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Editorial.

After a lapse of two years the *Launcestonian* reappears, and we hope that all and sundry will rally round to prevent it from disappearing again.

It is very necessary for the College to record its numerous activities each term and a magazine is a splendid instrument for such a purpose. It should act as a connecting link between Old Boys and the College. To do this the help of every Old Launcestonian is required, first of all as a subscriber, and secondly as a contributor to the magazine. Each Old Boy who receives this magazine should take it upon himself to persuade (if he needs persuading) another former pupil to become a subscriber.

If we can build up a long list of Old Boys who are willing to receive the issue of the *Launcestonian* each term, then our success is assured. If, having accomplished our first task, we can have regular letters from former pupils, then the magazine will fulfil its purpose. To this end we ask everyone interested to make suggestions and to give us all the help possible.

For the subscription of 3s. 6d. per year Old Boys and others will receive a copy of the *Launcestonian* each term. Cheques, etc., should be made payable to the Headmaster.

PRAEFFECTI VALETE.

- I. W. BEST.—Entered School 1931 ; School Certificate and exemption from Matriculation, 1935 ; Oxford Higher School Certificate, 1937 ; First Drama Crown, 1934 ; appointed Prefect, 1935 ; 1st XV. 1937-38 ; Entered the Banking profession.
- E. L. D. DAVY-THOMAS.—Entered School 1934 ; School Certificate and exemption from Matriculation, 1937 ; 2nd Music Crown, 1932 ; 2nd Drama Crown, 1935 ; 1st Cricket Colours, 1935 ; 1st XV. 1936-37-38 ; Captain of Cricket, 1936-37 ; Prefect, 1936 ; Patrol Leader of the Curlews. Entered the Banking profession.
- J. D. MAUNDER.—Entered School, 1931 ; School Certificate and Matriculation, 1936 ; 1st Drama Crown, 1934 ; Prefect, 1936 ; 1st XV. 1936-37-38 ; 1st XI. (Soccer), 1936-37. Entered County Offices at Truro.
- A. C. E. WEST.—Entered School, 1932 ; School Certificate, 1937 ; Sub-Prefect, 1937 ; 2nd Drama Crown, 1936 ; 2nd Rugger Colours, 1937 ; 2nd Soccer Colours, 1938 ; Entered the Post Office.

HORWELL CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL,

THE YEAR 1937-38.

	<i>North</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>
Rugger : Junior	... 30	—	10	20
Senior	... 90	60	30	—
Soccer : Junior	... 10	5	20	25
Senior	... 75	75	30	—
Cricket : Junior	... 10	—	10	—
Senior	... 90	30	60	—
Fives : Junior Singles	4	—	—	—
Senior Singles...	9	1	—	—
Doubles	... 30	20	10	—
Swimming Sports	... 12½	34	7	32½
Athletic Sports	... 46	16½	42	19
	406½	241½	219	96½

Junior Cricket and Tennis not complete.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Senior Prefect, A. E. Sloman. *Captain of the School*: A. E. Sloman. *Vice-Captain of the School*: C. R. Tickle. *Prefects*: A. E. Sloman, M. G. Saunders, W. G. Vanstone, K. T. Harris, A. M. Sowden, *Sub-Prefects*: J. R. L. Lobb, C. R. Tickle, G. Phillips. *House Captains*: *North*: W. G. Vanstone; *South*: C. R. Tickle; *East*: G. Phillips; *West*: A. E. Sloman. *Secretary of the Games Committee*: A. M. Sowden.

Cricket Notes.

The progress made during the past term has been quite satisfactory in all parts of the School. We assembled after the Easter holidays expecting to be short of talent in the School Team, but owing to the return of several of the Senior boys the team has enjoyed a satisfactory season. The bowling has been very successful and chief honours in this direction must go to R. H. Lashbrook, who has several notable performances to his credit. The batting has been somewhat uneven, but is improving and higher scores have been recorded. The fielding is much more enthusiastic, but much more intelligent anticipation is needed. Innumerable runs may be saved in this way during the course of a season, and the best of batsmen may be unsettled by properly hostile fielding. Fortunately, we have not suffered from any epidemic of run-outs, but too many runs have been wasted by failure to look for the short run.

Throughout the School there has been a growing enthusiasm for Cricket, and more boys have taken the trouble to equip themselves properly for the game. By dint of hard practice there is no reason why the boys should not raise the standard of Cricket at Launceston College to a high level.

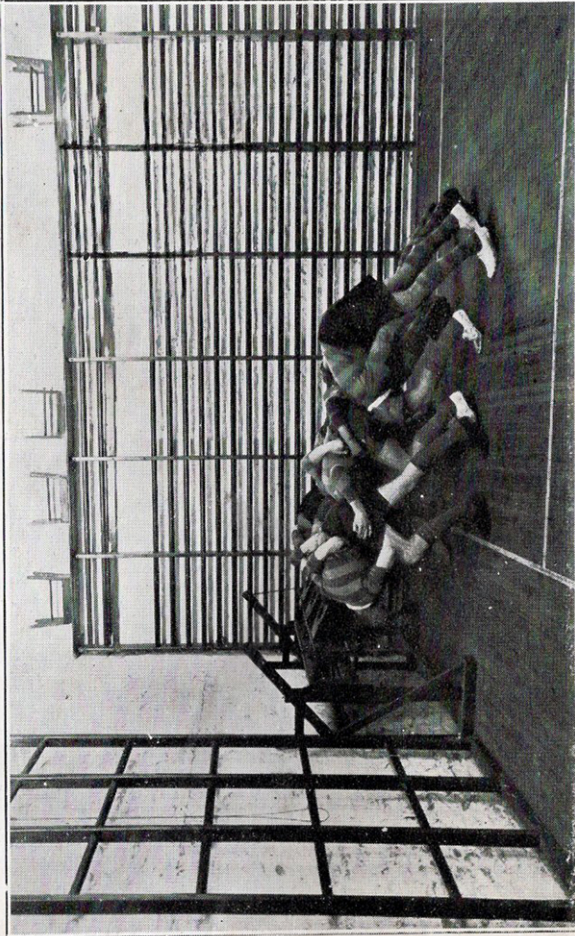
PERSONALITIES.

- *A. SLOMAN (Capt.). He has performed his duties as Captain with care, but is rather apt to crowd his field too close to the wicket. Will improve with experience.

- §C. R. TICKLE (Vice-Capt.). The safest field in the side. His batting suffers from his tendency to follow the rising ball outside the off-stump, especially early on. Defence quite sound. Could develop into a useful bat.
- *R. H. LASHBROOK. Has struck a bad patch in his batting, but must not be discouraged. Has bowled very well, but should learn to vary his attack more and not rely solely on the off break.
- §W. G. VANSTONE. The most improved bat in the side. Has a promising square cut, which he has used very effectively. Should score many runs in the future.
- K. T. HARRIS. Is improving as a bat, but must try to expect to score runs. Is frequently dismissed by balls which he could stop in the nets.
- E. EDWARDS. Has a good eye, but takes too much power from his shots by a queer wrist flick. Always keen in the field.
- J. P. GILBERT. A promising attacking batsman, but too frequently gets himself out by attempting to cart off balls round to leg. Must cultivate off-side shots. A bowler of promise.
- J. T. BAKER. Has kept wicket well after an indifferent start. Is learning to take the ball more cleanly. An impetuous batsman who gets himself out quite often. Must learn to choose the ball to hit.
- B. N. MUTTON. Very much handicapped by his size, but, nevertheless, a useful little bat.
- W. H. LITTLEJOHNS. Has some peculiar shots, but always tries.
- E. D. ROSSITER. As a batsman has a tendency to retire to leg, but is improving. A most promising bowler.

* 1st Colours. § 2nd Colours.

Played :	Won :	Lost :	Drawn :
10	4	3	3



Preparing for next Term on the Scrum Machine

Athletics.

The Athletic Sports were staged on Whit-Saturday. The running among the Juniors was far keener than that of the Seniors, where Vanstone was able to win as he pleased the events for which he had entered. Many of the boys in the under 14 events show promise, notably Parnell, D., who gained the most points in this section, and Scantlebury, while Cotton, Cole, Jones, W. R., and Wonnacott in the under 13 group performed well.

The Senior House Trophy was presented by the Headmaster to W. G. Vanstone, House Captain of North. The Victor Ludorum was W. G. Vanstone, and D. Parnell (North) was Junior Champion.

EVENTS :

1. 70 YARDS UNDER 12.
1, P. G. Cotton (South) ; 2, R. Sloman (East) ; 3, R. D. Carter (West).
2. 100 YARDS, OPEN.
1, A. E. Sloman (West) ; 2, M. G. Saunders (West) ; 3, A. M. Sowden (South).
3. 70 YARDS, UNDER 13.
1, D. Parnell (North) ; 2, S. F. Harry (West) ; 3, W. Cole (East).
4. 100 YARDS, UNDER 15.
1, J. S. Nute (East) ; 2, T. R. Adams (South) ; 3, C. M. Hicks (North).
5. THROWING THE CRICKET BALL, OPEN.
1, W. G. Vanstone (North) ; 2, I. W. Best (West) ; 3, C. R. Tickle (South).
6. THROWING THE CRICKET BALL, UNDER 14.
1, B. C. Harris (North) ; 2, D. Parnell (North) ; 3, W. S. Brock (South).
7. 220 YARDS, OPEN.
1, W. G. Vanstone (North) ; 2, A. E. Sloman (West) ; 3, I. W. Best (West).

8. 220 YARDS, UNDER 15.
1, F. S. Adams (South) ; 2, W. Scantlebury (West) ; 3,
E. D. Rossiter (South).
9. 220 YARDS, UNDER 14.
1, J. Wonnacott (West) ; 2, W. R. Jones (East) ; 3, B. C.
Harris (North).
10. HIGH JUMP, OPEN.
1, W. G. Vanstone (North) ; 2, K. T. Harris (North) ; 3,
J. P. Gilbert (East).
11. 440 YARDS, OPEN.
1, W. G. Vanstone (North) ; 2, K. J. Harris (North) ;
3, I. W. Best (West).
12. LONG JUMP, UNDER 14.
1, W. Scantlebury (West) ; 2, H. Davey (East) ; 2, D.
Parnell (North).
13. 100 YARDS, UNDER 14.
1, D. Parnell (North) ; 2, J. Wonnacott (West) ; 3, F. B.
Bate (West).
14. LONG JUMP, OPEN.
1, A. E. Sloman (West) ; 2, A. M. Sowden (South) ; 3,
K. T. Harris (North).
15. HIGH JUMP, UNDER 14.
1, W. Scantlebury (West) ; 2, Cole and W. R. Jones (East)
tied.
16. RELAY RACE, OPEN.
1, North ; 2, West ; 3, South ; 4, East.
17. RELAY RACE, UNDER 14.
1, West ; 2, East ; 3, North ; 4, South.
18. HALF-MILE, OPEN.
1, W. G. Vanstone (North) ; 2, I. W. Best (West) ; 3,
K. T. Harris (North).
19. ONE MILE, OPEN.
1, W. G. Vanstone (North) ; 2, K. T. Harris (North) ; 3,
J. P. Gilbert (East).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP :

- 1, North, 92 points ; 2, West, 84 points ; 3, East, 38
points ; 4, South, 33 points.

Swimming Sports.

The Swimming Sports were held at the Baths this year, a week after the Whitsun week-end. The lack of an outstanding swimmer in the Senior School added interest to the fight for Victor Ludorum. C. R. Tickle (South) eventually obtained the most points, but he was closely followed by J. P. Gilbert (East).

The entries for the Under 15 events were not encouraging, but the larger number of boys under 14 who are swimming regularly this year should remedy this defect in the future.

South narrowly won the House Championship, the title being decided in the last event of the Sports. East were a good second.

The results were as follows :

1. OPEN DIVING.
1, J. P. Gilbert (East) ; 2, G. Phillips (East) ; 3, R. Lashbrook (South).
2. OPEN PLUNGING.
1, K. W. Gilbert (East) ; 2, J. P. Gilbert (East) ; and G. Phillips (East).
3. OPEN BACKSTROKE.
1, C. R. Tickle (South) ; 2, J. P. Gilbert (East) ; 3, G. Phillips (East).
4. OPEN BREAST STROKE.
1, C. R. Tickle (South) ; 2, A. Sloman (West) ; 3, F. S. Adams (South).
5. OPEN FREE STYLE.
1, C. R. Tickle (South) ; 2, G. Phillips (East) ; 3, J. P. Gilbert (East).
6. OPEN, 30 YARDS (WITHOUT HANDS).
1, C. R. Tickle (South) ; 2, A. Sloman (West) ; 3, J. P. Gilbert (East).
7. SENIOR RELAY.
1, East ; 2, South ; 3, North.

8. UNDER 15, FREE STYLE.
1, D. Wroth (North) ; 2, I. B. Adams (South) ; 3, R. Anthony (West).
9. UNDER 15, BACK STROKE.
1, D. Lawton (South) ; 2, P. McOnie (East).
10. UNDER 14, FREE STYLE.
1, I. B. Adams (South) ; 2, C. J. Phillips (West) ; 3, R. H. Wroth (North).
11. UNDER 14, BREAST STROKE.
1, P. McOnie (East) ; 2, R. H. Wroth (North) ; 3, H. Davy (East).
12. UNDER 14, DIVING.
1, R. H. Wroth (North) ; 2, I. B. Adams (South).
13. UNDER 14, PLUNGING.
1, I. B. Adams (South) ; 2, C. J. Phillips (West) ; 3, R. Sloman (East).
14. UNDER 14, BACK STROKE.
1, I. B. Adams (South) ; 2, P. McOnie (East).
15. UNDER 15 (30 YARDS WITHOUT HANDS).
1, D. Lawton (South) ; 2, P. McOnie (East).
16. 300 YARDS, OPEN.
1, D. Wroth (North) ; 2, C. R. Tickle (South) ; 3, C. J. Phillips (East).

HOUSE POINTS :

- 1, South, 68 points ; 2, East, 65 points ; 3, North, 25 points ; 4, West, 14 points.

Enthusiasm for Swimming has not been confined to the Sports. In addition, a number of boys having been working hard for the Intermediate and Bronze Medallion awarded by the Royal Life Saving Society, under Mr. G. H. Capsey. The examination for this will be conducted near the end of term.

“As Sick as a Dog.”

You think you learn History from your text book. You learn it from your Master? May be, but does he tell you the truth? For instance, did he tell you the truth about Sir Francis Drake and the Armada? He did? That's what you think. Let me tell you.

Elizabeth turned Philip of Spain down. She didn't want a foreigner about the place; you never knew what they were going to do next, throw knives, drink coffee or something; besides he only spoke Spanish, which would have made it difficult for her. (Dent hadn't been invented). Anyway, Philip wired her saying he was very annoyed (in Spanish) and was sending the great Armada. Elizabeth thought this was a rude word, 'phoned Drake who was knocking about Plymouth playing darts with some dogs (sea-dogs). Said she didn't like it. Drake was born near enough to Launceston to know what Philip meant. So he called Elizabeth her pet name, and the old sea-dog barked an order for the lifeboat to be launched. It was out fishing, so he sailed in H.M.S. Rodney for Cadiz and/or Lisbon. He was sea sick on the way (due to sitting on damp grass when a boy). He knew Armadas always sailed from Cadiz and/or Lisbon, so he wasn't surprised when he found one there. He went to have one with the Spanish Admiral, Mariposa, who was doing nothing (they always do it to-morrow in Spain—like prep.). Offered him a cigar he'd plundered from a Spanish galleon. The Admiral lit with his lighter which flared up and set light to the whole Spanish fleet. Drake jumped overboard and swam to Lisbon and/or Cadiz to give a repeat performance. The fire was so fierce that Philip, who was in Madrid, had his beard singed, which was a good thing. He built another fleet, but hadn't any sailors left, so he put soldiers on the ships. They were no good, they couldn't march. Drake had gone home to Plymouth. One day when he was in Woolworths, which used to be on the Hoe (6d. end) buying some tin bowls (I said he suffered from sea-sickness), somebody came up, said he'd

seen an Armada (he was a Lifton man, so knew it wasn't a rude word). Drake said his bowls were more important. He'd just passed his weatherman's badge, and knew a storm was coming to scatter the Spaniards. It did. Drake sailed up and down the Channel, just to say he did it. But the old sea-dog was awfully sea-sick. G.H.C.

House Notes.

EAST.

House Master : MR. WARN. *House Captain* : G. PHILLIPS.

Once again, for East it is the old, old story of a few Seniors backed up by a crowd of enthusiastic Juniors. (One would have imagined that time would have solved this problem, but such is not the case, and all we can do is to hope for better luck in the future allocation of new boys).

Nevertheless, what East lack in size, is made up in enthusiasm. Enthusiasm however does not win matches, and our successes in the House matches this year have been confined to the Junior Competitions.

Our Juniors have shown remarkable ability in all three games, and have gained many points for the House. Some Juniors have played through the entire Senior and Junior Competitions, and to them we are greatly indebted.

In the Athletic Sports we did better than in previous years and evaded the ever-present shadow of the wooden spoon by a comfortable margin.

In Swimming too we proved our worth, and were just balked from being champions for the second year in succession by South, who won the Championship by a very narrow margin.

Congratulations to all who have gained places in the School teams, and let us hope that this will encourage the Seniors to take up the winning habit once again.

NORTH.

House Master : MR. COOK. *Captain* : W. G. VANSTONE.

North House has once again succeeded in winning the Horwell Bowl. Our victories have been due to the excellent team spirit shown in both the Senior and Junior teams. We began the year in impressive style by winning all our Rugger matches, and conceding only one point in the Fives Competition. We shared the Soccer Cup with South, and won the Athletics, with Vanstone as Senior Victor Ludorum, and Parnell, D., as the Junior Champion. In Cricket, the House gained decisive victories over all its rivals in the Senior games, while the Juniors have won their only game so far. In Swimming, we did not fare quite so well, ending up third in the Competition. The Tennis Tournaments have yet to be completed, but even so we have gained the Championship for the second year in succession.

SOUTH.

House Master : MR. CAMPBELL. *Captain* : C. R. TICKLE.

This year has been a successful one for our House, and we have the distinction of being runners-up for the Horwell Bowl. The Seniors have played well, although our enthusiastic Juniors have had but little success.

We shared the Soccer Cup with North, and were placed second at Rugger and Fives. Our Cricket, Swimming, and Athletics have all suffered from the departure of K. V. Rodgers, and consequently we have been less successful during the Summer Term.

Although we were the unenviable holders of the wooden spoon at the Athletic Sports, we cannot pass this over without mention of F. S. Adams, A. M. Sowden, P. G. Cotton and all others who gained several points by their valiant efforts.

We had our revenge, however, at the Swimming Baths where we emerged champions at the Swimming Sports. Our only serious rival was East, whom we managed to beat by the narrow margin of three points.

WEST.

House Master : MR. PAYNE. *Captain* : A. SLOMAN.

This year has been only moderately successful for West, and we finished third after a close struggle with South for second place. Rugger was rather disappointing, the Seniors and the Juniors winning but one match each. However, at Soccer the Junior team did well to win two of their three matches.

The most pleasing feature of this term was our performance at Athletics when we were just beaten by North. Our Seniors also did very well in the Cricket Matches, winning two out of the three, this being much better than in previous years. There is much room for improvement in our Swimming, for we have now held the wooden spoon for two consecutive years.

The Sixth Form.

(There are, of course, no implications herein to any known person) ?

To the North of the hall, and north-east of the Masters' Room (known also as the atrium, due to a darkened atmosphere of tobacco smoke), is a small cubicle—the Sixth Form. Within its four walls, ceiling and floor, the great brains of the College work, or are supposed to work, in those essential pieces of furniture without which no school is complete—desks.

Actually, of course, the only members who work are the Arts and Science section ; the rest play noughts and crosses (an intellectual and highly skilful game) or have draught boards in their desks, the two players taking it in turns at surprisingly frequent intervals to look for books in the desk (?) and occasionally passing facetious remarks (in sotto voce, of course).

The room is not, however, sound-proof, far from it. Outside the window hangs a monstrous body which tinkles, so softly, the announcement of a period finished. To the west is the Upper Fifth, when certain Masters (no implication intended) take this form, gusts of laughter blow, or rather hurl, themselves through the keyhole. To the north is the Lower Fourth, and the same thing happens here only the many youthful voices seem to penetrate more.

On Wednesday afternoons the orchestra practices in the music room (north-east by fifty yards), and the strains of an Irish jig or Dvorak's Humoresque waft through opened windows, even the most unmusical now knows those tunes off by heart, having heard each innumerable times for one afternoon every week—actually they are usually by far the nicest of the noises.

Fortuna fortibus favet, however, and during terminal exams, moderate quiet reigns when the studious have peace, although by this time work is by no means likeable, exams, being *infra dig.* to such worthy members of the School.

A Master is usually present in the Form, however, to the general disgust and the work to be done varying directly as the Master present, and general feeling of contentment inversely on the $W \times M \times \frac{1}{FC}$ where W = work to be done, M = Master present, and FC = feeling of contentment. When $W = 0$ (or nought, please choose (for Ed.), M is better not mentioned (no implication), then FC , is, of course, high. Such occasions are, however, rare, too rare in Sixth Form opinions.

Enough, however, for in periodical bursts all rough paths are smoothed, some work is done, and peaceful quiet reigns.

M.G.S.

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Old Boys' Notes.

Mr. George Orchard is the donor of the Orchard Bowling Cup at Hoylake. It must be time for the College to receive a visit again.

R. V. Smith is at Wanda near Kimberley. When home on leave recently, he was much impressed by "the great strides" being made in old and new buildings.

J. A. Shearme, manager of his bank at Plymouth, writes to the College in Spanish.

H. L. Hearne, B.Sc., is the resident engineer of the Liverpool Corporation Water Department.

C. W. D. Cottier is in the Midland Bank.

R. J. Brooks, in his second year at Oxford, has gone to Gilwell to take the Scout Wood Badge.

W. T. Tambllyn is enjoying teaching, while his brother Derrick, in business at Truro, is a member of the Falmouth Orchestral Society.

L. H. Saunders is in charge of the Digswell Water Plant in Hertfordshire.

F. C. Toy, D.Sc., has been elected a Fellow of University College, London.

J. Radford is with Cargills, of Colombo.

Garfield Banbury writes cheerfully from Bude of the old days at the College.

G. A. Bloomfield has joined the engineering staff of the B.B.C. at Plymouth.

We are glad to hear that D. Davy-Thomas, our former Cricket Captain, has been chosen to represent the Cornish Banks in Cricket, against those of Devon.

During the term, we have been gladdened by the visits of many Old Boys, including J. Blewett, Max Lawrey, G. Preece, Greg Tom, and M. Wood.

K. V. Rodgers visited the College for the first time since leaving. He is engineering in London and thoroughly enjoying himself in his new environment.

The Tonkin brothers have taken Trebursye House and converted it into an hotel.

The Launceston book shops continue to display "Days on Dartmoor," by C. W. Pilkington-Rogers.

S. O. Rawling has removed from Winchmore Hill to Hutton, Essex.

John Pethybridge has been admitted to freedom of the Borough of Bodmin.

We were glad to receive a visit recently from G. C. Packwood, of the Gold Coast.

A. W. Johns is Medical Officer of Health for Ilford.

Congratulations to E. M. Cunnack, on the birth of his daughter, Mellony.

C. S. Causley is rapidly climbing the ladder of fame as a writer of plays, several of which have been published.

Notes.

From the Bulletin of Spanish Studies, we cull the following: "A new Branch Society, with twenty members, has been formed in a corner of the West Country, into which the Institute had not hitherto penetrated—at Launceston, in Cornwall." This refers to the branch at the College, which no less an authority than Professor Allison Peers, of Liverpool University, addressed on Friday, 10th June. A. M. Sowden was awarded a prize by the Institute for translation.

A. E. Sloman passed the Inter B.Com. (London), at Christmas.

The Shakespearean Play for next term is "Twelfth Night," and will be produced by Mr. B. Willmott in the Town Hall, on the 5th, 6th and 7th of December.

Speech Day will be on October 7th, in the Town Hall, when the Earl of Buckinghamshire will present the prizes. The Scouts will welcome the visit of the "Squire."

The tennis court is functioning properly this year, much to the delight of the College, and it is used at every available opportunity. A tournament is now in progress.

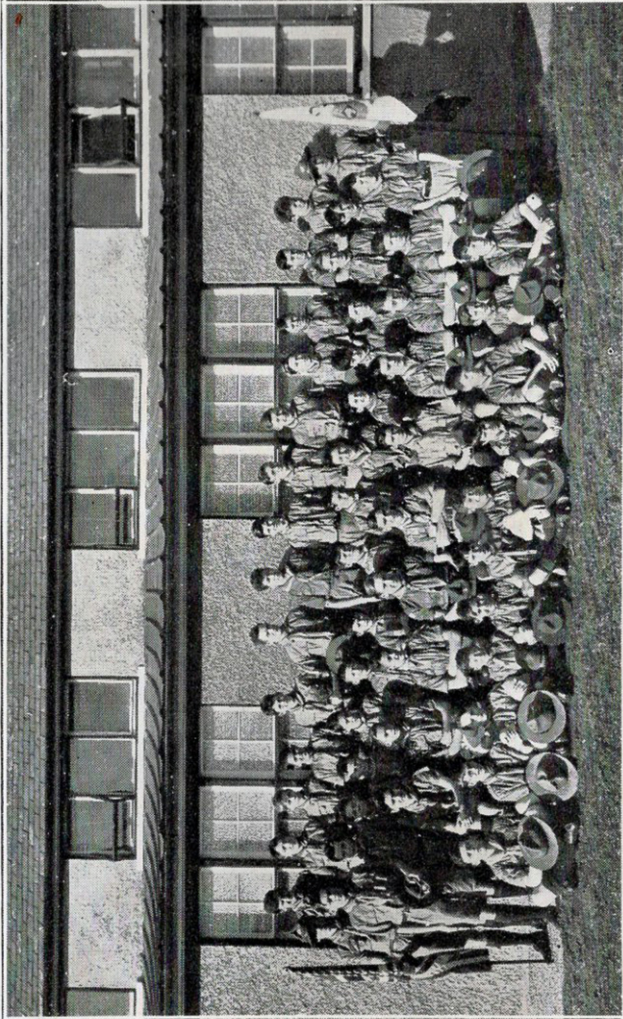
The College Troop.

Scout Masters : MESSRS. G. S. CAMPBELL, G. H. CAPSEY,
E. W. R. WARN.

The Launceston College Troop has had an extremely busy time during the past twelve months. A year ago it helped to found a strong rival Troop in the adjoining town, and recently enjoyed its second joint Whitsun Camp with the new group. Twelve Scouts went to the World Jamboree in Holland, in charge of the County Banner, and the Scout Master was in command of the County Contingent. Since then, correspondence has been maintained with Jamboree friends in many parts of the world, including Scouts in Launceston, Tasmania. Now a troop magazine called "The Link," has been produced to provide a permanent link with friends at home and abroad. The first number is being sold in aid of the Scout Appeal Fund.

The Troop hopes to achieve a new high standard of efficiency this summer. Five week-end camps have already been held and ten boys have successfully ventured on their 1st Class Journey. The Troop has already seven King's Scouts, one of whom is an American Scout spending two years in this country, and is probably the only American "King's Scout"; it aims at having every Patrol Leader and Second a First Class Scout by Summer Camp. Three King's Scouts attended the St. George's Day Rally at Windsor, and whilst in London, visited I.H.Q., the Discovery, Roland House, and Gilwell. After the Troop had prepared the camp site, a Patrol gave useful assistance at the first County Training Camp for Scouters, held recently, and prepared all the week-end meals for forty people. Assistance was also given at a local church fete, and last Christmas, toys were repaired and distributed to many poor children.

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THE COLLEGE TROOP

The Orchestra.

Conductor : MR. J. M. BROWN.

"There is nothing in the world like doing music in a crowd. It teaches you the best sort of team spirit," said Dr. Sydney Northcote, at this year's Musical Festival, and we at Launceston College can truthfully say that we have accomplished much in that direction. Our Orchestra continues to go from strength to strength, and has become well-known throughout the whole of the Westcountry.

The most important of this term's events has been the Musical Festival, which was held in May. Our two orchestral pieces were Rustic Dance, by Charles Woodhouse, and Keltic Lament, by J. H. Foulds. The audience showed their appreciation of our performance in no uncertain manner, and the adjudicator was loud in his praises and congratulations. Individual successes were numerous, and several players were commended for their excellent intonation and mastery of their instruments. In the School Orchestra Class we won the "W. H. Curtis" Challenge Cup.

But now the Musical Festival is over and all are eagerly looking forward to Speech Day, when we shall again be playing, both as an orchestra and in small ensembles. So we are now practising hard at the Minuet from Mozart's Symphony in G. Minor, the well-known March from Bizet's *Carmen*, and a piece by Perry called Maypole Dance.

Thus we are gradually widening our repertoire and learning new music; but we still play the English, Welsh and Scottish melodies, of which, no doubt, many Old Boys have a vivid recollection. These tunes are old stand byes, which regularly turn up, even though we do murder them nearly every Wednesday afternoon.

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“All is not Gold”

A STORY OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION.

Madame du Rochefort sat reading in the drawing-room of her sumptuously furnished home in Paris.

Surrounded by such splendour one would expect her face to be radiant with joy and happiness . . . and yet before her tired eyes, the print of her book appeared blurred, whilst a desperate expression marred the delicate lines of her beautiful face. For this beautiful lady was receiving harsh treatment from Fate.

Her late husband, a close friend of His Majesty, had incurred many debts, and at his death a year previously, his bereaved wife had conscientiously cleared her husband's name by selling the family jewels and replacing them by false ones, which she wore in order to allay suspicions. But even this money could not last for ever, and in the end she was obliged to sell her large house, and it was at this time that revolutionary ideals were being spread amongst the poor, even amongst her servants. There was one, Chambertin by name, a footman who advocated these principles. When leaving her fashionable home she had been forced to dismiss her servants, and they believed themselves to have been discharged at the caprice of their mistress. On taking his leave, Chambertin swore a solemn oath that when the revolution should come he would have his revenge.

Meanwhile, Madame du Rochefort's position became worse, until at last she was driven to taking two small rooms in a dingy and dilapidated apartment house in the poorest quarters of the city.

How she loathed her fellow creatures in poverty ! And they in turn hated her, for rags could not disguise her aristocratic bearing. Her only solace was to take out the imitation jewels—gaze at them and handle them lovingly—the only link with the beautiful world which had once been hers.

The undercurrent of discontent was growing stronger ; the rumour of revolution louder.

" On a bleak night in 1788, Madame du Rochefort, now very thin and pale, was huddled up in a rickety chair drawn up to a table in her bare room. A candle, stuck in an empty bottle, emitted a feeble light, playing on the necklace, her only link with the past. Tears filled her eyes, and there was a bitterness in her heart.

But outside the door, an old hag, clothes in filthy rags, had stopped. La Mere Chalot had long been suspicious of the aristocrat who inhabited such a poor dwelling, and rarely leaving her squalid lodgings, so, on passing the door, she had been seized with a sudden impulse to see what this strange woman was doing. She was an aristocrat, and the old woman was eagerly awaiting the time when the blood of the nobility would run in the streets, and when the air would be filled with their shrieks of agony.

She peeped through the keyhole. What she saw fanned her hatred to an almost incredible pitch. She remained motionless with triumph and loathing, striving for mastery in her cunning mind. But at length, a malicious grin of anticipation appeared on her wrinkled visage, and, muttering to herself, she hobbled off down the corridor.

In the Spring, 1789, the revolution burst like a terrible thunder-cloud over Paris, bringing with it a deluge of blood.

Old women with their knitting watched the knife relentlessly rise and fall, and guffawed diabolically as the proud heads fell by the hundred into the gay basket.

To share the same fate, all that was necessary was to be denounced as having royalist sympathies and the blood of thousands of innocent people was shed to satisfy the lusts of fanatics.

Madame du Rochefort lived in a state of perpetual terror. How it grieved her to see her poor country in such an awful condition, and to see those who were once her friends, callously sent to their deaths !

Meanwhile, in the Rue Montrouge, Citizen Chambertin, once a servant—now a high official of the Chamber of Deputies—was dealing with his extensive correspondence. He had tried in vain to trace his former mistress.

A knock came at his door and a concierge entered. "Citoyen officer," he said, "an old woman here insists on seeing you personally. She gives her name as Cotiyenne Chalot." Citoyen Chambertin grunted his assent and the old hag hobbled in. She proceeded to recount what she had seen, and although inwardly his excitement was intense, he feigned an attitude of indifference until the cackling old wretch had taken her leave.

Then he at once sprang into action, the light of triumph gleaming in her eyes, and summoned a soldier in the uniform of the Civil Guards. "Citoyen Captain," he ordered, rubbing his hands in anticipation, "take an armed guard at once to the Rue St. Germain, and arrest Madame du Rochefort, whom you will find at Number 45. I herewith denounce her. Go, Citoyen, and see to it that she is placed safely under lock and key."

The soldier saluted and retired.

Left alone, Citoyen Chambertin's excitement was such that he was completely unable to remain quiet, so he paced impatiently up and down the room. All he had to do now was to wait until the fool had been arrested, go to her rooms, and appropriate the priceless du Rochefort's heirlooms. It was all so easy. At last, putting on his hat and coat he made his way in the direction of the Rue St. Germain. Finding her rooms empty, he cautiously entered, and after a short search, found the imitation jewellery wrapped in a filthy rag under a loose floor-board.

Hiding the bundle underneath his cloak, he returned to his house to gloat over his ill-gotten 'gains.'

That day, Citoyenne du Rochefort was tried and condemned to death, and the next day, with head erect, and a proud expression on her noble face, was taken to the dripping

guillotine. As the knife severed her beautiful neck, a chorus of guffaws went up from the old hags.

On the following morning Chambertin took the jewellery to a dealer to be valued, and on being told by him that they were worthless, thinking that the jeweller was trying to cheat him, Chambertin flew into a rage, and drawing his sword, thrust it through the unfortunate man's heart.

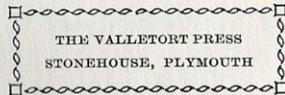
His arrest followed, for the Revolution was no respecter of persons, and now his own blood was to augment the ever-growing pool.

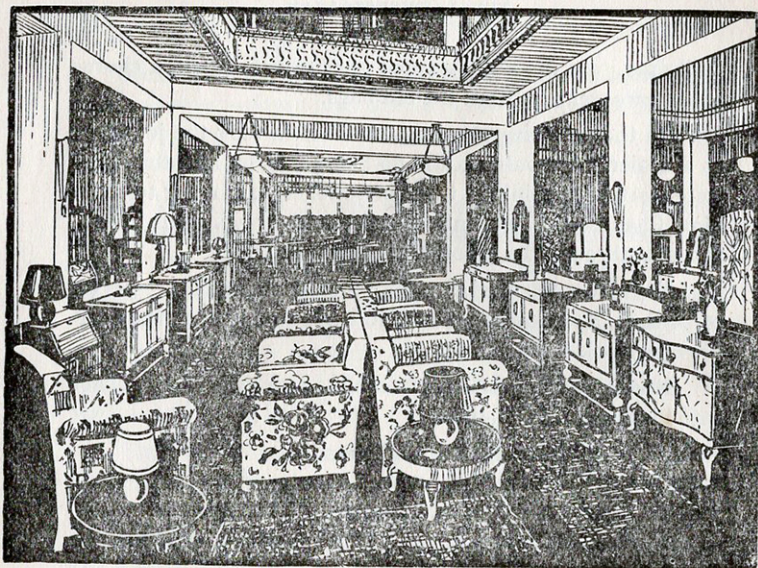
Mounting the platform, trembling and pale, there flashed into his mind the old adage,

“All is not gold that glitters.”

MR. A. G. PAYNE, B.A.

We regret to report that Mr. A. G. Payne is leaving us at the end of the term to take up an appointment at Neath. With him will go the most sincere good wishes of the College for his future happiness in his approaching marriage. In the years during which he has been with us, he has done valuable work both on the field and in class, and he will be missed by all, but more especially by the Spanish Club, of which he was founder. We are extremely sorry to bid farewell to such a popular sportsmaster, but we wish him a like success in his new appointment.





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