

St. DAVID'S,
BRIDGEFIELD,
FARNHAM,
SURREY.

May 10th, 1943.

Dear Old Students,

The time for writing in the war-time News-Sheet seems to come round very quickly. There is very little to report. As a committee, the B.O.U. have not met oftener than necessary. What meetings we have had have been well attended. Just lately Reunion has exercised us very much. As you know from the first notice the Committee of Management and Miss MacLaren have once again invited us down to Newquay from July 31st to August 6th. The Committee hope you will enjoy the programme arranged. We thought we would again work on the plan of having some free time each day, and have arranged to work in the morning and evening, leaving the afternoons free for tennis, bathing, picnics and other delights.

We have also planned to have "Gymnastics" as our main theme this year—particularly those relating to the senior half of a secondary school, and it is with this idea in mind that we have asked Miss Blunden to prepare her four gymnastics lessons for us. There ought to be many subjects for discussion as a result. I think it would be good if from now on we all kept notes of things we would like help with or upon which we would like to compare notes with other people.

Miss Goodrich is giving us four classes on "Modern Dance." She, too, we hope, will talk about her subject and let us talk, too. Miss Tuck is teaching Ball Room Dancing after supper on four nights.

We hope Old Students will appreciate the fact that we have concentrated on the teaching of gymnastics in the senior part of the School and all it entails, and on two special types of dancing, in the hope that we shall all derive benefit from concentrating within certain limits. So often in a week's course one gets snippets of many subjects with no real increase of knowledge.

This year, once again, we are sending out no time-table, in order to save paper. We are hoping to have plenty of time for discussion and exchange of ideas, and we are therefore leaving much of the time-table in a very elastic condition. There is a wealth of experience and sound knowledge among the Old Students, which ought to be tapped. We have made arrangements for four or five outside lecturers to talk after tea on various nights. We shall look forward to hearing them, but if, through no fault of their own, they fail to turn up, the Committee will look to B.O.U. members to step into the breach!

One evening we hope to have a Brains Trust on Physical Education. Mrs MacLaren has consented to be Question Master, and we hope that the College Staff will comply with our request to be the Brains Trust, with the power to invite distinguished guests from among the Old Students. Be getting your questions ready now!

We have tried to fall in with suggestions left to us by the people who were at Reunion last time, and so we have not arranged "repeats" of classes or choice of two classes. This means that fewer people can take part in the practical classes, so perhaps it will be as well if some join in the Gym and some in Dancing. We hope those watching will benefit, for, after all, spectators do see most of the game!

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. CHAMBERLAIN
(Chairman of the Committee).

BENEDEN SCHOOL,
at HOTEL BRISTOL,
NEWQUAY,
CORNWALL.

May 10th, 1943.

Dear Old Students,

I write at the invitation of the Committee of the B.O.U. to tell you of an interesting and important change which is shortly to be made in the constitution of the Committee of Management of the College.

Hitherto there have been ten members of the Committee, appointed as follows:—

- Two by the Board of Education.
- Two by the Trustees.
- One by the London County Council.
- One by the Kent County Council.
- One by the School of Medicine for Women.
- One by the Bergman Osterberg Union.
- One by the Association of Head Mistresses of Secondary Schools for Girls.
- One by the Training College Association.

This number will now be increased to fifteen by the addition of two more members to be appointed by the Bergman Osterberg Union and three members to be co-opted by resolution of the Committee of Management.

This increase in the size of the Committee has been made in view of the present far-reaching developments in education and of the increased scope of the training in the College.

Yours truly,

KATHLEEN BIRD
(B.O.U. representative on the
Committee of Management).

KINGSFIELD,
PENTRE,
NEWQUAY,
CORNWALL,

May 10th, 1943.

Dear Old Students,

The Students' Editor has given you such a full account of our activities here in Newquay during the past year that there is little for me to add.

We have had three interesting Lectures given by Mr. Rowse, Mr. Price and Mrs. Dalton, of the Plymouth Settlement. We produced a Play at the end of the Summer Term, "Distant Point," which was given a kindly reception by the people of Newquay. Mr. Roy Henderson came to the College and sang for us.

Of the twenty-six Present and one Old Student who took the London Diploma, twenty-six passed and one Present Student was referred in Education.

The Social Science Students, who are now in their Third Year, take Part II of their Certificate at the end of this Summer Term. Fourteen out of eighteen Students passed the first part of the Social Science Certificate, two with a special credit. Of the present Year II Students nine out of twelve have passed Part I of the Certificate; one Student was referred.

The present Third Year Social Science Students are the first to go out with this qualification. It rather looks as though about half the Students coming up will choose to take Social Science as their additional qualification.

The number of Students desiring to enter the College is still rising. Last year the number admitted was sixty-two. The increase necessitated the taking over of another Hotel, Tremont. Here we have pleasant rooms for nineteen Students and seven Members of the Staff.

During the Autumn and Spring Terms the Third Years lived in London, the Medical Students during the Autumn Term and the Social Science during the Spring

Term. They were able to get three days a week School Practice in some of the Schools where the Dartford Students taught for many years before the war. It was pleasant to note how much their return was appreciated.

The following list shows the posts to which some of the Students leaving this Term have been appointed:—

- D. Brown, Birmingham Education Committee.
- B. Blackburn, Royal School, Bath (evacuated).
- P. E. Castle, Birmingham Education Committee.
- G. J. Collings, Felixstowe College (evacuated).
- P. Gilmour, Stroud High School.
- E. S. Hills, The High School, Newport, Mon.
- D. Hunter, The High School, Nottingham.
- B. Norrice, Woodford Green County High School.
- I. Paterson, Parsonsmead, Ashted.
- B. D. White, Central Newcastle High School.
- J. Toley, Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath.

I am not quite clear what our policy should be in planning for greater cultural opportunities for the Students. I am inclined to think that we should extend our cultural facilities, but I am faced with the limited time at our disposal and I am, of course, clear that whatever other studies we add to our Course our efficiency as Teachers of Physical Training must in no sense suffer. It might be possible to add an optional fourth year. I should be grateful to receive any suggestions that Old Students might have to offer on this point.

Yours sincerely,

G. MACLAREN.

KINGSFIELD,
PENTIRE,
NEWQUAY,
CORNWALL.

May 16th, 1943.

Dear Old Students,

This is the first year in which none of the Students in College has had part of her training in Dartford. The present third year started in November, 1940, when College had been evacuated one week, and although a few of us saw the Dartford buildings when we went there for interviews, we can say that we are Newquay trained. Whether our training has suffered or gained from the evacuation we leave for the decision of those who knew the College as it was. We who have heard only of the life at Dartford are bound to feel some regrets that we could not have worked there, but we feel that we have survived the move well: we have missed the advantages of the College buildings and equipment in Dartford, but former Students might envy us the privileges and freedom that we now enjoy in Newquay.

With the restrictions on travelling, it has become difficult to arrange teaching for students in Cornwall, in order that we might have better facilities and more time for teaching, Miss MacLaren arranged for the third-year Students to spend one term near London. The Medical Division were the first to go in the Autumn Term, whilst the Social Science Students returned to Newquay. Soon the news came through that life in London suited them well. In the Spring Term the two divisions changed places. We lived in billets, teaching three days a week in schools in the Dartford district, and meeting for lectures on the other three days. We met at the Eltham baths twice a week for swimming coaching from Mr. Howercroft, whom we knew slightly from lectures in our first year. Our swimming has suffered at Newquay, and we were glad to have the

opportunity of this coaching. Mrs. Halliday coached our diving, and we came away from each lesson having attempted some more daring feat than in the last. Our teaching was supervised by Mrs. Halliday and Miss Danie; Miss MacLaren, Miss Cox and Miss Nowell-Smith visited us from time to time. Each week we had five dancing lessons from Miss Lawson, who gave us a rigorous training in our work by way of preparing us for the Russian Dances, which she taught us at the end of each lesson. We met at the Ling Offices in London each Saturday morning for lectures in Social Science, arranged for us by Dr. Willoughby; these we found most inspiring, and we had the interest of a different lecturer speaking on a new subject each week. Our Saturday afternoons were free. Our visit to London was enjoyable in every way; our work we found most interesting, and we appreciated the independence of billet life.

Now, for the summer term, we are together again in Newquay. College seems to have managed very well with only half its third year; in fact, we have been very active during the two terms. In the Autumn Term we produced scenes from "The Corn is Green" and "The Ghost Train," and gave entertainments to the two military hospitals in Newquay. The end of the term brought the first year entertainment and the decoration of the dining-room. Carols were sung in College on the last Sunday of the term.

At the beginning of the year it was decided that each Society should be allotted three evenings in each term in which to hold its meetings, a plan which ensured that some form of entertainment was provided each week, and it is hoped that we shall continue with our meetings during the Summer Term. The Debating Society, which this year has taken the place of the Current Events Society, has had lectures from Mr. Donald Grant on "The World Between Two Wars," and from Mr. Chandler on "Mr. Roosevelt and his Policy." There is a growing interest in College in the National Union of Students and, although we have had no speaker on the subject so far, the Students who attended a conference in April are explaining to us the work of the Union, and we hope that some lectures may be arranged. Some of the Third Year Students attended a Students' Federation for the International Co-operation Conference at Bristol in the Autumn Term. We have been represented on an R.A.F. Brains Trust, and a Debate has been held with the R.A.F. on the motion "That Prosperity in Post-war Britain demands a Socialist Regime." Other activities with the R.A.F. include several dances, a Guest Night and a Concert given in the Newquay Theatre, and Ballroom Dancing on Saturday evenings in College.

The Musical Society have heard a Cello Recital by Miss Leon and a Violin Recital by Miss Chapman, and during the year we have had the opportunity of attending Concerts arranged by the Newquay Music Society. The Society managed to find enough talent in College to arrange two very successful concerts, each house working separately and contributing different items to the programme.

The Literary and Dramatic Society are hoping to produce "Dear Brutus" as the College Play at the end of this term. During the year they have read "Richard II," "The Rose Without a Thorn," "The Light of Heart," "Jane Eyre," "Escape," and "The Raft."

In the coming Term the First Years are looking forward to a fortnight on the land, and the Second Years Medical Division to their hospital work in London in July. During the first week in August College will be open for the Old Students' Reunion.

Yours sincerely,

THE STUDENTS' EDITOR FOR 1943.

As it is increasingly difficult for the Students to obtain the necessary outfit for the physical training course, I am wondering if any Old Students have some of their College uniform no longer in use. If so, I shall be very pleased to receive any of the following, viz.:

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| Navy tunic (Dartford style) | Gymnastic rompers |
| Black or navy woollen tights | All games shoes |
| Dancing tunic | Uniform blouses |
| Gymnastic stockings | Massage overalls. |

(Signed) G. MACLAREN.