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Editorial

It is, and always should be, the aim of worthy journals to amuse and to instruct. While we cannot claim for ourselves that title (for that claim must be made by others), we may yet do our humble best to gain it. While we are restrained by circumstances from waving the gamp of peace over the world's troubled scene, our position yet renders us able to play our own particular part, one which even the mightiest dictator and wisest statesman cannot fill—the part of the humble people who provide the breath that enables the black and ancient silk to flutter bravely in the face of the world.

We, the ordinary "average" people of this country and the world, hold the most absolute rulers upon our broad shoulders. It is ours to pay the taxes that beat the ploughshares into swords and whippet tanks, ours to suffer most in times of greatest adversity and not always to receive an adequate reward in days of "peace and prosperity." It is we who cheer the conquering hero, who hiss the defeated traitor. And we derive no little pleasure from doing so.

Let us assume the consciousness of superiority that is ours by right; let us remember that without us the captains and kings are but shadows; that without them we might easily live in as much anxiety and fear as we do now, in equal poverty and prosperity, in equal joy and sorrow. Ours is the earth—or should be—and all that is in it and has not yet been taken out. Shall we lack food while in far-off lands it is being destroyed? Shall we see poverty in the midst of wealth? And although we cannot work the miracle of putting the world to rights by collective action, we can still keep a watchful glance on matters which concern us more closely. Get on with your job and take care that those who use authority do not abuse it. The times are too anxious for us to lead lives of care-less amusement; and indeed, none of us can wholly escape the making of history that goes on all around.

Perhaps, on some distant day, we or our descendants may be able to beat the reconnaissance fighter into a useful harvester combine, and—if the literary lapse may be excused—recalcitrant generals into submission. But at present, circumstances make it impossible for us to do anything but the exact opposite. Therefore, on with your work, and be ever mindful of your responsibilities.

PRAEFECTI VALETE

- L. S. ADAMS.—Entered School September, 1931; Cambridge School Certificate, 1936; London Higher Schools Certificate, 1938; Captain 1st XI. Soccer, 1937-8; Captain 1st XI. Cricket, 1937; Prefect September, 1937; Senior Prefect, September, 1938; Entered Executive Civil Service (War Office).
- E. ANDREWS.—Entered School, January, 1934; Captain 1st XV., 1937-8; Vice-Captain, Raleigh; Prefect, September, 1938.

EN PASSANT

We heartily congratulate :—

The 1st XI. on its splendid record this season. The victories of the team have all been convincing; and the few games lost were lost to teams older and heavier. No other School team, we understand, has defeated the XI.

L. S. Adams, who has entered the War Office as an Executive Officer, and who was also first in the recent examination of the Customs and Excise Department. In this exam. he had to compete with many men much older than himself, and with some who hold University degrees.

Crookes and Sprague, on their appointment to the Clerical Branch of the Civil Service.

Squires on his appointment to the Municipal Service. He is now in the Treasurer's Office.

Brown, of IVs, who reached the Final Round of the Devon Junior Chess Championship.

We extend special thanks to Messrs. Goodfellow and Essery, who recently enriched the Library with many volumes of French and Scientific works.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologises for any accidental omissions :—

“The St. Chad's College Magazine” (Durham University),
 “The Faraday House Journal,” “The Launcestonian,”
 “The Totnesian,” “The Review,” “The B.X. Chronicle”
 (St. Mary's Academy, Winnipeg); “The Juntex,” “The Kingsbridgian,” “The Harrow County School Magazine.”
 “The Chiswick County School Magazine.”

School Notes

In several of our recent issues we have recorded and welcomed additions to the staff, but now we have only to mention Messrs. Freeman and Truss who have been gaining practical knowledge of their profession. We wish them suitable appointments and hope that they will be happy elsewhere.

At the end of last term, that is, after we had gone to press, the usual House Concerts were held, but the unusual feature was that Mr. Abrahams, H.M. Inspector of Secondary Schools, kindly consented to act as adjudicator, in which capacity he was assisted by Mrs. Abrahams, whom we were delighted to have with us. Raleigh was placed first; the best individual item was "A.R.P.," written by Mr. Whitfield; the best individual effort was the impersonation of a girl by Bowen; Trenerry with his mouth-organ, was the leading virtuoso. At the evening performance a collection was made, to which parents and friends contributed generously, and a sum of £1 10s. 0d. was sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

In our July issue we congratulated the six successful candidates at the Civil Service Executive examination; at Christmas we were able to add two names to the list, and now the number is ten, as Kingwell and Adams have been called up. We were proud of the original number, six, which equalled our previous best; when the number rose to eight, we were distinctly superior; and now with ten to our credit we are beyond ourselves. The result of the recent Customs and Excise examination has just been issued. Adams is first on the list, Wheeler 46th, and Billington 143rd. At the School Certificate examination held in December, Gidley was our only candidate; he passed with exemption from Matriculation.

But the record of examination results is not yet ended. Out of a total of twenty successful candidates for employment under the Plymouth Municipal Authority, 14 were from the School; 16 of our boys entered. Two more boys, Sprague and Crookes, have been called up by the Civil Service Clerical branch, and are now in London.

It will be remembered that in our last issue we congratulated T. M. Dunstan (Editor of this magazine), and J. H. Nicholls, on winning State Scholarships at the recent Higher School Examination; they have now won further honours. Dunstan has obtained a Senior Open Scholarship for History, value £100 per annum, at University College, Oxford, and Nicholls has secured the Stapledon Scholarship (for Chemistry) at Exeter College, Oxford. They will go up to the University in October, and we wish them the greatest success.

Once more we cordially thank Mr. Weeks for another of his delightful musical introductions.

We have grown accustomed to the usual story of School successes which has become part of the D.H.S. tradition, and this year the Speech Day story was a pleasant one, in fact, an impressive one. Lord Astor honoured us by distributing the prizes and to him we offer our best thanks ; but in the minds of most a sensation of delightful innovation was experienced. Two of our boys, Prefect Dunstan and Prefect Lucas, in turn, stood before the microphone ; and with all the calmness of veteran parliamentary debaters, proposed votes of thanks. Everyone was amazed to hear the fluency, phraseology, and sound common sense of the speeches.

The annual Athletic Sports were held on March 22nd. We were the guests of the Civil Service Sports Association, and to them we offer our sincere thanks. The sports themselves were excellently organised by Mr. Hodgson, who had the willing support of the whole of the staff. During the period of training and gaining "standards," the weather was kind, and was not unfavourable on the day, though the low temperature and occasional wintry showers reminded us that winter is scarcely out of sight. The final placings were : Grenville 299 points, Gilbert 208.5, Drake 168, and Raleigh 144. Possibly the most exciting event was the Open Relay, consisting of four laps of 880 yards each. After splendid running, Drake and Gilbert breasted the tape together.

W. H. J. Priest, Esq. Chairman of the Albion R.F.C., presented the cups ; to him, to Messrs. Hodgson and Rees, to the Civil Service groundsman, and to all who helped to make the sports meeting a success, we extend our hearty thanks. Next Saturday, March 25th, we are sending an athletic team to Tiverton to compete in the annual Devon County Inter-School Sports, and we hope they will give a good account of themselves.

During the term the Library has greatly benefited by generous gifts. A fine set of French books was given by Goodfellow, some excellent Science books by Essery, and a series of History books by Crookes. It is hoped that others, when leaving, will follow such splendid examples.

Another out-of-school activity has been added to the already long list. A Table-Tennis Club has been formed, and, we understand, interest and competition are running high. This brings us to an important school venture. The play chosen by the Dramatic Society is John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln," and this will be produced on April 3rd and 4th. Mr. H. E. Davies and his cast have worked enthusiastically. It will be remembered that this excellent play, first produced in 1918, took Europe and America by storm, and it has retained much of its early popularity. We believe that seeing this play will benefit the Fifth Forms, and be a source of great pleasure to all.

The School was honoured recently by the visit of Thomas Jones, Esq., C.H., M.A., LL.D., sometime Professor of Economics in Glasgow University. For some years he was Secretary of the Cabinet and was described by Earl Baldwin as one of the finest brains in the country.

To conclude these long and somewhat rambling notes, we give our best wishes to those taking the Civil Service Executive Examination, the School Certificate, and the Higher Schools Certificate, and lastly, we wish a happy holiday to all, and especially to those who are going on the French excursion.

Inter-Schools Debate

The Inter-Schools Debate for this term was held at Plymouth High School for Girls, on Friday, March 3rd, and was attended by a party from our Literary and Debating Society.

The motion, "That in the opinion of this house, modern conditions of life are destroying the spirit of adventure," was ably proposed by Mr. Dunstan (Devonport High School for Boys) who reminded us of the deeds of the explorers of other days, and deplored that desire for publicity, which was tending to reduce any spirit of adventure present in modern life. He also claimed that unemployment and industrial problems were responsible for the decline in adventurous spirits. Mr. Crosby (Plymouth College), who seconded the motion, was in humorous vein. He pointed out that modern conditions no longer called for the adventurous spirit that had been needed in the past, interspersing his main arguments with well-chosen illustrations.

For the opposition, Mr. Beer (Sutton High School), gave a well-constructed speech, in which he made numerous references to the pioneer spirit displayed by the scientists of to-day. Miss Deacon (Stoke Damerel High School), in seconding the opposition, thought that the spirit of adventure was as much alive as ever, but was expressed in different forms.

Following the four principals, the motion was discussed by the House. Speaking was very spirited, and there was no lack of speakers. A large number of subjects were mentioned, during which the principal speakers' arguments were expanded, and freely discussed, but unfortunately, a great deal of irrelevancy crept into the debate.

After the proposer and the opposer had summed up their cases, a vote was taken and the motion was defeated by 130 votes to 75.

We thank our hostesses for their kind invitation and for the excellent way in which the debate was arranged.

R.H.L.

Rugger Club

Master—Mr. Mallinson.

Captain—F. G. Crocker.

Vice-Captain—A. C. Simmonds.

Secretary—A. W. Pearce.

The second half of the season has proved unlucky for the 1st XV., but has shown that the players are capable of playing good Rugby. Owing to the shortness of the season and the large number of House games, School fixtures have not been numerous. The departure of Andrews at Christmas left a gap in the forwards, which has been exceedingly hard to fill, and has necessitated almost complete rearrangement of the pack.

The team has played three matches this term, and it is very difficult to select any individual players for mention on the evidence of so few matches. Mr. Webb, however, has shown us some of the finer points of Rugby, and his run down the field in our match with the R.N.E.C. 3rd XV. will not easily be forgotten.

The 2nd XV. has played two matches, winning both. Many of its players have shown promising form, whilst Pepper, Jeffery, Williams and Smyth have played several times for the 1st XV. Amongst the backs, Vanner and Dolton have been outstanding in their combination.

The Colts XV. has also played two matches, and has been unsuccessful, losing both matches by a large margin of points. The Junior XV. has played and won one match. It has improved in both the forward and back ranks, and has made up for its lack of weight by its enthusiasm.

The thanks of the Club are extended to Messrs. Mallinson, Rees, Webb, Phythian, Vivian and Freeman, for the help they have given by playing as often as possible, and to the Headmaster and Messrs. Gaskin, Davies, O'Connor, and the above-mentioned, who have helped by refereeing both School and House games.

The teams and records are as follows :—

1st XV.—

		Prowse	
Lane	Mason	Dornom	Crocker (capt.)
	Simmonds	Grindrod	

From : Crouch, Ward (L.), Salter, Fletcher, Jeffery, Williams, Andrews, Smyth, Pearce, Pepper.

2nd XV.—

		Goodman	
Border	Vanner	Dolton	Squires
	Challis	Browning	

From : Pickering, Cole, Endacott, Jeffery, Knapp, Williams, Smyth, Pepper, Way, Jenkins.

Metherell has also played.

Colts XV.—

Perkins
Hale Holgate Roberts (i) Davis
 Bartlett C-Davies

From : Pickering, Lockett, Johnson, Showell, Evea, Sleeman,
 Joyner, Hurwitt, Keast.

Junior XV.—

Down
Baker Lovell Huzzey Keast (J).
 Roberts (i) C-Davies

Simmonds, Moyse, Showell, Walford, Keast, R. C., Taylor, Evea,
 Fitzsimmonds.

<i>Team.</i>	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Points.</i>	
					<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1st XV. ...	12	6	5	1	124	109
2nd XV. ...	6	4	2	0	86	45
Colts XV.	3	1	2	0	17	64
Junior XV.	4	3	1	0	35	41

CRITIQUE :—

Prowse (full-back). A newcomer to the team who plays a good steady game, and tackles well. Kicking could be improved.

Lane (left-wing). Runs well, but passing and handling could be greatly improved. Should do well next season.

Mason (left-centre). Hard, strong runner, whose handling and kicking have definitely improved since the beginning of the season.

Dornom (right-centre). A smart centre who has proved very effective both in attack and defence. Should check a slight tendency to run across.

Crocker (right-wing). A strong, fast winger who goes hard for the line. He has enthusiastically carried out all the routine duties of the captain. (H.M.).

Simmons (stand-off half) (Vice-Capt.). Our best attacking back, being quick off the mark and difficult to stop. A fine kicker. Must time his passes better. (H.M.).

Grindrod (scrum-half). A clever player whose lack of weight is amply compensated by his intelligent play. Tackling and kicking very good. Will be missed next season.

Crouch (right-wing forward). An energetic forward whose play generally has improved the pack.

Ward (left-wing). Rather slow for a winging forward, but uses his weight to advantage.

Fletcher. A useful forward, whose tackling can be greatly improved.

Salter. A strong, useful player whose dribbling and following-up have greatly improved forward play. Inclined to become too robust at times.

Andrews. A forward whose weight has proved very valuable in the scrum.

Pepper. A newcomer to the team whose weight has also been useful ; should now learn to tackle.

Jeffery. A young player who has greatly improved ; especially useful in line-outs.

Williams. Another young player whose play has been of a high standard.

Pearce (hooker) (hon. secretary). Though often outweighed, has hooked well. Plays very well in the loose ; tackles and goes down to the ball well. Has done admirable work as secretary. (H.M.).

Smyth. A player whose lack of height is compensated by his energetic play.

A. W. PEARCE, *Hon. Sec.*

Soccer Club

Soccer Master—Mr. G. Hodgson.

Captain—A. J. Joint.

Vice-Captain—A. J. Trenerry.

Secretary—D. G. Barkell.

Despite a rather disastrous close when both 1st and 2nd XI. were defeated by Dartmouth College, the 1937-8 season has been a successful one for the Soccer Club. The standard of football has been consistently high throughout and has resulted in a fine record for each team.

The 1st XI. has been especially successful, and a record that includes 18 victories and only four defeats, compares most favourably with that of previous seasons. The loss of Rowe left a gap which was hard to fill ; nevertheless, the defence has played well this term, and deserves to be congratulated on its improved team spirit.

The 2nd XI. has had a successful season, but has been handicapped by lack of fixtures. Only three defeats have been suffered, two of these against much heavier and older teams. Potter has proved an efficient captain of a combination which has shown fine fighting qualities.

The Colts' XI. has also suffered through difficulty in arranging fixtures. However, the enthusiasm displayed has shown the need for such a team to maintain interest between the Junior XI. and the 2nd XI.

The Junior XI. has had a much larger programme than usual to fulfil this season. Unfortunately, many matches have been cancelled owing to the weather. Only two matches have been lost, and the XI. has played well together as a team. Endacott has been an efficient captain, whilst Burrows, Field and Harris have shown much promise.

The Club is greatly indebted to Mesdames Tovell, Barkell and Misses Cowley and Tovell for their kind services in preparing teas under difficult conditions throughout the season. Thanks are also due to the Headmaster and to Messrs. Armor, Austin, Truman, Chamberlain, Hodgson, Pickup, Heather, to Crookes of L.V.I.M., and to all others who have refereed games this season.

The Club extends thanks to Messrs. Hodgson and Pickup for their guidance and advice throughout the season. Their interest has been of great service to each XI.

Teams and Records are as follows :—

1st XI.— Adams
Trenerry Collins
Lucas Bray Baines
Joint Barkell Squibb Rickard Thomas
Varney and Moger have also played.

2nd XI.— Nicholas
Euler Moger
Simmonds Allen Wilce
Deal Potter Crabb Peacock Adams
Leech has also played.

Colts XI.— Leech
Bale Crookes
Hellyer Thompson Whitchell
Tapper Dowrick Gilbert Higman Alford

Junior XI.— Tozer
Hallet Field
Slade Beare Harris
Burrows Endacott Pring Semmens Whortlehook
Cocking has also played.

Goals.						
Team.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For	Against
1st XI. ...	23	18	4	1	133	34
2nd XI. ...	12	8	3	1	53	29
Colts XI. ...	16	6	7	3	56	42
Junior XI.	10	7	2	1	35	16

CRITIQUE :—

Adams (goal). Has played consistently well. His positional play has been outstanding and no " gift goals " can be registered in the against column.

Trenerry (right-back) (Vice-Capt.): Has defended with the same reliability as last season, and his positional play has improved. The duties of vice-captain have been carried out thoroughly. (G.H.H.).

Collins (left-back). Changing from forward to back at the beginning of the season, he has shown himself a fine defensive player. Tackles well ; his kicking has been excellent. Should improve positional play.

Lucas (right-half). Has maintained last season's high standard of play and has been a great asset to the team. In attack he has been outstanding, but should endeavour to improve defensive play.

Bray (centre-half). A strong defender whose headwork has been most conspicuous. His kicking and passing are excellent, but he is rather slow and inclined to wander out of position.

Rowe (left-half). A newcomer to the side who proved himself a fine constructive half-back. His tackling and kicking are excellent. His loss just after Christmas was regretted by the whole team.

Joint (outside-right) (Capt.). As captain, Joint has set a fine example of enthusiasm and team spirit. He got several fine goals while playing at centre-forward, but finds more scope for his speed and tenacity on the wing. His ball-control has improved greatly. (G.H.H.).

Barkell (inside-right) (Secretary). All secretarial duties have been well carried out. These have been heavier than usual, because of a larger fixture list and an additional XI. His play has been of a very high standard, and with Joint a good right-wing was established. (G.H.H.).

Wilce (centre-forward). A recruit from the 2nd XI. who has scored some fine goals. Possesses a fine shot in his left foot ; should endeavour to develop his right foot and improve his ball control.

Rickard (inside-left). A hard-working player who has shown remarkable enthusiasm. Ball control and passing are good, but should be more willing to go for goal himself.

Thomas (outside-left). A fine natural footballer who works hard and uses the ball to good effect. His consistent play has been responsible for the strength of the left wing, where the players have worked together with good understanding.

Squibb (left-half). A well-built player who has played many useful games this season. He uses his head to good effect, but should improve his speed and ball control.

A. J. JOINT (*Captain*).

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The strength of China lies in her weakest Chink.

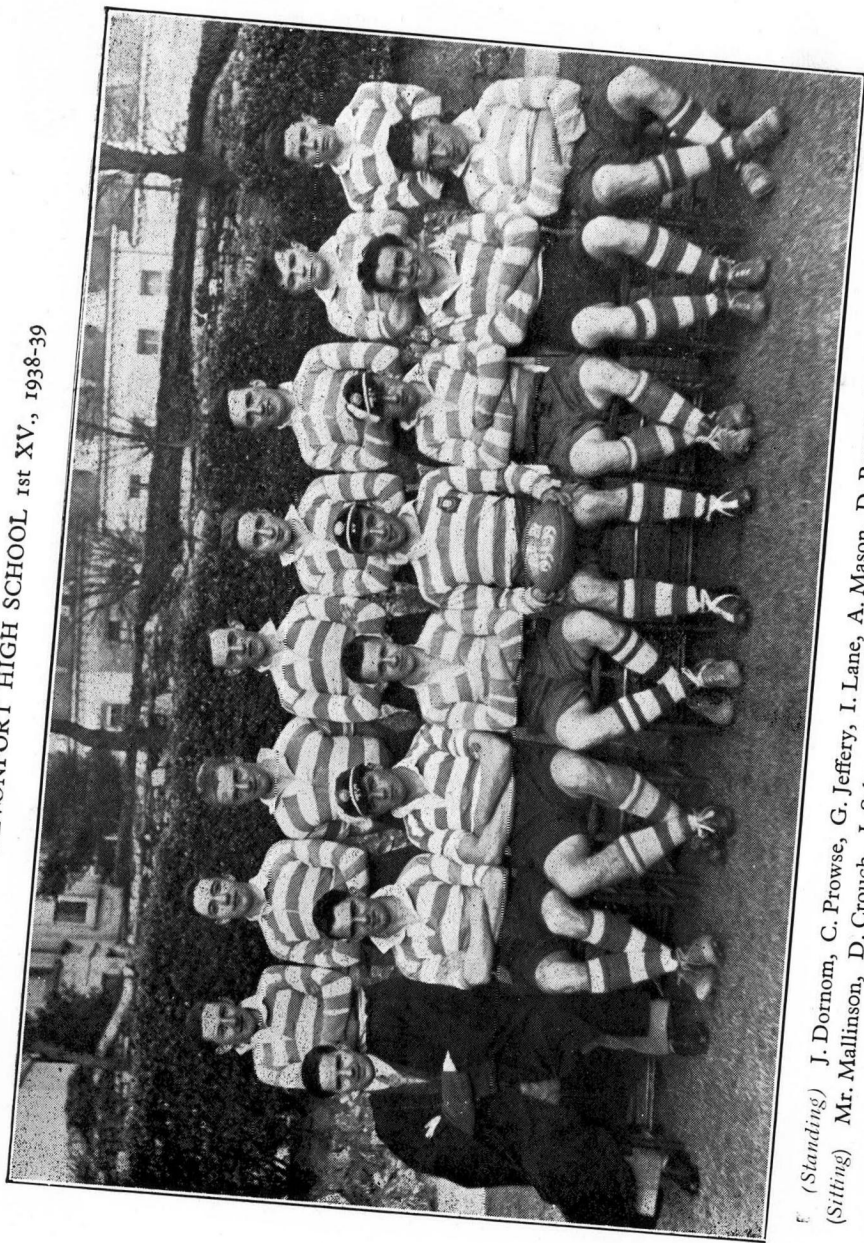
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Gigantic snobs shook her.

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*Here lies the body of an atheist
All dressed up and nowhere to go.*

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL 1st XV, 1938-39



(Standing) J. Dornom, C. Prowse, G. Jeffery, I. Lane, A. Mason, D. Pepper, H. Williams, W. Smythe.
(Sitting) Mr. Mallinson, D. Crouch, I. Salter, A. Pearce, F. Crocker, A. Simmonds, L. Ward, P. Fletcher.

House Reports.

DRAKE.

This term some attempt has been made to remedy the general slackness which has prevailed recently. Several members have really tried their best to raise the House to another, higher, position, but their efforts have been individual, and the rest of the House shows no genuine interest.

The Chess teams have met with a little more success than usual, although lack of enthusiasm has caused the failure of the football teams. Members who do not play for the House teams can do their share by participating in some other House activity such as athletics or swimming.

The athletic sports were arranged to give everyone a chance to help by obtaining points for standards, and those who made no attempt to obtain these points let the House down badly. Drake made a fairly good effort in the sports, and finished a good third, despite numerous difficulties. Thanks are extended to all competitors, especially those who entered at the last minute to fill gaps in the programme.

It is to be hoped that the future will show that Drake can do something worth while.

F. G. CROCKER (*House Captain*).

GRENVILLE.

Grenville has been able to maintain its position as Cock House in all the events which have been decided for this School year except one. That one, of course, was the House Concert, in which we gained third place. The Rugger and Soccer season left Grenville at the head of the list.

In the Athletic Sports the House gained the largest number of standards that has ever been gained. However, the average number of standards per boy amounted to only 1.3, so that it is obvious that there is no reason for self-congratulation, and that there is room for improvement in this direction. Grenville succeeded in winning the Sports Challenge Shield for the fourth time in succession. The Revington Relay Cup, and the Treseder Cup for field events have been held by a Grenville representative ever since they were instituted.

The Cross-Country Run is near now, and it is hoped that Grenville will be well placed in this event.

Next term there are the Swimming Sports. In this, Grenville must succeed in obtaining the most "lengths." See that you swim your length next term!

A. C. SIMMONDS (*House Captain*).

GILBERT.

With the school sports finished, Gilbert House can look back with a certain amount of satisfaction on a fairly successful term. In the sports we finished second to Grenville, a great improvement on last year. This result was due mainly to the efforts of the Seniors, and Salter, Mäson, Crouch and Lane formed the backbone of a team which gained 10 points more in the open events than their nearest rivals. Had this standard of achievement been maintained by members of the House in the lower school, the House would have stood an excellent chance of finishing first. As it was, the complete lack of enthusiasm shown by the members of Gilbert between the ages of 14 and 16, proved to be too great a handicap. Among the Juniors it is hard to individualise, but Perryman and Bostick deserve mention for their efforts, especially in the relay race. I should also like to thank on behalf of the House, Mr. Heather, our Housemaster; and Crouch, who assumed control of the athletics, for their enthusiasm and the hard work they put in.

D. G. BARKELL (*House Captain*).

RALEIGH.

During the past term, Raleigh has fared very badly indeed. The principal inter-house competition was, of course, the Sports, and in these, Raleigh repeated its poor performance of last year, finishing last. We were unlucky to lose the services of Squires at the last moment, but the enthusiasm shown by the majority of the Senior House was small, as was demonstrated by the fact that in several events there were no entries from the House. A certain amount of keenness was shown by the Junior House, which, in spite of a lack of any outstanding talent, did reasonably well. The number of standards gained, though slightly higher than last year, was still very low in proportion to the number of boys in the House, and requires great improvement.

The senior Rugger team has shown greatly improved form, and has won two of three games played against Drake and Gilbert respectively. The junior team is also improving, but greater enthusiasm in turning out is necessary. No senior Soccer games have been played this term, and the junior team has lost all its games. At the end of this term, the Cross-country Run is being held, and a large number of entries is expected from Raleigh. Success in this event is essential to the improvement of our position.

The Swimming Sports will be held next term, and since Raleigh has all those swimmers who helped us to gain second place last year, we have every hope of doing even better this year.

A. J. TRENERRY (*House Capt.*).

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A certain Telephone Exchange is being rebuilt. Business, we understand, will be transacted as usual, during alterations.

Dotty Definitions

It is well known that Professor Peabody is shortly to publish a new dictionary. This work is confidently expected to cause a revolution in lexicographical circles, and we are proud to be the first to publish some extracts from Professor Peabody's unique work.

<i>Ale</i>	a cry of welcome.
<i>Aloof</i>	Part of proverb, <i>e.g.</i> , "Half a loof is better than no bread."
<i>Altar</i>	(1) change ; (2) Part of the harness of a horse.
<i>Andante</i>	a female relative, also, <i>e.g.</i> , "I went out with uncle andante."
<i>Appear</i>	a succulent fruit.
<i>Aplomb</i>	a more succulent fruit.
<i>Assert</i>	a horse that cannot lose.
<i>Attar</i>	exclamation of greeting or encouragement, <i>e.g.</i> , "attarboy."
<i>Beech</i>	part of a threat, <i>e.g.</i> , "I'll beech yer 'ead off."
<i>Bone</i>	good (French), <i>e.g.</i> , "tres bone."
<i>Burly</i>	scarcely, <i>e.g.</i> , "I had burly time to do it."
<i>Capitulate</i>	to behead.
<i>Chic</i>	a desert chieftain.
<i>Climé</i>	(1) to demand ; (2) ascent.
<i>Deploy</i>	the dramatic performance, <i>e.g.</i> , "Deploy ain't no good."
<i>Display</i>	same as above.
<i>Dogged</i>	part of the canine body above the throat.
<i>Executive</i>	a headsman (see capitulate).
<i>Exercise</i>	(see Customs).
<i>Fidget</i>	flies (Latin), <i>e.g.</i> , Tempus fidget.
<i>Fir</i>	preposition, <i>e.g.</i> , "Wot are you doing that fir ? "
<i>Flute</i>	rest on surface of liquid.
<i>Garbage</i>	a vegetable, <i>e.g.</i> , "Will you have some more garbage ? "
<i>Gargoyle</i>	to wash the throat.
<i>Haulboy</i>	former pupil of a school.
<i>Heil</i>	pellets of frozen vapour, <i>e.g.</i> , "Rain and heil."
<i>Higher</i>	exclamation of greeting.
<i>Indiscreet</i>	in the thoroughfare, <i>e.g.</i> , "a crowd gathered indiscreet."
<i>Interview</i> ...	in sight, <i>e.g.</i> , a church came interview.
<i>Jewel</i> ...	a fight between two men.
<i>Jitterbug</i> ...	a boring insect found in 'arps.
<i>Kidney</i> ...	deceive me, <i>e.g.</i> , "You wouldn't kidney, would you ? "
<i>Laurel</i> ...	a hardy shrub found in hollywoods.

<i>Libel</i>	adhesive stamp describing contents of beer bottles, etc.
<i>Martial</i>	a kind of wave.
<i>Moth</i>	never gathered by rolling stones.
<i>Norse</i>	woman in charge of children.
<i>Notion</i>	a large sea, <i>e.g.</i> , the Specific Notion.
<i>Otter</i>	warmer.
<i>Owing</i>	a gardening operation.
<i>Parry</i>	ward off (see ward).
<i>Piper</i>	a journal.
<i>Plover</i>	a knitted woollen garment.
<i>Policy</i>	see Umbrella.
<i>Quench</i>	a young girl.
<i>Quill</i>	to slay ; p.p. quilt : dead.
<i>Quoit</i>	exactly ; <i>e.g.</i> , "quoit so."
<i>Ratchet</i>	miserable.
<i>Ratio</i>	a friend of Hamlet.
<i>Realm</i>	a tree.
<i>Reckon</i>	sabotage.
<i>Roast</i>	hen-house.
<i>Rubble</i>	a mob.
<i>Scallop</i>	top of the head.
<i>Sheep</i>	(1) a large boat ; (2) not dear.
<i>Shock</i>	worn on the foot.
<i>Sloop</i>	side of a hill, <i>e.g.</i> , "That's a steep sloop."
<i>Sodden</i>	unexpected.
<i>Tautology</i>	the science of teaching.
<i>Tenacious</i>	an impossible hand at cards.
<i>Trader</i>	one guilty of treason.
<i>Troll</i>	funny.
<i>Umbrella</i>	see Policy.
<i>Veranda</i>	character in the <i>Tempest</i> .
<i>Viper</i>	mist or steam, <i>e.g.</i> , "A thick viper."
<i>Ward</i>	see Parry.
<i>Washer</i>	greeting.
<i>Wicket</i>	evil ; immoral.
<i>Wrong</i>	part of a ladder.
<i>Xyster</i>	female relative.
<i>Yesman</i>	a Civil Servant.
<i>Yoke</i>	a quip ; <i>e.g.</i> , "Can't you take a yoke ? "
<i>Zero</i>	a brave man.
<i>Zinc</i>	opposite of flute (q.v.).
<i>Zoo</i>	to bring to court, <i>e.g.</i> "I'll zoo you for damages."

SAL VOLATILE.

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They say that there is no equality under Fascism ; yet every boy has an opportunity of growing up and becoming an unknown soldier.

Athletic Sports

Although a fortnight's fine weather preceded Sports Day, the weather did not favour us as much as last year. The Civil Service Sports Ground, which was loaned to us by the courtesy of the Civil Service Committee, proved rather hard going in parts: Intermittent showers marred the proceedings, but the programme was adhered to.

By means of standards gained before the Sports, Grenville started with a lead of $35\frac{1}{2}$ points over their nearest rivals. As time went on, this lead was gradually increased until Grenville finally secured the Challenge Shield. The final positions were :

1. Grenville	299
2. Gilbert	208 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Drake	168
4. Raleigh	144

The Revington Relay Cup, which has yet to be won by another House, was retained by Grenville.

Several innovations marked the Sports this year. The Victor Ludorum, as a championship to be decided on Sports Day, was abolished. The Victor Ludorum is in future, to be decided by a Decathlon to be held during the summer term. A limit of three events and one relay per boy has been decided upon. Three new classes were introduced—the under 12, under 14, and under 16 classes.

The Open Track Championship was gained by Pearce. The Treseder Cup for Field Events was won for the third year in succession, by Simmonds.

The trophies and awards were presented at the conclusion of the meeting by W. H. J. Priest, Esq., who is the Chairman of the Plymouth Albion R.F.C.

An attempt was made to present those boys who had gained three or more standards, but this had to be cancelled owing to a shower of rain. A promising feature of the sports was that the total number of standards gained was 826.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Hodgson and his assistants, for the hard work which they put in at the field previous to the Sports as well as on the actual day. Those ladies, Mesdames Hodgson, Pickup and Mallinson, who carried out the catering arrangements, also deserve our hearty thanks.

RESULTS: OPEN.

100 yards: 1, Crocker (Dr.); 2, Pearce (Gr.); 3, Dolton (Gr.).
Time: 12secs.

- 220 yards : 1, Pearce (Gr.) ; 2, Crocker (Dr.) ; 3, Dornom (Gi.).
Time : 26 $\frac{3}{5}$ ths secs.
- 440 yards : 1, Pearce (Gr.) ; 2, Crocker (Dr.) ; 3, Crouch (Gi.).
Time, 59 $\frac{2}{5}$ ths secs.
- 880 yards : 1, Mason (Gi.) ; 2, Pepper (Gr.) ; 3, Cuming (Gi.).
Time : 2mins. 22secs.
- 1 Mile : 1, Potter (Dr.) ; 2, Palmer (Gi.) ; 3, Browning (Gi.). Time :
5mins. 37secs.
- 120 yards Hurdles : 1, Salter (Gi.) ; 2, Barkell (Gi.) ; 3, Duke (Gr.).
Time : 20secs.
- High Jump : 1, Lane (Gi.) ; 2, Barkell (Gi.) ; 3, Ransom (Dr.).
Height : 4ft. 9ins.
- Long Jump : 1, Simmonds i. (Gr.) ; 2, Mason (Gi.) ; 3, Ward (R.).
Distance : 19ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
- Pole Vault : 1, Crouch (Gi.) ; 2, Lane (Gi.) ; 3, Endacott (Dr.).
Height : 7ft. 4ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump : 1, Simmonds (i) (Gr.) ; 2, Barkell (Gi.) ;
3, Deal (Dr.). Distance : 39ft. 2ins.
- Javelin : 1, Simmonds (i) (Gr.) ; 2, Challis (Dr.) ; 3, Cuming (Gi.).
Distance : 115ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
- Discus : 1, Salter (Gi.) ; 2, Challis (Dr.) ; 3, Squibb (R.). Distance :
85ft. 10ins.
- Weight : 1, Salter (Gi.) ; 2, Fletcher (Dr.) ; 3, Squibb (R.). Dis-
tance : 32ft. 3ins.
- Relay (4 x 880) : 1, Drake and Gilbert (tie) ; 3, Grenville.
- Relay (2 x 220, 2 x 440) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Gilbert ; 3, Drake.

UNDER 16 :

- 100 yards : 1, Catchpole (Gr.) ; 2, Allen (Dr.) ; 3, Bale (Gr.).
Time : 12 $\frac{3}{5}$ th secs.
- 220 yards : 1, Allen (Dr.) ; 2, Metherell (R.) ; 3, Catchpole (Gr.).
Time : 26 $\frac{4}{5}$ th secs.
- 440 yards : 1, Allen (Dr.) ; 2, Metherell (R.) ; 3, Joyner (Gr.).
Time : 60secs.
- 880 yards : 1, Metherell (R.) ; 2, Joyner (Gr.) ; 3, Simmonds ii
(Gr.). Time : 2mins. 30secs.
- 120 yards (Hurdles) : 1, Vanner (Gr.) ; 2, Hale (R.). Time :
21 $\frac{4}{5}$ th secs.
- High Jump : 1, Wills (R.) ; 2, Honeywell (Dr.) and Gilbert (Gi.)
tie. Height : 4ft. 5ins.
- Long Jump : 1, Wills (R.) ; 2, Hall (R.) ; 3, Perkins (Gr.). Dis-
tance : 18ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump : 1, Gilbert (Gi.) ; 2, Honeywell (Dr.) ; 3,
Alford (R.). Distance : 32ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
- Discus : 1, Vanner (Gr.) ; 2, Higman (R.) ; 3, Alford (R.). Dis-
tance : 79ft. 3ins.
- Javelin : 1, Vanner (Gr.) ; 2, Thomas (Dr.) ; 3, Perkins (Gr.).
Distance : 96ft. 5ins.
- Relay (4 x 220 yards) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Raleigh ; 3, Gilbert.

UNDER 15 :

- 100 yards : 1 Pengelly (Gr.) ; 2 Brown (R.) ; 3 Quick (R.).
Time : 12 $\frac{2}{5}$ th secs.
- 220 yards : 1 Pengelly (Gr.) ; 2 Hurwitt (Dr.) ; 3 Horton (Gr.).
Time : 28 $\frac{2}{5}$ th secs.
- 440 yards : 1 Pengelly (Gr.) ; 2 Hurwitt (Dr.) ; 3 Horton (Gr.).
Time : 65 $\frac{2}{5}$ th secs.
- 880 yards : 1 Pickering (Gr.) ; 2 Brown (R.) ; 3 Thompson (Gi.).
Time : 2mins. 38 $\frac{4}{5}$ th secs.
- 120 yards (Hurdles) : 1 Keast (Gi.) ; 2 West (Gr.) ; 3 Reed (Gi.).
Time : 22 $\frac{4}{5}$ th secs.
- High Jump : 1, Weekes (Gi.) ; 2, Jeffery (Gr.) ; 3, Hallett (R.).
Height : 4ft. 5ins.
- Long Jump : 1, Moger (Dr.) ; 2, Keast (Gi.) ; 3, Beare (Dr.).
Distance : 16ft. 9ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump : 1, Keast (Gi.) ; 2, Jeffery (Gr.) ; 3, Holgate (R.).
Distance : 32ft. 11ins.
- Discus : 1, Pickering (Gr.) ; 2, Dennis (Gr.) ; 3, Pring (R.).
Distance : 72ft. 9ins.
- Javelin : 1, Dennis (Gr.) ; 2, Holgate (R.) ; 3, Pickering (Gr.).
Distance : 75ft. 4ins.
- Relay (4 x 220 yards) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Raleigh ; 3, Drake.

UNDER 14 :

- 100 yards : 1, Huzzey (Gr.) ; 2, Willcocks (Gr.) ; 3, Robjohn (Dr.).
Time : 12 $\frac{3}{5}$ th secs.
- 220 yards : 1, Huzzey (Gr.) ; 2, Wilcocks (Gr.) ; 3, Campbell-Davies (Gi.).
Time : 27 $\frac{4}{5}$ th secs.
- 440 yards : 1, Endacott (Gr.) ; 2, Simmonds ii (Gr.) ; 3, Baker (Dr.).
Time : 67secs.
- High Jump : 1, Babb (Gr.) ; 2, Baker (Dr.) ; 3, Willis (Gr.).
Height : 4ft. 1in.
- Long Jump : 1, Huzzey (Gr.) ; 2, Colling (Ra.) ; 3, Phillpotts (Ra.).
Distance : 15ft. 10ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump : 1, Bragg (Gi.) ; 2, Logan (Gr.) ; 3, Bowen (Ra.).
Distance : 31ft. 5ins.
- Discus : 1, Tozer (Gi.) ; 2, Simmonds iii (Gr.) ; 3, Logan (Gr.).
Distance : 75ft.
- Relay (2 x 110, 2 x 220) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Drake ; 3, Gilbert.

UNDER 13 :

- 100 yards : 1, Wortelhock (Gi.) ; 2, Chapman (Gr.) ; 3, Lawrence (Gi.).
Time : 14 $\frac{4}{5}$ th secs.
- 220 yards : 1, Elgar (Dr.) ; 2, Wortelhock (Gi.) ; 3, Lawrence (Gi.).
Time : 33 $\frac{2}{5}$ th secs.
- Long Jump : 1, Rivers (Ra.) ; 2, Pearce (Gr.) ; 3, Hooper (Gi.).
Distance : 13ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump : 1, Pearce (Gr.) ; 2, Hooper (Gi.) ; 3, Rivers (Ra.).
Distance : 28ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

High Jump : 1, Pearce (Gr.) ; 2, Brennan (Gi.) ; 3, Elgar (Dr.).
Height : 4ft.

Relay (2 x 110, 2 x 220) : 1, Gilbert ; 2, Grenville ; 3, Drake.

UNDER 12 :

100 yards : 1, Perryman (Gi.) ; 2, Robinson (Gr.) ; 3, Sutton (Dr.).
Time : 15 2/5th secs.

220 yards : 1, Perryman (Gi.) ; 2, Robinson (Gr.) ; 3, Vogel (Gr.).
Time : 33 2/5th secs.

High Jump : 1, Rendle (Gr.) ; 2, Sutton (Dr.) and Rice (Dr.), tie.
Height : 3ft. 9ins.

Long Jump : 1, Vogel (Gr.) ; 2, Rendle (Gr.) ; 3, Stinchcombe (Gi.).
Distance : 13ft. 11½ins.

Relay (4 x 110) : 1, Grenville ; 2, Drake ; 3, Raleigh.

Owing to the soft ground and high wind, no records were broken on Sports Day. However, a new record of 39ft. 2ins. for the Hop, Step and Jump (Open), was set up the previous week by Simmonds i.

“W.M.N.” Visit

On Thursday, February 2nd, the members of Form VI. Upper were given the opportunity of seeing how the *Western Morning News* is produced, when they were conducted around the new offices of that journal in Frankfort Street. All details of newspaper production were explained to them ; the reception of the news from London ; its arrangement in the sanctum of sub-editors ; how it is set up on the linotype machines, and, finally, how it is printed.

The chief points of interest in this visit were the linotype machines, the photographic section, and the printing presses themselves. The linotypes, which in principle resemble giant typewriters, set up the items of news on leaden “slugs”, and these are then imprinted upon sheets of a material which seemed mingled of cardboard and asbestos. From these sheets are cast leaden impressions of a shape and size to fit the cylinders of the actual printing presses, on which they are laid. The party was able to see an edition of the *Evening Herald* being printed. Huge rolls of paper—five miles of paper in each—are used, and the paper is stretched right through the huge press ; so taut was it that the party’s scientists expressed doubts as to its ability to take the strain. When the press was started, however, the paper ran through at great speed, picking up the news *en route*, as it were, and emerging in the shape of cut and folded newspapers. The papers are carried along a moving belt to the distribution department. In the photographic section details were given of the development and printing of newspaper illustrations, and the party was honoured by the opportunity of viewing a dark room that was dark.

The visit was extremely interesting and instructive ; and we extend our thanks to those who arranged it, and to those gentlemen who acted as guides.

Speech Day

It is not often that the School is honoured by the presence at its functions of such famous personages as Lord Astor. We were all the more gratified therefore, when he presented the prizes at Speech Day, this year, held on February 9th, in the Plymouth Guildhall. Our pleasure was enhanced by the presence of our Lord Mayor (Mr. G. S. Scoble) who acted as Chairman.

The Head Master's report again enumerated a list of successes, which amply proved that the School had in no wise fallen below the high standard of achievement set in previous years, and once more the Head Master could pay tribute to the worth and ability of the staff. The major attainments of pupils may be recounted briefly. Six scholarships were obtained, while several pupils entered Universities, one to begin a career which had not been favoured for many years—that of Journalism. Nine boys were appointed to the Executive Civil Service, two to the Customs and Excise Department, and two enjoyed success in the examination for Post Office Engineers. The Higher Schools and School Certificate Examination results must surely have created a record; while the School's reputation was maintained by the successes in the Civil Service and Municipal Service.

The Lord Mayor expressed admiration for the attainments recorded by the School—accomplishments which were bettered year by year. The explanation, he believed, was that of team-work between Masters, scholars and parents. He emphasised the determination of the elder generation to hand to their children, unsullied and unimpaired, the national heritage of freedom and democracy.

After a long line of prize-winners and office-holders had filed past him, Lord Astor entertained and instructed his audience with an excellent and most apt speech.

He stressed the dangers besetting the individual in a mechanical age, and illustrated the dependence upon machines of the modern citizen, the extent to which machines affected modes of living. "There is a great risk," he said, "that we shall lose something by the inventions which science and progress have given us—that we shall lose initiative, enterprise and the power of leadership, and be content with a good average mediocrity. I warn you boys, while you are still un moulded in character, against the slogan of 'safety first'; let us not lose the spirit of initiative; let us be prepared, if necessary, to take risks."

Before the opening of the proceedings, Mr. T. Martin, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., provided music on the organ, and between the speeches the Choir and Orchestra added to the general success of the evening by performances of high skill.

Votes of thanks were made to Lord Astor by C. C. Lucas, and to the Lord Mayor by T. M. Dunstan.

This Speech Day was a complete success, and one which must have given cause for pride to parents, school, and visitors alike.

Out of School Activities

SCOUT LOG.

Christmas 'Good Turn.'—Many appreciative letters were received from the families assisted last Christmas.

Junior Troop.—Mr. Phythian and A/S.M. Barrow report that the meetings this term have been well attended; all Scouts have gained the Tenderfoot Badge; a number of tests have been passed, and several Leaders have almost completed their work for this badge. P/L J. Vanner and S/L G. Finch, P/L D. Weeks and S/L P. Martin went off on their First Class Journey test over the "half-term" holiday. We are grateful to Mr. Austin for his help in connection with badge examination, and also to Mr. Lamb (mapping tests), Mr. Chamberlain (ambulance tests), and Mr. Williams (handicraft tests) for their help. S/L G. Hill (Hawks) has gained the Starman Badge; P. Tregurtha, G. Rookes and G. Evea have gained the Swimmer Badge. We have been glad to have Mr. Austin, Mr. Winnicott and Mr. R. Denyer (3rd Stonehouse) to help run the Saturday programmes.

Senior Troop.—A big effort has been made this term towards the gaining of a number of First Class Badges. The Troop Meeting programmes have been centred around the new First Class Badge Regulations. A large number of individual tests have been passed, and several Leaders have almost completed their work for this badge. P/L J. Vanner and S/L G. Finch, P/L D. Weeks and S/L P. Martin went off on their First Class Journey test over the "half-term" holiday. We are grateful to Mr. Austin for his help in connection with badge examination, and also to Mr. Lamb (mapping tests), Mr. Chamberlain (ambulance tests), and Mr. Williams (handicraft tests) for their help. S/L G. Hill (Hawks) has gained the Starman Badge; P. Tregurtha, G. Rookes and G. Evea have gained the Swimmer Badge. We have been glad to have Mr. Austin, Mr. Winnicott and Mr. R. Denyer (3rd Stonehouse) to help run the Saturday programmes.

Senior Scout Patrol.—Regular meetings have been held, and work for the First Class Badge has continued. Mr. Geoffrey Waycott, an Old Scout of the Group, has been along to instruct the Patrol in A.R.P. work. L. de Gruchy, P. Crowther and J. Kennard, now Old Boys of the School, are keen members. Members of the Patrol are always most willing to help with the running of the Senior Troop, School work and School games permitting.

Old Scouts.—Early in the term a number of Old Scouts met in London and then spent a day hiking through the Hertfordshire countryside. The group included Mr. W. Simmonds, University College, London; Mr. R. Hodges and Mr. R. Oliver. It is interesting to note that Old Scouts of the Troop are helping to run Troops elsewhere, and, on occasion find time to meet together or to look in on the Troop when in Plymouth.

Parents' Evening.—An enjoyable Parents' Evening was held on March 29th, in the Exmouth Hall. The Patrols arranged a demonstration of the work required to pass certain Proficiency Badges; a miniature Troop Meeting was demonstrated, and the

parents were entertained by members of the Troop for an hour-and-a-half. Mrs. R. Barrow organised a Ladies' Committee to carry out the catering arrangements for the large number of parents and friends of the Troop who were present. The Scout Group thanks the members of that Committee very warmly for their work.

S/M., D.H.S.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

At the time of going to press the Society is engaged in the feverish hurry of final rehearsals for "Abraham Lincoln," "polishing" each scene in readiness for dress rehearsal.

The large cast required for this year's production necessitated a call on the Junior Society to fill the gaps, and the value of an early training in the Society has been amply demonstrated in the manner in which they ably performed the task set them.

The absence of an adequate stage-lighting system at the Co-operative Hall has revived the electrical department of the Society which has been inactive for twelve months, since the Globe staff last year managed their own switchboard.

It is hoped that the School will give its full support to the Society's efforts.

D. W. CROUCH (*Secretary*).

SCHOOL TRIPS.

On May 3rd, the first Wednesday of next term, the Junior School will set out on their usual trips—the first forms to Exeter, the second forms to Penzance, the third forms to Salisbury, Old Sarum and Stonehenge.

During the Easter vacation the Senior School is sending a party of 90 boys, accompanied by eight Masters, to Paris. The tour will last about ten days, and arrangements have been made to make the trip as interesting and comprehensive as possible. We wish to thank in advance the Lycée Corneille at Rouen, for providing guides for our visit there, and the Principal of the Lycée Claude Bernard at Paris, for permission to inspect the school in working hours.

A.J.D.

SCHOOL BIOLOGICAL COLLECTION.

An interesting specimen has been presented by Mr. L. George, an Old Boy. This consists of a cable-like mass of roots of a young sycamore tree, removed from a blocked drain pipe. The system of roots was 22 ft. long, completely blocking the pipe. Remembering that he had seen interesting exhibits in the Biology lab., Mr. George cut off a section of this rooting system and mounted it on a base board. Will other Old Boys please note that gifts for the biological collection are welcomed?

K.C.S.

CAMERA CLUB.

The Club has been carrying on its activities steadily and regularly throughout the term. A great deal of experimental work has been done in conjunction with the Film Society, and much valuable experience gained.

Sports Day was naturally an important day for the Club. Two cameras were in use and many photographs of the various events were taken. Up to the time of going to press the films have not been developed.

A visit to the Police Photographic Laboratories at Greenbank has been decided upon, but has not yet been made.

D. E. ACKLAND (*Secretary*).

THE CHESS CLUB.

Although the Chess Club has not been quite so successful this term, its numerous activities have afforded great pleasure to those taking part. At the end of last term, a chess book was presented to Mr. Lockwood, the Chairman, in appreciation of his valuable services. We also appreciate the interest shown by Mr. Armor, the vice-chairman. Thanks are extended to Mr. Williams, for making an excellent "demonstration" chess board.

The Chess Team lost twice to the Sutton High School by $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$, and by 7 to 3. Lack of experience was revealed by the lower boards. However, defeat was accepted in a true sporting manner, and the matches proved to be most enjoyable. We are greatly indebted to Mesdames Goodman and Steer, for preparing an excellent tea.

W. G. Brown played very well in the Devon Junior Chess Championship, and was unfortunate to lose in the final. For the first time in the history of the Club, House Chess Matches were introduced, with great success. The present positions of the Houses are given below. As yet, the Staff have avoided a match with the School. The enthusiasm of the members will necessitate the continuance of the Club during the summer.

SENIORS :	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Drake	2.	1	0	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Gilbert	2	1	0	1	5	5
Grenville	2	1	0	1	5	5
Raleigh	2	1	0	1	5	5
JUNIORS :						
Gilbert	2	2	0	0	7	3
Raleigh	2	1	0	1	7	3
Grenville	2	1	0	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Drake	2	0	0	2	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$

F. C. POTTER (*Hon. Sec.*).

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society this term has shown signs of an increasing interest on the part of members hitherto strangers to it, but now some of its strongest supporters. The increase in attendance has been paralleled by a much higher standard of speaking, and if the improvement can be maintained the Society should have a prosperous future.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday, February 1st, to discuss the motion: "That composers of jazz should swing for it." Mr. Dodd, in proposing the motion, referred with the contempt of the classicist to the negroid origins of jazz, and its quick death, and gloried in the waves of applause that met classical performances. Mr. Crooks, for the opposition, refused to be impressed, suggested less noble reasons for the 'servile handclap,' and made popularity the test of music's demand to be heard. The supporters were Mr. Simmonds (ii) and Mr. Bray. The motion was finally defeated by 9 votes to 5.

The next debate was held on February 15th. The occasion was an "Impromptu Debate," to test any powers the Society might have; and members were called on without notice to speak (for a maximum of five minutes) on a subject proposed by the Chairman. We could but admire the passionate eloquence of Mr. T. M. Dunstan, speaking with conviction on "That it is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all"; the attacks of Brook proposing "That Hunting is the pursuit of the uneatable by the unspeakable"; the wide experience of Wheeler in "Punctuality is a sign of Unintelligence"; the appropriateness of choice in Joint's "The Times are out of Joint," and Potter's "Chess is mere useless potterings"; but the Chairman did not quite reach the depths until he proposed Goodman for "You can't keep a good man down." Pepper's strict relevancy in "All the world loves a sailor," was only surpassed by the sparkling brilliance of his account of recent developments at St. Budeaux. The House, however, only attained complete unanimity when Ackland, the last speaker, proposed that "This whole debate has been a complete waste of time." In all, thirty speakers were enabled to speak.

C. C. LUCAS (*Hon. Sec.*).

THE LIBRARY.

The Reference Library is proving a source of great value to the Sixth Forms, and the addition of numbers of books to the Music and Art Sections is awakening no small interest in those pursuits. The attention of the Junior School, whose use of the Fiction Library has been disappointing, is called to the fact that they could help themselves a great deal by providing fresh material for this section. We are indebted to the following for their gifts of books:—

Goodfellow: A large number of French books;

Essery: Several volumes of the "Home University Library," dealing mainly with scientific subjects;

Crookes : Hutchinson's " History of the World " ;

(We are especially indebted to the above gentlemen for their munificent gifts, which are both valuable and of high instructive merit).

Chaff : " The Oxford Companion to Music," and two other volumes ;

Goodman : " Nouvelle Histoire de France," and eight other volumes ;

Hunting : One volume ;

Hodges : One volume ;

Tovell : One volume " Advanced Algebra," a welcome addition to the mathematics section.

We wish to thank those members of the Sixth Form, chiefly Brook, Backhouse, Mould, Way and Hutchings, who have helped in the management of the Library this term.

A. J. DARTON (*Librarian*).

FILM SOCIETY.

At the end of last term, film shows were presented to the School and parents. In the latter case, there was a very large audience of some two hundred, and the films exhibited were well received. The experiment in sound accompaniment was very successful, and greatly enhanced the value of the films. The proceeds from this show amounted to something over three pounds, after expenses had been paid, and this amount will be used to aid the funds for the making of " China Clay," a 300-ft. documentary film. Actual filming of this was commenced during the last holidays, when all interiors were taken. For the success of this trip, we are indebted to the electrician of the English China Clays Co. He was responsible for all the arrangements of the lighting necessary for photography, and even supplied the entire production unit with rubber boots in order to keep their feet dry. The film taken ran to 94-ft. It is hoped that the remainder of the photography will be carried out during the next holidays. Titling will be done early next term, using the titler at present being prepared by members of the Society in the School Woodwork Room.

The programme of films this term has been supplied by the members of the Scientific Society, and has included a large number of very interesting scientific and instructional films.

Next term's work will probably be devoted mainly to photography, owing to the better light, while indoor meetings will be less important. It will still be possible to borrow the Society's magazines.

B. MANN (*Secretary*).

If there is one infliction worse than a noisy baritone, it is an adenoisy tenor.

"LEE MOOR THE MERRIER."

On the last day of the Christmas holidays, the production unit of "China Clay" met at School for a short meeting before leaving for Lee Moor. Steer and Harris cycled there, while the other three of us packed ourselves into Mr. Truman's car, carrying our precious camera loaded with 100-ft. of "hypersensitive neg-pos" film.

Arriving at the power house of the English Clays, we met Mr. Kent, the electrician, who arranged all the artificial lighting for us, and 'Arry, who controlled the trucks tipping gravel from the pit on to the sand dump. When all the lighting was set, Mr. Kent obtained permission for 'Arry to play with the truck for a couple of minutes, whilst we shot the revolving drums and moving indicator needles. Disconnecting our lighting we went to the kilns and press houses wearing size nine rubber boots, which Mr. Kent had obtained from the stores. We stopped for lunch and afterwards continued our filming. Filming in the kilns and press houses was uneventful, but in the stoke-hole, Mr. Truman nearly fell in a coal truck in an attempt to rescue Mr. Kent's son who had tripped over some coal. Harris gallantly went to their rescue, but he fell down as well, breaking his glasses and tearing his trousers. At half-past five we left the workings with some knowledge of the production of china clay and an almost fully exposed reel of film.

L.J.H., L.VIM.

SWIMMING CLUB.

At the first meeting of the Club for the season, the following Committee was elected: President, The Headmaster; Master-in-charge, Mr. F. Sandon; Captain, D. W. Crouch; Secretary, J. B. K. Mann; Squibb, West, Eddy, Goodman, Potter.

It was decided that swimming meetings should be held at Mount Wise during the dinner hours of Tuesdays throughout the season. At these meetings, the members of the Committee will be made responsible for the coaching of members in any strokes in which they show promise. The question of providing badges has also been considered, and the suggestion has been forwarded that some form of qualification be required before badges are presented. Special badges for members of team or committee have also been considered. A scheme for the awarding of Swimming Colours has been submitted to the Headmaster, and approved.

Swimming matches have already been arranged with the Royal Naval Colleges at Dartmouth and Keyham. Other fixtures for the coming season include our entry for the Western Counties' Junior Championship (under 18), to be held at Weston-Super-Mare, on a date not yet fixed.

It is hoped that there will be a large number of entries for the Medallions awarded by the Plymouth Education Authority and the Royal Life-saving Society.

B. MANN (*Secretary*).

THE ORCHESTRA.

The first public function for the orchestra this term was Speech Day, when one of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" Marches, and the Finale from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony were performed. The Orchestra also accompanied the Choir in three songs by Brahms, and one by Schubert. We should like to express thanks to Mrs. Mallinson and Mr. Yardley, for the help which they gave on this occasion.

On February 23rd, a section of the orchestra went to Virginia House, where a concert was given, with the Choir, under the able direction of Mr. C. H. Foster, who must be thanked for his readiness to conduct in the absence of Mr. Chamberlain.

After Speech Day there was an increase in the number of pupils at the violin classes. Another clarinet class was started and also one for those wishing to learn the flute and piccolo. A second double-bass has been added, but there is still room for more 'cello and viola players.

The Orchestra is now rehearsing Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, and the Overture to "Saul," by Bazzini, while rehearsals are in progress for the Dramatic Society's production of "Abraham Lincoln" at the end of this term. R.H.L.

A Consular Episode

(Based on German Records)

June, 28th, 1914. A tea-party is in progress at the residence of Sir Percy Cox, the British Consul-General in Bushire, on the shores of the Persian Gulf. The last guest to arrive is Wilhelm Wassmuss, the German Consul. He sits at a table opposite the hostess, Lady Cox, and says he noticed, as he came along, that the flag over the British Consulate was at half-mast. "Any bad news from England?" he asks. "Nothing has happened to any member of the royal family, has there?" "Not so far as I know," replies Lady Cox. "I never knew the flag was at half-mast; but I shall make enquiries."

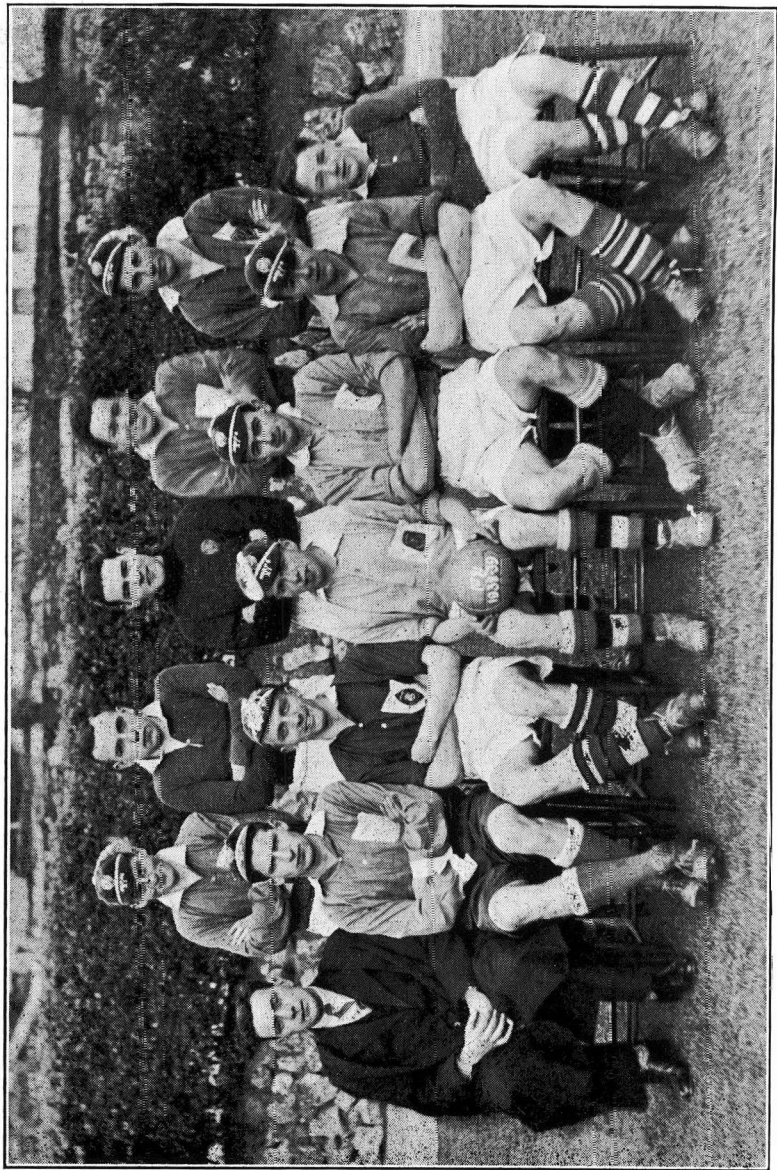
A few minutes later the guests were informed of the tragic murder of the Austrian Archduke and his wife at Sarajevo. The news casts a gloom over everyone, but no one is more uneasy in his mind than Wilhelm Wassmuss. After that he hardly speaks a word and appears to be brooding over something. He is very uncomfortable and leaves earlier than usual.

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A year later, Sir Percy Cox has a notice posted on the walls of Bushire offering £500 for the capture of Wilhelm Wassmuss, dead or alive.

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DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI., 1938-39



(Standing) P. Collins, F. Squibb, R. Varney, P. Rickard, A. Baines.
(Sitting) Mr. Hodgson, C. Lucas, D. Barkell, A. Joint, A. Trenergy, E. Bray, K. Thomas.

Across the arid steppes of South Persia a small caravan slowly winds its way. It is quite a picturesque procession. At its head there rides a tall, slim European, accompanied by a fellow-countryman; following them are three men whose features betray their Indian descent, and then come five or six armed Persians, laughing and chatting and leading pack-horses laden with heavy boxes.

It is the caravan of Wilhelm Wassmuss, who has been appointed German Consul at the important provincial town of Shiraz. He has come from Berlin, *via* Constantinople, where he discussed his plans with Turkish officials. He is now on his way to his new station, determined to extend the influence of the Fatherland. The German and Turkish Governments are anxious to make contact with Afghanistan and set up an alliance with it. But to get there, Wassmuss has to go through Persia, and even if the Persian Government grants him a safe passage, he has still to contend with the alert British garrisons.

Up till now his course had been unhindered. No stranger had appeared on the horizon, no enemy had crossed his path. With a sigh of relief he rides into the village of Ferieni and makes for the house of the Sheikh, who receives him kindly and invites him in. The other German and the Sheikh's sons follow at a respectful distance. As soon as Wassmuss has entered over the threshold, he sees two gleaming pistols being pointed at him. He quickly turns round, thinking of the possibility of flight, but the door closes with a crash and the barrel of a gun faces him there too. The Sheikh bids him sit down and himself takes a seat opposite to him. He then listens intently; outside there is a din, voices become loud; there is the sound of scuffling, and several thuds, as of men falling heavily to the ground.

Pale and motionless Wassmuss sits there, but his heart beats wildly. Caught, even before his task has been begun! All his correspondence is lost and the money entrusted to him by his government! How he had boasted to himself of his knowledge and experience of South Persia! And now he has fallen into a trap laid by a petty chief! What a fool he has been! What an irresponsible fool!

After a while Wassmuss asks quietly: "I suppose you will take me to Sir Percy Cox to-morrow?" "Yes, certainly," is the reply.

There is silence again for some time. Wassmuss considers the awkward situation in which he finds himself. Then suddenly a ray of hope flashes from his eyes and he has to close them to avoid betraying himself. Feeling his way, he begins hesitatingly: "To-morrow, I shall not be able to accompany you. My horse is ill; it cannot stand a day's journey." The Sheikh, however, is adamant: "I cannot wait longer. Your horse can remain here. You will have to ride another." "I shall ride no other," says the Consul. "My horse is a present from the mighty Khan of Kashgai. Do you think I shall endure the disgrace of riding another horse?"

Listen. You cannot but have heard of me and my ability to cure diseases, both in animals and in men. To-night, every half-hour, I shall attend to my animal. I shall give it medicine and to-morrow I shall be able to ride with you. You need have no anxiety. Post your men in front of the stable! They will be able to watch me."

The Sheikh reluctantly gives his consent.

That night Wassmuss goes every half-hour to his horse.

At first the sentries watch him closely and see how he examines the horse's limbs and puts a yellow-liquid on its tongue. Later they become tired and begin to yawn, and when at 4.30 in the morning, Wassmuss, standing in the shadow of the courtyard door, looked over towards the stable, he saw them with their heads hanging down and with their eyes closed.

He rushes stealthily along the wall, and, choosing a dark spot, with a tremendous effort he succeeds in climbing to the top. He lets himself down quietly on the other side. With thumping heart he listens for a moment, but everything is still. His flight, so far, at least, has remained unnoticed. With silent steps he goes out into the darkness. It is over 200 kilometres to the nearest village, where he might reckon on finding friends. He has no horse and no weapon. All he has is a little dry bread and some money in his pocket. Sir Percy Cox's sleuths will soon be after him. Before him lies a week of privation and danger. But he is free!

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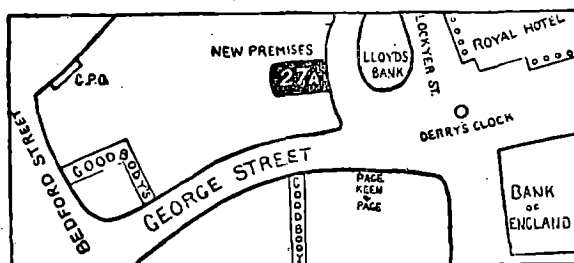
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The Dinner, held on December 27th, again proved a great success. Our thanks are extended to Mr. Eric Cock and his Committee, for the hard work which brought about that success. We congratulate them on the result of their efforts.

The Annual General Meeting held in the morning of December 27th, was well attended. Reports on the year's working were given by the General Secretary, the Secretary of the London Branch, and the Secretaries of the Rugger and Soccer Clubs. The meeting decided to invite members of the staff to become Honorary Members of the Association.

On March 4th, the London Branch held its Annual Dinner. This again proved a most enjoyable function. Mr. Legg and his Committee are to be congratulated on their talent for organization. One is indeed glad to find Mr. A. T. Brooks rendering service to the Association as untiringly as in the days of its formation.

The Football Matches held on Boxing Day drew a large attendance of Old Boys. The Rugger Match which was refereed by the Headmaster resulted in a win for the London Branch by 13 points to 3. The game was a hard but very enjoyable one. An equally keen match was that between the London Old Boys and the Soccer Club. Mr. Austin refereed the game which resulted in a win for the Club by 4 goals to 1.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. C. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. McNess and Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

We are very pleased to hear that Mr. W. A. Swan, who has been ill, is now better.

The London Branch has been further recruited by the addition of three members of the VINT who have been appointed Executive Officers in the Civil Service. Mr. N. E. Chaff has gone to the

Accounts Department of the Admiralty. Here his work is both interesting and varied as the department deals with all matters pertaining to the Naval personnel. The records date back to the days of Nelson. Mr. N. Essery finds himself in the company of other Old D.H.S.-ians in the Inland Revenue, while Mr. L. Adams has been appointed to the War Office, where, by a strange coincidence he found two other former Senior Prefects in Messrs. Duke and Legg.

Paymaster Lieut.-Commndr. L. B. H. Budge has been promoted to Paymaster-Commander.

Mr. Edward Cock, who is head of the Hong-Kong and Whampoa Dock Company, has had conferred on him the insignia of Commendatore of the Crown of Italy for the assistance he rendered in the refloating of the Italian steamer, Conte Verdi.

A notable appointment is that of Mr. E. M. Williams, who has been promoted to Assistant Accountant General of the Post Office.

Messrs. S. A. Evans and J. McNess have been promoted to the Taxes Inspectorate as Assistant Inspectors.

Mr. J. H. Francis has been promoted to Accounts Officer under the Air Ministry as a Higher Executive Officer. It appears that Mr. A. Pike has been a Higher Executive Officer for some time now. Our congratulations, if belated, are sincere.

Mr. R. Curnow has been appointed Medical Officer of Health for Cornwall.

Mr. G. Barrett, who entered the Post Office Engineering Department, is now in charge of a district. Mr. A. Finnamore, of the same Department, has passed the necessary examination to qualify for the Inter. B.Sc. (Engineering), of London University.

Mr. Hancock, formerly of the Plymouth Education Office, now holds a Municipal post at Ealing. He renewed acquaintance with West Country friends at the London Dinner.

Mr. F. Teague, who is teaching in London, has thrown in his lot with the London Branch, having been recruited by the zealous London Secretary at the Plymouth Dinner. We found him on March 4th quite as much at home among his London friends as he was at Plymouth.

Mr. Gordon has passed Part I. of the M.P.S. Examination.

Mr. J. Parsons has been awarded the Royal Society of Arts Bronze Medal on being bracketed first in the United Kingdom.

The more senior members of the Association will learn with pleasure that Mr. A. White has been appointed Headmaster of Hounslow Senior School.

Our three R.N.E. College representatives, Midshipmen Dyer-Smith, Healy and Waycott, are now all members of the 1st XV. In addition, Midshipman Healy is full-back for the Devonport Services. It is interesting to note that these three Old Boys played in the R.N.E. College Team which defeated Albion on Wednesday, 21st March.

It is with great regret that we record the passing of Mr. A. H. C. (Dick) Lee. Mr. Lee, who won a Natural Science Scholarship to Oxford, took up Industrial Research on first leaving the University, and was later appointed as Lecturer in Physics at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell. The sympathy of all Old Boys will go to his wife and parents in their loss. H.F.

We welcome the following new members :—

W. K. Borrett	Molesworth Terrace, Stoke.
B. Hocken	25, Ford Park Road, Mutley.
R. W. Pengelly	3, Lyndhurst Road, Peverell, Plymouth.
A. White	20, Broad Walk, Hounslow, Middlesex.
T. F. Wills	31, Alcester Street, Stoke, Devonport.

The following changes of address are notified :—

W. P. Bowden	2, High Town, Sandbach, Cheshire.
S. A. Evans	151, Coombe Road, Croydon, Surrey.
H. W. Lockwood	24, Clevedon Park Avenue, Swilly, Plymouth.

THE TIE.

The registered O.B.A. tie can be obtained by members of the Association from Messrs. Perkins Bros., Plymouth. The tie is supplied in two qualities at 2/6 and 4/6. A scarf embodying the same design is also obtainable at this address. Blazers may be obtained from Messrs. Stidever Bros., Albert Road, Stoke, Devonport.

THE RIDER PRIZE.

For many years the "Rider Prize" has figured at Speech Day on the list of School Prizes. The money required for this has been provided by Mr. Rider's family. Unfortunately, this desirable custom has ceased. It is felt, however, that it would be the wish of Mr. Rider's old pupils that the tradition of the Rider Prize should be continued and it is, therefore, proposed to raise a sum, the interest on which would meet the cost of the annual prize. Sir William Mounstephen, of Fore Street, Devonport, has kindly consented to act as treasurer to the Fund, and he will be pleased to receive donations from any Old Boy.

THE ANNUAL DINNER, 1938.

The Annual Dinner was held this year at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth, and the attendance, while not being a record, was quite good. At the appointed time 92 sat down to dinner.

Those of you who read these Dinner reports of mine year after year know how hard my sub-committee have worked for years now to get that 100. I sincerely hope that for Dinner of 1939 that ambition will be reached, and it can only be reached with your co-operation.

The actual date, of course, is always the trouble. My Committee appreciate the number of 'family' ties at this particular time of the year, but we feel that the day after Boxing Day should

be reserved by all good Old D.H.S.-ians as a permanent fixture for their Annual Dinner.

Our guest, Mr. W. J. Gick, M.A., C.B., C.B.E., proposed the toast of "The Association" to which our General Secretary, Mr. H. Ferraro, replied.

Our Committee Chairman (1938), Mr. J. Mowan, proposed "The School," to which the Headmaster, Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds, replied.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Clifford Tozer (Vice-President) the toast to Old D.H.S.-ians, far and near, was proposed by Mr. Cyril Gill (Committee Secretary), and was replied to jointly by Captain Basil Reiss-Smith, R.M., and our London Branch Secretary, Mr. Alan J. Legg.

I am indebted to Mr. Roy Werry for arranging once again the musical programme, to Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Webb and the boys of the School Orchestra, for providing music during dinner.

The Rugby and Soccer Clubs were represented very well and we were pleased to see the Rugger Cup once again, which, by the generosity of our President, was filled to overflowing. I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Leslie Warren, our popular Rugger Secretary, on his appointment for 1939 as Chairman of the Association. The Rugger Club will certainly have to turn up in large numbers at the 1939 Dinner to support Mr. Warren.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the members of my sub-committee who helped me, particularly my assistant-secretary, Mr. Edward J. Cox.

ERIC E. COCK (*Dinner Secretary*).

Among those present were :—

Messrs. H. A. T. Simmonds (President) ; W. J. Gick, C.B., C.B.E. ; W. C. Clemens, O.B.E. ; Eric E. Cock ; Captain B. Reiss-Smith, R.M. ; J. Hodges, C. F. Austin, G. Bennett, R. Bevan, W. E. J. Bevan, John Bidgood, F. S. Blight, W. P. Bowden, E. J. Brimacombe, T. A. V. Brooks, D. J. Brown, M. E. Brown, D. J. Bryant, E. H. Bryant, G. E. Bryant, T. Buckingham, F. R. J. Caunter, T. Chesterfield, R. W. Cheshire, W. J. Ching, F. E. Cock, A. G. Coombe, E. H. Cooper, R. J. S. Cory, Edward J. Cox, N. A. Dolton, S. A. Evans, K. E. G. Evea, E. J. Evens, A. A. Edwards, H. Ferraro (General Secretary), A. J. Finnamore, M. Floyd, C. E. Gill, G. Graver, L. C. de Grouchy, F. T. Healy, E. T. Heather, L. Holmes, R. C. Horne, W. H. Hurden, N. Lamb, J. Lawlor, G. Lee, A. J. Legg, D. Macdonald, J. K. Macness, L. D. Martin, M. Martin, M. Marwood, A. Millett, A. J. Millett, P. J. Mowan, T. Orchard, R. E. Osborne, B. Pawley, L. Pengelly, R. W. Pengelly, F. E. Pepper, J. A. Peter, A. R. Pike, G. Prowse, J. S. Roach, P. T. Roach, H. G. Rodgers, C. S. Rogers, C. H. Rowe, N. Salter, W. A. Simmonds, J. E. S. Stone, R. S. Steed, S. W. M. Stephens, F. Skinnard, P. R. Straw, M.B.E. ; V. Strong, E. H. Taylor, F. D. Teague, R. W. Trebilcock, S. E. Trebilcock, N. Vanstone, E. Warn, L. H. Warren, G. Waycott, I. W. Webb, R. J. Werry, H. Whitfield, M. Williams.

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CONSTABLE, A. R. PIKE and A. J. SWAN.

Since the publication of the last issue of the magazine, three functions of a social nature have been successfully carried through by the London Branch.

The first of these functions took the form of a Party, and was held at the Brian Cook School of Dancing, 50, Baker Street, W.1., on Saturday, 21st January. Once again we were privileged to have the invaluable assistance of our Chairman's young ladies of Streatham and the Cabaret presented by them during the course of the evening received the accustomed enthusiastic reception. Games, dancing and feasting agreeably filled in the remainder of the evening, and even Mr. Mills' assiduous hunting out of non-ticket holders failed to damp the general enthusiasm of those present. The activities closed at midnight with three cheers for our irreplaceable Chairman, proposed by Mr. Swan, who has now returned to his London haunts, lending vigour to the Association and the distinction of a topper to our gayer activities.

The second social function was held at "The Devereux," on Tuesday, 28th February. Mr. Hiscock, at exceedingly short notice, had been persuaded to come along to "lecture" us on "Industrial Democracy." His discourse proved interesting and provocative, and the period allotted to discussion was productive of intensive interrogation. The latter part of the evening was devoted to the playing of bridge by the addicts of that vice, and to the consumption of food and beverages by those more self-indulgently minded.

The Fifth Annual Dinner of the London Branch was held at Carr's Restaurant, Strand, on Saturday, 4th March, and was once again acclaimed a great success. The attendance of 49 equalled the record established last year. The visitors included our President (Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds), and Vice-President (Mr. A. F. Treseder) who is enjoying his retirement at Brighton. The interval before Dinner was a hectic spell spent in renewing acquaintances with old friends before the business of the evening began. After some excellent fare, and that feeling of inner self-satisfaction having descended upon us, the toasts of the evening were proposed and drunk with great gusto.

Mr. A. J. Swan proposed "The Association," and Mr. H. Ferraro (General Secretary) replied.

"The School" was proposed by Mr. W. H. Hurden, and replied to by Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds (President).



D.H.S. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (LONDON BRANCH) DINNER, 1939.

The Chairman (Mr. A. T. Brooks) proposed "The Visitors," and Mr. E. T. Heather replied.

The climax to the evening came with the presentation of "1939 Cabaret" by South London Amateur Productions, under the management of Mr. Brooks, while our company sat around, and gave their very best attention. It was long past midnight before the last group had disappeared from view along the Strand. A grand evening!

Present at Dinner: The Committee, together with Messrs. H. A. T. Simmonds, H. Ferraro, F. E. Cock, F. T. Healy, E. T. Heather (Plymouth), A. F. Treseder (Brighton), G. W. Drake, L. C. B. Robins (Oxford), L. S. Adams, M. E. Brown, G. E. Bryant, N. E. Chaff, W. C. Clemens, E. Cook, R. J. S. Cory, S. A. Evans, A. J. Finnermore, F. E. Gerrish, C. P. Grant, J. G. Grant, J. E. G. Hancock, G. R. Hill, R. J. E. Hodges, W. L. Holmes, R. C. Horne, W. H. Hurden, H. H. Jago, W. R. Knapp, K. S. Lake, O. C. Leach, F. Matthews, J. K. McNess, C. C. Mill, R. J. Noad, B. C. Oades, J. A. Oates, J. A. Peter, A. H. P. Rowden, W. A. Simmonds, F. D. Teague, D. B. Willis, L. J. Yarrill.

One other event, which should be recorded was the Annual General Meeting, held at "The Devereux," on Wednesday, 11th January; when officers for the year were elected as shown at the beginning of these notes.

Please note that the next Old Boys' Meeting at "The Devereux," 20, Devereux Court, Strand (opposite Law Courts) has been arranged for *Monday, 17th April*, and not Thursday, 6th April, as previously notified. London members will have been circularized to this effect before these notes are read.

New members:—

W. J. Gick	Vice-President, 21, Melcombe Court, Dorset Square, N.W. 1.
L. S. Adams	13, Chatsworth Road, Brondesbury, N.W. 2.
N. E. Chaff	13, Chatsworth Road, Brondesbury, N.W. 2.
W. C. Clemens	14, Rossmore Court, Park Road, N.W. 1.
E. Cook	56, Malvern Road, Hornsey, N. 8.
N. Essery	44, Mayhill Road, Charlton, S.E. 7.
S. A. Evans	151, Coombe Road, Croydon.
J. G. Grant	62, Handen Road, Lee, S.E. 12.
F. D. Teague	7, Arminger Road, Shepherd's Bush, W. 12.

Changes of Address:—

M. E. Brown	74, Baron's Court Road, West Kensington, W. 14
D. J. Bryant	19, Ankerdine Crescent, Shooter's Hill, Plumstead, S.E. 18.
G. E. Bryant	13, Railway Avenue, Gillingham, Kent.
E. E. Cammack	3, St. James' Road, Liverpool, 1.
J. D. Constable	65, Gunnersbury Court, Acton, W. 3.
K. E. Drummond	9, Westways, Ewell, Surrey.
J. Glasson	The Elms Private Hotel, Castlebar Hill, Ealing, W. 5.

W. I. Goff	Revenue Buildings, 123, West Street, Sheffield 1.
C. P. Grant	156, High Street, Putney, S.W. 15.
B. C. Oades	2a, Montague Road, West Ealing, W. 13.
J. A. Peter	74, Baron's Court Road, West Kensington, W. 14
L. D. Richings	39, Cancell Road, Brixton, S.W. 9.
G. Rooke	25, Ford Hill, Stoke, Plymouth.
A. J. Swan	"Beeches," 401, Bowes Road, New Southgate, N. 11.
D. Webb	Staines Police Station, Staines.
E. M. Lang	
F. R. Oldrieve	
H. A. R. Semmens	

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

To date, this season, the Old Boys' Rugger team has played 23 matches, won 11, lost 8, drawn 4. All four drawn were pointless, and the other 19 games produced 132 points for, 71 against. Regrettably enough, this season the Club has not gained either the R.N.E. College Cup or the Lockie Cup, but this is not surprising in view of the unprecedented depletion of the playing strength. In the League the Old Boys obtained 13 points out of nine matches, but this was not good enough to beat the much improved R.A.F. XV., who have yet to be defeated. In the K.O. Competition, all civilian clubs were eliminated, and the two surviving Service sides have yet to meet in the final. We were glad to welcome new members at the beginning of the season in Dingle, Chesterfield, Preston, Martin, Coomb, and former members, notably Polkinghorne, Rooke, Smith, have assisted us. Departures, however, have taken place in such numbers that many matches have been played short-handed. We do not know definitely if the English Rugby Union officials have seen the Old Boys team in action, but it is significant that they are now considering playing 13 men rather than 15.

We were unfortunately inasmuch as W. Wood, who was elected captain for this season, had to relinquish his position as his duties took him out of Plymouth. Actually, the following members have left us for various sound reasons from last season to this: Blasbury, Billing, Pawley, Rogers, Mason, Rooke, Brimacombe, Dennis, Gallagher, Wood, Warwick, Evea, Joslin. However, under the captaincy of G. Plucknett, the team has been performing creditably, although very weak in the pack. R. Steed (wing threequarter) was unfortunate enough to receive a head injury, which keeps him out of action for this season. We wish him a complete and speedy recovery. Both fixtures against the School XV were won; other useful efforts were the narrow defeat by Albion Reserves (5—7) and a pointless draw with Kingsbridge 1st XV.

The spirit in the Club is excellent, and players seem to give of their best in the adverse straits in which we sometimes find ourselves. We are happy to state all's well with the Rugger Club!

L. H. WARREN.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' SOCCER NOTES.

As I pen these notes for the Magazine, it is with regret that I have to report that the Old Boys sustained their first defeat since November, on Saturday, March 11th, at the hands of St. Anne's Chapel, who called the tune at 5 goals to 2 before the final whistle. With a two-goal lead at half-time the Old Boys seemed set for a comfortable victory, but the loss of R. Cheshire with a bad knee injury, coupled with the collapse of C. H. Rowe at centre-half, demoralised the defence who conceded 5 goals in 20 minutes, in spite of a brilliant goalkeeping display by F. Hoar. The return game at Central Park should prove to be a needle affair, and may well decide our chances for League honours.

M. Williams has attracted the attentions of English League scouts, which was only natural on his displays, and was recently offered a trial by Leicester City, and Exeter City. Mr. Williams, senior, however, is adamant for the Old Boys, which considerably eases matters.

Comments from the spectators form the basis of judging a team, and following our win over the League leaders—Bere Alston—I think the remark that we won by playing real football clearly conveys the type of game indulged in. The members really do understand that kick and rush tactics only waste energy, and lose ground in the end.

Twelve games face us before the season closes, and a succession of wins should bring the coveted prize of League leadership. If only enthusiasm counted instead of points !

In brief :—

Ivor Webb's form is a complete transformation to commencing the season. He gives his best with a little quiet encouragement, which is a hint to those who let their keenness get the better of them.

D. Barkell showed good form in his initial match for the Old Boys, and scored two brilliant goals, under terrible conditions.

C. De Gruchy cannot command a regular place in the team, but thanks are due to him for turning out at short notice on several occasions, and for ably supporting the social side.

To avoid congestion of fixtures, the Old Boys have withdrawn from the Junior Trophy Competition.

It is my earnest wish that this year will prove a memorable season for the Old Boys' Soccer, and I hope that when the last game is completed, the ambition of the whole team will have been fulfilled.

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