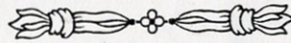
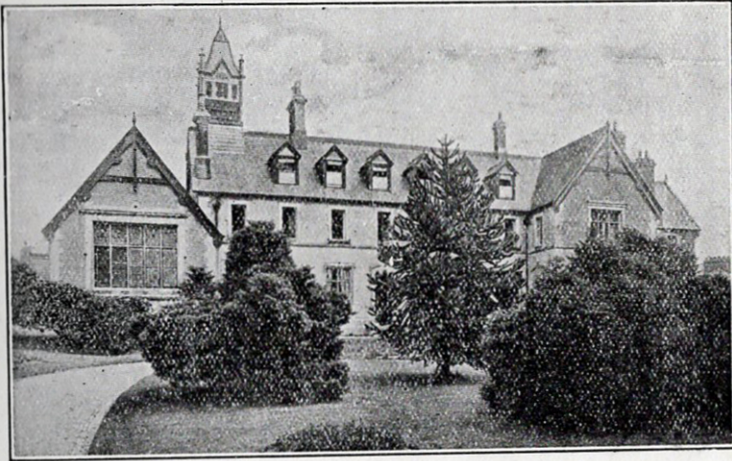


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## EDITORIAL.

**T**HEN sing, ye Birds, sing, sing a joyous song!  
And let the young Lambs bound  
As to the tabor's sound!  
We in thought will join your throng,  
Ye that pipe and ye that play,  
Ye that through your hearts to-day  
Feel the gladness of the May!

*Wordsworth.*

Now to prosy affairs. We thank Mr. Wheeler and T. Reed for their care in providing the paper-chase and footer groups; also J. A. Pryor, who sent the O.D. Group. The blocks are from Arc Engraving Co., Farringdon Avenue, E.C.

Next, a finance matter: a second notice has been sent to various O.D.s who, not renewing their subscriptions early in the year, have had a second notice, and some sums are coming in. Most of the subscription periods end with December, and it is well if when the first notice comes the subscription is renewed then, in January. This saves a good deal of trouble and expense. The subscription is 2/6 annually, 7/- for 3 years—latter preferred.

Thirdly, from the god Hymen himself: at the Break-up supper it was the pleasure of the Staff and pupils to present Miss L. Berry and Mr. C. S. Parsonson Mus. Bac. with a travelling case (a get-more-in kind), in view of their approaching wedding, on St. George's Day, Shakespeare's Day, B. and P. Day. Mr. Winterbottom and David Mansfield happily introduced the presentation, and the Headmaster and all the Company hilariously supported. Mr. Parsonson replied



for Miss Berry and himself, and before the evening closed gathered us all round the piano with his "Home Sweet Home," of which we never tire.

O.D.s requiring O.D. blazers, ties, etc., should write to Messrs. George Lewin, Crooked Lane, Cannon St., E.C., enclosing card of membership of O.D.A. (obtained, 2/6, from Dr. Toy, 25, Boileau Road, Ealing, W. 5.)

We have to acknowledge notes from Mr. Kent, Mrs. Collings, C.G.P., K.L., W.E.W., H.L.P., B.B., J.C.E., J.S.T., R.S.P., F.R.E.W., C.T.D., J.P., C.F.J., S.H.T., W.G.B., L.A., H.L.S., J.B., J.C.M., H.B.E., R.V.S., J.R., W.J.H., D.R., J.H.H., B.K.J., W.T.W., B.T.W.B., F.R., W.E.B., D.C.O., J.R.M., F.C.T., P.S., H.J.O., and welcome calls from R.P.D., S.O.R., R.D.P., J.K.F., W.J.B., W.G.B., L.A., J.A.C. regret for any omission.

### Public Examination Successes.

The December lists of the Cambridge Local Examinations contain the following: School Certificate, Senior: M. J. Hoare (hons.), R. T. G. Stephens, K. Lawrey, E. M. Lawrey, B. Richardson, J. H. Radbourne, F. R. E. Whiting.

Juniors: C. S. Bennett, A. V. Everitt, J. K. Hart, J. C. Parsons, W. T. Richardson, D. J. H. Strout, R. B. Wise, L. G. T. Drew.

M. J. Hoare and R. G. Stephens attained London Matriculation Exemption; Hoare also has been awarded a 50/- prize by the committee of the Association of Independent Schools, and £1 prize by the Local Committee of the Launceston centre.

The holders of College Exhibitions are J. V. Pike, E. D. Mansfield, M. Hoare and E. M. Lawrey.



### Football.

The remnant of the footer season has comprised six games, of which three were won, one drawn, two lost. Goals for 12, against 13.

January 24th, *v.* Newport Villa, home, won 4—3.

February 7th, *v.* Okehampton School, home, drawn, 2—2.

February 14th, *v.* Newport Villa, home, won, 2—1.

February 21st, *v.* Jordan's XI, home, lost, 0—2.

March 9th, *v.* Bodmin School, home, lost, 1—3.

March 13th, *v.* Camelford School, away, won, 3—2.

The team has been selected from D. Mansfield; Mr. Brock, Key 1, Key 11; Mr. Wheeler, C. V. Pike, T. G. Reed, Richardson; Mr. Williams, W. Bailey, D. Williams, G. Hardy, C. A. Pearce, E. M. Lawrey, B. Kelly. A group of one of the teams (boys), with F. Blewett in place of G. Hardy (absent ill) is given in the small snap on the photo page.

The totals for the whole season have been: played 14; won six, lost six, drawn two.

C. V. PIKE (capt.); A. KEY (vice-capt.)

In recent issues of the *Launceston Weekly News*, a "40 years ago" paragraph notes White, Wenn, Nicholls playing for the Town in a game against the College, for whom Ley Pethybridge, Wiltshire, and Broad played well; College won 1—0. Another reference, in 1904, recalls the names of A. M. Chirgwin and E. J. Tabb in the Launceston front line, playing for County medals at Truro.

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### The Paper Chase.

Half-way through the Easter Term, certain mysterious rites were performed in the "South," and many a well-filled exercise book, torn in shreds, found



its way into a capacious linen bag. No, we were not showing our spite against school work in general, but merely preparing for the Paper Chase.

The great day arrived and found us all provided with each other's gym. shoes. The hares turned out looking like prosperous news vendors, and spent a considerable time in looking for spare horse-shoes which judging from the weight of the bags they swore were concealed amongst the paper. The bevy of beauty, on exhibition in the quad, posed, and was duly "snapped."

The juniors, big of heart but short of leg, indulged in a cross-country of their own. It has since been rumoured that their sprightly hares made the leader of the pack quite giddy with their false trails; whilst H—'s tread grew flatter and flatter, and W—'s ankles suffered a severe strain, due to the furious pace.

We seniors, however, were unable to prevent one little "brick" (St-nb-r-) from joining our pack, despite his size. He certainly justified his inclusion by arriving home in the first eight.

Amidst sunshine, cheers, threats and promises the hares left, or rather, were driven off, at 2-45 p.m. We had managed to beat them down to a five-minute start and there seemed a fair chance of a "capture."

The trail was found at Dunheved Cross and completely lost within the next two hundred yards. Somebody found it over a hedge and off we went. Coming in to Western Road, we found that the kindly wind had scattered the scent. Here again, the hares appeared to have enjoyed themselves, and left us wasting valuable moments.

Several hounds, recognizing a dissected algebra impot, enabled us to pick up the trail again. Striking across fields and through hedges, we left the Baths on



Paper Chase Snaps and Footer Group.



The Hares : D. Mansfield, Mr. Wheeler, M. Hoare.



our right, indulging instead, in a paddle in the brook by the railway. The trail lay along the railway embankment and up St. Stephen's Hill, where old Gaffer Mumblegum cheered us on with a "'E'll voinde they 'ome to tay, bye naow!"

Gates were a nuisance, if they weren't opened, souvenir pieces seemed to come away in one's hands. But we staggered on, passing across fields near Werrington Park and down the hillside to the brickworks. Here, the hares seemed to have suffered a fit of generosity, and liberal trails were laid on a tortuous track through the woods to the Tamar. We spotted them then, and if "tally-ho's" were helpful, they were as good as caught.

Having crossed the river, looking for invisible scent, we were off again up the long slope, leaving Polson well on the left. Down again into the valley we went, and here was the hardest part of the run.

One hare, evidently thinking he had been provided with blotting paper, fell in a stream. We of the pack, continued to gather constant reminders of the journey at every hawthorn hedge. A minute's respite was granted while we were at liberty to gaze upon and admire a S. R. goods train. Never was a train so long, and never did one move so slowly as we patiently waited on one side whilst the hares vanished on the other.

Off again, across the Exeter Road and straight for Dunheved. Oh, that "home straight" was agony to weary limbs—a chase up the almost perpendicular side of Tamar Terrace.

We finished up across the college field and found the hares, looking like retired dust men, extremely pleased with themselves, having arrived home at 4-10 p.m. with about seven minutes to spare.



Congratulations were duly awarded to Kelly, Stapleton and Reed who, after Messrs. Williams and Winterbottom, were the first home, and everybody declared it to be a great run. "At least ten miles" was the popular verdict, but a specially appointed commission, furnished with suitable instruments and maps declared seven and a half miles to be the distance.

We are informed that one raucous member of the IV through repeated broadcasting of "tally-ho!" suffered partial paralysis of the vocal chords, thereby earning the gratitude of the school.

OLD HORSE.

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## Old Dunhevedians.

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ANNUAL DINNER IN LONDON.

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OLD BOYS DISCUSS FUTURE OF SCHOOL.

The Old Dunhevedians, or as many of them as could be in London, gathered on Saturday evening, February 23rd, for their annual dinner, which took place at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row. In the absence of Mr. B. B. Hardy, who wrote that unusually pressing duties held him abnormally in arrears with work, the chair was taken by the Rev. W. T. A. Barber, D.D., Principal of the Wesleyan College, Richmond, who was supported by Mr. H. H. Hender, Mr. J. G. G. Noble, Mr. C. W. P. Rogers, Dr. F. C. Toy (honorary secretary), and others.

Dr. Toy read several letters of regret at enforced absence, including the one from Mr. Hardy, who also wrote that the school health had been good, with only



one case of "flu," and said how closely he was watching the development of events locally which bore upon the future of the School. Mr. Hardy closed by wishing all the Old Boys good fortune, and saying how he rejoiced in their various successes. Sir Ernest Lamb had also written expressing his regret at not being able to be present. Dr. Toy added that, for the first time in the history of the Association the present company included the senior prefect and captain of the School, C. V. Pike. The Old Boys felt strongly that every opportunity should be taken to strengthen the bond between Dunhevedians, past and present. (Hear, hear.) He went on to propose the health of the Chairman, who was senior Vice-President of the Association, and one of their very best friends.

Dr. Barber, in response to the toast, which was heartily received, spoke of his great pleasure at being present, and mentioned that at his side there sat one (Mr. Hender) who was his pupil at Dunheved close on fifty years ago. He could remember him as quite a small fellow, and though his face had expanded since then, it was recognisable still as the boy he knew. Dr. Barber went on to say that he had been connected with several schools, and recognised in each the value of *esprit de corps*, the pride which the old boys took in their school, the way they carried it in their hearts. The future of the dear old School was now under consideration. It had had a most honourable career. Wherever he had met its Old Boys they had proved to be men of whom it could well be proud. They were always men of character, frequently men of scholarship, occasionally men of wealth. One of his Old Dunheved pupils died leaving a very large fortune, but, what was a much greater thing, the universal testimony of those who came in contact with him in the place where he



was—Hong Kong—the testimonies of Chinese and British alike, of commercial men and missionaries, was that he was a good man; and that had characterised, as a whole, the men of Dunheved. (Applause.) They were all aware of the anxieties and hopes with regard to the future of the School. He trusted that arrangements would be made by which it would be possible for this School, with its great history, to maintain a secure position. Education had developed enormously during the last half century. It was now a much more expensive thing than formerly. A considerable financial background was needed, and that had been the difficulty. In the future he hoped to see Dunheved connected more closely still with the best interests of the beautiful town in which it was situated. It had always been a credit to that town; in the future there would be a closer tie, and yet the fine traditions of Dunheved would be carried on as in the past, there would be no lowering of the banners, no dilution of the spirit which had made such men as he saw before him in that company, and such men as he trusted their sons would be. In a personal word at the close, Dr. Barber mentioned that he had come to the period when, in Methodist phrase, he was going to “sit down” at the next Conference.

Dr. S. O. Rawling toasted the absent President, Mr. B. B. Hardy, a man of such shy character that it was easier to pay compliments to him when he was not present. But all those in that gathering knew him well enough without the necessity for any eulogy. If they could take out of themselves all the curious little things they owed to him, what a strange collection they would make! But between the master and his old pupils there was real affection. (Applause.) He read a telegram which had been received:

“Toy and All, Bonnington Hotel, London.  
Pardon me and have a happy time, Hardy.”



Dr. Rawling suggested the sending to him of a special menu card inscribed with all their names.

Mr. J. G. G. Noble, Chairman of the Old Boys' Committee, gave a brief report, and called upon Mr. Hender to explain the situation to them as far as he was able.

Mr. H. H. Hender corrected Dr. Barber in his mathematics. It was not quite half a century since he was at Dunheved College; it was in 1882. Well, since last year a good deal had taken place. There had been interviews with officials at the Board of Education, whom he found most sympathetic, and anxious for the amalgamation between the two Schools. But there was a difficulty at Dunheved with regard to the position of the shareholders; after all, one could not forget that the shareholders' money was involved. It was suggested that perhaps rent might be allowed to be charged for the premises. But the scheme was not favoured by the Government officials, and that led him to think of an alternative. Could the difficulty be got over by raising a sum of money to pay out such shareholders as desired to be paid out at a small sum per share? Not all shareholders, of course, would desire to be paid out, so keen was their interest in the School, but there were others, some of them executors, to whom these considerations could not justifiably apply. The idea was to create a second debenture fund for this purpose. It was thought that such a plan would meet the objections of the Board, and an assurance was given that in general principle the Board would agree that Dunheved College should become a school recognised for the purpose of receiving grants if this difficulty could be overcome. This set the Old Boys' Secretary to work, and a scheme was devised for paying out the shareholders where necessary. The Secretary, who had done so much in



this cause, managed to get a substantial sum promised in the form of debentures of £25 each. He thought he was responsible for about two-thirds of the total; the speaker himself managed to get some sums locally, where he found great sympathy for the School expressed. In a short space of time the amount required was more than promised. (Applause.) Not only was the sum sufficient to pay the shareholders, but to meet the expense attendant on winding up the present company and forming a new one. He had now had a letter from the Board saying that they would agree in general principle to the proposed amalgamation. The matter then came before the directors at Dunheved College and before the Education Committee of the County Council. In February some of the members of the Committee had no knowledge of the details of the scheme, and so it was deferred till May, but he thought there was no doubt that it would receive approval at the next meeting of the County Council in that month.

The name of the amalgamated School has not been definitely decided, though various suggestions had been made. Some were anxious that the name, Dunheved College, should be preserved; others wanted a fresh name, such as Launceston Grammar School. It must be remembered that in this proposed amalgamation there were three parties concerned: Dunheved College, the County Council, and the Horwell Foundation Trust, which last carried with it a rather substantial endowment, so that in an amalgamation of this character it was not possible for one party to get all that they might wish. But he could say definitely that not only was the County Council keen on the amalgamation, but they had the sympathy of the Horwell Foundation Governors, whose Chairman, Mr. E. G. Baron Lethbridge, was a broad-minded gentleman, who realised that this



was going to be a good scheme. The question of fees also had been discussed. Horwell wished to have an assurance that the fees would not be raised above the County standard. That assurance was given, providing the grants in aid from the County Council and the Board of Education were adequate to the cost of the School. The local directors at Dunheved were meeting on the following Saturday (March 2nd.) They had not met since the circularising of a memorandum setting out the present position.

Altogether he felt that they were on firm ground, and could go ahead. Much work had yet to be done. A new memorandum and articles of association had to be prepared, there must be an extraordinary meeting of shareholders, and a new governing body had to be set up. Horwell Governors were as keen as themselves in making a good scheme, and no one wanted the dice to be loaded one way or the other. (Applause.)

Mr. C. W. P. Rogers supported the name "Launceston School"—a name he had proposed five years ago. Launceston was the county town of Cornwall. "Launceston School" would have a definite pull, and he thought a change could not be avoided, since it was an amalgamation of two schools. As for the fees, the School was bound to keep the present boys at the fees which their parents contracted to pay. For the rest and for the future he did not see why the fees should not be adjusted as the Governors thought necessary for the financial running of the School. He did not see why a semi-independent School such as this was intended to be should not have a scale of fees rather higher than that of the ordinary county school.

Mr. Noble then asked for an expression of opinion from those present.

Mr. L. W. Ballard thanked the Committee, especially



Mr. Hender, for all the work they had put into this business, and for the success which had attended their efforts. With regard to the name, he agreed with Mr. Rogers that "Launceston School" would be a very fair compromise.

Mr. R. Lindsay deplored a change of name, "Dunheved" represented a certain standard, difficult to define, but known to them all. With regard to the governing body, it had been in mind to have representatives from University College, Exeter, or possibly from some other university, such as London, to which a good many of the boys went up. He reminded the gathering that Dunheved was sacrificing much.

Mr. Hender said that with regard to the suggested representation of University College, Exeter, the Chairman of the Horwell Governors had said that his body included such representation, but the representative never attended, which was not encouraging. If representatives of educational organisations were appointed they must be expected to come in and help with the work.

Dr. Barber, who was asked for his opinion, instanced the names of some public schools—Bedford School, Eton College, Harrow School, Cheltenham, and Clifton College. Thus there was considerable variety. He was afraid that the private school had tended to call itself the "College," and this had led to a certain unwillingness on the part of public foundations to use the name. He himself confessed to a liking for "School" rather than "College," and to have "School" without any affix. He remembered, even as far back as the time when he went down to Dunheved, being a little disappointed that he was going to a "College," so that there was evidently some feeling on the matter. It was a preference or an antipathy difficult to appraise, so



vague was it, and yet it was strong.

Mr. Lindsay suggested that a possible explanation of why the representative of University College, Exeter, had not attended the meetings of the Horwell Governors was that Horwell Grammar School had developed in other ways than Dunheved had on its matriculation and post-matriculation side. Horwell existed for Launceston practically completely, whereas Dunheved had had a wide outside connection and a greater number of matriculants.

Mr. L. H. Turner said that he was afraid, regretfully, they would have to change the name. Personally, he rather liked the idea of "Launceston School," though not "Launceston Grammar School." "Launceston School" was short, and had the desired geographical idea.

Mr. Dennis asked whether it was quite hopeless to ask the town of Launceston itself to go back to its own old name of "Dunheved." (Laughter.)

In winding up the discussion, Mr. Noble said that the discussion must not be too prolonged, because a rattling good entertainment programme had been provided; moreover, the new Committee had still to be elected, and he thought it useful to have these remarks and criticisms in order that that Committee, which would have a great deal to decide, might have some idea of the general feeling. They were all greatly indebted to Mr. Hender. (Applause.) He did not know where they would have been without him in all these negotiations.

[Here the Directors and Headmasters, having witnessed at close quarters the very assiduous and self-sacrificing direction that Mr. Hender has accorded in all details on behalf of these schemes, express their great



appreciation of his unbroken labour for their success and completion.]

The origin of the various proposals may be noted in this connection: they had their beginning in the desire of the County Authorities to unify Educational interest of Launceston in one centre, and their inquiring of the Dunheved Directors as to how they would be able to join them in that desire. Of course, such a union of interest would appear to the benefit of all concerned, and have the approval of the Board of Education.

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The assembly then took up some business matters, and Dr. Toy, as one closely associated with the work of the Committee, said they had had a splendid Chairman in Mr. Noble. Whatever changes were made in the rest of the Committee, he trusted that Mr. Noble would remain. He thanked him on behalf of all present for the tremendous amount of work he had done.

An informal vote of thanks to Mr. Noble was carried by hearty applause.

With the exception of the election of the new Committee, the remainder of the evening was devoted to a variety entertainment arranged by Dr. E. Lincoln Williams. This was voted by all "the best show ever" at the Old Boys' annual gathering. Humorous songs, recitations, and stories by Dr. Williams, Messrs. R. Lindsay, S. O. Rawling, and J. G. G. Noble, and piano music by R. Lindsay, filled the first part of the programme, and the rousing singing of the old School's song, "Dunheved's got the ball rolling on," will long be remembered. The second part of the programme consisted of the presentation of the little one-act play,







"In Port," by Harold Simpson, and now actually running at the Palladium, London. It was brilliantly acted throughout by Messrs. E. L. Williams, B. Jolliffe, and J. Hornsby, who were enthusiastically acclaimed at the finish.

In view of the difficult problems on which the Committee had been engaged, it was re-elected *en bloc* for the ensuing year, and therefore consists of Messrs. J. G. G. Noble (chairman), L. Bunt, B. Jolliffe, R. Lindsay, E. L. Williams, F. C. Toy (hon. secretary), and S. O. Rawling (hon. assistant secretary).

For some of those present see group. The O.D. Reunion Group is as follows:—Top: A. Webber, L.D.S.; J. V. Pike; W. J. Coad, I.C.A.; C. F. James, I.C.A.; D. Ralph, B.Sc.; L. C. Matthews; G. S. Bird; A. J. Jenkin, O.D. Tennis Cup; B. C. Jenkin; L. Blewett, B.Sc.; C. V. Pike; G. L. Tonkin. Middle: S. L. Smith; Dr. Rawling; L. Dennis, L.D.S.; Dr. Toy; H. H. Hender, L.T.C.; L. W. Ballard, M.I.E.E.; J. G. G. Noble. Bottom: R. Lindsay, B.Sc.; C. L. Bunt (goalie); K. Lawrey; Dr. Williams; H. L. Skinner, (100 wickets); L. H. Turner ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.)

Others present were Dr. W. T. A. Barber; C. W. P. Rogers, B.Sc.; B. Banbury, B. Jolliffe, J. H. Beckly, C. J. James, C. R. Bird.

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### Old Boys' Pages.

We congratulate W. H. Gillbard on his marriage with Miss Annie Pearse.

We learn that George Tonkin and his brother John are not averse from our announcement of their prospective alliances respectively with Miss Lorna Sandrey, of Parkstone and Miss Peggy Eustace, of Newquay.



H. L. Philp writes from Handsworth: 'our love for the old place does not lessen: why is it? I've often thought about it, and come to the conclusion that it was the moral tone of the school that made so deep an impression. My time is going very happily here; I am the only man of the "Fourth year," as such are called; you know it is for my degree work.'

B. Banbury boasts of his small daughter, Johanna Isabel.

J. Everitt is in Bank work at Caversham.

J. S. Sowden is in business Stores in Basingstoke. 'I have found little incidents in business which bring back to me the quiet half-hours on Sunday mornings, very valuable they were. I miss the sports element; our half-day being Thursday it is only tennis I can get at.

R. S. Pascoe is with Duplicating Machine Manufacturers of London. 'Every success to the College, and a big 'thank you' for my share in its life.'

J. Pryor is with a London firm, and has spent some time at its branch in Paris, finishing up with a few weeks in Switzerland.

R. D. Pryor is with Vauxhall Motor Works Co., just now in Luton. We note he has just won a Silver Medal in a Velocette, in the Easter London-to-Land's End track.

T. H. Hender, on a Norton, also was awarded the Silver Medal for the same run.

I. M. Phillips is with the same Motor Firm as above.



B. K. Jenkins is managing the branch of his family's business at Parkstone, near Bournemouth, often meeting with the Kingsnorths and Mates—'I realise more and more the effect of my time at Dunheved on my progress now, and trust such will be the experience of many more.'

G. Playdon is taking up business activities in Southampton.

W. E. Beckly, B. Com., has been appointed Managing Director of Messrs. John Yeo & Co., Plymouth.

Kenneth Lawrey, has been appointed to the Walthamstow office of the Prudential Insurance Company; he writes well about his progress and prospects there.

D. C. Osborn is busy between branches of his firm in Portsmouth and Devonport; also preparing his tennis court, 'under the inspiration of the memory of the cutters and the roller at Dunheved.'

S. H. Tucker writes of his Science work in Glasgow University, where he is high up in the Chemistry Department; also of his social and religious work with an institute of 30 or 40 young men; also of his infant son, Gordon.

H. L. Skinner has enjoyed his Rugger season in the Westminster bank and gives interesting accounts of games played, also some notes on England-Wales game at Twickenham.

J. Button has transferred his energies to a newly purchased farm in Leicestershire; 230 acres keep him busy, and there is recreation with cattle grazing, noted hound packs and beagles and hunt balls.



R. V. Smith is at the Cape, near Kimberley; it is a long way off to tack on with affairs in England, but he cannot forbear referring to a letter received from a friend, a London University Graduate at Southsea, who took occasion to remark with high appreciation on the work of Rev. T. O. Beswarick in that Hampshire resort.

Summer Re-union—the last two or three days of July.

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### At the Baby University.

In writing such an article one is governed by two thoughts, one is that a University is always, outside at least, supposed to be a seat of learning, and the other that actually it is no such thing. Whether in writing for the good old Mag. as I have just been urged to do, one should preserve the learning fallacy for the benefit of present readers choosing careers, or sketch life as it really is, I know not, but I will remain true and honest and describe it exactly how I have found it.

The university is peopled by numbers of students in various courses, and of widely different types and personality, but they all fall into three main classes: the first is of those who go to the university with the sole idea of getting a high degree or diploma. These are never seen either on the sports field or in the dance room, but are known only when they leave by their names appearing at the heads of the lists and one wonders if they have ever really been there at all. As an exact opposite there are those whose idea and aim is sport and a good time that way; who manage to steer clear of being sent down only by continually changing their courses or by attempting a series of "special." The last class is the ideal one, and one to which I hope I belong, to do well enough work to pull



through that necessary evil, the final examination, and for the remainder of one's stay to drink fairly and adequately of the many and various amusement streams which such a place can offer.

There are such happenings as even the wise professors cannot find out the authors of—skeletons have been known to sit looking calmly around the whole place from the highest point in the university, namely the chimney stack. Sheep have fed on the sacred lawns during the hours of night and no one knows how they ever managed to get in. Another great mystery, such as who stole a Johnny Walker and a White Horse from a Reading hotel, still remains unsolved.

On the sports field we try our luck at any game we may fancy in the hope of getting a university "colours," and to win an inter-varsity championship. Occasionally we realise this ambition and then of course it has to be fittingly celebrated along with any inter-hall victory we have been fortunate enough to win. Some I regret to say celebrate rather too well and unwisely and find a great difficulty in getting home and even greater difficulty in undressing.

Sometimes we debate long and we hope learnedly on momentous political and other subjects which furnish potential M.P.s and possibly a future Prime Minister—who knows?

Our many girls furnish excellent dancing partners at the ever popular university dances while some think they find them a drag on the smoothly running wheels. When we can find nothing more attractive to do and when the awful necessity arises we work hard; and with that high note, I think I must close.

W.J.B.



**Meteorology, 1779, 1929.**

Messrs. Mars and Aprilis met in confabulation and propounded a scheme of a new order. "They call us March winds and April showers months" said the former; "let us break the record; I have just found an old ancestor's manuscript." "Let me see it," said Aprilis; "yes, sure enough, old it is"—"Monday, Mars 15, 1779; I began my tour thorough England and Scotland, the lovely weather continueing, such for soothe as the oldest man alive hath not seene befor, for Januarie, Februarie and halfe of Marche." "There," said Mars, "we can improve on that; brother Februarius has had his innings already in that winning sense; and we two must maintain a claim for a record of 150 years since 1779." "They say a nasty thing about this our Februa brother," said Aprilis, "calling him fill-dyke; I'll cork my shower-bottle this year, if you keep down your reputation for lion-like roar and bluster." So they schemed; Mars came in and soon finished up the dry cold snaps of February and in his early days introduced even a balmy clime; he "came in" like a lamb, "such as they say he may happen at times to "go out"; he early brought certain warm days, so that even 'ye sixthe forme' did not claim to light its fire, and the natator devotees began to enquire when the public swimming bath was to open! Five days before 'the Ides' notice was given that rugs might be taken out on the sunny sward! And in the market a forlorn farmer was heard to wish for rain and the springing of the blades of grass. Then on the Ides, perhaps mourning like for Julius Caesar's fate, Mars changed colder, then suffered one evening's shower, repenting again by running up the mercury to 52, and later to 65, and lamb-like out, handing on its office to Aprilis. This latter god kept up the dryth, rammed the cork in his bottle,



invited the continuance of the regal companion Sol, one half of his days sustained before his first shower was set free. Such their record for 1929. Said Mars, "our claim to have beaten the happy record of 1779 is surely well sustained: Nunc Valet Omnes."

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### Turret Notes.

As to the cricket of the coming term, there is much to get ready for. The list of fixtures is as follows:—May 11th, June 15th, away, home, Delabole; May 16th, June 20th, home, away, Callington; May 18th, July 13th, home, away, South Hill; May 23rd, June 27th, away, home, Bridestowe; May 25th, June 29th, home, away, Pensilva; May 30th, June 13th, away, home, Shebbear College; June 1st, July 6th, away, home, Lezant; June 6th, July 4th, away, home, Bude; June 8th, June 22nd, home, away, Lockett; June 12th, July 10th, home, away, Camelford; July 11th, July 25th, away, home, St. Anne's; July 20th, home, Linkinhorne; end July Past v Present.

The photos of the Paper Chase groups are a new feature. I hope each will be able to spot himself, and that none will complain he is not there.

The head boys in the various Forms in the Spring term tests are: Form VI, Senior boy, C. V. Pike; Form V, E. M. Lawrey and B. Richardson; Form IV, L. Bickell and B. Kelly; Form III, N. Martin; Form I, G. Bloomfield and W. Stanbury. In the duplicate cases the two boys are very near each other.

Presentation Bibles, presented by Ronald Turner, a generous Exeter O.D., have been awarded to E. M. Lawrey, B. Palmer, who have taken first place in



Scripture among Seniors and Juniors in the Cambridge Local Examination; these are in addition to those of former occasions.

One of the leading Missionary Societies has sent us a notice of a well equipped hostel for young men going to London. It is Wycliffe House, 57-58, Lewisham Park, London, S.E. 13. The Secretary and Treasurer are Rev. C. E. Walters, Messrs. Geo. Shrubsall, J.P., and Stanley Sowton. Terms 35/- a week, laundry the only extra. Lady Superintendent, Mrs. W. M. Nightingale.

T. Whinyates enters H.M.S. Worcester early in May.

Footer colours due for the season now closing will be presented early next term.

Athletic Sports may be looked for on April 30th and May 1st.

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