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## Editorial.

A particular feature of modern life is the tendency towards planning affecting all aspects of it. In many circumstances over-planning is a positive evil, but in education, for example, planning is essential, that two balances be maintained: the balance of academic and athletic prowess, and that of utilitarian and recreational interests. It is with the former that we are at present most concerned.

The Public School system was often ridiculed because of the amount of emphasis given to athletics and to physical well-being. However, the Grammar Schools of England have now long since ceased to hold up to ridicule the introduction of games and gymnastics into the curriculum. It has been realised that the mind and the body are not two completely separated organisms. Progress in the sciences of medicine and of psychology has shown that mind and body interact to a remarkable extent. The mental effects of physical sickness and the physical effects of mental distress have now been realised. The aim is, therefore, to prevent a too active mind's sapping the resources of a weak body, or a frail body's preventing the full exercise of a virile mind.

The preservation of this balance is rendered still more difficult by the fact that individuals vary in their needs for physical and mental development. In some cases more academics and less athletics will lead to a satisfactory balance; in others the body needs to develop more than the brain.

Thus the difficulties of maintaining a balance vary with individuals, and the collective balance of a school may vary. A school in which there is a real need of scholarships will naturally tend to

neglect sports. The disastrous effects of this system have been criticised recently in the House of Lords. Complaints have been made that certain schools turn out boys who can pass examinations but can do little else. This is of course difficult to avoid. On the other hand there is a danger that the physical development may be emphasised at the expense of the mental rather than the alternate process remarked on by the Peer. There is a Chinese proverb : " In painting a tiger, we can copy his coat but not his bones ; and in dealing with a man, we can see his face but never fathom his mind."

The problem has been rendered more complex still by the intrusion of the war, which has meant that many scholars have changed schools once or more. Each school has followed its own system and sought to produce its own balance of academic and athletic development, so that in the various individuals three or four different balances have been attempted and none struck.

So much for the difficulty of the task. The nature of the problem makes D.H.S.'s achievement all the more praiseworthy. The Magazine this term contains ample evidence of the fact that the school is well developed in both spheres. The success of the school in gaining scholarships to the Universities and the fine performance at the School, Kelly College and Technical School Sports, show that we can stand comparison with any School in the county in the athletic and academic spheres, and has amply demonstrated its close approach to the ideal of *mens sana in corpore sano* : the balance between mental development and physical development so necessary for persons of school-age appears to have been fairly struck.

## School Notes

Before you read this all examination candidates will have been blessed and left to the mercies of the examiner. Now we await the results with interest, for they affect so many boys. Those who will sit next year must realise that they have their fortunes in their own hands.

Raleigh again were winners of the Sports, of which an account appears in this issue. Congratulations to them and also to the winners of the Relay Race at the Technical School Sports ; and to those who strove so hard at Kelly.

We publish too an account of Speech Day, when we can attempt to dress our shop window, to let the parents and the public know the work we are doing and how well it is done. Before you read this you should have bought tickets for the Garden Party, at which other aspects of School life are presented to parents who can also informally meet the members of the Staff.

Congratulations to the Dramatic Society for its successes. They entail much hard work for cast and producer, but how great the reward is can be judged only by those who have done as well as you have. Small parts have also been taken in "Shakespeare Society" productions.

Many Old Boys have been in to see us this term. We are glad to see them and all others who wish to come. To boys who are leaving us this term we wish the best of luck and much success in the future. We cannot stress too strongly the advantages of membership of the Old Boys' Association, with its facilities for sport and for the maintenance of those social contacts by which the friendships of youth can be preserved in later life. The annual subscription of three shillings should be handed to Mr. Warn before the end of term.

To Messrs. Glinn, Griffith and Symons we wish success and happiness in their new work. Mr. Hull has completed the work he came to do when Mr. Pickup left us.

Mr. Armor has left us since we last went to press. Unfortunately ill-health compelled him to retire some months before he normally should have done. He had spent thirty-five strenuous years in the School, and had always given more of himself than was wise; hence his breakdown. We wish him above all a healthy, long and happy retirement; and to Mrs. Armor, too, we send all good wishes.

Finally, we wish you all a healthy and happy holiday, and the recreation necessary to make you fit to do a strenuous term's work when you return.

## Speech Day, 1948

This year the Speech Day was held at the Central Hall on Thursday, March 11th. Once again parents and friends of the School showed their interest by completely filling the building. The Lord Mayor (Ald. H. J. Perry, J.P.) performed the office of Chairman for the first half of the proceedings, and when, owing to another engagement, Ald. Perry had to leave, his place was ably taken by the Chairman of the Education Committee. The principal speaker, Alderman Sir Clifford Tozer was, with Lady Tozer, especially welcome since Sir Clifford is one of the most distinguished Old Boys of D.H.S. Other distinguished visitors included several members of the Education Committee.

Sir Clifford, in an address previous to the distribution of prizes, spoke of the pride he felt to be addressing a Speech Day of his own school. He mentioned his first Speech Day, when he received his first prize, and spoke of the history of the School since that period, and of the outstanding success of members of the School, in obtaining

scholarships to the Universities and commissions in the Services. Sir Clifford attributed the success of the school to the succession of Head Masters, who have done so much to gain the School its present position. He emphasised the fact that the greatest opportunities still lie ahead, complimented the School on its fine records in social and athletic fields, and advised us to work while at School, and when we left to do our best for the School.

The Lord Mayor complimented the School on its academic successes and on the performance by the Dramatic Society of "The Zeal of thy House," which, he said, had greatly impressed him.

The Chairman of the Education Committee, G. W. Bradley, Esq., C.C., granting the School a half-day's holiday, emphasised the tonic effect of, as he phrased it, "a course of Speech Days," and said, on behalf of the visitors, that their greatest reward for the interest which they showed in the School was the pleasure they felt to be there. He emphasised the fact that the greatest work of the Grammar Schools lay ahead, partly because of the need for trained men and women, and partly because of the present-day relation of opportunity to ability. As Chairman, Mr. Bradley declared that the Education Committee were resolved to give the children of Plymouth the finest education possible.

The Headmaster, Mr. W. H. Buckley, presented a report of the School's activities and successes in the past year.

Musical items of the programme were under the capable direction of Mr. R. H. Symons, and consisted of selections from the works of Handel. The choir maintained its usual high standard.

P. I. Reid presented a cheque to Lady Tozer, and P. Miller one to the Lord Mayor; both cheques to be devoted to the "Save the Children Fund."

The School Captain, A. C. Ham, proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors.

A most enjoyable evening's proceedings were terminated by the singing of the School Song and of the National Anthem.

## House Notes

### DRAKE HOUSE.

The conclusion of the football season found Drake in second position in both games. The Soccer teams were very successful and the senior Rigger team did extremely well, sharing the lead with Grenville, but lack of weight told against the juniors who lost all their matches.

In the Athletic Sports the House was again third after a fine tussle with Gilbert for second place. Though encouraging, this result could have been improved if only a few more standards had

been obtained. We did not lack individual stars and special mention must be made of Waye, the under 16 Field Champion; Miller, the under 12 Champion; Hitchins and Allin.

The House Cricket programme has just been completed, with Drake finishing third. The juniors, disappointingly failed to gain a point, but the seniors, though they lost to Gilbert, played well to beat Raleigh and draw with Grenville; in this match an excellent innings of 53 n.o. by Hitchins and a bowling analysis of 6 for 13 by Waye provided the highlights.

In Chess we also obtained third place; this concluded the House Championship for 1947-48, the final result being:—1st Grenville 141.3 pts., 2nd Gilbert 108.9 pts., 3rd Drake 106.7 pts., 4th Raleigh 93 pts.

Though leaving room for improvement our position is creditable, and with more enthusiasm among the rank and file we shall again be a serious challenger for the Championship Shield.

A. C. HAM, *House Captain.*

#### GILBERT HOUSE.

Results for Year 1947-48.

	<i>Seniors.</i>	<i>Juniors.</i>	<i>House.</i>
St. Levan Shield	—	—	Second
Cricket	First	Third	First
Soccer .....	First	Fourth	Second
Athletics	—	—	Second
Chess	—	—	Second
Rugger .....	Fourth	Third	Fourth

The House has to be congratulated on being runners-up for the St. Levan Shield. This great advance is the result of greater co-operation and a keener House spirit. The prestige of Gilbert has been much enhanced by our Cricket successes. The Seniors have won all their matches, and the Juniors beat Drake.

Our Senior Soccer team was first in the championship—congratulations. Among the Juniors we have some promising boys, and expect improved results next season, for their enthusiastic spirit was never beaten.

The Rugger results were disappointing—the Seniors lost all their matches, and the Juniors obtained only third place. We trust that more Juniors will take up the game, for throughout the School there is a shortage of rugger players and an abundance of soccer experts.

At athletics we greatly improved upon last year's result. For the first time for many years we were well placed with regard to standards. On Sports' Day itself we overcame a strong challenge from Drake and deservedly finished second.

Much credit is due to many ; our competitors ; those who tried to obtain standards ; our House Masters, whose coaching and organising helped so much ; our Under Twelve Relay Team, which won in record time ; and K. Blundell, our Athletics Captain. (He has been a tower of strength in many branches of sport.E.H.B.).

K. BIRD, *House Captain.*

### GRENVILLE HOUSE.

The football season ended on a note of triumph ; Grenville won both the Soccer and Rugger Championships, and, thanks to a whole-hearted effort, we were once more well on our way to the House Championships.

The commencement of the new term, however, brought with it the departure of Dugdale, who has gained an Executive Appointment in the Civil Service. Dugdale became House Captain on our return from Penzance, and he successfully led us for two years. On behalf of the House I should like to congratulate him on his achievement and wish him every success in the future.

The House Staff has recently been reinforced by the arrival of Mr. Poole. We gladly welcome his assistance, and we hope his stay with us will be a pleasant one.

As is usual for the summer term the main interest has been the Athletics Sports. The result is, by now, common knowledge ; Grenville, after more than a decade at the top of the Athletics ladder, has, in two years, fallen to the bottom, a disaster unequalled in the history of the House. Our failure was a failure of the House as a whole, and was due, despite the efforts of our Housemasters and officials, to the lack of standards. It is well to note here that of the 160 boys in the House, 80 boys failed to pass even one standard. Our thanks are therefore due to the boys who did so well on Sports' Day and kept the House, even yet, within striking distance of the Championship.

A final effort is therefore the task of the Cricket enthusiasts of the House ; so come on cricketers, do your best to ensure our future success !

J. D. PEAKALL, *House Captain.*

### RALEIGH HOUSE NOTES.

Our efforts this season to retain the Rugger and Soccer championships have failed ; the senior Rugger team dropping to third place only after a great struggle in a match against Drake, in which the lead changed hands on several occasions. Together with the juniors' points we registered a third place. The Soccer teams all tried hard, but unfortunately the Seniors lost all their matches, whilst the Juniors won two games.

The Junior Cricket team has started well this year by beating Drake by a comfortable margin. We congratulate Gainsbury on

being elected captain of this team. The Seniors, under the captaincy of Letcher, lost their only match after a plucky fight against a strong team.

This year, we repeated our last year's success in winning the Sports. Anybody who saw them will agree with me when I say that it was a thrilling meeting, in which Raleigh never looked back. We congratulate all those concerned, from those who won cups to those who tried, night after night, to get standards. We particularly congratulate Honey on winning the Victor Ludorum Cup for the second year in succession.

May I also take this opportunity, on behalf of the House, to thank Mr. Truman and the Staff for their untiring efforts to bring about our success.

R. GEORGE, *House Captain.*

## The Athletic Sports

**Wednesday, 12th May, 1948**

The outstandingly fine weather, in which the standards and preliminary heats had been run off, did not break for the actual Sports Day. Particularly bright sunshine combined with a firm track to produce a most enjoyable afternoon for all present.

We were honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. H. S. Perry) and of several members of the Education Committee, and Mrs. Buckley. The Headmaster, welcoming the visitors, expressed the School's gratitude for the great interest in the School, which they revealed by giving up an afternoon to the Annual Sports.

The presence of so many distinguished visitors was justified by the fine performances of the afternoon. In all nine new records were established. Particularly worthy of notice are Ashcroft's addition of 7ft. 7ins. to the Javelin (Open) record, and, on the track, Honey's new record for the mile of 4mins. 57½secs. (4 4/5secs. shorter than his own record of last year). Honey also ran a record 880 yards of 2 mins. 10 2/5 secs., and Hitchens (16 age group) lowered the 880 yards record by nearly seven seconds. McKenzie also decreased the 440 yards record (16 age group) by 3 3/5 seconds, and Reed (—14) the 100 yards from 12 to 11 seconds.

The House Championship Shield was won by Raleigh House, with a clear lead of 36 points. The second place was hotly contested by Drake and Gilbert Houses. Final points were as follows:—

<i>Drake.</i>	<i>Gilbert.</i>	<i>Grenville.</i>	<i>Raleigh.</i>
204 (3rd)	205½ (2nd)	197½ (4th)	241½ (1st)

*The Revington Relay Cup* was won by Raleigh House.

*The Victor Ludorum Cup (Track Events)* was won by D. Honey (Raleigh), with record first in the Mile and 880 Yards, and a first in the 440 Yards.

*The Treseder Cup (Field Events)* was won by A. C. Ham (Drake) with firsts in the Long Jump, and Hop, Step and Jump.

*The Under 16 Champion* was McKenzie (Gilbert) with firsts in the 440 Yards (a record) and 220 Yards, and a second in the 100 Yards.

*The Under 16 Champion (Field Events)* was Waye (Drake), with firsts in the Discus, and Hop, Step and Jump.

*The Under 15 Champion* was C. D. Selley (Raleigh) with firsts in the 100 Yards and Long Jump, and a second in the Hop, Step and Jump.

*The Under 14 Championship* was shared between A. G. Reed (Raleigh) with a record first in the 100 Yards and firsts in the 220 Yards and the Long Jump, and Rose (Raleigh) with a first in the 440 yards, and seconds in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards.

*The Under 13 Champion* was A. D. Appleby (Grenville) with firsts in the Hop, Step and Jump, 100 Yards and High Jump.

*The Under 12 Champion* was P. Miller (Drake), with firsts in the 100 yards and 220 yards.

The Lord Mayor expressed the great pleasure which he and the Lady Mayoress felt in being present at the Sports. He remarked on the rareness of occasions on which they could pass an afternoon so pleasantly in the open-air. Ald. Perry spoke of his own youthful aspirations towards the High Jump, which were, unfortunately, a thing of the past. He congratulated the School on its high reputation in athletic and academic spheres, speaking of the interest with which the Education Committee view the progress of D.H.S. The high reputation of the School, was in the opinion of the Lord Mayor, obvious from the large number of scholarship winners who expressed a preference for Devonport High School and the consequent keen competition amongst elementary schoolboys. The Lord Mayor also spoke of the fine example set by Old Boys of the School in all walks of life.

He offered his congratulations to the winners, his consolations to the unsuccessful, and his best wishes for the continued success of the School.

Mrs. Buckley, distributing the trophies, expressed, on behalf of the visitors, her thanks to all concerned in a most enjoyable afternoon, and her admiration for the energy of the contestants, which, she suggested, could be attributed to the School meals.

A most pleasant afternoon was terminated by the playing of the National Anthem.

## Rugby Club

*President* : THE HEADMASTER.

*Rugger Master* : MR. MALLISON.

*Captain 1st XV.* : R. P. GEORGE.

*Vice-Captain* : P. I. REID.

*Hon. Secretary* : G. R. WATTLEY.

The School teams have had a really successful season. Of the 51 matches played, 32 have been won, 5 drawn, and 14 lost ; giving the School a total of 835 points for to 356 points against. This, although not an improvement on last year, is an extremely meritorious record.

The first XV. lost only two matches, both to the Old Boys XV. The second of these matches was a very fine struggle, in which the School lost by 6 points to 3. Another great victory which the School attained was in beating the R.N.C. (Dartmouth) " Benbow " XV. by 19—0. This was considered the best win of the season. There was also one freak win of 75—0. Throughout the season George captained the team and inspired them to victory. He was one of the few who played in every match.

The Second XV. have also had a fairly good season, and towards the end of it the handling of the packs improved considerably.

The Colts and Juniors have not been quite as successful as the first and second XV.s ; due mainly to their reliance on individuals rather than on teamwork. These individuals have shown their worth outside School matches.

Outside successes have been numerous. Of the eleven members of the First XV. who played in the South Devon Schoolboys Trials, George, Reid, Quantick, Honey and Porter were successful, and Peakall was reserve. George, Reid and Quantick then went on to play for Devon Schools against Bristol and Somerset Schools XV.s. The Juniors and Colts have had similar successes. Allin, Dunn, Thurston, Reid and Selley all played in the Plymouth Trials and also for South Devon. Then Allin and Reid played for Devon and Devon and Cornwall combined. M. J. Reid finally reached the England Schoolboy Trials.

We know that the spirit of Rugby in the School will not be damped by the lack of support from all but a few keen followers ; but it would be much better to see the touches lined with boys who are interested in the School's outside activities.

### COLOURS.

1st XV. Colours : Reawards—George, Reid, Wattley, Quantick, Peakall, Porter, Thomas, Willison.

Awarded—Duddy, Honey (D. G.), Juniper, King, Blundell, Walford, Southern,

2nd XV. Colours: Reawards—Ralph, Bird, Curtice, Lakeman, Pemberton:

Awarded—Durstun, Hugo, Coombe, Hookin, Widdecombe, Reekie, Honey (A. W.), Hewson, Rickard.

FINAL RESULTS TABLE :

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points.	
					For	Agst.
1st XV.	17	14	1	2	383	77
2nd XV.	12	8	1	3	207	66
Colts .....	11	4	2	5	112	80
Juniors .....	11	6	1	4	133	133
	51	32	5	14	835	356

G. R. WATTLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

## Soccer Club

The complete record of last season's matches was :

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals.	
					For	Agst.
1st XI.	18	15	1	2	69	20
2nd XI.	15	8	1	6	53	32
Colts XI.	11	8	1	2	36	22
League XI.	13	7	1	5	31	19
Junior XI.	9	1	3	5	13	17

Colours: 1st XI.—B. Holliday, A. Ham, J. Dugdale, D. Letcher, P. Kelly, R. Bramich, G. Hitchens, R. Townsend, G. Thompson, T. Hingston.

2nd XI.—N. Dart, T. Bossom, W. Taylor, D. Stander, M. Cotton, D. Harris, D. Hurd, N. Furzeman, D. March, E. Woodfield, J. Mildren, R. Churchward.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior.				Junior.			
Grenville	11	Raleigh	1	Grenville	1	Drake	0
Drake	1	Gilbert	4	Raleigh	7	Gilbert	1
Raleigh	2	Drake	3	Grenville	1	Raleigh	1
Grenville	1	Gilbert	1	Gilbert	0	Drake	6
Gilbert	2	Raleigh	1	Raleigh	1	Drake	3
Drake	2	Grenville	2	Grenville	3	Gilbert	0

H. G. WARREN.

## “The Zeal of Thy House”

A notable event in the world of amateur drama in Plymouth this season was the presentation by the School Dramatic Society of Dorothy L. Sayers play “The Zeal of Thy House” at the Globe Theatre during the first week of February. It was an outstanding success, and great credit and praise are due to all concerned in its production and presentation.

Pride of place must be given to the well-trained band of choristers, who, under the guidance of Mr. Symons, charmed us all with the excellence of their rendering of some most difficult and lovely music. The silent attention of a crowded house was the greatest possible tribute which could be paid to the beauty of the singing, and I should like on my own behalf and that of the audiences to thank Mr. Symons and the boys for the great pleasure they gave us. Also, thank you Mr. Yardley for the loan of an organ, whose beauty of tone added so much to the atmosphere of the play.

The staging of the play was very effective, and the costumes were delightful, and when combined with well-planned lighting effects and grouping they must have satisfied the most critical artistic eye. The beauty of the grouping was maintained throughout the play. The slow final curtain at the end of each act maintained the solemnity and dignity of the play right through to the final curtain. Perfect timing by stage hands and technicians was essential to achieve this perfection which enabled the action of the play to proceed smoothly.

The most outstanding performance was given by Tony Pitts who as the Prior of Christchurch gave a pleasing and thoughtful characterisation worthy of an experienced player. He has an excellent voice, and acted with great charm and dignity, always suiting voice and action to the occasion. He knows how to move about the stage, is never awkward or flurried, and I can think of no higher praise than to say he *was* the Prior.

Donald Hamley gave a very convincing performance as William of Sens, and shows much promise as an amateur actor. He has a very flexible and sensitive voice and a pleasing manner, and played the part with a grace and charm seldom found in so young an actor.

Norah Gausson had the difficult role of The Lady Ursula de Warbois, and her interpretation of the part was in keeping with the dignity of the play, which a careless or unsympathetic characterisation might have ruined. This youthful actress has a pleasing voice, speaks her lines clearly and sincerely, and moves with a confidence and grace which show promise for the future.

One of the most thrilling incidents in the play was the crowd scene at the fixing of the keystone of the arch. Starting with only the immortals and Lady Ursula on the stage, the crowd gradually assembled with an ever-increasing excitement. The hub-hub of conversation grew louder; all eyes were fixed on the point of interest. The more timid remained on the edge of the crowd; the small boy worked his way to the front. The excitement grew intense as it reached its maximum. The grouping was perfect.

What followed was so perfectly done—the boy's vision of the angel with the sword—the cry that the rope was breaking—the shadow of the fall—the crash—then tragic silence; a splendid piece of stagecraft perfectly performed.

Then there was that charming little cameo when Ernulphus played by Harold Kenshole and Paul (Anthony Pinches) visited William's sick-bed with their gifts. These two dear old souls were beautifully played, and most members of the audience must have been deeply touched by the scene. Congratulations to both players for a charming portrayal of the parts.

All who saw the performance of the Invisible Duke last year will remember a young player who gave a very fine performance as the fop Francesco. It was Peter Gill who took the part of Theodatus the Sacristan and did it so well. The two parts were so different that they demanded a complete change of character, and each was so well played as to indicate that Peter Gill has a promising future as a character actor.

And now to return to the beginning of the play. The procession of the Prior and brothers from auditorium to stage drew the audience on to the stage and made them real participants in the event, and from that moment we were all in Canterbury Cathedral in the year 1175, and there we remained until the final curtain.

This account would not be complete without a few words of advice to the cast which are in the nature of criticism, and must be sorted out by each individual for self application.

The audience is entitled to hear every word of the dialogue, and however quickly or excitedly you have to speak you must make sure that every word reaches every part of the auditorium. This is the most important step towards good acting.

Remember it is the job of the actor to act and not just to wander through the part as his natural self—but avoid over acting.

You must, if you are to be a successful actor, capable of playing any character, get rid of local accent. Many otherwise excellent performances have been ruined by it. In making the effort to speak some form of standard English, you are also fitting yourself to acquire, when necessary, your own local dialect or any other required.

Cultivate the high and low registers of the speaking voice and so prepare yourself to take character parts. Girls should learn not to pitch their voices too high. The most beautiful female voice I have ever heard was a rich contralto spoken by a D.H.S. boy exactly eight years ago.

Get as perfect control as possible of facial expressions, learn to move about the stage as your part demands, watch your posture, and learn what to do with those awkward members—the hands. Never use gestures unless they have a meaning, and learn to keep still when necessary.

And, finally, never allow yourself to be audience conscious. You must not go across the footlights to the audience but bring them on the stage to be a part of the play, if only as spectators.

Never be afraid to speak upstage, but be sure you can be heard when doing so.

Thank you Mr. Whitfeld and helpers, thank you cast and choir for a most enjoyable and memorable occasion.

BY FOOTLIGHTS.

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## Out of School Activities

### SCOUT LOG.

At least one disused air-raid shelter found a use. For seven months it had been the headquarters of the Peewit Patrol of the School Scout Troop. The shelter was underground and electrically heated and lighted. Anyone over the size of four feet was likely to bump his head on the numerous rafters and girders which supported the roof; while anyone who approaching six feet tall had to crouch continually to prevent himself from touching the corrugated iron roof all the time.

Much Scouting was carried on out of doors, in Central Park, where stalking and tracking were practised both in the daylight and the dark. Many rope bridges were built, some of which collapsed when expected to carry eleven stone of scout. When it was wet the Scouts stayed down in their little hole and did badge work, with the result that we already have five first class Scouts, and by the time that this is printed we hope to have some more. Also during the seven months we introduced five new tenderfoots to Scouting, and they were initiated by our present S.M. After each meeting we had a mug of cocoa each, which sometimes tasted awful, sometimes passable, and occasionally quite good, but it was

the true friendship of the Scouts that counted more than all the things we did and learnt.

But this is past and instead we now have a fine headquarters in the School grounds. The whole Troop has been revived under the supervision of Mr. Jenkyns and many newcomers have been enrolled. Inside our new hut patrol-corners have been equipped with ropes, charts and other scouting paraphernalia, and outside an efficient flag-pole has been erected; much progress is being made, especially with regard to work on the First Class Badge. The Troop has now been divided into a Boy Scout Section (11-15 years) and a Senior Scout Section (15-18 years). Two of our members are Rover Squires. Patrol-meetings are held during the mid-day break, and the full Troop Meeting on Fridays after School.

Two Camps have been enjoyed at Goodameavy with the 12th Plymouth (St. Peter's) Troop, and we are looking forward to our Summer Camp at Harford. Congratulations to March, Wanstall and Westlake on becoming First Class Scouts.

In conclusion we express our great thanks to Mr. Jenkyns for accepting this additional task in Scouting, and to Patrol Leader G. R. Wattlely for keeping at least one section of the Troop in action after the departure of Mr. Sparrow. With a new "den" and the nucleus of a great troop, Scouting at D.H.S. augurs well for the future.

#### CHESS CLUB.

*President* : THE HEADMASTER.

*Master in Charge* : MR. BERRY.

*Secretary* : K. BLUNDELL.

The Club is growing! It has now fifty members, and the skill shown is improving considerably.

House matches have been played with enthusiasm, and the points will be counted for the St. Levan Shield. Result: 1st, Raleigh; 2nd, Gilbert; 3rd, Drake; 4th, Grenville.

The ladder tournament is still the centre of interest each Tuesday evening in the Junior Dining Room. The top positions are occupied at the moment by: 1, A. Taylor, 3A; 2, A. W. Honey, 6Sc; 3, B. L. Hutchins, 4L; 4, G. Allen, IV. G.; 5, K. Blundell, 6 Sc.; 6, K. W. Jemmett, 3L; 7, L. W. Pillar, L6 Sc.; 8, M. N. Cotton, 6 Sc.

Our congratulations go to A. Taylor who has held his position at the top of the ladder for several months, and whose knowledge of the game is increasing daily. Owing to a short term very few matches have been played. The team lost to Sutton High School

by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points. Matches are being arranged for a Junior team. A Junior team, chosen from positions held in the ladder tournament drew with Plymouth College, four points each. New members in the Lower school are invited to gain a place in this very promising team.

We shall welcome any boy of any age or form who wishes to join, and can promise to arrange games for him with boys of his own ability.

### ATHLETICS.

The Devon Inter-Schools Sports were held this year at Kelly College. The weather was showery, but the running surface was in perfect condition. Fifteen schools took part, and the School dropped one place to fifth. The first six results were :

1, Blundell's, 51 points ; 2, Kelly College,  $43\frac{1}{2}$  points ; 3, Hele's School, Exeter,  $35\frac{1}{2}$  points ; 4, Newton Abbot Grammar School, 28 points ; 5, Devonport High School, 27 points ; 6, Plymouth College, 17 points.

Our outstanding success was that of the Junior 4 x 220 yards Relay team—Selley, Allin, Thurston and Read—who broke the record by  $4\frac{1}{5}$ sec. with 1 min. 44.5 secs. In track events D. Honey gained second place in the Mile (4 mins. 47secs.—a record), and K. Blundell gained fifth place in the Half-mile (2 mins. 7.2secs.). D. Willcocks was unlucky not to be placed in the 100 Yards (10.3secs. a record), while K. Mackenzie, against strong opposition, failed to gain a place in the Quarter Mile (53.9secs.). B. Gibb failed to obtain a place in the Hurdles (16secs.—a record). In field events, the Athletics Captain, A. C. Ham, was placed second in the Hop, Step and Jump (41ft. 4ins.) and sixth in the Long Jump (20ft.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins.). Down jumped well to gain fourth place in the High Jump (5ft. 4ins.) G. D. Peakall obtained sixth place in the Discus (113ft. 3ins.) but failed in the weight (37ft.  $0\frac{1}{2}$ ins.). B. Ashcroft was third in the Javelin. (160ft. 4ins.—a record).

We are grateful to the Headmaster and Staff of Kelly College for the efficient organisation and their excellent hospitality.

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On Wednesday, June 2nd, the School Athletic Team of Ham, Willcocks, Honey and Peakall, obtained another success by winning the Technical College "Plymouth Schools Relay Cup," against competition from Plymouth College, Sutton High School, St. Boniface College, and Plymouth Technical College.

D. G. HONEY,

## SCIENCE SOCIETY NOTES.

The first lecture of the Session was given by Mr. Gors, chief radiographer of the Prince of Wales' Hospital. He delivered a most fascinating lecture, illustrated by X-ray apparatus and photographs, some of which he afterwards presented to the School. We offer him our sincere thanks.

We were fortunate indeed to welcome Mr. Hurrell on a return visit, with coloured films of ornithological research work.

Two further films of general interest were shown during the course of the term by Mr. Truman, one on the "Manufacture of Coal Gas," the other on the "Industrial Smoke Menace." The last lecture of the session was given by M. Warren of VI. Sc., who gave a practical lecture on photography, during the course of which a plate was exposed, developed and printed.

The activities of the Society have by no means been confined to lectures within the precincts of the School.

Visits to the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon, to see a pre-arranged exhibition, illustrative of marine and aero-engineering, to the Gas Works, to the B.B.C. installation at Manna-mead, and to the generating plant in the Dockyard were made. Much valuable information was gleaned by members during the course of visits to these establishments, and we thank all those gentlemen by whose courtesy these most instructive excursions were made possible.

The Society now possesses a well-equipped photographic dark-room, and we are indebted to Mr. J. J. Beckerlegge for his gift of a magnificent enlarging lantern. The photographic section is now so popular that advance bookings for use of the dark-room are frequently made, as much as a fortnight ahead. There is a Ciné section, with all the necessary equipment, and its cameramen have recorded a documentary of the Annual Athletic Sports Meeting.

As may be gathered from this somewhat brief account of past events, the Society is ever increasing its range of activities to provide adequate educational, and at the same time recreational, facilities for the entire membership. Prospective members are cordially invited to come along to subsequent meetings.

N. LEY, *Hon. Sec.*

## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Since the last issue, the Debating Society has had a programme consisting of three talks, five debates and a "Brains Trust."

On March 12th, the Society was fortunate in having Mr. J. P. Reynish to talk on "Life." He dealt with the evolutionary aspect

of life, modern theories about it, and ended with a suggestion about the future. His conclusion was that an explanation of the exact nature of life still eludes us, in spite of our many theories.

Mr. Clark gave the other two talks, his subjects being "Some Psychological Aspects of Human Nature," and "Man's Environment and his Reactions to it." Both were very interesting and provoked much discussion.

The Brains Trust consisted of Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Glynn, M. Willison and E. Widdicombe; the questions they had to discuss ranged from the nature of true happiness to a comparison of men's and women's fashions.

Two inter-schools debates have been held during the session. The first at Plympton Grammar School was on the motion: "That modern sport depends for its support upon mass hysteria." E. Widdicombe seconded the opposition, and the motion was carried. The motion of the second, at Plymouth College, "That this House deploras the principle of Universal Suffrage" was carried. J. Dugdale seconded the proposition. We thank the Societies of Plympton Grammar School and Plymouth College for two lively and often amusing debates.

On November 14th, Starks (L6 Sc.) proposed "That war is inevitable unless all nations become economically self-sufficient." Wanstall (L6A) opposed this difficult motion, which was defeated by 11 votes to 5, with 11 abstentions.

On January 16th, R. Mitchelmore (U6) proposed: "That the power of the Trades Unions has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished." J. Dugdale (U6) opposed this motion, which was carried by 10 votes to 6 after a lively debate.

The last debate of the session was on February 20th, when Starks (L6 Sc.) proposed, and Pinches (6A) opposed, the motion: "That in modern society, euthanasia is a desirable institution." The majority of members present decided that persons suffering from an incurable disease should not be painlessly put to death, the motion was therefore defeated by 8 votes to 2.

E. G. WIDDICOMBE, *Hon. Sec.*

#### A.C.F. NOTES.

After a spell of three months without an officer, we now welcome Mr. Pook as Company Commander.

So far this term we have had little activity owing to sporting calls, but now we have ten clear weeks ahead of us we hope to attempt some field engineering, besides forming a signals platoon.

Since the last publication of the Magazine, the Company has had no fewer than twelve Cadets pass Certificate "A" Part One, and three who have passed Certificate "A" Part Two; we congratulate those concerned.

During the Easter vacation, a Major from the battalion took twelve Cadets from the Company to Germany for three weeks. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and were well looked after by an Army unit in Bichefeld. Their travels also took them to Austria, which country they were the first English Cadets to enter.

As in previous years, we were well represented in the County Cadet Rigger team, and once again the captain was chosen from one of the Company representatives; all of whom played for the 1st XV. last year. Although we were well beaten, the School Cadets all played well, and it was gratifying to see the only try scored by one of them.

The Annual Camp this year will be held at Penhale, which is near Newquay, and will last for ten days; starting on July 28th. I am sure that it will be a very successful Camp, and hope that many from the Company will attend.

R. GEORGE, Under-Officer.

#### A.T.C. NOTES.

We again have some successes to report both in athletics and training. Cadet Jones will run in the Junior 100 Yards for Plymouth Wing, and Cpl. Ashcroft will be the Javelin Throwing representative in the Group Championships at Halton in August.

Cpl. Ashcroft is to be congratulated on gaining his Proficiency in February. This, with School Certificate, now qualifies him to apply for admission to Cranwell without further examination. By this system of entry, Commissions are granted in the General Duties, Secretarial and Equipment branches, and in the R.A.F. Regiment.

A./C. No. 197 Squadron.

## List of Scholarships<sup>1</sup>

### University College of the South West

BALLARD SCHOLARSHIPS of £85 a year for 3 years.

G. W. BARRETT, G. M. DAVIES.

DEVON WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, £75 a year for 3 years.

D. M. JORDAN.

CEDRIC HALL MARDON SCHOLARSHIP, £70 a year for 3 years.

H. M. HOWARTH.

BALLARD EXHIBITION, £40 a year for 3 years.

S. R. HATCH.

J. B. COBB SCHOLARSHIP, £10 a year for 3 years.

R. LONG.

### Loughborough Engine College

BRITISH EMPIRE SCHOLARSHIP, £70 a year for 3 years.

F. C. POPE.

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Mr. H. Ferraro has retired from the position of General Secretary and has been elected a Life Vice-President for his services to the Association and to the School. Mr. Eric Cock is the new General Secretary, and Old Boys will remember him as the enthusiastic Dinner Secretary of pre-war days. He is anxious to make contact with as many Old D.H.Sians as possible and will endeavour to answer all the letters he receives. Mr. Cock's business takes him to various centres in the South of England, and he would be delighted to meet Old Boys living in these places.

The Annual Dinner in December centred around Mr. Ferraro's presentation. About 100 Old Boys attended this function at the Connaught Rooms, and "Harry" was received enthusiastically. He was presented with a cheque for £164. 14s. 10d. and a frame scroll bearing the names of the 225 subscribers. Letters were received from all over the world expressing the gratitude of Old Boys of the School to Mr. Ferraro for his work as teacher and friend throughout the 41 years of his services. Both the Headmaster and Mr. Cock, who made the presentation, spoke highly of Mr. Ferraro's remarkable record, emphasising the personal contacts he has maintained with hundreds of former D.H.Sians. Various speakers, representing a cross section of those present from the young to the old, paid personal tribute and produced a number of interesting stories affecting their own relations with "Harry."

The Annual General Meeting was not as well attended as it should be, and it was felt that if future meetings could be held in the evening instead of the morning the number of members able to attend would be considerably larger; consequently the Annual General Meeting for 1948 will be held at the School on Thursday, 23rd December, at 7 p.m.

The Annual Dinner is arranged for Tuesday, 28th December, at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, and the price of the tickets will be about 12/6. This return to our pre-war haunt will be welcomed by everyone, and it should result in a record number of applications for tickets. Mr. Warn will be responsible for the arrangements, and details will be sent out in the autumn.

School fixtures of special interest to Old Boys are as follows :  
Rugby. School v. Old Boys' R.F.C.

Old Boys' R.F.C. v. Exiles—27th December, 1948.

Soccer. Date to be announced.

All Old Boys are reminded that the War Memorial Fund has reached about £450, and many more contributions are required to approach the desired £1,000. The School badly needs the library which it is intended to form as our memorial to those who gave their lives in the last war. Contributions should be sent directly to the Headmaster at the School.

The Old Boys revised register is far from complete, so that the list of changes of address promised for this issue will appear at some later date. Subscriptions for the year 1948-49 are due as from 31st July, 1948, and all Old Boys are asked to make a special effort to remember to send them to the Treasurer as soon as possible after that date.

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## LONDON BRANCH

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*Committee* : The above with A. E. BALL, Esq.

Since the notes in the January issue of the Magazine were written a successful Social and Dance was held (on 13th December last) and an even more successful Smoker Concert on 28th February. The 1948 Annual General Meeting was also held on the 28th February, when the above officers were elected. Twenty-six members were present, and an excellent evening was enlivened by some

"singing" by the Chairman and piano playing by N. C. Hodge. Sir William Gick had promised to attend, but illness prevented him from doing so at the last moment.

A further smoking concert (voted the most popular form of gathering) was arranged for the 8th May, but the response was very poor, and the event was cancelled. We hope this unhappy result was explained by members being away from Town on the night in question, but the Committee were distressed to find a large number of members failed to indicate on the slip provided whether or not they would be able to attend. That sort of thing is disheartening in the extreme and makes it very difficult for the Social Secretary to estimate the support he is to receive for these events.

We hope to arrange a Dinner in London to coincide with the Autumn half-term, and to have Mr. H. Ferraro as our guest. Will Old Boys, not being members of the London Branch, who would like to attend please notify the London Secretary or Social Secretary.

Old Boys coming to London are asked to notify the London Secretary of their London address as soon as possible.

London Members, who have not already done so, are asked to send the 1948 subscription (5/-) to Treasurer. A.J.S.

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

*Hon. Sec.* : A. F. Wingett,  
8, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth  
(Phone : Plymouth 60472).

The Club in its second year after the war can claim to have had a fairly successful season. Of 36 matches played the record was : won, 18 ; lost, 13 ; drawn, 5. Points : For, 360 ; against, 257. Although being ousted in the first round of the Devon Junior Cup, the Club reached the final of the Lockie Cup competition, which was lost by the odd point to the strong H.M.S. Drake XV. after a very fine game which everyone enjoyed.

Again this season we have given games to over 50 Old Boys, and have welcomed newcomers to the Club in N. Down, N. Orchard and D. Moore (all recently returned from India), Burrowes, D. J. Cliffe, N. Robinson, C. Evans, E. Whittaker and P. Quantick. Mr. Nash turned out for us at the end of the season and his experience was a great help to the pack. We note with interest the activities of Old Boys (and our Club members) playing for senior clubs. To mention a few, S. A. Evans with Birkenhead Park (congrats. on

being capped for Cheshire), I. Salter with United Services, Portsmouth, Holgate and Coaker with Devonport Services, Lyon, Walford, Baker and Cambridge with Plymouth Albion, and Honeywell with Paignton (capped for Devon versus Monmouthshire). We cherish secret hopes that at least two of these we mention may next season be turning out for us. Congrats. to Mr. Warn on being co-opted as a member of the Devon R.U., and also for his work as chairman of Plymouth Rugby Combination, aided and abetted by our staunch chairman, L. H. Warren, as secretary.

One thing that used to deter Old Boys from playing for the Club was our lack of a pitch and changing accommodation. Last season, for the first season since we originally started, we had a pitch to call our own (shared very amicably with old friends—Plymouth Argaum). The ground is at Roborough with headquarters at the George Hotel. Although the ground is a fair way out from town, it has the compensation that it can be used in all weathers. There will be two pitches next season with improved changing accommodation.

Several social functions were run during the season, culminating in the Rugby Dinner at the George Hotel on Tuesday, March 30th, a very pleasant occasion. Two ancillaries of the Club have been launched in the formation of Badminton and Tennis Sections, which are reported more fully elsewhere.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on April 19th, 1948, when officers for the year 1948/1949 were elected. Plans for next season were formulated, and include entry for the Lockie Cup, and an improved fixture list, which includes amongst local junior sides: St. Luke's College "A," R.N.E. College "A," North Tawton, Okehampton, Salcombe, Kingsbridge, Kingswear, Albion "A," Paignton, Devonport Services "A," Buckfast and Hayle. At Easter we entertain the S.E. Essex Technical College XV. from Dagenham, this being arranged through the good offices of an Old Boy, D. P. Jones, the P.T. organiser there. It has been decided to have a training night each week, and it is almost certain that we shall have the use of the School gym every Thursday evening during the season for training under W. Nash or J. Douglas. It has been suggested that a Club night should be held each week at the George Hotel, in conjunction with Argaum, and this is being considered.

We still need many more playing members, and it is hoped that everyone will give as much publicity to the Club as possible and bring many new members to our ranks. Everyone will be welcomed, particularly those just leaving School, and anyone interested is invited to contact the Secretary who is always pleased to write, meet or phone to any Old Boy who is interested in Rugby and the Old Boys R.F.C.

## D.H.S.O.B.R.F.C. BADMINTON SECTION.

*Hon. Sec. :* G. Rooke, 25 Ford Hill, Stoke, Plymouth.

A small nucleus of Old Boys formed the basis of the Badminton Section last September. The composition of the Section was very mixed indeed, but by keenness a very high standard all round was obtained.

Ladies, men's and mixed matches were played against Devonport Y.M.C.A., Stoke Damerel, Old Suttonians and H.M.S. Raleigh.

A word of thanks is due to the Rugger Club proper in respect of the four racquets which were given to the Section on its inauguration.

Anyone desiring to join should communicate with the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

## D.H.S.O.B.R.F.C. TENNIS SECTION.

*Hon. Sec. :* G. Rooke, 25 Ford Hill, Stoke, Plymouth.

Last summer a few Rugger Club Old Boys used to foregather at the Tennis Courts at West Hoe every Tuesday, and many were the pleasant games of tennis they enjoyed, interspersed by matches with the School Staff. This year, to put the scheme on a regular and permanent basis, it was decided to launch a Tennis Section on the same lines as the Badminton Section, to provide facilities for play for members and wives, and friends.

This is now in full swing, and we have the use of a court every Saturday afternoon and evening at Aucklands, Beaconsfield Road, Beacon Park. There is a small pavilion and lawn, with facilities for "brewing up."

Fresh members will be welcomed, and those interested should contact the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.





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