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Editor: JOHN GOODMAN.

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Editorial.

Dedicated to the Junior School.

The essential factor in an editorial of a school magazine is that it shall be readable; it must also be understandable not only to the few of the upper school but to the many of the junior and middle school. The fact that the majority of editorials possesses neither of these essential qualities is the reason why the average schoolboy never gives himself the trouble—for such it is—of reading what the editor has to say to his readers. The fact that a number of long words are scattered throughout the editorial warns the schoolboy that here is something he could not possibly understand, except with the aid of a dictionary; so why try? The majority of the Sixth Forms confess they never read an editorial with the intention of trying to understand it before they reached the Fifth Form. [The present writer read his first editorial when he was appointed a subeditor of the magazine (Lower 6A)]. The fault lies, in every case, with the editor. During term time he is very quiet, conserving his strength. Then, three weeks before the end of the term, about three days before the printer begins to clamour for copy, the editor emerges from his literal shell. He pours forth all his pent-up enthusiasm in one magnificent tirade which, when written on paper. is what you see at the beginning of the magazine with the title of "Editorial." There are two types of editors and both types are prone to the same malady. The first type, the energetic editor who has his finger in most societies, plays for the Rugger team, and is in short, a very imposing personnage. He has to keep up appearances and so he writes an editorial which is in keeping with his high position in the school. The second type of editor, the exact antithesis of the first (look up the word "antithesis" and use it to frighten somebody) this editor is a very obscure person and no one

pays much attention to him. Hence, in order to make himself more esteemed he writes an editorial with a sprinkling of long words. So it is, then, that the result is the same—an editorial understood by the Sixth, and possibly the Fifth Forms. In future it will be the aim of the editor to be, firstly, able to write in a simpler style with few long words, and secondly, considerate of the junior school. The editor hopes that you have read this to the end and he invites you to write to him and complain if he has underestimated your abilities in writing this editorial.

EN PASSANT.

We heartily congratulate:

All those who were awarded full, half or Second XV. or Second XI. Colours during the Season 1939—40; Miller and Porteus on gaining exemption from London Matriculation; Olds and Peacock on gaining their Cambridge School Certificates.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the following publications:

The Plymothian, The Totnesian, The Suttonian, The Juntex, The Magazine of the Public Central School, Plymouth; The Revue (Tavistock), The Kingsbridgian, The Finnish Trade Revue.

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

- HUTCHINGS, J. W.—Entered School September, 1932; School Certificate, July, 1937; Higher School Certificate, 1939; Prefect, September, 1939; Entered Martin's Bank.
- CROUCH, D. W.—Entered School, 1932; School Certificate, July, 1937; Higher School Certificate, 1939; Prefect, 1938; Vice-Captain Gilbert; Captain of Swimming, 1939; 1st XV. 1938-9 with Full Colours; Entered Reading University.
- PALMER, S. H.—Entered School, 1932; School Certificate, July, 1937; Higher School Certificate, 1939; Prefect, 1939; Captain of Gilbert; Entered Radio College, Southampton.
- BEARN, B.—Entered School, 1932; School Certificate, 1937; Higher School Certificate, 1939; Prefect, September, 1939; Entered Technical College for Engineering.

School Notes.

In our last issue we mentioned that sufficient accommodation for the whole School was being provided in the Air-raid shelters. This work is now nearing completion, and like most nearly-completed works, presents a scene of utter desolation. The lawn and playground, under which the trenches are situated, are covered with many feet of most unpicturesque rubble, and all the remains of discarded tools, drainpipes and rubbish. It will readily be understood that this work has not been carried on without considerable interference with ordinary school life. So great a space has been occupied by the excavations that there has been nowhere, except two paths, for the boys to assemble, and these paths have been often covered with water and mud. Indoors it has been almost intolerable, for the unceasing buzz of the pneumatic drills made concentration almost impossible, no master could speak for many minutes, and when he did, he was conscious that his instruction could not be heard. The term that lies ahead will be a hard one, as we have to make up for the lost time; and the work of the last two terms-so imperfectly done-must be redone before the June and July examinations. We are grateful to those men, who. in spite of adverse weather conditions, have laboured to make us safe, but we sincerely hope that this safety may never be tested.

The outstanding event of this term was the School Speech Day. As the Plymouth Guildhall was not available, we assembled in the Central Hall, Devonport—a building admirably suited to our needs—in fact, if it were a little larger, or the School a little smaller, it would be ideal; our best thanks are due to the Trustees. Lord Astor, the Lord Mayor, was in the chair until he had to hurry to catch the London train. His able conduct in the chair combined with his ready sympathy and understanding, largely contributed to the splendid success of the afternoon. The Headmaster's fine report, which, among other matters, summarised the excellent examination results, and the many successes on the sports fields, filled us with pride, and inspired the determination to go from strength to strength.

Lady Astor was unable to be with us on account of her Parliamentary duties, but, at short notice, her place was taken by Lady Dunbar-Nasmith, who soon won the hearts of all. Her Ladyship was the embodiment of grace and friendliness as she distributed the prizes and certificates, and in her speech she gripped the audience. Much comment was aroused by her revolutionary suggestion that those who really deserved the prizes were the Masters. While we laughed and applauded the remark, we had visions of certain sedate gentlemen, clad in full academicals, blushingly ascending the platform stairs and then retiring with a triumphant grip on some long-coveted book. In his Chairman's speech, the Lord Mayor

pointed out that in these dangerous times, it was often necessary to live dangerously, and that the old slogan of 'Safety first' could be the policy of neither the nation nor the individual; the instinctive demand for safety must remain unsatisfied when the integrity of the soul was at stake.

It was at this stage of the proceedings that Lord Astor had to leave; his place was taken by Sir Clifford Tozer, whom we are proud to claim as an Old Boy. We must regard his knighthood as a School triumph, and much amusement and pleasurable anticipation were aroused by the humorous speech of Councillor H. Lawrence Spear, in which he declared that it was by no means too late to celebrate this honour by a School holiday. When Councillor Strachan stood before us we knew that he spoke from the full knowledge which long and successful experience alone can give. His praise was generous and unstinted, and with clear vision, he noticed that our work and our play, our examination results and our sports, were of a high order.

We are glad that last year's innovation of asking the prefects to move votes of thanks has been continued, and we heard two sharply contrasted styles of oratory. Prefect Rowe was calm, dignified, and careful to choose words that would convey the exact shade of meaning intended—a notable effort. Senior Prefect Brooks assumed a free-and-easy-manner, and gave most of his sentences a humorous twist that delighted the audience.

No reference to Speech Day, however brief, would be complete without mentioning the excellence of the musical part of the programme. We were glad to see our friend, T. Martin, Esq., F.R.C.O., at the organ, the applause he received shows how much his fine playing was appreciated. We are rather diffident about praising ourselves, but in spite of our natural modesty we must pay a high tribute to the singing of Forms I. and II., and the Choir, and to the excellent playing of the Orchestra. For many years it has been customary on these occasions to have a School collection and buy bouquets for the principal lady guests, but this year a change was made, and Lady Dunbar-Nasmith was handed a cheque for £10 which had been contributed to the Lord Mayor's Services' Relief Fund.

The comparative ease with which the School was packed into the Central Hall is due, unfortunately, to an unusual amount of sickness. It was common to have fourteen or fifteen boys absent from a form and frequently, when these returned, others were taken ill; for a few days six Masters were absent and there are still several who are unable to attend. These waves of epidemics have made the composition of the various teams very uncertain, and the captains have had a trying time. But we have suffered from a much more serious handicap. Our School playing field has been taken by the Balloon Barrage officials, and for half a term no alternative accommodation could be provided. Then the boys

used pitches in the Park, and this was supplemented by the use of Collins' Park. In spite of this, the teams have done very well, and deserve our heartiest congratulations. Before leaving the subject of games, we wish to remind the School, that during the early summer of last year, our swimming efforts were seriously affected by the bad weather. We earnestly hope that full advantage will be taken of every opportunity offered, and that we refuse to rest satisfied until every fit boy is a capable swimmer.

The December School Certificate is little supported by the School; usually there are a few boys who, for various reasons, do not wish to wait until the summer. There was no local centre, and the candidates had to go to Tavistock. Miller, Porteus, Olds and Peacock were successful, the two first-named secured exemption from the London Matriculation Examination. Heartiest congratulations to these and best wishes to all, who, before our summer issue will have sat for examinations, which will certainly affect their career.

We understand that a very enjoyable educational visit was paid to the Plymouth Aquarium, by IE, on February 9th. Mr. Harper was in charge of the party. We have had the pleasure of reading a copy of the February number of the Monthly Journal of the D.H.S. Rover Crew. It is such jolly reading and so full of life that we have been wondering in what way we offended the Rovers, that they did not show us the January number. As they now appear to have forgiven us, we hope they will put us on their list of regular readers, or we shall be deeply offended.

Mushrooms grow in the rain; which is why they look like umbrellas.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall irritate the earth."

Distemper is a disease. Dogs and ceilings get it.

Silence is what you don't hear when you listen.

Political economy is the science which teaches us to get the greatest benefit with the least possible amount of honest labour.

Mr. W. J. Andrews.

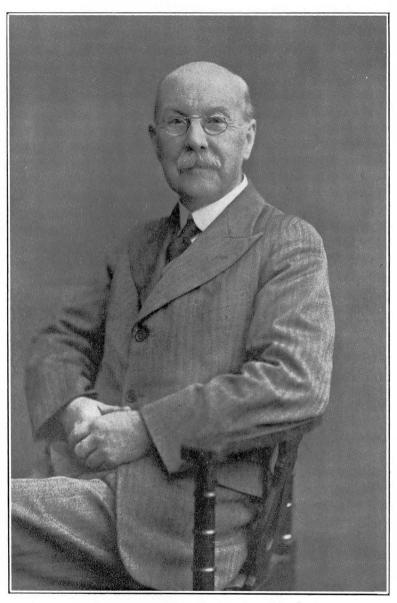
After the announcement made at Speech Day, it will come as no surprise that Mr. Andrews is leaving us at Easter, and until the parting wrench takes place, his life's work and the fortunes of D.H.S. have been tied together with an indissoluable knot. As a very young child he might have seen the present main building being used as a girls' school; but by 1895 it had passed into the possession of Mr. Rider, the first headmaster of D.H.S., who transferred to it the Stoke Naval and Civil Service College, of which also he was the principal.

Mr. Andrews, who had just left College, worked as an assistant-master, and hard work it was, as a large number of lads came to be prepared for the R.N.E. College. At that stage of its progress the school was over 200 strong, 40 of whom were boarders. It was then that Mr. Andrews showed his ability as a teacher, and a brilliant list of successes lifted high the reputation of the School. In 1902 this method of naval entry was stopped by the Fisher scheme, and as a result, the School was reduced in numbers and lost most of its boarders.

In 1906 Mr. Rider retired and the School was acquired by the then Devonport Borough Council, Mr. Treseder became headmaster, Mr. Andrews second master, and the School opened as a Municipal Secondary School with 98 boys, and a staff of seven, two of whom were women. In the dour struggle which followed, Mr. Andrews spared no pains; he took charge of the boarders, and taught mathematics, geography and history in the School, but as numbers rose he dropped the two last-named subjects and taught mathematics only—presumably this was his first love. It must be a great source of pride to him, that the small struggling School of 1906 has become a great institution of 700 boys, honour-boards of which any school might be proud and a tradition for solid effort which will enable it to weather the roughest storms. A great source of satisfaction to him must be the consciousness that he has never shirked what he believed to be his duty. He has ever shown selfless devotion which has been and will remain, a noble example worthy of close imitation.

During the War, 1914-18, Mr. Andrews proved his mettle when the Staff was depleted; not only did he teach School Certificate Chemistry, but took the Physics and Chemistry for the Inter-Science examination with great success. Then, when more normal conditions were restored he returned to mathematics once more.

It should be noted that this devotion to School work has not prevented him from playing his part in the life of the community; he is a man of many interests and of wide cultural tastes, and to all who are intimate with him, it is a pleasure to see that the close



Mr. W. J. ANDREWS.



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of his long teaching career, finds him with mind as fresh as ever, with intellectual appetite still unsatisfied, and with efficiency unimpaired. Even to the last day he seems to be dominated by one thought, never does he ask what is easiest for himself, but always, what is best for the School. His colleagues will miss a true friend, the boys will lose a most capable and sympathetic master, to hundreds of Old Boys he will remain an inspiring memory.

Many and happy may the years of his retirement be.

BACCHANALIA.

In leafy groves close by Elysian fields, His satyrs with him, Bacchus held his orgy. The burnished sun shone through the trees and bowers, And clothed the sparkling surface of the lake With soft grey creeping mist and shimmering haze. In flowery fillets wreathed, the pink eyed god, Enthroned with ivy, raised his goblet high And cried, "Satyrs, in revelry disport, From chalice gold quaff deep the dewy mead." Where zephyrs cool caress the southern shore, From Hippocrene's fount flowed forth the wine. And in that shady bower, unseen by man, They revelled many an hour before the sun. Below the far horizon sank in flames. Then to the strains of sweet Aeolian harps And echoing lutes, they stretched out on the sward, Bedecked with flowers and cloyed with luscious fruits, And with the purple winking wine, replete; And thus they lay until the morrow dawned. There came a hunter softly through the wood Who sought the yellow fawn or spotted pard. And creeping softly to the bower, he saw, Not nimble deer, but men with budding horns, Tipped by the rosy fingers of the dawn. The hunter smiled, and seeing on the ground A golden goblet filled with foaming wine, He picked it up and quickly drank his fill. His senses reeled, he staggered to the lake. And mirrored in the azure still and clear, He saw the horns, the curls, the goat-like ears.

SUAVISAVIATIO.

Liberty of conscience means being able to do wrong without bothering about it afterwards.

Rugby Club.

Master: Mr. Mallinson.

Captain: A. W. Pearce.

Hon. Secretary: A. K. DOLTON.

Because of the extremely short half-term and bad weather conditions, only one First XV. match has been played since Christmas, that against R.N.E.C. Third XV. The Second XV. has had two games, the first, against St. Boniface College was a victory for the School, the second game against H.M.S. Impregnable was, in spite of a great improvement in form, a loss for D.H.S. The Junior XV. has had no game since Christmas. Teams have been greatly affected by injuries to Williams, Davies, Cole and Jeffery, who, however, are recovering rapidly.

The thanks of the Club are due to Messrs. Rees, Webb, Jones and Ellis, who played against R.N.E. College, and also for their aid, together with Messrs. Mallinson, Davies, O'Connor and Gaskin, in refereeing matches.

On the whole the season has been greatly affected by the war, many games being cancelled because of the difficulties in travelling. It is to be hoped that the games will be played next year under happier conditions.

Colours were awarded to the following players:

Full Colours (renewed): Pearce.

New Colours: Dolton, Endacott, Jeffery, Pickering, Catchpole, Cole, Border.

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Half Colours: Parford, Goodman, Davies, Evea.

Second XV. Colours: Way, Harris, Metherell, Martin, Brook, Huzzey, Showell, Lockett, Johnson, Taylor, Fitzsimmons, Hurwitt, Bartlett.

The teams and records are:

FIRST XV.:

Border

Goodman Pearce (Capt.) Dolton Metherell
Bartlett Campbell-Davies

(From): Endacott, Cole, Showell, Way, Jeffery, Catchpole, Parford, Evea, Pickering.

Brook, Fitzsimmons and Taylor have also played.

SECOND XV.:

Johnson

Huzzey Mitchell Harris Hale

Holgate Martin

(From): Molland, Lockett, Northcott, Moyse, Joyner, Fitzsimmons, Brook (capt.), Taylor, Hurwitt, Keast.

W. Baker has also played.

JUNIOR XV.:

· Down

Keast Lovell Gill Honey Powell Sargeant

(From): Yandell, Stephens, Simmonds (capt.), Bickford, Taylor, Higson, Ford, Beswick, Roberts, Eddy.

Records:						P^{ϵ}	oints.
	P^{i}	layed.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	A gainst
First XV.		8	3	5	0	78	9 0
Second XV.		7	: 4	3	0	31	44
Colts' XV.		1	0	1	0	3	12
Junior XV.		5	3	2	0	23	37

A. K. DOLTON (Hon. Secretary).

- BORDER (Full-back). A very strong tackler and good kicker who still has a tendency to hold on to the ball too long. Should try to improve his play with a wet ball.
- GOODMAN (Right Wing). A heavy player who runs and tackles well. He uses his weight to advantage, but has hardly enough to beat a whole pack.
- Pearce (Right-centre) (Capt.). The team owes much to his enthusiastic leadership. He settled down well in an unaccustomed position and has tackled hard, getting through a lot of defensive work, while his speed has made him our most dangerous attacker.

 H.M.
- DOLTON (Left-centre) (Hon. Secretary). A well-balanced runner, with a good swerve, but his handling and defensive play have been erratic.

 H.M.
- METHERELL (Left-wing). A very fast player who has tackled very well. He has, however, had little to do, but should improve his throwing-in to the line-outs.
- BARTLETT (Stand-off-half). Good positional play, but is inclined to spoil this by being afraid of his opponent. He should overcome this tendency and start tackling.
- C. Davies (Scrum-half). A young player who has come straight from the Juniors. His lack of weight has proved a great drawback, but his football sense has enabled him to become a very competent scrum-half.

- WAY (Winging forward). A strong player who has used his weight to advantage and proved an asset to the scrum. Should curb a tendency to offside play.
- COLE (Lock man). A forward who should use his weight more. His kicking has, however, been of a very high standard and proved a valuable asset to the team.
- Endacott (Winging-forward). A very hard-working forward who has used his height and weight to great advantage. Has proved himself to be the leader of the forwards, but should always make sure where he is going.
- JEFFERY (Second rank). A very good player who has been severely handicapped by an injured shoulder. When he has played he has, however, proved his worth.
- CATCHPOLE (Second rank). A newcomer to Rugby who should use his weight more and jump in the line-outs. He tackles very well but should stop a tendency to run back towards his three's.
- PARFORD (Front rank). Another newcomer who, although rather slow, has made up for this by hard work.
- EVEA (Hooker). Another player from the Juniors who, despite his lack of weight, has hooked well.
- PICKERING (Front rank). A rather small player who, despite his lack of weight, has done a large amount of useful work. Has a slight tendency to stay out of some loose scrums, and should cure this.

A. W. PEARCE (Captain).

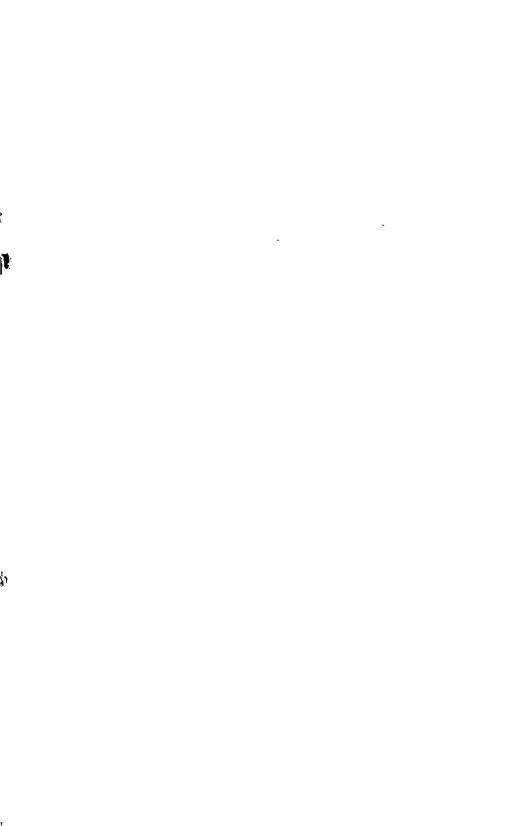
Lancashire is famous for cotton because of its humility.

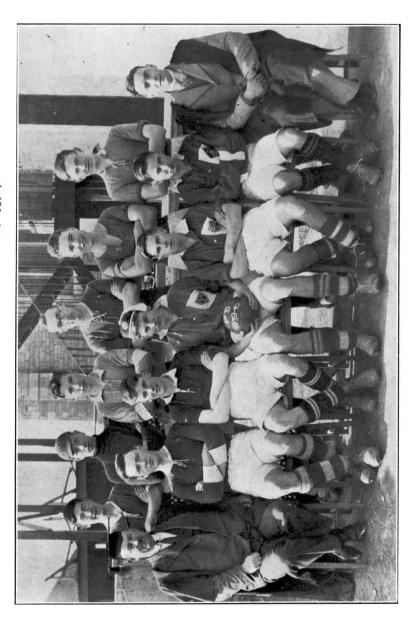
The Ministry of Information will shortly issue a map of Europe which omits England in order to make things more difficult for hostile bombers.

Bees are insects which go about from flower to flower collecting pollard.

Guerilla warfare means up to their monkey tricks.

Guy's Hospital was founded to commemorate the Gunpowder Plot.





(Sitting) The Headmaster, P. Dean, J. Deal (Sec.), A. Baines (Capt.), D. Peacock, J. Simmonds, Mr. Hodgson. (Standing) R. Higman, W. Leech, F. Turner, K. Allen, M. Moger, J. Beare.

Soccer Club.

Soccer Master: Mr. G. H. Hodgson.

Captain: A. W. BAINES.

Vice-Captain and Secretary: J. L. DEAL.

The season 1939-40 has been quite successful for the Soccer Club. Contrary to expectation the First XI. has achieved a very creditable record in winning 10 games out of 14 played, two being drawn. The weather has interfered very considerably with the Club's activities, only 40 per cent. of the matches arranged being played.

This season a good team spirit has been shown in the First XI.; the majority of the players should be available for next season. The team has suffered by its lack of weight, but has revealed fighting qualities.

The Second XI. have not played so well this season, but this is not unexpected, since they were all recruits from the Colts and Junior teams, and were consequently a young team.

The Colts XI. have shown that their members will be assets to the Club for future seasons. Endacott has proved an efficient captain, while Pring and Field deserve mention.

The Junior XI. has suffered from the cancellation of the majority of their fixtures, but in the game played, Hooper, Sutton, Grindrod and Hobbs have displayed decided promise.

The Club is indebted to Mesdames Baines, Barkell and Tovell, who have prepared teas, and thanks are also due to the Headmaster, and to Messrs. Austin, Ellis, Harper, Heather, Hodgson, Pickup and Truman, and to all others who have refereed this season.

Teams and records are as follows:

FIRST XI.:

Leech

Dean Moger

Simmonds Allen Turner

Witchell Baines (capt.) Deal (vice-capt.) Peacock Higman Alford and Beare have also played.

SECOND XI.:

Porteus

Gilbert Bale

Harris Beare Hallett

Yeo Thompson Knight (capt.) Alford Dowrick Glimn, Hayden, Hellyer and Greenway have also played.

COLTS XI.:

Tozer

Sumpter Field

Colson Elliott Rose

Burrows Endacott Pring Semmens Hooper Tyacke and Slade have also played.

JUNIOR XI.:

Hooper

	Sutton	Sketc	hley	
	ckford F			
Longworth	Vanstone	Grindrod	Hobbs	Logan
Gosling has also	played.		•	

						(Goals.
Team.	F	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
First XI.		14	10	2	2	56	28
Second XI.		12 .	4	7	1	39	42
Colts XI.		9	6	3	0	34	· 21
Junior XI.		4	1	2	1	19	12

CRITIQUE.

- LEECH (Goal-keeper). Very capable if full attention is given to the game. Has made some good saves, but has a tendency to retain the ball too long and is a poor kicker.
- DEAN (Right-back). Started poorly, but has revealed excellent form in the last few games. His strong play both in defence and attack has proved invaluable to the side.
- MOGER (Left-back). With Dean has formed a good understanding. His heading and tackling have been fine, but he should endeavour to be faster.
- SIMMONDS (Right-half). A hard-working player whose running and positional play have left nothing to be desired, but whose final passes and kicking should be improved.
- ALLEN (Centre-half). Has filled the position vacated by Bray in an efficient manner. With his forceful running, kicking and heading he has rendered fine service to the team.
- TURNER (Left-half). A newcomer to the side who has played some clever games. His passing and general play have been good, but he should avoid overdoing the fancy-stuff.
- WITCHELL (Outside-right). A player who, although chosen, has been prevented from playing many games through illness. Has shown himself capable of good work.
- BAINES (Captain). (Inside-right). All the duties of a captain have been well carried out. He has settled into a new position; has given drive to the forward line, and has scored some good goals.

 G.H.H.

DEAL (Vice-Captain and Secretary) (Centre-forward). Has been an efficient secretary and is top goal-scorer. He has filled the centre-forward position well, but should shoot at the earliest opportunity instead of trying to get close to goal.

Peacock (Inside-left). Has proved that he has football sense. The originator of most of the forward attacks. Should be more ready to go for goal himself, but has provided many openings for others.

HIGMAN (Outside-left). Has played quite well in some games.

Must, however, learn to centre more quickly and to swing the
ball about. Greater determination would bring better results.

J. DEAL (Vice-Capt. and Sec.).

SHORT BLASTS!

Ten pound cheque,
Pay we must,
Any more
And we'll be bust.

Trial Cambridge, What a time! Lot of swotting, And we'll do fine (?)

Influenza
Here once more,
Half the School
Go home to snore.

Money for drinks, Bring your tea, Cycling club On the spree.

Speech Day over, Work again, We want that half-day, Just the same.

Latin is a language
As dead as dead can be.
It killed the Ancient Romans,
And now it's killing me!

March exams.,
April vac.;
Short holiday,
And then we're back.

Anon. (VB.).

Artificial Respiration is what you make a person alive with when they're only just dead.

A bolt is a thing like a stick, of hard metal such as iron, with a square bunch on one end, and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is similar to a bolt, only just the opposite, being a hole in a small chunk of iron sawed off short, and wrinkles around the inside of the whole.

Out of School Activities.

SCOUT LOG.

Junior Troop.—A./S.M. R. Hodges reports that in spite of the prevalence of illness, Troop Meetings have been held each Wednesday afternoon, the attendance being practically 100 per cent. A Meeting has been held at mid-day each Friday throughout the term for Tenderfoot and Second Class Badge Tests. The Troop has been responsible for the collection of newspaper, etc., from the official residences in the Dockyard.

The Junior Troop Court of Honour has met regularly to take its share in planning the work of the Troop. The P./L.'s helped to arrange an enjoyable afternoon's programme of "wide" games. One of the outstanding items of the Concert given on March 6th was the Junior Troop Show.

As the Group Scoutmaster, I should like to record my continued thanks to Mr. R. Hodges for his excellent work in organising this most important section of the Group.

Senior Troop.—Troop Meetings have been somewhat irregular this term, and unavoidably poorly attended. This has been compensated for by the interest taken by individuals in badge work, and by groups for instruction. Several Troop Meetings have been devoted to the collection of paper. This is stored at Penlee, the Rover Headquarters, and removed by the Government dealer at intervals. So far the scheme has yielded £5 to Troop Funds, which means that several tons of paper have been collected. We should like to thank the Rover Crew for allowing us to use their store—we have reciprocated in some measure by allowing the Rovers 10 per cent. on the sum realised by the sale of paper.

Three Troop Meetings have been held at Headquarters on a Wednesday afternoon when useful training programmes have been run.

Badges.—P./L. Tredget (Hawks) and S./L. Ralph (Foxes) have gained the Green All-round Cords. Both are holders of the King's Scout Badge. P./L. Hale (Foxes) is the third member of the Troop to hold the coveted award of King's Scout. These three badges are the first gained in the history of the Troop.

Ralph, Tredget and Davies have gained the Public Health Man Badge; Lang and Ralph the Starman Badge; Taylor the Ambulance Badge.

S./L. G. Hill is the first member of the Troop to gain the National Service Badge. Hill was strongly recommended for this badge by Colonel Gillespie.

The three King's Scouts have been running instruction groups for the First Class Badge. These have met each Thursday.

Concert.—A successful concert was held on March 6th. in St. Michael's Hall. The object was to raise money to reduce the debt on the purchase of camping equipment made last year. The Group is indebted to the following non-Scout members of the School for assisting: R. Glynn and the Rhythmic Threes; Stower, Pengelley, Semmens, Halliday and Mr. Truman (Film Society). Mrs. Dowrick organised a Ladies' Committee to provide the refreshments. We are grateful to Mrs. Dowrick and her helpers for their splendid work.

Rover Crew.—My thanks are due to Mr. R. Church, R.S.L., for the excellent work he is doing with the Rovers. A report of their activities is given elsewhere. We are indeed fortunate to have the assistance of Mr. Church. Not only does Mr. Church find time to organise the Rover Crew, but he runs badge classes and assists with the Senior Troop, and this in spite of other activities.

Old Scouts will be interested to hear that S./M.'s fifth book on Scouting—Complete Signalling Instructor (a book for all who are interested in communication by means of signs and signals) was published at the end of February. It contained a short foreword by Mr. Austin. The same firm has also issued S./M.'s First Class Badge Instruction Card.

S./M., D.H.S.

Rover Crew.—We were proud to welcome the District Commissioner, Mr. Winnicott, who complimented the Crew very warmly on the reconstruction and decoration of the Den. He graciously presented us with a handsome gift to our funds. This, with our paper and other income, has enabled us to repay our debt to the School. Equally was it a great pleasure to have the Headmaster with us again, and he spoke of other Rover Crews he has known, a subject which gave us much incidental advice. The Headmaster invested D. Reed as a Rover Scout. R.S.L. has also described French Scouting.

At Christmas we decorated the wards of the Prince of Wales's Hospital (Devonport), and for our New Year Good Turn we are putting new anti-splinter strips on their windows.

We give best thanks to P./L. Tredget for the cured stoat skin he gave us. We have been complimented on our Monthly Rover Journal by "Bront," in the Western Evening Herald. R.S.L.

The Zoodiac is a Zoo in the sky where lions, goats, virgins and other animals go after they are dead.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Although unable this year to proceed with its usual production, the Society has found an outlet for its activities in being asked to contribute two one-act plays to an end-of-term Concert. We must thank Mr. Harper for undertaking to produce them, and for his valuable experience and advice.

We are looking forward, also, to a visit from the "Tamaritans" at the end of term. Miss Irene Hall is bringing three one-act plays for our entertainment. We are extremely fortunate in securing such a favour, and, in particular, the presentation of Miss Hall's own play, "The Trollope's Triumph."

We are proud, too, to note that former members of the Society are now taking part in productions such as this, and with other local societies.

A. E. ROWE.

THE LIBRARY.

Volumes have been in considerable demand this term from the Reference Library, owing to the scholarships in February and March, which have been taken by a number of candidates from the School. The additional volumes received this term have necessitated the ordering of a new book-case.

About fifty fiction books concerning aeroplanes, motor racing and the like, in fact, books with an appeal to the modern boy, have been purchased. These have proved an incentive to joining the Fiction Library, the membership of which has increased considerably, so that the Fiction Librarians have been kept fairly busy. There is still, however, plenty of room for new members.

We are indebted to the following for their presentations, and hope those who are leaving at the end of this term will continue the tradition of making some return for the help received from the Library:

Mr. Austin: A number of books by Ruskin—"Ethics of the Dust," "The Arts and Pleasures of England," "The Seven Lamps of Architecture," and "On the Old Road" (three volumes); also a two-volume "Outline of Literature" and an "Outline of Art."

Mr. Williams: "Tramping through Africa" by Roome.

Mitchell: "British Scientists of the Nineteenth Century" by Crowther.

We wish to thank Richards of the Sixth Form for his help in the management of the Reference Library this term, and also Martin, Porter, Greenway and Glynn, of Lower VIA, who have been responsible for the Fiction Library.

H. J. BACKHOUSE (Librarian).

CHESS CLUB.

At the end of last term a six-board match was arranged with the Staff. The School proved the victors by four boards to two. The second and final round of the House Chess Tournament has been played this term. This term's winner was Raleigh, who were closely followed by Gilbert. Gilbert is, on the two terms' play, champion House at Chess, its success being due to excellent play in both Junior and Senior teams. Grenville are third and Drake bottom on the final result. In this term's matches it is noticeable that the standard of play has been improved, especially on the lower boards. A Form Match was arranged between the IV. and V. Forms in which the V. Forms were superior by four boards to two. Two Chess Matches are arranged for Tuesday, 12th March, and Friday, 15th March, to be played against Sutton Secondary School and Saltash County School respectively.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY:

Two Meetings have been held this term—on February 13th; Mr. Williams gave a most interesting lecture, entitled "Some Physical and Chemical Problems in Photography," in which he dealt with all stages of Photography with special regard to Colour Photography.

On February 27th, in conjunction with the Film Society, two films were shown which proved to be of great interest, particularly to the Fourth Forms. The titles were "Lens Making," and "The Eye and the Camera."

R. H. COUCH (Secretary).

DEBATING SOCIETY.

On January 23rd, the Society met to discuss the motion "That Britain is a Democracy." Rockey, in proposing, said that Parliament was elected by means of a system of proportional representation—every adult person having the right to vote. Goodman, opposing the motion, thought that the Government did what it liked without consulting the people. The motion was defeated, after discussion in the House, by 12 votes to 6, three members not voting.

On February 6th, the subject before the Society was "That Modern Propaganda is destroying liberty of thought." The House was honoured by the attendance of Mr. Andrews, who adjudicated for the award of the Murray Debating Prize; which was won by Backhouse.

On February 20th, the motion, "That the vital Industries of the Nation should be nationalised," was proposed by Bennett. He thought that nationalisation would improve the nation's economic position, and dealt with the failings of various industries. Martin, opposing, said that Governmental control would destroy competition, and lead to industrial stagnation. Other speeches followed, and when a vote was taken, the motion was adopted by 14 votes to six.

R.J.G.

THE CAMERA CLUB.

There has been a reduction in outdoor activities this term, for which the various restrictions have been responsible. However, some photographs of the Cross-Country Race were taken, and, later in the term, Sports Day will present its usual opportunities for securing good action photographs.

Indoor activities have consisted mainly of enlarging, but proposed variations are experiments in bromoil, table-top photography, etc.

Membership of the Club is limited to the Vth and VIth Forms, and those interested in the more technical side of Photography are invited to attend.

H. BENNETT (Secretary).

STAMP CLUB.

The Meetings this term began with a film show. One film described the making of stamps, and the other, the introduction of stamps in 1840. Molland (VL.) gave an excellent talk on "Queer Things on Stamps." He described colours, designs, errors and interesting things and events shown on stamps. Later, Mr. Whitfeld and others showed highly interesting Air Mail covers, many being first flights, especially the Transatlantic Services.

Possibly our most interesting ventures have been the Post Office visits. On the first visit we saw how letters arriving in Plymouth for delivery are first sorted into four large divisions, and then into the district covered by each of 150 postmen on his particular "walk." The collection and despatch side will be described next term.

G. R. STEPHENS (Secretary).

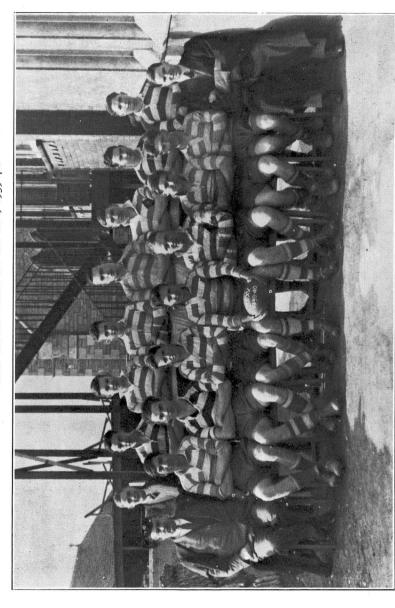
FILM SOCIETY.

This term the Society has concentrated on finishing the China Clay film. Titling has been completed, although it has been found that time flies when titling is undertaken, and but for Mr. Truman, we should still be engaged in this occupation.

Splicing was the next task, and while the Titles were away being processed, the film was cut. It must be stated that, up to the time of writing, the splicing has not been altogether successful, despite the energetic enthusiasm of members. Time and experience will, it is hoped, remedy this. While this is in progress the "Paris" film is also being edited and titles prepared. Members who went to Paris are engaged on this so that the Titles should make some fine shots into an accurate and interesting account both of the Paris trip and of Paris.

If finished, this film with the China Clay film, will be shown in a film programme which is planned to be held at the end of term.

D. J. Hosking (Hon. Secretary).



(Standing) C. Davies, J. Metherell, K. Showell, R. Huzzey, R. Brook, B. Border, H. Taylor, S. Bartlett. (Sitting) The Headmaster, J. Endacott, S. Catchpole, A. Dolton, W. Pearce, J. Cole, J. Goodman, J. Way, Mr. Mallinson.

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MUSIC SOCIETY.

These notes are written during what is undoubtedly the busiest time we have had for some years. Speech Day is over, and the four-part Choir has made a most creditable first appearance inpublic. Our time is now occupied with rehearsals for a Concert to be given in St. Michael's Hall, on March 13th. We hope to include in this programme Constant Lambert's arrangement of Handel's Concerto in B Flat for Piano and Orchestra, with Hill, of VL. at the piano, and a number of choruses from Gluck's important opera "Orpheus and Eurydice" are being rehearsed by the Choir.

To our regret, we had to say good-bye to Mr. T. F. Mutten, a few weeks ago. He has been visiting teacher of violin and 'cello for over two years, and not only the violin classes, but also the Orchestra had good reason to value his generous help. We are fortunate in having Jamison Howell, Esq., once a pupil of the great violinist, Joachim, to take his place.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

At the end of last term we visited the Tamar Brewery. We were most fortunate in seeing the start of a brew and how specially hardened water, Californian barley malt, cane sugar and Kentish hops are combined to make beer.

This term, many groups of boys have worked steadily on local maps of 17th Century Plymouth, of Dartmoor drainage, the City Transport services, a local contour map, and on the voyages of Gilbert.

Two more visits have been held. At the Western Morning News we saw Linotype machines, the setting-up of pages, the making of a papier mache block and from it, the final printing roller. The machines turning out newspapers at 35,000 per hour were the high spot of the visit. An account of the Laundry visit will be given next term.

Finally, Mr. Church described very vividly a month's visit to Czechoslovakia and showed pictures of Prague, Brno, the High Tatras, and Russian-speaking Ruthenia.

Our best thanks to Palmer (L.VIm.) for repainting work in the Geography Room.

R. Molland (Secretary).

Quinine is the bark of a tree; canine is the bark of a dog.

The people of Venice used to call their King a Dog, but they didn't pronounce it the same.

House Reports.

RALEIGH.

This term has been a much happier one for Raleigh; a fair share of success has come our way. Rugger games have been few. The only Senior game—with Drake—was drawn. The Junior team has played well to beat Drake and Gilbert, although a team badly weakened by illness was defeated by Grenville. No Soccer games have been played.

As a result of the Cross-Country, Raleigh gained 46½ points, a total beaten only by Grenville. In the Senior run we were third, owing to the fine running of Metherell and Martin. In the Under 14 event we achieved victory, and Dunbar (first), Hamlyn (third), and Rennie (fifth) deserve special mention. The Under 12 event was disappointing, as enthusiasm and ability seem to be lacking in the very Junior ranks. It is to be hoped that this will not be the case in the coming Athletic Sports.

The standard of the House Chess has improved considerably, and Raleigh winning this term's competition, thus finished a close second to Gilbert on the final table.

Raleigh's position is now encouraging, and if the interest that has been displayed in the House is continued, there is every reason to believe that the House will finish the year in a much more enviable position than the one it has occupied in recent times.

J. L. PARFORD (Captain).

GILBERT.

In the few House matches that have been played this term, only the Junior Soccer team has met with success. The Chess teams, although handicapped by illness, gained some badly-needed points; but generally there is little cause for jubilation.

The Cross-Country demonstrated again the need for increased enthusiasm in the House as a whole. Individual successes were insufficient to counterbalance the advantage gained by the large entries of other Houses, and though, admittedly, the Seniors are deficient in numbers, their energy could be greater. Parsons, Warn and Couch have been invaluable in the work of organization, and the Sports should show some improvement in the position of the House.

It is hoped that members of Gilbert will realise that continued success in the Swimming Sports depends on each one's endeavour to obtain standards.

A. E. Rowe.

GRENVILLE.

Grenville is still in the lead of the House Championship, but a large number of points have yet to be gained.

In Rugby the Seniors have won all four matches whilst the Juniors have won three, drawn one and lost one. In Soccer the Juniors have won all five matches, whilst the Seniors have only won one out of three. At Chess the Juniors have been singularly unsuccessful, but the Seniors have done quite well.

Grenville was top in the Cross-Country by over 20 points. The House has to thank Way for the great amount of work he has done in this connection.

A. W. PEARCE (House Captain).

DRAKE.

Despite the enthusiastic efforts of several members, the House has not obtained the high results expected.

Depleted teams had little success in Junior Rugger and Soccer games, whilst the Senior Soccer team has played no matches, and the Senior Rugby team drew with Raleigh when it should have won. Cole must be complimented on his hard play, high standard of kicking, and enthusiastic leading of a light pack of forwards.

Just after half-term the Cross-Country was held, and, despite major successes in the Senior Race, in which Baker, W. ran really well, Drake was placed last in the final totals. This was due to lack of enthusiasm among the Juniors and under twelves.

By the time that this report has been published it is hoped that Drake will have succeeded in winning top position in the Athletic Sports. The result will primarily depend on the number of standards achieved by the members of the House.

J. D. ENDACOTT (House Captain):

FLASH!!!

10 men build a house in 100 days.
100 men build a house in 10 days.
1,000 men build a house in 1 day.
24,000 men build a house in 1 hour.
86,400,000 men build a house in 1 second.
What bricklaying!

The School Lawn.

Now the School lawn is, or rather was, without doubt part of School, and what we should have considered an indispensible part. Had anyone forecasted its destruction last summer, the snigger sarcastic, the smile sympathetic would have universally resulted. What! remove the lawn? What would H.M. do with naughty lads?

But the deed is done. The apple of our eye has been eaten. Not that we entertain any erroneous effort to stimulate a sense of bereavement; our memories connected with the lawn are almost entirely unpleasant. We do, however, dash away the sympathetic tear for masters and prefects whose wont it was to seek a sort of caged seclusion on its green bosom, from the madding crowd which surged around its borders. Above all, let us sigh for H.M. No more rolling, no more weeding! How he must rack his brains for further punishment. Dust the air-raid shelter, perhaps.

The sequence of events is well-known. Let us neglect that painful period of aching backs and blistered palms, whilst, by H.M.'s special request, the lawn was left untouched for as long as possible. Let us try to forget the onslaught of tough and gruff, hairy and brawny navvies with their pneumatic drills, and their penetrating into the turf, as if into the heart of the school, while that noble edifice registered its silent rage. The School masterfully controlled its varying emotions, but from the office was heard the groan of a soul in anguish.

Confidentially, however, the ear-bursting rattle came to our aid in many a hopeless test, when, in a middle of a stiff question, all that was needed was the expression of annoyance, the venomous glance to the window, and the shrug as of a brainwave lost. We found, too, that a graphic account of our desperation soothed the spleen and despair in the parental breast, on receipt of our report.

Perhaps the effect of winter prompted the suggestion of the trenches as swimming baths. The School consoled the wag with a smirk, and sank into its usual lethargy, when the rumour began to hum of using the trenches as form rooms. Dark? No darker than some of the School when the lights perform their frequent going-out trick. Above all, surely we should be free from the smell of those infernal compounds concocted in the Chemistry Lab.

Well, the drills are silenced, and in the unaccustomed silence, we ease our nerves and reduce our roars to normal tones. Now all we see is a mysterious entrance, leading into a sinister unknown, a tortuous maze, ghostly enough for the most fastidious spectre.

Let us mount the iron staircase, and, curving the unwilling spine, take a bird's-eye view, and, with the eye saddened by experience, observe our desecrated altar, the violation of whose sacredness in our youth meant death. Now we see the angry tumult of barren soil, irreverent shovel, brazier and clod-hopper. Who wants to become a prefect now?

Guillaumes (Vc.).

W. H. WINGATE

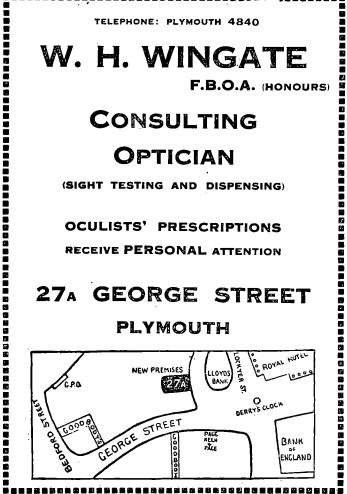
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Committee: The above, together with Messrs. R. Cheshire, W. J. Ching, B. H. Chowen, E. E. Cock, E. J. Cox, D. L. Crabb, F. T. Healy, J. C. Hill, P. J. Mowan, H. J. Murray, R. Pengelly, G. Plucknett, B. C. J. Rickard, C. H. Rowe, R. Small and R. J. Werry.

The Re-union Supper arranged for December 27th proved very popular, and the attendance must have been most gratifying to Mr. Eric Cock, to whom we are indebted for his unstinted efforts to make the evening a success. The Annual General Meeting was held in the morning, and was followed by a Rugby match over which the Headmaster continued to preside, but in this case in the capacity of referee.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lieut. (E.) and Mrs. Dolton, also to Mr. and Mrs. L. Warren.

Mr. A. J. Legg, who has so ably filled the position of Secretary of the London Branch, has relinquished that office on account of impending Military Service. Our thanks are due to Mr. Legg for the whole-hearted way in which he has worked for the Association. His successor is Mr. A. H. P. Rowden, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. Mr. Rowden's first task was to arrange a Re-union Supper on February 17th. This proved a most enjoyable function.

Lieut.-Comdr. K. Tucker, R.N.R., has been awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division) for gallant work in saving life at sea.

Lieut.-Comdr. (E.) L. F. Ingram has been promoted to Commander.

Cadets Simmonds and Pepper were awarded prizes for Navigation and Engineering respectively at the end of their Dartmouth Term. They have since been promoted to Midshipman and are now at the R.N.E. College.

- Mr. F. B. Anstey has been awarded the Diploma of Membership of Imperial College as a result of a year's Advanced Study and Research. He is now in an Officer Cadet Unit of the Royal Engineers.
- Mr. F. Lawrence has been promoted to Higher Executive Officer.
- Mr. R. L. Morgan has been appointed overseas. We wish him good luck.
- Messrs. J. M. Widdecombe and H. M. Blewett have returned to England, having completed appointments abroad.
- Mr. A. Babbage is now in a Technical Branch of the Air Ministry.

Messrs. Perkins Bros., who contracted for the O.B.A. tie, report that owing to war causes, it is impossible to continue to supply the design embodied in the tie. They have, however, a fairly large stock of the 4/6 tie, and these they are prepared to sell at 3/6.

At the end of this term Mr. Andrews is retiring from the teaching profession. Mr. Andrews has taught at Devonport High School for 40 years, during 34 of which he has acted as Senior Master. Former D.H.S.-ians will join with the School in wishing him a happy and congenial retirement.

H.F.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. J. ANDREWS.

It is felt that Old Boys would like to mark their appreciation of the kindly help that Mr. Andrews has rendered to a succession of D.H.S.-ians by means of a presentation. Will all those wishing to participate send their contributions to Mr. H. Ferraro, Bella Vista, 68, Bickham Road, St. Budeaux, Plymouth, by whom such donations will be acknowledged.

Changes of Address.

Please note:

Mr. Treseder now lives at 57, Langdale Road, Hove, Surrey.

450. Mr. Buckpitt at 43, Harvey Lane, Thorpe, Norwich.

654. Mr. Rufus at "Kai Ora," 59, Desborough Road, St. Jude's Plymouth.

211. Mr. L. C. G. Williams at "Cranleigh," Celyu Grove, Cyncoed, Cardiff.

We welcome the following new members:

- 689. F. T. Squibb, 55, Whittington Street, Pennycomequick, Plymouth.
- 690. C. H. Oakes (Sergt.), 7345494 B. Coy, 129th Wessex Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., Wyke Hall, Gillingham, Dorset.

691. F. E. Hutchings, 61, Albert Road, Ilford.

692. H. E. Beer, 34, Beechwood Avenue, Mutley.

693. F. J. Odgers, 24, Barton Avenue, Keyham, Devonport. 694. J. Hunting, 37, Melville Road, Ford, Devonport.

695. L. J. Howarth, 24, Limetree Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

696. J. Palmer, 5, Allendale Road, Mutley. 697. F. H. Lear, 19, Seaview Avenue, Lipson.

698. W. W. Cropper, 6, Haddington Road, Stoke, Devonport.

699. D. Olds, 22, Albert Terrace, Laira, Plymouth.

Since the last magazine was published, the names of the following Old Boys have been added to the list of D.H.S.-ians serving with H.M. Forces or in the Merchant Service:

R. Ware	H. Cavanagh	W. R. Wingate
C. H. Mulready	K. Tucker	C. Wyatt
H. Goodfellow	R. Sinnott	J. E. G. Hancock
S. G. Ash	W. Bittles	J. C. Hill
K. Lucas	W. Gay	J. J. Lawlor
C. Howett	H. Ward	R. W. Trebilcock
T. Pearce	J. Creber	L. Robins
K. Hawke	T. Reep	W. A. N. Essery
E. Littlejohns	L. D. Richings	L. Tovell
A. E. Knight	F. Burnard	C. S. Rogers
R. Coker	D. B. Willis	J. Ruberry

RE-UNION SUPPER, 1939.

Owing to the war the usual Old Boys' Dinner was not held this year, but its place was taken by a most enjoyable Supper, held at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth, on Wednesday, December 27th, 1939.

Seventy-four Old Boys joined together on this evening, and I sincerely hope that all who were present enjoyed a nice evening.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Roy Werry on War Service, the musical arrangements were in the hands of Mr. L. C. de Gruchey, assisted by Mr. Norman Chaff. We had quite enjoyable community singing, and Mr. de Gruchey kindly rendered on the violin his own composition, "Caprice."

Sir Clifford Tozer, who was the guest, proposed the "School and Old Boys," the reply being given by our President, the Headmaster, Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds.

The Chairman for 1939 (Mr. Leslie Warren) was unable to attend owing to War duties. Those present were: H. A. T. Simmonds, Esq. (President) in the chair: Sir Clifford Tozer, c.c., J.P., guest of the Association, and Messrs. H. Ferraro, Eric E. Cock, F. E. Cock, H. F. Ley, P. J. Mowan, H. G. Taylor, N. E. Chaff, P. Wyatt, D. W. Couch, H. J. Stull, L. H. Martin, J. C. Hill, L. Pengelly, T. Orchard, E. Warn, T. E. Irish, H. G. Plucknett,

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We were pleased to welcome representatives of our London Branch, including the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Alan J. Legg.

Mr. H. Ferraro, General Secretary, proposed the health of the Branch, to which toast Mr. Legg suitably replied.

Mr. Edward J. Cox again acted as Assistant-Secretary, and to him and the whole sub-committee I offer my best thanks for their assistance.

ERIC ED. COCK, Dinner Secretary.

LONDON BRANCH NOTES.

Chairman: Mr. A. T. Brooks. Vice-Chairman: Mr. A. J. SWAN. Secretary: Mr. A. H. P. ROWDEN,

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The Annual Meeting was held at The Devereux, on Friday,

January 12th, when the above officers were elected.

The Sixth Annual Dinner of the London Branch was held at the George Hotel, 213, Strand, on Saturday, February 17th. The evening was acclaimed a very successful one, and the attendance of 35, while not equalling that of previous years, was regarded as highly satisfactory for a war-time function. We were very sorry not to have our President (Mr. H. A. T. Simmonds) and our Vice-President (Mr. R. F. Treseder) with us on this occasion. The former was absent through an unavoidable prior engagement, and the latter through ill-health. We wish Mr. Treseder a speedy return to health and look forward to seeing both him and Mr. Simmonds next time.

Our visitors were Mr. H. Ferraro and Mr. E. T. Heather,

After old acquaintances had been renewed in time-honoured fashion, the assembled company sat down to dinner. When justice had been done to the good fare provided, the toasts of the evening were proposed and honoured.

Mr. A. J. Swan proposed "Old Boys with H.M. Forces."

"The School" was proposed by Mr. A. T. Brooks, and replied to by Mr. E. T. Heather.

Mr. A. H. P. Rowden submitted "The Old Boys' Association," and Mr. H. Ferraro (General Secretary) responded.

The remainder of the evening was spent in community singing and listening to solos very ably rendered by Mr. W. H. Hurden. Mention must also be made of the unceasing efforts of our versatile Chairman at the piano. They were much appreciated and we were pleased to accord him three hearty cheers at the close of the proceedings. This came earlier than is our wont, owing to the black-out and the difficulties of getting home. A most enjoyable evening and long to be remembered.

A. H. P. ROWDEN.

Present at Dinner: The Committee, together with Messrs. H. Ferraro, E. T. Heather (Plymouth), H. E. Barry, — Blewitt, D. J. Bryant, G. E. Bryant, S. P. W. Butler, R. A. Denyer, G. W. Drake, S. A. Evans, A. J. Finnamore, G. J. Grant, R. J. G. Hodges, R. C. Horne, H. H. Jago, F. E. Johnson, K. S. Lake, B. C. Oades, F. R. Oldrieve, J. A. Peter, W. A. Simmonds, G. P. Swan and L. J. Yarrell.

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- P. E. Holwell, "Montserrat," Westacres, Alnwick,

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H. M. Blewett, c/o 6, South Down Road, Beacon Park, Peverell.

R. A. Denyer (from Devonport), 53, Halesworth Road, S.E. 13.

G. P. Swan, 33, Alexandra Grove, Finsbury Park, N. 4.

OLD BOYS' SOCCER NOTES.

The Club was runner-up in their League during the Season 1938-9, and the Headmaster kindly presented the medals at the Annual Meeting. He said that the improved standard of play in the team convinced him that the Club would gain still further success in the future.

After the outbreak of the war there were in the Plymouth area only 12 clubs willing to compete in a League tournament, and as these are, in the main, senior teams, our high position in the League table is most satisfactory. The Club has also been successful in reaching the final eight of the Churches' League Cup.

Names of boys leaving school, who wish to play for the Old Boys have been passed to me, and I must apologise for not including them at once. They will, however, be encouraged and given the opportunity of playing.

R. Pengelly.

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