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EDITORIAL.

The present state of affairs, both in industrial and international circles, is, to say the least of it, decidedly unpromising. We have been told to expect an increase in the new Budget and this after economy on such a vital factor in the well-being of the people as education. Added to this the recent Coal Commission has failed to produce any evidence which is likely to be of tangible use in sweeping away the existing difficulties. Whilst, turning to international affairs—and this, perhaps, is the greatest disappointment of all—the entry of Germany into the League of Nations has been postponed.—Truly an enhancing prospect!

The writing of this Editorial has been to us the first reminder that our school days are rapidly drawing to a close and that we shall soon have to leave the comparative haven of school life and embark on the tempestuous seas of the world around us. This realisation has brought with it a whole medley of emotions—the anticipation of a new life, new friends and new surroundings, together with the regret—the ever increasing regret—at leaving school with all its friendships and its multiplicity of happy memories and associations.

As we write these lines, regret predominates and we have, perforce, to ask ourselves whether we have done all that we could in maintaining to the utmost, that which should be of the greatest concern to everyone,—the honour and traditions of the school. Certain it is that more could have been done and it is up to you, who follow after, to give, in your turn, of your best in supporting any venture even remotely connected with this best of all schools.

To set the cause above renown,
 To love the game beyond the prize,
 To honour, while you strike him down,
 The foe that comes with fearless eyes ;
 To count the life of battle good,
 And dear the land that gave you birth,
 And dearer yet the brotherhood
 That binds the brave of all the earth.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The amended list of School Officers is as follows :—

PREFECTS.—K. C. Dicker, (Senior Prefect), W. J. Fewings, H. H. Macey, R. Profitt, W. E. Battrick, A. Blatchford, R. L. Deasy, S. R. Giddy, C. E. Nethercott, H. B. May, F. H. Meek, W. R. R. Mewton, C. P. Osborne, E. V. Paynter, W. J. Tamblin.

SPORTS' COMMITTEE.—Masters and Prefects.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.—“ Drake ” H. H. Macey ; “ Gilbert,” W. R. R. Mewton ; “ Grenville,” K. C. Dicker ; “ Raleigh,” E. V. K. Paynter.

1st XI. (Cricket)—Captain, K. C. Dicker ; Vice-Captain, W. R. R. Mewton ; Secretary, F. H. Meek.

1st XI. (Football)—Captain, W. R. R. Mewton ; Secretary, W. J. Tamblin.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.—*Chairman*, K. C. Dicker ; *Secretary*, C. P. Osborne ; *Committee*, W. E. Battrick, W. R. R. Mewton, and R. Profitt.

CADET CORPS.—*Commanding Officer*, Cadet-Captain J. H. Ferraro ; *Cadet Lieutenants*, C. F. Armor, A. Hutchings ; *Cadet Second-Lieutenant*, G. M. Davis.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.—*President*, A. Treseder, Esq., M.A. ; *General Secretary*, J. H. Ferraro, Esq., B.Sc. ; *Branch Secretary* C. E. Gill, Esq.

PRAEFECTE VALE.

J. S. D'A. ROACH.—Entered school September, 1921 ; appointed Prefect September, 1925 ; Corporal Cadet Corps, September, 1925.

EN PASSANT.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to :—

R. Profitt on gaining an Open Scholarship in Natural Science (value £80 per annum) at Exeter College, Oxford.

W. J. Fewings, H. H. Macey and H. B. May on obtaining their Intermediate B.Sc. degrees at London in December last.

The members of the three school elevens on so worthily maintaining the traditions of school football during the last season.

R. J. D. Down, of form IIIb on winning the Junior Competition. There was no difficulty in selecting the best story as Down's effort stood out both for originality of plot and for choice of words.

All those concerned in making the Corps Concert such a great success.

TENNIS.

It is hoped to commence play during the Easter vacation. All Old Boys wishing to join should pay their subscription to Mr. H. Ferraro.

SHADOW DRAMA.

A shriek—the cry of a terrified woman caused a vigilant policeman to forsake the obscurity of a doorway and proceed down a narrow, gloomy street. It was a dismal night without a moon to relieve the blackness. A rising wind moaned around the dilapidated dwellings. Quickly he passed a wildly flickering street lamp which filled the lurking recesses with a weird phantom host of flitting shadows.

A little way ahead a shaft of light fell glancing to the cobbled ground. The grim investigator reached it, paused and looked in its direction. Upon a thin linen blind were thrown the silhouettes of a woman cowering and a man, strong, defiant. They were talking and gesticulating wildly. A gruff male voice could be heard.

“Plaguing my life out——helping to eat away my slender earnings, you——stand it no longer——this last——more than I can bear.”

The woman was sobbing. Then suddenly she pointed towards him, spoke vehemently and fled shrieking from view. The man snatched up a deadly-looking coal hammer, and, waving it furiously over his head, followed.

Beads of perspiration stood out on the forehead of the unseen witness of the impending tragedy. He wished to look anywhere but on that terrible drama of shadows. Nevertheless, as if mesmerised, he watched. He was petrified to the spot. The man bent forward and the instrument of death descended with an audible thud. A terrible shriek rent the air. A few seconds later came a low moan which was followed by a brutal, triumphant laugh and the words "That's done for you." Then the accursed spot was mantled in silence—the silence of Death!

Despite the wave of nausea which overwhelmed him, the policeman drew his truncheon and walked quickly to the entrance of the house. He did so quietly. The murderer might be mad in which case it would be advisable to take him unawares. The front door was unlocked. The constable entered. An inner door was ajar. He peered through and saw a bloodstained hand and in it—O horrors!—something limp and dripping—! dripping!—It was—a rat!

SPEECH DAY, 1925.

At this year's "Speech Day," which was held at the Plymouth Guildhall, on the afternoon of Monday, 14th December, Brigadier-General The Lord St. Levan, C.B., C.V.O., distributed the prizes and certificates, and Mr. G. P. Dymond, M.A., acted as Chairman in the absence, through sickness, of Alderman J. W. S. Godding, M.B.E., J.P., B.A.

"The Education Authority of Plymouth has very great pride in its schools, and there is no school that entitles them to that pride more than Devonport High School," was the Chairman's kindly tribute.

Lord St. Levan after congratulating the prize winners, the headmaster and the staff, said he was interested in noting from the prize list the wide field covered by the work of the school. Education meant bringing out and guiding in the right way the qualities and abilities they possessed, so that they might become good citizens. Playing games was important because the first thing they learned in playing games in England was to play fair, so that everybody had an equal chance and the best would win. "Hard work at your books and hard work at your games is the best thing possible for you. My advice is to work hard, play hard and play fair, and stick to it always. Then I feel perfectly certain you will keep up in the future the character and reputation that has been so well earned by the Devonport High School."

The usual votes of thanks to Lord St. Levan and the chairman brought this part of the proceedings to an end.

Then followed the French play, "Les Deux Sourds," adapted by T. J. O'Gorman, to whom and to the actors and

"actresses" (vide names on page 26) of the Sixth Form, the very greatest praise is due. Songs were rendered by Forms III and IIr, a violin solo by L. C. G. Williams and a pianoforte selection of his own composition by E. F. J. Farrant.

SUCCESES obtained direct from the School during 1925.

ROYAL NAVY.

Cadetship—Engineering Branch.—Charles G. Gosling, 3rd of 25 successful candidates. (1st in general knowledge).

Paymaster Cadetship.—Frederick James, 4th of 5 successful candidates. (1st in French, Mathematics and general knowledge.)

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

Intermediate B.Sc.—William R. Callard, Kenneth C. Dicker, Frederick H. Newton, Roy Profitt, Hubert R. Richards.

Matriculation.—J. F. Bartlett, T. H. Burton, R. T. R. Clark, W. H. Clarke, P. G. Ellis, W. S. Essery, H. V. George, S. M. R. Gibson, H. F. Gordon, H. R. Hammacott, W. T. Irish, W. J. C. Lawry, A. H. C. Lee, W. H. Ley, G. W. Marwood, C. H. Morgan, J. G. Pencavel, R. A. Pethick, W. R. Pickett, G. Richards, J. K. Shute, W. L. Skinnard, H. F. H. Whitfeld.

CAMBRIDGE.

School Certificate Examination.

Honours.—A. H. C. Lee* (distinguished in chemistry and geography), C. H. Morgan*(distinguished in Latin), R. T. R. Clark* (distinguished in history and mathematics), W. S. Essery, W. H. Ley*, H. F. H. Whitfeld (distinguished in religious knowledge), W. R. Pickett (distinguished in geography), J. G. Pencavel*, H. F. Gordon*, R. A. Pethick*, C. G. Ashby, W. T. Irish (distinguished in spoken French), H. R. Hammacott*, T. H. Burton*.

Pass—W. H. Clarke*, P. G. Ellis, H. V. George* (distinguished in chemistry), J. K. Shute*, W. L. Skinnard, W. H. Ford*, N. J. T. Reeder*, W. L. Broad, W. J. C. Lawry*, J. F. Bartlett, E. M. Lang*, F. J. Hoar, G. W. Marwood*, S. M. R. Gibson, L. F. Hurding*, G. Richards, E. F. J. Farrant, E. E. R. Treliving, G. Brown*, A. D. Luke, F. Alway*, H. N. Richards, E. C. Arscott*, R. P. Horsham, G. E. Monson, A. C. F. Pollard*, J. H. V. Collins, R. L. George, E. N. Cowles, E. J. Barnes, H. W. W. Lockwood, R. W. Bearne, R. H. Spurrell, G. J. Forse, R. Mellor.

(* Passed in Spoken French).

EXHIBITIONS AND PRIZES.

Plymouth Education Authority Scholarship.—Frederick H. Newton.

D.H.S. War Memorial Exhibition.—Frederick W. Hawton.

Cambridge Local Committee Prizes. Highest on list at the Devonport Centre.—A. H. C. Lee.

Honours.—awarded to each of the candidates mentioned above who obtained Honours at the Cambridge School Certificates Examination.

Lord St. Levan's Prize.—A. H. C. Lee.

Alderman J. P. Brown's Prize.—C. H. Morgan, H. F. H. Whitfeld.

The Alonzo Rider Science Prize.—H. V. George.

HONOURS GAINED BY OLD BOYS DURING 1925.

B.Sc., Honours, Class I, (Chemistry) London University.—Mr. E. C. Jones, Mr. D. Dimond.

B.A., Honours, Class II., Downing College, Cambridge.—Lieut. H. A. Bazley, R.E.

B.Sc., Honours, Class II., (Physics) London University.—Mr. F. R. Coombe.

B.Sc., London University.—Mr. F. R. Curtis, Mr. F. H. Hodgess, Mr. F. E. A. Thompson.

"Royal" Scholarships.—(Value £120 p.a., tenable for 4 years)
Mr. O. Quantick, Mr. F. E. A. Thompson.

M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.—Mr. R. Curnow.

L.D.S., England.—Mr. R. Lillicrap.

Diploma for Mining Engineering, Sheffield.—Mr. W. Curtain.

Mathematical Moderations, Honours.—Mr. A. J. Millett, (Jesus College, Oxford).

Inspector of Taxes.—Mr. E. Collins.

Associate of City and Guilds Institute.—Mr. G. A. Chamberlain, (Kitchener Scholar).

Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.—Lieut. A. L. Jeffery, (alone in Class I.).

Junior Officer Course, R.A.S.C.—Lieut. J. L. Read, (1st on List).

Barnes Memorial Exhibition.—Mr. F. W. Rose.

 THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

I should like to preface my Report for 1925 by saying how honoured we are in having Lord St. Levan with us this afternoon.

His presence naturally turns our thoughts to the side of games and sports, for, fourteen years ago, he presented to the school a silver shield and sports honour board. On it are spaces for every year from 1911 to 1938. And year by year on this board are inscribed the names of the winning House and its Captain. Each boy on entering the school is placed, for purposes of games and sport, in one of four houses: Drake, Gilbert, Grenville or Raleigh. For each house a captain is chosen annually. The winning house is the one which has the highest combined total of points gained during the football and cricket seasons and at the annual sports. No words of mine could paint the prowess on the field, the sustained effort, the skilful leadership, the loyal response which are put forth to attain a place on the St. Levan Shield. May be his Lordship built better than he knew when he gave that trophy; and I venture to hope that, in thirteen years' time, when the board is filled, Lord St. Levan may be prevailed upon to renew his gift.

Turning to another part of the spectrum of school life, I have to report that at the Cambridge School Certificate examination we again sent in three whole forms. Forty-nine boys obtained Certificates, of whom thirty-five "passed" and 14 gained honours. These numbers, large as they are, may not convey much meaning. More light comes from comparison. From this point of view our boys had six per. cent. more of honours and nine per cent. less of failures than the average percentage throughout the United Kingdom. A bright feature of our list was that no fewer than twenty-three boys obtained exemption from the London Matriculation Examination. Nine distinctions were secured: two in chemistry, two in geography and one each in history, Latin, mathematics, religious knowledge and spoken French. Twenty-two candidates qualified in spoken French. One boy, Lee, obtains the prize for being top of the boys list at the Devonport Centre, and also the prize kindly given by Lord St. Levan.

At a much more difficult examination, that for Inter B.Sc., of London University five Sixth Form Boys were successful, their names being Callard, Dicker, Newton, Proffitt and Richards. Newton was awarded a scholarship by the Plymouth Education Authority.

Two other members of the sixth Form did well in competitive examinations for entrance to the Royal Navy, C. G. Gosling being third of twenty-five successful candidates for cadetships in the engineering branch, with first place in general knowledge; and F. James obtaining the fourth place among five successful candidates for paymaster cadetships. In three of the subjects he rather distinguished himself, being first in French with seventy-eight per cent., first in mathematics with seventy-seven per cent, and first in general knowledge with seventy-six per cent.

The Devonport High School War Memorial Exhibition of £25 has been awarded to F. W. Hawton; the "Alonzo Rider" Science prize to George; while the prize again kindly presented by Alderman J. P. Brown, has been divided between Morgan and Whitfeld.

I should like to call your attention to the brilliant achievements of old boys during 1925, as recorded on your programmes, including two degrees with First Class honours, two with Second Class honours and two Royal Scholarships.

We still await the advent of a new Physics Laboratory for the lower and middle forms, and were disappointed that the necessary structural alterations were not made during the summer vacation. Lack of this accommodation alone causes the Board of Education to withhold from an important section of our Sixth Form work the title of "Advanced course in science and mathematics," although for years it has been that in reality.

The boys are, generally speaking, keen and happy in work and play. The prefects and sub-prefects carry out their duties—often difficult duties—with zeal and devotion. The staff are efficient, hard-working and loyal, and have proved themselves during the current year, good at need. Finally, a large measure of gratitude is due, from both the boys and myself, to those masters who are officers in the cadet corps, and also to those who act in various capacities at games and sports.

FOOTBALL, 1925-26.

The football season, now drawing to a close, has been one of unqualified success from every point of view. The enthusiasm for the game has been well maintained, and the spirit shown leaves little to be desired. The teams met have been those which have been customary during the last few years, but there has been a large number of cancelled games owing to the inclement weather, yet the ground has stood the strain of constant use quite well.

The running of three teams and the "House" games, entails a great deal of refereeing, and our thanks are due in very large measure to those masters who give up so much time to the game.

The most improved House in "House" games has been "Grenville" and Dicker, its Captain, deserves congratulation on seeing the "House" doing well after so long a period of depression.

An outstanding feature of the season has been the large number, in comparison with previous seasons, of Old Boys' games, and it is to be hoped the future games will be as pleasant as those of the past.

Table of Results.

		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
						For	Against
First XI	21	16	2	3	112	43	
Second XI	13	8	4	1	63	47	
Third XI	17	12	3	2	136	66	

RESULTS OF GAMES.

1st Eleven.

v Junior Pharmacists	Won
v Tavistock Grammar School	won
v Senior Technical School	won
v Hoe Grammar School	won
v Hoe Grammar School	won
v Corporation Grammar School	won
v Old Boys' Eleven	drawn
v Corporation Grammar School	won
v Revenue and Banks 2nd XI	won
v Totnes Grammar School	won
v Shell Mex Oil Co., F.C.	won
v Old Boys' Eleven	won
v Senior Technical School	won
v Old Boy's Eleven	won
v Junior Pharmacists	won
v Liskeard County School	won
v Liskeard County School	lost
v H.M.S. "Impregnable"	lost
v Totnes Grammar School	drawn
v Junior Pharmacists	drawn
v Kingsbridge Grammar School	won
v Corporation Grammar School	lost

Goals "for" 112; "against" 43.

2nd Eleven.

v Regent Street 1st XI ;	won
v Junior Technical School 1st XI	won
v Corporation Grammar School 2nd	won
v Plympton Grammar School 1st XI	lost
v Hoe Grammar School 2nd XI	won
v Junior Technical School 1st XI	won
v Hoe Grammar School 2nd XI	won
v Callington County School	lost
v Plympton Grammar School 1st XI	lost
v Callington County School	drawn
v H.M.S. "Impregnable" 2nd XI	lost
v Regent Street School 1st XI	won
v Junior Art School 1st XI	won
v Corporation Grammar School 2nd XI	won

Goals "for" 63; "against" 47.

3rd Eleven.

v Royal Marine Buglers	lost
v Junior Technical School 2nd XI	drawn
v Hoe Grammar School 3rd XI	won
v Plympton Grammar School 2nd XI	won
v Hoe Grammar School 3rd XI	drawn
v Mutley Grammar Schools XI	won
v Royal Marine Bugles	won
v Junior Technical School 2nd XI	won
v Hoe Grammar School 3rd XI	won
v Plympton Grammar 2nd XI	lost
v Hoe Grammar School 3rd XI	lost
v St. Andrews' F. C.	won
v Royal Marine Buglers	won
v Junior Art School 2nd XI	won
v St. Boniface College 2nd XI	won
v Regent Street School 2nd XI	won
v Royal Marine Buglers	won
Goals "for" 136; "against" 66.	

THE "TEAM"

MEWTON—*Captain*; left wing forward; though not so conspicuous as during last season has played well; a splendid leader.

WILLIAMS—*Vice-Captain*; goalkeeper; very fine player; his loss will be severely felt.

TAMBLYN—*Secretary*; Centre half; defends well; a player to be relied on in a difficult situation.

EVANS—*Committee*; forward; very clever player; has been of great advantage to the side.

BATTRICK—Back; one of the outstanding players of the team; a hard worker and fine defender.

RICHARDS—Half; dependable but never showy; a really good half.

ALWAY—Forward; a most energetic and determined player; has scored freely.

KITT—Back; has been a worthy successor to Pope; will do well in the future.

GORDON—Half; very keen and eager player; defends well and supports his wing forwards.

FERGUSON—Forward; a very capable attacking player; uses his feet well; and earns his place in the side.

MAJOR—Forward; a new comer but has played quite well; is fast, clever and centres well.

POPE—Back; was a most reliable player; kicked well; always to be depended upon.

POLLARD—Forward; a very determined but variable player; usually did quite well.

HOW SHERIFF B. DRAYTON SAVED THE EXPRESS.

By R. J. D. Down, aged 12, Form IIIb.

Slowly Bob Drayton, sheriff of the district round Lone Hand Mountain rode over the prairie. He was deep in thought, apparently oblivious of the beauty of the sun sinking behind the far off hills. Of late a band of outlaws—desperate fellows who would stop at nothing—had been stealing cattle, holding up coaches and so forth. They called themselves "Fang A," and were reported to be in the Lone Hand district. He rode on—At last he arrived at Whistling Canyon, so named because of the queer noise made by the wind rushing up and down the gorge. It was a desolate spot at least ten miles from any habitation and spanned by a bridge. The railway ran across on one side while on the other was a path for the world at large. Suddenly he dismounted for he had seen a piece of string tied round one of the boards suggesting something tied underneath. He cut the string, pulling it round as he did so. A small box was disclosed. He opened it and saw "a time bomb." The dial showed that it was to go off in ninety seconds. Swiftly he cut a wire, rendering it useless and threw it away.

The Sheriff saw at once the whole plan. The "Fang A" would have blown up the bridge. An express, with a consignment of gold would come along and be wrecked at the bridge. The outlaws would take the gold and leave the district. They were probably watching him now. The express was due soon. He must warn it. He saw a cloud of smoke in the distance gradually growing nearer. Mounting his horse he galloped towards the ever approaching train. He heard a loud explosion behind. Turning he saw the bridge had been blown up.—There had been more than one bomb.

A shot rang out and Bob felt a red hot pain in his arm. He sagged in the saddle but kept on. The driver seeing his frantic signals pulled up. He was told the story and then he backed the train to Lone Hand Station. Parties were sent out and one luckily succeeded in catching the whole of the "Fang A." Bob Drayton, as you may suppose, was very handsomely rewarded.

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

President :—The Headmaster.

General Secretary :—Mr. H. Ferraro.

The Report of the Headquarters Secretary shows that several interesting events have been arranged. It is hoped that members will assist in making these efforts a success by early application to the addresses given.

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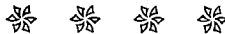
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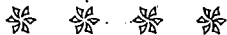
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Up to the time of writing no successor to Mr. Brooks has been discovered for the London Branch. In the meanwhile London members are being looked after by Headquarters. The London Membership is now 25.

The School Sports will take place at Montpelier on Wednesday May 12th at 2 p.m. Old Boys will be welcomed at this as at all School functions.

HEADQUARTERS NOTES.

Hon. Secretary :—Mr. Cyril E. Gill, 14 Haddington Road, Stoke, Devonport.

Committee :—Messrs. W. J. Andrews, E. Cammack, W. J. Ching, B. H. Chowen, E. Coleman, E. E. Cock, L. Murray, A. Pryor, N. Taylor, C. Condy U'Ren and J. H. D. Westlake.

The attention of all members is directed to the following notices of forthcoming events :—

April 6th, Tuesday.—On this date a Whist Drive and Dance will be held at the Exmouth Hall at 7 p.m. This time the experiment is being tried of running a Dance and Whist Drive concurrently. Arrangements are in the hands of Mr. L. R. Murray, 7 Molesworth Terrace, Stoke, to whom applications for tickets should be addressed.
Price of Tickets 2/- Single; 3/6 Double.

April 10th, Saturday.—Football match against the School. Kick off 2-30 p.m. Those who wish to play should apply to Mr. N. Taylor, 15, Stoke Terrace, Devonport.

June 26th, Saturday.—The Committee are pleased to announce that the ANNUAL OUTING will take place on this date. A most enjoyable trip has been arranged to TEIGNMOUTH, TORQUAY and PAIGNTON. Particulars are as follows—Char-a-banc leaves the D.M.T. waiting room, Whimble Street, Plymouth at 2 p.m. for Teignmouth, via Ashburton and Newton Abbot, arriving at 4-15 p.m. Tea will be served at Rolston's Café, 12, Teign Street, at 5 p.m. The party will leave here at 6 p.m. for Torquay and Paignton, where they will stay until 9 p.m. at which time the Char-a-banc will leave Deller's Cafe for Plymouth arriving 10-45 p.m.

Tickets are strictly limited to thirty-three. Price 7/6 (inclusive). Application for tickets (with remittances) should be made to Mr. E. E. Cock, 39, Cedarcroft Road, Peverell, Plymouth.

Important.—The above is the only notification which will be given to Old Boys' and their friends of these events. You are therefore requested to write as soon as possible to the gentlemen concerned and to show your willingness to support the functions.

May I remind Members whose subscriptions are overdue that the current financial year began on August 1st. The Annual Meeting will be held next Term and it would greatly assist the Treasurer in preparing the Balance Sheet if outstanding subscriptions were forwarded at once.

CYRIL E. GILL.

THE MUSE ON STRIKE:

I have come to the conclusion that I am bullied too much. Wherever I go I am bound by countless restrictions and subjected to the multitudinous rules which make modern school life so interesting—interesting, I mean in the sense of a cross-word puzzle ; one is never sure whether in keeping one rule one is not transgressing in another direction—and now, to cap it all a strange little sub-editor has had the effrontery to tell me that I must compose a poem ("some verse" he called it) in the space of one lesson. I have decided to revolt. *I am not going to be ground down.* If he wants verse why doesn't he run a junior verse competition, no entrance fee, form masters to receive entries and the least offending translation to be printed in the magazine complete with notes and vocabulary.

This idea should be worth developing, in fact I might possibly be awarded a complimentary copy of the magazine as a reward for thinking it out. Personally, I think that the notion would appeal to the vanity of the lower school, of course *vers libre* would be allowable, otherwise the paucity of entries would be astounding, but nevertheless the efforts would certainly brighten up the magazine.

Surely that inspired cartoonist who bi-annually adorns our notice boards with his (presumably) weaker efforts could rise to the occasion and light the flame of ambition in the hearts of our budding Hardys. Such advertisements as these could not fail to attract attention. Possibly a little wording might be necessary in order to establish the import of the picture but *ça ne fait rien*, we have a sub-editor to attend to these details (I really don't know what he'll think of me for mentioning him twice already, but he's a placid individual except when he's doing Latin or laughing).

In true revolutionary spirit, however, I appear to have wandered from my original theme and it behoves me once more to steel myself against the vituperation of this bane of my existence—this being (he sits immediately behind me) who prods me on my backstuds every few minutes and grunts throaty gutturals prophesying my eternal discomfort if I don't provide him with some verse.

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PLYMOUTH.

Now, however, the red flag is aloft. The next time he digs me I shall wave it vigorously and throw an Alford at him. I am, as I have already observed, determined upon mutiny. I will not be tyrannised. If he asks me again. I'll—Ouch! you beast, shut up prodding!

THOS.

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL CADET CORPS.

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

<i>Officer Commanding,</i>	Cadet Captain H. Ferraro.
<i>Chaplain,</i>	The Rev. Preb. J. B. Heywood-Waddington M.A., C.F.
<i>Cadet Lieutenants,</i>	A. Hutchings, C. F. Armor.
<i>Cadet 2nd Lieutenant,</i>	G. M. Davis
<i>Sergeant-Major</i>	A. E. Cracknell.
<i>Quarter Master Sergt.</i>	K. C. Dicker.
<i>Sergeants,</i>	T. H. Burton, W. T. Irish, E. Paynter, and R. Proffitt.
<i>Corporals,</i>	A. Blatchford, T. P. Cracknell, K. Drummond, W. J. Tamblin.
<i>Lance Corporals</i>	R. L. Deasy, V. O'Brien, C. P. Osborne, S. Giddy, F. H. Meek, C. Soar.

The Corps has now completed its eleventh year of recognition by the War Office and the present strength of nearly seventy shows that it continues to make its appeal to a considerable proportion of the School, and that an increasing number of boys are availing themselves of the training the Corps affords. A Cadet Corps training is not designed for the improvement of physique alone. Even more important is the fact that it seeks to create in the Cadet a sense of responsibility and to encourage him to cultivate a power of restraint and of quick decision. It is not every boy who will make a good Cadet, for Membership of the Corps entails a certain sacrifice of ease and of leisure time. The corps is not for the sluggard.

As is usually the case in the Spring Term, the weather has frequently interfered with the Wednesday parades at Montpelier. However, the N.C.O.'s responsible for Sections have welcomed the opportunity of exercising their Sections in other branches of Corps work which are included in the Lampard Cup Competition.

A special feature of the term has been the Shooting. For several years, thanks to the careful coaching of Lieut. Armor, the standard of shooting has steadily improved. During the past

few months the Corps has competed in team Shoots against Devonport Y.M.C.A. and the Marine Buglers. In each case our teams proved to be the winners. In the second match with the latter team the shooting was particularly good, the points scored by the D.H.S. team being as follows:—

Sergt. Burton	96	C.S.M. Cracknell	95
Cadet George	95	Cadet Stone	95
Cpl. Profitt	93	Cpl. Cracknell	91

Through the kindness of Capt Burton and Lieut. Stone the Corps became possessed of several medals to be awarded for shooting. A competition was arranged and a keen contest resulted, Cpl. Cracknell and Sergt. Williams being 1st and 2nd respectively. Cadet Stone was also awarded a medal for the highest individual score in the Inter-Schools Shoots at the Summer Camp.

At the time of writing no definite arrangements have been made for the 1926 Camp, but it is practically certain that a Camp will be held. The numbers from the D.H.S. Corps who attended successive camps were 14, 21, 30 and 40. We hope to take an even larger contingent this year.

The Annual Concert was held on Saturday, March 20th, and proved, as usual, a great success. The Headmaster, members of the staff and friends accepted invitations to be present and the Cadets had drawn up an attractive programme. Pianoforte solos were rendered by Cpl. Blatchford and L/Cpl. O'Brien, songs by Lieut. Davis, Sergt. Williams and Cadet Lawry. L/Cpl. Osborne contributed Violin solos while Mandolin and Banjo solos were given by Sergt. Paynter and H. Macey, respectively. Sergts. Burton and Paynter gave a Flute Duet while Concerted Items were rendered by the Cadets. A Jazz Band was again a popular feature. Two sketches were presented in which parts were well sustained by Q.M.S. Dicker, Sergt. Irish, L/Cpl. Meek, L/Cpl. Giddy, L/Cpl. Osborne, Cadets Gibson, Lee, Marwood and Morgan. R. Mewton was the accompanist.

WILFRID'S LAMENT.

A crash—a yell— two objects on the ground—
 There lay poor Wilfrid with some fragments round,
 Which seemed to bear resemblance to a bike ;
 A crowd had gathered, much to his delight,
 And sad to say, such sights did smite the eye
 That all the lookers-on began to cry—
 But Wilfrid, rising boldly from the wreck
 Aloud did cry, in mighty oaths " By Heck !
 That bike of mine I really do abhor
 It's heaps more bent now than it was before.¹
 Its look is ghastly—sadly does it seem

To be the horrid product of a dream,"
 His words, tho' strange were evidently true
 And picking up the wreckage—looking blue—
 He set about his task with tragic mien
 And smiled, though 'twas a bitter smile, I ween.
 His crank was bent and loudly did he curse
 As kicking it, he only made it worse,
 His broken brake he soundly had abused,
 And several damsels—dainty ears unused
 To such melodious music—stayed to hear
 No more—but flitted far away, we fear.
 Upon his bell his glance did chance to stray
 It was the finest sight of all the day.
 'Tis true it was not handsome 'fore this time,
 But broken off, it now lay in the grime.
 Then speechless rage had got him in its grip
 And violently he chewed his nether lip,
 But with an effort born of wild despair
 (Ah, no! dear friends, he had *not* torn his hair)
 He heaved his weary carcase, with a moan,
 Upon the pavement, where, with many a groan,
 He lay; and soon he gathered up some bits
 But sticking them together tried his wits,
 For pieces here and there had strewn the road
 Which, when collected, made a hefty load.
 Then howling sadly like a tortured soul,
 He glanced once more at this divided whole;
 But then his moral courage came again,
 And dropping many pieces down a drain
 He tied the rest together with some string:
 Most marvellous of all—commenced to sing.
 Then mounting on his fiery steed of steel
 (It still would go, although with many a squeal)
 He disappeared across the landscape fair—
 Alas! beneath his cap grey was his hair.

Envoi:—

O, you who read this weary tale of woe
 Perchance you pass the "Tech" as home you go
 And if you do, I pray you pause in thought
 For Wilfrid, who, close to this spot, was caught
 Amongst the tram-lines; reader, shed a tear
 And you, to Wilfrid, ever will be dear.

W. LAWRY.

THE 1925 OLD BOYS' DINNER.

An atmosphere of real good fellowship dominated the reunion of over sixty old D.H.S.ians at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel where Members met to celebrate the Annual Dinner. It was not difficult to 'sense' the atmosphere when welcome after welcome was accorded everyone and indeed if ever a boy leaves the High School with regret at the friends he will miss he is amply repaid in the pleasure he obtains himself, and gives to others, at this Annual Function.

The arrangements were in the hands of the Dinner Secretary (Mr. Eric E. Cock), and the first hour 6-30 to 7-30 took the form of an informal reception which enabled the President (Mr. Arthur Treseder), and the General Secretary (Mr. H. Ferraro) to welcome each Old Boy individually. Dinner was served at 7-30 in the large dining hall where parties of four had their own private table. At the long table sat the President, the General Secretary, the Dinner Secretary, the representatives of the Western Morning News and Western Independent, also Mr. W. J. Andrews and Lieut. W. H. Treays. After the toast to 'The King' had been proposed by the President, the Company left the Dining Hall for the Lounge where the remainder of the evening was given to songs and speeches.

Lieut. W. H. Treays who gave "The Association" cited some examples of interesting encounters with Old Boys in India and elsewhere. Wherever one went there was a chance of meeting somebody from the old school. They all wanted to keep in touch with the School and, in the Association, they had the means of doing so. Old Boys, claimed the speaker, had a band of fellowship which was strengthened by the Association.

Mr. H. Ferraro in replying said that the Association was well on in its fifth year of existence and during that five years they could point to sustained membership. The headquarters Association now numbered two hundred and four, and there were twenty-three on the London roll. The great aim of the Old Boys' Association was to keep members in touch with one another and with the School, and as far as that aim was concerned the present Association was doing that work. "It would have been impossible to have such a brilliant affair to-night but for the organisation of the Association," he said. "I feel that this Association is part of the school we were all at. We are proud of the school and I think it is up to each one of us to make the school proud of the Association."

The toast of "The School" was proposed by Mr. F. H. Pritchard: "If you happen to enter a London saleroom," he remarked humorously, "you may see a dingy old canvas and a number of men criticising it carefully. These men are connoisseurs looking for old masters. The value of the canvas depends upon its genuineness. It may not be ornamental; it may be a mouldy looking affair. Now you have before you a genuine "old master" (*cheers*). I see by the way you have received that, you are all connoisseurs." He was proud to be an "old master." Not a year ago he took leave of the staff of the High School, with mixed feelings.

One could not leave an institution like the High School without some mixed feelings. D.H.S. had a great name. He had been asking himself to what the success was due. It was not due to the building—very many schools had finer buildings—not due to a paternal education authority—for while a school might make the fame of an education authority, no education authority could make a great school. He had discovered the secret. It lay in the fact that at D.H.S. they had the privilege of a band of masters who had been there a long time and had remained faithful to it. They had the Headmaster with his well-known devotion to duty, and his very able lieutenant, Mr. Andrews. These men had set up from the beginning the most lofty ideals of tradition and service, and others who took office at a later date had no option but to fall in with that tradition. It was with thankfulness for the past and confidence in the future that he rose to propose the toast of "The School."

The Headmaster (Mr. Arthur Treseder), replying, said: "I thank you all for the cordial and hearty way in which you have received the toast of the old school which was so ably and eloquently given by my friend and erstwhile colleague, Mr. Pritchard, and in that toast he showed himself to be what many of us here know him to be, a master of clear and delightful English, master of epigram, and master of wit, reminiscent of Addison, and the lovable Charles Lamb.

"If the staff in view of these kind things said about them were capable of blushing they would, I think, have given a lively advertisement for a certain famous soap by showing that schoolgirl complexion which, however, we cannot hope to keep. It is a pleasant memory with regard to Mr. Pritchard to think that while he was with us, serving us so skilfully and so faithfully, nevertheless the school did in some sense serve him. It brought him into contact with boys of different ages and varying capacities and that, I think, helped him to produce those excellent books which he has written. And it is due to those books. I am given to understand, that the head of a great publishing firm got to know him and to offer him the present most important position which he holds." He had to report that all was well with the school. The Magazine had reached "No. 43" which meant that it had been running about twenty years. The Cadet Corps numbered some 70 strong, and at the Summer Camp had won the tug-o-war contest and was first in shooting. During the current year eight sixth form boys had passed the Inter. B.Sc., and eight did so last year and eight during 1923.—twenty-four in three years. (*loud cheers*). Every master connected with the teaching of those twenty-four boys should be congratulated; but, in a special degree, Mr. Ferraro. Mr. Ferraro gave time in school and out of school, and his one increasing purpose in life was for the good of the whole school and the benefit of the boys. Old Boys could not but be proud of the successes of the School year by year, but they in the School were equally proud of the Old Boys, of their achievements and in the

act that when they left school they did not close their books down.

Some one might say " You have told us something about the body and soul of the School, but what about the spirit of the School ? What has it done morally and spiritually for those who leave it ? "

One of the articles of his " credo " was that it was impossible to divorce interest in work and interest in play from the formation of character. The staff, for example, did not do much preaching in the school, but, by example, they did a great deal. " You all know there are difficulties to be combatted. Some are permanent in human nature, some are peculiar to the present day, due to the manifold distractions from work, cheap amusements and the spirit of " get there quickly " and the view some parents take—which seems to me too ridiculous to mention—of homework. Homework seems to me such a moral asset for any school, and it is essential. The only way in which homework can be dispensed with is to dispense with holidays."

He thought a good free translation of the School motto, " *Prorsum semper honeste*," would be " Don't shirk ; don't cheat."

Mr. W. J. Andrews then proposed a toast to " the optimist of the Association " thanking him for making the arrangements for so a successful a reunion of old D.H.S.-ians.

Mr. Eric E. Cock suitably replied.

Mr. W. E. Brockman gave " The Artistes," to which Mr. G. Davis replied. Those who contributed to the musical programme were :—Messrs. G. M. Davis, R. Wherry, W. O. Sims and P. Gollop, and Mr. Arthur Millett (at the piano).

Those present were :—

Mr. A. Treseder, (Chairman) ; and Mr. H. Ferraro, (Gen. Secretary).

Messrs: G. A. Chamberlain, E. Remfry, C. E. Pike, J. S. Murrin, R. S. Gollop, C. Condy U'Ren, W. Odam, E. E. Cock, P. Gollop, K. S. Mason, F. W. Hawton, W. E. Brockman, G. L. Usher, F. James, S. T. Ternouth, A. L. Stephens, C. F. Glover, R. M. Burch, N. L. Taylor, R. J. Lark, C. F. Austin, W. E. Stitson, A. G. Uglow, A. J. Jeffery, R. W. Widger, G. H. Widger, P. J. Rickard, G. E. Hardy, E. G. Coleman, R. G. Trevithick, J. Phillips, J. H. Proctor, W. H. Treays, O. G. Watkins, T. Hamilton, J. H. Hamilton, W. G. Perkins, J. H. D. Millett, A. J. Millett, F. C. Glover, N. L. Rowe, L. E. A. Hopkins, T. H. C. Mitchell, W. Sampson, R. G. Hill, W. O. Sims, F. H. Pritchard, R. J. Werry, G. Davis, E. H. Hosking, W. J. Andrews, W. V. Curtain, C. G. Gosling, W. H. Bullock, L. Harwood, H. Miller, E. E. Cammack, R. F. E. Cock and W. Varcoe.

LITERARY AND DÉBATING SOCIETY.

Secretary's Report.

The final meeting of the society last term was held on Wednesday December 9th, and was given over to a full-dress rehearsal of the French play, "Les Deux Sourds," (Jules Moinaux), which had been adapted by Mr. T. J. O'Gorman for presentation at the following Speech Day.

The characters were played as follows :

Damoiseau	W. E. Battrick
Placide	W. R. R. Mewton
Boniface	K. C. Dicker
Eglantine	C. P. Osborne
Un Garde Champetre	F. H. Meek
Un Jardinier	C. E. Nethercott

This was preceded by a French Dialogue "En Classe" given by the pupils of form IVa also under the direction of Mr. T. J. O'Gorman. The part of the schoolmaster was admirably played by T. Le Bailly. The Chairman Mr. G. M. Davis enlivened the evening with songs and Mr. Farrant played some French music.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, the first meeting of the society this term, a novel debate was introduced when the house met to consider the "report and recommendations of H. M. Commission appointed to investigate the present scholastic system." The following represented the commission :—

Mr. K. C. Dicker, (*Chairman*), Mr. W. E. Battrick, Mr. T. H. Burton, Mr. W. J. Fewings, Mr. H. B. May.

A brisk debate developed from the well directed speeches of the Chairman, Mr. K. C. Dicker, and except for the small attendance the evening was decidedly a success.

On Wednesday, February 17th, Mr. W. E. Battrick proposed that "this House is of the opinion that the increased love for pleasure prevalent among the community is a serious menace to the industrial and moral welfare of the nation." The motion was opposed by Mr. C. P. Osborne, while Mr. H. Whitfeld spoke third and Mr. H. Macey seconded the opposition. The subject developed very well, the house being very evenly divided on the subject. The motion was eventually accepted by a majority of two.

On Friday March 5th an Inter Schools debate was held at Plymouth College to which our members were invited. W. C. Gingell, Esq., M.A., took the chair at 8 p.m. and placed the following motion before the House :—

"This House would welcome the return of Labour at the next election."

Miss L. Brown, (Plymouth High School) seconded by Mr. J. H. S. Rowland, (Plymouth College) supported the motion.

Mr. T. H. Burton, (Devonport High School) seconded by Miss M. Jones, (Devonport Secondary School), led the opposition.

Miss L. Brown in moving the motion said that in her opinion the Labour Party was the only fit party to rule. The Liberal Party was dying a natural death and the Conservative party was not the party to rule a democratic country. This was shown by their attempts to make cuts in such vital things as education, and to waste money at Singapore, while they had neglected their duty to provide houses for the population. Miss Brown was also very emphatic in demanding that the vote should be given to women over 21.

Mr. T. H. Burton, the leader of the Opposition, said that there were two parties to be considered—socialist and anti-socialist. He maintained that the party to which the house had been asked to entrust the government of the country was divided on every point in its policy and that the promises which it made to the working class could not possibly be fulfilled. He said that any encouragement of the Labour Party provided an opening for the Communists—already the "Red" Sunday Schools were tending to make Communists of the future Englishmen. The Labour Party had not the interests of the nation at heart but the interests of the individual working man, and no party upon those principles could hope to govern an empire comprising one fifth of the globe.

Mr. J. S. Rowland, seconding the motion, also dismissed any idea of a Liberal majority as improbable. He then endeavoured to show that the Conservative Party judging by their records for the past eighteen months was not the kind of party to which the future government of the country should be entrusted. They had increased the expenditure on armaments and decreased the super tax at the expense of Education, while the Locarno Treaty had been founded on the very excellent spade work of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. A minority government such as the country had experienced when Labour was in office but not in power was useless. The only thing left was the return of Labour with a clear majority. There was some confusion, he said, in the minds of some people as to Labour and Communism. The Sunday Schools were run by Communists, while at the last Labour Congress, Communists had been definitely excluded from membership of the Labour Party. He agreed that there was a steady growth of Communism and said that the country would have to choose between a communist revolution, or a socialist state by constitutional means.

Miss M. Jones, seconding the opposition, said that until the system of delegation whereby every Labour member must support labour principles at all costs was abandoned, a Labour government would fail. Concerning the nationalisation of railways, those of France were generally acknowledged to be the most inconvenient and ill-managed railways of the continent—they were nationalised!

A lively debate ensued and the subject was well discussed, the speakers however, being restricted owing to lack of time. Messrs. W. E. Battrick, K. C. Dicker and C. P. Osborne represented D.H.S. Miss L. Brown in summing up took the opportunity to answer questions that had occurred during the debate. Finally the House divided as follows:—

For the Motion 23.

Against 81.

the motion being rejected by 58 votes.

The remaining meetings of the society will be reported in the next issue of the magazine.

K. C. DICKER, *Chairman.*

C. P. OSBORNE, *Secretary.*

THE COUP !

An Easter Adventure.

Two boys were walking briskly down a Devonshire lane on their way to Ivy Manor, their uncle's residence, where they were staying for the Easter holidays.

"Do you know, Bob, somehow or other I hate that butler. I don't think he's straight," remarked one.

"My dear chap, why, the colonel trusts him with the key of all the family plate and thinks nothing of it. He served under him in the war. Still, he is a bit of a prig, I must admit," replied his companion. A sudden silence fell upon them as they strode along, each deep in his own thoughts. Presently, a little way ahead, voices were roused in altercation.

"I tell you we'll get those jewels to-night. It's simple enough as you've got the key. The old boss is too dotty to cause any disturbance," a coarse voice shouted.

"Shut up, you fool, someone may hear," suggested the other cautiously, and as with mutual accord the two listeners glided into a shady nook, a man came out of a near-by gate, peered up and down the lane and then again disappeared. Bob gripped his chum's arm excitedly.

"Did you see who it was, Tony?" he whispered.

"Yes," replied the other, "It was the butler, James Whitteer"

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"Hush," whispered Tony Travers, despite the intense silence which pervaded everything. He and his chum were crouching in a gloomy recess in the corridor leading to a room where the

colonel kept some very valuable jewels and other family heirlooms. The faint sound of footsteps reached their waiting ears. Presently these grew more distinct. Bob's hand closed convulsively over the poker he was gripping whilst Tony feverishly tautened the cord which was stretched across the passage a few inches above the ground. A shadowy form loomed before them. It stepped into the moonlight which streamed through a solitary window. The watchers caught the cold gleam of a revolver. Then—"James!"

The word broke simultaneously from both their lips, but even as it was uttered the butler tripped over the cord and Bob was on top of him. The poker fell on the hand that held the deadly weapon and the latter clattered out of reach. Before their victim could recover from his astonishment, he was gagged and bound. Tony who had taken possession of the revolver, laughed.

"Had—H—A—D—spells Had, my dear James. You little dreamt that we overheard you discussing plans with your associates in crime. Now we have our revenge for the insults you have paid us. You martinet, you hypocritical beast with your arrogant ways, you....."

What the indignant lad would have said more is not known for once again there came the sound of footsteps. Whitteer writhed furiously but without avail as he was bundled ignominiously into the recess.

Nearer and nearer approached the new arrivals. Then there came a sudden silence and a hoarse whisper:

"All safe, Bill,?"

Tony pinched his chum's arm for silence and softly replied in as good an imitation of his captive's voice as he could imagine:

"Yes, come along."

From the gloom of the corridor there came a muttered curse and the footsteps recommenced. Tony's heart pounded furiously as he whispered instructions to Bob. A crouching man with a ferocious face stepped into the pale stream of light. Behind him crept another figure. Once again the cord twanged and the leader stumbled. Like a flash Tony was beside him and knocked him senseless with a blow of Whitteer's revolver. At the same instant Bob's poker crashed down on the confederate and he also sank in an inert heap.

"A pleasant evening's work," chuckled Tony, wiping the perspiration from his brow.

"Sure, and now oi'll be raising the....."

"What do you mean by this clatter"?

It was the colonel himself in a dressing gown and nightcap,

holding in one hand a candle and in the other a revolver and looking at once both ludicrous and extremely stern. Behind him clustered a group of frightened servants. The scene was indeed a weird one. The dancing candle flame chased grotesque shadows across white faces. Now and again the stunned burglars would move convulsively

"We mean just this," replied Tony hotly, "that your butler, the one you trusted implicitly is an utter rogue and that he had planned with the two men you see lying here to burgle this house and incidentally to disappear with the Southern Star, which I understand to be an extremely valuable family heirloom."

"Inconceivable, impossible!—James? Never! there must be some mistake. Besides there are only two here. Hey, you, call James from his bedroom—tell him to come here at once."

The boys' triumph was complete.

"James, sir, is here," explained Tony, as he and Bob dragged their captive from the blackness of the recess. Colonel Armstrong nearly dropped the candle in his astonishment. He was indeed a pathetic figure. Across his fine old face there flitted signs of the struggle that was going on within him—faith and doubt in a well matched combat. Seemingly indisputable proof of his butler's guilt as against an affection and belief in his servant founded on the terrible days of the War. Could the man have betrayed the trust placed in him? With his own hands, trembling a little in spite of himself, he removed the gag.

"James"—there was an ill-concealed note of emotion in that voice, "James, prove that you are guiltless. You have not done this thing. There is some mistake." The beseeching words died away into an oppressive silence. The butler's face was stern but he did not speak. The minutes fled.

"Can it be there was a man in my regiment who was faithless, a traitor?" The bitter words came from the mouth of the old man. Then did the butler stir himself as from a trance.

"I must tell," he muttered, "pray God he will be lenient," and looking the colonel full in the face, he said:

"I think, sir, all will be satisfactorily explained if the two boys will just look within my bedroom. There they will be surprised to see "me" lying bound on the ground. It is one of those inexplicable mysteries easily explained by the fact that I have a twin brother who leads a life of crime. His resemblance to me is remarkable, as these young gentlemen will agree. This evening, just before retiring to bed, I thought I heard a footstep outside my door. Opening it I was confronted with my brother. I told him to leave the building at once. He refused. I succeeded in over-

powering him in the subsequent struggle, and then, feeling sure he would have accomplices, I made my way, with his revolver, to the plate room which I rightly judged to be their object. The rest you know."

"If you don't mind, sir," added the butler, "I would suggest that we give all three men two hours to escape before communicating with the police. After all, you see, sir, he is my brother."

"Certainly, I will," cried the now excited colonel.

"I...I say, James, awf'ly sorry, you know, that we have made such a ghastly mess of it. Hope we didn't hurt you," murmured the crestfallen Tony.

"Oh, nothing at all," was the genial response, "only (with biting sarcasm) please try and refrain in future from dwelling upon other people's failings. I may be a "martinet" and a "hypocritical beast,"—and I shall endeavour to rectify these faults—but it is not very pleasant to be told so to one's face!"

The End.

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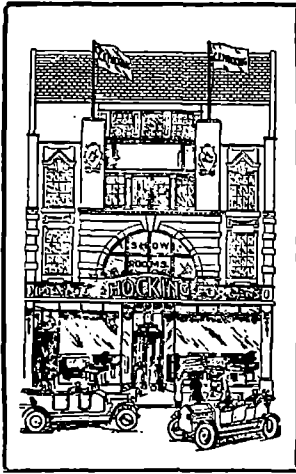
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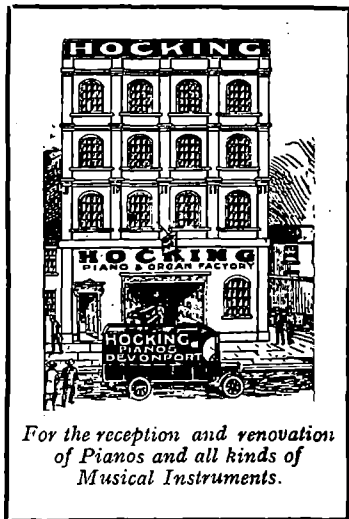
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