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EDITORIAL

The recent resignation of the late Secretary of Education for Plymouth comes at a time when the thoughts of many are turning to the grimmer realities of life outside the sheltering influence of School. The Summer Term is again bringing to its close the school life of many of our fellow-workers, and the vista that lies beyond the dim horizon of the "Sixth " is claiming their eager attention.

It is not the custom, in a School Magazine, to eulogize—still less, to "preach," but the life story of one who has borne such an intimate relation to the individual lives of each one of us . . . and yet remained, in essence, unknown . . . is peculiarly worthy of our attention.

Mr. E. Chandler Cook started life as an office-boy to the Education Office of Plymouth. There is the record of the same painstaking effort that has shone so brightly in the lives of many with whom, due to our history books, we are acquainted. But we feel that the story of this man, who rose from a position so humble, to that of Secretary for Education, is a reality, so closely connected with our lives, that admiration won from us, can never be fulsome or insincere. It is so essentially "matter-of-fact"—to recollect this untiring worker, whose industry extended well over the day's normal working-hours : whose keenness to "keep-in-touch " has led him, even when his goal has been reached, to keep well abreast of modern ideas and attainments : and who, throughout his long tenure of office, has consistently and successfully avoided the gaze of public attention, whilst in no way evading issues from which a weaker man might have shrunk.

We do not think that such stories should be reserved solely for Speech Day. To us, they are a part of our School life so integral that they meet a very real need. The Idea—the Inspiration—call

it what we will—must ever precede effort, and harness it to its intention: and the story of work crowned by success—a success that is not measured in income or output, but in the lives of those with whom we have to do—is a story that can never grow old, but must bear fruit in the lives of those who have learned its true and living moral.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We regret to announce that Messrs. Lerner and McLeod will be leaving us at the end of the present term. Their stay with us has been short, but, we hope, pleasant. On behalf of the School, we wish them happiness and success in the future.

The annual Athletic Sports were held at Home Park in ideal weather—ideal, that is, from the spectators' point of view; the competitors would, no doubt, have preferred it to be cooler. There was a further improvement as regards the speeding-up of the events, and we seem to have reached, in this respect, as near to perfection as possible. The introduction of modern methods of announcing was a great success despite the fact that at times the announcer became rather confused. We were sorry that, owing to the early finish, Alderman McDonald was unable to reach Home Park in time to present the prizes, and our thanks are due to Mr. Victor Winnicott for consenting to undertake the task in Mr. McDonald's place.

On behalf of the School, we would thank Mr. McDonald for his generous offer of a silver trophy, to be competed for annually at the School Sports. It has not yet been decided to which class of events the trophy will be ascribed, but in all probability it will be awarded on the results of the field events. Hitherto, this School, in common, we trust, with others, has largely neglected the field events, but we hope that in future they will receive much more attention.

At the end of the present term, the last of those who have passed through the preparatory department, will be leaving us, and also the last of the fee-payers under the old system, thus breaking one of the few remaining links between us and the School of former days. Elsewhere in the Magazine, will be found an account by one of the veterans of some of the changes that the School has undergone during the past twelve years.

Looking back over the cricket season, we are pleased to note that the school as a whole, and especially the Lower School, has shown much more enthusiasm for cricket than has been the case for some years past. As a result, the various teams have enjoyed a good measure of success. The 1st XI's performance may be described as very good, the 2nd XI's as good, and the Junior 1st XI.'

as excellent. As regards the 1st XI, the most notable feature (incidentally, a most pleasing one) is that this year they have played as a team. Some years it has been a case of one or two members bearing the whole burden, and also getting all the glory, but during this past season almost every member of the eleven has distinguished himself at some time or other, either as a batsman or bowler. We sincerely hope that we shall be able to say this of future teams.

The Junior 1st XI is particularly to be congratulated on the high standard of its performances. Its record, and that of the other teams, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

So many boys have taken advantage of the Headmaster's permission to wear boaters that the school has taken on quite a gay aspect. The reason for this "craze" seems difficult to find, but certainly the "boater" "takes off" easily, thereby enabling us to fulfil a school courtesy which is, when performed with a cap, difficult, to say the least.

Owing to the departure of Frayn, Garland and Pepperell, the Headmaster has had to take the unusual course of creating new prefects at the very end of the school year. Grant, Jago and Butler have been promoted from sub-prefects to full prefects, whilst Babbage, Duke and Clynick have been appointed sub-prefects.

The Headmaster has received letters from Pitcher IVa (excerpts from which will be found in another part of the magazine) and Simpson IIIC. The former left us to go to South Africa, and the latter for Rowancroft, Exeter—a college where boys are received at a comparatively early age and trained especially for the Ministry.

The Editor acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of the following publications and apologises for any accidental omissions. "The Plymothian," "The Seale-Hayne Agricultural College Magazine," "The Totnesian," "The Launcestonian," "The Gay-tonian," "The Plymouth High School for Girls Magazine," "The Juntex."

Lastly, we feel that we cannot end these notes without mentioning the school's success in the recent examination for the Executive Branch of the Civil Service. Those who passed were Frayn (1st), Blewett (10th), Grant (19th), and Jago (26th). For one school to fill four out of the first thirty places in an examination of the Standard of the above, and in which competition is so severe, is without doubt a very notable achievement, and great credit is due both to the masters concerned and the boys themselves.

Frayn, especially, is deserving of praise, for not only did he obtain first place, but he had also a clear lead of 22 marks over the second-placed candidate. His success is the outcome of exceptional all-round ability. We may mention too that he has already left us to take up an appointment in the Actuarial Department.

Moreover, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking the London Branch of the Old Boys' Association for the help they have given to Frayn and others, both by supplying information concerning the various Departments of the Civil Service, and also by recommending suitable accommodation in London. This is a service which is much appreciated and serves to strengthen the link between the school, past and present.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

The Oxford Trip.—On Saturday, May 5th, about two hundred boys from the school attended a trip to Oxford. We had fine weather all the way up, and the brightness was reflected on the spirits of all. On arriving at Oxford, buses, each with a guide, were waiting to convey the party round the city. Then followed a tour of Worcester, Trinity and New Colleges, the Martyr's Memorial, the High Street, and other places of interest. During this enjoyable tour of the city our guide altered our ideas of the pronunciation of Magdalen College, for he informed us that us people of Hoxford calls it Magdalen, not " Maudlin " College. Afterwards the party was conveyed to Folly Bridge, and taken by steamer along the River Isis, passing the Oxford rowing course, Iffley and Sandford locks, and Nuneham Park, tea being taken on board. The party then returned to Oxford, and the return journey commenced, North Road being reached at 11.0 p.m., after a very pleasant trip indeed.

C. Rogers.

A Visit to Plymouth City Council Chamber.—On the afternoon of Monday, July 2nd, a party of boys, comprising the Lower Sixth Form, of this school, accompanied by the Headmaster and Mr. Lockwood, attended a session of Plymouth City Council, at the kind invitation of the Mayor.

Shortly before two o'clock, the party took up its position in the Public Gallery of the Council Chamber, and much interest was evidenced in the surroundings. The deliberations, which began at two o'clock, were followed with the keenest interest, and frequent reference was made to a copy of the agenda which the Headmaster circulated among the schoolboy audience.

The " working of the Municipal Machinery " afforded considerable instruction to those who had never before attended such a meeting, and, at the close of the afternoon's session, there was a feeling that a valuable insight had been gained into a procedure which is too often enshrouded in mystery.

The Mayor's kind offer of tea was accepted by many, and a not inconsiderable number stayed to witness the evening's proceedings

J. L.

On Sunday, July 8th, the Sixth form (by kind permission of the Editor and proprietors) paid a **visit to the Offices and Works** of the '**Western Morning News**', and saw the first edition of Monday's "Morning News" printed. Assembling at 10.15 p.m., we were put in the care of the Works Director and taken, first of all, to the news-receiving office. Here there were two types of machines; the more modern, connected to the London Office of the *Western Morning News*, typed the messages directly as received, whilst the older, connected with the Press Association circuit, recorded the messages on tape in the Morse Code—the tape then being passed through another machine which translates and types in ordinary speech. The operator explained that each office on the Press Association circuit has a call letter (P being the W.M.N., and B. Bristol), and that when the P.A. operator has suitable material, he warns the office or offices concerned by tapping out the call letters. Unfortunately, no exciting or startling news came in while we were there. From here we proceeded to the sub-editors' department where all the copy is sifted. About 150 to 180 columns of news is received every day and the sub-editor and his staff have to cut this down to fill about 80 columns. Having been vigorously blue-pencilled, the copy is set up in type. There were about 24 linotype machines, the operators of which all work at different speeds so that the overseer who apportions out the copy to each man according to his capacity, has to be a man of first-class ability. A rough print is taken and this together with the copy is passed on to the readers (who, incidentally, work in pairs) who correct any mistakes in spelling, punctuation, etc. The type is then altered according to the corrections (the man who does this part of the work astonished us all by the rapidity with which he worked. He seemed to be able to read the type as easily as we would the print). The next step is the making of a "mat," i.e. a plain sheet of cardboard or, at least, what appear to be cardboard, is laid over the type and passed underneath a heavy roller, so that the letters stand out in relief from the cardboard. Having been dried, the "mat" is taken to the casting room, to get to which we had to wander along various gloomy, tortuous corridors and descend a narrow spiral staircase. The metal cast is now made and after the edges have been chiselled off (we are still wondering how the men doing this job managed not to chisel one another's hands at the same time), everything is ready for printing. The first page has to be in type by 11.40 p.m., and the last by about 12 to 12.5., in order that the first edition may catch the 12.15 from North Road. If, for some reason, they are unable to get the paper ready in time, the news-van has, in defiance of all police constables, to beat the train to Exeter. One interesting and rather surprising (to us) item was that the Stop Press is the first part of the paper to be printed.

Having thus seen everything there was to be seen, we decided that it was perhaps time to make our way homewards, being approximately 1.15 a.m.

EN PASSANT

We heartily congratulate :—

L. A. Frayn, H. M. Blewett, C. P. Grant, H. H. Jago on gaining Executive appointments at the last open competition.

J. L. MacLaren, W. J. Wakely, H. Garland, E. A. Pearn, on passing the examination for the Customs and Excise..

S. Hurden, on winning the Victor Ludorum Cup for 1934.

All those who obtained Rugby or Soccer colours for the season 1933-4.

All Old Boys who have gained successes.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The annual concert of the Society was held in St. Michael's Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 24th, 1934. The usual high standard of excellence was maintained ; without venturing upon invidious comparisons, we may make mention of the performances of Bowden (VI) as a blustering country yokel who has taken correspondence lessons in crime-detection and of Halloran (L. VI. A.), whose portrayal of an Irish tramp liberally endowed with that peculiarly Hiberian sense of humour best expressed by the word " blarney " was the " gem " characterisation of the evening.

The efforts of everybody were highly appreciated and the concert was in every respect a complete success and reflects great credit on those members of the Lower Sixth forms and the Sixth itself, who despite examination worries, worked whole-heartedly to ensure the concert's success.

The Headmaster, in his concluding remarks paid tribute to the work and enthusiasm of all concerned, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who willingly attended rehearsals, and by their advice showed the actors how to avoid mistakes, and smoothed out many difficulties.

THE CHESS CLUB

Last term junior and senior tournaments were held, Hornbrook (sen.) winning the former and Salter (junr.) the latter.

Weekly meetings have been held throughout the term, at which the Headmaster has kindly given very helpful talks.

The membership is now 8, but as yet the lack of games prevents further growth.

Next term it is hoped to arrange matches with other schools.

R. Cory (Captain).

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

On Tuesday, May 29th, the School Philatelic Society held its first meeting, the Headmaster taking the chair. The following officers were elected :- *Secretary*: Roberts; *Committee*: Pryor, Cowan, and Webb. Meetings are held each Tuesday evening, after school.

Part of the time is spent in stamp exchanges, and a number of topical talks have been given.

The club is indebted to Mr. Millet, and Frayn for their assistance.

W. G. Roberts, (Secretary).

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

(FROM *Our Lobby Correspondent*).

NOTE—The interest taken in politics by the rising generation, of whom, dear reader, you are one, is one of the most pleasing fruits of modern education. Hence, at enormous expense, we have obtained an exclusive insight into the mighty mechanism of modern Government.

The possibility of a rapprochement between the San Silvano and Bumacoma has caused a tenseness of feeling between Bilovia and Arapania. The position will have to be closely watched by our politicians. Should anything develop there is no knowing how far it will go. However, it is hoped that everything will fall through.

The present-day problems, pressing principally on the proletariat are being examined by a Standing Committee. Just now they are discussing Lady Askem's suggestion to alleviate the drought by reducing the beer-tax. However, the House adjourned in order to attend the Test match.

Mr. O. N. B. Gee (Nat. Ind. Con.-Soc. for Puddleslop) asked a question in the House last Friday about the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Schoolchildren. The Minister of Education is understood to have replied in the affirmative, and the House went to sleep again.

We also have before us the report of the Committee set up to enquire into the collapse of Peterloo Bridge. In their considered opinion the bridge fell down because it could no longer stand up. This point is also under consideration.

It is rumoured in some circles that Mr. I. K. Feet intends to ask the Government to legalise a lottery to raise the American debt payment. On the whole this seems the best way out of the problem.

Percy Patara.

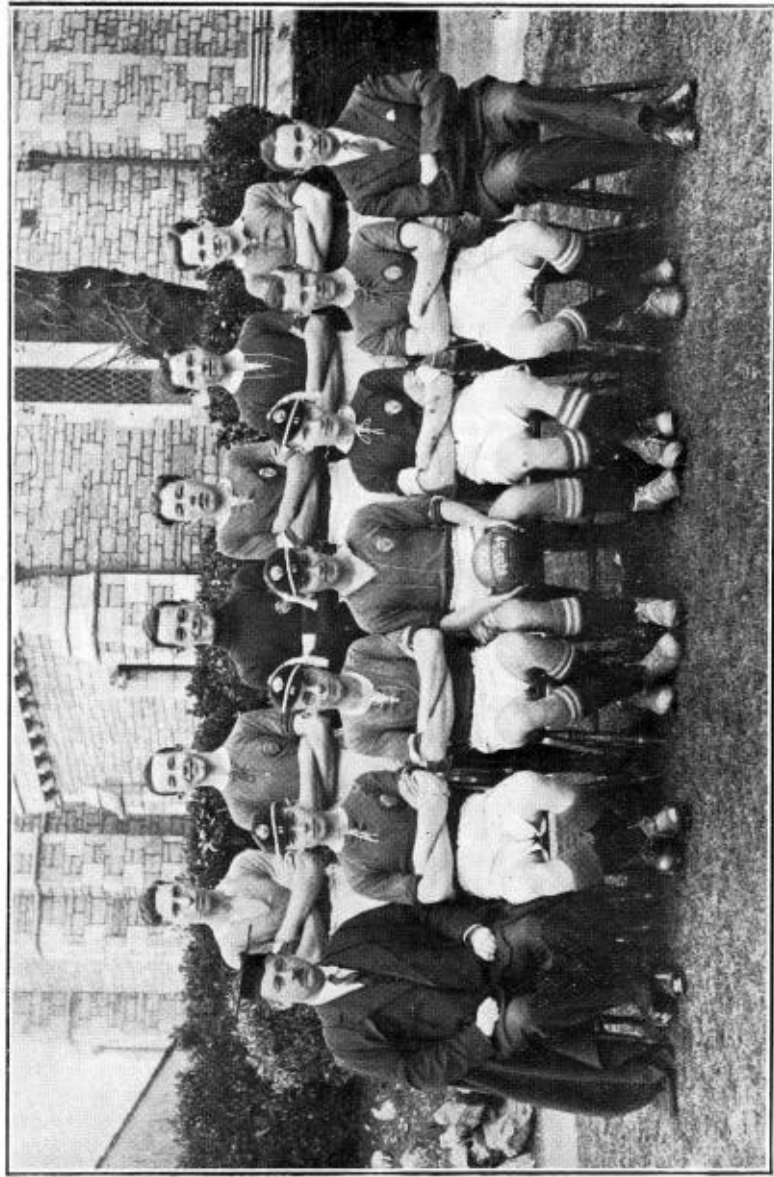
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Before I really get started let me let me point out the fact that I do not set pen to paper of my own volition but at the suggestion of the Powers That Be (hereinafter known as the P.T.B.). The P.T.B. suggested that as I have nearly completed thirteen years at D.H.S. I should write something in the nature of "The memoirs of an old man." I was not keen on the idea, but my objections were over-ruled in a masterly fashion, so here goes.

Many things have changed since I came to the School, some for the better and some for the worse, for example, we used to leave School in the afternoon at 4.45 instead of 4.15, but then, on the other hand crooning hadn't come into fashion, so $x \approx 0$. I entered as a small boy in the preparatory, and being taught by mistresses we used to regard the stern-looking masters with a very proper awe, probably because when they deigned to do more than avoid trampling on us, it meant that there was something "up." The cricket which the Prep. School played on the lawn often meant trouble, for when a hit to the square leg boundary (unintentional) impinged on the Chemistry lab. windows, nemesis appeared in the form of a master with a black lab. coat, and even blacker looks.

We had our gangs, which used to operate in the Park. Messages would solemnly be hidden in trees or under stones to be duly discovered in the approved style, by members of the same, or sometimes the rival gang, and the gangsters often came under the pliant rod of the P.T.B. You will observe that, at such an early date, these unlawful diversions could not be laid to the credit of the talking-pictures, so that for want of a better excuse we were told that we were bad boys, and the rest followed according to schedule. While dealing with people of tender age, I might mention here that in those days small boys regarded prefects as people to be respected, and not, as in these days, targets for divers gibes and cruel jests.

The School itself has changed as the years have passed, both in its buildings and in its garden; aye, and even once, unless my memory fails me, it had a coat of paint. The Junior Physics Lab. took the place of a number of rooms which were the undisputed home of superannuated text-books, and at the time when this change was effected the iron-staircase grew from a single flight, covered with roses, leading only to the present 1st form rooms, and reared its lofty head as the edifice which is now so familiar. The Head master's "Office" was originally tucked away where the new room has just been made and staircases ran from where the new corridor is, up to the Senior Physics lab. and down to the Woodwork "Shop." The present Lower Sixth "A" Room (Square 1) was then the Preparatory Form Room, and later became the "Office," while the late Gym, (?) housed a gas-cooker, and was the scene of the dinner-hour ceremonies. The entrance to the bottom corridor used to



(Back Row, Standing) C. P. GRANT, H. EVERY, D. WORDEN, S. G. MORRELL, C. S. ROGERS, K. S. LAKE.
 (Front Row, Seated) THE HEADMASTER, M. V. HALLORAN, W. J. PEPPERELL, E. A. PEARN (Capt.) A. H. BABBAGE,
 R. LYON, MR. BROWN,

occupy the whole of the South side of the square lobby, but has since been built up and covered with coat pegs. But so much for the buildings, which are probably of little interest to anybody now. I will turn to the garden.

The site of the present cycle shed was once occupied by a large greenhouse, but I have no recollection of anything ever growing in it. The lawn, the rockeries, and the beds were kept tidily by the late caretaker who lived on the premises (in what are now the Staff and dining-rooms). The lawn was a smooth green sward, to be trodden only by the feet of the Staff and Cadet Corps, of which more anon. Two notices, of which one *may* still be found hidden in the rockeries exhorted boys to "please keep off the grass"—penalty, Wednesday afternoon detention. The addition is mine. The path at the St. Michael's end of the lawn was "out-of-bounds" to all except the Sixth-Form, now alas, the short cut for all and sundry, whilst a law of the top playground, now alas lost in the mists of antiquity, punished those who charged into the hedge, by expelling them from the playground for a week.

Now for the School's customs and institutions. Up to the time that it was disbanded in 1928, we had a flourishing Cadet Corps, of which the last two survivors will be leaving this term; it had an excellent record, and often won trophies for efficiency and for shooting. It is a great pity that it had to go; it was excellent training for everybody connected with it, and the annual camp and corps Concert were events which we still remember with pleasure. The Rifle Club was formed for those who had been "demobbed" but that came to an end when the Corps funds ran out.

The School clock, now on the stairs, used to hang in the middle corridor, and when, as the result of some misdemeanour, an interview with the P.T.B. was indicated, we were told to go and "stand under the clock," there to await developments. In this direction, the owners of watches had a distinct pull, because when the Headmaster hove in sight the delinquent would stand back and gaze at the clock with the idea of checking his watch. Thus, if the Headmaster didn't pass too often, and so become suspicious, you always had a sporting chance.

Certain events stand out in one's mind, even in the light of more recent and more important incidents. The first day at School, feeling like an undersized shrimp among 400 overgrown lobsters; the first caning; the rise from the Prep. to the Lower School; the second caning; School Certificate; success and elevation to the select Sixth, with its consequent honours and troubles, with its tastes of both success and failure, with its work, not that you're made to do it but because you know you must. Yet, strange to say, above the welter of events which rush to my mind, two incidents stand plainly above them all, and demand expression. The first, apparently insignificant, is the sight of four boys riding down Albert Road on one bicycle, before the horrified gaze of a policeman (they

didn't know he was there) who made what speed his years and his weight would allow, to tell the P.T.B.—what followed I can safely leave to your imagination. But the day which probably seemed most exciting to me at the time, was when I had returned to School after having fallen out of a train, while it was passing through a station at 40 miles per hour. I was comparatively unhurt, having landed on my head, and when I got back to School after a fortnight, I was exhibited to the lower forms as the-boy-who-opened-the-carriage-door-before-the-train-stopped. Being only nine years old I did not realize the enormity of my crime, in fact, I'm afraid I considered myself a cut above the people who hadn't done anything like that.

Such innovations as Sixth Form dances, Debating Society concerts, House concerts, games afternoons (other, of course, than Wednesdays and Saturdays) and Swimming Sports, are none of more than about six years standing, some being much less. Among all these diversions we must not forget that spirit of hard work which has put D.H.S. "on the map". They are intended to be a kind of interlude so that during working hours we may work more conscientiously.

School-days are nearly over now ; at the end of the term comes the next step in life, really the first step. We cannot truthfully say that we regret our departure, for Life is more interesting than the preparation for it, but we are grateful to the School for our positions in life, and more especially for teaching us how to work and how to get the very best out of everything which we have to do, for without these abilities, life must, of necessity, be a very shallow affair.

Senex.

ON SAILORS

One can see by the title what this is about, so we will commence without further delay. A sailor is an animal easily tamed if caught young, and he will then eat out of your hand. He has an iron constitution, which he takes care not to rust by drinking too much water. A sailor has a name for being generous ; with very few exceptions this is true. When ashore, he is a godsend to guides, publicans and small boys. A sailor is always dry, so the guide will lead him to the nearest "pub." Jack would not think of drinking without the guide "having one" too. Generally this is all the sight-seeing a sailor does when in a foreign port. The guides get money from Jack and commission from the proprietor of the tavern, so everyone is happy ; that is, with the exception of Jack in the morning, when he wakes with a fat head.

Most people think Jack is always straining his eyes looking for enemy subs., but the truth is he strains them to save himself

from injury. The upper deck of a ship on a dark night wants a lot of navigating. During the day he is continually looking down to avoid falling over buckets, blocks etc., that some friendly person has kindly left in the gangway.

Barnacle Bill (III a).

“ AT THE SIGN OF THE CRAB-TREE CUDGELL.”

In these modern days the signboard is a very unimportant object : it was not always so. At a time when but few persons could read or write, house-signs were indispensable in city-life. As education spread, however they were less needed ; and when in the 18th century the system of numbering houses was introduced, and every thoroughfare had its name painted at the beginning and end, they were no longer a positive necessity, but a few lingered on, not by reason of their usefulness, but as instances of the decorative humour of our ancestors, or as advertisements of established reputation and business success. For the names of many of our streets we are indebted to the sign of the old inn or public-house which frequently was the first building in the street—commonly enough suggesting its erection or, at least, a few houses by way of commencement.

We know that the Romans used signs. The Bush was their tavern-sign, and hence we derive our sign of the Bush, and our proverb, “ Good wine needs no Bush.” Many Roman signs have been found amongst the ruins of Pompeii. Most of these appear to have been made of stone, and let into the pillars at the sides of the shop-fronts. Thus there have been found a goat, the sign of a dairy, a mule, the sign of a baker, and at the door of a schoolmaster’s, dwelling the not very tempting sign of a boy receiving a good birching.

With regard to our own country, signs were not used for many hundreds of years yet. As long as civilisation was only at a low ebb, and competition trifling, signs were but of little use. A few objects, typical of the trade carried on, would suffice ; a knife for the cutler, a pair of scissors for the tailor, a bunch of grapes for the vintner, fully answered public requirements. But as luxury increased, and the number of shops dealing in the same article multiplied, something more was needed. Particular trades continued to be confined to particular streets ; the idea then was, to give to each shop a name or token by which it might be mentioned in conversation.

Many tradespeople adopted pictorial objects ; and as the quantity of these augmented, new subjects were continually required. The animal kingdom was ransacked, from the mighty elephant to the humble bee ; the vegetable kingdom from the palm-tree to the daisy ; everything on earth, and in the firmament above it, was attempted in order to attract attention and obtain

publicity. Hence we find such curious signs as the following :- The Nag's Head ; the Hog in the Pound ; the Two-Necked Swan ; the Rummer and Grapes ; the Green Man ; and the Whistling Oyster.

Finally, as all the signs in a town were painted by a small number of individuals, whose talents and imagination were limited, it followed that the same subjects were often repeated. Since all the pictorial representations were, then, of much the same colour, rival tradesmen tried to outdo each other in the size of their signs, until a law had to be passed imposing a limit on the size.

Here are some advertisements of books which indicate the quaint signs in use at the time of the Civil War :-

" *Vox Borealis* " or a " *Northern Discovery*," printed by Margery Marprelate, at the sign of the Crab-Tree Cudgell."

" *A Catalogue of Books of the Newest Fashion*, to be sold by auction at the Whig's Coffeehouse, at the sign of the Jackonapes in Prating Alley."

" *A Tale of Chivalry*, printed at Sir Tady's Press."

" *An Address from the influential electors of the County and City of Galway*," Printed at the sign of the Pirate's Sword in the Captain's Scabbard."

All this has now gone, but a few interesting specimens of signboard painting may yet be seen by the observant.

J. W. L.

STORMING THE CITADEL

The line of men were tensely expectant. The sky was dark and threatening and they had been waiting for hours, it seemed. Then, the signal was given and they raced forward towards their objective. A dull "thump!" echoed and re-echoed over the field of battle. Over on the right a man entangled with another fell to the ground. On and on, and the last defender measured his length in the mud. The attacking line was successful and re-treated to the tune of a lusty cheer. Argyle had scored.

F. Crocker, III a.

THE DAWN—FROM A DARTMOOR HILL

It had been a long walk. The unreality of early morning had cast a lenient veil over the scenes we knew so well : each of us felt the presence of a new element—a reality—or something real ; something the brilliant hollowness of our lives had rendered powerless . . .

We were at the summit.

We had heard of the "darkness before the dawn." Now we felt it ; knew its mystic stillness ; saw in it the pall of gloom that must ever blanket the splendour of birth. About us was a vague, an inconsequent, sense of the mystic : that unreality which gathers strength from our weakness.

A movement as one of our numbers changed his stance : a smothered cough—we resented this herald of the Lord of Day, that noise which we had so recently given back to its dark repose . . . The chill of morning cut across our spiritual vision : and with a dull reality . . . after all, we were rather foolish—so early—bed—see the sunrise !—yes, foolish . . .

And then it came.

Away in the east, low down on the horizon, a faint tinge of light had coloured the blackness of the night. A fibre of whiteness shot from the vague coloration ; another, and another . . . and hundreds . . . born of the evanescent silver that lay beneath, and was now rising—rising—and spreading—

Before our doubt had been swept into oblivion, it was Dawn—it was Day !

With the glorious dignity of a King of undisputed sway—beautifully, in its sweep, the day broke upon an unconscious world.

Below, a sound awoke in the valley. The cock sent forth his clarion, heralding the onward surge of one greater than the night : a thousand echoes seemed to wake the strain : and the King passed on his way.

It was day.

ON YOUTH

O Youth ! to taste thy transient nectarous flow
 For one brief space anew !—the sigh of years ;
 Purbblind, they scan the happy mirage so ;
 The silvery sedge of time has pall'd its fears
 And hopes downcast, denying its true state.
 The score being nigh, fierce inward rancour burns
 At mundane falsity : capricious fate
 More wanton here its fickle roulette turns.
 And yet—like vernal glade in life's thick wood,
 Although the way be rough, the future dim,
 The path is deck'd with flowers, gay and good,
 For all to cull. The Spate of joy to him
 Who gains success is greatest when its course
 Is bank'd with thought for others from its source.

Mike.

WHEN I PLAYED RUGBY.

"What I be gwain to tell 'ee hap'm'd while I was a-sojering out yer to Indja and 'twas like this-yer. Our rigment had a butiful taime of Rugby vutballers and us very much wanted to win the Cup from the wans that now had it. All us had to do was to baite these fellers, and us wude be 'lowed to kaipe thik cup fer wan yer. O' course, us was all sartin us wude win, and was tremenjisly egg-sited 'bout it, I can tell 'ee.

"On the day appinted for the match, Sarjent comes up to me, 'bout ten minutes bevore it begannd, and sez, 'John Thomas, us have bad news fer 'ee. 'Enery Brewer has falled sick and us wants for 'ee to play dree-quatter wing in his plaace.' 'Wants me,' sez I, 'but I daun knaw nort 'bout it.' 'Never min' 'bout that,' he says, 'us'll larn 'ee.'

"My jallus, I did'n have time to say no, 'twas all fixed up vore I cude say Jack Robinson. They tetivated me up in a stoopid ol green and white shurt with leetle smaal pants which shawed me 'airy knees and made me feel a gurt vule. I kept on axing 'em, 'Why wer did'n 'ee pick out some other feller,' but I mid jist as well knacked me haid against a brick wall fer all the nawtis they took o' me.

Vive minutes arter, us was on the vield and there was tother taime—all aw'm looking vitty in thur red shurts and very sure o' themself'. Us all lined up, a feller in a blue coat blawed a wissle, one of our forrards gived the baal a kick and away us all went. When I says all, I daun' mane me, 'cos I stuck where I was with me mouthe gapped open. One of opposite taime ketched baal and kicked 'un strait up in th' air. Darn me rigs, he kicked 'un that high, I thought he was niver goin' to stap. Howsomever, when he cude'n go up any further, he turned tail an' come down agin.

The two taimes' forrards now lined up two by two, as if they was goin' to have a march-past, although I cude'n zee any band any plaace. "Aw," I says to mezelf, "this game's auver purty quick," and I started walkin' off the vield. "Hey, you, John Thomas, where be 'ee gwain to? Come back in yer plaace, yer gurt vule. Game ain't auver yet." So back I had to go.

One of our fellers thrawed the ball auver the haid of the forrards, and a rid shurt sent 'n vlyin' back to tother blokes. A rail butiful sight, 'twas, to zee the way they haived the baal 'bout, but, suddenly, I zeed one aw'm come rishing t'wards me like's if Old Harry was arter 'n. "Stap 'n, John Thomas," they holleyed. "Not me," I thinks to mezelf, "if he can't stap hiszelf, 'tis a bad job fer 'n." So I jist let 'n go ahaid, and he ruined on and plunked the baal down under the gold-postis. The reference blawed a chune on his wissle and us all traped back behind the line.

I then zeed same chap what rinned past me laying on the

ground with the baal in the hands of 'n. Fer a minute I thought the 'ot zun had draved 'n maze and he was s'lamin' to ole Budass, but it 'peared he was only holdin' the baal fer some other chap to kick 'en auver the gold-postis—wat fer, I daun know.

Us now lined up as us did at the fust, and started all auver agin'. But us had'n rinned more a vew feet bevore the reference blawed 'nother chune, and our forrards bent down—all aw'm, mind you—and butted like nanny-goats into tother chaps; then, wuss still, every wan started kicking out like the Dowell. Traiting each other rail rough, they was, and I was jist goin' auver to bully-rag 'em when I zeed the baal flip out from no-place. One of our fellers ketched 'n up and started vlippin' in and out betwain the redshurts like an eel till one aw'm upsot 'n tap an' tail.

By this time I'd got the idaya of the game—us was suppaused to dappy the baal auver the line and t'others had to stap us. "Caw, that's aisy," I says to meszelf, "jist wait till I lays hold o' thicky baal." So bim-by when I zeed the baal come volyin' t'wards me I picked 'n up and rinned so vast as I cude lick kaipin' my right hand in front. A rid feller rished auver to stop me but I vlipped 'n a buty right pon-top a' his nause, and, as there was no wan else to hineder me, I slawed down a bit, but, bless my zoul, I wish now I had'n, fer somebody grabb'd hold wan o' my legs and I vall'd to the ground. My days, the ground was as hard as iron—it knacked the weend claine out 'o my body. I cude'n zee, I cude'n yer, I cude'n braithe and some gurt mump-haid would try and make me vold up lik a pair o' zizzers with my haid titching my veet.

Well, that was enuf fer me, I can tell 'ee. I went home and left 'em to win the cup their own way. To be a Rugby aspirin was wan thing, to be a shakes absorbo anuther.

John Thomas

AN EDITORIAL DISCUSSION

(BY *The Man Who Does the Work*)

The Editor stalked into the Form-room with a purposeful air. He looked around him, as one who contemplates dreadful possibilities. I rose. I knew that look.

"Now, look here!" he began, playfully inserting an Ovid in my intercostal regions, "about . . ."

"Yes," said I, removing, with some little difficulty, the offending gentleman, "about the Editorial . . ."

We groaned in chorus, and together wended our way to the Editorial Sanctum—a desk, now in honourable retirement, festooned with the triumphal laurels of someone's less-work campaign. Removing a recumbent form—a Sixth Former engaged in private study—we began. A piece of that succulent condiment, beloved

of all the genus schoolboy, and masquerading under the euphemistic name of "caramel," demanded my worthy superior's attention. After some little by-play, which was—to me—ghoulish, he resumed, having carefully re-interred the precious comestible in its former resting place.

"We want——" said he, and stopped.

"Yes," said I, brightly. "Something that will entertain and elevate; amuse and instruct; and withhold ye olde marine from ye Rose and Crown, as What's-his-name put it——"

I became conscious of an uncharitable desire, expressed by my "chief," to see me elsewhere. I grew attentive.

"The fact is," he began, "that there's nothing to write about worth our attention." (Yes, he really said that, Mr. Lockwood.) "And what we can write about—when you've finished staring at me and mucking around with those brackets—consists mainly of Brief, Bright, and Breezy Talks to the People on Popular Propositions . . . my hat! What a magazine!"

Collecting my scattered wits, I sent a messenger to Ia, informing Blenkinsop Minor that his services would be required—and then I joined the Editor in his efforts to awake the scion of the Sixth, with the aid of Messrs. Stephen's Ink Powder (diluted). We were recalled to the material things of this life by the arrival of Blenkinsop.

Now, Blenkinsop is a bright youth—definitely a bright youth; and if you would seek to see the memorial of the Brightness of Blenkinsop, we would intone for your benefit the classical injunction accorded the seeker after the Rectitude of Wren (funny, aren't we?), —namely, for the benefit of our numerous clientele of Old Boys 'Varsity Students, etc.—not to mention (shush!) Schoolmasters—er—what were we saying? Just one moment, please—Section double OWXNP 57. "Take away that bauble." Sorry! 'Fraid we're boring you—. S-s-sorry you've been tr-r-r-oubled—Oh, yes!—"His memorial is about you"—See Ia.

But "Blenkinsop!" scream our infuriated readers. And to Blenkinsop we return—Blenkinsop gazing in awe on the Lares Penatesque (no, we will *not* be funny) of the Sixth.

The position is laid before Blenkinsop, and after explaining at great length that contributions are required, that must be Topical, Tricky, Tantalizing; and—er—Tripartite, not to exceed 250 words in length—to be written on one side of the paper only, and to bear no impress of Toffee or Trigonometry, or even Traductions (ahem! *c'est le francais, oui? et encore en!*)—after all that, Blenkinsop is understood to say that he has not "done——'s impot," and—(the same gentleman) is contemplating with glee the suspension of Blenkinsop by Blenkinsop's left ear.

More in sorrow than in anger, Blenkinsop is sent back to the Shades whence he came, to await his merited punishment, and,

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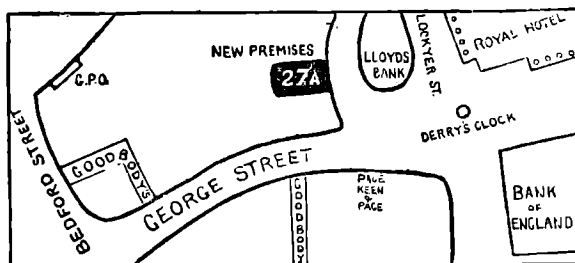
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amidst the shades of advancing evening, our curtain falls on two figures (semi-) and one (wholly-) recumbent, amidst the ancestral home of Devonport's genius——

Touching, isn't it? Pardon? Oh! a slight mistake—the title should have been “How to write a Magazine Contribution”—for those who don't—by

One Who Knows.

CRICKET CLUB, 1933-1934.

Captain : A. H. Babbage.

Vice-Captain : C. P. Grant.

Hon. Secretary : C. S. Rogers.

The cricket club embarked upon this campaign with only a few members of last year's eleven remaining, and in the first match we were decisively beaten by Totnes Grammar School. The team, however, ran into form in a remarkable fashion, and so well have they kept it up that up to the present ten matches out of fifteen have been won. Of the four lost, three were lost at the beginning of the season, whilst from the middle of May till the end of June the school were unbeaten.

The reason for this success has been the team spirit of the first eleven and the enthusiastic way in which they have practised. Nets practice has been held on two evenings a week at Montpelier, and for this we are indebted to Mr. Brown, who has been in charge. Fielding practice has been held regularly on the lawn, immediately after school, and its value has been shown in the high standard of fielding in the matches.

In an eleven where team work has been so prominent it is difficult to individualise, but Morrell stands out as the best all round player. His batting includes an innings of 80 runs not out this being the highest score made in the school for years. Together, with Halloran and Luckraft he shares the bowling honours. Rowe has shown himself a hard-hitting and forceful batsman and comes second in the scoring list. In the field Steed deserves mention for his brilliant fielding and has been responsible for some remarkable catches.

The first XI has been chosen from the following :—Babbage, Grant, Rowe, Rogers, Halloran, Lyon, Steed, Morgan, Luckraft, Morrell, Robins, Worden.

The 2nd XI have improved as the season advanced, and they have played much better than their record would suggest. Smith has captained the side well and by his keenness set an example which has been followed by the rest of the side. Worden has shown fine ability, especially as a batsman, whilst Wingate, Healy, Roberts, and Cory have played well.

The Junior 1st XI have had a successful season, and are so far unbeaten, some of their victories' being against teams considerably older than themselves. The ability they have shown makes the future prospect of cricket very bright.

An innovation this year has been the teas on the field. This enables cricket matches to be extended much longer into the evening and also makes the games more enjoyable.

The club are indebted to the following for giving up their time to umpire :—The Head Master, Messrs. Armor, Austin, Brown, R. Ferraro, Heather, Lerner, Macleod, Morrell. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Babbage, Mrs. Morrell and Mrs. Lyon for preparing the teas. The success of the team has been a great deal the result of many evenings coaching at the field by Mr. Brown, our Sports master, and we extend to him our best thanks and appreciation for the services he has rendered.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Runs	
					For	Agst,
1st XI	17	12	1	4	1311	967
2nd XI	12	5	0	7	688	771
Junior 1st XI	8	8	0	0	—	—

Three of the Junior XI's matches have been won by an innings and a considerable number of runs. A.H.B.

On Wednesday, July 25th, the Cricket Club is holding a Flannel Dance, in the St. Michael's Memorial Hall, Devonport, from 7-0 to 11-0 p.m. Tickets, price 1/3 single, 2/- Double, are obtainable from members of the Committee. It is hoped that this, their first effort, will be well patronised and become an annual event.

SPORTS DAY

This year we were back at Home Park again, where the annual sports were held on Saturday, June 2nd. The weather conditions were ideal for the spectators, although a little too hot for the runners. Records were again broken, namely 440 yards open ; high-jump under 15 ; high-jump under 13 ; and 220 yards under 13 ; and all the performances were certainly of a high standard.

The struggle for the Senior Championship was very close Hurden, with 11½ points, being followed by Legg, with 11, and Steed with 10 points. This was a very creditable performance for Hurden, who was competing in the Senior Championship for the first time. He was beaten in the 440 yards open by Legg, who ran splendidly and put up the record time of 58-2/5 seconds.

The Junior Championship presented a fairly close struggle, Pike gaining 12 points, beating Richings, 9 points, and Kingwell, 8 points, Richings, jumping 4 ft. 11 ins., set up a record for the under 15 high jump.

Simmonds won the under 13 championship in very fine style, with 17 points, his nearest competitors gaining only 3 pts.

Simmonds too is a record-breaker, gaining the 220 yards under 13 in 30½secs., and jumping 4 ft. 3 ins., in the high jump under 13.

In the Tug-of-War, School v. Old Boys, the usual result was reversed, and the school, much to its credit, won both Tugs; but they were no match for the Parents.

Lyon won the Senior Cross-Country Run in the record time of 19 mins. 14 secs., and Simmonds won the Junior. These were, as usual, run off some time before the Sports Day.

In the House Championship, Raleigh were placed first, followed by 2, Grenville; 3, Gilbert; 4, Drake.

Mr. Victor Winnicott presented the prizes and football caps in the absence of Alderman Macdonald.

RESULTS OF EVENTS

- Cross Country (Senior): 1, Gilbert; 2, Grenville; 3, Raleigh.
 Cross Country (Junior): 1, Raleigh; 2, Gilbert; 3, Drake.
 Cricket Ball (open): 1, Steed; 2, Pearn; 3, Maclaren.
 220 yards (under 15): 1, Pike; 2, Kingwell; 3, Compton.
 100 yards (under 13): 1, Simmonds; 2, Casterton; 3, Prowse.
 220 yards (open): 1, Hurden; 2, Dyer-Smith; 3, Legg.
 High Jump (under 15): 1, Richings; 2, Pepper; 3, Essery.
 High Jump (under 13): 1, Simmonds; 2, Honey; 3, Casterton.
 High Jump (open): 1, Steed; 2, Smith; 3, Grant.
 Hurdles (under 15): 1, Richings; 2, Miskelly; 3, Osborne.
 Sack Race (under 12): 1, Grindrod and Steer, tie; 3, Hill.
 440 yards (open): 1, Legg; 2, Hurden; 3, Dyer-Smith.
 220 yards (under 13): 1, Simmonds; 2, Prowse; 3, Collins.
 100 yards (under 15): 1, Crocker; 2, Kingwell; 3, Miskelly.
 Hurdles (open): 1, Hurden; 2, Butler; 3, Wakely and Lyon tie.
 Javelin (open): 1, Smith; 2, Mason; 3, Crocker.
 100 yards (open); 1, Dyer-Smith; 2, Legg; 3, Wingate and Hurden, tie.
 440 yards (under 13): 1, Simmonds; 2, Collins; 3, Honey.
 Half Mile (under 15): 1, Pike; 2, Kingwell; 3, Richings.
 Tug-of-War (School v. Old Boys): School.
 Mile Open: 1, Lyon; 2, Steed; 3, Constable.
 Relay Race (under 13): 1, Grenville; 2, Gilbert; 3, Drake.
 Relay Race (under 15): 1, Raleigh; 2, Drake; 3, Gilbert.
 Team Race (open): 1, Gilbert; 2, Grenville; 3, Raleigh.
 Team Race (under 13): 1, Drake; 2, Gilbert; 3, Grenville.

Relay Race (open) : 1, Gilbert ; 2, Raleigh ; 3, Grenville.
 Team Race (under 15) : 1, Raleigh ; 2, Drake ; 3, Grenville.
 Relay Race (School v. Old Boys) : School.
 Tug-of-War (School v. Parents) : Parents.

HOUSE REPORTS

DRAKE HOUSE

Activities this term so far have been the sports at Home Park and the cricket. Although in the sports the House was fourth, we have the satisfaction of knowing it did its best, which by itself is something. Unfortunately we missed Pepperell badly for his efforts would certainly have helped the House. However, we did accomplish something, for Pike was the under-15 champion. The cricket results this term have not been very inspiring, the Junior team being the only one to win a match so far, i.e. the match against Gilbert Juniors. They lost their match against Grenville Juniors.

The Senior team can only boast one member of the 1st XI, and a few of the 2nd XI. They lost their matches against Gilbert and Grenville.

By the time this is in print the swimming sports will have been decided, but we hope that Drake will take its fair share of the points.

J. L. MacLaren.

GILBERT HOUSE

The first matters to be reported on are the Cross Country runs. The Senior team won their event in convincing style, and Lyon is to be congratulated on finishing a very fine run in record time. The Junior team missed winning their event by a very small margin, and Cory (ii) did well to come in on the heels of the first man after a very well run race.

On Sports Day we were not as successful as we had hoped to be, and instead of improving our position in the House Championship, we went still further down the table. One point was noticeable; namely, that we ran much better in the team events than in the individual races. This seems rather strange, but perhaps we are entitled to draw a measure of satisfaction from this fact.

The Seniors won their Cricket match against Drake by a comfortable margin, and only lost to Raleigh by 10 runs after an interesting game in which the scoring was good for a House match. The Juniors have succeeded in gaining the same number of points as the Seniors, in their two cricket matches.

The Swimming Sports will take place on the last Tuesday of

the term, but although we won the Cup last year, some of our best swimmers have left, and in any case it is unwise to prophesy about an inter-House sporting event, so we shall have to see what the day brings forth.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the interest taken and the assistance given by our House Master, Mr. H. Ferraro, and of thanking those members of the House, both Seniors and Juniors, who, during the last four years have helped me to select teams, and have played in these teams. There has been a good spirit in the House even if success has been lacking, and I sincerely hope that before long its efforts will be rewarded and that the House shield will come into its keeping again for a while.

W. J. Wakely.

GRENVILLE HOUSE

After beginning the term well behind Raleigh, as a result of the winter games, Grenville received another set-back in the Cross Country. The Seniors did well, but most of the Juniors fell by the wayside, so that the success of Simmonds, who came in first, was of little avail. All round ability in the sports, however, and three victories out of four games played in cricket have raised Grenville to within six points of Raleigh, the leading house. Two cricket matches are yet to be played. At the time of writing, Grenville lead in the individual points gained for swimming; and there is plenty of swimming talent in Grenville, both amongst the Seniors and Juniors. There is good reason to hope, then, that by the time this report is published, the persistent efforts of Grenville will have been crowned with success.

H. Smith.

RALEIGH HOUSE

At the termination of winter games, Raleigh still headed the inter-House list, and the next event of importance was the sports at Home Park. Thanks largely to some magnificent running by Hurden and Legg we won the day but only by the smallest of margins. The under 15 runners did well and although the juniors strove hard their efforts were no match for the competitors of other Houses.

In cricket the results have been moderate. Weakness in junior matches had in both cases counteracted the good all-round performance of the seniors and the House has to thank Halloran (i) for his accomplishments with ball and bat.

Following the cricket we have the swimming sports and it is of the utmost importance to the House to gain a moderate position. The Juniors, in many cases have not done their "lengths" and it is only by this laboured "point-earning" that swimming will bring its reward and place Raleigh once again at the head of the inter-House Championship, thus creating a record for the House in gaining the shield for the third successive year.

E. A. Pearn.

AN EXTRACT

The following is an extract from a letter to the Headmaster, and is reproduced with his permission. The author—Alan Pitcher—left this school some five months ago, to live in South Africa, and his letter displays some features of school life in his new country.

After an explanation of difficulties encountered in the selection of a suitable school, our correspondent begins :

“ On arrival at Simonstown, an interview with the Headmaster of Simonstown Secondary School ‘put us in queer street.’ (The inverters are ours—ED.) In the Cape Province, classification is by standards, and the boy of sixteen or seventeen, who is, perhaps, doing his last year at school, would be in Standard X. Standard VIII is the South African Junior Certificate, and Standard X, of course, is Matriculation. At Simonstown Secondary School, Standard VIII was the limit, and it appeared that boys who wished to carry on their education would have to attend Rondebosch Boys’ High School—a school $17\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Simonstown. On examining my books, the master of the Simonstown School said that some of my work was equal to that of Standard XI, whilst other portions were worthy of only Standard VII. He therefore thought the best plan would be to send me to Standard IX, and see how I fared.

“ At both these schools, English Schoolboys will be surprised to hear there is no French taught, Afrikanse being the only language, other than Latin. Thus, a private French tutor had to be obtained. It was decided that I should attend Rondebosch after the Easter holidays, and when that day arrived, I set off rather doubtfully . . .

“ The subjects at Rondebosch were—Maths. (Geometry and Algebra), English, Science, History, Latin or Geography (pupil’s choice), and Afrikanse or French. These, and one lesson of Hand-writing were the only subjects taught—showing the lack of keenness out here . . . The History concerned France and the French Revolution, and that I did not know much about. (!!! Shades of Mr. Austin!—ED.) The Latin was totally different from Mr. O’Connor’s method of teaching (sic—ED.), and it appeared that I was behind in Science, French, and Algebra. For two weeks I tried my hardest to understand what the boys were doing, but I could not fathom it; so I was again removed to Simonstown Secondary School, and placed in Standard VII. . . . Here I am more within my depth, and all I have to pull up is the Biology my classmates have done since the beginning of this year this subject being accounted a part of the Science course for the Junior Certificate (S. African) Examination. My subjects here are :—Arithmetic (fairly easy); Algebra (easy); Geometry (easy); Latin and English as in England; Science (fairly easy); and Biology, which I am picking up steadily.

“ We have cadets out here, and I am learning to form fours (Alas! Mr. Brown!—ED.) and drill with a .202 rifle. Altogether, I am much more comfortable than I was at Rondebosch . . .”

"Our correspondent closes with his best wishes for the well-being of the Headmaster and Staff of this school. We trust that in his new environment he may carry some pleasant memories of the days he spent at D. H. S., and we sincerely wish him every good fortune in his future career and prospects."

J. L.

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We are pleased to take this opportunity of congratulating several of our members on their achievements during the last few months.

Mr. R. Profitt of Exeter College has rounded off a brilliant career at Oxford by attaining the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for research work in Mathematics, while Mr. W. Osborne, of Jesus College, has been awarded a First Class in the Final Honours School of Mathematics.

At Cambridge, Mr. W. S. Watson of King's College has obtained a First Class in Part I of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos.

At Reading, Mr. F. Kellaway, has gained a Special Honours Degree in Physics, and Mr. C. Mill has secured First Class Honours in the General Degree.

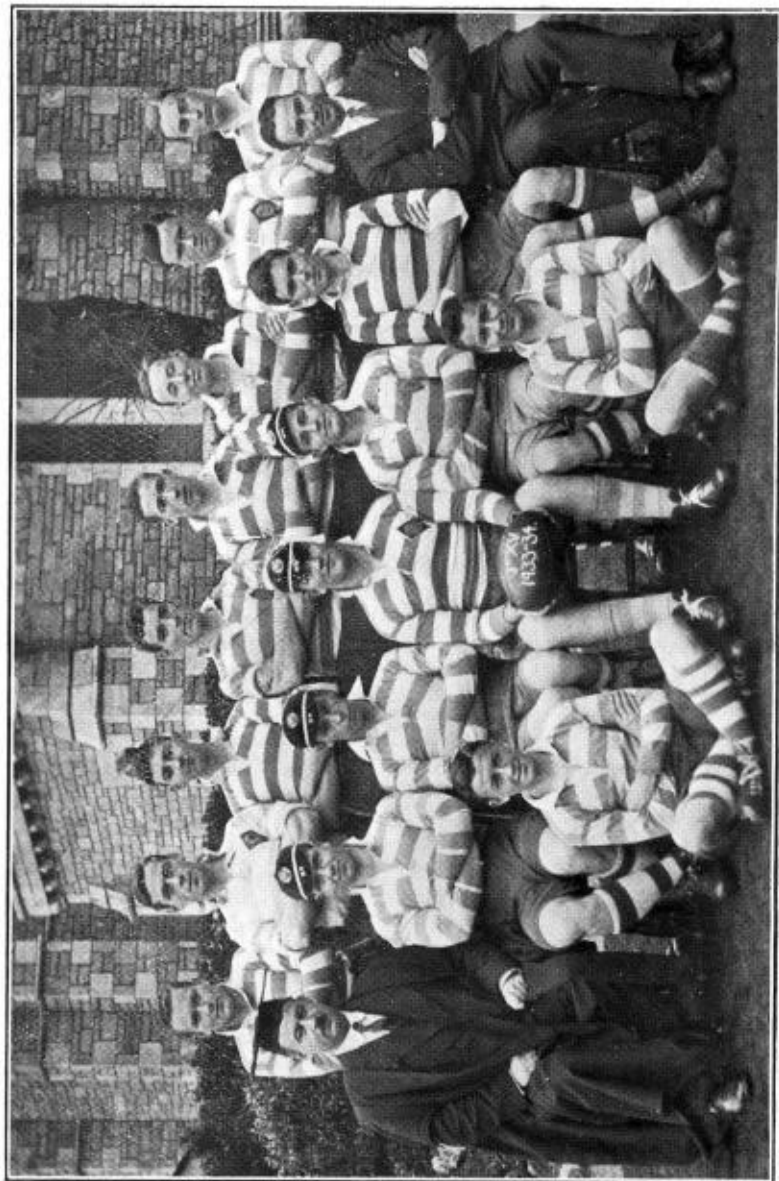
Mr. S. Ware, one of our Rugby enthusiasts, has received an appointment as Mining Engineer under the Consolidated Gold Company and is at present in West Africa.

We recently had a visit from Mr. J. Maddock who is home on leave from South America, and were also pleased to have news of his contemporary, Mr. H. Westlake, a one-time Victor Ludorum. After the War, Mr. Westlake took an Engineering Degree and is at present in the Research Department of the Admiralty.

Mr. H. Barry has explored the fields of Commerce to such purpose that his name figures in the list of commercial Scholarship awards.

Business appointments have deprived the Committee of the services of Messrs. Williams and Westlake, both of whom have done splendid work for the Association. They take with them our best wishes for their prosperity.

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 J. E. DYER-SMITH, W. A. SIMMONDS. *(Middle Row, Seated)* THE HEADMASTER, H. GARLAND, W. J. WAKELY,
 W. P. BOWDEN (Capt.) A. J. LEGG, H. SMITH, MR. BROWN. *(Front Row, Seated)* L. W. HOLMES, K. EVEA.

The O .B. A. Tie has now been registered and may be obtained from Messrs. Perkins Bros., Bedford Street, Plymouth. As it is not possible to register a stripe a monogram, made up of the letters D. H. S., has been incorporated. The tie can be obtained from Messrs. Perkins on production of evidence of membership—(name and address, also number if possible). The price of the tie is 2/6. Blazers are obtainable from Messrs. Stidever Bros., of Albert Road, Devonport.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on July 6th, at which the decision was made to re-cast the Rules and Constitution of the Association. A copy of the Rules as they now stand appears with these notes. We were very pleased to have at the meeting a member of the London Branch Committee, and to get first hand information as to the progress of the Branch. Attention is drawn to the announcement under the London Notes that a Dinner is being arranged in London on October 27th.

The next General Meeting will be held at the School in December.

We regret to record the death of Mr. C. Terrell, a member of our Association who passed away early in the Term. The sympathy of Old Boys will also go to the Secretary of the London Branch, Mr. A. J. Swan, in the loss he sustained in the death of his mother.

The following is a list of new members :

Taylor, C. A., Groombridge House, Littlehampton, Sussex.

Evans, S. A., Saltram, The Crescent, Truro, Cornwall.

Monson, G., Trevoze, Brean Down Road, Peverell.

Sammels, H., 43, Hotham Place, Stoke.

Small, R., 42, Queen's Street, Devonport.

Luke, A. D., 8, Paradise Road, Stoke.

The following changes of address are notified :

Williams, L. C. G., 9, Gelliwosted Road, Pontypridd, Glam.

Wood, N. A. I., 75, All Saints Road, Peterborough, Northants.

RULES and CONSTITUTION adopted by the Annual General Meeting, July 6th 1934.

1. The objects of the Association are :

- (a) To maintain the contact of Old Boys with the School and each other by means of the School Magazine.
- (b) To promote an Annual Dinner at Plymouth on a day as near after Christmas as possible.
- (c) To foster and encourage the formation of Athletic and Social clubs for the members.

2. Old Boys of the School who have attained the age of 16 years shall be eligible for membership and their membership shall be completed on payment of their Annual subscription.

3. The membership cards of the Association and all its branches shall be of a standard type, and the colours thereon shall be green, white and black.

4. The Annual subscription to the Association shall be normally 2/6, but members may pay through a Branch, and shall then pay to that Branch such sum as is decided upon by their Branch Committee. This subscription shall entitle a member to two issues of the School Magazine.

5. The subscription shall be payable in advance at such time as the Association or its Branch have separately determined.

6. A member of the Association shall be considered to have forfeited his membership of the Association when his subscription is one year in arrears.

7. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at the School on a date as near as possible to the Annual Dinner, in order to give members of all branches an opportunity of attending.

8. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association shall be called on the requisition of at least 12 members to the General Secretary.

9. The Headmaster of the School shall be President of the association.

10. The officers of the association shall consist of the President, Vice-President(s), Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary

11. Life vice-Presidents may be appointed at an Annual General Meeting.

12. The Honorary Secretary shall be designated the "General Secretary of the Association." He shall be responsible for the distribution of the Magazines to all Branches, shall deal with all matters affecting the Association as a whole and shall also act as a connecting link between the School and the Branches of the Association.

13. Vice-President(s), the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

14. The officers of the Association shall be members, ex officio, of all Committees of the Association.

15. A General Committee shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting to manage the affairs of the Association as directed by the rules and Constitution.

16. A general Committee shall be constituted and managed as follows

- (a) The Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, a representative from each Club and twelve elected members together with a Committee Secretary.
- (b) The duties of the Committee Secretary shall be to deal with the routine of the Committee and to act as assistant to the General Secretary of the Association.
- (c) The Committee Secretary and one third of the elected members of the General Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

- (d) The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected annually by the Committee from the elected members and shall be the Vice Chairman of the previous year, providing he still be an elected member of the Committee.
- (e) The Vice Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee Annually.
- (f) The number of members necessary to form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee shall be seven.
- (g) The Committee shall meet not less frequently than once in three months.
- (h) The Committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies among its elected members, until the next General Meeting.

17. With the consent of the Officers of the Association, branches of the Association may be formed in places where sufficient Old Boys are resident and when so formed shall be autonomous both as regards management and finance

18. Clubs of the Association when formed shall be autonomous as regards their own activity and its finance, but shall be required to render a report to the Annual General Meeting as to the progress of the Club and shall furnish from their Committee a member to serve on the General Committee.

19. The above Rules and Constitution shall be subject to alteration or amendment only at the Annual General Meeting of the Association following due notice having been given at a previous General Meeting.

20. Any matter not provided for by these Rules shall be decided by the decision of the General Committee.

LONDON BRANCH NOTES

<i>Chairman :</i>	Mr. A.T. Brooks.
<i>Secretary :</i>	Mr. A. J. Swan Special Commissioners' Office, York House, 23, Kingsway, W.C.2
<i>Treasurer :</i>	Mr. M. J. Collier, 59, Windermere Road, N.10.
<i>Committee :</i>	The above with Messrs E. E. Cammack and A. R. Pike

Two events organised by the London Branch have faded into the realm of happy memories since the date of our last magazine notes. A smoking concert was held on Saturday, the 5th May, and a ramble on Sunday, the 3rd June. Accounts of these events will be found at the end of the notes. A second ramble has been arranged for Sunday, the 8th July, and a description of this event will appear in the next issue of the magazine. In connection with the ramble held on the 3rd June, a little story has reached us. It appears that a certain Old Boy, who shall be nameless, broke another engagement to attend the fixture. On reaching Charing Cross

Station, the rendezvous, he could not find any D. H. S. old boys ! and so did not attend the ramble !!! He then, so he says, returned home to his wife ! The American nation possesses a two word phrase which aptly comments on this story. In any case, where oh, where was the Old School Tie ?

Our membership continues to grow and with one or two exceptions, all subscriptions have been paid for the year 1934. The Treasurer would be pleased to hear from the one or two exceptions.

Several applications for lodgings have been received and dealt with, we trust, to the applicants' satisfaction. We are rapidly running out of stock of suitable recommended lodgings. Will Old Boys, who can recommend good and reasonable lodgings, in and around the London area, please send full particulars to the Secretary ?

At the beginning of this month we wrote to the Great Western and Southern Railway Companies asking them to furnish us with particulars, and keep us advised of all excursions and railway privileges likely to be advantageous to Plymothians in London. The latter company have replied that they have the matter under consideration and the former have agreed to our request. There is no doubt that the Southern will acquiesce in our suggestion. Details of such excursions and privileges will be included, as opportunity affords, in our circulars, and we shall be pleased to answer any enquiries on this matter (particularly if they are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope).

We congratulate H. Barry on obtaining a three months Commercial scholarship to Paris and we exhort him during those three months to concentrate his attentions on commerce.

We expect, after the end of the present School term, to see a further increase in our membership and the Treasurer announces that he is willing to accept a proportional subscription to cover the balance of the first year of membership (ending on the 31st December 1934).

The Committee have learned with pleasure of the intended visit of members of the Association to London on October 27th next. They are making arrangements to ensure that the occasion will be a memorable one.

A. J. S. 30-6-34.

NEW MEMBERS

Holmes, W. F., 29, Clitheroe Road, S.W.9.

White, L. J., 117, Station Road, Hendon, N.W.4.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Kell, T., 85, Copers Cope Road, Beckenham, Kent.

Morgan, C. H., B.Sc., 1, Rosemont Road, Acton, W.3.

Pike, A. R., 7, Burston Road, Putney, S.W.15.

SMOKING CONCERT

This was held on Saturday, the 5th May, at the Headquarters of the Queens Westminster and Civil Service Rifles. Commenced as a smoking concert, it developed into a smoke, as by a most unfortunate combination of circumstances, our Chairman, who is an entertainment in himself, and our Secretary, who had intended to bring along entertainers or entertainment, were both prevented from attending.

Arrangements were made for a ramble (or is it hike?) be held on the 3rd June, and the gathering dispersed at 10.45 p.m., the hour indicating that the evening had not been ill spent.

A. R. P.

RAMBLE

Blessed with brilliant sunshine, the party left Hayes Station at 11.20 a.m. under the leadership of Oates, a condition of affairs which, however, did not last long, as, after visiting the picturesque ponds of Keston and negotiating some steep and rough ground, a point was reached where the majority of the party decided to turn in a direction contrary to the expectations of the leader. However, there was no cause for dissension, as the changed route brought the party to Leaves Green for Lunch. The walk was continued over Downe Golf Course, where, in the absence of a Cotton, the party was able to rest in the middle of one of the fairways. The rest of the walk before tea was unmarked by any untoward incident, except an encounter with a churlish and violent farm labourer who hurled the members of the party out of his master's field, one by one.

During tea at Keston, arrangements were made to hold another ramble on Sunday, the 8th July, and the discussion of this event left the party with just sufficient energy to reach West Wickham for the conclusion of a most enjoyable day.

J. A. O.

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

It's no good dissembling—we've been waiting for this Magazine. We've been simply bursting to tell you that the Old Boys have at last become winners of the R.N.E. College Cup—a handsome trophy valued at £70, and which is held jointly with the Prince of Wales, Vol. Reg. The team was presented with medals at the Annual General Meeting of the P and D. Rugby competition—there being two absentees, one who is in South Africa and apparently missed the connexion, and one other whom we can only assume was overcome with emotion. Our success is in no little measure due to Mr. Evens to whom we tender our best thanks. He has kept us in strict training in which he himself has participated. The team has progressed marvellously well, with the exception that two or three

players through intensive training became muscle-bound and of course had to be untied before play could commence. We will not divulge the name of the player who was found coiled in a double reef knot round a touch flag. Our record is as follows. Played 26, won 15, lost 9, drawn 2. It may be mentioned that we should have won the 9 games lost if our opponents had not scored more points than we did. We realize, however, that it's just the luck of the game. Players are very keen to commence Rugger again and are already straining at the leash. It has been rumoured that several leashes have broken, but we wish to deny this.

The Club is financially well favoured and the funds have been augmented by dances which have been quite successful. It is regrettable that on each occasion Henry Hall was already engaged—but the B.B.C. would not let him play anyhow.

The grounds at the Central Park have served us very well as we have played under a variety of conditions, such as—snow, rain and tropical sunshine. It is small exaggeration to say that our numbers have been almost decimated by frostbite, rheumatism, and sunstroke—but all the cases are now doing very well—thank you.

In conclusion, we should like to encourage more Old Boys to join the Club. We assure them of a hearty welcome. *L. Warren.*

OXFORD LETTER

“ Dear Sir,

“ We have just seen the end of the Summer term, the best of all terms. Still fresh in our memories are the boat club dinner, and the days spent lying on our backs on the cushions of a punt, peacefully watching the willows as they pass or gazing aimlessly at the sky ; and the more energetic pastime of canoeing, we have not yet forgotten the number of times we have come off the river at eleven o'clock at night like drowned rats but with the appetites of the just (in spite of our usual sojourn at the ' Vic ').

“ It is true that the prospect of ' Schools ' have caused us one or two uneasy qualms of conscience, but to most of us they are only very dim clouds and for the victims there is the consolatory pleasure always associated with a last term. Jealously we store up our last impressions and drink in the mellow beauty of Oxford's lovely buildings, even more eagerly than we quaff a scone of old in hall, we know full well that it will be some time before we taste either again.

“ Pleased indeed were we to see ' Bob ' once more, and equally proud and glad were we to see so many D.H.S-ians, who had come up (so we presumed) to give him moral support. We would like however to see a better flow of men from the school. Everyone of course takes a little while to settle down to Oxford's filthy climate,

but we believe that no one who has come up from D.H.S. has ever regretted it, and when the time comes to go down for good it is not surprising to see even the most hardened and blasé getting a little sentimental, "City of spires"!—"Home of lost causes"!—cliches of the worst kind we grant you, but when one has just spent one's last day in Oxford all stigma seems removed from them. One feels one could cheerfully split infinitives if necessary."

"LOUGHBOROUGH"

"Sir,

"I am afraid there is a scarcity of interesting news at this particular time. Exams. loom on our horizon.

"Howell is taking his final Diploma examination this year. Although this term our people seem to have neglected both cricket and field sports, during the Easter term, Howell captained the 2nd XV.

"Jones has almost concluded a successful year as senior student of the 1st year teachers in training. During the Easter term he played regularly for the 1st XV, until he was crocked.

"During the Easter term, I played regularly for the 2nd XV, and also secured a place in the Coll. boxing team. This term in particular, my spare time has been taken up by the Coll. Rover Crew. That, I am afraid, is all.

"Yours sincerely,

"A. E. Hawke."

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF S.W., EXETER

"Sir,

"The activities of old D.H.S-ians at Exeter are rather too numerous,—and too varied,—to discuss in detail, and the inexplicable refusal of the editor to issue a special supplement dealing with the University College, forces me to mention just a few of the major events of the year.

"First of all, we congratulate E. W. R. Warn on gaining his half colours in his first cricket season,—an unusual achievement, and then L. M. Taylor—also half colours—on winning his place in a very successful tennis team. F. G. Charles finds his place in the list, having been elected captain of 'squash' for next year; and so we feel that the athletic tradition of D.H.S. is being worthily maintained.

"In other affairs we still find representatives. The Dramatic Society this year has had E. Hannam as its President and Stage manager, and T. B. Pearn, its Musical Director; so the school was represented, on production nights, both behind and in front of the curtain—though next year we hope to see old D.H.S-ians on the stage, too.

"Other Old Boys seem equally busy. T. G. Orchard hurls balls about for the 2nd XI,—at an ever increasing speed, so we hear—and G. H. Warne holds a magnificent record for the number of times he has travelled between Plymouth and Exeter this term. His criticism of films is as acute as ever, though to be sure, his attention to them is not so concentrated as in former days.

"Finally, just one question. Why did J. R. Burrows try to sell a cup for threepence, and on finding no bidders, and having in vain offered the saucer as a makeweight, at last say, in a voice weary and dull with despair,—'all right—the spoon as well'?

"With best wishes to the school, sir,

"Yours, etc.,

"Exon."

READING

"We thought we were three—and suddenly discovered a fourth member in the University. Walking through the cloisters only this week we bumped into (literally) Buckpitt (D.H.S. 1922—1928) and he, being bigger than ourselves, won. As recompense however, he conducted us over the Dairying Department of the University, and gave us home-made ice-cream. It appears that after being at Seale Hayne and on several farms he is now at Reading to obtain the National Diploma in Dairying, the examination for which he takes in September; following that he becomes farmer's boy again.

"Our numbers, however, will be reduced again this week—for Geaton goes down. He's had quite a strenuous term—has jumped prodigious high jumps and thrown a discus, the latter unfortunately in the wrong direction so that it nearly slew a number of spectators standing behind him. Still, he threw it, and eventually made a better show in the Inter Hall Athletics by his prowess.

"Geaton has also added the last branch to his academic laurels by obtaining the Diploma in Education—but don't mention Handicrafts to him. It is unfortunate, but those doing Edu. Dip. must take the Handicrafts—and some aren't good at it.

"Kellaway has followed up his General B.Sc. Degree with a Special Honours degree in Physics. He has also smitten hockey and tennis balls, belonging to the University Hall, and (generally) other people, and is elected as next year's President of the Reading branch of B.U.L.N.S. (British Universities League of Nations Society, to you), and to the Council of Kosmos—(ne Science Society), on which in bygone years, both Blatchford and Gordon have sat.

"Mill, on the academic side, has beaten the field with a First in B.Sc. (General). Next year he follows Kellaway in Physics.

He'll probably beat him as effectively as he does at tennis. Mill has also kicked a pretty football, also for Hall and University.

"There are heaps of other things we could tell you, but we'd, rather not, but come and see for yourself."

OBITUARY

C. Terrell.

Miss Collingwood, formerly a teacher in the preparatory School under Mr. Rider.

Dr. W. E. Baker, M.A., D. Phil., who was Mathematics master at this school in 1911, and of late years tutor at Sheffield University Training College, and St. Phillip's Grammar School, Birmingham.



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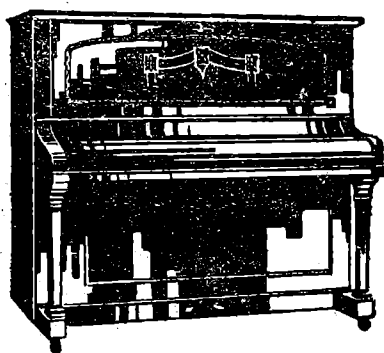
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