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Editorial.

Lately the dread realities of war have been brought home to us. In our small way we have felt the impact of those dynamic forces which caused the doleful spectacle of the fall of France. At the close of a year, unparalleled for widespread human suffering, we are still unshackled, our heads are bloody, but unbowed, and our belief in ultimate victory is strong. While the approach of the Festival of Peace affords a grim commentary on our civilisation, it provides us with an opportunity to take stock of our position, which, on the whole, is satisfactory.

The duties of youth lie not in actual combat, but in the support of others. This term we have been pleased to see the establishment of an Air Defence Cadet Corps in the School; this is an example of the way in which youth can help. But we cannot dispose of our responsibilities so summarily; we are young and the future is ours. We do not desire another Versailles, another impotent League of Nations, with the wishful thinking it engenders. The aims of youth are the establishment of peace and of a new system of social security in Britain; it lies in our power to harness man's inventions to man's perpetual benefit.

Never has the call to youth been clearer, more forceful, to prepare itself for the coming struggle, to stand against the drilled organisations of the Hitler Youth. We are given a knowledge of practical and academic subjects, a training in citizenship, that the future members of our society may be equipped with the understanding and ability necessary for participation in a democracy.

To beliefs which encourage the burning of books inimical to a barbaric system, we oppose ideas of tolerance. It will be our duty to encourage the dissemination of our beliefs amongst the Germanic youth of the future, with whom we have to discover the means to live in peace. But this Christmas our thoughts run in different channels, away from the festivity of yesteryear. With sad hearts and mortified minds let us undertake our task to secure victory. At school youth must prepare for the struggle of life, which is unnaturally bitter to-day.

EN PASSANT.

We heartily congratulate :

All those who gained Scholarships, Higher School Certificates, and School Certificates ; the First XI. on their excellent record to date.

All those who were awarded Cricket Colours.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the following publications :
 " *The Kingsbridgian*," " *Newtonian* " (magazine of Isaac Newton High School, Winnipeg, Manitoba).

PRAEFECTI VALETE.

BROOK, R. E.—Entered School, September, 1932 ; School Certificate, 1937 ; Higher School Certificate, 1939 ; Senior Prefect, September, 1939 ; Rugger Colours, 1939-40 ; Chess Colours, 1938-40 ; Captain of Chess Club ; Dyke Scholarship, July, 1940 ; Entered Wadham College, Oxford.

DEAL, J. L.—Entered School, September, 1932 ; School Certificate, 1937 ; Higher School Certificate, 1939 ; Senior Prefect, September, 1940 ; Captain of Swimming, 1940 ; Soccer Colours, 1939-40 ; House Captain, " Drake " ; Captain, Soccer ; State Scholarship ; Entered Exeter College, Oxford.

" The Great Fall," by Eileen Dover.

" The Schoolmaster," by Noah Little.

" The Marriage Reception," by Phyllis Glaz.

" The Art of Fishing," by Annette Fulle.

" Scouting," by Allan Yarde.

" Musical Instruments," by Urban Joe.

" Architecture," by A. Bill Dersmate.

" The Ravages of War," by Eliza Dyin.

School Notes.

"The palm without the dust" has never been, even in peace time, the lot of our School. Still less is it our lot to-day amidst the howl of siren and the boom of gun. It is, therefore, with no ordinary pleasure that to the long list of scholarship successes recorded in our last issue, we have to add the names of Brook, awarded the Dyke Exhibition at Oxford University; Deal, awarded a State Scholarship; and Pearce, also awarded a State Scholarship as well as an Oil Engineering Scholarship at Birmingham University. Pearce has chosen Oil at Birmingham University rather than accompany Deal to 'purer' studies at Oxford. We confine ourselves to formal congratulations, refusing to imitate our local journals and give you in cold type the enormous sums of money won this year by our boys in University Scholarships. Money does not smell, we know, or if it does, the smell is pleasant; yet the recital of immense pecuniary gain might have an unsteady effect on some of our Junior Forms, and their day is not yet.

More congratulations are due to all those who succeeded in gaining the Higher School Certificate of London University. The examination this year developed day by day into a "sheltered" occupation, and the results reflect great credit on the philosophic detachment of our Academic Sixth. But what are we to say of our School Certificate effort? Here we feel like a first-class batsman, who has so often been bowled or caught in the nineties, and has at last seen the coveted century hoisted on the scoreboard. In spite of determined enemy action to keep the score low, we had 101 on the board before the innings ended. To everyone of them we offer our best wishes.

"Salvation by dispersal" is the slogan of our times, and D.H.S. is nothing, if not fashionable. Not content with segregating our most junior of Juniors at Belmont (for reasons, however, other than safety), we have now acquired Outram Cottage, the house adjoining our Main School, and here we are accommodating five of our Sixth Forms, as well as the Headmaster's Office, Secretary's Office and a well-equipped library. We are, indeed, grateful to our Education Authority for the extra breathing space afforded us by their latest acquisition, even though we sometimes feel the presence of an Academic ghost in our new premises. Outram was for many years the residence of our last Headmaster, Mr. A. Treseder, whose once-dread study is now the sanctum of the Upper Sixth. *Quantum mutatus ab illo!*

Yet in spite of dispersal, we are becoming more and more fraternal. Of our new entrants, eleven have, or have had, brothers in the School. This School tradition we value very highly, considering it as much a mark of the good sense of the parents as it is a compliment to our own corporate efforts. Others, too, have a like sense of values: our Headmaster has this term, received a letter from the Principal of Westminster College, expressing the

hope that we shall continue to send him students of similar calibre to Rowe and Bennett. We shall not forget Westminster, among other institutions even mightier in name, when advising our boys as to their future.

Of the many changes and innovations, forced upon us by the war, not the least pleasant has been the formation of our Air Defence Cadet Corps, under the command of Cadet Squadron-Leader H. A. T. Simmonds, assisted by five Cadet Flight-Lieutenants. The response to recruiting appeals was immediate and whole-hearted ; the Corps is now firmly established and well on the way to mastery of its ethereal problems. For this happy issue we are indebted to Lieut.-Commandr. Richardson, R.N., officer-commanding at the air port to which the Corps is attached ; but above all, to Lieutenant Methven, R.N., Adjutant at this station, who has taken the Corps under his own efficient care, and acts generally as guide, philosopher and friend. Our thanks are also due to Sir Clifford Tozer, who has kindly consented to act as Chairman of the Committee dealing with the general interest and welfare of the Corps.

It is no secret that some of our officers considered that the most difficult part of their task would be their first appearance in their smart new uniform. There were some secret posturings before solitary mirrors, and even before soft, admiring eyes ; but the crucial test was, as always, the amused critical glance of our average Fifth Former, before whom all posturing is fatal. Here let it be said that the sartorial ordeal was surmounted by all with something approaching distinction !

Another change, not so pleasant, has been the departure to sterner tasks of four more of our Masters. In addition to Messrs. Werry and Phythian, who joined H.M. Forces over a year ago, we now suffer the temporary loss of Mr. Rees, who has joined the R.A.F., and hopes soon to obtain his commission ; Mr. Ellis, who is in the Tank Corps ; Mr. Warn, who is in the Infantry ; and Mr. Mallinson, who has chosen the Royal Artillery. Such a mass migration would have taken on the character of a minor " blitz," had it not been for the excellent staffing of other schools in Plymouth, and in particular, Tamar Central. From this School we heartily welcome Mr. R. Drake, who takes the place of Mr. Rees ; Mr. F. Drake, his brother, who deputises for Mr. Ellis ; Mr. Warren, who takes over the work of Mr. Austin on the latter's assumption of Mr. Warn's Mathematics ; and Mr. Whittaker, who comes to the French department in place of Mr. Mallinson. Mr. Warren and Mr. Whittaker have other claims to our notice, the former for his ability as a lecturer, the latter for his talents as a musician. From Tamar Central we also welcome Mr. Rowe as Geography master in place of Mr. Church, who resigned last term. We all hope that their stay here will be as pleasant to themselves as it will certainly be profitable to the School.

Another aspect of the war, sad but inevitable, has just been brought home to us, by the loss on Active Service, within the same

week, of two Old Boys, Mr. R. W. Widger, A.F.S., and Lieutenant H. J. Murray, R.N.V.R., the Conservative agent for the Sutton Division of Plymouth. The School extends its heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of both. Lieutenant Murray earned our gratitude for his general gift of an annual prize to the School Debating Society.

Of the giving of books there is, happily, no end; and we acknowledge, with thanks, the gift of a splendid Chemistry Dictionary from Mr. Hawkins, and some interesting volumes from Mr. Axworthy, Chairman of our Plymouth Education Committee. An unusual, but very welcome, gift, is the presentation of a set of fencing foils, by Mr. P. Head, on behalf of Paymaster-Lieutenant F. W. G. Young, R.N. We thank them both.

One other item of news will give pleasure to all. Deal, already crowned with the scholar's laurels, has gained further distinction by being selected to play for the Oxford University Soccer team against Cambridge. He justified his selection not only by his artistic display generally at outside-right, but by his scoring of both the goals which enabled his side to draw. May he continue to win honours both as a scholar and as a sportsman.

May one be permitted, while on the subject of sport, to send out a nostalgic cry into the past? We have memories, to change our Wordsworth slightly, of "old and happy far-off days and battles long ago," when fifteen young stalwarts took the field, very often against adult sides, and by their tight packing, sound heeling, and intelligent play behind the scrum, swept on from victory to victory. *Sint tantum reduces!*

These notes have had, unfortunately, to be written by a different hand this term, as Mr. Lockwood, our Senior English Master, has been compelled by illness to enter a nursing home. We send him our best wishes and hope soon to see him again, back in his old place.

STILL LIFE.

Cool is this quiet room, whose mullion'd windows
 Reveal the glory of midsummer flowers
 And let thick, dusty shafts of light slant downwards
 To gild the floor through the long mid-day hours.
 There, in the deep, still shade, a carved oak table,
 Smooth and jet-black, frowns on the empty grate;
 A single timepiece crowns the sculptured mantel,
 Stumbling across the hours with halting gait.
 Upon the polish'd table stands a flower vase,
 Cut-glass, of peerless beauty, and the green
 Of foliage within its gleaming crystal,
 A host of delicate blooms above, are seen;
 Sweet peas, that strain towards the sleeping sunbeams,
 Mauve, pink and white—soul of this slumbering scene.

KENNETH J. MELVIN.

Air Defence Cadet Corps.

No. 197. (D.H.S.) SQUADRON.

Committee : Ald. Major Sir Clifford Tozer, J.P. (*Chairman*) ; V. R. Winnicott, Esq. ; H. Ferraro, Esq., B.Sc.

Commanding : Act. C/Sq.-Ldr. H. A. T. Simmonds.

Officers : Act. C/Fl.-Lt. C. F. Armor, Act. C/Fl.-Lt. D. B. Gaskin (Adjutant), Act. C/Fl.-Lt. G. H. Hodgson (Equipment Officer), Act. C/Fl.-Lts. C. H. Foster, H. T. Chamberlain and J. Williams.

N.C.O.'s : Act. C/Fl.-Sergts. Backhouse, Pickering, Cole, Ackland, Act. C/Sergts. Parford, Dolton, Act. C/Cpls. Warn, Simmonds, J., Moger, Act. C/L.-Cpls. Huzzey, Hamlyn, Brown, W. G., Pound, J. R., Logan, Martin, P. L., Molland, C., Davies, F. W., Kane, Bartlett, Tomlinson, R. J. R.

The long-contemplated formation of a School Branch of the Air Defence Cadet Corps, under the auspices of the Air League of the British Empire, became an accomplished fact in August during the School vacation, with the registration of the 197th (D.H.S.) Squadron. Our sincere thanks are due to the interest and help of the already existing Air Cadet Squadron in Plymouth, and especially of its Commanding Officer, an Old Boy of the School. The squadron has grown steadily and now has a strength of 120 Officers and Cadets, with a waiting list. An important feature is the existence of an Old Boys' Flight, which enables members of the squadron to keep up their connection with it after they have left school.

On October 1st, the Squadron received a visit from Sir Clifford Tozer, our Chairman, who presented acting commissions to the officers.

The formation of a squadron in war-time is naturally attended by difficulties which do not arise in normal conditions. Uniforms have been long in arriving, and these have come in driblets, but we hope to have the whole squadron in uniform very shortly, and to hold the first uniform inspection before the end of the term.

Then it is naturally difficult for the Services to devote very much time to Cadet Corps in war-time. This difficulty has almost disappeared in our case, owing to the extraordinary helpfulness of those with whom we have come into contact. The squadron is affiliated to an Airport, whose Commanding Officer and Adjutant have given us every possible help. The Adjutant, in particular, has been unsparing of his time in visiting squadron parades and giving expert advice on drill and training, and we have also been provided with instruction in Aircraft Recognition and in Drill by officers and N.C.O.'s of the R.A.F. Since its formation, the squadron has had invaluable assistance from Sergeant Wise, of the Army P.T. staff, while just recently, the courtesy and interest of the officers commanding have enabled us to send weekly shooting parties to

practice on the miniature range at Seaton Barracks, with Army instructors in attendance. Some of those who have gone out there have done surprisingly well.

There are two Squadron Parades a week. Squadron drill is followed by instruction in Aircraft Recognition, Administration. Drill, Map Reading, Musketry or Signalling, while instruction in Aero Engines, Air Frames, Airmanship and Theory of Flight will begin shortly. In addition, there is a special drill instruction class for actual and prospective N.C.O.'s.

It is, of course, always difficult for those who are schoolmasters and schoolboys for most of the week to meet on a different footing, but this feeling will soon disappear. The chief difficulty is the size and surface of the parade ground—the School playground—which render any but the simplest manoeuvres extremely difficult. On the whole, however, the outlook for the squadron is very promising.

THE POET'S DREAM.

The poet awakened from his thoughts to realize that he was over the border of Warwickshire, and had nearly reached his destination, Kenilworth Castle. He alighted at the station and had tea at a small café nearby. His mind immediately began composing little verses, as he thought of the stout proprietor struggling into armour, of about the XIII. Century.

He had planned to spend the evening at Kenilworth Castle, and to let his mind put those wonderful scenes, which he conjured up, into verse. He hoped one day to become a famous poet like Shakespeare, Milton or Longfellow. But he was now only a small amateur in the world of poets. Of course, he could write better than most people, but he was nothing compared to Keats. Keats was the idol the poet had set out to copy.

He finished his tea, and paid the bill, and looked around the shops in the town. Everywhere were pictures of Kenilworth Castle—on ashtrays, cigarette-holders and comb-cases. He followed the sign-boards and suddenly the castle appeared in view. It was a picture of beauty with its massive keep, its crumbling battlements, and the wonderfully green lawn. Yes, he could see them as he sat down on the grass at the top of the hill. He could see those great tournaments, he could hear the trumpets sounding. Those ladies dressed in gowns of richest velvet, those knights dressed in armour that glittered like fire, the heralds in brightly-coloured clothes. Yes, he could see them all; then the scene changed. No more colour and pageantry, but battle—Kenilworth Castle besieged. He could hear the screams of the dying and the shouts of the attackers. He could see the catapult with its heavy motion, hurling great stones at the walls. And then all went blank. The Castle was just a ruin after all. He tried to put his thoughts into verse, and this is what it sounded like :

Hark to the sound of the trumpet and drum ;
 Hark to the clash of the steel.
 Hark ! oh, hark to those happy shouts,
 And the piper playing a reel.
 But now there are different shouts, oh shouts,
 Of woe and of pain and of strife ;
 But what care the fighting men, on they go
 Making a widow of a wife.

The poet dreamed that night of all he had seen in the day,
 and when his maid came in in the morning, she found him with a
 happy smile on his face.

LONGWORTH (IIG.).

GEOGRAPHY IN DREAMLAND.

When I'm fast asleep and dreaming
 My Geography comes easy,
 And I tackle any question
 In a manner swift and breezy.
 I've a mind so stored with knowledge
 That I need no preparation,
 For I sweep to class distinction
 On the wings of inspiration.
 Sunderland I place serenely
 With its exports mostly cocoa,
 On the dark and turgid waters
 Of the rolling Orinoco.
 Timbuctoo's in Irrawaddy
 Famous for its trade in coral,
 And I blandly give Nyassa
 As the chief town of Balmoral.

I announce that the Equator
 Is a peak of height terrific,
 Rising in a range of mountains
 In the North-by-South Pacific.
 If I'm asked to name the Tropics
 'Tis with confidence I answer :
 " They're a pair of native rulers
 Known as Capricorn and Cancer."

Thus when I'm asleep and dreaming
 Up and up my marks go soaring ;
 But in waking hours I notice
 That the rest do all the scoring,
 So I'm led to the conclusion
 That my brains are useless lumber,
 Since they only seem to function
 When I'm wrapped in peaceful slumber.

ANON., L.G.M.

Out of School Activities.

SCOUT LOG.

Forestry Camp.—Coryton, Lydford, Devon. August, 1940. Full accounts of this successful camp, attended by 40 Scouts, have appeared in *The Western Independent*, *Western Morning News*, and the October issue of *The Scouter*. Just over £100 was earned by the Scout-foresters during the month.

Junior Troop.—We welcome Mr. H. Warren as the S/M of the junior section of the Group. In organising this section of over 30 members, he has been assisted by Kenneth Read, Troop Leader ; G. Dowrick, C. Higgins, B. Vincent and C. Veale, members of the Senior Troop who have acted as Patrol Leaders. These leaders, together with their Seconds, meet each week to discuss Troop organisation. Troop Meetings are held each week, and special Badge Groups in addition. Work is proceeding for the Tenderfoot Badge.

Rover Crew.—We welcome Mr. Rowe as the R.S.L. The activities of the Crew have been maintained under difficulties, a report of them appearing below.

Senior Troop.—At the beginning of term, Arthur Tredget was appointed Troop Leader, a rank not held before in the Troop. His work has been concerned with general Troop routine, and with the special work of organising a Second Class Badge Group. In this badge work he has been assisted throughout the term by P/L E. Newcombe.

In common with all Plymouth Troops, we assisted with the *Scout Spitfire Fund*, when just over £1,000 was raised in Plymouth. Our share of this was £180, over £100 being raised by the co-operation of members of the School by collections amongst friends, etc.

A Troop Meeting has been held each week on Thursday evenings, when the programmes have been devoted to the First Class Badge Tests. These have been well attended.

The collection of paper has continued throughout the term, each Patrol being responsible in turn for the week's activities.

About a third of the Troop was able to be present at the Guildhall, on the occasion of the Annual Prizegiving. We received the Athletic Sports Trophy for the third time. Three King's Scout Certificates were presented to T/L Tredget, P/L Hale, and to J. Ralph, a former member of the Troop. The Troop has offered to help the Council of Social Service, with its distribution of parcels at Christmas.

Old Scouts who read these notes may be interested to know that letters have been received from Bob Hodges in Gibraltar,

and Don Mason, who is at Richmond College. Hodges is part-owner of a yacht in spite of the activity in that area. Mason is doing a fine work with his fellow theological students in the large London Air-raid shelters where the work is much appreciated.

As a Group, we send Greetings to all Old Scouts, wherever they may be at this time.

S/M., D.H.S.

Rover Notes.—The Den has opened each Thursday evening of the term. Membership has increased by 100 per cent., but we should welcome more Old Scouters, of 17 years and over.

Our feature evenings included a visit by Mr. F. Drake, whose instructive talk on physical fitness provided an interesting discussion. We have welcomed our Rover Commissioner and the Rev. Matthews, of our Parish Church, to the Den. The occasion was the dedication of our banner, which was enacted in traditional Scout style.

Social evenings have maintained their popularity. A billiard table has more than filled the table tennis gap, and rationing has not hindered the activities near the gas cooker.

The Crew has been fortunate in having Dave Crowther as Rover Mate. His zeal has permeated the whole Crew.

R.

SIXTH FORM DANCE.

The Sixth Form are organising a Party Dance at St. Michael's Hall, on December 30th, at 6.30. All Old Boys are cordially invited to attend.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

We have been able to make a start on survey work by a compass traverse of the School site and, as instruments become available, this activity will increase. Visits have been made to two Co-Operative departments—the Bakery and the Dairy. Both proved interesting, and a prize of 5/- for the best essay on the second visit led to greater interest. Another day we went to Farley's Rusk Factory, and despite an air-raid warning, this was a great success.

The several film shows have proved attractive, but would have been impossible without the aid of the Film Society. The films have covered a wide range from Hong Kong to the cocoa of W. Africa. The *Western Morning News* kindly sent along a set of slides on our daily papers.

The Meteorological Station on the Hoe has also been inspected, and as a result, we intend to set up a station to collect information about the weather for the Air Ministry.

R. MOLLAND (*Hon. Secretary*).

THE STAMP CLUB.

In our meetings we have aimed at variety. We have had stamp films, while the epidiascope has given members an opportunity to show their collections, and there have been short talks on a number of topics.

The catalogue and stamp magazines have been fully used in the endeavour to improve the classification and arrangement of our collections.

During the term we have sent over £4 to Barnardo's Homes. The charitable effort on our part has, however, been well-balanced by the excellent stamps we have obtained from them.

We hope next term to give the Juniors more opportunities to join us at our meetings.

R. MOLLAND, (*Hon. Secretary*).

CHESS CLUB.

During the past term the School team has played four matches, losing twice to Sutton High School, and being narrowly defeated by a team provided by the Plymouth Chess Club. The Staff were beaten by four games to two.

A lack of enthusiasm has been shown by the Junior School, especially with regard to House matches. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr. Lockwood for his services.

The officers for this year are as follows: President, The Headmaster; Chairman, Mr. Lockwood; Captain, W. Brown; Secretaries, H. G. Forshaw, L. E. Sumpter.

The following players have represented the School: Brown, Forshaw, Sumpter, Forbes, Tomlinson, Reardon, Thompson, Ward.

K.G.F. } *Secretaries.*
L.E.S. }

THE LIBRARY.

At last the Library has been afforded facilities in keeping with the important position it holds in the life of the School; after eking out for so long a cramped existence in the totally inadequate space outside the office, it now has a whole room to itself in the new building, complete with the chairs and tables that we have so long desired. This is, indeed, a very great improvement.

At the moment a thorough re-organisation of the Reference Library is being carried out. We take this opportunity to remind all those who borrow books that they can help us very considerably in this task by returning the volumes with which they have finished, and signing for those which they take out.

Our thanks are due to Glinn, Greenway and Peggs, of the Sixth Form, for the services they have rendered to the management of the Library, and to Hamlyn, Semmens and Tomlinson, of Lower VIA, who have been responsible for the Fiction Library.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

This year the Dramatic Society has ventured a new type of production. At the time of going to press, the Society is engaged in feverish rehearsing for a Three-Act Farce (by Will Evans and Valentine) "Tons of Money." The early date of the production at Christmas-time instead of Easter-time, has necessitated intensive rehearsing and members of the cast have willingly sacrificed their spare time. Owing to the small size of the cast, a system of understudies was introduced to give an opportunity for acting to other members of the Society. The dearth of senior members in the Society, too, has caused calls to be made on several of the more Junior members, whose forceful acting portends a good future for the Society.

The blackout restrictions have presented difficulties which have been overcome by making the time of rehearsal 4.30/5 o'clock. Even so, production is occasionally interrupted by the wail of the siren. On the removal of the Sixth Forms to Outram Lodge, however, an efficiently blacked-out room has been secured for the Society.

H. T. BACKHOUSE.

MUSIC SOCIETIES.

Choir, Orchestra and Violin Classes are continuing to meet, and though the number of players in the Orchestra is very much smaller than last term, the Choir has greatly increased. Both groups have been greatly strengthened by the encouraging interest shown by members of the staff, and the unaccompanied four-part singing by the Choir has now become an accepted part of the School prayers each Tuesday. Specially interesting works performed by the Choir were Briggs' setting of "God be in my head," from *The Sarum Primer* of 1558, and the setting by Prof. Kitson, of the old French carol, "Quittez, Pasteurs." Our congratulations should be recorded here to Hill, Tomlinson and Williams, for their highly successful pioneer work in taking Music as a subject in the Cambridge School Certificate.

MUSEUM.

It has now been possible to find space for a School Museum. In preparation for the time when museum cases are available, Mr. Sparrow would be glad to receive gifts of interesting specimens (not necessarily biological) from home or abroad, which might help to illustrate the teaching of science.

Soccer Club.

Soccer Master : MR. G. H. HODGSON.

Captain : J. M. SIMMONDS.

Vice-Captain : D. W. ALLEN.

Secretary : S. J. MOGER.

The Soccer Club started the season with a strong nucleus of old Colours. The departure of Deal, early in the season, proved a great blow to the Club, although a young and promising substitute has been found in McAlpine. The School will join with the Club in extending to Deal its heartiest congratulations on his feat in the recent 'Varsity match, when he scored both goals for Oxford, and in wishing him further success. Yet another blow befel the Club when Allen, our stalwart centre-half, broke his wrist playing against R.N.E.C. We hope to see him fit again soon.

On the whole, the first half of the season has been successful. Only against heavier and more experienced teams has the First XI. lost, although the inclusion of Messrs. Hodgson, H. Davies, Webb and Pickup has undoubtedly saved us occasionally from overwhelming defeat. The records of the Second XI, Colts XI., and Junior XI. are all satisfactory, considering the lack of fixtures and consequent lack of practise.

The members of last year's Second XI., showing good form for the First, include Beare, our highest scorer, and Weeks, whilst Brown, comparatively fresh to School soccer, has improved greatly in his last few matches.

The Second XI. has been consistent, with Glinn, Hellyer, Ward and Gilbert prominent; the diminutive Endacott and Semmens have also backed up well.

Logan has proved a keen and efficient Captain of the Colts; Roberts, Germain and Hooper have given able support. Sutton has led the Juniors well, while Grindrod has shown great promise at centre-forward.

Teams and records to date :

1st XI.— Brown
 Weeks Moger
 Simmonds Allen Peacock
 Higman Alford McAlpine Thompson Beare
 Hellyer, Endacott, Semmens, Gilbert, Field have also played.

2nd XI.— Ward
 Greenway Cork
 Gilbert Elliott Field
 Endacott Glinn (capt.). Hellyer Semmens Hooper (i)

Colts XI.—

Hooper ii

Sketchley Congden

Logan (capt.) Roberts Germain

Burrows Vanstone Tyacke Bickford Scouler

Junior XI.—

Adams

Sutton (capt.) Weeks

Cole Lawrance Reed

Cooper Short Grindrod Hobbs Gosling

Goals

	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1st XI. ...	15	10	4	1	85	28
2nd XI. ...	6	4	1	1	45	12
Colts XI. ..	5	3	2	0	19	14
Junior XI. ...	6	5	1	0	33	10

The Club thanks the Headmaster and Messrs. Austin, Chamberlain, Harper, Hodgson, Truman, Warren and Pickup for refereeing and those Masters who have accompanied the team to away matches.

Rugby Club.

OFFICIALS :

Rugby Master : MR. F. VIVIAN.

Captain : T. J. COLE.

Vice-Captain : A. K. DOLTON.

Hon. Secretary : J. L. PARFORD.

The Club has been fortunate this season in securing a large number of fixtures.

Up to the time of writing, the 1st XV. has played 10 games, of which six have been lost. In explanation, it must be stated that the team is much lighter than usual, and that most of the games have been against senior teams. In view of these difficulties, the team has acquitted itself well, as the points aggregate will show. The fine full-back play of Border has done much to minimise the total of points against. The kicking of Cole has proved valuable to the points for. The lack of success of the team is due chiefly to the defensive weakness of the forwards and a lack of initiative amongst the backs.

The 2nd XV. has fared even worse than the first team. Six games have been played, of which four have been lost, one drawn, and one won. The fault here lies in the comparative youth and inexperience of the team. Outstanding amongst the forwards are

Stower and Molland ii, whilst Simmonds ii, Horne and Baker are the best of the backs.

As usual, fixtures for the Colts XV. have been difficult to obtain, three games have been cancelled through bad weather, so three games only have been played. The team, ably led by Down, played well to beat Plymouth College and Tamar Central. The Technical School team which defeated them was by far their senior. The thanks of the Club are due to Mr. Davies, who has coached the Colts XV. this season.

The Junior XV. has had a highly successful term. Five games have been played, all of which have been easily won. The team has been coached by Mr. F. Drake, who has reason to be satisfied with his work.

An innovation this season is the running of an 'Under 13' team, also under the guidance of Mr. Drake. As only two games have been played, it is a little early to comment on the ability of the team.

At the end of last term, Mr. Mallinson was called up. His place as Rugby Master has been filled by Mr. Vivian, who has worked incessantly for the good of the Club. To him we extend our heartfelt thanks. The enthusiastic and practical support of Mr. Webb has been greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, the Club wishes to thank Messrs. Vivian, Webb, Drake, Gore, Davies and Gaskin for refereeing games this term.

The teams and records to date are :—

1st XV.—

Border

Huzzey Dolton Pickering Bale
Bartlett Martin (or Campbell-Davies)

Molland i. Cole Showell Fitzsimmons Walford Parford
Evea Lockett

Simmonds ii, Stower, Johnson, Molland ii, Baker have also played.

2nd XV.—

Johnson

Warne Simmonds ii Roberts i Baker
Holgate Horne

Stower Quarm Beswick Cocking Molland ii Hill Ford
Hurwitt

Lovell, Keast, Honey, Pyne, Burt and Higson have also played.

Colts XV.—

Down

Honey Baskerville Lovell Keast
Powell Sergeant

Gill Eddy Beswick Stephens Taylor Bickford Ford
Higson

Ellis, Roberts, Goodrich, Maybourne, May and Connor have also played.

Junior XV.—		Vogel (or Pound)				
	Flood	Stinchcombe	Paltridge	Truscott		
		Sargeant	Malpas			
Kealey	Chapman	Swift	Yundell	Eddy	Elgar	Wreford
		Heale				

					<i>Points.</i>	
	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Won.</i>	<i>Drawn.</i>	<i>Lost.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1st XV. ...	10	4	0	6	76	93
2nd XV. ...	6	1	1	4	34	76
Colts XV.	3	2	0	1	35	26
Junior XV.	5	5	0	0	94	10

J.L.P.

Tennis Club.

School enthusiasts, particularly those who usually play Cricket, welcomed 'compulsory' tennis during August, and excellent weather enabled the Club to use the two new courts at Peverell, on every afternoon.

Membership was extended to the Sixth Forms, and the standard of play improved greatly during the period. The Club is indebted to Mr. Gaskin for his expert coaching, and to Mr. S. Williams, for his willing assistance.

Two matches were played against the Staff. The School won the first by five matches to four. The second match was won by the Staff by five matches to three, with one unfinished.

The School was represented by Brook (captain), Cole, Brown, Backhouse, Pickering, Martin and Ackland.

A very successful Tournament was held. In Section A, which contained the more experienced players, Brown beat Cole in the final 6—2, 6—3, after a match of high standard, which was watched with great interest by the School. Brown owed his victory to his steadiness and clever placing, though Cole made some powerful strokes. Brown and Cole together won the doubles without much difficulty against Ackland and Pickering by 6—2, 6—2.

Of those, besides Brown and Cole, who showed promise, Brook and Ackland use too much spin; Backhouse needs to improve his service; Martin to hit harder, and Pickering to control his temperament.

Two very keen players fought out the final of Section B, in which Lang beat Honeywell, while Dodd and Parford beat Bale and Rockey in the doubles final.

House Reports.

DRAKE.

This term we have lost the services of our Housemaster (Mr. Mallinson) whose untiring work has raised us to our present strong position in this year's House Competition. All members of Drake wish him luck in his new if unaccustomed position. We were lucky to secure the services of Mr. Webb, whose ability to set a practical example has stood us in good stead.

Drake has had a surprisingly good term. At Rugby we have gained 10 points out of a possible twelve, the Senior XV. narrowly losing to Grenville; Border's solid play has been a deciding factor in our success. The Junior XV. has excelled in winning all three matches, Heale and Sargeant being prominent. Our Soccer teams have not failed us. The Senior XI. built around Allen and Moger, was defeated by Gilbert, after losing Deal, our previous House Captain, an inspiring centre-forward, who has left to demonstrate his ability in other spheres. The Junior XI. has also done well, winning all their matches.

Our success has not been so marked in Chess, though Baker has tried hard, the Juniors show little interest. If we do well in the Athletics next term, Drake will doubtless win the Challenge Shield once again.

T. J. COLE.

GILBERT HOUSE.

At the beginning of the School year Gilbert had the misfortune to lose Mr. Heather from the position of House Master, and on behalf of the House, I should like to express our thanks for the enthusiastic way he has helped us during his term of office. The vacancy has been ably filled by Mr. Chamberlain.

Congratulations are extended to Bartlett, Palmer, G., Eddy, and Cliffe for their performances in the Swimming Sports.

The Soccer teams have had better luck this term than during past seasons, but the Senior Rugby XV. has not been quite so fortunate. The work of Warn, Bartlett, and others in helping to run the teams has been greatly appreciated. Interest is still lacking in the Junior Chess team, and this must improve during future matches.

Thanks are due to all members who have helped to gain points during the term. With a little more enthusiasm from the whole House, Gilbert should stand a good chance of becoming Champion House this year.

It is hoped that Gilbert will have a record entry for the Cross-Country and the Sports, so that a maximum number of standards may be obtained.

P. PARSONS (*House Captain*).

GRENVILLE.

Grenville did well last year, finishing in the proud position of "Cock House." This term we have had varied success, and an enthusiastic effort is needed if we are to retain our position. The Senior Rugby XV. alone have maintained Grenville's athletic reputation, winning all three matches. The Soccer teams have met with a dismal fortune; the Seniors have lost all three matches, with the Juniors winning one game only. Grindrod has proved an enthusiastic captain for the Juniors. The Juniors have proved moderate at Rugby.

We need not despair for there is much promising material amongst the Colts in both games. At Chess we have proved our merit, winning five games out of a possible six. Forshaw deserves thanks for his hard work here.

Next term will see the record round of the Football, the Athletic Sports, and the Cross-Country. These have long been Grenville's strong points. With the support of all the House, we can make them so this school-year and keep Grenville as Champion House.

J. M. SIMMONDS (*Vice-House Capt.*).

RALEIGH.

This term has been one of varied successes for Raleigh. The loss of Metherell at the end of last term greatly weakened the Senior Rugby team. Despite this, three very hard games have been fought—one being drawn with Gilbert, and two lost. Parford, Martin and Showell deserve mention for their consistently good play.

The Senior Soccer team have played extremely well this term. Out of three games played, two were won. Higman has played very well.

Once again we are strong in Senior Chess; both the Captain and Secretary of the Chess Club (Brown and Sumpter) are in the team. Up to the time of writing two games have been played and both won.

As of recent years, the Juniors are a source of weakness to the House. A woeful lack of enthusiasm is still apparent. Two games of Soccer and two of Chess have been lost; one game of Rugby has been won, another lost.

With the coming of the Cross-Country and of the Athletic Sports, the Juniors have a chance of redeeming themselves. If a large entry, particularly from the Juniors, can be obtained for the Cross-Country, Raleigh should take a high place in the Athletic Sports.

E. J. FORBES (*House Captain*).

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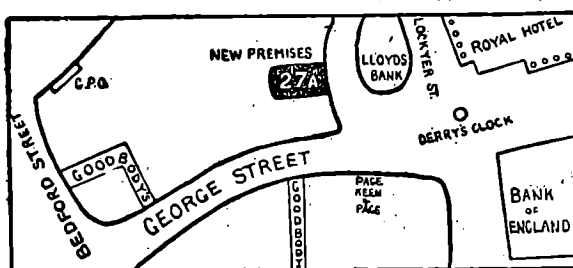
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By the time these notes appear, Old Boys will have gathered that it has not been possible to arrange the Dinner this year. This break in a long sequence of gatherings, is regrettable, but is a direct result of war conditions. Mr. Cock has been good enough in the past to devote nearly all his Christmas leisure to making our Annual Reunions a success. We now look forward to the time when his energetic organisation will bring together Old Boys in numbers which will even exceed previous records.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the School, at 10.30 a.m., on Friday, December 27th. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to be present.

Our Old Boys are now widely scattered. Very many are with one or other of the Services. A few days of welcome leave have brought former D.H.S.-ians, representing many units, as visitors to the School. On these occasions a desire to get news of friends of school days has been evident and the following particulars are given to enable Old Boys to glean news of one another.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lieutenant and Mrs. Cory, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pritchard and Mr. and Mrs. E. Warn.

Mr. L. S. Adams, a one-time Senior Prefect, is now commissioned in the Artillery. Our former London Secretary, Mr. A. J. Legg is in an Officer Cadet Unit of the Royal Corps of Signals, as are Messrs. S. G. Ash and G. Barrett. Mr. W. P. Bowden now holds a commission in this Corps. Mr. A. Dodd, who before the war was Assistant Traffic Superintendent in the G.P.O., is in the same Corps, while Messrs. House and Cummins, who in peace time are in the Engineering Department of the G.P.O., are now Lieutenants in the R.N.V.R.

Mr. J. J. Lawlor is with an Officer Cadet Unit, Mr. N. Dark is in an A.A. unit. Messrs. Seward, Tovell and Wintle are in the Navy. Mr. A. Edwards also of the R.N. is now a much-travelled man. His old friend and Excise colleague, Mr. J. Ruberry, is also in the Senior Service. Mr. T. B. Pearn, whose normal occupation is that of English Master, in a large London Secondary School, is in the Artillery. Mr. S. Butler, of the Army Pay Corps, has been fortunate in being stationed at his home town. Mr. C. H. Rowe is now a Petty Officer in the Physical and Recreational Staff, R.N. Mr. C. Lucas, while waiting to be called up for the Army, is doing great work with an organization which is helping greatly those who are suffering from the effects of the bombing attacks. Mr. F. Crocker is now in training as a pilot in the R.A.F. in the same squadron as Mr. Alec Baines.

We wish good luck to those members of our Rugger Team who are on Service. Many of the team were Territorials, and are now with a H.A. Battery. One of them, Mr. Wingett, who called at the School recently, was looking very fit in spite of his Dunkirk experience. Another "Territorial," Mr. Wingate, has also been on leave at Plymouth. It is good to hear better news of an old Rugby player, Mr. Wyatt, who after being reported missing, is now officially reported as a prisoner of war.

The careers taken up by recent members of the Sixth, were notified in the last magazine. Further to this, our late Senior Prefect (Mr. R. E. Brook) has proceeded to Wadham College, Oxford, while Mr. J. L. Deal has gone to Exeter College of the same University, both as a result of scholarships. The latter has also distinguished himself by being selected to play in the Oxford v. Cambridge University Match, in which he scored the two goals which enabled his University to secure a draw. Mr. A. W. Pearce, late Captain of Grenville House, has been awarded a Scholarship in Oil Engineering, and is now at Birmingham University. Messrs. Endacott, Mould and Phillips have settled down at Reading and are members of the University O.T.C.

Old Boys will be interested to hear news of those members of the staff now serving. Mr. R. J. Werry is now a Company Sergeant-Major. Mr. Mallinson is with an A.A. Unit, Mr. E. Warn is in the Infantry; Mr. Rees is in the R.A.F.; while Mr. Ellis is with the Tank Corps. Mr. Phythian who went to an O.C.T.U. at the outbreak of war, is now a Lieutenant in the Infantry. All these have the best wishes of the O.B.A.

The University Final results were published too late to appear in the last issue of the magazine. We congratulate Mr. E. J. Barnes on obtaining the A.R.A.M. Diploma; Mr. F. S. Marks, of the Technical College, Plymouth, on passing the B.Sc. (Engineering) Degree exam. with a First Class in Honours; Messrs. O. P. Ash, G. Lee, A. Nicholls, S. Perkins, of University College, Exeter, and

Mr. W. Britton (late of St. Mary's College, now R.A.M.C.) on obtaining the London B.A. degree.

Mr. F. W. Lawrence, who a year ago was appointed Acting Deputy Accounts Officer at the Admiralty, has now been appointed Deputy Cashier in charge of H.M. Naval Base, Freetown. Mr. C. S. Rogers is now on Service as Paymaster Lieut.-Commr., R.N.V.R., at an overseas base.

The sympathy of all members of the Association will go to our Committee Secretary (Mr. C. E. Gill) and his family, on the loss they have sustained in the death of his father.

It is with great regret also that we record the death of the following Old Boys. We wish to express our deep sympathy with their relatives :

Lieutenant H. J. Murray, R.N.V.R., a member of our Committee, killed in action.

Lieut.-Commr. G. B. Kingdon, as a result of a flying accident.

Ord.-Sig. J. T. Morey, H.M.S. *Liverpool*. Killed in action.

Sergt.-Pilot A. Thomas, as a result of wounds sustained in action.

Mr. R. W. Widger, A.F.S., who lost his life while on duty with his Unit. H.F.

We welcome the following New Members :

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Owing to the 'Blitz' I am sorry to say that we have very little to report. Like most associations of such a nature, we are experiencing a rough passage, but with that spirit born of D.H.S., we have no doubt as to our ability to weather the storm.

Both our Hon. Treasurer (Mr. L. S. Mills) and my humble self will be only too pleased to forward letters for Old Boys serving with H.M. Forces, who wish to write to each other. Letters can be sent care of either of the above addresses, or, on request, we will furnish the last known address of the member with whom you seek to get into touch.

May I remind you of the importance of the prompt payment of subscriptions in these days. Owing to the higher cost of stationery and postage, magazines will only be sent to those whose subscriptions are paid up.

At this normally festive time the London Branch, as always, takes the opportunity of sending its best wishes to all D.H.S.-ians wherever they may be and in whatever spheres they may be serving.

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THE PRESENTATION TO MR. ANDREWS.

It was intended that the Presentation to Mr. Andrews should have been made at the Annual Dinner. Unfortunately, this is not now possible, and arrangements have yet to be settled as to time and place. There is therefore still an opportunity for any Old Boy to contribute to the Fund.

When Mr. Andrews was approached as to the form of presentation most desirable, he expressed the wish to establish a Fund which would provide an annual prize for the School. This kindly gesture was appreciatively accepted by the Headmaster, so "The Andrews Prize" will figure among our list of prizes on future Speech Days. Will Old Boys please send me any further contributions, addressed to "Bella Vista," 68, Bickham Road, St. Budeaux, Plymouth?

H. FERRARO.

SONNET.

Within an age-old oak-tree's chequered shade,
Where fallen leaves had left a grassy space,
While dying autumn's twilight quickened pace,
Your flushed and wearied body oft you laid.
I shivered when I saw you in that glade,
For the oak was old ; the day had run its race ;
And all spoke Death. I feared your own fair face
Would wince beneath the swing of Time's swift blade.
But you awoke, arose, and walked with me,
Along the spinney's leaf-strewn paths, and lo !
The night was young ; a West wind was abroad,
That stirred the oak-tree's leaves caressingly ;
The moon, a silver coach, was jogging slow
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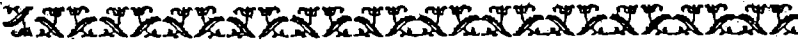
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