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Editorial

A question that is often asked is: "What is the function of education?" "To fit young people for life" is a favourite answer. The next query—a very justifiable one—may well be, "How?" There are, of course, various answers, all to some extent correct; one which is proposed very frequently is, "By developing their critical faculty."

When the innocent departs from the off-white-cement or glass-and-pâpier-maché cube which has nurtured his budding genius (and, we hope, his critical faculty), he finds many opportunities of exercising his judgment in various spheres. He may have to vote, to select a man for a post, to judge a work of art, whether in the course of his business, his further education, or purely for his own satisfaction—the possible examples are limitless in number and diversity.

It is, then, plain that the answer given at the end of the first paragraph is justified. The point now arises as to whether this is in fact done. Unfortunately, the present system tends often to suppress, rather than develop, a true critical faculty. To teach a pupil to give a lucid and logical exposition of Sir's opinion is not to sharpen his critical sense.

"Thus, we may see that Milton's grandeur of style, his sonority of diction, his coruscating vocabulary, his ornate but lucid (!) syntax, all combine with and reinforce the lofty tenor and philosophic profundity of his thought to render him supreme among the poets of our nation." End of pedagogue's peroration; admitting of no dissent. The conviction of scholar X that, in the words of Ezra Pound, "Milton is poison," is stifled on the spot. On the other hand, if he were allowed to air this view, and it were treated seriously, he might learn why he thinks as he does, and why others

do not, and would gain much in the process. Whether he changed his opinion or not, he would doubtless be able to express it more rationally.

The same may be said of other instances. If boys are allowed to discuss the problems of the day, their critical sense is indeed awakened, and they are being prepared for their social responsibilities. If, however, they are forced to listen in silence to the exposition of some Disraelite dogma of no great value at the time of its inception, and still less now, their time is being wasted. Both situations arise at present: only the first should be allowed to continue.

To sum up, the development of the critical faculty is one of the essential functions of education, and one which has an exceptionally wide range of application in later life. Many subjects, particularly the languages, history and current affairs, are by nature fitted for this exercise. It must in fairness be said that the opportunity is often seized; frequently, however, it is wasted through faulty syllabuses or dogmatic and unimaginative teaching. The matter is a serious one, and, we feel, deserves much more attention than it receives, in all types of school.

HEADMASTER'S NOTE

We are rarely completely satisfied at the end of an academic year: so much was to have been done, so much still remains to be done. I feel, however, that we can regard 1957-58 as a satisfactory year in all spheres with the reservation that next year and the years to come can be even better. For those of you who will come back next September, remember this: it is your obligation to those who have passed through the School. To those of you who will not return may I say "Please remember to write to us occasionally, never forget the words of the prayers in Final Assembly and all our best wishes go with you."

In Memoriam

DAVID GWYN PROTHEROE

David Gwyn Protheroe entered the school in 1949 and left to take a cadetship at Dartmouth College in 1957. His sudden death, in class, on June 17th, 1958, came as a great shock to us all. We extend our sympathy to his parents and to many friends who were prefects with him or in Drake House, of which he was Captain.

A TRIBUTE TO H.D.W.

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the untimely death, during the Easter holidays, of Henry Whitfeld, who, to his colleagues in 4A and to many others, revealed a directness of character which made friendship with him easy and enduring. His vacant place in the form-room brought mingled thoughts of remembrance and sorrow. He was always to be seen with a smile on his face and he entered with zest into the joy and the swing of life in 4A. The form is, and always has been, composed of a set of highly-strung boys, with varying consequences for some of the masters. Into this way of life Henry threw himself wholeheartedly; yet he could always be relied upon to give moral encouragement to the others.

The loss of such a friend has been felt in many sections of school activity, particularly in the Library and in Dramatics. While he was in the third form, he had greatly helped the Junior Library to establish itself firmly and to run smoothly. Advancing to the fourth year, he automatically became a member of the Senior Library staff and his untiring work was invaluable in this connection.

It is probably in dramatics that the loss will be most felt, for he was best known for his successes in this field. At various periods through the school, Henry and I were either rivals or associates in numerous speech contests. In plays, also, he distinguished himself and had the ability, I believe, to take important, leading parts.

He was to be admired for not wishing to profit in any way from the fact that he was the son of one of the most popular masters of the school. While his death was an immediate and personal blow to the form, it was a great loss to the school and a greater loss to the community, as I feel sure he would have made a mark in later life.

K. J. NORMAN. 4A Form Captain.

School Notes

Another school year draws to a close. Those who leave us go with our good wishes for their future happiness and success. Examination candidates will, we hope, achieve the results they deserve.

"The time approaches.

That will with due decision make us know

What we shall say we have and what we owe."

Mr. Crump gave his first school music concert on Tuesday, March 25th. He is to be congratulated on its success and on a request for a recording of the main item. This was done in St. Andrew's Church. The school orchestra is now taking shape.

An account of the school play is included in this issue. It was our first full venture in the school hall and indicates many possibilities for the future. The inclusion in the cast of girls from Stoke Damerel High School was an interesting experiment.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Henry Whitfeld, Form 4A, was accidentally killed on April 4th, 1958. Our sympathy goes out to his parents and sister. An appreciation of him by one of his form mates is published in this issue.

During the Easter recess our 1st XI played a Devon and Cornwall Grammar Schools' Football Association XI at Manadon. The score was one-all.

At the last of the three Inter-Schools Debates that have been held, we were hosts to the Grammar Schools in the area. The Headmaster opened the proceedings and a very successful debate followed upon the motion: "That snobbery is the pathway to success."

The Plymouth and District Grammar Schools' Music Society held three successful dances during the winter. Stanford Robinson lectured to them in the spring term, and the Dartington Hall Music Group, under the auspices of the Arts Society, gave a concert for our school in the Scott Lecture Theatre. On April 25th, a party from the school went to the Theatre Royal to a concert given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, on which occasion they presented a donation of ten guineas to that orchestra on behalf of the society.

May 14th was a finer day than usual for our Annual Sports which were, by courtesy of the Commander-in-Chief, R.N., again held on the Brickfields. Captain A. B. Vickery, O.B.E., R.N., kindly presented the prizes. Fourteen records broken on a by no means good day is an achievement worth noting.

You will find in this issue a list of scholarship and other successes. The extent of that list is evidence of the amount of work done and of that thought for the future which every boy should exercise. Congratulations to all concerned and good luck!

We look forward to the Swimming Gala on July 21st, and hope that Mr. Vanstone has ingratiated himself with the god of the weather that we may have our usual hot and sunny afternoon.

The School Dramatic and Music Societies are hoping to combine to produce a full-scale operetta at the beginning of next year. It is expected to be "La Vie Parisienne," by A. P. Herbert, with music from the works of Offenbach. It may be that we shall again be able to enlist the co-operation of Stoke Damerel High School.

As Tennyson might have said,
 "Men may come and men may go
 But School goes on for ever."

We lose four members of staff this term. Mr. A. R. Tapley, B.Sc., who came to us in September 1956, is going to teach mathematics at Bristol Grammar School. Doctor J. M. Frost, B.A., Docteur de l'Université de Paris, is becoming head of the French Department at Aireborough Grammar School, Yorks. He came to us in September, 1956.

Mr. D. H. Clark, B.A., who came to us at Easter, 1941, is retiring after forty-three years' service with the Plymouth Authority. We wish them all well in their various new spheres of activity.

To Mr. Jean Raoult, L. ès Lettres (Rennes) and Diplômé de L'Université, who has spent a happy year with us, we wish all happiness and further successes on his return to France.

PRAEFECTI VALETE

D. G. BALDWIN. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.A. 1957; Prefect 1958; 2nd XI Soccer 1956-8; 1st XI Cricket 1957-8; Athletics Team 1958; now entering Leicester University to read Geography.

C. G. BARKER. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; Prefect 1957-8; School Vice-Captain; 2nd XV Rugger 1956-8; Athletics Team 1956-8; 1st VI Badminton 1956-8 (Captain 1957-8); Treasurer Arts Society 1957-8; Beresford-Hope Scholarship in Chemistry to New College, Oxford.

D. G. BLACKLER. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; Prefect 1957-8; 1st XV Rugger Captain 1956-8 (colours) Athletics Team 1957.

B. J. N. BLIGHT. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; State Scholarship 1957; School Captain 1957-8; Grenville House Captain 1957-8; Athletics Team 1956-8 (Colours 1957); Chess Team 1954-8 (Captain 1956-8); Editor School Magazine 1958; Open Exhibition in Mathematics to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

A. E. BRIMACOMBE. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Prefect 1957-8; 1st XI Soccer Captain 1957-8 (colours); 1st XI Cricket 1957; 1st XV Rugger 1957. Now entering Loughborough Training College.

D. F. A. CHILDES. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; Prefect 1958; Chairman Science Society 1957-8; 1st XV Rugger 1957-8 (colours); 2nd XI Cricket 1957-8; Chess Team 1957-8; Now entering Bristol University to read Aeronautical Engineering.

J. V. A. DENLEY. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Prefect 1958; 2nd XV Rugger 1957-8; Athletics Team 1957; Now entering Southampton University.

N. H. DINGLE. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Prefect 1957-8; 1st XI Soccer 1955-7 (colours 1957); 1st XI Cricket 1956-8 (Secretary 1957); 1st XV Rugger 1957; Secretary Senior School Social Club; Secretary P.D.G.S. Film Society; Now entering Goldsmiths' College, University of London.

- J. A. ELLIS. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.A. 1957; Prefect 1957-8; 1st XV Rugger 1955-8 (colours); Athletics Team 1956-8. Now entering Birmingham University to read Ancient History and Archaeology.
- R. W. GOULD. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; Prefect 1957-8; 1st and 2nd XI Soccer 1956-8 (colours) Athletics Team 1957-8 (half-colours); Chairman Field Club 1958; Now entering University College of North Staffordshire.
- P. H. G. HAWKEN. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; Prefect 1957; 1st XI Soccer 1956-7 (colours); Athletics Team 1957; Direct Commission to R.A.F.
- K. W. HORLEY. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; Prefect 1957-8; Athletics Team 1954; Vice-Captain Chess Team (1956-8) Devon Schools Chess Team 1956-8; 2nd XV Rugger 1957-8; Now entering London University to read Engineering.
- G. A. HURST. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; Prefect 1957-8; Chess Team 1956-8, Devon Schools Chess Team 1956-7; Treasurer Music Society 1957-8; Chairman Arts Society 1957-8; Now entering London University to read Pharmacy.
- C. J. LOVELL. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Prefect 1957-8; Drake House Captain 1957-8; 1st XV Rugger 1957-8; Now entering Birmingham University to read Social Sciences.
- R. MILFORD. Entered School 1949; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956; Prefect 1957-8; Now in Local Government service.
- D. OKELL. Entered School 1949; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956; State Scholarship 1957; Prefect 1957-98.
- G. J. PARTRIDGE. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Prefect 1957-8; Drake House Captain 1958; 1st XV Rugger 1957-8 (half-colours); Now entering University College, London, to read zoology.
- J. SAMPSON. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Prefect 1957. Now in the Executive Civil Service.
- R. J. SEAGER. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.A. 1957; State Scholarship 1957; Editor School Magazine 1957-8; Treasurer Senior School Social Club 1954-8; Secretary Literary and Debating Society 1957-8; Open Scholarship in Classics to Lincoln College, Oxford.
- R. C. SHUTE. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.A. 1957; Prefect 1957-8; 1st XV Rugger 1957-8 (colours); Secretary Arts Society 1957-8; Now entering Leeds University to read Modern Languages.
- D. B. WALTERS. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.A. 1957; Prefect 1958; 2nd XI Soccer 1957-8; Entering Executive Civil Service.
- P. F. WICKENDEN. Entered School 1949; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Prefect 1958; Athletics Team 1954-8; Devon Schools Athletics 1956; 1st XV Rugger 1957-8; Now entering King's College, Newcastle, University of Durham to read Economics.
- B. WIDGER. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Prefect 1957-8; Ralcigh House Captain 1957; 1st XI Cricket 1955-8 (Captain 1957-8) (colours); 1st XI Soccer 1955-8 (Secretary 1956-7) (colours); School Athletics; Leaving school prior to entering Loughborough Training College.
- J. Y. WILLIAMS. Entered School 1950; G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1957; Inter B.Sc. 1957; Prefect 1957-8; 1st VI Tennis 1956-8 (Captain); 1st VI Badminton 1956-7; 2nd XV Rugger 1956-8 (Captain); American Field Service International Scholarship, 1958.

ACADEMIC SUCCESSES 1957-58

UNIVERSITY AWARDS, ETC.

R. J. SEAGER	Open Scholarship, Lincoln College, Oxford. <i>Classics</i> .
C. G. BARKER	Beresford-Hope Scholarship, New College, Oxford. <i>Chemistry</i> .
B. J. N. BLIGHT	Open Exhibition, St. Catherine's College, Cambridge. <i>Mathematics</i> .
P. G. EAMES	Open Exhibition, Christ Church, Cambridge. <i>Medicine</i> .
J. MITCHELL	Ballard Scholarship, Exeter. <i>Geography</i> .
J. SIVIOUR	Nat. Coal Board Scholarship, Sheffield. <i>Mining Engineering</i> .
J. Y. WILLIAMS	American Field Society, Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCES, ETC.

D. G. BALDWIN	Leicester. <i>Hons. Geography</i> .
J. A. ELLIS	Birmingham. <i>Hons. Ancient History and Archaeology</i> .
R. C. SHUTE	Leeds. <i>Hons. French</i> .
P. F. WICKENDEN	Durham (King's College, Newcastle). <i>Economics</i> .
D. G. BLACKLER	Rhodesia.
D. CHILDES	Bristol. <i>Engineering</i> .
J. V. DENLEY	Southampton. <i>Biology</i> .
R. W. GOULD	North Staffordshire. <i>Biology</i> .
K. W. HORLEY	London. <i>Engineering</i> .
G. A. HURST	London School of Pharmacy.
A. LAXTON	Exeter. <i>Botany</i> .
C. J. LOVELL	Birmingham. <i>Sociology</i> .
G. J. PARTRIDGE	London. <i>Zoology</i> .
D. L. DAW	Exeter. <i>Hons. French</i> .
A. J. COLLINGS	Birmingham. <i>Hons. Chemistry</i> .
K. CROWLEY	Southampton. <i>Civil Engineering</i> .
A. A. DAW	Sheffield. <i>Engineering</i> .
K. C. J. HUGHES	Dental School, Guy's Hospital.
H. B. KNIGHT	Southampton. <i>Aeronautical Engineering</i> .

H.M. SERVICES

P. H. G. HAWKEN	R.A.F. <i>Direct Commission</i> .
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TRAINING COLLEGES, ETC.

A. E. BRIMACOMBE	Loughborough.
N. H. DINGLE	Goldsmith's, London.
R. C. HILLS	Plymouth College of Art
B. WIDGER	Loughborough.
R. S. COLWILL	Newland Park.
I. A. COOPER	St. Luke's, Exeter.
D. P. HOLLIDAY	Cheltenham.
R. E. HANNAFORD	Cheltenham.
F. D. OWEN	Burrow Road.
G. REBURN	Westminster.
J. B. A. SMITH	Plymouth College of Art.
V. WALKER	Camborne School of Mines.

EXECUTIVE CIVIL SERVICE

J. SAMPSON.	R. D. SMERDON.	R. WARING.	D. B. WALTERS.
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STUDENT APPRENTICESHIPS

R. J. DAW	Parkinson & Cowan.	G. A. MACDONALD	Aero-Engineering.
D. HOLMAN	I.C.I.	A. PAINTER	Hawker Aircraft.
P. JONES	Lloyds Bank	R. A. C. WESTON	Esso Petroleum.
W. A. PROWSE	Parkinson & Cowan.	J. RICE	Clark's Shoe Co.
M. I. YATES	A. E. Reed.	J. YOUNG	B.P. Tanker Co.
R. M. CROSS	Aero-Engineering.	A. R. DAMERELL	I.C.I.
J. W. BUZZO	Marine Engineering.		

Careers

The boy not interested in science is more difficult to place than one who is and so a scheme pioneered by Lockheed Brake Co. should be of interest. They are promoting a commercial—repeat, commercial—apprenticeship as distinct from the spate of engineering and technological apprenticeships. Hence the business executive can now be paid while he trains, and the rates are attractive. There are three ages of entry, namely 15, 16, and 18, according to G.C.E. attainment or lack of it. The firm is at Leamington, in lovely Warwickshire, and the offer needs serious consideration. May we stress that we have many contacts continually asking for recruits to train at their expense—Robinsons, Parkinson and Cowan, and the Dowty Group, to mention but a few. Firms are now even sending personnel managers out to the grammar schools, not waiting for the boys to come to them, so keen is recruitment becoming.

Parents should note the changes taking place in Civil Service recruitment. Even here demand exceeds supply, and while academic standards cannot be lowered, competition is no longer as keen as it once was. Entry is now largely by G.C.E. performance, and not by separate exam. Application can therefore be made in anticipation of the needful result and so a second string added to one's bow. It is safe to say that the interview hurdle is not now as exacting as it once was.

W.H.W.

Sports Day 1958

Once again, the School Sports were held at the Brickfields. The weather was poor, and the cold, damp, and strong wind combined to hamper performers and discomfit spectators. Nevertheless, fourteen records were broken.

In the House competition, Grenville never looked like losing the lead with which they began the day. A keen battle ensued between the other houses, and several changes of position took place during the course of the afternoon. Fierce competition was also seen in the relays. Here, Grenville recovered to win the cup.

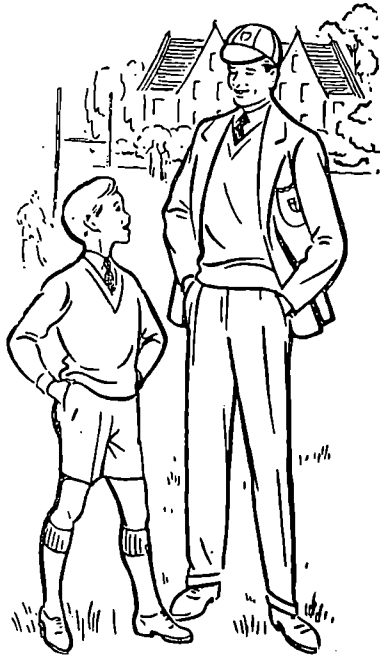
Outstanding among pre-sports-day events were the new mile record of 4 mins. 37 secs. set up by Blight, and Powderley's record of 4 ft. 8 in. for the Under 13 high jump, whilst the day itself produced flashes of intense interest. Among these were the discus-throwing of Webber, and a magnificent 220 by Axworthy, resulting in a dead-heat finish, in the course of the Under 16 relay. Wicken-den had no difficulty in winning the open 220, 440 and 880.

The Victor Ludorum Cup was won by G. Reburn of Grenville, the cup for runner-up by P. F. Wickenden of Gilbert. These, and the other trophies and certificates, were presented at the end of the sports by Captain A. B. Vickery, O.B.E., R.N., to whom we extend our grateful thanks.

I.D.A.

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Parents' Association

The activities of the Association have proceeded along their usual pattern but there has been a slackening in the amount of support we have received from parents.

The "At Homes," when members of staff are available, were held on February 26th for the Senior School, and March 19th for the Junior School. These two attracted capacity attendance and much useful information was exchanged. A considerable number of parents attended the lecture on "Opportunities in Industry" held on March 5th at D.H.S. for Girls.

The Whist Drive held on March 14th was enjoyable but not well supported and the coach trip on May 31st, which proved to be one of our most enjoyable excursions, failed to fill one coach completely, although normally we charter two.

The Association has continued its invaluable service of providing teas for all visiting teams and also performed wonders when St. Julian's Grammar School, Newport, visited us, providing excellent meals on each day of their two-day visit. The Association provided some of the finance to make the soccer match between the School 1st XI and a Devon and Cornwall Grammar Schools XI the occasion it deserved to be.

As a number of stalwart long-serving members of our Committee have sons who will shortly leave school, we hope that, while thanking them most sincerely for all they have done, we shall find like enthusiasm in those who follow them.

H.G.W.

The School Play

This year's play was "The Midshipmaid," by Ian Hay and Stephen King-Hall. It may be said at the outset that such a production, which can be described only as a farce (in the technical sense of the word), hardly lives up to a tradition in which there figure such great names as Shakespeare, Shaw, Aristophanes, Molière and T. S. Eliot.

Nevertheless, for what it is, the play was on the whole well performed. P. G. Eames, in the main rôle, appeared quite at ease in the part. Among the other officers, B. J. N. Blight and M. I. Woodward delivered their lines competently, whilst P. Wonnacott showed a refined sense of comedy. On the lower deck, K. Sadler was outstanding as Pook, and P. F. Wickenden, representing the Royal Marines, appeared quite confident, especially when inside the horse.

Of the civilian personnel, R. Griffin was suitably irascible as the uncomprehending father, whilst J. Jeffery brought a delightful air of exoticism to the closing scene, which will be remembered for "moons and moons and moons."

For the first time in many years, female parts were played by females (from Stoke Damerel High School). Ruth German was adequate as the heroine, but the performance of Wendy Brown as Lady Mildred suffered from some lack of vocal interpretation. However, a vivacious pair of twins, Virginia Marks and Vivienne Snell, retrieved the situation, and Barbara Dell caught the spirit of the maid. Dawn Leach appeared excellently cast.

As a whole, then, this was an efficient and entertaining production, but a reversion to drama of serious meaning would be welcome in future years.

L.S.D.

THE RUGBY CLUB

The 1st XV had another splendid season, losing only two of the sixteen games and scoring 210 points against 58. The captain, D. G. Blackler, deserves much of the credit for this success, for his enthusiasm and leadership were above the ordinary. A tough, skilful forward himself, he shaped the pack into a well-drilled, resolute unit. Though often outweighed, the forwards were never beaten: Cooper (I.), Shute and Griffin were always prominent in the loose. Childes hooked very well and the backs were always given a good supply of the ball. Though there was a weakness at scrum-half, the fine qualities of Williams at stand-off overcame this handicap. His remarkable handling of passes good and bad, and his great speed off the mark made him a fine attacking player. He and the centres, Ellis and Walker, formed a most dangerous trio.

The Asian 'flu caused the cancellation of the early matches and our season did not open until October 26th when, at Launceston, in pouring rain, the mid-field backs engineered two first-rate tries to defeat the College 8—0. A 9—3 victory at Kelly College, on the following Wednesday, gave the team the necessary self-confidence and all nine games in the autumn term were won. In four games, we scored at least 20 points; only St. Boniface's, who were beaten 21—8, and our Old Boys, whom we defeated 8—6, for the first time for some years, scored twice against us. At Christmas, Williams left and was, of course, greatly missed. The first game in the Easter term saw the end of our unbeaten record; Hele's School beat us 10—5, at Exeter, but Blackler and his forwards made sure that there was no serious decline. Only one more game was lost, when Albion Juniors beat us 6—3, after we had lost Lovell injured in the first minutes. At the end of the season, St. Julian's H.S., Newport, paid a short visit to Plymouth. They beat St. Boniface's 6—3 and then drew 6—6 with us, their hosts. The school backs gave their worst display before their largest audience, but the forwards saved us and it was only on the stroke of time that St. Julian's drew level.

In the Devon P. and G.S. seven-a-side competition at Exeter, we beat St. Boniface's 19—3 in the 1st Round, and Exmouth G.S. 11—8 in the 2nd, then lost 13—3 in the semi-final to Hele's, who beat Blundell's in the final.

Blackler was honoured by being chosen for the Devon P. and G.S. XV in three of the Christmas games.

Full colours were awarded to Blackler, Ellis, Walker (re-awards), Childes, Cooper (I.), Griffin, Shute, Williams and Woodward, and half-colours to Carey, Cooper (F.), Ferguson, Lovell, Partridge and Wickenden.

The 2nd XV, as was expected, had a much worse season than their seniors. They won only three of fourteen games, but drew four, so at least managed to avoid defeat in half their games. The pack, spiritedly led by Williams (J. Y.), usually played well, but the backs, with the exception of Vittles, had the vaguest ideas of defence.

If the Colts XV had had much more weight and strength, it would have become a very good side, for the backs had plenty of skill, notably Finnemore, a very clever runner. But, often, the physical handicap was too great. They were twice crushingly defeated by the very powerful Plymouth College team, but lost only four of their other twelve games, in which they scored 129 points against 82.

The Junior XV had a good season, winning seven of eleven games. A powerful, enthusiastic side, they lost only one game before Christmas. But shortly afterwards, Hallett, the most promising player we have had for some years, left the school, and the Juniors, also handicapped by injuries, then lost three of five games.

The Under 13 XV lost three games! The fact that this is remarkable is a tribute to the standard of the teams that Mr. Nash turns out year after year. They also won thirteen games and, in all sixteen matches, scored 294 points against 42!

The Under 12 XV showed great promise and played very good rugby. After losing the first game, they were undefeated in thirteen matches, and scored 222 points against 20.

The Rugby Club thanks most sincerely Mrs. Truman and the parents who so hospitably entertained the St. Julian's party; the Parents' Association for once more giving tea to our visiting teams and, in addition, lunch on two days to St. Julian's; Mrs. Collings and her helpers who did the work that all these meals demanded; Mr. Griffin and Mr. Prestwich for refereeing games; and, finally, those members of the staff who coached teams, refereed matches, and accompanied away teams.

H.M.

THE SOCCER CLUB

The 1st XI have again completed their programme with great credit. Although they were defeated for the first time in two seasons, losing a very exciting game with H.M.S. Fiscard by the odd goal in 13, they achieved notable victories over R.N.C. Dartmouth, St. Luke's College, and R.N.E.C. Manadon.

Recently the 1st XI has been concerned in unusual and ambitious undertakings. Last year it was the very successful London tour, whilst this season a combined Devon and Cornwall Grammar Schools XI was challenged. This match produced a very high standard of football and resulted in a 1—1 draw. Mr. Warren made this game possible, and we wish him every success in his next venture, the formation of a Devon Grammar Schools F.A.

Our congratulations are extended to Ward, selected to attend the F.A. Schools Week at Oxford during the Easter holiday, and on his selection for the F.A. Colts and Devon Youth XIs.

The 2nd XI had a very successful season. They scored over 100 goals whilst conceding only 21, though frequently handicapped by 1st XI calls.

It had been hoped this season to revive the 3rd XI, but after only two games, their small fixture list had to be cancelled.

The Under 15 XI had an indifferent season. Congratulations are extended to Clark on his selection for the Plymouth Schoolboy XI and the Devon Schoolboys team.

The Under 14 XI were somewhat disappointing, winning only four out of ten games. We congratulate Oxley on being invited to attend the F.A. Instructional Week in Sweden during the summer holiday.

The Under 13 XI, after a very promising start, faded towards the end of the season.

Once again we are indebted to Mr. Warren and the Parents' Association for providing teas for home matches, and money for away games.

A. J. WARD, *Hon. Secretary.*

Team Records		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
						For	Against
1st XI	18	16	1	1	87	27
2nd XI	15	12	0	3	104	23
3rd XI	2	0	0	2	1	15
Under 15 XI	13	4	1	8	21	34
Under 14 XI	10	4	0	6	39	44
Under 13 XI	14	6	2	6	37	32

COLOURS

Re-guards, Full : Reburn, Widger, Smerdon, Ward, Daw, Brimacombe.

Awards, Full : Dingle.

Awards, Half : Williams, F.

THE CRICKET CLUB

Although it is early in the season to assess the abilities of the various school teams, it seems as if the 1st XI will again have a successful year, as eight of last season's team remain. The first game, against Torquay, had an exciting finish, the school winning in the last over by 95 runs. The school has also beaten Okehampton by 10 wickets, while drawing with Plymouth C.C. "A" XI in another close finish.

On the other hand the 2nd XI has few of last season's players, and as last year's Colts XI was not strong, the usual source of 2nd XI talent dried up. In the two games played so far, they have managed to avoid defeat, drawing with the 1st XI's of Technical S.S. and Public S.S., but it is doubtful whether this "success" will be maintained.

The Colts XI is comprised mainly of last season's Junior XI, which had quite a successful year. Although defeated in their first game, they have won their next two matches and it is hoped that they will meet with success during the coming season.

At the start of each season the Junior XI is usually an unknown quantity, all the more so this year since there is nobody under fourteen in the school who played for last year's Junior XI. But after a number of enthusiastic net practices, a team was chosen. This trial team performed extremely well in their first match at Torquay, where they won by 5 wickets. Although they lost their second game, it is felt that a satisfactory season can be expected from this keen young team, which contains several promising players from the second form.

A. J. WARD, *Hon. Secretary.*

Team Records to date :

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XI ..	3	2	1	0
2nd XI ..	2	0	2	0
Colts XI ..	3	2	0	1
Junior XI ..	2	1	0	1

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

Athletics started this term with standard tests for every boy in the school, and the points obtained contributed towards the House totals at the end of Sports Day, held on Wednesday, 14th May. The winning House was Grenville. On Sports Day, thirteen new records were set up, and it is interesting to note that out of the sixty-six events at all age levels, only five pre-war records now stand.

In the Devon Public and Grammar Schools Sports at Kelly College, Tavistock, we finished third out of fifteen schools competing; this was a good effort considering that we did not get a first place, but were placed in every event except one. Worthy of note were Atrill in the High Jump and Axworthy in the Hurdles.

The placings were—

100 yards : Holliday, 6th
440 yards : Wickenden, 5th
Mile : Blight, 3rd
High Jump : Atrill, 2nd
Hop, Step, Jump : Reburn, 4th
Weight : Colwill, 6th

220 yards : Wickenden, 5th
880 yards : Taylor, 4th
Pole Vault : Gould 3rd
Long Jump : Reburn, 5th
Javelin : Baldwin, 3rd
Hurdles : Axworthy, 2nd

In the Junior match (under 15 years) against Kelly College, Plymouth College and Plympton Grammar School, we again finished third. Once again our best performances were Lilley in the High Jump, and Bowden in the Hurdles.

We are now looking forward to matches with Sutton High School (Seniors and Juniors), Truro School (Seniors and Juniors) and H.M.S. *Fisgard* (Seniors).

We must also once more thank Messrs. Nash and Stone for their interest and enthusiasm.

B. J. N. BLIGHT and P. F. WICKENDEN.

House Notes

DRAKE

The winter season ended most successfully, Drake being, with Raleigh, joint champions in the winter games. The Senior soccer team beat Grenville and drew with Gilbert; the Junior team won two of their matches. In the rugby competition, the Junior team made a clean sweep of their opponents; the Seniors beat only Gilbert. Drake finished third in the chess competition.

An outstanding event was the Speech Contest, now an inter-House competition. Here Drake took first place, winning both Junior and Senior sections, and earning bonus points for choral speaking; an excellent performance.

Drake did not repeat last year's victory in the Athletic Sports. To gain second place was an achievement, and congratulations are due to all concerned, especially Souness, winner of the Under-13 Cup, and Finemore, runner-up in the Under-16 Age-Group. Due to the anomaly of the point calculation, the House is bottom in the St. Levan Shield so far; a most unrewarding result. The bright promise of the Juniors gives hope of better things.

In cricket the Junior XI is expected to be strong, and the Seniors weak, although against Raleigh they improved considerably on their showing against Gilbert. At the Swimming Sports it is anticipated that the same effort will be shown by the competitors as in athletics.

Sivour, one of the first in the south-west to win a National Coal Board Scholarship, and Oxley, one of two selected from Great Britain by the F.A. for coaching in Sweden, deserve the congratulations of the House. The House Prefects must be thanked for their co-operation and Mr. Nicholas for his continued guidance and support.

G. J. PARTRIDGE, *House Captain*.

GILBERT

It is difficult to foresee which house will eventually win the St. Levan Shield. In the winter activities Gilbert did moderately well. Although failing to win a single rugger game, the House had its customary success at soccer; the Juniors won all their matches and the Seniors with a fine victory over Raleigh managed to gain 10 out of a possible 12 points.

We again find ourselves second to Grenville in the competition for the Chess Cup, a very creditable performance, the Juniors showing a considerable improvement over last year.

After an exciting struggle on Sports Day, Gilbert were edged into fourth position. Nevertheless, the Seniors did extremely well to gain second place and so keep us in the running for the St. Levan Shield. Our position of fourth in the Junior Age-Group was disappointing.

If Gilbert is to win the Cricket Championship this year some members of the team must avoid the nonchalant play which has marred our record.

We look forward to the Swimming Gala with some trepidation. A tremendous effort from our best swimmers is required if our bid to win the St. Levan Shield is not to fail.

To those members of the House who have been hesitant in volunteering: "It is better to have tried and failed than never to have tried."

We congratulate Dustan and Wickenden on their appointment as School Prefects, and express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Berry for his continued guidance and inspiration.

J. R. PARSONS, *House Captain.*

GRENVILLE

The past few years have seen Grenville struggling at the lower end of the House Championship. This year has seen a magnificent revival, reminiscent of the time when Grenville was Champion House. Both the rugby and the chess teams won their respective competitions. Our brawn on the rugby field and intellect on the chess board show the versatility of the House.

Athletics has been the main concern of the Houses this term and Grenville convincingly won the Athletics Sports with a total of 450½ points, 31 points ahead of our nearest rivals, Drake. We must in particular congratulate G. Reburn who was Victor Ludorum, and J. Mills who won the Under 14 Championship.

At present we are 7 points ahead in the House Championship, and it is the task of our swimmers and cricketers to retain this lead for us. The cricket team, under the captaincy of N. H. Dingle, has shown every sign of achieving this aim with a convincing 9 wickets' victory over Drake seniors.

The House warmly congratulates D. B. Walters on his appointment as a school prefect.

Again we express our gratitude to Mr. Mallinson for his guidance and inspiration, which have spurred us on to these fine achievements.

B. J. N. BLIGHT, *House Captain*.

RALEIGH

Raleigh's hopes of retaining the St. Levan Shield are still high. The winter season did not yield results at all comparable with those of last year. The rugby teams obtained second place while the soccer elevens, owing to the complete failure of the Junior side, were third.

The spring term saw the inauguration of the Inter-House Speech Contest. In the Junior section we were placed second, but as the Seniors gained only third place, our final position was third. We thank Mr. Whitfeld for the energetic way in which he coached our competitors, and congratulate him on the complete success of the contest.

Again the chess teams have failed, but great improvement is expected in the next few years for our chess captain—Ryder—is still in the Fourth Form.

On Sports Day, the athletics team started in fourth position, but after an excellent effort the House finished third, only two points behind Drake. Our congratulations are extended to Axworthy and Squire for winning the Under-16 and Under-15 Cups respectively, to the relay team on a splendid performance, and to all who represented the House.

With the cricket and swimming still to be decided, Raleigh is equal second in the contest for the St. Levan Shield. The positions are: Grenville 33 points; Gilbert and Raleigh 26 each; Drake 23. Both the Senior Cricket XI, which includes six 1st XI members, and the swimming team, including two of last year's cup-winners, should do very well.

Last term we said good-bye to two of our prefects, Blackler and Brimacombe, and wish them both success for the future. We congratulate Baldwin and Denley, who were appointed prefects this term.

Our most sincere thanks are due to Mr. Warn, whose continual encouragement and advice have been a spur to victory.

B. WIDGER, *House Captain*.

HOUSE POINTS TO DATE

	<i>Drake</i>	<i>Gilbert</i>	<i>Grenville</i>	<i>Raleigh</i>
Soccer	8	18	2	8
Rugger	10	0	14	12
Athletics	5	8	17	6
Cricket	0	4	4	0
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TOTAL	23	30	37	26

THE TENNIS CLUB

It seems that a poor start to the season is going to become an established custom. This year we have been soundly beaten by both Hill Lane and Kelly College. It is to be hoped that these defeats will increase the determination to win. The introduction of House matches should be seriously considered as a means of raising the standard of tennis in the school.

Before these notes appear in print, we hope to have played matches against St. Boniface's College, H.M.S. *Fisgard*, Dartington Hall and Plymouth College, in addition to return fixtures with Hill Lane and Kelly College.

In spite of the risk of creating a precedent we are running an under-15 team this year. The keen interest shown by Forms 1 and 2 bodes well for the future.

We have entered for both the senior and the junior sections of the Plymouth Schools' Challenge Cup this season. Our opponents are Kelly College and Sutton High School respectively.

We thank Mr. Tamblin for his continued guidance and support.

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

Out of School Activities

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The membership has now reached the all-time record of one hundred and thirty. This represents an increase of twenty members on last year's total.

During the Easter term three visiting lecturers addressed us on widely differing subjects. Mr. M. Davis, an Inspector of Weights and Measures, spoke on "Standards of Measurement," illustrating his lecture by slides of outstanding technical quality. He indicated to us some of the many ways in which attempts are made to defraud the public by the unscrupulous, and he also gave us a brief history of the development of our present system of weights and measures. The second lecturer was Mr. R. E. Knight, of the Universal Asbestos Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Mr. Knight talked on "Asbestos Cement Products," and the lecture was made particularly interesting by the exhibition of numerous specimens of crude asbestos, including one sample from Cornwall. The last of the Easter term lectures was given by Mr. A. B. Soper, of Messrs. Cable and Wireless Ltd., who talked on "International Communications." Mr. Soper gave us some idea of the vast network of submarine cables linking various parts of the world and showed us some samples of submarine cable, including a cross section of the new Transatlantic telephone cable. The lecture was concluded by a film

showing how a fault in a cable is detected and how the cable is brought to the surface from the sea bed, which may lie anything up to seven miles below, and then repaired. We would like to thank these gentlemen for giving of their valuable time to speak to us.

Among the numerous films exhibited during the spring session were "Le Mistral," showing how French National Railways have increased the efficiency of their services and track maintenance, and "Venezuela Fights Malaria," indicating how in that country the annual death rate due to malaria has been reduced from hundreds of thousands to two or three. Two other excellent films shown were "Anything you can do" and "Safari to London." Both these films concerned the Land Rover car, and emphasised the versatility and reliability of the vehicle. It was most interesting to see sequences portraying the use of this four-wheel-drive car on Dartmoor by the Royal Marines. Once again it is pleasing to report that many of the films achieved a high technical quality in the reproduction of natural colours.

It has not been customary for the Society to arrange lectures during the summer term, as external examinations and other summer pursuits leave little time for such activities, but we have, however, had one lecture this term, given by the Secretary, A. J. Collings, 6S. The speaker chose as his subject "The Manufacture and Testing of Portland Cement." The lecture was illustrated by many interesting exhibits connected with cement manufacture. It is hoped that in future other members will take the opportunity of addressing the Society on subjects which have fired their enthusiasm.

The cine section of the Society has been working hard on the production of a documentary film on Plymouth Breakwater. The filming has been very pleasurable, as it has been necessary for the unit to visit, among other locations, Cawsand Bay, Wembury Point and the Breakwater itself. We extend our sincere thanks to the Commander-in-Chief, and the Elder Brethren of Trinity House, for so readily granting permission to visit the Breakwater and the Lighthouse for the purpose of filming. It is hoped that the film will be completed in time for exhibition at the Garden Party at the end of this term.

During the last two weeks of the summer term members of the Society will be visiting various places of scientific interest in the locality. Accounts of these excursions will be given in the autumn report.

The Society has continued to take *New Scientist* and *The Times Science Review* regularly, and these have been well read by our members. Copies of *Science Club* have been sold twice a term, and the periodical is now recognised as a great little magazine.

A. J. COLLINGS, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

In the last issue of the magazine a fear was expressed that the Arts Society would force other clubs out of existence without providing an adequate replacement. It must now, unfortunately, be recorded that this state of affairs has in fact come to pass. This society is unable to continue normal activities, whilst debating remains an unjustifiably neglected outsider on the Arts Society programme.

Indeed, our only function this year has been to send parties to two Inter-Schools Debates, at Sutton and St. Boniface, and to arrange a third, in our own School Hall. On each of the first two occasions, Blight represented the school on the platform, while members of the society provided the chief interest and animation among speakers from the floor. Our own debate was also a success.

In conclusion, let us repeat our exhortation to the Arts Society, either to give some scope to debating, or to dissolve itself at once.

R. J. SEAGER, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE MUSIC CLUB

As Mr. Crump completes his first year in the school, his influence on the musical interest of the pupils becomes more pronounced. This year has seen the resurrection of the School Orchestra, and a great improvement in the School Choir, occasioned by Mr. Crump's wide knowledge of training methods.

The music concert at the end of the spring term provided more variety than has been customary in past years. The programme included items by soloists, by the full choir, and by the orchestra. In addition there was an amusing operetta, "Damn Bad Form," written by Mr. Crump, and produced with the help of Mr. Larkins. The orchestra performed with energy and spirit, and the choral items were generally of a high standard. Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" was rendered so effectively by soloist, choir and orchestra, that the work has since been recorded in St. Andrew's Church.

During the winter and spring terms the Music Society met regularly twice a week to play both classical and jazz records. Mr. Crump lectured to the society on "The Depreciation of Music," and Seager, U.V.I Arts, on "Trends in jazz during the last five years." Both lectures were well attended. From the proceeds of the dance held last term we have purchased five long-playing records. We hope to have a similar success at our grand summer dance.

Thus, then, this year has seen a revived interest in music, which is due to the work and encouragement of Mr. Crump. We cordially thank him for what he has done and wish him every success in his future projects.

I. E. DAYMOND, *Hon. Secretary.*

G. A. HURST, *Hon. Treasurer.*

THE ARTS SOCIETY

With an encouraging membership of forty, it is hoped that this new society will increase its scope, supplying a need which is not catered for by any other society. Several meetings this session have been thrown open to the school. There has been promising support from the juniors.

Notable meetings have included the visit of Tony Soper, B.B.C. Features Producer, Bristol; an entertaining evening given by Miss Vera Cocks and two colleagues from the Plymouth branch of the Dickens Fellowship; and a concert by the Dartington Hall String Orchestra in the Scott Memorial Theatre. This involved considerable expense, but it was money well spent.

From within the school we have been addressed by staff from the arts side. Mr. Nicholas, who spends much of his holiday time in archaeological excavation, gave a talk on archaeology illustrated by some of his "finds"; Mr. Evans gave us an interesting and amusing sidelight on historical studies entitled "Ernie's Ancestors"; our French assistant, M. Raoult, gave us an invaluable account of the French electoral and governmental systems; and Mr. George gave another in his series of talks on the appreciation of art, although he was unfortunately prevented through illness from continuing with the series. We hope that now he will be able to continue the series during the next session. Mr. Crump expounded two works to us. R. J. Seager, of the Upper Sixth, gave an interpretation of the poetry of Dylan Thomas.

The future of the society lies, as it should, in the hands of its members.

R. SHUTE, *Secretary*.

THE FIELD CLUB

Now that the winter has passed, the Field Club can look back on the success of its bird-watching trips. Among the interesting birds seen by members were two Goldeneye and a Long-tailed Duck on the River Plym; Avocets on the River Tamar; and Brent Geese at the Exe Estuary. The Wildfowl counts on the River Erme this season were very worth-while, White-fronted Geese being seen during the December, March and April counts. Stonehouse Creek was a popular resort with birds during the winter, especially on December 12th, when a Black-necked Grebe, a Red-throated Diver, a female Scaup and a Slavonian Grebe were driven to the creek by a storm; the last two birds mentioned are the first of their species ever to be recorded there.

Two trips have been made to Bickleigh to look for Badgers; one was seen by Mr. Dodd during the second trip, and it is expected that more excursions will be made. There will also be a trip to Bovisand in the hope of finding fossils, and perhaps a boat trip into the Sound.

Excursions have been organised to Bickleigh Vale to watch the Nightjars; Plymbridge to look for Redstarts; and a coach trip

to Berry Head, the only cliffs in South Devon where Guillemots and Razorbills breed.

The Lundy Island trip of 1957 still lingers in the minds of those members who visited the island, and this subject will feature prominently in this year's garden party.

J. H. BENNETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE LIBRARY

The Easter and summer terms have been a period of experiment in the library as we have been trying a new system of issue filing. By using a date-stamp, we can prevent a boy from keeping a book too long. The number of books in the library is continually increasing, and we should reach our maximum in a few years' time, when it is hoped to begin replacing the old by recent issues.

Boys from the fifth and sixth forms do not appear to give the support needed to ensure a continuous supply of able and experienced librarians to carry on in the future. The lower school, however, supports the library very well, and it is very difficult to find jobs for them all. The junior library is continuing to run smoothly, and a non-fiction section may be set up in the near future. I must thank Ware 3A and all his deputies for the way in which they sort out their problems, and I must also thank Wickenden and Dustan U6A, Wevill 6A, Webb and Gilbert L6A, and the many junior and senior boys who give me assistance, and without whose aid the library would cease to function effectively.

R. G. WHITTING, *Hon. Librarian.*

THE CHESS CLUB.

Once more we have reached the end of what may again be considered a successful chess season. The school team, however, were rather unfortunate to emerge as runners-up in both the competitions for which they entered; they were narrowly defeated by Lockleaze County School (Bristol) in the final of the West of England Schools Championship and were beaten into 2nd place in the Plymouth Schools' League by a single point. The junior team, this year, has been probably one of the strongest ever to have represented the school; they won most of their matches by wide margins and two members of the team, Couch and Hedger, have been prominent members of the senior side.

We also warmly congratulate M. J. Ryder, who gained 1st place in the West of England Under 15 Championships during the Easter vacation.

The House Competition has again been keenly contested. Grenville were finally the champions with 28 points, followed by Gilbert 20, Drake 16, and Raleigh 8.

We must once again express our gratitude to Mr. Adams and Mr. Berry for supervising and organising our chess throughout the season and for the patience and skill they have shown in teaching the junior players.

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

THE SENIOR SCHOOL SOCIAL CLUB

This is the final term of the society's activities under the committee which has run it for the last five years, and once again the club has shown its value. The members have developed an understanding of one another's characters which could only be obtained from meeting in the evenings away from classroom and staff. The reaction produced in the senior school has had beneficial effects throughout the establishment. Future years should follow our example and organise themselves along equally sound lines.

DAN, SAL, U.VIA.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

Last term saw a minor revolution in the Christian Union, prompted by several of the staff, who have been very helpful in putting the group back on its feet. Since attendances were falling, we decided to issue a challenge to all Christians in the School to come to an extraordinary meeting, where we came to some decisions concerning our future activities. We decided that our first aim should be to build up a nucleus of Christians, whose basis of life in school should be prayer and Bible study. These activities have been well supported, and on many occasions our discussions have been inspiring. We hope, in the near future, to feel strong enough in our fellowship to have open meetings once more.

Finally, we should like to express our thanks to those members of staff who have helped to renew our fellowship, especially Dr. Frost and Mr. Tapley, who regularly encourage us by their presence at meetings.

It is hoped that next year the Christian Union will be supported by Christian boys, as well as it has been recently; furthermore we hope the group may become a challenge to other boys in the School.

P.G.E.

SENIOR NEW WRITING.

Once again *Senior New Writing* has been revived. The first edition came out in the winter term and was completely sold out. We attribute this success to the many articles which we received for consideration and the whole-hearted support given by the School. Alas, the effort was not sustained, and the number of articles received for the spring edition was not enough to make up a magazine. Perhaps inspiration had reached a low ebb. We hope to produce a bumper issue this term, however, which will ensure the success of the magazine in the future. We should welcome many more contributions than we are getting, for we feel sure that the Senior School is capable of producing a really worthwhile publication, something which should, after all, express the spirit of the School.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to Mr. Larkins, who has supervised the resurrection, for his help and guidance in this difficult task.

M. J. WOODWARD, L6A and K. W. H. SADLER, L6A.

BRIDGE.

This year has seen the formation of a prefects' bridge team and several fixtures have been arranged. Our results so far have been most pleasing; we have twice defeated a powerful team from Plymouth High School by considerable margins and achieved a fine victory over Plymouth College by 4,850 points to 4,660. We hope that future prefects will fulfil the promise of this splendid beginning.

LOCAL CONTRACTORS.

THE PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS FILM SOCIETY

Since the last magazine the Society has shown "Henry V," "Pygmalion," "The Silent World," "Metropolis," "Fanfan la Tulipe," and the Bolshoi Ballet's film of "Romeo and Juliet."

This programme shows that the aim of the society to show classics of the film world has been continued. This term the audiences have improved in number but not in manners, and "Henry V" was ruined by conversation. This is a tendency which must be expected if the audience is too large, but one which could ruin the society. Future audiences must therefore be restricted for the greater enjoyment of persons really interested.

Prospects for the next session, our third year, seem excellent.

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

SCOUT LOG.

At the moment, the senior troop is becoming better organised, and has two new patrols. They are very busy overhauling the two canoes belonging to them.

The junior troop is in keen competition for the shield presented each year at Speech Day to the patrol with the highest number of points. The Falcons are ahead with only a short lead, but the ultimate result is still in the balance.

During the week-end of May the 10th and 11th, despite weather conditions, the patrol leaders and seconds enjoyed a very successful training camp at the troop's permanent camp site at Clearbrook.

There will be a camp in the last two weeks of August, the site of which is undecided.

Recently the troop has been fortunate in acquiring two Bukta "Wanderlust" hike tents, through the generosity of the group committee.

During the Easter holidays, patrol meetings were held, and several patrol hikes were enjoyed, of which most P.Ls. were able to produce very interesting log books. These, incidentally, have been earning some very valuable points towards the coveted shield.

As a troop we wish to thank the various members of the school staff who have so willingly examined us for the various badges we have won.

We shall be happy to welcome new members. In the summer our meetings are held at 7 o'clock each Friday in the school scout hut; during the winter the time is changed to each Wednesday after school.

A. R. HALL.

THE PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS MUSIC SOCIETY

Yet another successful year has passed, and the committee, who work in the background, except when the press can catch them giving money away, must surely be satisfied with the results.

The record recitals, a regular feature, have varied from Beethoven to Bechet, and Dvorak to the Dutch Swing College, and have been, surprisingly enough, more popular than ever. Dances have been well attended, although the films have lacked support, no doubt due to growth of the Film Society.

Most of the committee are leaving school at the end of this year, and I hope that members will be as helpful in suggesting programmes to the next committee as they have been with us. Only by co-operation can we give them what they want.

P. F. WICKENDEN, *Hon. Secretary.*

Correspondence

CAMBRIDGE LETTERS

The Editors wish to emphasise that the opinions expressed are those of the author, and do not necessarily meet with their assent.

Pembroke College,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

In my last "Cambridge Letter," I ended my comments with a quotation: "Thank God for the Grammar Schools!"—a sentiment which I felt clearly conveyed my attitude both to Cambridge life and to my own educational background; how wrong I was. Still, gratified that at least some scattered individuals have perceived who is being beaten by whom, I intend to elaborate and develop my ideas.

The trouble with Cambridge—and should anyone boggle at the use of "trouble," let me emphasise that it *is* trouble, and *big* trouble—is that the university is too securely tied to the public school system. The great majority of undergraduates, in other words, come from such schools as claim that title. This is both wrong and, at present, detrimental to Cambridge's proper function as one of Britain's foremost universities—a point of view which can be justified on two counts: firstly, for those convinced only by

figures, numerically alone, undergraduate representation should be proportionate. The present heavy preponderance in favour of the public schools is hard to justify; it is largely a matter of closed scholarships, school and family connections and traditions, sporting prowess, and string-pulling. The longer one stays at Cambridge, the more one becomes aware that the only people who really earn their places and awards are the Grammar School candidates. It is quite flabbergasting to find how many students in one's own year were awarded places without even an interview. While the desirable principle of equality of opportunity is embraced and striven after throughout the rest of the country's educational system, Cambridge stands aloof and out of date.

Of course there will be those who read this as a heresy, who will growl "leave well alone," or "don't tamper." There may be those who see nothing wrong in this situation, those for whom the nod, the wink, or letter of introduction represent a perfectly justifiable mode of entry into Cambridge. More will agree, I hope, that this aspect of our university system must be reformed, the present lop-sided tilt straightened. By saying so, I again leave myself open to the charge of "inverted snob," but openness is not tantamount to guilt. I am the first to agree that if in my attack I cited no reasons, if I offered no better substitute for what I destroyed, if I never revealed my moral touchstone, my approach would smack of "inverted snobbery." I have attacked the "public school preponderance" and given my reasons.

It is necessary to answer those who have stated that my attack was unjustified because the public schools really deserve more university places, because of the great superiority of their product. This is nonsense. I am not a blind, come-what-may, all-weather supporter of state grammar schools; I can envisage a more attractive educational system, but I cannot let that pass. Examination results alone fail to bear out their wild statement, that holders of closed awards do not achieve the same proportion of first-class degrees as holders of open awards. In terms of "human value," the products of this country's public schools, "private-but-on-the-headmasters'-conference-schools, and, regrettably, grammar-but-you'd-never-think-so-schools, are more often than not markedly inferior. The plain, state grammar school, a healthy plant, employing a day-by-day educational system, with a sane, level-headed approach to sport, steadily avoiding the weekly khaki regimentation of its pupils, and thereby and elsewhere insisting on *what really matters*, is producing the better product. One day this is going to be realised even in Cambridge itself, then justice will be done in the shape of a reformed selection procedure, and then, I feel sure, other dons will give praise in just the same terms as that lone one I take so much pleasure in quoting: "Thank God for the Grammar Schools."

BARRIE CROSS.

Fitzwilliam House,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

For the last few weeks, there has been a temporary lull in the almost frenzied activity of Cambridge, while undergraduates have committed to paper a mixture of knowledge and fantasy. American tourists have been left in peace to negotiate the purchase of King's College Chapel—"a cute little God-box"—and to click their cameras at anything vaguely antique. But now college life is beginning to make itself heard again. Coffee bars are filled with a hum of profound and inconsequential chatter, as angry young men formulate government policy and remould the French Republic.

The folk who know about those things say that this is one of the loveliest Cambridge springs for years, and certainly the Backs, with their chestnut blossoms, fresh lawns, bird-song, mallards setting up family, and quietude offer the best possible relaxation for tripos-weary brains. In this last week of term, activities vary immensely. On four consecutive days the May bumping races take place, in which boats are arranged in seven divisions. At the sound of a cannon, one division rows off in procession, the idea being to "bump" the boat in front, whose place one takes on the next day. Rightly or wrongly, rowing is the most important sport in Cambridge, so the Mays are the highlight of the Easter term. Numerous college concerts, plays and reviews fill the evenings, one of the most notable features being the singing of madrigals underneath King's College Bridge, when the choir is seated in punts.

News of Old Boys in Cambridge is very sparse, I'm afraid, because we do not see much of each other. Barrie Cross is now swimming regularly for the University, but his red tint is not entirely due to the sun! Finishing at Pembroke this term, R. A. Langsdale still moves in a mysterious way. Brian Porter's exploits at Emmanuel are also unknown to me, because we have not crossed paths for many months. Robert Adams goes down this year and has been unable to avoid a two-year arrangement with the army, but he hopes eventually to give his services to British Railways. This leaves Colin Boden, usually to be found watching University cricket at Fenners, and myself, usually to be found in or on the river, as some of the previous blurb would indicate. When Barry Blight and Michael Walford join us next year, our number will be down to six, which is much too low. As I have said before, you have a free advice bureau about Cambridge; we are always on call.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN ATHERTON.

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Last year's Annual General Meeting proved such a success that the experiment is to be repeated this year. The event will take place on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1958, in the Mayflower Restaurant at the Noah's Ark Hotel. Make every endeavour to attend. You can be sure of a really convivial evening, complete with a buffet supper. There will be ample parking space at the rear of Pearl Assurance House.

The only sorrowful note struck at the last A.G.M. was the increase of our annual subscription to 7s. 6d. The committee regret that this was forced upon us by rising costs.

A number of subscriptions have fallen into arrears; those concerned please make early payment. Cheques, money orders and postal orders should be made payable to the Association. Send them to the Treasurer, c/o the School. Kindly avoid posting during the holiday periods.

At the suggestion of Mr. Bert Mantle, a tablet is to be placed at Albert Road to commemorate the site of the old school. As his letter was accompanied by a donation of a guinea we are doubly grateful. His alternative was an Overseas Old Boys' Geography Prize. Perhaps some of our members in foreign climes would like to see this organised later? We should be pleased to hear from you and have suggestions or criticisms.

I was pleased to receive a letter from T. N. Hitchings (1925-31) who tells me he would welcome news from members who knew him. He is a dispensing veterinary and photographic chemist at Shaftesbury, Dorset.

It will probably save correspondence if I repeat the prices of items obtainable from Messrs. E. Dingle & Co. Ltd., Royal Parade, Plymouth:—

Badges, machine made, 12/-; Badges in wire, 55/-;

Scarves (University type), 27/6; Ties, 12/-.

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I should like to close these notes on a personal note. I am often confused with Old Boys who have the same surname. I was at school from 1932 to 1937 and my only claim to fame (?) was a certain prowess as a cross-country runner. My links with the School remain strong, as my sister married an Old Boy, and my son is now wearing the green blazer. As an executive officer on the staff of H.M. Inspector of Taxes, Plymouth 1st District, I am happy in my work. I trust my official efforts do not cause my readers pain !!

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB.

Looking back on the past season, we have no reason to be displeased with our performances. The 1st XI finished tenth in the Premier Division of the Combination League, thus showing that we can hold our own in local senior football. We had 34 points from 32 games, 6 more than the next side. Noteworthy performances were a double over City Engineers, the eventual champions, and also one win over the runners-up. The leading goal-scorer was G. Rowe, with 17. The side was awarded a trophy for sportsmanship at the close of the season.

The 2nd XI had mixed fortunes, finishing 9th out of 12 in Division II West. M. Horswell is to be congratulated on being second highest scorer in the division with 27 goals. Lack of players was the reason for this low position, emphasising once again that anybody interested in playing should contact either Mr. Warren at the school, or myself at the address below.

We would once more express our sincere thanks to Mr. Warren for his continued support and service.

<i>Final Team Records</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XI	35	15	6	14	80	73
2nd XI	24	7	3	14	69	88

E. DAMERELL, *Hon. Secretary,*
5 Trelawney Road, Peverell.

THE OLD BOYS' RUGBY CLUB.

Once more I have to report on a past season of rugby, and I am glad to say that the report will be more cheerful than the previous one. The Old Boys experienced mixed fortunes, for they managed to beat some of the best local junior teams, and yet slipped up when faced with weaker opposition. On the whole, we managed to be just on the right side where games played and points were concerned.

As regards playing strength, we experienced a great improvement; until Christmas we were struggling for players, but after the holidays our position changed, and for the rest of the season we had no difficulty in raising a side. We were pleased to welcome some new recruits to the team, notably R. Northcott and P. Rickard.

We should like to thank those players from the school team who helped us out during the season, especially M. Woodward, P. Wickenden and D. Childes, for they gave the Old Boys' team that extra vigour and zest.

Lastly, I should like to say once more that we shall be very pleased to see any boy leaving school who would be interested in playing rugby for the Old Boys.

J. SOUTHERN, *Hon. Secretary.*

PERSONAL COLUMN — *News of Old Boys*

This has been another excellent term and we have been very glad to welcome back so many of you to school. It is most heartening to know that you do have such a warm regard for us. May I impress on you all that these are your pages and that I do enjoy having news of you, yourself, your family and of any other Old Boy you know. DO WRITE TO ME.

I now have School Crests for sale, 32s. 6d. each. Really worth the money.

Speech Day is on Thursday, September 25th. The Rector of Exeter College, Oxford, will be our guest.

O.B.A. Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, 23rd December, at the "Noah's Ark".

Don't forget to contact C. F. Austin if you are ever in London. Congratulations Alderman N. Lamb.

A request; Have any of you a musical instrument you would like to give or lend us?

At the London Dinner seven of the 1930 2A entry were present and challenge any year to do better.

- J. BADCOCK (1950-57). Reading Hons. French at Leeds. Broke his ankle on the second day of term, playing in a Varsity match. Hard luck!
- B. R. SHEPHERD (1949-56). Student apprentice with De Havillands, is really enjoying his course and will be glad to help any prospective applicants. Strongly advises good 'A' levels in science group.
- D. A. HAMLEY (1939-42). After a spell in Kuwait, has been posted to Syria. He certainly likes "warm" places.
- M. STEPHENS (1949-57). Pilot Officer in the R.A.F., is now looking forward to joining the University ranks.
- J. SMERDON (1949-53). Writes to us from Canada having recently emigrated there and joined a Bank of Commerce. He finds his new life very enjoyable if somewhat arduous.
- P. J. DARE (1943-50). Hopes shortly to complete his Ph.D., and obtain a post with the Colonial Research Service as a zoologist in ecological work with an appointment in West Africa.
- R. H. BATEY (1948-54). After a period with Bush Radio has joined the R.N. Stores Department and following a course in Leeds, has been posted to Portsmouth.
- W. F. WOOD (0000-00). Appointed a Justice of the Peace, writes inviting any Old Boys who are ever in the Harwell area to call on him and hopes to visit us shortly.
- C. BRAY (1948-56). Is now enjoying a year after the hard work of his final year. Offers to provide a temporary home for any Old Boy visiting London.

- M. ALLISON (1949-57). Says he has not yet settled down to hard work, has been watching and playing too much football. Also offers accommodation. Thank you, both of you.
- L. M. HUNT (1947-52). Now managing a chemist's shop in Saltash. Called in to see us for news of Old Boys of his year.
- J. D. COLES (1947-52). Congratulations on the 2nd Mates' Certificate.
- W. H. TREAYS (1911-18), Colonel. Called in to see us and spent a most enjoyable day renewing acquaintances and reviving memories.
- F. E. T. CORK (1950-56). Now a regular in the Army Military Police and stationed at Colchester. He recently met GREGORY on a course at Aldershot.
- D. P. MILES (1941-49). Home on leave from Singapore (Armament Supply Branch) is now posted to Bath. Married, but as yet no family. Reminds me that T. Bossom has increased his family.
- R. K. REYNOLDS (1949-57). Is enjoying three years in the Royal Corps of Signals and hopes to go to Sandhurst in the near future.
- M. R. PARSONS (1949-55). Putting on weight and looking tougher than ever. Expecting to transfer to Air Crew in the R.A.F. as soon as possible. Is at present on a Radio Course at Weston-super-Mare.
- H. EASTLEY (1942-50). Another who has answered my call for letters. Continues to thrive as Fat Stock Officer for C. and T. Harris Ltd., and hopes soon to move back to the south west. Was married on March 8th—feels he has been on the "fast and loose" too long—to Miss Margaret Slade. Congratulations and all best wishes.
- J. HENTHORNE (1940-56). Playing regularly at soccer for Devon County Police. Is stationed at Teignmouth as a Police cadet and is very happy there.
- C. H. B. EVANS (1947-53). Special entry from Figgard to Dartmouth is now at R.N.E.C. as a Sub-Lieutenant. As yet unmarried!
- D. A. ROWE (1948-53). Keeping EVANS company as a Sub-Lieutenant at R.N.E.C. after Dartmouth. Called in to see us.
- W. FOSTER (1948-54). Congratulations on an appointment in Plymouth and on his engagement.
- B. McMANUS (1946-54).. Our Senior man at Shrivensham looks very fit and well and hopes soon to see some more from D.H.S. at Sandhurst.
- A. E. HUDSON (1950-56). Congratulations on coming first in the Artificer Apprentices' Examination and winning the R.A.F. shield and medallion.
- T. N. HITCHINGS (1926-31). Dispensing chemist, Shaftesbury, Dorset. Writes a very cheerful letter. He would be very grateful to have a line or a card from any Old Boy of his year.
- K. T. M. WIRTLE (1925-31). Headmaster, Aylsham School, sent us a very well illustrated brochure showing the opening by Sir Ronald Gould of the new School buildings. Will be very glad to show anyone round the School.
- E. TREDGET (1933-39). Congratulations on arrival of a daughter, Anne Rosemary. Sitters-in will be welcomed.
- R. BURROWS (1924-31). Has now joined JACK PETERS, R. G. SYMONS, W. D. NAISH and A. MAUNDER at the Admiralty.
- J. COLLEY (1925-32). First Rugger Captain now Headmaster of Market Harborough Grammar School, writes wondering how many O.Bs. are in the profession. Must be quite a number.
- J. LUXTON (1927-35). Is Senior Classics master in Colley's School. Hopes to get to the next London meeting.
- T. M. BOSSOM. Congratulations on arrival of a daughter, Catherine. Like Tredget welcomes sitters-in.
- J. W. FROST (1932-36). Called in bringing his step-son to join us. Just returned from R.N. duties in Malta hoping for a long spell in Plymouth.

D. J. SHARE (1945-50). Made Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Exeter and will serve in the Parish of Whipton.

C. WILLIAMS, O.B.E. (1924-30). Contemporary of Roy Mewton, is Superintendent of Birmingham Shell Mex and hopes to be of use to our Science Society.

T. B. PEARNS (1925-31). Headmaster of Minehead Grammar School. M.C. at Arnheim. Has recently called on Mr. Ferraro.

T. CRIDDLE (1952-57). Entered Fisgard in 1957. Passed Admiralty Examination Part I with second class pass; was twenty-first out of about one hundred and fifty.

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