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Editor.

A. J. MILLETT.

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“ The Magazine Editor,” Devonport High School, Plymouth.

EDITORIAL.

1923 ! It seems but yesterday that we were in Form III, groaning under that arch-inquisitor, Limen.

To look back over those years gives, as far as the school is concerned unalloyed pleasure. The curve of success has had a constant, upward trend, at times gradually, often sharply ; and that in spite of circumstances not always conducive to progress.

One may attribute this continued success to two causes. Firstly, the boys rose nobly to the occasion when an opportunity arrived. School came first, individual inclinations afterwards. They put their whole strength and soul into the school, thinking of nothing but the good of their Alma Mater. The second cause may be attributed to that indefatigable body of masters who have given ungrudgingly and unstintingly of their energies to the well-being of the school. No little praise is due to the staff, past and present, temporary and permanent, for the way in which they have entered into our numerous activities and the manner in which they have done their utmost for D. H. S.

D.H.S.-ians of the present, D.H.S.-ians of the future who may chance to read this exhortation, look to it that this glorious heritage, this fair and unsullied reputation which is handed on to you intact from preceding generations, is not tarnished or dulled in any way. And above all, live up to our motto, that shining light which has guided many a perplexed sailor on the sea of life to harbour and safety—that motto so intimately associated in our minds with the school, which is, to us, the best of Schools :—

“ PRORSUM SEMPER HONESTE.”

SCHOOL NOTES.

With the departure of Brockman, our late editor, last term, we have lost one who might be termed one of the 'ancients' of the school. Passing 2nd on the list for Paymaster-Cadets in the Royal Navy, he is now on H.M.S. "Courageous." We wish him our sincerest congratulations on his success and flaming prosperity in his future career.

In the London Matriculation Examination for January last, the school was again to the fore, Thompson securing a place in the First Division. Congrats !

Our school elevens certainly deserve the congratulations of the whole school. For all three elevens to be defeated only four times out of nearly fifty matches is a record which few schools can beat.

To the actors in the French Play we would tender our appreciation of their natural and able rendering of 'L' Avocat Patelin,' a performance which was voted to be the best ever produced under the capable leadership of M. Jacquet.

Our congratulations must be extended to Gosling, the 1st XI centre-forward, who has scored 40 goals to date, thus breaking the record set up by his immediate predecessor, Jeffery, whose total of 39 was the record at the end of last season.

Yet another Form Magazine has been placed in our hands, *i.e.*, that of Form 1. We wish it the best of luck.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The amended list of School Officers is as follows :—

PREFECTS.—E. R. Harris (Senior Prefect), F. R. Curtis, D. W. Dimond, B. Durant, F. H. Hodgess, A. I. Jeffery, C. Jones, A. J. Millett, A. R. Owen, T. H. Price, A. E. Stephens, F. E. A. Thompson.

SPORTS' COMMITTEE.—Masters and Prefects.

1st XI. Football and Cricket—*Captain*, C. E. Pritchard, ; *Vice-Captain*, T. H. Price ; *Secretary*, C. G. Gosling.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.—"Drake," C. E. Pritchard ; "Gilbert," A. E. Stephens ; "Grenville," D. W. Dimond ; "Raleigh," F. H. Hodgess.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY :—Committee : E. R. Harris, (Chairman), D. W. Dimond, (Secretary), B. Durant, A. J. Millett, A. R. Owen.

CADET CORPS.—Commanding Officer :— Cadet-Captain J. H. Ferraro ; Cadet-Lieutenants A. Hutchings and C. F. Armor.

SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—Secretary, Mr. A. Hutchings.

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

T. C. REEP.—Entered School, September, 1915 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1921 ; appointed Senior Prefect September, 1922 ; Chairman D.H.S. Literary and Debating Society, 1922 ; Sergeant D.H.S. Cadet Corps, 1922, Captain of "Drake," 1922 ; Committeeman 1st XI Football, 1922 ; Half-Colours Football, 1922 ; Cricket Colours 1922 ; now studying Accountancy.

W. E. BROCKMAN.—Entered School, January, 1915 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1922 ; Committeeman D.H.S. Literary and Debating Society, 1922 ; L/Cpl., D.H.S. Cadet Corps, 1922 ; Editor D.H.S. Magazine, 1922 ; entered Royal Navy as Paymaster Cadet (2nd place).

Our apologies are due to R. J. Rich for the omission, through an entirely unintentional oversight, of the following from the last issue of the Magazine.

R. J. RICH.—Entered School, September, 1915 ; appointed Prefect, September, 1921 ; Sergeant-Major, D.H.S. Cadet Corps, September, 1921 ; Captain of Raleigh, January, 1922.

NUGAE.

A certain master wanted to know if "killing whales is a **dying** industry."

In the Sixth the other day we had a lecture on "Wreck Raising." Obviously, divers opinions were expressed.

A Fifthite intends to have a "wireless instigation." Good luck to him !

We sympathize with the master who parodied one of the songs on Speech Day as follows :—

"Love leads to bottle."

A youngster's impression of Speech Day :—

"We went in to the Guildhall at half-past six. First there was a song and then some men made speeches. The funniest part was a play done in French. Among the people in it, Mutt was dressed up as a "beaver," and Enoch as a judge, while two funny boys came in with swords in their hands."

The following are gleaned from various test-papers :—

- I. Cod-fishing is carried on in the Midlands.
- II. The Falkland Islands are a group of islands in the Pacific and are inhabited by a savage race of cannibals who stew and eat all Englishmen that visit them.
- III. The Spaniards were England's dead enemies !
- IV. Pharoah gathered together his horsemen and carrots !

FOOTBALL.

The Football season now approaching its conclusion has been one of outstanding and brilliant success for all the three elevens engaged, with regard to the results obtained and the general form displayed.

The nucleus of the 1st XI consists of Pritchard (Capt.), Spray, Gosling, Perkins, and Price, but no small meed of praise is due to the remainder of the team for their consistent good work. Gosling has now set up a new record for individual scoring with 40 goals.

For the 2nd XI the outstanding players have been Millett, (Capt.) House, Stitson, Ward and Hool, while in the 3rd XI the performers of greatest merit have been Pollard, Westlake, Hill III, Pencavel, and Meek.

In House matches Gilbert and Drake are tying on points each having been defeated twice.

With so many matches to be played, the refereeing would have been a difficult matter had it not been for the unfailing, regular help of Messrs. Davis, Austin and Heather, who deserve our sincerest thanks for their services.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

PRITCHARD.—Captain, centre-half ; outstanding player of the side ; brilliant both with feet and head.

PRICE.—Vice-Captain ; outside left ; has done well but seems slow at times ; clever with his feet.

GOSLING.—Secretary ; centre-forward ; has great dash ; needs to remember there are other forwards.

REEP.—Committee ; right-half ; untiring worker ; defended well.

HURDING.—Committee ; right-back ; played splendidly, quite dependable.

HODGESS.—Committee ; outside right, very speedy and effective.

SPRAY.—Left back ; defended brilliantly always ; a most valuable player.

BILLING.—Inside right ; has done finely ; but needs to be more thrustful at times.

PERKINS.—Left half ; has been quite a success and has fed his wing unselfishly.

HILL i.—Goalkeeper ; has played well as is seen by the number of goals against.

MEWTON.—Inside left ; very dashing forward but needs restraint at times.

SAMPSON.—Right half ; a hard and tireless worker, improving greatly.

JENKIN.—Outside right ; has done quite well at times, but often shows a fatal hesitancy.

1st XI. v.	Ground.	Result.
St. Simon's F.C.	Home	11-2
Y.M.C.A.	Home	6-1
Kingsbridge, G.S.	Away	8-0
Old Boys	Home	11-3
Peeverell Athletic	Home	9-0
Y.M.C.A.	Home	4-1
Hoe G.S.	Home	6-0
St. Boniface College	Home	1-1
Corporation, G.S.	Away	4-1
St. Boniface College	Away	4-1
Liskeard, C.S.	Away	2-2
Corporation, G.S.	Home	1-2
Senior Technical School	Home	7-0
Old Boys	Home	5-0
Old Boys	Home	4-0
St. Boniface College	Home	1-0
Corporation G.S.	Home	3-1
Kingsbridge G.S.	Home	8-0
Corporation G.S.	Away	1-0
Totnes G.S.	Away	9-0
Liskeard C.S.	Home	3-0
Y.M.C.A.	Home	2-0

Played 22, Won 19, Lost 1, Drawn 2. Goal for 110, against 15.

2nd XI, v.	Ground.	Result.
Hoe Grammar School	Home	10-1
Regent Street 1st XI	Home	3-2
Junior Technical 1st XI	Home	5-0
Hoe Grammar School	Away	4-0
Senior Technical School	Home	5-2
Junior Technical 1st XI	Away	7-3
Plympton Grammar School, 1st XI	Away	4-1
Corporation Grammar School	Home	3-0
St. Boniface College	Home	9-0
Regent Street, 1st XI	Away	2-2
Callington Grammar School, 1st XI	Home	5-0
Corporation Grammar School	Away	0-1
Hoe Grammar School	Home	2-0
Corporation Grammar School	Away	4-2
Junior Technical 1st XI	Away	5-4
H.M.S. "Impregnable"	Away	1-4
Peverell Private School	Home	14-2
Callington C.S. 1st XI	Away	5-3
Corporation Grammar School	Home	3-0
St. Simon's F. C.	Home	5-2

Played 20, Won 17, Lost 2, Drawn 1. Goals for 96, against 29.

3rd XI, v.	Ground.	Result.
Hoe Grammar School	Away	8-3
Plympton Grammar School, 2nd XI	Away	3-1
Junior Technical, 2nd XI	Away	13-2
Plympton Grammar School, 2nd XI	Away	5-1
Junior Technical, 2nd XI	Home	6-1
Hoe Grammar School	Away	0-1
Hoe Grammar School	Home	12-0
Hoe Grammar School	Home	8-1
Junior Technical 2nd XI	Home	11-1
Hoe Grammar School	Away	4-0

Played 10, Won 9, Lost 1, Drawn 0. Goals for 70, against 11.

HOUSE MATCHES, (to date).

Seniors :—

Drake v Raleigh	6-1
Raleigh v Grenville	7-0
Gilbert v Grenville	5-2
Drake v Gilbert	5-1
Drake v Grenville	13-0
Raleigh v Gilbert	1-4

HOUSE MATCHES—*continued.*

Raleigh v Drake	1-2
Gilbert v Drake	0-7
Grenville v Raleigh	1-7
Gilbert v Raleigh	1-4
Juniors.	
Drake v Gilbert	1-4
Gilbert v Grenville	8-2
Raleigh v Drake	1-5
Grenville v Gilbert	0-9
Raleigh v Grenville	0-7
Gilbert v Raleigh	9-4
Drake v Grenville	5-2
Gilbert v Drake	2-0
Raleigh v Grenville	2-3
Drake v Raleigh	2-1
Raleigh v Gilbert	0-10

CHIEF GOAL-SCORERS.

1st XI.	2nd XI.	3rd XI.	
Gosling	40 Hool	13 Westlake	14
Price	23 Stitson	11 Meek	12
Billing	13 Millett	10 Pencavel	9
Hodgess	10 Westlake	9 Pollard	8
Mewton	8 Newcombe	8	
Pritchard	8 Mewton	7	

A FITFUL PHANTASY.

I found, one night, when I awoke,
 With shrieks and groans, and many a croak,
 That supper I ate with light care,
 Had given me a bad nightmare.

I dreamed a dream of D.H.S.,
 Although, as I must now confess,
 'Twas not the moss-grown pile of yore,
 Though still of knowledge deep the store.

The drive wound round through gardens fair,
 It passed the keeper's lodge, and there
 Did I the date engraved spy,
 Two thousand anno domini.

I rang the bell with usual vim,
 'Twas answered by the lab-boy, Jim,
 And clad in buttons twelve in all
 He led me to the spacious hall.

Fountains tinkled in the corners,
 Walls were lined with verdant "Warners"
 And at the side, instead of stairs,
 I saw electric lifts in pairs.

By the lab-boy still attended,
 To the office I descended,
 And at my old Headmaster's place
 The new Head sat, with beaming face.

Exuberantly did he greet me,
 Said how glad he was to meet me,
 And, that if I had the leisure,
 He would take me round with pleasure.

"First," he said "We'll see the nursery,"
 There we paid a visit cursory,
 The children sat in high-backed chairs,
 The twins, of course, arranged in pairs.

We next traversed the smooth hall floor,
 And knocked upon old oak door.
 "Round this he said "the school is centred,"
 And thereupon we straightway entered.

"Now" said my guide "This is Form VI
 I call it my new box of tricks,"
 Meantime, I stood as in a trance,
 My mouth wide open, eyes askance.

I saw a vision of a hall
 As wide and long as it was tall
 With here and there a roll-top desk,
 Of monstrous size and shape grotesque.

Each desk was fitted with a 'phone,
 Electric bells which would alone
 Have cost a fortune just to hire,
 Whilst here and there—I saw a fire!

Electric lights shone o'er our heads,
 On carpets soft as downy beds,
 At their desks a quite large number
 Lost themselves in peaceful slumber.

I, too, did lay me down to rest,
 And soon by slumber sweet was blest,
 Till all my dreams became no more,—
 Were lost in bangs upon my door.

J. H. PROCTOR.

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

President: The Headmaster.

General Secretary Mr. H. Ferraro.

The reports of the Branch Secretaries given below will show that the Association is now on a firm footing. The membership of both Branches is steadily increasing.

The School Sports will be held on May 9th. All Old Boys will be welcomed at this as at all School functions.

HEADQUARTERS BRANCH.

Secretary Mr. C. E. Gill, 14 Haddington Rd., Stoke, Devonport.

Committee: Messrs. W. J. Andrews, B. H. Chowen, E. E. Cock, W. Hurden, A. Pryor, H. Taylor.

Since the last Magazine was published the Association has greatly increased in strength. The membership of the Headquarters Branch has now reached a hundred and we hope that before the next issue it will be in the neighbourhood of two hundred.

The Annual Dinner was held on December 27th, at the Globe Restaurant, Plymouth, and about fifty Old Boys were present. A most enjoyable evening was spent, a number of musical items being contributed by Messrs. C. F. Austin, A. T. Brooks, G. Davis, B. Featherston, F. Olford, J. Phillips and A. Pryor. We were very pleased to have with us a number of members of the London Branch.

During the Christmas Holidays two Football Matches were played between the School 1st XI and Old Boys' Teams in both of which the School was successful after keen and sporting contests.

We regret to announce that owing to heavy demands on his time in other directions, Mr. E. E. Cock has not been able to continue in the post of Secretary to the Headquarters Branch. During his tenure of office Mr. Cock has done splendid work for the Association. Fortunately we shall still have his assistance on the Committee.

An outing to Newton and Noss will take place on June 30th. Full particulars will be sent to Members in due course.

May we again remind all Old Boy's that the Membership fee is only 2/6 per annum and that this includes the post free delivery of both copies of the School Magazine.

The General Meeting, which is open to all Old Boys, will be held in July next, when a Committee for the following year will be elected.

C. E. GILL.

LONDON BRANCH.

Secretary : Mr. Arthur T. Brooks, 149 Fleet St., E.C.4.
Committee : Messrs. F. Olford, J. Phillips, B. M. Featherston, L. H. Harwood.

The last resumé, appearing in the December issue, dealt with events up to the end of October and the present one follows on from that time.

On March 7th an " Anniversary " Dance was held at the New Oxford Galleries. About 40 were present and a very enjoyable evening came to a conclusion at 11-30 p.m.

On November 4th a successful Whist Drive and Dance was held at the club about 30 being present.

Armistice night was celebrated at the Club by a very successful social evening ; a supper of pasties, junket and Devonshire Cream being provided. The Club was decorated on this occasion, and caps and carnival novelties were freely distributed. This was followed by another social evening on the 30th.

The Carbaree revel, held on December 2nd at the Buckingham Hotel, Strand, attracted a large number, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The Club was closed from December 15th to January 31st for the Christmas vacation.

On February 7th a successful Dance was held at the New Oxford Galleries, there being an attendance of about 40.

The first Annual Dinner and Concert of the London Branch was held at Pritchard's Restaurant, Oxford St., on February 24th, and about 30 members and friends were present.

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (LONDON BRANCH) DINNER.

The first Annual Dinner of the London Branch of the D.H.S. Old Boys' Association was held at Pritchard's Restaurant on 24th February. As this was not an official Old Boys' Dinner invitations were extended to the lady friends of members of the Association.

The chef proved by the excellence of the various courses that he was fully conversant with "Mrs. Beeton," while the service left nothing to be desired. The diners having been lulled into a state of tolerance, a comprehensive Toast List was commenced by the Secretary proposing "The King." The toast of "The Ladies" was entrusted to Mr. Featherstone who ably expressed the opinion of all the gentlemen present when he remarked how welcome was the dainty colour scheme they provided in contrast to the sombre black and white of the mere males. Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Olford in replying paid tribute to the spirit of comradeship that existed in the Association. Mr. Olford in proposing "The School" pointed out that the School had proved that it was not a mere educational establishment and referred feelingly to its record during the dark days of 1914-1918. The toast of "Absent Friends" fell to Mr. Phillips, who pointed out that D.H.S.-ians were to be found in all parts of the globe. Mr. Vernon in proposing the Association spoke appreciatively of the splendid work done by the Secretary, Mr. Brooks. In replying Mr. Brooks said that the spade work had now been done and he appealed to all to help in maintaining the position which had been attained. Mr. Featherstone also said that coming alone to London as he had done, he was very grateful for the opportunities the Association offered for enjoying the society of friends. "The Visitors" were proposed by Mr. Collier, Messrs. Robinson and Hunt replying. "The Artistes" was submitted by Mr. Harwood and Miss Dean in replying expressed thanks to Mr. Phillips for his yeoman work as accompanist.

The Concert which followed was greatly appreciated and brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Future fixtures include the following:—

March 17th.—Social and Dance at the Club.

March 28th.—Ladies Night at the Club.

April 2nd.—An Easter Excursion.

April 4th.—Dance.

April 11th.—General Meeting at the Club.

April 18th.—Ladies night at the Club.

May 2nd.—Dance.

The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to forward a copy of the London Branch fixtures to any Old Boy on application. It is proposed to run various excursions during the summer months and the Annual Old Boys' Dinner will be held in London in November next.

The Club meets each Wednesday (with the exception of the first Wednesday in the month) at 119 Kings Road, Chelsea, S.W., and members are cordially invited to bring their friends. Friends of members are eligible for election as "Friends" of the Association, upon payment of a subscription of 10/- per annum or 5/- per half-year. This entitles them to the free use of the club, and the majority of the privileges enjoyed by members.

The General Meeting arranged for April 11th is for the election of the Hon. Secretary and Committee for the ensuing year, and among other matters to decide whether the club shall remain open during the summer months. The Club attendances have been much larger of late, but there is still room for improvement in this respect, and Members of the London Branch are asked to see that this improvement is effected.

A recent report adopted by the Committee showed the financial position to be sound and the general progress to be thoroughly satisfactory. The Membership is now 55, and during the year six "Friends" have been registered.

Our social events this season have been well attended and on no occasion has a loss been sustained. I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the members of the Committee for their valuable assistance and active co-operation throughout the year.

The manufacture of an Old Boys' tie is under consideration by a sub-Committee composed of the President, General and Branch Secretaries, and the same Sub-Committee deals with the issue of membership cards for the ensuing year.

All Old Boy's resident outside Devon and Cornwall are invited to register as members with the London Branch, the subscription being 5/- per annum for full membership 2/6 per annum for Hon. membership. The subscription in each case covers post free delivery of each issue of the School Magazine.

A. T. BROOKS.

SPEECH DAY.

Pelting rain and bitter wind did not deter brave hearts from flocking to the Guildhall on the evening of 22nd February, when our Annual Speech Day function had as Chairman the Deputy Mayor (Alderman J. P. Brown, J.P.), and as Distributor the Bishop

of Plymouth, (Dr. J. H. B. Masterman). In the addresses of these two gentlemen many nice things were said about the school and much good and practical advice was given. The former was very glad to see how well the Old Boys' Association was progressing. He urged boys to live up to the past record of the school, and, aided by its inspiration, to do their duty in school and after schooldays were over, in the world's wider arena.

The Bishop congratulated the Headmaster on his splendid report. "The worst of belonging to a school with a high reputation," he said, "is that it asks a very great deal of us. We have to keep up that record in the years to come." He thought the purpose of education was twofold viz., to supply a good general knowledge, and to give proficiency in one special subject.

In lieu of Bouquets, Cheques (£2 10s.), were handed to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Masterman for disposal on any charity in which these ladies are interested. This sum [£5] was subscribed by the boys of the school.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Bishop and the Chairman.

Interspersed with the speeches were songs by Harris (the Senior Prefect) and Forms 1, 2, and 3 and Organ Solos by Mr. Martin, while the proceedings were delightfully rounded off by Mr. Jacquet's adaptation, of "L' Avocat Patelin," in which parts were taken by the following members of the Sixth Form, Stephens, Millett, Price, Curtis, Pritchard, Hodgess, Proctor, Durant, Harris and Dimond. As on former occasions the disguises were charmingly mystifying, the acting forcible and self evident even to those who could not follow the French, and the whole effort worthy of the traditions of the Sixth and the careful training of Mr. Jacquet.

LIST OF HONOURS, 1922.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Open Scholarship, Science and Mathematics, (£80 per annum)
Keble College, Oxford :—E. J. Riggs.

Stapeldon Scholarship, Natural Science, (£60 per annum), Exeter College, Oxford :—W. J. R. Merren.

Entrance Scholarships, University College, Exeter :—

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| 1st | E. J. Riggs. |
| 3rd | W. J. R. Merren. |
| 5th | A. L. Stephens. |

Education Authority Scholarships :—W. J. R. Merren, A. L. Stephens.

D.H.S. War Memorial Exhibition :—W. J. R. Merren.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

Intermediate B.A. :—H. C. Lillicrap, C. E. Pike.

Intermediate B. Sc. :—A. L. Stephens.

Matriculation :—First Division—L. F. Ingram, J. B. Kingdon.

Second Division—F. H. Hodgess.

Exemption (by Senior Cambridge) :—J. H. Hamilton, H. C. Hill, C. H. Harding, W. D. Jenkin, J. H. P. Proctor, S. L. Riggs, R. J. Werry, A. E. Bailey, C. G. Gosling, F. A. Knapman, W. H. Stonelake, W. H. Churchward, F. W. Hawton, A. C. Hayter, A. J. Jeffery, L. R. Murray, S. J. Spray, H. R. W. Wiltshire

CADETSHIP, R.N.

L. F. Ingram, 5th of 15 successful Candidates.

PAYMASTER CADETSHIPS, R.N.

L. A. Jeffery, 1st of 10 successful candidates, (June).

W. E. Brockman, 2nd of 9 successful candidates (November).

CAMBRIDGE SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION.

First Class Honours :—R. J. Werry,** (distinguished in Latin, French and Mathematics), S. L. Riggs,* (distinguished in Geography, Mathematics and Chemistry), J. H. P. Proctor,** (distinguished in English and Latin), J. H. Hamilton,* (distinguished in Mathematics), C. H. Hurding,** H. C. Hill,* (distinguished in Geography), W. D. Jenkin,*

Second Class Honours :—F. A. Knapman,* A. E. Bailey,* C. G. Gosling, W. H. Stonelake.*

Third Class Honours :—A. C. Hayter,* L. R. Murray,* J. H. Ecclestone,* H. R. W. Wiltshire,* S. J. Spray, F. W. Hawton,* W. H. Churchward, C. H. Webb, C. R. W. Moore, A. J. Jeffery.*

Pass :—P. B. W. Lintell,* G. W. Risdon, C. H. H. Jones, L. G. Perrin, W. R. Tretheway (distinguished in Geography), A. R. Whitehead,* C. E. Pritchard, H. J. Sutcliffe, S. F. B. Ashby, F. W. Rose, N. S. Taylor, E. R. Johns, R. G. Billing, J. S. Brook, J. V. E. Rundle, W. C. M. Hill, C. G. Harding, G. Scantlebury, F. H. Newton, R. C. Davies, A. E. Kimber.

(*—Passed in Spoken French).

(**—Passed with distinction in Spoken French).

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Cambridge Local.—Best Senior Boy at the Devonport Centre.—
R. J. Werry.

Alderman J. P. Brown's Prizes :—

English and Latin :—J. H. P. Proctor.

Mathematics :—J. H. Hamilton.

The Alonzo Rider Science Prize :—S. I. Riggs.

Alderman W. L. Munday's French Prize :—C. E. Pike.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

When the History of Education in the earlier part of the twentieth century comes to be written the year 1922 will probably be set down as reactionary, retrograde—a very lean year. The reasons for this set-back are, of course, chiefly, financial and economic, but, I think, not entirely so. I do not, however, propose at present to suggest the other causes. Suffice it to give one or two instances of the year's leanness. In the first place our table is bare this evening of the usual form and subject prizes; and all the more welcome are the special prizes given by Alderman Brown, Alderman Munday and the late Mr. Rider. Secondly, the policy pursued by the Plymouth Education Authority and other Education Authorities up and down the country of excluding from secondary Schools all children under the age of 10 is, in my humble opinion, a very mistaken policy. Again, the sudden cessation of grants from Cadet Corps jeopardizes a most useful institution. And, worst of all, the withdrawal by the Board of Education of State Scholarships strikes with fatal precision at the most deserving of students. We have a painful example. One of the two most brilliant boys for the year, after winning an open Scholarship at Oxford was unable to avail himself of it. From this melancholy picture let me take you within the School itself, where, perhaps, a brighter prospect may be revealed.

Twelve months ago I said that Devonport High School had reached the highest point on the curve of academic success ever attained. Such boasting on my part might well have provoked a visit from that very unwelcome lady—Nemesis. Perhaps she is already on her way to the School! But at any rate she did not arrive during 1922; for, whereas a year ago I was able to report one University Open Scholarship, to-night I can tell you of two University Scholarships, one open and the other very nearly open.

May I now pass on to an essential cause of this success—the staff. Speaking with 16 years' experience as Head of this School,

rejoicing in its growth from 100 to 400 boys, I can, nevertheless, say with conviction that, for clear and effective teaching, for hard and conscientious work, the present staff is as near perfection as the staff of any large school is ever likely to be.

Keen interest in games pervades not only the upper forms, but the whole School ; and our playing field at Montpelier, considerable as it is, is really too small, and its resources are strained to the uttermost. This will be fairly obvious when I tell you that during 1922 no fewer than 295 games of Football and Cricket were played ; and carefully kept records show that in the course of 60 Football Matches with outside teams, 359 goals were scored, 294 for the School and 65 against it. Whilst every master takes his turn at field duty and away-field duty according to a pre-arranged rota, some there be who give their services almost every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon throughout the year. Among these I would specially mention Mr. Palmer our wise and tireless, albeit voluntary sports-master, and Mr. Austin and Mr. Heather.

The Cadet Corps under the able control of Mr. Ferraro, assisted by Mr. Armor and Mr. Hutchings, continues to be a delight to behold and a shining example of self-sacrifice. And one is glad to know that during the summer holidays the Cadets were enabled to go to camp for a week, where it was not all work and no play. Whenever representatives from the War Office inspect our Corp they are most eulogistic. But, to use a homely expression, soft words butter no parsnips, they do not provide uniform and equipment. If the grant continues to be withdrawn the future of the Corps is, at any rate, dubious.

The other elements in the social and corporate life of the School—the prefect and house systems, the Literary and Debating Society, the School Magazine and so forth—continue to work well ; and, as a consequence, the tone of the school continues commendably high.

In connection with the Debating Society there was held at the School a most realistic election just one week before the General Election ; with conservative, liberal, labour and independent candidates, with a wealth of election literature, with posters—pungent, sometimes personal yet always entertaining—and with such a display of eloquence and enthusiasm as betoken the interest which the boys concerned are likely to take in public affairs when they become men.

Outram, the house next the School, was acquired by the Authority last summer, and structural alterations have given a much needed physics laboratory ; but further alterations are necessary in order that the property may be utilized to its full extent.

I am glad to be able to bring to your notice an amazing development of the Old Boys' Association. During the year two dinners were eaten—one in London, and the other in Plymouth, with great gusto and relish! But the activities of the association are by no means confined to eating—and it is good to know that the London Branch, which is especially strong, forms a centre of attraction, and a haven of safety for those boys who on leaving school go to reside in the metropolis.

I will now, as briefly as I can, recall the principal successes obtained direct from the school during 1922. Murray obtained a Bank Clerkship in competition with 63 other Candidates for the one post. A Jeffery and Tucker passed the entrance for H.M.S. "Worcester," an establishment for training Officers in the Mercantile Marine. A synopsis of the Cambridge Senior results is as follows:—44 boys from the school entered; 2 failed; 21 passed; 21 obtained honours. Of the latter, 10 gained 3rd Class Honours, 4 second-class honours and no fewer than 7 1st class honours. A comparison of these results with those obtained by the boy senior Candidates throughout the United Kingdom may not, perhaps, be without interest. The general percentage of First Class Honours was 4; ours 16, or 4 times as great. The general percentage of honours was 11; ours 48, or more than 4 times as great. The general percentage of failures was 36; ours 5, or less than one-seventh. 11 distinctions were gained by our boys, namely, 3 in Mathematics, 3 in Geography, 2 in Latin and 1 each in English, Chemistry and French. Eighteen boys passed in spoken French, of whom 3 obtained the mark "d" or distinction. Eighteen boys, also, by passing in the right subjects and sufficiently well, were free to matriculate at London University without further examination. Three other boys passed the Matriculation examination itself, two in the First Division and one in the Second, thus making a total of 21—a record for any single year. In addition to these 21 boys who reached Matriculation Standard, three members of the Sixth Form passed the Intermediate Examinations of London University: Lillicrap and Pike obtaining their Inter. B.A., and A. L. Stephens his Inter. B. Sc. At a competition held for 15 appointments as Cadet in the Royal Navy by the entrance known as the Direct or Public School entrance, for which the limits of age are $17\frac{1}{2}$ to $18\frac{1}{2}$, Ingram came out 5th in the list, also gaining top marks in Mathematics. At the June examination for Paymaster Cadet in the Royal Navy, of 10 successful candidates, L. A. Jeffery was First; and at the November examination for nine similar appointments W. E. Brockman was second. Jeffery obtained higher marks than any other candidate in Geography and History and in Arithmetic; and Brockman proved himself equally redoubtable in Geography and History and in elementary Mathematics. On the principle of keeping the best wine until last I have reserved until now the results of Scholarship

Examinations. From an area extending from Penzance to High Wycombe, 35 candidates, male and female, competed for Five entrance Scholarships tenable at University College, Exeter; and the three boys sent in from the High School were sufficiently fortunate to secure the 1st, 3rd and 5th places, their names being Riggs, Merren and A. L. Stephens. Two of this brilliant trio did even better still; for Riggs won an Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Science, of value £80 per annum, tenable at Keble College, Oxford; and Merren won a Stapeldon Scholarship, in Natural Science, of value £60 per annum, tenable at Exeter College, Oxford. The latter student, Merren, having also been awarded a Scholarship by the Plymouth Education Authority and the Devonport High School War Memorial Exhibition, was enabled to proceed to Oxford, where he is now in residence and gives every promise of a career certainly useful, probably brilliant.

OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The Third Annual Dinner—the first locally—since the revival of the Old D.H.S.-ian Association was held at the Globe Restaurant, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 27th December, 1922. The following were present:—Messrs. A. Treseder, (Chairman), W. J. Andrews, C. F. Austin, A. T. Brooks, E. Cammick, A. G. Chamberlain, W. J. Ching, E. E. Cock, R. F. E. Cock, R. Coombes, H. Couchman, H. Curnow, G. Curtain, G. M. Davis, B. Featherstone, H. Ferraro, J. Geddes, Gedye, C. Gill, G. Gollop, P. Gollop, Major Hore-Belisha, Messrs. L. A. Jeffery, N. W. Lamb, R. J. Lark, J. D. H. Millett, C. Mears, W. R. M. Merren, F. C. Olford, J. Phillips, A. Pryor, C. Palmer, A. J. Reed, G. H. Randle, G. Stevens, F. Skinnard, R. Smale, Major Clifford Tozer, Messrs. R. Trevithick, H. G. Taylor, G. I. Usher, C. U'Ren, R. Waters, H. Wiltshire.

The toast of "The Universities" was proposed by Mr. H. Ferraro, and in it he showed that Schools are debtors to Universities for carrying on and completing studies commenced at School. Mr. W. Merrén, our Stapeldon Scholar at Oxford replied. Mr. W. J. Andrews gave "The Professions," deploring schisms and rivalry in the clerical profession, but paying tribute to its sincerity of purpose, to the admirable work of the Medical Profession, and to the Legal Profession, which so often made pessimists of its clients—(laughter). Referring to the Services, he spoke touchingly of the "immortal 56," to whom a tablet is erected in the school precincts.—Mr. A. J. Reed (London Hospital) and Lieut. G. I. Usher replied.

Mr. J. H. D. Millett proposed "Commerce," pleading for good relations between employer and employed.

Major Clifford Tozer said the nation needed to work as one man in order to recapture the trade which was Britain's heritage. Commerce, he maintained, offered excellent opportunities to the right sort of man, opportunities that could be excelled nowhere.—Mr. Gollop also replied.

The most intimate toast, "The School," was proposed by Major Leslie Hore-Belisha. After a good-natured thrust at what he referred to as the "political heresies" of Major Clifford Tozer, he said that while old boys quite naturally vied with one another professionally, they were all one in their respect and love for the spirit and traditions of the school. A schoolboy could never become an "old man," whatever his years; always he remained an "old boy." School differed from every other institution in the world. It was a microcosm of the world, and its ties could never be severed.

The Headmaster (Mr. Arthur Treseder), replying, emphasised the value of friendship in life. The school, he rejoiced, had, after its 26 years' career, reached the pinnacle of academic success, obtaining open scholarships at both Universities.

The London Branch was toasted by Mr. E. E. Cock, and responded to by Messrs. A. T. Brooks and J. Phillips: Sport by Mr. Palmer, replied to by Mr. C. Gill. Mr. N. W. Lamb proposed the visitors to which Major Hore-Belisha replied.

A pleasant musical programme was rendered by Messrs. E. Pryor (pianoforte). C. F. Austin, J. Phillips, B. Featherstone, R. H. Couchman, A. T. Brooks, F. C. Olford and G. M. Davis.

A collection taken in aid of the Mayor's Unemployment Fund realised £3 12s. 6d.

FULL-BACK.

The tense excitement which was gripping the huge mass of spectators at the Harvingley Dell Rugby ground was evident in the great silence which spread over the arena. The score was 11 points to 10 in favour of the home team and there seemed to be every prospect of that lead being retained, for already the referee was glancing at the pavilion clock which indicated two minutes to full time. Suddenly from a scrum in the visitors' '25,' the visiting scrum-half obtained the ball, the pack broke up, the ball was transferred by a low, sweeping pass to the leader of the forwards. With a Herculean effort he ploughed his way through the seething mass of the home pack, and with the ball securely tucked under his arm he made a great dash for the line. The centre three-quarters converged in an effort to grass him but, with a splendid swerve, he avoided them and continued in his headlong rush. Only the full-

back to beat now, for he had outstripped the rest of his opponents, and one minute to play! The full-back, aware that with him rested success or defeat, edged towards the touch-line, foot by foot at first, quicker afterwards and the forward thus being hemmed in, for it would have been suicidal either to alter his course and so slacken his speed, or to make straight for the back, was forced to run nearer touch. At last the supreme moment came. The two were abreast and about three yards distant. The back leaped, and, to the intense relief of the crowd, brought down his opponent with a fine tackle, the ball being flung far into touch among the dense throng of spectators. Before it could be recovered the game was over.

Full-back had saved.

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The scene was changed. True it was a field, but what a field! Shell-holes filled with water, broken-down machine-guns, empty trenches—for the great German advance had begun and our men were being driven back by a perfect tornado of fire. In one of the observation-posts crouched a man, a private, holding in his hand a switch. Nothing was living around him. His company had retired before the huge mass of infantry which was behind the barrage. On they came, hundreds upon hundreds, running behind the safe curtain of that fire, and yet the man hung on. At last the barrage had passed him, the German infantry were at a distance of some thirty yards, when with a grim smile on his set lips he pressed the switch—for a moment nothing happened—then the sound of a terrific explosion was heard above the roar of the guns, and what had been a whole army corps of the enemy was now wiped out of existence. His company found him two hours afterwards amid the debris of the outpost with the switch still gripped in those fingers which would never more move.

Full-back had saved again.

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Lance-Corporals

T. Hamilton, F. Rose.

The unfavourable weather conditions which have prevailed throughout the present term have prevented much being done in the way of Company Drill. Additional attention has been given to Musketry the effect of which will undoubtedly be evident when we are able to resume Range Practice once more.

The Cadet movement throughout the country has experienced a serious set back in the decision of the War Office to withdraw the Annual Grant from Cadet Units after April 1923. It is extremely unfortunate that reasons of economy should have made such a step necessary. For this year, however, Cadet Units are to be granted certain facilities for holding the Summer Camp. Last year a very successful combined Summer Camp of Devon Secondary School Cadet Corps was held at Paignton and it is hoped to arrange for another on similar lines this year. At the last Camp the cost per Cadet, exclusive of railway fares, amounted to 10/10 and the Cadets who attended thoroughly enjoyed a remarkably cheap week's holiday.

Before these Notes appear the 8th Anniversary of the Corps' recognition by the War Office will have passed. Arrangements are well in hand for celebrating the occasion by a festivity which promises to be as successful as those held in previous years.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, November 22nd, the subject under discussion was:—"Votes for women should be abolished."

Mr. J. H. Proctor in proposing the motion, said that women were not capable of giving their votes to the deserving candidate, and that the upkeepers of the households (*i.e.* the men) only should have the vote. Since men were physically and mentally better than women, they would have to keep so by having the sole right of franchise.

Mr. D. W. Dimond, the opposer, stated that women played as great a part in the world of to-day as men, who would be hopelessly lost without their female companions. They had an equal right to vote with the men and as by their persistence they had obtained the franchise they should be allowed to keep it.

Mr. A. R. Owen in seconding Mr. Proctor, considered that women were too prone to be carried away by sentiment, while Mr. S. L. Riggs, supporting Mr. Dimond, said that if the franchise were

taken away from them, the representation in Parliament would not be according to the wishes of the people.

The motion was rejected by 12 votes to 8, the evening being brightened by pianoforte solos by Hamilton and Dimond as well as readings by Werry and Durant.

On Wednesday, December 13th, a highly successful concert was held. As all the boys in the upper school were invited to be present, a large meeting was entertained by various members of the Staff and boys. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. T. C. Reep on this occasion, it being his last night as Chairman.

On Wednesday, January 24th, the subject the subject for discussion was that "A Republican Government is the best form of government as yet conceived by man," Mr. D. W. Dimond being in the Chair.

Mr. A. J. Millett, the proposer, stated that, having passed through a time of great upheaval we could look round and see that the two countries which previously possessed a monarchic government were in the worst condition. A republican government enabled the people to select their president, but in a monarchy, the next in turn took the throne whether he was suitable or otherwise.

Mr. R. J. Werry, in seconding Mr. Millett, said that under monarchic rulers discontent grew and finally led to the overthrow of the King.

Mr. W. E. Brockman, the opposer, thought that whereas a theoretical republic modelled according to Plato's plan was excellent, such was unobtainable in present life—the practical republican government was an utter failure. He advocated the monarchy in which a popularly elected assembly limited the powers of the crown.

Mr. B. Durant, in seconding Mr. Brockman, said that the function of the monarch was to preserve the unity of the state and thus could not be dispensed with.

The motion was rejected by 11 votes to 4, the evening being enlivened by pianoforte solos by Lintell and Millett, a Banjo-solo by Thompson and a reading by Riggs.

The subject under discussion on Wednesday, February 7th was that "Capital Punishment should be abolished." The new Chairman Mr. E. R. Harris presided.

The proposer, Mr. A. R. Owen, based his arguments on the fact that murder could not be stamped out by killing the murderer. The latter was more or less mentally deficient and should be pitied

and cared for by the state. The three weeks after condemnation before execution must be a period of terrible visions and should never be permitted in these modern days. The old law of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' should not be rigidly followed.

Mr. A. J. Millett, seconding the proposer, said that once a murderer was hanged, any mistake owing to circumstantial evidence being accepted could not be rectified.

Mr. J. H. Proctor, the opposer, declared that a murderer was of a class that could only be stamped out by death—the only thing that frightens such a man was the fear of the gallows. People were awed by the execution and fear was a great preventive to potential murderers.

Mr. S. Riggs, seconding the opposition said that life was precious to all and that capital punishment thus prevented murder.

The motion was rejected by 11 votes to 5. During the course of the evening pianoforte solos were rendered by Hamilton and Dimond, while readings were given by Stonelake and Proctor.

On Friday, February 23rd the Debating Society was invited to attend the 'Visitors' Debate at Plymouth College, and also to send one member to take a prominent part. Mr. R. J. Werry represented the Society and opposed the motion that "In schools of to-day, too much time is spent on useless subjects." A very keen debate followed, the motion being ultimately carried by 103 votes to 93.

On Wednesday, March 7th the subject under discussion was "There is no such thing as progress."

Mr. J. H. Proctor, the proposer said that at the present day, man has not improved, but was the same as the ancient or cave-man. Progress was that which renders one's condition better and happier than before. All the inventions had not done this. Civilisation was the art of disguising one's feelings—not progress.

Mr. L. Perrin, seconding the motion, stated that progress was the evolution of man toward happiness, not the attainment of wealth and power.

Mr. D. W. Dimond, the opposer, declared that life was progress. Comparison of the conditions of ancient cave-men and the present day working men alone showed that a great advancement had been made towards that far-off goal—complete happiness. Practically all inventions had tended towards this object and every day was helping us on towards it, since they have greatly improved the conditions of the human races. Thus to say that progress did not exist was sheer fallacy.

Mr. J. Hamilton, in seconding the opposition, said that in every branch of life there was a tremendous advance.

After a keen debate, interspersed with pianoforte solos by Hamilton and Millett a heartily applauded song by Mr. Davis, and a reading by Riggs, the motion was rejected by 22 votes to 7.

THE GHOST OF MISER'S MILL.

"And so, my son, it is up to you to find this hoard and save an honourable Scottish family from financial ruin."

These words drummed their way round and round the brain of Ben MacLegan, a lad of eighteen, with only one more year at Mancelen College before him as he lay in bed at his Uncle's house in Northern Scotland. They were the last words of his father ere the train steamed off bearing him to his Uncle. On the morrow the visit to a mill two miles distant, where the treasure lay hidden was to be made, and as legend stamped it as haunted, and as not a single human being had violated its precincts for 25 years, Ben's excitement was tremendous. For some time he tossed restlessly from side to side of his bed, but eventually he sank into a fitful sleep, to dream of ghoulish figures and piles of gleaming gold.

At this stage a little explanation is necessary. The grandfather of Ben MacLegan had, until his sixty sixth year, been an honourable Scottish gentleman of substantial means. But Dame Fortune at this period of his life, deserted him. He was financially ruined by a big bank smash and almost simultaneously by the failure of an oil Company in which he had invested large sums of money. His wife, a kind hearted woman, was killed in a train accident a week later, and these calamities falling so close together almost turned the brain of the old man, who had lost all his property, except a mill, which he managed to retain. He refused to see even his son, only speaking to people with whom he was making business deals. When he died, his son received a remarkable epistle written by his father before his death. It stated that even as he had been ruined so would his son be, and that, when this came about, if his grandson paid a visit to the mill alone on a Friday near Christmas he would be shown where the treasure was stored. At first the son—Mr. Sanderson MacLegan—attached no importance to this, but when matters came about as had been predicted by his eccentric father, he resolved to carry out his instructions. The occupants of the village in which Ben's Uncle dwelt, the nearest village to Miser's Mill as it was called, were firm in their belief that it was haunted and it was stated that at mid-night a listener outside could hear the chink of coins as the ghost of old MacLegan counted over his hoard of gold.

The next day, Friday, December 21st, dawned, a typical Scottish winter's day. It was damp and clammy, and a mantle of fog shrouded everything. The sun rose, a blood red disc, as it vainly endeavoured to dispel the pervading gloom. Miser's Mill loomed darkly in the mist, made more foreboding by the effect of the fog. Slowly the day wore on and still the mist held sway. The quietness of Miser's Mill was awesome in its intensity, for it was broken only by the occasional hoot of an owl calling its mate, or the whirring of giant bats as they winged their way in and out of a place once intended for the habitation of man, now populated by denizens of a lower order.

Suddenly the profound silence was disturbed by the rude clatter of wings as a flock of birds took flight. Gradually the cause of their disturbance appeared. It was Ben and his Uncle, grotesquely magnified by the mist. As the noise of their steady tramp grew louder, the nearer it came to the mill, more birds took flight and sinuous snakes glided swiftly out of sight. Just then, with a suddenness that was as marvellous as it was complete, the fog lifted and the sun shone down with welcome brilliance.

"So that's the mill," was the involuntary exclamation from Ben as the following picture was unfolded before his eyes. Miser's Mill was a tall building of a grey kind of stone, the walls were covered in ivy and moss, though in parts they had crumbled away. The ground surrounding it was like a wilderness. Wild vegetation had sprung up here and there, but for the most part it was littered with fallen masonry. Beyond was the moor and towering into the sky, on the horizon, were lofty hills.

"Well, so long, Uncle I hope I shall not keep you waiting many minutes before I return laden with the spoil," said Ben, lightly, although he felt many misgivings as he uttered the words. Then with the well meant advice of his warm hearted Uncle ringing in his ears, he strode manfully towards the entrance. One push with his shoulder sent the rotting door flying inwards and Ben paused irresolute at the scene of indescribable confusion which met his gaze. Huge rats scurried away before his sudden inroad, bats dashed themselves against the crumbling walls in their blind flight, and gigantic spiders as large as his hand, hurried within the shelter of their tremendous webs.

Then the remembrance of his father's words spurred him on and he set resolutely forward. The farther he ventured along the creaking boards, the greater grew the confusion as its inmates hurried to their fastnesses. Curiosity soon overwhelmed their fear however and many returned and stared with great impudence at the intruder, who had so rudely broken into their haunts. Every fresh step he took meant another little bit of his nerve gone. A noise above

Ben caused him to start but it was only a rat. His heart pounded against his ribs, the weirdness of the place was sapping his confidence. Every shadow, flitting and dancing, silhouetted against the walls by some bird, seemed to him to be a fearsome jinn or wraith. Every sound seemed magnified a thousand times. With every nerve strained taut he held on. He constantly had a feeling that something was behind him, yet always when he looked, there was nothing to be seen.

A slight wind arose outside and coming into the building through the many gaps in the crumbling walls, disturbed the dust into whirling eddies. The moan of the wind through the cracks, to Ben's highly strung nerves, was like unto the shrieking of souls in torment. Then, an unearthly noise made his hair nearly stand on end, but it was only the last despairing cry of a rat, as a ferocious vampire sank its talons into its back.

The uncanniness of the place grew and grew upon Ben. He tried to shake it off with a laugh, but the moment after he repented it, for it echoed round and round the mill until it seemed to him as if a thousand fiends had caught it up and were laughing at him, a mocking, discordant, demoniacal laugh.

Outside his Uncle heard, shivered, and pulled his great-coat closer round him.

An owl hooted and Ben shivered and turned paler as its echo once more disturbed the silence. After a while he recovered somewhat and gained enough courage to venture into another room. The boards creaked alarmingly, and he felt a watery sensation down his spine. He brushed away the dust from a mirror and looked at his reflection. His face was as white as snow and beads of perspiration stood out all over it. But it was not only that, that met his gaze; there was something much more terrible. It was a bluey-white, filmy something that was coming through the door swaying from side to side. It was transparent, he could see through it. Slowly it approached him, inch by inch. Ben's dilated eyes followed every movement, in the glass. His breath came and went in short gasps. He could not tear away his gaze from that supernatural apparition; neither could he move, he felt rooted to the spot. It was a bat that broke the spell. It dashed itself against the mirror with a thud and Ben coming to his senses wheeled round abruptly. Immediately the filmy substance resolved itself into an arm which beckoned to him to follow. It was the very last thing Ben wanted to do, but he felt helpless and followed it, with the air of an hypnotised person. The spectre led him a long way right up to the top of the house, yet, in the whole of that journey Ben did not see a single insect, bird or reptile, all had fled

from the presence of that ghostly visitor. Suddenly it stopped, Ben did the same and a part of the wall slid back revealing a cavity in which were two bulging sacks, each about a foot in height.

"Behold the gold. Take it and leave this hallowed place" said a sepuchral voice. Ben needed no second bidding, picking up the two sacks he ran down the old stairs as fast as their weight would permit him, and through the passages, casting many a fearful glance behind him for fear that the ghost of the old man should repent of his generosity and pursue him in order to retain his bags of gold, and once more let their glittering store trickle through his fleshness, itching hands. At last he reached the entrance, came once more into the fresh air, and as he fell in a dead faint in the arms of his Uncle who had rushed forward to meet him, he cried "I've saved the family from ruin, Uncle."

It was a very happy party at Ben's home on Christmas Day, of which Ben was the hero, but not for all the gold in the world could Ben again be persuaded to enter the precincts of the haunted mill. For a long time after his adventure Ben frequently awoke, in the middle of a night and found himself covered in perspiration through dreaming of the Ghost of Miser's Mill.

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