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Editorial

A school is a society of persons brought together by the decree of government and selected by examination and interview, dividing, naturally into two parts : the teachers and the taught. The process of teaching is rendered reasonably effective by giving the teacher the means of exercising control and securing obedience. This obedience is bred of one or several among many resources and appeals. Commonly, and frequently most unfortunately, fear is used to secure obedience, appeal to self-interest is employed, and much more preferably there may be a recourse to appeals of "playing the game" and not being "anti-social." In the latter case conduct is viewed by the individual or appraised by the mass as "good form" when it takes account of the common weal and is condemned as "anti-social" when it does not. This may be, if sufficiently partisan, an appeal to self-interest which substitutes judgment of actions with regard to their effect upon one's self by their effect upon one's school. Nevertheless, it is a progression. Quite obviously, a regard however subjective, for the common weal, is better than a purely selfish motivation of conduct.

When any school begins to take note of itself as a society and when the individuals which constitute that school begin to regulate their conduct with regard to the common good, condemning anti-social conduct, not exalting the school itself out of petty partisanship but as an approximation to the ideal educational establishment, then it has taken one more step towards the ideal state of society and another step away from the barbarism of complete autocracy. The ideal society is an impossible achievement. Man is by nature intensely egotistical and does not either willingly or completely sacrifice his own for the common good. It would be folly to form our ideas of the ideal society without taking the nature of man into account. Realising that the ideal is unattainable and that nevertheless we must endeavour to attain it, we cannot advocate

the complete abolition of sanctions. This would be madness. However much we may regret it theoretically, we must realise that nobody is capable of living the completely ideal life and that even the saints and enlightened ones who have gone some distance towards the attainment of this ideal, are few and far between. Thus we have to retain the minimum of autocracy in democracy applied to either countries or schools. It would be folly to sweep away all control. Always there are the few who will not or cannot conform, and we must, if we wish to survive, deal with them. In a society which admittedly tends to the ideal of complete anarchy, and the abolition of all control, we cannot tolerate yet the complete anarchist.

The rise of a school parliament entails a notable extension of freedom and a subsequent limitation of control. It marks a departure from the age-old convention of the correct attitude which should exist between master and pupil. Not so many years ago, to allow boys to discuss or decide school matters, however limited their scope of discussion, would have seemed impertinent for the boys and suicidal for the school. Luckily we are a little more enlightened today and we realise that the old ideas of vicious corporal punishment sporadically administered, stern unbending discipline, rigidly officious and over-scrupulous rules and mutual hostility between masters and boys, must be relegated to the attic. Although human nature does not change, we see that the state of civilization to which a society and a school tries to attain, does change and progress. A school parliament is indeed a fine step forward.

Democracy presupposes an ideal state of society which can never exist. Nevertheless, various countries have sought to establish democratic systems of government. It presupposes that if men are given the chance to choose their own representatives they will select only those best fitted for the particular responsibility. This, of course, does not and will not take place. The system is liable to many abuses. In municipal elections throughout Great Britain, over thirty per cent. of the electors do not even bother to record their votes. Here is the fatal weakness of the removal of sanctions. When men are put on their honour, thirty per cent. invariably fail the idealist and betray his trust. However, this is no occasion for despair, merely for regret.

A school parliament is fundamentally a gift of power and freedom, for the exercise of decision and the expression of opinion by democratic method within a limited field. We must remember, that democracy is as susceptible to abuse in a school as it is in a country. However it is used, it is a significant milestone to have passed. If we make good use of this parliament, if we do not abuse our freedom, if we show ourselves worthy of the trust and responsibility, nothing will impede us along the road to the ideal society.

A.J.C.

School Notes

In this issue of the Magazine we must cast our minds back to that period just before Christmas between the sending of that term's copy to print and the beginning of the vacation, in order that there shall be no gap in our record. Edward Gibbon wrote, "History, which is, indeed, little more than the register of the crimes, follies, and misfortunes of mankind." So we do not in these columns aspire to History : ours are merely "the abstracts and brief chronicles of the time."

The Carol Service held just before the recess was an opportunity for all to partake in a corporate recognition of the significance of Christmas, and an opportunity for the choir to show what was being done with it and how well. Spectacular success is easy of achievement, popularity with the uncultured a descent to paths smoothed by accepted mediocrity, but the setting of high standards from the beginning demands harder work, sacrifice or temporary popularity, and the postponement of that measure of common recognition that so many inferior beings make their goal. The choir has taken the hard way in an attempt to achieve a standard that shall owe little or nothing to second-rate works.

What has been said of the School Choir must be repeated here, that the Dramatic Society shall have at least its measure of justice. Here we stress the achievement of variety with no loss of standards or lowering of prestige. To stage T. S. Eliot one year with all the significance that "Murder in the Cathedral" presents, and then switch over to "Arsenic and Old Lace" with its presentation of all that "Murder" would deny, must have been difficult of achievement, especially when the difficulties of casting are remembered. We look forward to something as well done next year.

The Autumn Term is the time for our annual Speech Contest. Standards last November were high, but there was a tendency for some candidates to ignore the fact that the set pieces must be known and should be repeated without prompting. Far too many entrants in the preliminary rounds were disqualified because they had not grasped the meaning of learning by heart. We are still convinced of the value of this contest, but we are not sure that most boys realise that it is but the climax of what should be a continuous and conscious process of speech development throughout the year. "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt," and this demands constant care ; and realise that perfection comes only by practice. . . .

"You'd scarce expect one of my age
To speak in public on the stage ;
And if I chance to fall below
Demosthenes or Cicero,
Don't view me with a critic's eye,

But pass my imperfections by.
Large streams from little mountains flow,
Tall oaks from little acorns grow."

We were glad to welcome Lieut. Malcom Thomas, the Welsh Rugby International, and to benefit from all that he could tell us. Such visits are always, we hope, a far from one-sided pleasure. There could be more of them.

Two inter-schools debates have been enjoyed ; one at Plymouth College, and the other at school. The innovation of a school parliament . . . of which more later . . . must constitute a possible menace to the Debating Society whose functions it will in great measure take over. That it will provide wider, more equally distributed, and more easily exploited opportunities for public speaking is true ; but we must not on that account be prepared to forego the valuable inter-schools contacts. In the Autumn Term we hope to organise in such a way that both activities will be at our disposal.

It is late now to welcome Messrs. Stone and Sherwood. We have already welcomed them, have learned to know them and to appreciate their contribution to the corporate and social life of the school, apart from their value as schoolmasters : we are sanguine enough to feel that they like us as much as we do them.

Mr. White, whose place Mr. Sherwood took, has settled down in his new post, and has assured us that he is very happy. He comes this way sometimes, and we are glad to have the chance to renew our friendship with him.

Sports Day went off with its usual true-to-the-minute organisation, only this time we were privileged to hold it on the fine new sports ground at the Brickfields and to have the advantage of one of the finest tracks in the West of England. That the weather was bad, with a cold wind and rain, was not altogether unusual ; but in spite of this we enjoyed a really good afternoon to which facilities for tea added greatly. We record here our warm thanks to The Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, Admiral Sir R. R. McGrigor, G.C.B., D.S.O., for the use of the ground, and to Major-General J. E. Leech Porter, C.B.E., for his presence and for his breezy speech and the presentation of prizes and certificates at the conclusion of activities.

On December 28th the School Captain and the Vice-Captain were again the guests of the Old Boys at their annual dinner. This is not only a kind thought and friendly gesture to present members of the school, but is also a wise link between the two organisations which in the long view are not two but one. Everything that tends to unify the two elements into one big whole is surely for the good of both. We are glad to note how much closer they are these days, and to realise that when a boy has done with the official side of

school life he can keep fresh and vital the friendships of youth and carry them into the greater world and into the life that he lives in it.

“ Thence to the famous orators repair,
Those ancient, whose resistless eloquence
Wielded at will that fierce democratic.”

It all arose from a suggestion that the Debating Society should stage a Royal Commission on something or other, and the fact that the Headmaster had had the idea in his mind for some long time. The Royal Commission was a chance, a natural chance, to put into effect one of the greatest experiments ever tried in this school. That the problem for the Commission became “ The Present State of Devonport High School ” is not now surprising.

An enormous amount of preliminary work was done by members of the Sixth Forms, and the Report was drafted and presented to the Upper School, with the understanding that its discussion was a preliminary to the formation of a School Parliament. At a later date elections were held on a three-party line . . . Progressive, Moderate and Independent, corresponding to the three main national political parties.

The details are reported elsewhere in this issue. For us the importance lies in the significance of it all. Parliament will meet to discuss matters of general and national interest, thus giving every boy a chance to know and learn to be interested in current affairs and the duties of intelligent citizens ; and it will also deal with school affairs, thus enabling every boy to have a say in the constitution and development of his own school on a truly democratic basis.

Democracy can defeat itself if it be not a reasoned and enlightened one : it is necessary that all Bills passed by the House should be subject to authoritative scrutiny ; and that there should be some right of veto. Every Bill will have to receive the “royal” assent, that is must be accepted by the Headmaster who will act in consultation with his Privy Council . . . the members of the Staff acting as a committee.

The Upper School, and indeed the Middle and Lower Schools, entered into the spirit of the thing with a zest and a dignified seriousness that augurs well for the future, as does the useful contributions made in surprisingly good speeches by members of the Lower School who might have been considered to be the last persons on earth to get up and make public speeches. That the ultimate effects of this great innovation will be good we have no doubt, and we wish it every success.

Here is a reminder that the last day for the sending of articles for our next issue is Friday November 9th, and please remember that they must be written on one side only of the paper. This is a matter of practical importance. We do not want to have to refuse contributions because the rule has not been obeyed.

The School Parliament

Since the coming of Mr. Barker many changes have taken place in the life of Devonport High School. Not the least of these has been the formation of a School Parliament—an institution run entirely by the boys of the school and in general bearing the same relation to the school as the English Parliament does to the English nation, except in regard to executive power. In short the seed of democracy has quickened and come to fruition among us. Such I feel confident will be the general trend of an essay written before many years are passed by one who looks back upon a venture which is at present in the experimental stage. The seed of democracy has been sown, the young plant is growing

The School Parliament has originated from two sources. For some time a small minority of enthusiastic members of the Literary and Debating Society had been endeavouring to enlarge that body into a Parliamentary Debating Society. Despite the seemingly insurmountable difficulties which arose—a strong majority opposed to change, apathy, indifference—the advocates of reform were able to assume the initiative as a result of the positive support of the Headmaster. It was Mr. Barker who suggested the possibilities of an idea much broader in its compass. With the advantage of a successful school parliament at his previous school in the Isle of Wight he was able to give valuable advice to those who conducted the experiment.

A Royal Commission had already been included as part of the Spring Term programme of the Literary and Debating Society. This commission took, as its subject, the state of Devonport High School. A committee of Sixth formers presented its report based upon an exhaustive investigation of every aspect of the school. The committee, comprising Morton (U6), Bossom (U6), Caines (6A), Rickard (6Sc) and B. Cross (L6A), presented its report to the school at a provisional meeting of parliament with Knight (L6A) as temporary speaker and Gill (U6) as Clerk of the House. The meeting was conducted with reasonable success. The House debated the report and much sensible argument was tinged with the humorous blunders of members who found some difficulty in remembering rules of parliamentary procedure.

A Bill was subsequently drafted from the recommendations of the Commissioners, and after receiving its preliminary readings before the Sixth form, was amended for its final reading before the whole school. The third reading was the acid test. From this point onwards everything depended upon the rest of the school. Those who had so far controlled were forced to sit back and allow others to take responsibility, for ultimately the success or failure of this 'leap in the dark' does not depend upon one man, does not depend upon the headmaster or the principal speaker of the Sixth

form, but upon the whole school. It was with considerable anxiety therefore, that the reaction of the school was watched and with immense relief when it became evident that the school had entered fully into the spirit of the venture.

Such was the state of affairs at the end of the Autumn Term. The Summer Term came and with it the hustle and bustle of a general election. Every form became a constituency. Posters colourful, and otherwise, completely transformed the appearance of the school ; candidates delivered impressive orations from their soap boxes and considerable friction between the parties at the party meetings added to the general fervour of excitement. Came the great day. Party leaders appeared with rosettes and the polling of votes took place in the various constituencies. Proceedings were conducted in an orderly manner and although one or two constituencies had more votes to count than they had voters, no one minded very much. The independent Party achieved success with an overall majority of two. The Progressive Party and the Moderate Party took their places in the opposition. T. Brown (U6), became Prime Minister and T. Cross (U6) and D. Morton (U6), were the leaders of the other parties respectively. P. Caines (6A) was elected as Mr. Speaker, Rich (L6A) as Clerk of the House and Reid (6G) as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The formal opening of Parliament was held successfully and the Prime Minister read the ' King's ' speech in his absence. A bill for the erection of a cross in the Assembly Hall received its first reading and a lively debate ensued upon the constitution. Provision was made for the drafting of the Constitution by the House in Committee. And now with the Constitution virtually settled, the parliament looks forward to what promises to be the most difficult stage in its young career. With the three party leaders and many of the other prominent speakers of the Sixth Form leaving this Term, the ability of the school to succeed without them will be tested to its utmost.

THE SPEAKER.

PRAEFECTI VALETE

R. TOWNSEND, now in the Executive Civil Service at London.

J. L. DAVIS, now in the Executive Civil Service at London.

C. M. NEWBY, now serving in the R.A.F. before reading History at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

R. NORTHCOTT, now at Sandhurst.

P. G. GILL, now serving in the R.A.F. before going into the Executive Civil Service.

W. N. STARKS, now reading Physics at the University College of the S.W., Exeter.

T. M. BOSSOM, now serving in the R.A.F. before going into the Executive Civil Service.

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We wish to acknowledge the receipt of many school magazines, among which are: "The Devonian," "H.M.S. Figgard Magazine," "The Plymothian," "The Medina," "The Totnesian," "The Oak Tree," "The Portmuthian," "The Albanian."

Athletic Club

Master-in-Charge: W. NASH, Esq.

Captain: B. F. THURSTON. *Secretary:* M. C. WOTTON.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Athletic Sports were held at the Brickfields on Tuesday, May 8th, this being the first time a cinder track has been used in the history of the School Athletics. Performances were not outstanding, probably because of the boisterous conditions and frequent showers during the afternoon. Nevertheless, the general standard was quite high and six new records were made. As in previous years the Jump finals with the exception of the High Jump, Open, were held at School previous to Sports Day. The standard of field events continues to improve. It must be realised that the standard of Athletics can be judged only by the number of boys who pass the standards for each event, not by outstanding performances on Sports Day. This year the number of boys passing standards has greatly increased.

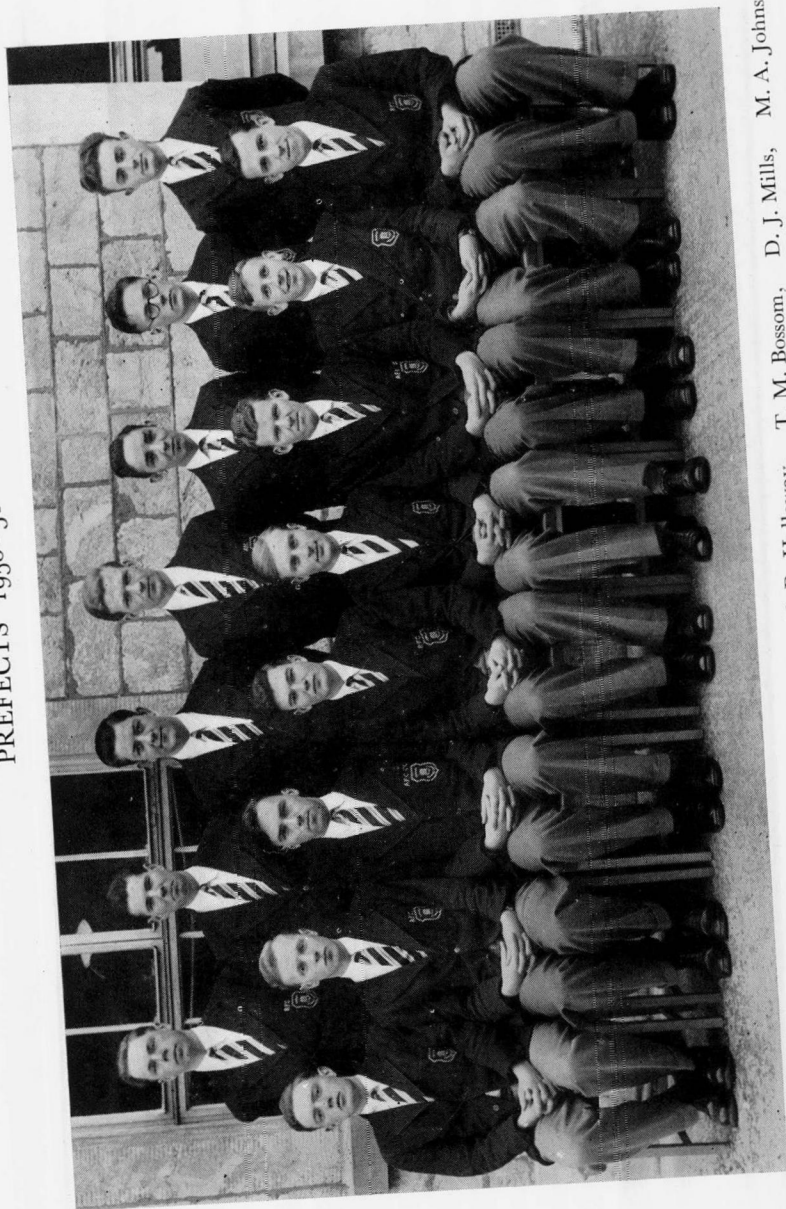
The trophies and certificates were presented by Major-General J. E. Leech Porter, C.B.E., and we were honoured by many other visitors, including the Lord Mayor (Alderman Mrs. J. Marshall).

RESULTS :

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP, 1951, GRENVILLE.

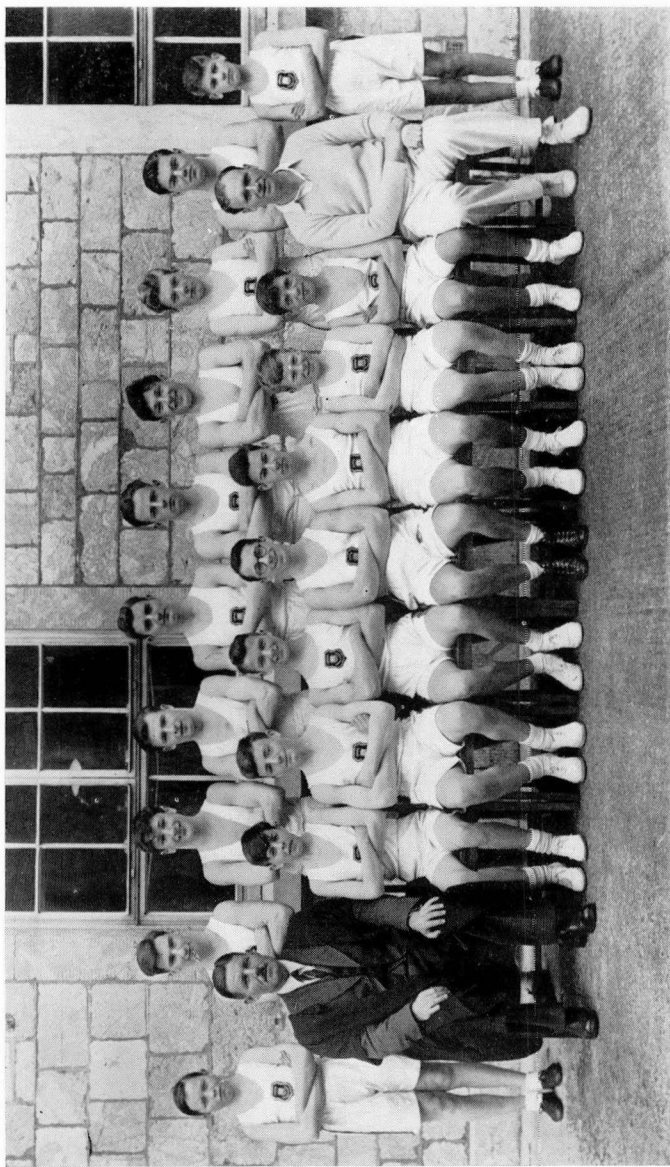
Putting the Weight, over 16 (12 lbs.). B. W. ATKINS (Gr.).
Putting the Weight, under 16 (8 lbs.). A. D. APPLEBY (Gr.).
Putting the Weight, under 15 (8 lbs.). P. M. MILLER (Dr.).
Putting the Weight, under 14 (6 lbs.). J. GREGORY (Gr.).
Discus (3 lbs. 5 ozs.), over 16. B. F. THURSTON (Gr.).
Discus (3 lbs. 5 ozs.), under 16. R. PULLEN (Gr.).
Discus (2 lbs. 3½ ozs.), under 15. W. G. MARCHANT (Gr.).
Discus (2 lbs. 3½ ozs.) under 14. A. R. PINCHES (Gi.).
Javelin, over 16. B. F. THURSTON (Gr.).
Javelin, under 16. C. BRAY (Gi.).
Javelin, under 15. D. J. PURCHASE (Gr.).
100 yards, under 12. B. THOMAS (Gi.).
100 yards, under 13. M. J. ALLISON (Ra.).
100 yards, under 14. B. E. ROLLINGS (Dr.).
100 yards, under 15. P. M. MILLER (Dr.).
100 yards, under 16. M. H. MARSHALL (Gr.).
100 yards, over 16. M. C. WOTTON (Ra.).
220 yards, under 12. B. THOMAS (Gi.).
220 yards, under 13. M. J. GRIFFITHS (Gi.).
220 yards, under 14. J. E. JOHNSON (Gr.).
220 yards, under 15. P. M. MILLER (Dr.).
220 yards, under 16. M. H. MARSHALL (Gr.).
220 Yards, over 16. M. C. WOTTON (Ra.).
440 yards, under 14. R. A. MILLER (Dr.).
440 yards, under 15. H. S. JAMES (Dr.).
440 yards, under 16. M. H. MARSHALL (Gr.).
440 yards, over 16. M. C. WOTTON (Ra.).
880 yards, under 16. G. J. GILLHESPY (Dr.).
880 yards, over 16. D. A. C. LETCHER (Ra.).

PREFECTS 1950-51



Back Row—Left to Right. D. Hosking, J. L. P. Davis, K. R. Holloway, T. M. Bosson, D. J. Mills, M. A. Johnson,
P. A. J. Caines
Front Row—Left to Right. J. M. Bowley, B. H. Cousins, D. A. C. Letcher, D. R. Wanstall, A. J. Cross (*Head Prefect*),
R. Townsend, D. Morton, A. P. B. Wilmot

BOXING CLUB 1950-51



Standing—Left to Right, C. A. Rich, G. W. J. Mathews, A. C. Atkins, D. E. Rendle, D. F. Parr, B. Thurston, B. W. Atkins, E. D. Lewin, M. H. Green, B. J. Lockyer

Seated—Left to Right, Mr. S. G. Barker (Headmaster), R. A. W. Strike, R. W. Beresford, M. J. Dooley, J. E. E. Evans (Capt. and British Schoolboy Champion, 2nd year), R. H. Parnell, R. D. Smerdon, M. F. Bishop, Mr. J. P. Reynish

Mile, over 16. D. A. C. LETCHER (Ra.).
 High Jump, under 12. C. WEBB (Ra.).
 High Jump, under 13. D. WONNACOTT (Gi.).
 High Jump, under 14. B. E. ROLLINGS (Dr.).
 High Jump, under 15. A. C. ATKINS (Gr.).
 High Jump, under 16. C. BRAY (Gi.).
 High Jump, over 16. B. J. LANG (Gr.).
 Long Jump, under 12. C. WEBB (Ra.).
 Long Jump, under 13. J. R. BRECKON (Dr.).
 Long Jump, under 14. J. R. BOYCE (Gr.).
 Long Jump, under 15. M. PARNELL (Gr.).
 Long Jump, under 16. A. D. APPLEBY (Gr.).
 Long Jump, over 16. W. I. JOINT (Gr.).
 75 yards Hurdles (2ft. 6in.), under 15. A. C. ATKINS (Gr.).
 120 yards Hurdles (3ft.), under 16. A. J. HERRING (Dr.).
 120 yards Hurdles (3ft.), over 16. C. A. MAPSTONE (Gr.).
 Pole Vault, over 16. B. W. ATKINS (Gr.).
 Hop, Step and Jump, under 13. J. R. BRECKON (Dr.).
 Hop, Step and Jump, under 14. R. MITCHELL (Gi.).
 Hop, Step and Jump, under 15. J. COLES (Gr.).
 Hop, Step and Jump, under 16. R. PARNABY (Dr.).
 Hop, Step and Jump, over 16. B. F. THURSTON (Gr.).
 Relay, under 12, 4 x 110 yards. GILBERT.
 Relay, under 13, 2 x 110 yards, 2 x 220 yards. GILBERT.
 Relay, under 14, 2 x 110 yards, 2 x 220 yards. DRAKE.
 Relay, under 15, 4 x 220 yards. DRAKE.
 Relay, under 16, 4 x 220 yards. GRENVILLE.
 Relay, over 16, 440, 220, 220, 440 yards. GRENVILLE.

TROPHY WINNERS:

The House Championship Shield: GRENVILLE.
 The Revington Relay Cup : GRENVILLE.
 The Victor Ludorum Cup (Track events): M. C. WOTTON.
 The Treseder Cup (Field events): B. F. THURSTON.
 The Under 16 Cup (Track events): M. MARSHALL.
 The Under 16 Cup (Field events): A. D. APPLEBY.
 The Under 15 Championship Cup: P. M. MILLER.
 The Under 14 Championship Cup: R. E. ROLLINGS.
 The Under 13 Championship Cup: Shared by J. R. BRECKON and M. J. GRIFFITH.
 The Under 12 Championship Cup: Shared by B. THOMAS, A. J. WIFFILL and C. WEBB.

DEVON PUBLIC AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS SPORTS.

The twelfth Inter-School Sports were held at Kelly College on Saturday, May 26th. The School were sixth out of the fourteen Schools which competed. Wotton put up a very good performance in finishing second in both the 100 yds. and 220 yds. Thurston was third in the Javelin, and Mapstone third in the Hurdles. Marshall, Lang and Cousins also gained places in their respective events. In all, the School team did much better than was expected. These Sports are extremely well conducted, and it should be the aim of all the School athletes to be selected to take part at this meeting. Boys lower down in the School should practice hard with this aim in view.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS.

This took place at Millbay Park on Saturday, June 2nd. The School put up a good all-round performance to win the Godding Cup with the highest number of points in all events. The performances in the 15 to 17 year groups were extremely good but did not count for points. In the under 15 group the performances were average and points were gained by obtaining a large number of places, particularly in the field events.

At the time of going to print we still have two athletic matches, against H.M.S. Fisgard and Truro School. This will be the first time that we have competed against Truro School and we hope that it will now become an annual match.

Rugby Club

Capt. of 1st XV: D. HOSKING. *Vice-Captain:* K. R. HOLLOWAY.

Secretary: D. R. WANSTALL.

The 1950-51 season saw a further development of the Rugger Club; for the first time six XV's were turned out regularly. This was achieved by the formation of a Second Under 13 XV, with the purpose of providing games for boys down to Form I. Thus, some days, 90 boys represented the School and, on Oct. 14th, when four School games and two Junior House matches were played, a record number of 120 boys played rugger.

The 1st XV was enthusiastically led by D. Hosking and D. R. Wanstall was a very efficient secretary. Wanstall was most unlucky to break his wrist in the first minute of the first practice. The results were better than in the previous year; of 17 games, seven were won and four drawn; 160 points were scored, against 118. It was a peculiar season. Having been beaten by a good H.M.S. "Fisgard" pack in the opening game, the team beat Sutton H.S., Launceston College, Plymouth College, St. Boniface's College and Hele's School in quick succession,—and at times played excellently, as when beating Plymouth College by 30 pts. to 3. But then no other game was won until February 17th when Truro School were beaten in the return game. The undoubted reason for this decline was that, because of the demands of other School activities, few practices were well attended, after the opening weeks of the season, and poor handling, weak defensive covering and indifferent tackling naturally followed. We were beating Kelly College, 11—6, 20 minutes from time, yet lost, 11—22; we beat Hele's School, 12—3, on November 4th, yet lost 3—22 on January 20th. These figures speak for themselves. A really fit side would have won all the four drawn games and the season's record would have been most creditable.

The Second XV was the youngest and weakest that we have ever fielded and won only one game. The Colts were a little more successful, winning 4 of 13 games, but it was unfortunate that

several of their best players left School during the season. On the other hand, the Junior teams showed great promise. The Under 14 XV contained several outstanding boys and won all but three of its games, whilst the Under 13 XV had another remarkable year, losing only one of 15 games and scoring 221 pts. to 15. The Under 13 "B" XV, which often included boys under 12, won four, drew two and lost six.

The warm thanks of the Rugger Club are offered to the Parents' Association for providing tea for our visiting teams, who were most appreciative.

So extensive a programme of games could be carried through only by the co-operation of a large number of the Staff, whose time, skill and experience were once more generously given; the Rugger Club thanks them most sincerely.

Colours awarded in 1950-1:—

1st XV (Re-Awards): Hosking, Holloway, Hugo, Reid, Wilmot; (New Awards) Atkins, Goswell, Green, Mapstone, Rickard, Thurston and Vanstone.

2nd XV: (Re-Awards): Ralph, Hancock, Rendle; (New Awards) Armstrong, Champion, Merrett and Rowe.

H.M.

Soccer Club

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Master-in-Charge : Mr. H. G. WARREN.

Captain : R. TOWNSEND. *Vice-Captain :* T. M. BOSSOM.

Secretary : J. M. BOWLEY.

Despite the weather having played havoc with our fixtures the Club has enjoyed another successful season.

As we anticipated in our last notes the record of the 1st XI has been outstanding. It is the first time for very many years that the 1st XI has won all its matches. The team played well together; the defence was compact and effective, though its heading could have been improved; the attack was thrustful and consistent, though combination was sometimes lacking because of undue emphasis on individual effort.

The 2nd XI has been most inconsistent, but it is difficult to understand why, because, whenever it has been necessary for one of its members to play for the 1st XI he has played well.

Like all school teams, the colts XI programme was curtailed by the weather, but they displayed much enthusiasm and ability.

As was the case last year, the Senior League XI recovered well from a bad start and finished the season in excellent style by defeating both the winner of the League and of the knock-out cup. The two Junior XI's have both spirit and skill and appear likely to maintain the school's high standard.

Our thanks are especially due to Messrs. Warren, Barkell, Wayne, Vanstone, Adams, Tamblin, Waye, Pethick, and May, and others who give so willingly of their own time to help the successful organisation of our games.

RECORD.

			<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
							<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XI	...	...	17	17	0	0	103	16
2nd XI	...	...	11	5	2	4	44	26
Colts XI	...	...	10	6	2	2	35	18
Under 15 XI	...	...	10	4	1	5	22	22
Under 14 XI	...	...	15	12	1	2	62	22
Under 13 XI	...	...	10	2	3	5	17	25

Colours.

1st XI: (Renewed): Townsend, Bossom, Bowley, Letcher, Cousins; (Awarded): Archer, Nethercott, Boote, Marshall, Bray, McManus.

2nd XI: (Renewed): Knight, Lang, Nethercott; (Awarded): Tolley, Joint, Caines, Davey, Wood, Ede, Rainford.

J. M. BOWLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

House Notes

DRAKE

Final positions for 1950-1951:—

Rugger : Second.

Soccer : Third (tied with Grenville).

Athletics : Second (tied with Raleigh).

Cricket : Undecided.

Well done Drake! After reasonably good performances in the Rugger and Soccer Championships, that in the Athletics surpassed all our expectations. Several years have passed since we ever tied with another House for second place, and our success this year is the result of a real sterling effort by the House as a whole. Miller (P. M.) and Rollings are to be especially congratulated for winning the —15 and —14 championships, and to Breckon for tying with Griffiths of Gilbert for the —13 Championship. We take this opportunity of extending our thanks to the Staff who gave much of their own time to officiate over the various preparations necessary for the success of the Sports Day.

At the time of writing the House has played but two cricket matches, both against Grenville, the Juniors winning while the Seniors lost. We hope that the Juniors will continue their success and that the seniors will find the wickets more favourable in their other matches.

Academically the House has maintained its tradition. Our congratulations are offered to Newey for his fine-performance in winning an Open exhibition in History at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and to Bossom, who was awarded a Ballard Scholar-

ship in English at the U.C.S.W. Bossom and Wanstall won places at St. John's and Pembroke Colleges, Cambridge and have both been offered appointments in the Executive Branch of the Civil Service.

Best wishes from the House to those who are taking the General Certificate of Education at the Advanced and Ordinary Levels.

D. R. WANSTALL, *House Captain*.

GILBERT

Results for 1950-51 :—

	Seniors	Juniors	Total
Soccer	1st	2nd	1st
Rugger	3rd	4th	3rd.
Athletics	—	—	4th
Chess	—	—	2nd.

Despite the fact that Gilbert was again fourth in the recent Athletic Sports the House has really improved since last year. There was evidence that this year a fair proportion of our members really made some effort to gain standards. In fact, Gilbert gained nearly twice as many standards as last year, and this may be attributed to the increased number attempted. At the commencement of the actual sports Gilbert had almost as many points as two of the other Houses—a most unusual situation. We congratulate all those who strove for Gilbert on Sports Day and before, especially Bray, Pinches and Mills, who worked well at organising various age-groups. Special credit is due to Pinches who set up a new record of 81 ft. in the Discus event (—14).

Both Senior and Junior Soccer teams did well, Gilbert sharing first place with Raleigh. At Rugger, the Juniors had a terrible season, whilst the Seniors were little better, winning only one match.

To those Gilbert Juniors who regard our sporting records with some dismay, my advice is to look to the future. Do your best for Gilbert while a Junior and make it your aim to prove a better Senior than most of the present collection of *apathetic gentlemen*. "Effort," is the watchword for all Juniors, and also for those Seniors who are not past redemption.

D. HOSKING, *House Captain*.

GRENVILLE

The end of the winter games period saw Grenville top in the Rugger Championship and sharing third place with Drake in the Soccer. The low position in Soccer, however, was not as bad as it seemed as the margin of points between the top and bottom houses was extremely small. The Annual school sports this year brought another great win for Grenville, a noticeable feature being the

corporate effort made by the whole house in the obtaining of standards ; we set our target at 400 and very nearly reached it. This was done by boys who, although they thought they could not do it, were willing to go out and have a try. A very fine effort. On the actual Sports Day events Grenville won handsomely by a margin of over 50 pts.

We congratulate Thurston, our athletics captain, on breaking two field records in such boisterous conditions and on winning the Field event cup.

The house cricket teams have done well so far, the Seniors having won both their matches and the juniors having lost one and won one. The remaining fixture with Raleigh completes our 'fixture list,' from which I hope to see Grenville emerge cricket champions. The year has been altogether a very successful one with many more boys taking an interest in the house activities. This means that the St. Levan Shield has been won by Grenville as a house and not by a select number of boys. Well done, Grenville.

R. TOWNSEND, *House Captain.*

RALEIGH

The House has been reasonably successful so far this year in the Inter-House competition, but is still only a good second to Grenville. Raleigh finished first in the Soccer Championship, but this success was offset by the low position of the Rugger teams. In the cricket games to date the Seniors drew with Gilbert but the Juniors lost to the same house. The Juniors must make a determined effort to win their remaining games to atone for this defeat.

The House managed to remain second in the Athletic Sports, but had to share the position with Drake. We obtained the second highest number of standards but gained the least number of points on pre-Sports Day events. We congratulate M. Wotton on being Victor Ludorum, and also on gaining second place in both the 100 yards and the 220 yards in the Inter-Schools Athletic Sports at Kelly College.

The Chess team has done very well to finish first by a considerable margin. Only a year ago an appeal had to be made for more boys to play chess, and now we have a good team which should be capable of winning next year.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the House, all the masters who have, throughout the past school year, given so much of their time to officiate at the various sporting activities of the House.

D. A. C. LETCHER, *House Captain.*

Out of School Activities

TENNIS CLUB.

This season we have been able to use the courts at Collings Park on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and on one Saturday a month. The season commenced with the Fifth and Sixth Forms making full use of the facilities but, with the approach of examinations the attendance fell off. It will undoubtedly revive when such stresses and strains are removed.

At the start of the season we anticipated playing only two or three matches but thanks largely to the enthusiasm of the Secretary we have had a very full programme and have played six matches to date though most of our opponents were too strong for us physically and in experience, although many matches were more closely contested than the results suggest, especially by our third couple who though winning only two matches to date hold the record for the number of games played.

The results to date have been:—

v. Hill Lane (A) 2—7; *v.* 23 Club (H); *v.* H.M.S. Figgard (A) 6—3; *v.* Torquay Grammar School (H) 2—6; *v.* Kelly College (A) 1—7; *v.* H.M.S. Figgard (H) 4—3; *v.* Staff (H) 2—6.

Our remaining matches are against Torquay Grammar School (A), 23 Club (A) and Kelly College (H).

We feel that we have obtained valuable experience from these games, especially concerning court tactics, and realise that one of the main lessons still to be learnt is that during a losing spell it is absolutely necessary to change one's game and act grimly on the defensive until the tide turns.

We are grateful for the facilities that we have had this term, but feel that we shall continue to be handicapped until we can obtain more coaching. In this respect a practice wall would be invaluable, and we are hoping that the Authorities will find it possible to supply one.

SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA.

A most interesting programme was presented by the choir and orchestra at the concert given in March. The diversity of the performance was exemplified by the fact that Madrigals of the 16th century were separated by only one item from movements of "Facade Suite," by the 20th century composer, William Walton. The first part of the concert consisted of orchestral pieces, music for recorders, piano and violin solos, and the aforementioned Madrigals. After the interval the Junior Choir performed "Stabat Mater," by G. B. Pergolesi, 1710-1736. The success of this concert was largely due to the perseverance of Mr. G. Self.

Preparations are being made for Speech Day, and an end-of-term concert.

R. M. Cook.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, January 16th and the four following evenings, at the Globe Theatre, the Dramatic Society presented J. Kesselring's "Arsenic and Old Lace," a comedy in which the elements are as strangely mixed as in its diverting title.

The production was achieved in spite of serious difficulties. The coincidence of examinations prevented some senior boys from taking part. Then, a week before the opening, the producer fell a victim to lumbago; the stage-manager was too ill to attend throughout the play's run and several members of the cast struggled bravely against influenza. The spectator might well have asked, as King Richard II did: "Can sick men play so nicely?"

The entire action takes place in the living-room of the Brewster home in Brooklyn, New York, but this one set requires three doors, an open staircase, and a window large enough for the passage of grim luggage. The set, constructed by the School, was admirable in every way, whilst realism—the very necessary background of absurd, macabre comedy—was completed by assembling a wide variety of stage-properties, including suitably old-fashioned clothes and furniture and the portrait of a former Brewster, the sinister ancestor of this mad brood. The set-designer, the property-master and the lighting expert are to be warmly congratulated.

But realism was endangered by the diversity of accents. As the action takes place in New York, either all the characters must speak American or none; there is then, in either case, no incongruity. But in this production Dr. Harper, Mr. Witherspoon, Elaine, Mr. Gibbs and all the Brewsters, except Jonathon, spoke English. Then in burst American-speaking Officer Klein and his Irish-American colleagues and Jonathon with his Bowery accent. All this gave the effect of an American crime drama strangely translated to an English suburban home. In this environment, Teddy Brewster spoke like a retired English colonial administrator; it seemed much more likely that, in his madness, he would have imagined himself to be Sir Stamford Raffles, rather than Mr. Theodore Roosevelt.

It is obvious that a boys' school undertakes a specially difficult task in presenting a play in which the two central characters are women. But M. J. Rich and K. R. Prowse, as Abby and Martha Brewster, enjoyed a triumph. A tendency, at the beginning of the week, to be too fussy and dithery was soon corrected and their later performances were delightful. Their costumes, make-up, voices, gestures and movements were quite convincingly those of the benign, elderly sisters who, in pure goodness of heart, offered lonely men a glass of elderberry-wine and swift despatch to a happier world.

The part of Elaine presents even greater difficulties for the producer, since it is harder to make up a boy to look like a young

woman than an elderly one and as size and voice must be in proper relationship to those of the other actors, the part must be taken by a Junior School boy. B. A. Finch, who is in the Third Form, played Elaine in a most pleasant, self-possessed way and, in spite of a large and ugly wig, made a quite attractive young woman.

A. Dark, as Teddy Brewster, had the most rewarding part in the play and he wasted none of his many opportunities. The timing and utterance of his speeches were perfect; his gestures and gait were masterly; he really listened to remarks addressed to him; he clothed his mad fancy that he was the President of the United States with rich absurdity and impressive dignity.

The long role of Mortimer was played by D. J. Mills, the worst of the influenza victims. He had moreover to combat the impossibility of making-up a boy to look like a young man; each time he came on, one wondered what on earth the School Librarian was doing among the lunatic Brewsters. But that was not the actor's fault and Mills gave a performance of great merit—clearly-spoken, confident, mature and well sustained acting which gave full value to the varied situations in which he found himself.

As Jonathan Brewster, mad like so many of his family and a criminal, L. C. Nethercott gave a most fitting performance of exaggerated tenseness, violence and evil. He looked like Boris Karloff and, as the author intended that he should, he spoke and acted like the stage-gangster to end all stage-gangsters. His fellow-criminal, the oily, shambling, untidy Doctor Einstein, gave H. S. Pomroy another opportunity to show his great ability as an actor. He skilfully maintained the guttural, foreign accent and the hunch-backed gait of the loathsome Doctor, and his evil, sadistic leer completed a memorable character-study.

The four police-officers, who satirise so effectively the New York police-force, were competently played by K. R. Holloway, R. H. Parnell, G. W. Ralph and G. W. Ashworth. They all looked very smart in the handsome uniforms and each contrasted clearly in character with the others. Ralph, as the drama-loving Officer O'Hara, had the most exacting part of the four and he carried off admirably his main scene—the lengthy detailing of the plot of his unwritten masterpiece to the eminent critic, Mortimer, then, most unhappily for a critic, gagged as well as bound.

As the Rev. Dr. Harper, P. G. Gill contributed an amusing caricature. The real purpose of his conversation with Abby in the first scene of the play is to convey certain information to the audience. Unfortunately, in the background, Teddy Brewster was performing comically, but unnecessarily, and the audience was diverted from the author's intention. On the other hand, skilful production made the small part of Mr. Gibbs, taken by D. F. Parr, one of the high-lights of the play. With his stiff-legged walk, his red nose, his phlegm-strangled voice ("Can't I see the roobe?") he looked like the personification of the common cold

itself. How sorry we all felt for him ! How relieved we were when he brusquely refused the dreadful drink ! How horrified when he changed his mind ! What a gasp of relief as Mortimer saved him !

But there was no one to save Mr. Witherspoon, played by B. H. Cousins, in the last scene. As the final curtain falls, we watch him raise to his lips his very last glass of elderberry wine ! This unsurpassable ending completed a delightful performance which had given evident pleasure to the audience; and that, as a famous French writer dryly said, is the principal requirement of a play.

PARTERRE.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

Although the pressure of other school activities has curtailed our meetings, we have succeeded in having two interesting talks this term. These were well attended. Mr. Nicholas gave a talk on the "Origins of Greek Drama." Rich (L.VIA) followed by talking about the "Presentation of a Greek Play." These talks were designed to throw some light upon the many features of modern drama which would be otherwise difficult to explain.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Nicholas and to Rich for their efforts to achieve this somewhat difficult aim and we hope that many other talks will be given, so keeping interest in the Classics alive.

K. R. PROWSE, *Hon. Secretary.*

TABLE TENNIS

This year has been a very successful one in all respects. For the first time a School Tournament was held with great success, and it ran very smoothly in spite of the large number of entries. Two separate competitions were held, the Singles Tournament, which was won by Ackford (L.VI Arts), who beat Rainford (U.VI) in the final, and the Doubles Tournament, which was won by Rainford and Ackford, who beat Davis (U.VI) and Boote (VI Arts) in the final.

A Home and an Away match were held with Sutton High School. The Home match was won by 4—1, and the Away by 5—1.

The standard of play is steadily improving, having already reached a very high level. It is hoped that soon, with better equipment, that standard might improve even more. We are sorry to say that membership must still be confined to the 2nd and 3rd year Sixth Formers, because the number of members is already quite large, and only one table is in use during the lunch hour.

R. B. EVENS, 6 Arts, *Hon. Secretary.*

ART CLUB.

Attendances have been fewer than usual this term, owing to the greater attraction of out-door activities. A number of members have, however, continued to come regularly, with, we think a good deal of benefit to themselves, and probably to the School. I.W.G.

BOXING CLUB.

Captain: J. E. E. EVANS. *Vice-Captain:* B. W. ATKINS.
Junior Captain: A. C. ATKINS. *Secretary:* D. E. RENDLE.

Although, through no unwillingness on our part, only two team contests were held, this year has been another successful one from the point of view of individual effort.

Repeating his last year's performance, our captain J. E. E. Evans won the Flyweight Title in the Senior B division of the British Schoolboy Championships after a thrilling battle with his London opponent.

In the same championships, B. W. Atkins was a semi-finalist in the Senior A Middleweight group, G. W. Matthews and D. F. Parr were County Champions, M. J. Dooley and M. H. Green won, and A. C. Atkins, R. W. Beresford and A. G. Wortelhook were runners-up in the Plymouth Championships.

In its fixtures the team drew its annual match with 12th Plymouth Scouts 4—4, and the Juniors beat Prince Rock S.M. School 4—2.

A pleasing feature has been the keenness shown in training, not only by the regular team members, but by a large number of juniors, who train regularly and enthusiastically, although many of them do not aspire to box for the Team. Credit goes to our Captain, J. E. E. Evans for the unselfish manner and interest he has shown in helping to nurse these boys along.

Colours were awarded to J. E. E. Evans, A. C. Atkins and G. Wortelhook.

D. E. RENDLE, *Secretary*.

STAMP CLUB.

The club has had many interesting and varied meetings since the last issue of the magazine. Among these was a Brains Trust with Mr. Hopford, Mills, Laity and Lakeman as the team. The following week a very pleasant evening was spent indulging in a Treasure Hunt. Mills (VL) gave an interesting impromptu talk on "Specialisation" and aptly answered many questions. There were many competitions, including a Recognition and Description Competition. Two very interesting visits were paid to the G.P.O. Sorting Office at Pennycomequick, where members followed the journey of a letter from the mailbox to its home. A film entitled "The Philatelist's story of Oil" led to an intensive discussion on uncommon oil stamps.

The Stamp-Club Library has re-opened with Mantle and Kestell as librarians. This library contains many interesting magazines, books and catalogues, and is well worth a visit by all members.

It is very pleasing to note the increase in attendance during the past two terms, and as many more interesting meetings are planned I hope the attendance will be kept up.

B. LAITY, *Hon. Secretary*.

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Since the last edition of this magazine the various sections of the Society have continued to flourish, and several visits to places of scientific interest have been undertaken, including the projected trip to the B.B.C. studios, Mannamead, mentioned in the last issue. As is customary, operations have been temporarily suspended for the summer term except in the case of the Photographic Sections. At the time of writing the Cine Group is engaged in taking a semi-documentary film of school life. The still photographers are, we hope, also preparing for the usual exhibition of prints at the School Garden Party.

To return to the activities of the Society as a whole, a glance at the minute book reveals that attendances were rather above average for the Easter term. A wide variety of subjects was covered in the course of films and lectures, ranging from "Gemmology" to a film on "Chain Grate Stoking." The talk on precious stones was given by Mr. Bowden, an old boy of the school who is highly qualified in this specialised applied science, and he enthralled his audience with his address no less than with his exhibits. Another most valuable contribution to our programme was a lecture by Mr. Braithwaite of Acheson Colloids Ltd., on the choice of a scientific career. The lecturer spoke from first-hand experience on several of the types of appointment available in the wide field of industrial scientific research, but stressed the necessity for an absorbing interest in the subject chosen for study. The full benefits of a discourse such as this are not immediately apparent, but Mr. Braithwaite at least succeeded in convincing his audience that a scientific career provides satisfaction for the hard-working enthusiast. The lecture series ended with a visit from Mr. Molland, who gave most helpful information on miniature camera technique, and exhibited a remarkably good collection of monochrome prints and colour transparencies.

The most recent visit undertaken this session had as its object the Generating Station at Prince Rock. Twenty members of the Society were conducted in two groups through the plant, visiting in turn the low and high pressure boiler installations, and the massive turbines. Finally the groups were conducted to the control room and shown the mechanism employed in maintaining steady voltages.

A welcome return visit was made to the paper mills of Messrs. Portals Ltd., Ivybridge. The latter trip is rapidly becoming one of the most eagerly anticipated features of our programme. As usual the information offered was of a non-technical nature, indicating, yet again that there is no reason why the privileges of membership of the Science Society should be confined merely to members recruited from the science side of the Senior School. Admittedly, the more technical branches of the Society such as the

Radio Section would appear to be beyond the scope of the Arts' student, but most of the films, lectures and demonstrations arranged would be of interest to all.

Since its inception, the practice of the Society has been to hold a general meeting at the beginning of each School year to elect the officers for that year. It has been suggested, however, that a better method would be to elect the new committee at the close of each session, to allow the new members to formulate a programme; we hope therefore that by the time of publication new officials will have been appointed and that a programme will be in course of preparation.

In conclusion, the Committee members and the Society as a whole wish to thank all those who have in any way helped to make the programme of the past session both pleasant and instructive.

B. R. KEENE, *Hon. Secretary.*

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Five new highly-polished oak tables, and the erection of reading-shelves along the North wall, have formed a very welcome and attractive addition to the Library this term. This brings our complement of tables to eight, with seating space for over forty boys. The shelves in particular, with bright covers of magazines standing out in relief against dark varnish, add a pleasing touch of colour to a part of the room which until recently was bare and uninteresting.

At the Southern end our stock of newspapers has grown in bulk during this last term; and many thanks are due to the Plymouth Public Library for sending us back-copies of certain weekly publications which we had been unable to afford. We now have thirteen different weekly and daily papers ranging from the "Children's Newspaper" to the "Times," and from "Tribune" to "Truth."

It is encouraging to note that the Library is being used with increasing frequency by the Sixth Form during private study periods throughout the day; members of the Science Sixth as well as art students are beginning to appreciate the undoubted benefits of study in an aesthetic environment.

Thus, as term succeeds term we see the Library ever approaching its ideal. With new tables and shelves, a proud complement of books and magazines designed to suit all tastes and interests, the hanging of reproductions of famous pictures lent to us monthly by the School Museum Service, and the promise of new book-cases next year, the School Library is fast becoming a room in which one may work in the most agreeable of surroundings.

D. J. MILLS, *Hon. Librarian.*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

We regret the loss of the valuable services of C. M. Newey, who has entered the Air Force before going up to Cambridge. The Society successfully completed a very intensive Spring Term programme which included debates on "Birth Control," "American foreign policy," "Public Schools," and an address by Mr. Clark on "Psychology and current affairs."

The inter-schools debate arranged by the Society proved successful, and although the attendance was not very large, owing to examinations and other engagements, the proportion of those present who spoke was extremely high, while the quality of the speeches was excellent. An inter-schools debate was attended by members of the Society at Plymouth College and T. Bossom proposed the motion which was carried.

A committee, which was appointed early in the term, assumed the task of organising the Society's programme with particular reference to a "Royal Commission." The work of the committee resulted in greater efficiency within the Society in general, and its success is indicated by the fine mock parliament which was held. From the parliamentary experiment a permanent School Parliament has developed, the activities of which have, for the time, superseded those of the Literary and Debating Society. It is expected that the Society will resume its operations in the coming school year in a slightly altered form. Various suggestions have already been made as to the nature of the new organisation, but whatever form it takes, it will certainly modify the custom of debating current affairs. Specialisation will probably be the basis of its transformation.

THE CHESS CLUB.

Despite lack of support from the Upper School, the Club has had an active season, though not a particularly successful one.

The following table shows how the club team has played in the Plymouth School's League:—

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
7	2	4	1

There was also a School versus Staff match, which the Staff won, ($4\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$). A friendly game was played with a team from Public Secondary School, which the School won (5—4).

The House positions were as follows:—

1. Raleigh with 11 points.
2. Gilbert with 5 points.
3. Drake and Grenville with 4 points each.

We congratulate K. W. Jemmett on winning the individual championship.

K. R. PROWSE, *Hon. Secretary.*

FIELD SOCIETY.

Since it is essentially an out-of-doors Society, the work of the Field Club, since Christmas, has been greatly hampered by the bad weather. All the visits of the combined sections had to be cancelled owing to heavy rain. It has, also, been found that the division of the Society into various sections has not been completely successful.

The Bird Section has been one of the most active elements. Much good work and keen observation have been carried out in the Tamerton area. This parish (although within the city boundaries), has been found to be a very profitable district for bird-watching. Maps have been constructed and records kept which should be of assistance to future ornithologically-minded members.

The Ecology Section has only managed two visits for field-study. One visit was to Warleigh Marsh and the other to a small beech wood near Blaxton. The work of this section has been hindered by lack of experience, and, also, by lack of guidance.

The Archaeological Section have found little to interest them at Tamerton Foliot, and so they have confined their work to the hut circles at Merrivale. The bad, spring weather has made their trips to the Moor few and far between.

The Historical Section has had an interesting time searching through all the records they could find relating to Tamerton Foliot and district.

It is hoped that next term more visits will be made involving all the sections of the Society. M. G. MERRETT, *Hon. Secretary*.

SCOUT LOG.

This year the Troop is more ambitious in its choice of Summer Camp site, in the very near future eight Senior and sixteen Boy Scouts will be pitching their tents at Avocat, County Wicklow, on what is probably the best camp-site in Ireland. Fingers are crossed for good weather. On the 6th July, twenty-eight members are also going to Mount Edgcumbe to take part in the Jamboree.

Every week-end this term, camps have been held on our permanent camp-site, at Clearbrook, for which we have been fortunate in obtaining a hut. Three new hiking-tents have also been bought for the Seniors.

On Saturday, 23rd June, the Parents were invited to a camp-fire at Clearbrook, where "stunts" were performed by the Scouts for their entertainment, and the programme was completed with songs and "yells." Although the weather threatened to be unkind during the day, it had cleared by evening and everyone had a very pleasant time.

Since the last publication of the magazine we have gained three First Class badges, four Senior and six Junior Proficiency badges.

D. R. WANSTALL (*A.S.M.*).

MUSIC SOCIETY.

The second half of our season has been a momentous one. The Thursday evening recitals were continued as usual, and the notable feature has been the mature, pleasant atmosphere that has prevailed at every meeting. This is significant when we realise that boys from the first and second forms have attended; it means that our Society is growing up and assuming a character of its own. We have had two outside speakers to entertain us by their instructive and interesting talks, and we are very grateful to them. The first was Mr. D. H. Clark, who gave an illustrated lecture on Stravinsky's "Le Sacre du Printemps," and the other was Mr. Cocks, who has done such valuable work for our Scout Troop. His lecture was on Sibelius.

Then followed the all-important School Concert, given at the end of the term. This was the first time that the School has been able to give a full-scale concert since before the war, and the importance of the event was keenly appreciated by all who came. We should like to thank the hundreds of parents who so admirably supported it. The programme was a mixed one of solo, choir and orchestral items. The orchestra has made such tremendous progress in so short a time that the earnest thanks of the whole School must be given to Mr. Self. The junior choir finished the evening with a very good performance of Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater." Next winter we hope to make still greater progress.

T. M. BOSSOM, *Hon. Secretary.*

CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY.

The success of the Society will be considerably increased by the allocation of a new Current Affairs room. This, we hope will be a popular haunt of the Upper School.

During the past School year, many varied and interesting discussions have been held. In the Spring Term a series of lunch-hour meetings was successfully started. We have had the pleasure of hearing two outside speakers: Mr. Harvey, who gave a survey of life in the Fiji Islands; and Mr. Clark, who talked about the Gambia, both talks were of great interest.

A study of current affairs embraces all subjects: it is universal; it measures the progression or retrogression of men in all walks of life. Moreover it is an exciting and refreshing study and, as such, there should be no need to encourage boys, especially young politicians, to embrace it. Nevertheless support for the Society could be stronger than it is. Far too many boys are merely interested in "examination" subjects, which may pay an immediate cash-return.

Let us therefore break down the barriers that separate the 'compartments' of knowledge and have arts and science students discussing topics, with which they are equally conversant. Let us be broad-minded.

K. R. PROWSE, *Hon. Secretary.*

GARDENING CLUB.

An appeal for aid during the Autumn Term resulted in some third of the whole School volunteering to assist in the grounds during the dinner hour and after school. A rota system was therefore established and the volunteers were divided into teams of fifteen or so boys.

Unfortunately the scheme proved impracticable. Even after the initial difficulty of ensuring the attendance of those selected to help had been overcome, the problem of control, direction and inspection of the work of each member of a group by one responsible person proved beyond the capabilities of the only two Sixth formers willing to be responsible. Thus the scheme had to be abandoned. The root cause of the difficulty lay in the surprising indifference of those who had agreed to help.

At present the school gardens are being attended by one or two Sixth form enthusiasts who manage to prevent the beds from becoming wilderness by sheer sweat of the brow. Under such conditions the valuable supervision and assistance of Mr. Nicholas, who has devoted much of his spare time to school gardening, is gratefully appreciated. If the weeding of the beds is to be done adequately, if a reasonably good display of flowers is to be achieved, if in general the appearance of the grounds is to be worthy of commendation, the School Gardening Club must have the assistance of boys of the Sixth form who are keenly interested in Gardening.

P. A. J. CAINES, *Hon. Secretary.*

Careers

Most boys are by now aware that the School has a flourishing careers guidance room, and every lunch hour finds a dozen or so serious enquirers searching for information among the very numerous pamphlets and books.

There is no doubt a number of boys still putting off the search for the paths they mean to follow and for those, the two notice boards on the ground floors of Blocks C and D are provided. The truly delightful and attractive posters designed by Mr. George and displayed in Block C will, we hope be followed by others and if these displays do not point the way to the procrastinators they must bear with the ensuing handicaps!

This term has seen the addition of many good text books on Agriculture, Engineering, Surveying, Merchant Navy and also a Dictionary of Careers which gives a concise survey of all careers likely to interest a grammar-school boy.

In conclusion, will O.B.'s please remember that news from them, giving inside information on the jobs they chose, can be of the utmost value to boys still undecided and would be an acknowledgment of the help the school gave them.

W.H.W.

Cambridge News

The Easter term at Cambridge is the time when one realises why he is there, for then Cambridge offers not only the Tripos examination but also a great variety of distractions seem to prove that exams and swotting are a waste of time. Books have been seen amid the peaceful beauty of the Backs but they are merely a guise to delude one's supervisor, who has also come to watch the punts idling up and down the river ; the peace is disturbed only by someone signalling frantically to his abandoned punt pole or diving in fully clothed to retrieve it. More energetic types, like Eric Widdecombe, are exiled to the lower reaches of the river, where they row furiously and still get bumped every day. The best cure for shattered nerves is "Tenner's", where one can doze undisturbed while Eric Rowan takes 45 minutes to score 1 run. The whole term is rounded off with May Week which takes place in June and lasts a fortnight.

The D.H.S. contingent this year numbered seven. P. J. Burrows captained the University table tennis team, but unfortunately has now finished at Cambridge. P. W. Taylor, who is doing research at Queen's, shot for the Varsity small bore club while P. I. Reid played rugby for the Woodpeckers on their tour of Cornwall and D. G. Honey ran for the University against the A.A.A. in the half-mile. J. H. Crossley and F. Gould rarely appear, although "Tiny" can occasionally be seen striding masterfully along King's Parade.

D.G.H.

Exeter News

With the session drawing quickly to a close, it is pleasant to record the impressions gained in the transition from School to College life, and to bring you news of the Old Boys at Exeter.

As a Redbrick University, Exeter is indeed fortunate as compared with other Universities of its class, in having a high proportion of its students living in Halls and this is a practical approach to the ideal of "conversational" living as advocated by Newman. Thus although the importance of the lecture room and the laboratory cannot be ignored—for it is there that knowledge is acquired,—it is in the Halls of Residence that this knowledge assumes a truer meaning in so far as it becomes related to people and to life. This, I think, is the main difference between life at School and at College. At the former, knowledge has to be acquired, at the other knowledge is not merely acquired but assimilated.

In attempting to list the names and occupations of the Old Boys at Exeter it is inevitable that some have been overlooked and to these I apologise in advance.

K. Stoye, B.Sc. (Econs.), T. Pick, B.Sc., Education year ; J. Bickle, Finalist in Economics ; W. A. Drake, R. Warner, 2nd year Special History ; H. M. Howarth, 2nd year Special Physics ; R. B. Chiswell, R. D. Hurd, W. H. A. Starks, J. V. Wills, 1st year Special Physics ; J. L. Southern, 1st year Economics ; F. Walford, 1st year Physics.

To those Old Boys who are leaving us this year we wish the best of luck for the future, and we also extend a hearty welcome to any Freshers who may be coming up in October.

W.H.A.S.

Parents' Association

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. W. H. WAY, B.Sc.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. H. G. WARREN, B.Sc.

Since our notes appeared last December a number of events have been organised. The second annual dance in December was well attended and, in spite of certain unexpected difficulties, was much enjoyed. The men of the committee dispensed minerals and at supper time, the ladies served some welcome refreshments.

In February we held another successful whist drive, a function which appears to cater for many parents and friends who are not particularly interested in dancing.

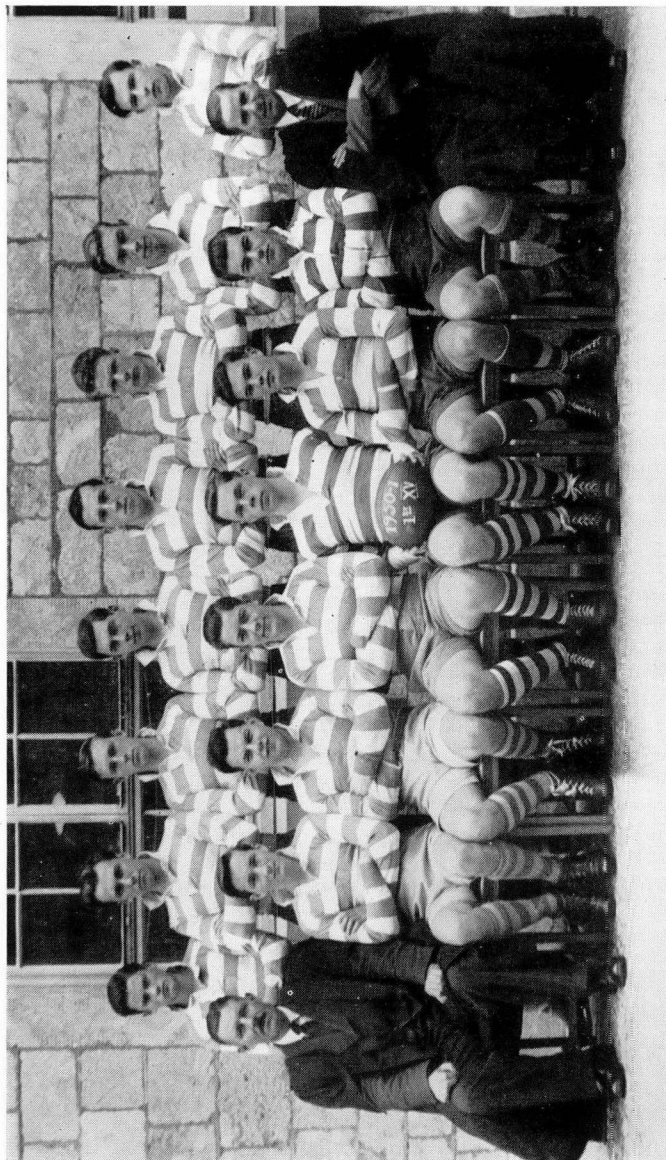
We looked forward with considerable pleasure to our Brains Trust in March when Mrs. H. Woolcombe, Dr. Scotland, Dr. Jones and Mr. Mills formed a team which the Headmaster controlled with some difficulty. Much appreciation was shown of their authoritative, humorous and considered answers to questions concerning the encouragement of boys who do less than their best, education in terms of usefulness, juvenile delinquency, and the necessity of learning foreign languages. After an interval for light refreshments the team gave impromptu answers to questions asked by parents in the audience.

Our annual coach trip this year was to Cotehele House to view the numerous historic treasures and to admire the gardens. Tea was taken at Cotehele before we departed for Looe and Polperro.

The Ladies have provided tea for all home soccer, rugger, and cricket matches through the year, a service which greatly adds to the pleasure of those taking part in the games. The Association has provided funds to ensure that, ere long, the School shall possess a score board for cricket and goal nets for soccer.

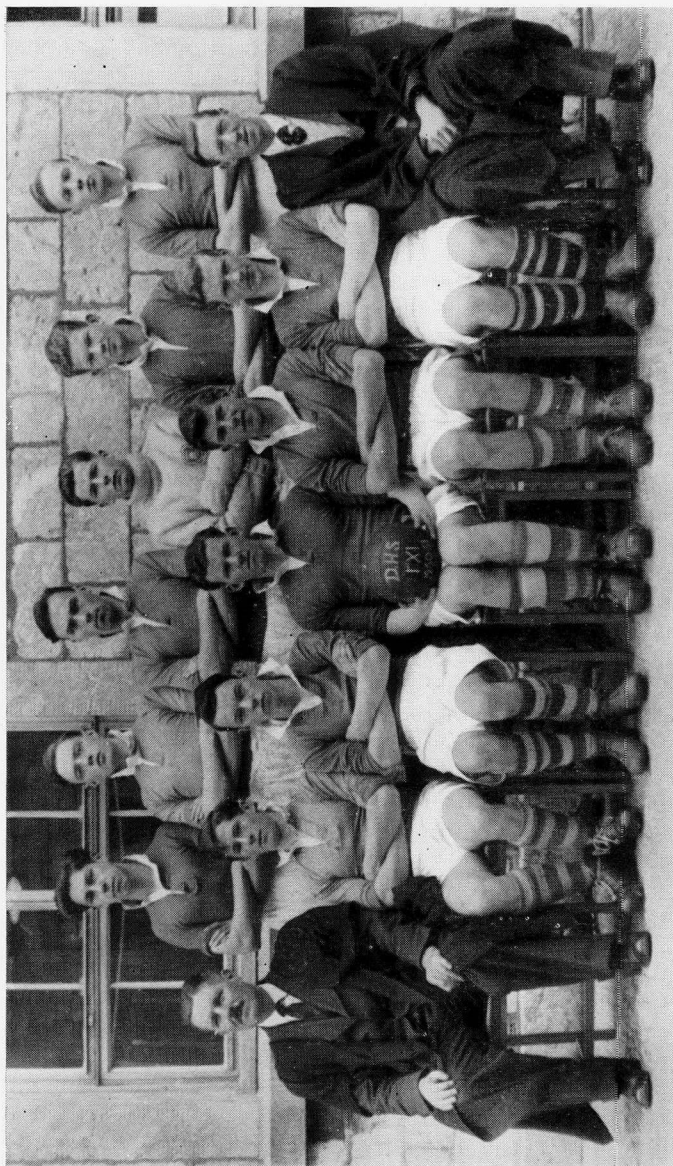
We hope that an ever increasing number of parents will show their interest by supporting our functions.

H.G.W.



Back Row—Left to Right. M. T. G. Rowe, C. A. Mapstone, V. H. Vanstone, P. R. Champion, A. P. B. Wilmot, M. J. Reid, R. M. Hancock, D. E. Rendle
Front Row—Left to Right. Mr. S. G. Barker (Headmaster), A. G. Goswell, R. J. Rickard, K. R. Holloway (Vice-Capt.), D. Hosking (Capt.), D. R. Wanstall (Secretary), M. H. Green, Mr. H. Mallinson. Absent—B.W. Atkins, B. F. Thurston

1st ELEVEN 1950-51



*Back Row—Left to Right. D. L. McManus, J. M. Bowley, D. A. C. Letcher, T. J. Archer, C. J. Bray, B. H. Cousins
Front Row—Left to Right. Mr. S. G. Barker (Headmaster), B. E. Northcott, R. W. Boote, R. Townsend (Capt.), M. H. Marshall,
T. M. Bossom, Mr. H. G. Warren*

Record, Played 17, Won 17, Lost 0, Goals for 103, Goals against 16

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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Rugby Club Rep. : THE CAPTAIN.

Soccer Club Rep. : D. STANDER.

Badminton Club Rep. : P. A. DAVIS.

Cricket Club Rep. : R. LYON.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on Friday, 22nd December, 1950. The attendance was disappointing—only about thirty being present. The new Rules and Constitution were adopted and the committee and officers elected as above.

The new subscription for the Association is 5s. od. per annum due on the 1st January of each year. Members who have received receipts for 1950 to 1951 can assume that their membership is valid until January 1st, 1952.

The Annual Dinner was held at Genoni's restaurant on Thursday, 28th December, 1950, and about 90 Old Boys enjoyed a pleasant evening. The guest speaker was Mr. Best Harris, the City Librarian, who is a very good friend of the School.

A dance was held in the School Hall in the Easter vacation in conjunction with the Parents' Association (whose co-operation was greatly appreciated) and there was large attendance. This was most definitely a successful affair and Mr. Polkinghorne, the social secretary, is arranging a similar effort for Saturday, 22nd September, at the School.

The date of the Annual General Meeting has been fixed as Friday, 21st December (at the School) and the Annual Dinner as Friday, 28th December. Please make a special note of these dates.

Other general activities of the O.B.A. are confined to the help given by various Old Boys to the School. For instance, the Interviewing Panel, under our chairman, which gives boys attempting to enter the Civil Service a practice interview before their examination does invaluable work. In addition use is made of the various Old Boys in the city who are willing to meet boys who are interested in their particular profession and to give them expert advice. The committee feel that these duties are an important part of the Association's activities.

Better contact has been established with London Branch, and in future, details of all boys leaving school and going to London will be sent direct to the London secretary.

A list of local activities, in which Old Boys may be interested, is published below, with the names of the D.H.S.'ians prominently connected with them. In future all boys leaving school will receive a copy of this list.

OLD BOYS' CLUBS.

LONDON BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*, R. C. Horne, 269 Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Herts.
R.F.C.—G. W. Collings, 2 Cookworthy Avenue, Swilly.

A.F.C.—D. Stander, 5 South Down Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth.

BADMINTON.—H. Brenton, 28 Furneaux Road, Milehouse, Plymouth.

CRICKET (Evening League).—R. Lyon, 46 Balmoral Avenue, Stoke, Plymouth.

LOCAL CLUBS.

THE ATHENAEUM (including Philately).—E. R. Harris, 48 Bickham Road, Higher St. Budeaux.

CYCLING AND PHOTOGRAPHY.—P. A. Davis, 8 Thornbury Park Avenue, Peverell.

CHESS.—B. R. Adams, c/o The School.

CHORAL WORK.—E. R. Hannam, 79 Efford Road, Plymouth.

CONTRACT BRIDGE.—H. R. Haydon, 8 Home Park Avenue, Plymouth.

DRAMATICS.—F. C. Olford, Creswell, Hartley Avenue, Plymouth.

SWIMMING.—E. Venn, 16 Hobart Street, Plymouth.

CRICKET.—H. Mallinson, The School.

Finally for those Old Boys interested in the Services.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Major C. W. Evans, R.A. (856 Movement), Pound Street, Stonehouse.

Major A. Wingett, R.A., 407 Battery, Coast Artillery.

R.A.F.V.R.

Flight-Lieutenant L. M. Taylor, Bowden Park Road, Crownhill.

CAPT. S. R. SLEEMAN, (*Assistant General Secretary*, Merchant Service Guild), 79 Pitt Street, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia. (D.H.S. 1934-40), would be delighted to receive correspondence from his contemporaries, especially those going or thinking of going to Australia.

THE LONDON BRANCH

Chairman: A. T. BROOKS.

Vice-Chairman: A. J. SWAN.

Treasurer: S. MORGAN.

Social Secretary: W. P. JOHN.

Secretary: R. C. HORNE, 269 Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Herts.

During the past winter several "Club Nights" have been held at the usual rendezvous, the "Green Man," Bedford Street, Strand, W.C.1. It is pleasing to report that at the final meeting several fresh faces were seen and it is hoped that in the future with closer co-operation with the School and the Plymouth branch, the London branch may regain the flourishing state of its pre-1939 days.

Arrangements were made for the usual annual dinner to be held but owing to several circumstances and the surprising lack of support this had to be cancelled practically at the eleventh hour. It is proposed to attempt to arrange one this year, however, and any Old Boy living in or near London will be welcomed.

The secretary is at present compiling an up-to-date list of addresses of members and he would appreciate if any member who has not been informed of recent events would kindly forward his current address so that he may be included in future invitations.

R. C. HORNE, *Hon. Secretary*.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' BADMINTON CLUB

Looking back on season 1950-51, our first in Div. II of the P. and D. Churches Badminton League we see how very nearly we came to passing from Div. III to Div. I in the space of one season. As it was we finished third, a very creditable performance, but two games lost by 4—5 sets made all the difference. Injuries and indispositions were more prevalent than on previous seasons, but enabled weaker members to participate in these more serious games, which is all to the good of the club and we shall be all the readier for Div. I next year.

Membership remains constant around the 25 mark and it is most encouraging to see Old Boys joining from outside Clubs—in particular Mr. K. Mallett who is the League Treasurer and who has now relieved me of that most thankless task in the Club.

A special word of praise to our lady members, two of whom reached the Semi-finals in the P. and D. Knock-out Tournaments, and to all those ladies who so readily provided those tempting delicacies at our home matches—a feature for which we are now renowned.

In memory of Mrs. Margery Shepherd who passed away last December we presented a Memorial Cup to the League to be awarded annually to the most sporting Club in the three divisions. This was won this year by Greenbank Methodist B.C. and the thought behind our gift was greatly appreciated by Ivor Shepherd and the League as a whole.

G. Rooke, who is still in Singapore, sends his regards to all and would be glad to hear from any of his old acquaintances. His address is : c/o Chief Constructor's Dept., H.M. Naval Base, Singapore.

H. BRENTON.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB

This season has seen the formation of a cricket club. It has sprung from the rugby club, which has been responsible for purchasing the cricket gear, financing the entry of the club into the P. and D. Cricket League and supplying a nucleus of players. It is hoped that like the Badminton Club it will in time become self-supporting.

In the Cricket League, we are competing in the Junior Cup section (Evening League) and at the time of going to press we find ourselves second in the league.

Played six, won four, drawn one, lost one—8 points. Quite a good start when most of the players do not claim to be good cricketers. Those Old Boys—too old for rugby or soccer—who could do with a little exercise during the summer evenings, should contact me.

R. LYON, 46 Balmoral Avenue, Stoke, Plymouth.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' RUGGER CLUB

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Captain: M. BRERETON. *Vice-Captain:* R. CAMBRIDGE.

Treasurer: R. LYON

General and Team Secretary: G. W. E. COLLINS

Fixture Secretary: J. G. POLKINGHORNE

*Following the resignation of Mr. A. F. Wingett at our Annual General Meeting this year, my first duty is to record our sincere appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the Club. It cannot be forgotten that it was he who was primarily responsible for reforming the Club after the 1939-45 War.

Last season was indeed a testing one for the Club. We lost more matches than we won, but we enjoyed them all. To all those who contributed to our games last season we are grateful. Like many other Old Boys Clubs we suffered from a dearth of Old Boy players. In fact on numerous occasions we had to field as many as seven "outsiders." R. Lyon, who captained a varying side week after week more than fulfilled his obligations. It is up to both Old Boys and the School to support the new Captain and Vice-Captain and ensure that we field in future a 100 per cent. representative XV.

Congratulations to P. Le J. Quantick on gaining his place in Devon Colts last season. This season promises to be an extremely successful one, and your Committee will be able to work with confidence, being assured of the support of the Headmaster and the School.

A training programme is being organised and we shall be pleased to welcome any members of School XV's to join us on these evenings. I will give full details to the Headmaster as soon as arrangements are completed.

Before closing we wish Lt. Cliffe, at present serving with H.M. Navy in S. Africa, all good luck and similarly, Lt. McIntosh, who has recently arrived for service in Korea. To them both, God speed and a safe return.

G. W. E. COLLINS, *General and Team Secretary.*

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

The Old Boys' soccer team has now been in existence for two seasons since the war, the season 1949-50 was taken up by playing friendly games against R.N.E. College, Manadon, Plymouth Technical College, H.M.S. Raleigh and other teams near Plymouth. The fixture list also included games against Exeter University and Seale Hayne Agricultural College.

After a season of friendly games with a reasonable amount of success it was decided by the club members as a whole, that for the season 1950-51 it would be wise to enter one of the local leagues. This would not only ensure a given number of games during the season, but would also give the club some serious competition and this it was thought would foster a greater interest in the club by the Old Boys' in the town. This move was on the whole a failure, as the club finished the season with teams consisting sometimes of over 40 per cent. school members.

In spite of the lack of Old Boy players the Club finished ninth out of 18 clubs. This position is largely due to the keenness of some seven Old Boys who played regularly for the club. Out of these seven must be singled one person, Miller, the outstanding member of the team, who seldom had an "off" day and who saved the club valuable points on more than one occasion.

It is hoped again to run an Old Boys soccer team next season but this depends on the playing strength available. There will be a meeting of the club in the near future (probably during the first two weeks in July). All the Old Boys who played for the club last season will be notified by post of this meeting, there will also be a notice posted and announced in the school.

Would any Old Boy interested in the survival of the soccer club please contact either Mr. Barkell at school or myself at 5, South Down Road, Beacon Park.

D. STANDER, *Hon. Secretary.*



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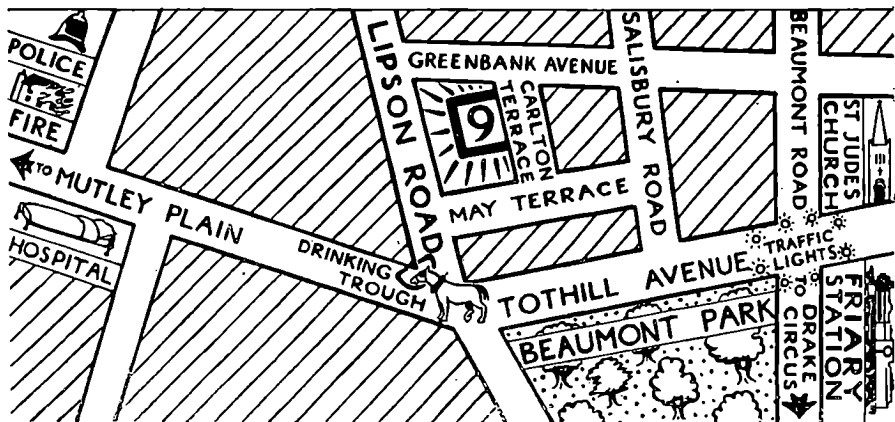
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