

These words, which only bitter hatred caused her to utter, aroused great indignation. Tabor, however, acquainted Regor with what he had to do, and retired. Without a sign of fear, the young lion commenced the upward ascent of the spiral, sometimes unseen, by the audience, at others, invisible to the agonised parent. Higher and higher he mounted towards the scorching flame. The ground grew hot beneath his feet. Up Up

"See, he staggers!" hissed Cheng to Fantha, and a sigh arose as the assembled animals noticed this fact also. All seemed lost! The eyes of Zadrör gleamed with the light of madness.

Then a wonderful thing happened—the roaring flame disappeared! The scorched, dazed Regor stumbled forward with renewed strength, reached the summit, encircled it, and commenced to descend. A moment later the flame shot forth once more towards the cavern roof. But the danger was over and Cheng could only grind her teeth with helpless rage as the stumbling, half-blinded form of Regor safely reached the ground.

Zadrör, who had descended from the dais, spoke; his voice was deadly calm:

"Ye people, there is yet another law which declares that if the challenged one successfully accomplishes this Trial by Fire, the challenger must be tried in like manner. Is it not so?"

"That is the law," replied the assembled animals.

Cheng glanced at the entrance; Tabor was guarding it. With a snarl she shot—a streak of yellow—straight at the retiring monarch. With a roar, Zadrör sprang to meet her

"It is well," said the aged lion, surveying the still form of Cheng. A little crimson pool had collected on the grey ground. Turning to Regor, who stood anxiously by his side, he exclaimed:

"Rule thy people well; defend the right; my blessing rests upon you. And now—I die!"

Creeping slowly towards a tank, he partook of the deadly liquid it contained and proceeded to that part of the cavern where rested the long silent line of petrified kings. Reaching the end he sank into a couchant position; his eyes closed. Not a sound broke the stillness; a shudder shook his frame; the proudly held head drooped. Already the liquid from the cavern roof commenced to drip!—drip!—drip!

Rashaka entered, walked slowly to the first step of the dais, and mounting it, proclaimed in a hushed solemn voice:

"The King is dead! Long live the King!"

H. W. WHITFELD.

my successor. Did I rightly?" Back came the unanimous reply "Yea."

"It is the Law of the Jungle that the eldest son of the retiring king must be elected in his father's stead provided he meets with the approval of those assembled. My eldest son is Regor the Invincible. Do ye approve of him?" Once more came the deep throated "Yea." Then Zadrör continued sadly, "Another law, however, states that he must be here present. Therefore we will await his arrival."

A deathly silence ensued. Zadrör stood motionless, not a muscle moved. The animals before him shuffled uneasily under the strain.

Rashaka glided quietly out. A few moments later his voice echoed weirdly along the passage:

"One quarter of the sun is above the hill, O king!" Another terrible silence that seemed an age—then the voice boomed again:

"One half of the sun is above the hill, O king!" Once more a silence that seemed eternity, then—

"Three quarters of the sun is above the hill, O king!" Zadrör moved at last.

"If Regor the Invincible fails to appear, who becomes king?" he demanded. There was a stir and Fantha walked to the foot of the dais accompanied by his mother. The Lord of the Jungle started, but recovering himself, cried:

"Look well—look well, oh my people! Are ye willing that Fantha becomes your Lord?"

For the first time the onlookers showed some indecision. Even while they hesitated there was a commotion at the entrance of the tunnel, and Regor, dishevelled and panting, rescued by the joint efforts of Koai and Ragnor, rushed in among the startled company. Pandemonium broke out as, sensing the situation, he made boldly towards Fantha, who cringed before his passionate glare and slunk back among the audience with his now raging mother.

The next thing they heard was Zadrör's penetrating voice:

"Look well, look well, oh my people! are ye willing that Regor the Invincible becomes your Lord?"

Instantaneously came the reply, "Yea, O King." And even while the response still echoed in that wonderful hall, there came the sonorous words of the watching panther:

"The whole of the sun is above the hill, O King."

Trembling with passion, Cheng now played her last card:

"There is a law which says that if any present desire, the new king shall prove his worth by the great test—Trial by Fire."

Tuesday morning we were inspected on Haldon Moor by General May, under whose eye we acquitted ourselves creditably, notwithstanding the energetic efforts of one of our N.C.O.'s to land us into a sand-pit.

Wednesday being field-day, we sallied forth in the morning with our meagre ration of bread and sausage. The operations proved quite exciting, especially for our scouts who climbed innumerable trees with a shocking disregard of uniform.

Thus much may be said of the official side of camp life, but of the unofficial side, volumes could be written. Indeed it is only in deference to the respective feelings of the persons concerned that I shrink from telling you the name of the cadet who cleaned his boots with "Brasso" and shone his buttons with boot-polish or the name of the corporal who was in such desperate need of margarine at one time. Not for worlds, either, would I mention where our Quartermaster-Sergeant was when wanted for the Tug of War, or why he took so long in coming.

However, all good things must come to an end and on the Saturday we rose at an even more unearthly hour than usual and departed, without our breakfast, to entrain once more for Devonport.

Lastly, on behalf of the Cadets as a whole, thanks must be tendered to Lieut. Armor for his able supervision of us (no mean task) during the enforced absence of Capt. Ferraro, to the latter for his services after he arrived, to the Headmaster for his greatly-appreciated cake, and indeed to all who in any way contributed to the pleasure of a thoroughly enjoyable camp.

K.C.D.

THE PASSING OF ZADROR.

Sequel to "Zadror, Lord of the Jungle," which appeared in our last issue.

The velvet darkness of a tropical night was shrouding a jungle in North-West India. Already it seemed like a dark mantle flung over the hills which rose in deep purple formations, sombre and motionless. From the interior of a cave on a hill-slope Zadror watched, with paternal admiration, his eldest offspring stretching itself at the cave mouth preparatory to probing the jungle for food. His critical eyes did not fail to mark the razor-like claws, the rippling muscles and the strong teeth. Zadror, Lord of the Jungle, was becoming aged. Had he not observed with shame the stiffening of his muscles—yea, of a truth, his course was finished. There could be no turning back now, for within two sundowns the Hall of Vashanti would have another silent occupant, and the jungle another king.

By dint of more exertion on the part of the aforementioned baggage-party, the luggage was placed on a most distinguished-looking Ford lorry and we marched to camp. At length we found it and within an incredibly short space of time we had been served out with blankets and ground-sheets and posted to our tents.

On the next morning, though most of us were dead-tired, we marched through the town to Church, and amidst the admiring glances of the numerous fair visitors we paraded outside afterwards.

Of our daily programme it would be impossible to give an accurate account, but the following is just a brief sketch of our daily routine :—

6-30 a.m.—Reveille (This sounded at least two hours before our usual rising time, and as such was one of the drawbacks of camp life.)

We now had to wash, dress, clean buttons, black boots, in fact, do everything to make ourselves as presentable as possible before 7-50 a.m.

7-50 a.m.—Prayers (We were usually late enough to take up a position right in the eye of the sun, which seemed at this time to shine with quite unnecessary force.)

8-0 a.m.—Breakfast (all were out of bed in time for this.)

The remainder of the morning was spent in inspection of kit, tactical exercises, etc.

The afternoons were devoted to various forms of sport or amusement, whilst on Thursday the sports were held in Bitton Park. In these we did much better than in recent years, largely owing to the efforts of L/Cpl. Wiltshire and Cadet Pearce.

Below are our successes :—

100 yards (senior)	(1) Cadet Gardiner
	(3) L/Cpl. Wiltshire Time 11 secs.
100 yards (junior)	(3) Cadet Pearce
220 yards (junior)	(3) Cadet Pearce
440 yards (senior)	(2) Sergt. Major Price
440 yards (junior)	(3) Cadet Pearce
880 yards (senior)	(3) L/Cpl. Wiltshire
Mile, (open)	(3) L/Cpl. Wiltshire.
Long Jump (senior)	(1) L/Cpl. Wiltshire
	Distance 17 ft. 7 ins.
Long Jump (junior)	(3) Cadet Pearce
High Jump (senior)	(3) L/Cpl. Wiltshire
High Jump (junior)	(3) Cadet Irish
Throwing the	
Cricket Ball (junior)	(1) Cadet Cracknell
	Distance 74 yds. 1 ft.
Relay (senior)	(2) Devonport
Tug of War	(1) Devonport.

After the "lemons" the play became more interesting, the "Whites" scoring several goals, and the "Colours" goalie, having lost count of the number of times the wind-bag had passed him, now deemed it time to perform something useful for his side in the fray.

He thereupon changed his jersey, and having donned backwards one of less vivid hue, scampered playfully to the middle of the field. This incident sent the six spectators into hysterics and caused the "Colours" captain to make use of expressions invented for the sole use of M.P.'s.

Soon after this an individual waving a Red flag and dancing a jig was seen on the touch line. Several of the players believing a Labour Rally to be in progress dashed over to take part in it, but they found that this frenzied person was only a touch judge endeavouring to attract the Referee's attention to an alleged foul. Excellent mid-field play followed this incident, the referee and touch judges infusing plenty of dash into their play; the former delighted the players with well-rendered solos on his whistle, and the latter demonstrating their ability as signalmen. Suddenly the "Colours" centre half secured the ball in his own half, wrote his name on it, and, sweeping aside the long grass and thistles, toddled off towards his opponents' goal. Taking careful aim, he shot the ball straight at the goal-keeper who cleared with difficulty. The latter dashed up to the centre half and was profuse in his apologies for clearing the ball. Two minutes later, a queer, dejected, care-worn, bespectacled, mud-bespattered object was seen making his way towards the "Whites" goalie. Pointing a menacing finger at that worthy, he declared "You're the goalkeeper this afternoon, I see." Stunned by this weighty accusation the man between the sticks fainted, but was brought around by means of cold water splashed unceremoniously over his face.

The remainder of the match was played in a sweltering heat. The moon had risen and the sun had reached Torpoint. When the final whistle sounded, the players were reluctant to leave the battlefield, several being moon-struck, while the spectators were mostly awe-struck.

E.D.N.A.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society was favoured on Wednesday, April 2nd, by a very instructive lecture on "Wireless" by an old D.H.S.-ian, Mr. Voss.

He said that the phenomén of wireless transmission approaches more nearly to infinity than any other; the velocity of wireless waves being three hundred million metres per second. The possibility of transmitting ether-waves had been postulated mathematic-

I wish again to draw your attention to the establishment of a Boarding House for Old Boys and a few remarks on this subject are given elsewhere I believe.

If we have not had your support this season, please give it now—either by a payment of subscription or by attendance at our social evenings—preferably by both.

A. T. BROOKS.

A SENIOR HOUSE MATCH.

It was one of those delightful Winter afternoons, ^{with} a miniature gale blowing across the battlefield, when I visited Montpelier to see the great game "Whites" v. "Colours." The first set-back I received was to find the main gate still locked. Suppressing a strong desire to vault over this barrier, I walked a little farther down the road, crossed a young Tamar, turned sharply to the left, and soon entered an open portal to find myself at the Recreation Field. Leather spheres were in motion everywhere; one or two impinged upon the goal posts but, not liking to defy Newton's Experimental Laws, they rebounded with slightly diminished velocities.

At two-thirty, the time advertised for the kick-off, the referee was nowhere to be found. A search party was instituted on the spot, and he was at length discovered amidst the undergrowth by the corner flag looking for his whistle. Meanwhile a certain Wilfred of "nunc, nunc," fame, continued to cut the herbage.

Almost as soon as the game had commenced the ball rebounded from a six foot blade of grass and smote the "Whites'" inside-right in the face. He was conveyed to hospital but allowed to proceed to his home after treatment. Since then he has won two "beauty" competitions; in all his previous outings in such handicaps he was unplaced! The game was re-started after the unsociable blade of grass had been hewn down and removed on a timber lorry.

The "Whites" by means of a well thought out plan of attack easily missed an open goal on several occasions. After twenty minutes' play, one "Erb," the "Colours" centre-forward, dashed clean through the long grass, and, confronted only by the corner flag, neatly placed the ball into touch. Two minutes later he was again successful in performing the same feat and received the well-earned admonitions of his colleagues blushinglly.

The first half was goal-less, but this was due to poor shooting, and on no account must the goalies be blamed, who never attempted to stop anything which was progressing favourably networks.

NIGHT.

The sun has set—a golden ball of mystic radiance,
 Leaving in its wake a fiery train of cloud ;
 Across the lonely moors 'mongst hills and dells
 Float the sonorous tones of evening bells.

And then appears one lone and beauteous star,
 Shedding through the perfumed air, a dusky gleam ;
 And soon the sky becomes a glittering vault divine
 As the stars in all their lustrous splendour shine.

The brightness of the Heavens at last begins to wane ;
 In the East appears what seems a rich deep golden stain,
 The clouds are tipped with liquid fire and crimson light ;
 The sun has risen again, and banished shades of night

W. LAWRY.

DEVONPORT' HIGH SCHOOL, OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

President—The Headmaster.

General Secretary—Mr. H. Ferraro.

The reports given below shew how the work of the Association is faring in the two Branches. Although the total membership is increasing there are still a number of old D.H.S.-ians who have not yet joined the Association. Will members please help by putting any non-members in touch with one or other of the Secretaries.

The Annual Association Dinner is to be held in Plymouth this year on December 27th. This date has been chosen so as to enable members of both Branches to attend and it is hoped that there will be a large and representative gathering. Further particulars will be given shortly.

We are now in a position to give further particulars of the London Hostel mentioned in the last issue of the Magazine. The Hostel (Devonia, 83 Babington Road, Streatham, S.W.) has been established with the idea of providing comfortable accommodation for D.H.S.-ians who take up appointments in London. To this end every effort has been made to secure the "home" atmosphere which is usually lacking in ordinary lodgings. The terms are exceedingly moderate, being 25/- to 30/- per week for a furnished bedroom, breakfast and a hot evening meal. Lunch can be supplied at a small extra charge. The Hostel has accommodation for eleven residents and a spare room is available for the use of visitor friends of residents. Friends of Old Boys may also become residents at the same low charge. A wireless installation (4 valve set with loud speaker—all stations) is fitted and indoor amusements such as billiards, table-tennis, etc. are well catered for. D.H.S.-ians making a short stay in London can usually be provided for, but

FREEMAN.—Rather disappointing on the whole ; batting needs life.

OSBORNE.—Did fairly well on the whole ; slow in the field.

The 1st XI. results were as follows :—

- v. Corporation Grammar School 1st XI., at Montpelier. Won by 12 runs.
 - v. Stonehouse Electricity Works, at Montpelier. Won by 26 runs.
 - v. Corporation Grammar School 1st XI., at Prince Rock. Lost by 7 runs.
 - v. Callington County School, at Montpelier. Lost by 8 runs.
 - v. Kingsbridge Grammar School 1st XI., at Kingsbridge. Lost by 15 runs.
 - v. Plymouth College 2nd. XI., at Montpelier. Won by 2 runs.
 - v. Stonehouse Electricity Works, at Montpelier. Lost by 14 runs.
 - v. Callington County School, at Callington. Won by 34 runs.
 - v. Plymouth Y.M.C.A., at Montpelier. Won by 24 runs.
 - v. Plymouth College 2nd XI., at Ford Park. Won by 45 runs.
 - v. Regent Street School 1st XI., at Montpelier. Won by 36 runs.
 - v. Hoe Grammar School 1st XI., at Oreston. Lost by 34 runs.
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The 2nd XI. results were as follows :—

- v. Corporation Grammar School 2nd XI., at Montpelier. Lost.
 - v. Mutley Grammar School 1st XI at Manadon. Won.
 - v. Hoe Grammar School 2nd XI., at Montpelier. Tie.
 - v. Corporation Grammar School 2nd XI., at Prince Rock. Won.
 - v. Plymouth College 3rd XI., at Ford Park. Lost.
 - v. Burleigh Cricket Club, at Montpelier. Won.
 - v. St. Boniface College, at Montpelier. Won.
 - v. Plymouth College 3rd XI., at Montpelier. Lost.
 - v. Hoe Grammar School 2nd XI., at Oreston. Won.
 - v. Plympton Grammar School, at Plympton. Lost.
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Batting Averages.

1st XI.		2nd XI.	
Gosling	8.5	Hailes	5.1
Evans	7.1	Pollard	4.8
Dicker	6.6		

Bowling Averages.

1st XI.		2nd XI.	
Gosling	2.65	Donald	2.2
Williams	2.77	Halloran	2.7
Evans	4.31	Meek	2.8

The Lampard Cup competition once again provided a keen contest. Section I. (Sergt. T. Hamilton) succeeded in retaining the premier position. It is noteworthy that this is the fourth occasion on which Section I. has secured the Cup.

The Secondary Schools Cadet Camp was held at Teignmouth this year, and, in spite of the counter attractions of Wembley, proved a success.

Several of our senior members were unable to attend owing to the clashing of the date with that of examinations. Our Corps, however, was represented by thirty cadets, who, under the charge of Lieut. Armor, proceeded to Teignmouth to brave the vagaries of the weather. The health of the Camp was excellent, the only casualties being of a nature which yielded to the use of embrocation.

On June 22nd, a combined Church Parade of the various O.T.C. and Cadet Contingents of the Town was held at St. Michael's Church. After the Church service the Cadets paraded in Devonport Park where each unit was inspected by Colonel Blundell. On November 9th, we were pleased to be able to accept an invitation to attend an evening Memorial Service at Plymouth Guildhall. Prior to the service, the Corps was inspected by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir. R. F. Phillimore.

Throughout the Summer Term, Lieut. Armor carried out a systematic course of instruction in Shooting at the Range. This branch of the Corps work is becoming increasingly popular. The C.O. wishes to acknowledge the continued kindness of the Devonport Rifle Club in affording to the Corps the facilities of the Range.

The thanks of the Corps are also due to Lieut. Hutchings and his band of helpers for organizing the Concert which was given at "The Welcome" in aid of our funds. Assistance was kindly given by Messrs. Davis and Sharp and the Concert was well supported by parents and friends of the Cadets.

IN MEMORIAM.

(With sincere apologies to Tennyson).

It was the custom, years ago,
Of poets, so I'm told,
To sing their mistress' praise in verse
Lest she their love thought cold.

I have no mistress, so I'd like
Of Jim to sing the praise.
He was our "lab.-boy," strong and true,
Stedfast in all his ways.

HOUSE EVENTS.

Fielding.	Open.	" Drake." " Gilbert "	Raleigh."
Relay Race.	Under 13.	" Raleigh." " Grenville "	" Drake."
Relay Race.	Under 15.	" Gilbert." " Drake." " Grenville."	
Relay Race.	Open.	" Grenville " and " Raleigh " (tie).	" Drake "
Team Race.	Under 13.	" Gilbert." " Raleigh." " Drake."	
Team Race.	Under 15.	" Drake." Grenville." " Raleigh."	
Team Race.	Open.	" Drake." Grenville." " Gilbert."	
Tug-of-War.	Under 15.	" Gilbert." Drake." " Grenville "	
Tug-of-War.	Open.	" Raleigh." " Grenville." " Drake."	

* indicates a record.

' HOUSE ' CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

House	1924.			
	Football	Sports	Cricket	Total.
Drake	66.66	34.29	66.67	167.62
Gilbert	79.16	32.51	66.67	178.34
Grenville	33.33	36.07	66.67	136.07
Raleigh	20.83	28.16	0	48.99

The ' House ' Championship has been won by " Gilbert "—
Captain, S. T. Ternouth.

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL CADET CORPS.

(Affiliated to the 5th (Prince of Wales's) Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment).

Officer Commanding	Cadet Captain, H. Ferraro.
Chaplain	Preb. J. Heywood-Waddington, M.A., C.F.
Cadet Lieutenants	A. Hutchings, C. F. Armor.
Sergeant-Major	C. G. Gosling.
Sergeants	H. Connor, F. W. Hawton, J. Mears, W. J. Sampson.
Corporals	A. E. Cracknell, K. C. Dicker, H. R. Richards, G. F. A. Thompson.
Lance Corporals	D. P. Halloran, W. T. Irish, C. H. Wellington, C. L. Williams.

The beginning of every Autumn Term is a time of reconstruction for the Corps. Many of its senior members have left School, and although a system of promotion fills the vacancies among the N.C.O.'s the Corps has to look to the School to provide a sufficient number of recruits. The response this year has been exceedingly good and the Corps has now a membership of over sixty. A particularly satisfactory feature of the recruiting is that a large proportion of new members have been drawn from the Senior Forms of the School.

"The culinary art is the art of colouring."

"An epidemic is something taken to prevent fever."

"The Minister of War is a clergyman who preaches to soldiers."

"Common salt is the substance which makes potatoes taste nasty without any."

What member of the Sixth specialises at sketching locomotives?

A young historian from one of the lower forms writing on the Napoleonic Wars informs us that "in seeking to strengthen his position, Napoleon was led to divorce Josephine and marry *Marie Louis of Australia*."

Would the School janitor have felt flattered if he had overheard the following conversation between two new boys:—

1st boy: "Who is this 'Joe' of whom we hear so much?"

2nd boy: "Oh—he's the School undertaker!"

The habit of sending impositions to prefects in stamped addressed envelopes seems to be on the increase.

D.H.S. TENNIS CLUB

Season 1924.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	A. Treseder, Esq., M.A.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	J. H. Ferraro, Esq., B.Sc.
<i>Captain</i>	C. G. Gosling.
<i>Committee</i>	A. J. Millett, T. H. Price, R. J. Werry.

The Tennis Club has, in common with all other similar institutions, greatly suffered at the hands of the Clerk of the Weather. Except for the unfortunate weather, however, the season was very successful.

Two tournaments were run during the season to decide the Singles and Doubles Championships among the members still at D.H.S. In the Singles Championship, Gosling won the final against Dicker, and in the Doubles, in partnership with Jenkin, he qualified to meet Durant and Hawton in the final, but owing to the weather and the Sixth Form Bogey, "Inter." the match was left undecided.

As a consequence of the newly levied annual fee, the end of the season finds the club on a sound basis, financially.

Will former members of the club please note that the annual fee is 2/-, and that all members of the D.H.S. Old Boys' Association are eligible for membership on paying an entrance fee of 2/6 which includes the first year's subscription. These fees are payable to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Ferraro.

C. G. GOSLING.

Lieut. R. H. Couchman, an old D.H.S.-ian, on his fine display as left back of the British Army Soccer team in their matches against France and Belgium respectively.

Mr. C. E. Pritchard, who was Captain of Football at D.H.S. in 1922-23, on being appointed Captain of Rugby football at Borough Road College.

NUGAE.

Who was it that, on being asked to fetch some lead shot, astounded the Science master by demanding the whereabouts of the "lead chalk!"

Was it the same person who, being told to get a bottle of Sodium Hydrate, (NaOH to the initiated), said he could not find any in the laboratory but that he *had* discovered several bottles labelled "Noah!"

What member of the Staff entered a certain form room and exclaimed, "All the boys that are absent put up their hands.?"

Who was it that, during the General Election, defined the "Returning Officer" as "a policeman going off duty?"

We are dying to know the authors of the following literary gems:—

"The place where the Pharisees worshipped was called a Sanatorium."

"The Wise Men brought gold, frankincense, and myrth to our Lord."

"All the people were going along and a woman with her umbrella up blew inside out."

"A man who admires Bacchus is a confirmed smoker."

"When the lady heard the news she was filled with emulsion."

"Queen Elizabeth was tall and thin, but she was a stout Protestant."

"Excessive consumption of alcohol is bad for a man's cistern." A few definitions from the Lower School:—

"A straight line is one which, although continually produced will never end."

"A perpendicular is a line which points towards the sky."

"A line is that which has length but no breath."

"A nonagon is a figure which has no sides."

"Parallel lines are lines which come together further off, but do not meet."

PRÆFECTI VALETE.

- A. J. MILLETT.—Entered School, April 1912 ; appointed prefect, September 1922 ; Senior Prefect, September 1923 ; Sergeant, Cadet Corps, September, 1922 ; Chairman, Literary and Debating Society, September 1923 ; Editor D.H.S. Magazine, 1923-24 ; Colours 1st XI Cricket, 1924 ; Secretary, Football, 1923-24 : Captain of " Drake," September 1923 ; Entered Jesus College, Oxford University.
- B. DURANT. Entered School, June 1919 ; appointed prefect, September 1922 ; Committeeman, Literary and Debating Society, 1922-23-24 ; Sergeant, Cadet Corps, October 1923 ; Dyke Exhibitioner ; Top of Oxford School Certificate List, July 1924 ; Entered Exeter College, Oxford University.
- J. H. HAMILTON. Entered School, September 1918 ; appointed prefect, September 1923 ; Sergeant Major, Cadet Corps, May 1924 ; Entered Teaching Profession.
- A. I. JEFFERY. Entered School, September, 1917 ; appointed prefect, September, 1923 ; Secretary Literary and Debating Society, 1923-24 ; Joan Bennett Exhibitioner Cobb Exhibitioner. Entered University College, Exeter.
- W. D. JENKIN. Entered School, September, 1918 ; appointed prefect, January, 1924 ; Committeeman, Football, 1924 ; Half-Colours, Football, 1923-24 ; Entered Teaching Profession.
- A. R. OWEN. Entered School, September 1917 ; appointed prefect, September, 1922 ; Committeeman, Literary and Debating Society, 1923-24 ; Corporal, Cadet Corps, September, 1923 ; Entered Teaching Profession.
- T. H. PRICE. Entered School, September, 1917 ; appointed prefect, September 1922 ; Captain of " Raleigh," September, 1923 ; Colours, 1st XI. Cricket, 1922 ; Captain of Football, 1923-24 ; Full colours, Football, 1922-23-24 ; Victor Ludorum, 1923 ; Sergeant, Cadet Corps, September, 1923 ; Entered University College, Exeter.
- S. L. RIGGS. Entered School, September, 1918 ; appointed prefect, September 1923 ; Corporal, Cadet Corps, February, 1924 ; Entered University College, Exeter.
- R. J. WERRY. Entered School, September, 1918 ; appointed prefect, September, 1923 ; Captain of " Grenville," 1924 ; Committeeman, Literary and Debating Society, 1923-24 ; Corporal, Cadet Corps, September, 1923 ; Entered University College, Exeter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

N.B.—The Editor does not necessarily agree with the views expressed by correspondents.

Sir,

I wish to raise the question of accommodation at the School playing fields at Montpelier. Often the whole of the five pitches are in use, and this means that over a hundred boys are playing football at the same time. Now imagine what happens on the average muddy day; the first XI. and the second XI. have to change in the hut behind the old Greatlands pavilion. The visitors, of course, use this latter pavilion, and the remaining seventy or eighty boys must manage to change in the other small hut which only accommodates a dozen boys in comfort. It speaks much for their enthusiasm that they continue to play in such numbers under these conditions. In the interest of the health of those concerned it is imperative that more pavilions be provided.

A REGULAR PLAYER.

Sir,

I think that the introduction of a Correspondence Column in the Magazine affords an admirable opportunity for stating that the School feels the need of a Gymnasium. It seems almost unbelievable, were it not such a painful fact, that a school such as D.H.S., probably the biggest of its kind in Devon and Cornwall, is without a Gymnasium of any sort.

A Gymnasium of the necessary size could be built in the present playground, and each form could have, say, two lessons per week in the Gymnasium.

The advantages of such a course are too numerous to mention at any length, but they must be obvious to everyone.

G.Y.M.

The Headmaster has desired and pleaded for a gymnasium ever since the time, when the writer of the above was probably in his cradle. It is a matter for the Education Authority to deal with.—*Editor.*

Sir,

Do you not think that it is time that D.H.S. had a School Song? As a school we have now passed from the infancy stage and, surely, it would not be a too difficult task to compose a suitable song.

It could be sung on festive occasions and would be useful, if for no other purpose than to provide the 1st XI. with an alternative to "Cock Robin."

G. O. AHEAD;



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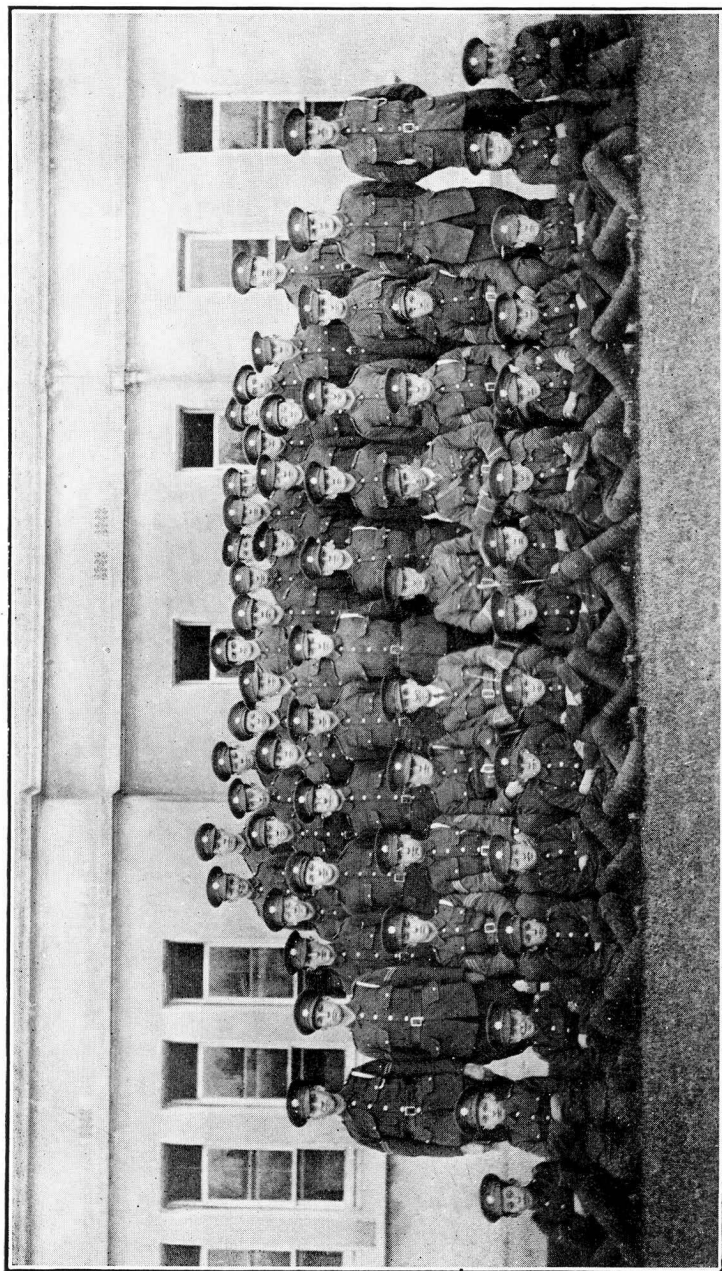


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EDITORIAL.

In the nine months which have elapsed since the last issue of the D.H.S. Magazine, we have witnessed not a few notable events.

Plymouth is now equipped with an efficient Broadcasting Station which has already accomplished much, while its future possibilities seem exceptionally bright ; indeed, Wireless, and Broadcasting generally, promises to be a powerful factor in the uplifting and education of the masses.

The British Empire Exhibition, which brought its 1924 season to a close recently, has achieved great success in the task which it set out to accomplish, which was, to quote the words of His Majesty the King on opening the Exhibition, “to bring the peoples of the Empire to a better knowledge as to how to meet their reciprocal wants and aspirations.”

Those of us who have been privileged to see for ourselves the resources, power, and limitless potentialities of our territories as set out in the most wonderful Exhibition of modern times, can appreciate to the full the benefits which are bound to accrue from this opportunity of obtaining a real knowledge of our Empire.

We hope that with the advent of a stable government, the increased facilities for education introduced during the short reign of the late government will be continued and extended.

With regard to affairs connected with the school, we record with regret the passing of Form I. while, in conclusion, mention must be made of the excellent manner in which the worthy traditions of the School in academic successes and on the playing fields have been upheld during the past year.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The amended list of School Officers is as follows:—

PREFECTS.—F. W. Hawton (Senior Prefect), C. G. Gosling, W. R. Callard, K. C. Dicker, W. J. Fewings, H. H. Macey, F. H. Newton, R. Profit, H. R. Richards, C. H. Wellington, G. E. Williams.

SPORTS' COMMITTEE.—Masters and Prefects.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.—“Drake,” C. G. Gosling; “Gilbert,” G. E. Williams, “Grenville,” F. H. Newton; “Raleigh,” H. R. Richards.

1st XI. (Cricket)—*Captain*, C. G. Gosling; *Vice Captain*, E. Evans; *Secretary*, H. R. Richards.

1st XI. (Football)—*Captain*, C. G. Gosling; *Vice Captain*, W. J. Sampson; *Secretary*, W. R. R. Mewton.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.—*Chairman*, F. W. Hawton; *Secretary*, C. H. Wellington; *Committee*, K. C. Dicker, H. H. Macey, W. J. Fewings.

CADET CORPS.—Commanding Officer—Cadet Captain J. H. Ferraro; Cadet Lieutenants, A. Hutchings and C. F. Armor.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.—*President*, A. Treseder, Esq., M.A., *General Secretary*, J. H. Ferraro, Esq., B.Sc. *Branch Secretaries*, London, A. T. Brooks, Esq., Plymouth, C. E. Gill, Esq.

SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—*Secretary*, A. Hutchings, Esq.

EN PASSANT.

We extend a hearty welcome to the two new members of our Staff, Mr. O'Gorman and Mr. Gore, and record our appreciation of the interest the latter takes in School Sport.

We heartily congratulate:—

B. Durant, on obtaining first place in England at the July Oxford School Certificate Examination with distinction in each of his seven subjects, securing the coveted “Dyke” Exhibition. He also obtained first place in the Entrance Scholarship Examination for University College, Exeter, as well as outstripping all other competitors for the Astor Scholarships. We wish him every success at Exeter College, Oxford University.

A. J. Millett, our late Senior Prefect, on securing second place at the Entrance Scholarship Examination for University College, Exeter, and also on being second on the Astor Scholarship list. May good luck attend him at Jesus College, Oxford University.

R. J. Werry, on winning one of the Entrance Scholarships for University College, Exeter.

T. H. Price, on passing the Cambridge Higher School Certificate examination in July last, besides winning an Entrance Scholarship for University College, Exeter.

A. I. Jeffery, who has secured the "John Cobb" Scholarship tenable for three years at University College, Exeter, and who also obtained first place in the "Joan Bennett" Scholarship examination.

F. G. Hiscock, on securing his Intermediate B.A. degree at London University.

The eight Sixth Formers, J. H. Hamilton, F. W. Hawton, A. I. Jeffery, W. D. Jenkin, A. R. Owen, S. L. Riggs, S. T. Ternouth, and R. J. Werry, who were successful in gaining their Intermediate B.Sc. degrees at London University in July last. Concerning this performance, the "Western Morning News" of Thursday, August 14th, 1924, states, "These eight names comprise the whole of the candidates sitting at the examination from this school, and the performance is even more striking when it is realised that exactly the same thing occurred last year, when eight students sat for the same examination from this school and all were successful."

All those successful at the July Cambridge School Certificate examination.

Mr. J. H. Ferraro, B.Sc., our highly esteemed and extremely popular Sixth Form-master, on the success which has attended his untiring work in the preparation of the above students for their respective examinations.

Mr. E. J. Riggs, one of our Old Boys, on securing his final B.Sc. degree at London University with first class Honours in Chemistry.

Mr. A. L. Stephens, another old D.H.S.-ian, who also obtained his final B.Sc. degree at London University, with second class Honours in Chemistry.

Mr. G. R. Hill, who was our Senior Prefect in 1920, on passing his final B.A. examination at London University with second class Honours in Geography.

Mr. H. C. Lillicrap, another of our old Boys, who has secured his final B.A. degree at London University.

Mr. H. R. W. Wiltshire, another of our Old Boys, on gaining one of the five Scholarships in Journalism at London University.

All the members of "Gilbert" House and its captain, S. T. Ternouth, on winning the Shield for 1924.

Williams and Widdecombe, on securing the Senior and Junior Championships respectively, at the School Sports.

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The School Savings Association is still in existence, and although members are not bringing large sums to invest in Certificates, yet many of the younger pupils bring along their "Savings."

The Hon. Secretary receives "Savings" on the first Monday of each month, and any information required can be obtained then.

The total amount collected in "Savings" by the School (at the time of going to press) is £3,402.

A. HUTCHINGS, *Hon. Sec.*

DESCRIPTIVE NAMES.

With apologies to all whose names are mentioned.

The shiftiest	Porter
The noisiest	Howell
The thirstiest	Beer
The holiest	Pope
The fishiest	Pike
The laziest	Knapman.
The purest	White
The most polite	Civil
The most learned	Reeder
The most domestic	Cook
The most fiery	Irish
The most musical	Rattle
The most sylvan	Wood
The most infantile	Young
The most docile	Meek
The most heathen	Pagan
The most heroic	Martyr
The most watery	Tapp
The most graceful	Swan
The most obeyed (?)	Laws
The most independent	Freeman
The most obstinate	Mules
The most prickly	Thorne
The most nautical	Seaman
The most saintly	Luke

THE SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held at Montpelier on Wednesday afternoon, May 21st, and, while a complete success from the athletic point of view, the comfort of the spectators was sadly marred by the deluge which set in shortly after the commencement. During the afternoon a choice selection of music was given by the Corporation Tramways Band under the direction of Mr. H. Wraight.

All four 'Houses' did well, "Grenville" just heading the list, and five records were broken. The Senior Championship was won by Williams, and the Junior by Widdecombe, whose running was an outstanding feature.

Great excitement was caused just before the prizes were distributed, by a tug-of-war between a team of Old Boys and the Masters, in which the latter won easily.

At the conclusion, Alderman Godding, Chairman of the Governors, distributed the prizes, which were both numerous and valuable.

The Headmaster subsequently proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Godding, and Mr. Andrews seconded it. Mr. Godding, in reply, said how pleased he was with the exhibition of running and jumping, and expressed the hope that the weather would not be so unpropitious on another occasion.

RESULTS OF EVENTS.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd place</i>	<i>Time</i>
100 yards	Under 10	Salisbury	Freathy	Caplan	15 $\frac{9}{10}$ secs.
100 "	" 11	Beattie	Pattle	Howell	14 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
100 "	" 13	Gilbert	Gay	Pearce	13 $\frac{3}{8}$ " *
100 "	" 15	Widdecombe	Evans	Trays	—
100 "	Open	Williams	Richards	Palmer	10 $\frac{1}{10}$ " *
220 "	Under 11	Beattie	Pattle	Oliver	35 $\frac{3}{8}$ "
220 "	" 13	Gay	Pearce	Gilbert	33 $\frac{2}{5}$ "
220 "	" 15	Widdecombe	Trays	Rawlins	—
220 "	Open	Williams	House	Richards	28 $\frac{2}{5}$ "
440 "	Under 13	Down	Potts	Wickenden	1m. 19 $\frac{1}{8}$ s.
440 "	" 15	Widdecombe	Trays	Rawlins	—
440 "	Open	Williams	Wiltshire	Richards	1m. 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ s.
Half Mile	Under 15	Widdecombe	Rawlins	Wickenden	—
Half Mile	Open	Richards	Hiscock	Pollard	2m. 27 $\frac{4}{5}$ s.*
Mile	Open	Sampson	Ellis	Lougheed	5m. 37 secs.
Long Jump	Under 11	Beattie	Bennetto	Taylor	11 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Long Jump	" 13	Pearce	Warren	Oates	14ft. 6ins.*
Long Jump	" 15	Evans	Alway	Widdecombe	—
Long Jump	Open	Monson	Pollard	Gosling	18ft. 8 ins.
Slow Cycle	Open	Sampson	Werry	Stone	—
Cricket Ball	Under 15	Donald	Thomas	Evans	48yds. 5ins.
Cricket Ball	Open	Pollard	Palmer	House	62 yds. 10in
Sack Race	Under 10	Salisbury	Davison	Freathy	—
Sack Race	" 11	Taylor	Beattie	Pattle	—
Sack Race	" 13	Danckwardt	Pearce	Pearn	—
High Jump	" 10	Salisbury	Freathy	Beattie	—
High Jump	" 11	Beattie	Pattle	Martin	3 ft. 4 ins.
High Jump	" 13	Pearce	Gilbert	Roach	3ft. 11 ins.*
High Jump	" 15	Evans	Alway	Healey	—
High Jump	Open	Monson	Pollard	House	—

He really was a wonder,
 Knowing without a doubt
 Where every blessed thing was kept,
 Could always hunt it out.

But with the deepest sorrow
 We heard when we returned,
 Our noble Jim had left the Lab.,
 The worst news e'er we'd learned.

And now that he has gone away,
 Of him we feel the need.
 To young and old, to great and small,
 He'd proved a friend indeed.

To him for counsel and advice
 The noble Sixth did look,
 Whilst in their trials, the lowly Third
 Were ne'er by him forsook.

Pardon these verses, reader,
 For I really must convey
 The heartiest wishes of the School
 To our "lab.-boy"—gone away.

K.C.D.

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4. The number of lemons consumed per team is called the "Lemon Equivalent" of that team.

5. The maximum pressure exerted on the ball by any one player in a match depends only on the size of his boot and is independent of the presence of any other player taking part in that game.

W.J.F.

CRICKET.

The Cricket season of 1924 will be remembered for the number of wet Saturdays, and, as far as Montpelier is concerned, the very remarkable growth of grass around the playing space. This had the effect of keeping the scoring at a low level.

Altogether 68 matches—23 "School," 6 "House," and 39 "Form"—were played. The "House" matches resulted in "Drake" Gilbert and "Grenville" each scoring two wins.

As in past years two elevens were played, and on one occasion a third eleven was fielded. The results were as follows:—

1st XI. Played 12; Won 7; Lost 5.

2nd XI. Played 10; Won 5; Lost 4; Tie 1.

3rd XI. Played 1; Won 1.

For the first eleven the highest scores were made by Gosling, Evans, Dicker and Sampson; while Gosling and Williams bowled finely.

For the second eleven, Hailes and Pollard batted best; while Donald, Halloran, and Meek shone in the bowling.

Our sincere thanks are due to Messrs. Davis and Heather for their supervision of the net practices, as well as for the valuable advice they were able to give.

"Colours" were awarded to Dicker, Sampson, Williams and Pope; the old "Colours" being Gosling, Evans, Millett, and Richards.

 CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI.

GOSLING.—*Captain*; very fine bowler; rather careless when batting; a good leader, but needs to take things more seriously.

EVANS.—*Vice Captain*; stylish bat; good change bowler; always a dependable player.

RICHARDS.—*Secretary*; quite good in the field; more spirit would improve his batting.

MILLETT.—*Committee*; good wicket-keeper; batting better.

WILLIAMS.—*Committee*; splendid bowler; batted carefully but had no luck; did well in the field.

SAMPSON.—*Committee*; good in the field; but had small success as batsman.

DICKER.—Did fairly well in batting, but fielding needs more life.

POPE.—Very stylish batsman; deserved more success than he obtained; fielded well.

WARD.—Batted quite freely at times; fielded well.

as the Hostel is primarily intended for residence, it is advisable to make the necessary arrangements in advance. Mr. Brooks will be pleased to meet and personally to conduct anyone over the Hostel. A number of D.H.S.-ians taking the London Intermediate Science Examination last July were glad to avail themselves of the facilities the Hostel provided and are very appreciative of their enjoyable stay with Mr. and Mrs. Waterfield.

It was with great regret that we heard of the death of Mr. Brooks' Father. The sympathy of all D.H.S.-ians will go to Mr. Brooks and his family in the loss they have sustained.

HEADQUARTERS BRANCH

Secretary: Mr. C. E. Gill, 14 Haddington Road, Stoke, Devonport.
Committee: Messrs. W. J. Andrews, E. Cammack, W. J. Ching, B. H. Chowen, E. E. Cock, P. Gollop, W. Hurden, F. Hurrell, A. Pryor. H. Taylor and J. H. D. Westlake.

The local Branch has now completed its second year and continues to thrive, the membership showing a steady increase. We trust that Members will make known the Association to Old Boys who have not yet joined our ranks.

On Tuesday, October 21st, the Branch held a Whist Tournament and Dance at the Exmouth Hall, Devonport. A good number of Old Boys and their friends supported the event, which proved very successful. A similar evening will be arranged on Tuesday, Feb. 17th.

The Third Annual General Meeting of this Branch was held at the School on July 14th and was well attended. A review of the year's work was given showing a satisfactory state of affairs both from a social and financial standpoint.

The Annual Association Dinner will be held on December 27th, the arrangements being again left in the capable hands of Mr. E. E. Cock.

Two Football Matches are being arranged with the School XI. during the Christmas Vacation. One is to take place in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 24th and the other on the morning of Saturday, December 27th. Will all Old Boys who wish to play in either or both of these matches, kindly communicate with me as soon as possible.

Finally, may I remind our Members that the financial year ends on July 31st. Will any Member who has not paid his subscription for the year 1924-25 please forward it to the Treasurer. A prompt payment of the subscription is of great assistance to the working of the Association.

CYRIL E. GILL.

LONDON BRANCH.

Secretary : Mr. A. T. Brooks, Empire Offices,
37, Albemarle Street,
Piccadilly, W.1.

Committee : Messrs. M. J. Collier, B. M. Featherston,
F. C. Olford and J. Phillips.

Reviewing the season 1923-24 one is forced to be disappointed. A few social events were held at the Buckingham Hotel, but the Committee had a strong opponent in the lassitude of a large proportion of our members and the discouragement this brought somewhat affected the spirit which had prevailed during the previous season.

The first event of the present season, 1924-25, was held at the Wigmore School of Dancing, 50 Baker Street, W.1., on Saturday, November 8th and in spite of the somewhat small attendance of 30, the old spirit seems to have been revived. If only some of the many Old Boys in London who have not hitherto given us their support, either by subscription or attendance at these social events, would come forward and "do their bit," they would not only find enjoyment, but would make our success assured.

Other events of this season are : Social and Dance, December 6th, January 10th, February 7th, March 7th, and April 4th, with a special Carnival Night on February 21st. Season Tickets are issued at 17/6 single and 30/- double for the seven events and for the five events in 1925 Seasons may be obtained at 13/6 single and 22/6 double. These represent a considerable saving on tickets taken singly for each event. All events will be held at the Wigmore School of Dancing, 50 Baker Street, W.1.

I take this opportunity of appealing to every Old Boy to support his School in making the Association a successful and progressive institution. If the London Branch fails in its purpose, it will show a lack of gratitude on the part of non-supporters, and, remembering what the School has done for us, I cannot think that this will be allowed to occur.

The Annual subscription for Membership of the London Branch has been reduced to 2/6. The Committee have lost the services of Mr. L. H. Harwood by his removal to Southampton and our thanks are due to him for his assistance last season. Mr. M. J. Collier has taken his place on the Committee, and the other Members of the Committee extend to him a hearty welcome. The task we have before us in making good a deficiency on last season's working can only be accomplished by generous support from members.

The Committee is willing to help any member upon any point whatsoever, and if advice or assistance is needed which the Committee is in a position to give, its services are always available.

ically by Clarke Maxwell, and also by Hertz, but the first man to succeed where countless others had failed was the Italian, Marconi, who, after sending messages between places up to 200 miles apart, succeeded in communicating with America by means of Wireless. Many questions were put to the lecturer by wireless enthusiasts in the large audience with respect to their difficulties. At the close, a most hearty Vote of Thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. H. Ferraro and seconded by A. J. Millett.

The new session opened on Wednesday, October 22nd, when, after a vigorous ten-day Poster campaign, a 'mock election' was held.

The following candidates contested one seat :—

C. G. Gosling	<i>Liberal.</i>
C. P. Osborne	<i>Labour</i>
C. H. Wellington	<i>Conservative.</i>

The proceedings opened with a pianoforte solo by Farrant, after which, the Chairman, Mr. G. M. Davis, briefly traced the growth of the Commons and the development of our Electoral System. The three candidates in turn then put their views before the meeting. Mr. Davis then sang "The Floral Dance" which was received with vociferous applause, compelling him to sing another song as an encore. Each candidate was then allowed fifteen minutes in which to reply to the questions of the electorate. After this the ballot was taken, Lawry giving a reading from "Dan Leno" while the votes were being counted.

The Chairman then announced the result as follows :—

C. H. Wellington	55 votes
C. G. Gosling	38 votes
C. P. Osborne	21 votes

The successful candidate then addressed the meeting, after which he proposed a vote of Thanks to Mr. G. M. Davis for his great help and services rendered to the Debating Society not only on the present occasion but on numerous others also. This was seconded by the Liberal candidate, and supported by the Labour candidate.

On Wednesday, November 12th, "Impromptu Debates" were held. In the absence of the new Chairman, Mr. F. W. Hawton, the Chair was taken by the Secretary, Mr. C. H. Wellington. Farrant opened the proceedings with a pianoforte solo, after which the 'draw' for the first debate was made. It fell to the lot of Mr. E. Lang to propose "That the Drama of the Screen is better than the Drama of the Stage." He said that the stage cannot reproduce natural effects successfully whereas the screen is almost free from space limitations. No time is wasted on 'scene-shifting' and thus continuity is promoted.

Mr. A. C. Stead, in opposing the motion, said that two of the most important factors in any drama are speech and colour, and that the Stage alone can provide these effects.

The motion was seconded by Mr. P. G. Ellis, while Mr J. Roach seconded the opposition. The discussion which followed was very keen, nearly all the members present taking part in it. The motion was rejected by a majority of two votes.

The task of proposing "That the majority of War Memorials are unsuitable" fell to the lot of Mr. H. Webber, who said that the majority of the War Memorials in the country were mere ornaments, and poor ones at that, serving no useful purpose whatever.

Mr. R. Pethick, in opposing the motion, said that plain, lasting memorials which do not cost an exorbitant sum of money to erect serve admirably to remind us of the horrors of war.

The motion was seconded by Mr. E. Arscott and Mr. W. R. Pickett seconded the opposition. A lively discussion, in which several alternative forms for memorials were suggested, occupied the remainder of the evening.

The motion was carried by a majority of five votes. In the course of the evening, a violin and pianoforte duet was rendered by Brown and Farrant, a pianoforte solo by Blatchford, and readings by Macey and Wellington, while Lawry and Farrant gave a musical sketch, "The Algebra Lesson," of their own composition.

An 'Inter-Debate' will be held later in the session between the D.H.S. Literary and Debating Society and the Devonport Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society, to take place at the Y.M.C.A., Fore Street, Devonport. The subject for discussion has not yet been decided upon but we are eagerly looking forward to this event, a report of which will appear in the next issue of the Magazine.

THE DEVON SCHOOLS' CADET CAMP.

It was on a Saturday morning that we assembled at School prior to our departure for Teignmouth, where the camp was to be held. After prayers, we assembled on the lawn—that witness of many like ceremonies—and amidst the envious glances of those of our fellow-creatures who were doomed to spend a few more days in the company of Messrs. Oldham, Stewart, etc., we marched to the station.

By dint of much exertion on the part of our baggage-party—all of them worthy lads, though modesty forbids me to mention their names—the luggage was safely stowed away, and we steamed out of Millbay, soon to arrive at Teignmouth.

Somewhere in the blue-grey heavens Koai the Kite was cleaving his way to bid the Jungle inhabitants meet and elect a new Lord over them. Zadrör felt no misgivings. He prided himself that his long reign had been as honourable as those of his predecessors, and steeled himself for the coming trial of his courage. The veteran monarch was greatly comforted in that he was to be succeeded by his offspring, Regor the Invincible. He had reckoned however, without the jealousy of Fantha the Tiger and the implacable hatred of Cheng, his mother.

Twenty four hours of excitement passed and still Cheng held her hand. Zadrör, pacing restlessly in his cave, felt vaguely uneasy, — his instinct warned him of an impending disaster. Away in the depths of the jungle, Regor was hunting. Within six hours it would be dawn and the election of a new king would have commenced in the vast pillar Hall of Vashanti.

Meanwhile Regor was swiftly following the spoor of an antelope. All round him the air was alive with moths and bats, the whistling of innumerable crickets, and the croaking of frogs. Night-jars swept hither and thither on noiseless wings, whilst from above there came the irregular harsh chorus of monkeys. The trail was long and tedious and his cave far distant, when suddenly the lion perceived his prey quietly grazing a few yards ahead of him. He crouched, his tail whipped the ground vertically. Then he sprang! There came a crash, a roar of anger, and the air was filled with dust and flying wood, as Regor and the antelope disappeared into the carefully constructed pit—trapped!

Then from a thicket appeared the despised form of Fantha. For a moment he watched unseen the frantic efforts of his rival to escape; he emitted a snarl of satisfaction.

"What have we here?" he cried, revealing himself, "Regor the Invincible, about to become Lord of the Jungle, a victim of the cunning of the white monkey!"

Regor squirmed with helpless rage. At that moment came from the distance the warning trumpet of Ragnor, the Elephant that it was time to proceed to the subterranean cavern. Over the grey jungle hills broke the first rosy tints of dawn.

"Farewell, O King!" roared Fantha, "when you do not appear they will not be unable to elect you, and I—yes, I—shall become king, since Zadrör's cubs are too young.—King!—King!"

The mocking words came back to the despairing lion. With daylight the white hunter would return, and then—then!

The Hall of Vashanti consisted of a capacious cave. It was entered by a long and tortuous passage which had its entrance at the foot of one of the encircling hills. A huge boulder and loose rubble effectively concealed the opening during the long periods

when it was not used. The cavern itself had apparently been occupied originally by an unknown Indian sect, for double rows of colossal pillars, beautiful carved, towered around on every side. At regular intervals the avenue of columns was broken, and in such spaces there towered titanic representations of the Gods they had worshipped, ghoulish and terrifying in the half light beyond description. In the centre of this vast hall an inclined pathway rose in spirals. At the summit a tongue of flame leapt and flickered. Opposite the entrance, rising high against the side of the cave, was a raised dais approached by huge marble steps.

In the light of the flame the diamonds with which the dais was encrusted gleamed balefully. Here and there in the shade of the pillars lay whitened human bones and grinning skulls. The roof gleamed with all the colours of the rainbow, as if set with mother-of-pearl. Under the shade of that forest of stone were the silent figures of couchant lions, life-size and of stone. In the silence of that wondrous cavern could always be heard a monotonous drip, drip, drip ! Thus had been preserved by the simple method of petrefaction the noble forms of the Royal Lords of the Jungle.

All were assembled. The vast hall was filled with deep-toned conversation. The mysterious disappearance of Regor at the very crisis of his life aroused intense excitement. Koai was scouring the jungle from above with his keen eyes. Ragnor, the faithful old elephant was searching laboriously along the ground. In a quiet corner Cheng was chuckling quietly with Fantha. Very little more time could be wasted ; a new king must be elected by the Law of the Jungle before the sun's disc broke free from the hills.

Rashaka the Panther and Tabor the Bear entered panting from their frantic search, and shook their heads despondently to the one question which everyone asked. Then the panther stood on the first step leading to the dais and cried with a loud voice :—

“ Silence ! Silence ! Ye Free People ! Silence for Zadrör, Lord of the Jungle ! ”

Immediately all eyes were turned towards the entrance as the abdicating monarch, his head proudly erect, with slow and stately mien, traversed the long cavern, mounted the steps, and at last stood facing, unflinchingly, the audience from the height of the throne.

“ Oh, My People,” he cried, “ I have ruled you faithfully and to the utmost of my power. Are you satisfied ? ” From the mammal onlookers came the enthusiastic response “ Yea,” Fantha and Cheng alone remaining silent. “ Now,” continued the aged monarch, “ my days are finished. I am old. I felt that I was no longer worthy to be your king. I therefore summoned this meeting in the Historic Hall of Vashanti in order that you might elect

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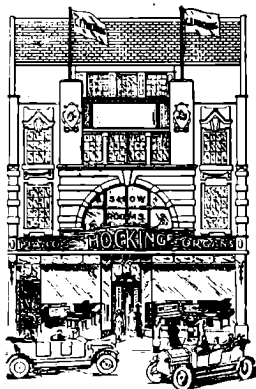
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