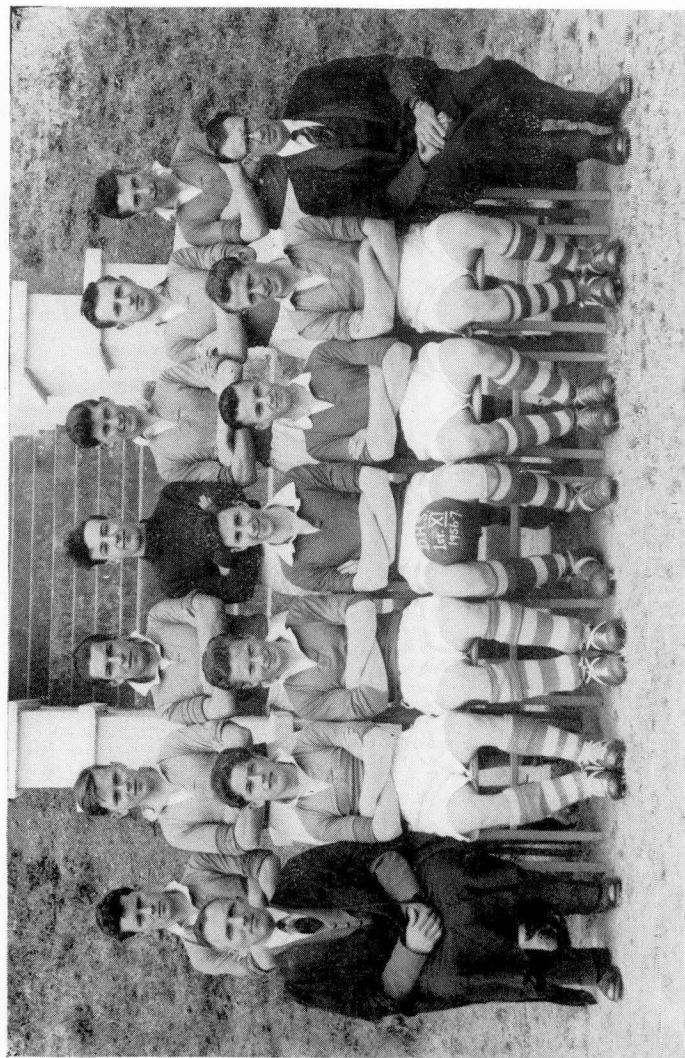
With regard to other D.H.S.-ians here G. E. F. (Jeff) Young was well the last time I saw him, working at the Post Office during the Xmas vacation. This year the D.H.S. contingent here was considerably increased by the arrival of "Den" Watts to read Special Classics and "Doughy" Baker and Brian Childes to read Engineering. All appear to have settled down well, and are awaiting, with some trepidation, their first "Rag" on March 9th. "Doughy" is already a prominent regular member of the 1st XV. After noting the large number of D.H.S.O.B's. in the Bristol area, we are wondering whether it would be possible to organise an annual social get-together of some description, and possibly to found a branch of the Old Boys' Association.

Finally, may we wish the School all the best of luck and every possible success in all its activities and say that we shall gladly give all the assistance we can to anyone contemplating joining our ranks.

Yours sincerely,

B. R. BLACKLER.

FIRST XI. SOCCER, 1956-1957



*Back row (left to right) : J. Mitchell, A. A. Daw, N. H. Dingle, P. H. G. Hawken, B. Widger (Hon. Sec.)
A. E. Brimacombe, (Vice-Captain), M. F. Sammels*

*Front row : Mr. D. G. Barkell, A. J. Ward, R. D. Smerdon, W. J. Badcock (Captain), G. E. Reburn, M. J. Beer,
Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)*

FIRST XV. RUGBY, 1956-1957



Back row (left to right) : C. J. Lovell, P. F. Wickenden, B. G. Spicer, M. J. Allison
Centre row : D. W. N. Bennett, I. A. Cooper, R. C. Griffin, D. G. Blackler, P. S. Harris, V. Walker, F. Cooper
Front row : Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster), J. Ellis, B. Hay (Captain), R. A. Heale, J. G. Williams, Mr. H. Mallinson

Manor House;
Northfield,
Birmingham 31.

Dear Sir,

I am fortunate enough to be writing from the better of the two Halls of Residence open to undergraduates at Birmingham University; the other being the Chancellor's Hall which has recently been the subject of a great controversy on account of heavy increases in charges. I am told that it is to the latter that all those from the School coming up this October have applied for rooms. I hope that they have thrifty habits! At the moment I am the sole undergraduate representative, although Dr. Forbes, another Old Boy, is on the Organic Research Staff.

Conditions at the University are a little cramped as yet, because of the vast expansion scheme recently started, which aims to double the number of undergraduates. Unfortunately these numbers are increasing at a greater rate than are the buildings for them, and at the moment the laboratories are completely inadequate; each chemistry student has about one square foot of bench in which to carry out his practical work!

The Queen Mother has just laid the foundation stone of the new library which will eventually house the Arts Faculty, at present tucked away in the centre of the city at Edmund Street.

Next term the university will, no doubt, be enriched by the presence of J. C. Endall who will be joining the Geography school, M. S. Smith, who will spend most of his time in the newly completed Engineering Block, and G. S. Mason coming, so he claims, to read Russian, about which I can make no comment! I am also told that W. Foster, who left D.H.S. about 1952, is coming up to take the Physical Education course. To all these I extend a hearty welcome and wish them the best of luck.

Yours sincerely,

A. GREEN.

Parents' Association

Our activities have followed their accepted pattern since our report in the last magazine.

In December the Annual Dance was well supported by both parents, friends and senior boys, and its setting was enhanced by attractive decorations in the newly completed Assembly Hall.

It was decided that, in view of the very large number of parents wishing to attend, it was desirable to hold two "At Homes" this year, and with the complete co-operation of the staff one was held in March for parents of boys in 4th, 5th and 6th forms, and another in May for parents of boys in the Junior school. It is evident that these rather long sessions are appreciated by parents even if their sons are less enthusiastic!

We organised a second Whist Drive in February and were delighted to see friends old and new. The attendance was about one hundred and forty. We are indebted to a number of parents for the generous prizes they often present.

The coach trip in June, to Exeter University, was an unqualified success. Sixty-two parents and boys were given a most comprehensive survey of the university buildings, their ideal setting on the beautiful Streatham Estate, and of future plans for enlarging it. No pains were spared to ensure the smooth organisation of our tour through Mardon Hall, the new sports field and Taylor pavilion, the Roborough Library, the Mary Harris Chapel and the Hatherly Laboratories. We were accompanied throughout by Mr. Roderick Ross, M.A., the Secretary of the university. We greatly appreciate the trouble that was taken to make the visit so rewarding.

In appreciation of the time given to out-of-school activities by members of the staff the Association has provided linoleum for the staff room floor. It also provided a spare set of soccer shirts for the London tour and financed a coach trip on the rugby club's short tour to Newport (Mon.). Teas have been provided for all teams visiting us for soccer, rugby and cricket.

The activities of the Association are many and varied and their success depends on the sustained support of all parents.

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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B. H. COUSINS, A. HERRING, T. B. HAYES.

Last year's Annual Dinner proved to be quite successful and members attending enjoyed a really convivial evening. With the shortening of speeches we were able to have a real get-together for the last hour and the happy spirit prevailing at that time has prompted the committee to alter the form of our annual gathering for 1958. Instead of the normal dinner we are planning an informal evening (probably at the Strathmore Hotel) at which we can meet and converse over a few drinks. There will be no set seating, small tables and chairs will be available so that members can circulate and form groups as they wish. The price, including a buffet supper, will probably be 8/-. I hope all members will make every attempt to attend. The date has not been fixed yet, but it is hoped to arrange a Friday in November.

By the time this magazine has been issued we shall have played a few friendly games of cricket. If any members can arrange further games, will they please let me know as early as possible?

My call for table-tennis players brought two responses only—both members have now left the city. I realise enthusiasts will already be engaged with their own clubs, but perhaps we could play a few friendly matches next winter. If just a few of you let me know that you are interested I will make the necessary arrangements.

May I also remind you of my earlier notes regarding the school library. Please send any suitable books which you no longer require to the school where they will be put to good use. Reading matter for juniors would be particularly welcome.

Messrs. E. Dingle & Co. are now selling an Old Boys' scarf at 27/6. I can recommend this personally as a very good investment and a sure step towards "brighter clothes for men" without resorting to "teddyboy" apparel!

We were indeed sorry to hear of the death of Mr. W. H. Buckley, one of our vice-presidents. Newly elected vice-presidents at the Annual General Meeting for 1956 were Messrs. C. F. Austin and R. Ferraro.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

LONDON BRANCH.

All at Plymouth will be interested to hear of the continued well-being of the resuscitated London Branch and also of "Mr. Old Boy" himself—c.f. "Tex" Austin. Since "Tex" descended on the metropolis in late 1955, his unflagging diligence, patience and devotion to the course of D.H.S.-in-London has been the greatest single reason why we now have an enthusiastic membership of nigh-on one hundred.

Our 1957 diary of events commenced in March with a dinner in Holborn which was attended by over eighty, including Messrs. H. A. T. Simmonds and R. Ferraro. The "know-how" of our chairman, A. T. "Dicky" Brooks, contributed greatly to the success of the evening and we are fortunate in continuing to have the benefit of his experience.

On July 20th, Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds has very kindly placed the grounds and amenities of Trent Park Training College, Hertfordshire (of which he is Principal) at our disposal and a very full day of activities to suit Old Boys (and Old Girls) of every age is being planned. Trent Park is a real beauty spot and anyone who finds himself in London on July 20th is well advised to take this opportunity to renew acquaintances. Please obtain further particulars from "Tex."

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

The Old Boys 1st team finished the 1956-57 season runners-up in Division 1 of the Combination League, two points behind the

leaders, losing only four games out of the 26 played. The loss of two players through injury, Dave Quick before Christmas, and Cyril Thompson in the New Year, was not only a blow to the first team but to the club as a whole, as it meant drawing upon resources of the 2nd team who were already finding difficulty in raising a side. With the help of Mr. Warren and school players, we managed to pull through.

I would like to thank one school player in particular—Smerdon, who stepped into the breach when our regular Centre Half went on holiday and produced some sterling performances.

The 1st team scored 102 league and cup goals and conceded 48. The leading scorers were A. Herring 15, D. Quick 14, R. Adams 13, D. Pike and G. Rowe 11 each.

The 2nd team, despite the difficulties of the season, finished just below halfway in Division 2. Colin Davies 18 goals and Charlie Came 13, were the chief goal scorers. We need to ensure that our reserves take the field every week with a full side, therefore anyone interested in playing for the Club, either from the school or the Old Boys, would be very welcome and should contact me. I would, on behalf of the club, like to thank the chairman, Mr. H. G. Warren, and the Parents Association for the assistance they have given us this season.

D. MACKAY, *Secretary D.H.S.O.B. A.F.C.*

53, Mutley Plain, Plymouth.

PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

I am delighted to say that I am behind with my replies to your letters. It is an excellent thing when so many of you take the trouble to write. I shall catch up this half term.

May I give you two dates:—

Wednesday, July 24th. School Open Day and Garden Party, followed by a Flannel Dance in the Main Hall.

Thursday, September 26th. Speech Day. Guest Speaker an Old Boy H. B. May (1920-27).

Don't forget to contact C. F. Austin if in London.

Don't forget to check the address list—of also January 1957 magazine.

Have you counted up from past magazines how many of our Old Boys eventually do a spell overseas? The percentage is quite fantastic. But what a splendid thing it is.

K. WORTLEHOCK is now living at 43 Redfern Close, Cambridge. Will all Old Boys in Cambridge please note. There is a welcome sign on the door for you.

H. B. MAY (1920-27) M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. Dean of the London Hospital Medical School, Governor of Queen Mary College, Consultant Pathologist of the Royal Navy. Will be our Guest Speaker on Speech Day.

M. R. PARSONS (1949-55). Called in looking very fit indeed. Now a regular in the R.A.F. on Air Radio has just been joined by M. J. Callaghan.

DR. R. PROFITT (1919-26) M.Sc., Ph.D., has recently been appointed to the staff as a Lecturer at the Plymouth Technical College. It is good to have some Old Boys rejoining Plymouth.

- M. S. GOLLOP (1948-56). Left on June 14 for an 18 months tour in Ceylon. He is at present on Nat. Service in the R.N. before taking up his appointment in the Civil Service.
- D. MARCH (1944-50). Has passed Grade 4, Branch B, of the Civil Service and has been appointed Vice-Consul at Hanover. Our warmest congratulations.
- R. STAUGHTON (1942-49). Has a brother in the 5th and has just joined the married ranks. Married Miss Isabel McNair on 9th May. Congratulations.
- G. A. KELLAND (1941-46). Has written an interesting letter. He is married and has a daughter 9 months old. Has just taken up a Civilian Instructor appointment in the R.A.F. at Calne.
- B. H. COUSINS (1945-51). Managed to hide the date of his marriage from me. Married at Exeter and is now setting up home in Plymouth. Came to Schools Sports despite this.
- B. M. COLMAN (1948-55). Congratulations on his appointment to a Graduate Student Apprenticeship with Shell Petroleum.
- B. J. SMITH (1950-54). Now a regular in the Fleet Air Arm and is thoroughly enjoying himself at R.N.A.S., Worthing Down.
- A. G. MASON (1949-54). Serving on H.M.S. Collingwood until Xmas and then hopes to join Smith.
- T. J. KNIGHT (1949-55). Called in looking very fit and well. Is now in the R.A.F. at Air Ministry and recently met A. TRIGGER, who is serving with the Air Sea Rescue.
- ANTHONY CROSS (1942-51). Helping us out this term teaching English.
- BALDRY (1930-36). Also helping us out teaching woodwork. How glad we are to have them both.
- A. PEASE (1949-56). As cheerful as ever despite a brush with some toughs when on night duty in the Metropolitan Police. Is a member of the Police Cadet 1st XV and has met J. W. HARLEY (1950-56) who is also a Police Cadet.
- R. T. F. WILLIAMS (1948-55). Congratulations on being appointed President of the Imperial College Chess Club and Secretary of the London University Chess Club.
- J. GOODMAN (1933-40) Lt.-Commander R.N. Called in with news of his brother A. J. GOODMAN (1931-38), who is on Research for Jordan Govt. near Amman. He himself is stationed at Rosyth but is very reticent.
- B. WARLOW (1949-57) and D. G. PROTHEROE (1949-57). I had the pleasure of meeting them both at Dartmouth recently. Both are much slimmer and both working very hard but really enjoying the life.
- R. PENNY (1948-55). Has been awarded a Goldsmith's Travel Scholarship by London University to visit Greece during the summer vacation. Splendid.
- D. G. ELLIOTT (1944-51). Congratulations on a son—last November. He has also qualified as an F.A. Referee—looking ahead, will be useful for our Xmas matches.
- C. B. HELE (1917-24). On the Inspection Department of the Ford Motor Co., at Langley, tells us that his father, C. HELE now 83 years old, is an Old Boy and was in Rider's School in the 1880's. Is he our oldest Old Boy?
- J. P. REED (1948-56). Commissioned in the R.A.F. Secretarial Branch and posted to Bath. Goes up to Nottingham to read Economics in 1959.
- G. E. F. YOUNG (1946-54). Now in his Finals year reading Aero Engineering. Looked a little tired but as full of life as ever.
- R. A. E. YOUNG (1940-47). Has been appointed Assistant Secretary to the University of Exeter. He will have a full time job as those of us who have seen the proposed extensions well understand.
- G. R. HORE (1948-56). Posted to Hitchin to start as a Tax Officer in the Civil Service. Hopes to meet some Old Boys soon.
- V. B. CROOKS (1933-39), R. A. GOODANEW (1924-30), R. A. GARNER (1930-36), DR. FORBES, C. R. F. LARK (1928-36), A. J. LEGG (1927-35), B. C. OADES (1909-12), F. H. PEAM (1916-21), D. E. WEBB (1923-28), A. P. WAYE (1943-49), R. M. STEVENS (1938-43) were among the seventy odd who turned up for the March reunion in London.

- R. G. COLLINGS (1942-49). On leave in Plymouth called in to see us. Married with one son. Has recently met LETCHER, SQUANCE, GLYNNE and RICHARD who has just returned from a tour in Malaya.
- H. D. D. THOMAS (1942-50) called in en route for the Transvaal. Very cheerful indeed. Address Eanspan.
- B. J. QUICK (1942-50). Left for Kampala, Uganda, two days before THOMAS to take up an appointment with the Standard Bank.
- J. M. WIDDECOMBE (1923-30). Now a Superintendent Liaison Officer with the Admiralty in London, hopes to contact Tex shortly.
- D. WILLCOCKS (1945-49). Is with the Ministry of Supply at Nancekuho near Redruth. Has also joined the married ranks.
- M. E. R. WALFORD (1948-56). Called in en route for Cyprus. What a lot of our young men are going overseas.
- D. L. WALFORD (1936-44). At present helping to deal with the H Bomb, was married at Easter. Our congratulations.
- M. J. COTTON (1939-45). Also off to Uganda where he promises himself a good time plus hard work until 1960. His first son, 7 lbs. 15 ozs., arrived early in March.
- A. PORTER (1934-42). Known as "Porkey" is now with the Customs and Excise in Wapping. Saw COTTON off to Uganda.
- C. BEALE (1950-56). Won the R.A.F. Junior and the Imperial Services Junior 10st Boxing titles. Narrowly beaten in the A.B.A. Semi-finals. Congratulations.
- R. LOCK (1949-57). Off to London to join EDE at the Customs and Excise Department.
- D. J. WRIGHT (1937-44). Congratulations on his appointment as Senior Physicist to the Auckland (N.Z.) Hospital Board.
- T. HOCKING (1947-55). Stationed at B.A.O.R. Munster called in when on 14 days leave. Goes up to Loughboro' in September 1957. Met a regular Q.M.S. STIPLING an Old Boy in the R.E.M.E.
- E. G. ROWE (1946-53). Has just completed Nat. Service, R. Corps of Signals after 18 months in Germany and is returning to the Foreign Office. Expects to be posted abroad. Met. T. Cook a F./Sgt. in the R.A.F. Cook is learning Russian.
- R. A. R. SANDERS (1943-50). Now married. Is in the Customs and Excise at Great Yarmouth.
- P. K. RAKESTON (1943-50). Has gone out to the Customs Dept. at Cyprus. Is also married.
- K. JEMMETT (1947-53). Is now with the Customs and Excise at Chatham. Old Boys please contact.
- C. K. WOODFIELD (1948-55). Has written a most interesting letter about his present job in the Civil Service. Is to take a degree at London University.
- LESLIE ROWE (1949-56). Left for Canada last week. Is to join the Canadian Air Force and hopes for a Commission as a musician. Good Luck.
- D. A. TOZER (1945-1950) called. He entered H.M. Dockyard as an apprentice. Has now graduated to the Drawing office. Congratulations.
- E. G. HEWETT (1906-12). Has been awarded the C.I.S.O. His parents used to live in Alcester Street, Devonport; where *he* is now we don't know, but wherever *he* is, congratulations!

OLD BOYS WITH WHOM WE ARE IN TOUCH

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