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## EDITORIAL.

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THE lamentations of our predecessors have often been so pathetic that it is with some diffidence that we assumed the reins of office. However, the fast-approaching end of term once more warns us poor overworked Editors that it is high time to collect material for our Magazine. With many a groan, therefore, we take our seat in the Editorial chair and set to work.

Football is the main source of interest this term. The season on the whole has been successful—more so, in fact, than a casual glance at the fixture card would lead one to suppose. Of the School matches, Monmouth was defeated after a good game, while at Swansea, though beaten, we very far from disgraced ourselves against Llandovery.

In briefly summarizing the events of this term, we must not omit to mention the loss the School has sustained in the retirement of Mr. Donaldson from the post of Games Master. For many years he has been President of the Games Committee, and performed the by no means insignificant duties of that office most unselfishly and thoroughly. On the other hand, we are glad that he is still with us as a capable adviser and friend.

It seems that misfortunes never come singly, for on return we found we had lost Mr. Nicholas, who always took the keenest interest in the School, both in work and play.

We would like to take this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to Mr. Munns and Mr. Robinson, who have filled vacancies on the staff.

And now we must bid our readers farewell, hoping that in their joyful anticipation of the coming holidays, they will not pass too severe a judgment on the Editors. We are new to the work, and therefore appeal to your generosity.

In conclusion, we join in wishing all Breconians, past and present,

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR.

## In Memoriam.

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J. F. WILLIAMS (O. B.),

Died of Blackwater Fever in Northern Nigeria, Age 27.

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All Breconians heard the above sad news last August with very real sorrow. It seemed hardly credible at first, for it was only at Easter that we had seen him in Brecon full of his usual vigorous and cheerful health. But not many weeks after his return to his work in W. Africa he was struck down and quickly passed away.

His name stands high in the annals of Brecon, and his memory will not readily fade from the heart of many an old School fellow. To many also outside Brecon itself he was well known as one of our great football players. London Rugby players and London Welshmen in particular will mourn his loss. A fine player at School, he captained a very successful School XV. in 1899, and soon after leaving made a name for himself with the London Welsh Club. He gained his Welsh Cap in 1905, and had the honour of playing against both the New Zealand and South African Teams. In 1908 he toured Australia and New Zealand as a member of the British XV.

We quote the following words from a Welsh contemporary :—" Mr. Williams was a man of fine physique and perfect integrity of character. He was popular with his friends—and they were legion—and they will learn with intense regret that in the prime of manhood he has passed away. There never was a better sportsman and he embodied everything that was best in the Welsh type of character. As a Rugby forward he was one of the fastest and most untiring players Wales has ever produced."

We offer our sympathy to his sorrowing family. Christ College has gained much from such a son, and is the poorer for his loss.

## CRICKET.

*Christ College v. Old Breconians.*—Played at Brecon on July 13th. It had been hoped to make a two days' match out of this game and an earlier date than usual was therefore arranged, but the unfavourable circumstances of the term made this impossible and also weakened the O. B. XI. a little. Denny and Kemp made a very slow start for the School, and a long stand between the former and G. M. O. Evans was also somewhat tedious. After lunch Howell played a sparkling innings, scoring 37 out of 44 in less than 20 minutes. He hit a 5 and seven 4's. Denny also brightened up considerably and was not sent back till he had amassed 76, after three hours batting. His first 30 was a laborious display, but he made some capital strokes afterwards. The later batsmen quite rightly went in for hitting, Hoskins and Rees meeting with most success. The O.B.'s did not collapse, but they never looked like mastering the attack, though seven members of the side reached double figures. Dr. Morgan and Harries hit well for their runs, but Howell was too good for the rest. He bowled unchanged and had a fine analysis. The fielding was good, and H. S. Davies bowled usefully. Score and analysis:—

### CHRIST COLLEGE.

M. C. M. Denny, b Morgan .. .. .	76
J. T. Kemp, hit wkt, b Harries .. .. .	11
G. M. O. Evans, b Watkins .. .. .	16
G. Howell, b Morris .. .. .	37
S. R. Phillips, c Morgan, b Morris .. .. .	2
P. T. Erasmus, b Morgan .. .. .	5
H. B. Davies, c Watkins, b Morgan .. .. .	6
W. L. Hoskins, c and b Harries .. .. .	21
A. J. Ll. Rees, not out .. .. .	15
H. S. Davies, c and b Watkins .. .. .	5
L. G. Lewis, st Griffiths, b Harries .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	24
Total .. .. .	218

### OLD BRECONIANS.

E. V. Watkins, b Howell .. .. .	10
D. F. H. Williams, b Howell .. .. .	10
W. R. Thomas, b Howell .. .. .	15
A. J. Morris, c Evans, b Howell .. .. .	0
J. V. Rees, b Howell .. .. .	10
Dr. T. Morgan, c Kemp, b H. S. Davies .. .. .	21
E. H. Powell, c and b Howell .. .. .	10
F. S. Harries, b Howell .. .. .	20
D. P. S. Griffiths, c Evans, b H. S. Davies .. .. .	2
A. W. Evans, b H. S. Davies .. .. .	0
H. R. Evans, not out .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	16
Total .. .. .	114

### BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell .. .. .	17·4	4	44	7
H. B. Davies ...	11	2	34	0
H. S. Davies ...	6	2	20	3



*Christ College v. 3rd Battn. S.W.B.*—This was the last match of the season and was played on the School ground on July 18th. The soldiers had first use of a plumb wicket, but failed to make more than a moderate score. Howell sent back their most dangerous batsman, P. Rees, with a very good ball, and only Fowler of the rest offered prolonged resistance. He played good cricket for his 50 and made some powerful drives, including a big hit for 6 off Walters. With the wind behind him Howell was always difficult and with Mr. Hill's assistance speedily ran through the tail. We fielded well on the whole. Our easy task was still further lightened by the reluctance of our opponents' best bowler to start the attack. Denny and Mr. Hill won the match and put up altogether 112 for the first wicket. Mr. Hill's 63 was a most attractive display. Denny and Evans carried on the good work. Evans batted very neatly and crisply, and Denny's innings was by far his best for the year. His defence was as good as ever, but he revealed also powers of driving in advance of any previous display. We thus won by 105 runs with 7 wickets in hand. Score and analysis :—

## 3RD BATTN. S.W.B.

Capt. D. Hughes Morgan, b Howell .....	9
H. A. G. Fowler, b Hill.....	50
P. Rees, b Howell .....	5
M. E. Yeatman, c Evans, b Davies .....	6
Capt. Maxwell Heron, c and b Howell .....	5
Sergt. Whittaker, c Rees, b Howell.....	6
Sergt. Phillips, c Walters, b Hill .....	0
Dr. T. P. Thomas, b Howell .....	0
Private Scannell, b Hill.....	4
Private Farmer, not out.....	0
Sergt. Hatton, c and b Howell .....	0
Extras .....	9
Total.....	94

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

M. C. M. Denny, run out .....	72
Mr. A. T. Hill, b Whittaker.....	63
G. M. O. Evans, c and b Maxwell Heron .....	29
G. Howell, not out.....	4
Rev. A. E. Donaldson, not out.....	4
Extras .....	27

Total (for 3 wks) ... 199

J. T. Kemp, H. B. Davies, S. R. Phillips, W. L. Hoskins, D. J. Walters, and A. J. Ll. Rees did not bat.

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell .....	14.3	4	27	6
H. B. Davies ...	5	0	30	1
Mr. Donaldson...	4	1	6	0
Walters.....	2	0	14	0
Mr. Hill .....	3	1	8	3

## CHRIST COLLEGE CRICKET XI., 1911.

## AVERAGES.

1st XI.—Matches played, 15 ; won, 8 ; lost, 5 ; drawn, 2.

## BATTING.

	<i>Innings.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Not Outs.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
G. Howell (Capt.) .....	17	447	75	4	34.38
M. C. M. Denny .....	17	372	76	—	21.88
J. Cooper .....	11	146	53	3	18.25
G. M. O. Evans .....	6	80	29	—	13.33
W. L. Hoskins .....	15	148	30	2	11.33
H. B. Davies .....	14	140	65	1	10.76
J. T. Kemp .....	14	145	40	—	10.35
A. J. Ll. Rees .....	10	55	15*	2	6.87
D. J. Walters .....	13	63	32*	2	5.72
H. S. Davies .....	6	20	7	2	5.
S. R. Phillips .....	7	30	14	—	4.28

The following also batted :—E. R. Gibbon, 9, 8 (not out), 15, 0, 14 and 19 (not out) ; K. P. O. Evans, 0 (not out), 0, 11, 22, 5, 0, 0, 0 and 4 (not out) ; A. Tudor, 2, 0 (not out) and 3 (not out) ; L. Baker Jones, 4 ; P. T. Erasmus, 5 and L. G. Lewis, 0.

## BOWLING.

	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
G. Howell .....	251.1	65	581	78	7.44
D. J. Walters .....	37.1	5	138	14	9.85
H. S. Davies .....	30	4	104	9	11.55
H. B. Davies .....	177.5	37	491	33	14.63

The following also bowled :—E. R. Gibbon, 28, 6, 80, 10 ; K. P. O. Evans, 22.4, 1, 77, 11 ; M. C. M. Denny, 6, 0, 22, 3 ; and A. J. Ll. Rees, 2, 1, 4, 0.

2nd XI.—Matches played, 8 ; won, 5 ; lost, 2 ; drawn, 1.

## BATTING.

	<i>Innings.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Not Outs.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
K. P. O. Evans (Capt.)...	3	64	50	—	21.33
A. Tudor .....	2	32	32	—	16.
L. G. Lewis .....	4	38	17	—	9.50
I. S. Jenkins .....	8	72	28	—	9.
R. S. Davies .....	8	70	25	—	8.75
D. C. Thomas .....	6	52	31	—	8.66
P. T. Erasmus .....	7	53	21	—	7.57
L. Baker Jones .....	7	15	5*	4	5.
A. B. Price .....	5	18	7	1	4.50
J. V. Martyn .....	7	22	7	2	4.40
P. D. Evans Jones .....	6	25	10	—	4.16

The following also batted :—G. M. O. Evans, 1, 5, 48 (not out), 3, 5, 41 and 0 ; H. S. Davies, 0, 3, and 0 ; J. T. Kemp, 14 ; and W. L. Hoskins, 13.

The following also played :—J. W. Gibbon, 1, 0, 0, 0 and 11 ; G. E. Morgan, 0, 1 and 10 ; G. Parker, 17 (not out) ; and D. L. Jones, 1.

## BOWLING.

	<i>Overs.</i>		<i>Maidens.</i>		<i>Runs.</i>		<i>Wickets.</i>		<i>Average.</i>
A. B. Price .....	13 2	...	4	...	38	...	10	...	3.80
K. P. O. Evans .....	23 3	...	3	...	54	...	12	...	4.50
P. T. Erasmus. ....	11	...	2	...	24	...	3	...	8
I. S. Jenkins .....	23.4	...	1	...	92	...	11	...	8.86
L. G. Lewis.....	42.1	...	12	...	115	...	12	...	9.58
P. D. Evans Jones.....	9	...	1	...	35	...	1	...	35

The following also bowled :—H. S. Davies, 23.2, 6, 54, 7 ; J. W. Gibbon, 50, 12, 109, 15 ; D. C. Thomas, 3, 1, 12, 2 ; R. S. Davies, 2, 0, 13, 1 ; and L. Baker Jones, 1, 0, 6, 0.

## CRICKET PRIZES.

- 1st XI.—Aggregate Bat, G. Howell (M. C. M. Denny).  
 Average Bat, G. Howell.  
 Aggregate Ball, G. Howell (H. B. Davies).  
 Average Ball, G. Howell.  
 Fielding, G. Howell.

- 2nd XI.—Batting and Bowling, K. P. O. Evans.

For the second year in succession G. Howell secured all the 1st XI. Prizes and, as before, handed down two to the next in order of merit, Denny and H. B. Davies. Howell also beat his previous record of 65 wickets in one season by taking 78—a number unsurpassed, we believe, by any other Public School bowler in the season of 1911.

## CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1911.

The results of these Examinations, held as usual at the end of the Summer Term, were as follows :—

*Higher Certificates.*—5 passes, viz. :—

A. B. G. Biggerton Evans (Latin, Greek, Elementary Mathematics, Scripture, English and Greek History).

M. C. M. Denny (Latin, Greek, Scripture, English and Greek History).

E. F. Thomas (Elementary Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy—Mechanical, Physical and Chemical Divisions).

D. J. Walters (Elementary Mathematics, Additional Mathematics and Natural Philosophy—Mechanical, Physical and Chemical Divisions).

W. L. Hoskins (Latin, Greek, Elementary Mathematics and Scripture).

Walters was distinguished in Additional Mathematics and the Physical Division of Natural Philosophy. Denny was distinguished in Scripture and H. B. Davies in Additional Mathematics.

*Lower Certificates.*—9 passes (out of 11 candidates), viz :—

E. W. David (Latin, French, Arithmetic, Mathematics, Scripture and History).

H. Saunders Davies (Latin, Greek, Arithmetic, Scripture and History).

G. M. O. Evans (Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Scripture and History).

P. D. Evans Jones (Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Scripture and History).

L. Baker Jones (Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Mathematics, Scripture and History).

C. F. Parry (Latin, Arithmetic, Mathematics, History, Mechanics and Physics, and Physics and Chemistry).

A. B. Price (Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Mathematics, Scripture and History).

D. C. Thomas (Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Scripture and History).

W. D. G. Wilkinson (Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Scripture and History).

The following obtained distinctions :—

A. B. Price (Latin, Greek, Arithmetic, Mathematics and History).

D. C. Thomas (Latin, Greek, Arithmetic, Scripture and History).

E. W. David (Arithmetic, Mathematics, Scripture and History).

C. F. Parry (Arithmetic, Mathematics, Mechanics and Physics, and Physics and Chemistry).

G. M. O. Evans (Latin, Greek, Scripture and History).

L. Baker Jones (Latin, Scripture and History).

W. D. G. Wilkinson (Latin, Greek and Arithmetic).

H. Saunders Davies (Arithmetic).

P. T. Erasmus passed in 5 subjects with 4 distinctions (Arithmetic, Mathematics, Scripture and History), and I. S. Jenkins in 4 subjects with one distinction (Arithmetic), but just failed to obtain certificates.

There were no failures in the following subjects :—Arithmetic, Mathematics, Scripture, History and Science.

The number of distinctions obtained (34) is more than we have ever obtained before at the same Examination.



## FOOTBALL SEASON, 1911.

We have played 8 matches, so far, this season, of which 3 have been won and 5 lost. In the two School matches we have done exceedingly well. Against Monmouth we won after a hard game by 8 points to 3, and we were the better side by probably a larger margin, but the sodden state of the ground stopped all clever play. Against Llandovery we had a magnificent game, and were only beaten by the place kick. If fortune had been more kind to us, we might have scored at least once or twice more. In this match the passing of our backs was brilliant, and the defence very sound. The whole team played a grand game, and certainly did not deserve to lose. In club matches we have not been so successful. Our forwards were nearly always too light, and thus our backs were very seldom able to get going. Whenever they did get the ball, they were always dangerous. We beat Newport Thursday after a most exciting game, and against Sketty only lost by one point, although our opponents had Dr. E. Morgan assisting them.

We only had five old colours available, of which three were forwards and two three-quarters. At the beginning of term the problem was to find a good pair of halves, and certainly the solution has been very happy, for we have had a very skilful pair in Baker Jones and Parker. Full-back was another difficulty, but H. S. Davies has filled that position very creditably, and never let his side down. The forwards, although light, have turned out a clever lot, especially in loose rushes. In Rees we had a hooker of unusual merit. In the Llandovery match they all played a fine game, and gave their backs many chances.

Probably the best feature of the team has been the passing of the three-quarters. Ably led by Hoskins, they brought off some splendid bouts of passing against Llandovery. Both centres are strong straight runners, who know how to cut through at the right time, and the wings are fast, especially Gibbon. His tries against Monmouth and Llandovery were fine efforts. The line as a whole is one of which any Public School might be proud.

Hoskins succeeded Denny as Captain, and has been most keen in the performance of his duties. He has turned what might have been a moderate XV. into a really good one. He is to be heartily congratulated on the fine struggle made by his side at Swansea in a great match, not readily to be forgotten by those who were lucky enough to see it.

The Second Game have done sound work, as usual, and won their game against Mr. Large's Bible Class by a comfortable margin.

THE FIFTEEN, 1911.

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- H. S. DAVIES (Full-back)—Has a safe pair of hands and can kick with both feet. A very fair tackler and a plucky player, who should be very useful next season.
- V. G. DAVIES (Left wing)—A determined runner and good tackler. Hard to stop when near the goal line. A poor kick.
- W. L. HOSKINS (Left centre)—A very good centre, but on the slow side. Runs straight and makes good openings for his wing. A fine kick and tackler. Has been the back bone of the team and made a most enthusiastic captain.
- L. G. LEWIS (Right centre)—Runs strongly and straight, but is inclined to neglect his wing. A splendid kick, and greatly improved in his defensive play.
- E. R. GIBBON (Right wing)—A very fast runner and a fine tackler. The most dangerous try-getter on the side, and a very fair kick.
- G. PARKER (Outside half)—Very plucky in defence; in attack rather slow, but has come on tremendously. Has a wonderful pair of hands. Played a great game in both School matches.
- L. BAKER JONES (Inside half)—Clever and plucky. Opens up the game well, and is a good tackler and kick. Should turn out a first-rate player.
- E. F. THOMAS (forward)—Plays an untiring game and is always on the ball. Good in tackling and a strong runner. Shoves hard in the scrum.
- J. COOPER—A very fine robust forward. Has done excellent work in the line out, and shines in the open. A good scrummager also and can tackle. An unusually good place kick.
- A. J. LL. REES.—A really admirable forward, who does splendid work in the loose. A very good hooker, and the most polished forward all round in the team. Should be heard of again.
- R. YENDOLL—Good in the loose and a very fair tackler. Works hard in the scrum and follows up well. Is also a fair three-quarter back, who runs very straight.

- I. S. JENKINS—Very light, but a sound player. An excellent hooker, and has been useful in the loose. Always a hard worker.
- A. B. G. BIGGERTON EVANS.—Hard working and greatly improved. A good 'middleman' in the scrum, but inclined to be clumsy. A fair tackler.
- P. D. EVANS JONES.—Much improved and useful in dribbling, but at times very wild and apt to lose his head. Has shoved hard when in the second row of the scrum.
- P. C. MATTHEWS. — A thorough scrummager, who never tires. Follows up splendidly; runs with dash, but is a little clumsy.

### FOOTBALL MATCHES.

*Christ College v. Rev. A. E. Donaldson's XV.*—This, the opening match of the season, was played on the School ground on Wednesday, Oct. 4th. The School won the toss and decided to play towards the Orphanage. Play was of a very even character in the first half, Mr. Hill scoring twice for scratch side. One try was converted, and Biggerton Evans, Lewis and V. G. Davies got over for School. At the opening stages of the second half our opponents again took up the attack, and scored two tries, which they failed to convert. From this point the School had much the better of the play, and three tries were scored in rapid succession, one of which Cooper converted from a difficult angle. Towards the end nothing worthy of note occurred, and the whistle sounded, leaving the School victors by 4 goals and 1 try to 1 goal and 3 tries. For the scratch side Yeatman and Mr. Hill did well. The School forwards were somewhat ragged, and the backs, though shaping well in attack, were weak in defence. The following represented the School: back, A. B. Price; threequarters, V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis, E. R. Gibbon; half backs, L. Baker Jones and G. Parker; forwards, E. F. Thomas, J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, A. B. G. Biggerton Evans, P. D. Evans Jones, P. C. Matthews, D. C. Thomas and J. V. Martyn.

*Christ College v. Newport Extras.*—Played on the School ground on Saturday, Oct. 7th. The School entertained good hopes of victory, as the visitors were not reported to be as strong as usual. The School won the toss, and decided to play with the wind towards the Orphanage. At the start the School quite held their own, but very soon the Newport men gained the upper hand, and scored twice in quick succession, and both attempts at converting were successful. A few minutes later the School were penalized, and the Newport centre dropped a neat goal. For the remainder of the first half the School were penned in their own "25," and the Newport backs penetrated the defence twice and scored on each



occasion, but the kicks for goal failed. In the second half the School were obliged to play with only seven forwards, as D. C. Thomas had to leave the field with an injured shoulder. From this point to the end Newport had all their own way, and scored three other tries, two of which were converted. Almost at the call of time Newport were also penalized, and Cooper kicked a lovely goal, thus scoring the only points for the School. The School were hopelessly beaten, and the fact that the visitors were the heavier lot could not alone account for the very weak exhibition that the School gave. The following represented the School: back, H. S. Davies; three-quarters, V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis and E. R. Gibbon; half backs, L. Baker Jones and G. Parker; forwards, E. F. Thomas, J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, A. B. G. Biggerton Evans, P. D. Evans Jones, P. C. Matthews, D. C. Thomas and J. V. Martyn.

*Christ College v. Newport Thursdays.*—This match was played on the School ground on Thursday, Oct. 12th. The visitors were delayed on their journey, and consequently the match was late in starting. Newport kicked off, and Cooper replied for the School with a good kick into touch near the centre. Play settled down near the half way line for a short time, but at last Parker set his backs going, and they, after a fine bout of passing, brought play into the Newport twenty-five. By sound kicking Newport drove the School back to their twenty-five, where Plummer, the visiting centre, received from a scrum and scored an unconverted try. The School again visited the visitors' territory, and at the head of a good forward rush, Rees crossed over with a try, which Cooper converted with his usual skill. The School kept up the attack, and very soon Hoskins received a pass from Parker and ran over with a try. Cooper again converted. In the second half Newport played with great dash, and the School were forced to defend their own line. This they did successfully for quite a long time, but at length the Newport backs were set in motion and scored two tries in rapid succession, one of which was converted. Play was now becoming fast and exciting, and Newport were only leading by a single point. Then the School were given an excellent chance, and Lewis received from a scrum and gave a long pass to V. G. Davies, who burst through the opposing defence in grand style and scored a brilliant try, which Cooper easily converted. Time was then called, and thus a fast and excellent game ended in a victory for the School by 3 goals to 1 goal and 2 tries. The display of the School was in every respect brilliant, and it would be unfair to single out any individual for special mention. The following represented the School: back, H. S. Davies; three-quarters, V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis, E. R. Gibbon; half-backs, L. Baker Jones and G. Parker; forwards, Mr. Robinson, E. F. Thomas, J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, A. B. G. Biggerton Evans, P. C. Matthews, I. S. Jenkins and R. Green.

*Christ College v. M. Williams' XV.*—In this match, which was played on the School ground on Thursday, Oct. 19th, many well known players took part, including G. Llewellyn, Ivor Morgan and B. Llewellyn, O.B.'s. M. Williams (O.B.) was unable to play owing to an injured



shoulder. The day was an exceedingly wet one, and therefore, what would otherwise have been a good game was spoilt by the wretched state of the ground. The visitors kicked off, and H. S. Davies replied for School with a useful kick into touch, which placed the School in a good attacking position. The School backs failed to hold the wet ball, and, consequently, the visitors soon brought play into their opponents' twenty-five. From a scrum G. Llewellyn received and cut through the defence and scored for the visitors. The kick failed. Time after time the School backs failed to make any headway, and play for the remainder of the first half was chiefly confined to the forwards in the School twenty-five. Before half-time was called, the visiting backs again got going, and the left wing scored their second try, which was not improved upon. At the beginning of the second half the School forwards got away in good style, and, after a fine forward rush, Matthews scored a try, which Cooper converted, as usual, with a good kick. The School then made a desperate effort to win the game, but the superior handling and kicking of the visitors drove them back. For the remainder of the game the School were kept in their own twenty-five, and the visitors scored three tries, one of which was converted. Soon after, the whistle was blown, leaving the School beaten by 1 goal and 4 tries to 1 goal. For the School H. S. Davies played well, but the other backs failed to adapt themselves to the conditions of the ground and to a wet ball. The following represented the School: back, H. S. Davies; three-quarters, V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis, E. R. Gibbon; half-backs, L. Baker Jones and G. Parker; forwards, E. F. Thomas, J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, A. B. G. Biggerton Evans, P. C. Matthews, I. S. Jenkins, R. Yendoll and R. Green.

*Christ College v. Sketty.*—Played on the School ground on Saturday, November 4th. The visitors brought up a good side, which was greatly strengthened by the inclusion of Dr. 'Teddy' Morgan, O.B. The School won the toss, and played towards the Orphanage. Very early in the game Sketty pressed and scored a try, which was not converted. Soon afterwards Dr. Morgan got clean away on the left wing and kicked across, and a score seemed likely, when H. S. Davies saved the situation with a good kick into touch. For the remainder of the first half the School had the better of the game, Lewis scoring a fine try, which Cooper converted. Just before half-time Sketty again took up the attack and scored an unconverted try, and the School crossed over a point down. Early in the second half Sketty scored again, the kick failing, but the School responded with two tries, scored by Hoskins and V. G. Davies, after good passing. One of these Cooper converted. A victory for the School now seemed all but gained, when the visitors invaded the School twenty-five again, and from a cross kick 'Teddy' Morgan picked up and scored a try, which was not improved upon. Towards the end the game degenerated into a forward scramble, and time was called leaving the School beaten by one single point. The best of the backs were Baker Jones and H. S. Davies, the latter fielding the ball with great skill, but all the others gave a distinctly good display. The School forwards played well, but were not heavy enough to cope successfully with the visiting

pack. The following played for the School:—back, H. S. Davies; three-quarters, V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis, E. R. Gibbon; half-backs, L. Baker Jones, G. Parker; forwards, E. F. Thomas, J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, I. S. Jenkins, A. B. G. Biggerton Evans, P. C. Matthews, D. C. Thomas, and R. Yendoll.

*Christ College v. Neath Crusaders.*—This match was played on the School ground on Thursday, November 16th. The Neath team, quite one of the best Thursday teams in South Wales, brought up, as we expected, a formidable side. The School won the toss and decided to play with the wind. During the opening stages of the game the School quite held their own, but before long the heavy Neath pack brought play to the School twenty-five, and from a forward scramble almost on the line the visiting captain crossed over and scored a try, which he also converted with a good kick. Neath kept pressing for a time, and, in spite of the good defence of the School backs, the Neath half ran over and scored their second try, which was not improved upon. With the assistance of a strong wind the School brought play almost to their opponents' twenty-five, and some fine bouts of passing by the School backs were often in evidence. One of these culminated in Gibbon scoring an excellent try in the corner, after a fine run. Cooper failed to convert from a very difficult angle. In the second half the School were forced to play against the wind, and suffered much in consequence. By excellent kicking Neath kept the School penned in their own twenty-five, and crossed over four times in rapid succession. Two of these tries the Neath captain converted. The School, however, continued to play pluckily and set up a sturdy defence, but despite their fine efforts Neath scored two more tries, which were not improved upon. After this there was no more scoring, but towards the end the School had the better of the game. Time was then called, leaving the School beaten by 30 points to 3. The School by no means disgraced themselves, as perhaps a casual glance at the score would suggest. The Neath pack was too heavy for the School forwards, and continually secured the ball in the scrums. Consequently, the School backs, who were quite as clever as their opponents, suffered from lack of opportunities. On the whole the School played well and pluckily, and their defence, though shattered at times, had greatly improved. The visiting captain played a great game. The following played for the School:—back, H. S. Davies; three-quarters, V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis, E. R. Gibbon; half-backs, L. Baker Jones, G. Parker; forwards, E. F. Thomas, J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, I. S. Jenkins, A. B. G. Biggerton Evans, P. C. Matthews, R. Yendoll, and R. Green.

*Christ College v. Monmouth Grammar School.*—Played at Newport on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. There had been a hard frost in the night, and the ground had thawed and become very greasy. Monmouth kicked off and the game settled down in our half. During the first twenty minutes our XV. seemed to be suffering from an attack of nerves and from the effects of a long and tiring journey in the Brecon and Merthyr railway carriages. Our opponents soon pressed, and it was only the keen

tackling of our backs which prevented a score. Time after time Monmouth had the ball out, but owing to the slowness of their backs little ground was gained. Suddenly their scrum-half whipped the ball out to his right wing three-quarter, and he seemed likely to score, when H. S. Davies forced him against the corner flag. Soon afterwards the ball came across to their captain, who cut through our three-quarters and scored. The kick failed. This reverse seemed to awaken our XV. and the forwards made a fine rush into the Monmouth half, but we were driven back. Just before half-time our forwards made another good rush, and Hoskins dribbled the ball over the line and scored. Cooper converted with a nice kick. Soon after the whistle blew for half-time. So far we had had the worst of the game, although we had scored a goal to our opponents' try.

In the second half we had very much more of the play, but the greasy state of the ground prevented any combination among our backs. We had to rely on the "kick and rush" game. From the kick off our forwards, led by Rees, rushed into the Monmouth twenty-five, where we made repeated efforts to pierce the defence without success. However, from a scrum in their twenty-five Gibbon picked up and swerved through several of the Monmouth backs to score a good try. The kick was a difficult one and failed. After this both sets of forwards made some fine rushes, but without further scoring. Just before time the Monmouth right wing three-quarter got clear away and seemed certain to get over; but Gibbon, who had come across from the opposite wing, made a fine tackle just outside the goal line. No-side was called soon after, and we were left winners by a goal and a try to a try.

It was not a great game, as the state of the ground prevented any clever play. Both packs of forwards were good. They seemed very evenly matched and made some capital rushes. We were undoubtedly superior to our opponents outside the scrum, our threequarters being much faster. On a dry ground we should probably for this reason have won more easily. The defence of our team was excellent, Hoskins, Gibbon and Parker being especially prominent. Rees and Cooper played a great game at forward. H. S. Davies at full-back, though very poor in his touch finding, played pluckily. Mr. J. Games was referee. Our team was as follows: back, H. S. Davies; threequarters, V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis, E. R. Gibbon; half-backs, L. Baker Jones, G. Parker; forwards, E. F. Thomas, J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, P. C. Matthews, I. S. Jenkins, A. B. G. Biggerton Evans, R. Yendoll, and P. D. Evans Jones.

*Christ College v. Llandovery College.*—It was a new experience to play this match at Swansea on Thursday, Nov. 30th. In principle we are opposed to playing a School match anywhere but on a School ground; but under the special circumstances of the present occasion, we think the solution of the difficulty was reasonable enough. The ground was in good condition and not a few past and present members of each School watched the game. They were indeed well rewarded for their trouble.

The kick-off fell into touch and so a scrum was formed at the centre. Llandovery made a loose rush towards our goal. Good kicking repelled



them, and Rees and E. F. Thomas, followed by a solid phalanx of our forwards, led a counter movement into their territory. Here Baker Jones whipped the ball out smartly to Parker, and a very quick bit of passing followed. The ball went through Hoskins and Lewis to Gibbon, who rounded the defence and scored in the corner—a very brilliant try. The kick from the edge of touch was too difficult, even for Cooper. Still playing with rare dash and confidence, our backs passed well again, and V. G. Davies was tackled only a few yards from the line. Lewis also cut through in likely fashion, but was well tackled before he could get a pass away. Misfielding at full back let Llandovery through once or twice, but H. S. Davies retrieved his mistakes pluckily. Lewis and Hoskins found touch with fine punts, and Llandovery were hard put to it to clear their lines. They worked their way back by a series of loose rushes and made some strong assaults on our line. Hoskins, Parker and H. S. Davies saved well, but at last our defence was fairly outwitted by D. J. Jenkins. Having made a perfect opening, he sent O. M. Williams across with a very clever try. An easy shot at goal was successful.

More attacks by D. J. Jenkins followed, and Richards was all but over our line, when Hoskins held him up splendidly. Gibbon changed the scene by following up a high kick and tackling the full-back near his own line. A little luck would have given him a try for his pains. Our backs continued to handle safely and well, and we certainly had the most of the play up to half-time. Just before the interval Lewis made a thrilling run, in which he swung through the defence a scorer all over. The Llandovery back, however, just saved his side and Lewis' pass failed to reach the forwards who had backed up cleverly. It was a lucky escape for Llandovery.

The second half of the game was no less fast and exciting. Llandovery rushed the ball into our twenty-five for a start, and pressed strongly without finding any weak spots in our defence. Then Baker Jones twice opened up the game with excellent judgment, and our backs ran fast and passed unerringly, but Gibbon was pulled down, when all but through. D. J. Jenkins replied with one or two individual bursts, and high kicks over H. S. Davies' head, well followed up, lost us much ground. From our own twenty-five our backs ran and passed again in stirring fashion, and Lewis punted high for Gibbon to chase. This manoeuvre must have ended in a try, had the ball bounced at all favourably for our right-wing. Another long kick, which H. S. Davies failed to handle cleanly, gave us a further spell of defensive work; but our backs were soon at it again. The passing went on three or four occasions towards the left, but V. G. Davies, though well served by Hoskins, could not find sufficient pace to beat his man. Once a mis-kick gave Hoskins a rare chance and he sent his wing away with a clear opening, but a splendid tackle from behind saved a certain try. The Llandovery backs did much passing about this time, but only when D. J. Jenkins was in possession did they seem really dangerous. Two great openings made by this clever player were lost by bad mis-fielding on the part of H. O. Williams. In these concluding stages of the struggle we were not so successful in getting possession in the scrum, and Llandovery



had a distinct advantage for a few minutes. In a final dash for their line Hoskins, V. G. Davies and I. S. Jenkins were conspicuous, nor must a very clever dribble by Biggerton Evans be overlooked. A couple of evenly fought scrums in our half ended the match, and Llandoverly retired victorious by the bare margin of a kick—5 points to 3.

Friend and foe alike admitted that it was one of the finest games of a long and famous series. Play throughout was fast and open and a high standard of football was attained. Nothing was better in the game than the polished combination of our back division. They took their passes with unfailing accuracy and ran straight and fast, and gave a better all-round display than any seen in this match in recent years. Next to their skill the individual genius of D. J. Jenkins at outside-half for Llandoverly attracted most attention. Fast, clever, and with a sure pair of hands, he showed himself to be the master of many devices, and was the life and soul of their attack. The Llandoverly three-quarters were not, luckily for us, equally clever. They had a predilection for running across and were not always safe in their handling. But there was no mistake about their defensive powers. They tackled and saved magnificently throughout the game. Indeed, in a game which was conspicuous for brilliant attacking movements, nothing was more remarkable than the certainty of both sides' defence. It is a sufficient testimony to its thoroughness that only 2 tries resulted from so many attempts.

Forward the game was most evenly contested. Llandoverly appeared to have a slight advantage in weight, but Brecon we thought packed better, and pushed in consequence straighter and harder. Both packs shone in loose rushes and tackled fiercely, though once or twice our forwards were apt to let a half stricken opponent get loose again. Our hookers, Rees and I. S. Jenkins, did their duty nobly; the former with E. F. Thomas was always conspicuous in the open as well, and Cooper played a strenuous game, especially at the line out. Biggerton Evans and Matthews also deserve high praise and there was no passenger in this gallant crew. At half, both Baker Jones and Parker were beyond criticism in defence, and they set their backs in motion with rare speed and skill. Parker's sure fielding of all manner of passes was the envy of less nimble fingered spectators. Of the Llandoverly outside-half we have already spoken. He was a great player, and his partner did very well. Their full-back was pretty safe on the whole, but H. S. Davies, though plucky and persevering, never found his true form and made some bad mistakes in his catching and kicking.

A better game we are not likely to see for many a long day, and our side did not deserve to lose. Hoskins and his fellow backs did enough to win most matches over and over again, but they met a great defence, and Llandoverly received from a kindly fortune at least an adequate reward for their superb tackling. Mr. Schofield was a referee worthy of so good a game.

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## HOUSE MATCHES.

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*Hostel v. School House A.-M.*—This match, which resulted in a win for the School House by 6 pts. to 3 pts., was played on Monday, December 4th. The sides were very even, and consequently a much more exciting and attractive game than usual ensued. In the first half the Hostel held the lead by 3 pts. to nil, and were decidedly superior to their opponents. For the most of the second half the School House had the better of the game, and two good tries were scored by Baker Jones and V. G. Davies. Towards the end the Hostel came within inches of scoring, but were always repelled by their opponents, who throughout the game defended exceedingly well. Cooper, E. R. Gibbon, Baker Jones and V. G. Davies played well for the winners, while for the losers Rees and Lewis were always conspicuous.

*Hostel v. Day Boys.*—This year the Day Boys just managed to put a side into the field, and played their first match on Tuesday, December 5th, against the Hostel. The game resulted in a win for the Hostel by 55 pts. to nil. The Hostel wing threequarters showed that they have yet a lot to learn about threequarter play. Rees made a very nimble inside half, but was not very well watched by his opponent. The new element in the scrum proved poor hookers. Best, Pritchard and Hughes were the shining lights among the Day Boys, but the others, even when seen, failed to impress the onlookers very favourably.

*School House A.-M. v. School House N.-Z.*—Score : A.-M., 28 points, N.-Z., 10 points.

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## PUBLICATIONS.

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“A Schoolboy’s Diary.” Chas. Letts & Co., Linen ; 1/-, Morocco, 2/-.

We have received from this firm this book, which we have no hesitation in recommending to our readers. Its contents are very varied, ranging from Latin, French, Greek, and German verbs to Cricket and Football Championship tables. We, however, note one small discrepancy. No less than nine pages are given up to Pocket Money, while one small page is delegated to “Impositions.” Judging from our past experience, a change in these numbers would be more to the point.

1912 will not be the first year we have resolved to keep our diaries faithfully throughout the year. So far we have been successful up to, say, the end of February. We feel, however, more disposed than ever to fill up this one day by day.

## OXFORD LETTER.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Your request for an Oxford Letter comes at a time when I am endeavouring to satisfy the powers that be, that I have done a hard term's work—which is a difficult task. Moreover, with fifteen Old Breconians up at Oxford this term the work of chronicling their various activities is more arduous than usual.

The most diligent search has failed to elicit any information about H. T. Eddershaw or W. B. Davies beyond the fact that they are working hard for Greats. It is rumoured, however, that the latter is rapidly becoming a shining light of the Cambrian Society.

W. A. Davies, who is also in his fourth year, is preparing for his struggle with Science Finals. He has been made one of the officers of the Oxford Wrestling Club, but with whom or what he wrestles we cannot discover. I understand he has invented a new Atomic Theory—whatever that may mean.

C. E. Sladden has abandoned the River, as he cannot afford the necessary time. He commenced playing Rugger, but has been kept out of the field by injury. Brecon is now unrepresented in the boating world.

A diligent search in the nooks and crannies of St. Edmund's Hall eventually revealed D. P. S. Griffiths, who pleads guilty to having played Soccer for his College, and boasts of great prowess as cox on the river. Ivor Evans, of the same college, has been seen parading the streets in a crooked white tie, which means that he is endeavouring to get through Pass Mods. S. T. Phillips is now grappling with Hebrew for his Theology finals, but is still an enthusiastic member of the O.T.C., in connection with which he has been recently undergoing various weird examinations.

J. V. Rees has been playing Rugger for the Oxford 'A' XV., and spends his Saturdays with the Harlequins. We hope for yet higher honours in the football world.

J. Ll. T. Davies has already gone down owing to illness. He has been playing both Rugger and Soccer for Keble.

Lack of time and opportunity for investigation prevents me publishing any sordid details about M. C. M. Denny, but he is now in proud possession of his College Rugger Colours. He has played in every position on the field, except full back.

D. J. Walters has already passed the Science Prelim., but in spite of this has found time to play Rugger regularly for B. N. C.

There has been a large demand for the services of G. Howell at Rugger. Among others the 'Varsity has claimed him for all its 'A' matches. He fills up blank Rugger days by playing Soccer or Hockey for Keble.

J. T. Kemp and G. E. Morgan have been playing both Rugger and Hockey for Exeter. They are both looking very healthy—and fat.

H. B. Davies has been playing Rugger regularly for Keble. His voice is often heard in his College Debating Society, but he has not tried the Union—yet.

Congratulations to the School XV. on their plucky effort against Llandovery. The excellence of their play has brought reflected glory on all Old Breconians, and particularly on

Yours sincerely,

O.B., OXON.

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## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

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The Christmas Term began on Tuesday, September 26th, and ends on Tuesday, December 19th.

At a meeting of the School held on September 26th, in the Big School, W. L. Hoskins was unanimously elected Football Captain for the ensuing term. At the same meeting J. Cooper, V. G. Davies, A. J. Ll. Rees, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans were elected to fill vacancies on the Games Committee.

The School Prefects this term are : E. F. Thomas, A. J. Ll. Rees, and W. L. Hoskins.



The Editors of *The Breconian* this term are W. L. Hoskins, E. F. Thomas, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans.

We offer a somewhat belated welcome to Mr. R. D. G. Munns, B.A., Jesus College, Cambridge, and to Mr. J. S. Robinson, B.A., Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

The School received half holidays : On Thursday, October 12th (in honour of the Certificate Results), on Thursday, November 9th (at the request of the newly elected Mayor of Brecon, J. Conway Lloyd, Esq.), and on Thursday, November 30th (for the Llandovery Match).

The Choir were granted a half holiday on Thursday, November 16th. On Saturday, November 11th, Mr. Large kindly entertained the Choir to Supper. A most enjoyable evening was spent and a long musical programme gave much pleasure to all present.

We have received visits during the Term from the following O.B.'s:—Rev. D. Akrill Jones, G. Llewellyn, I. M. Morgan, Dr. E. Morgan, M. Williams, B. Llewellyn, F. R. Stephens, F. W. Williams, T. D. Windsor Williams, G. Green, I. A. Thomas, H. C. Jones, H. Flocks, E. R. Bond, and G. Tudor.

J. V. Rees (O.B.) and G. Howell (O.B.) played in the Freshmen's Rugby Football Match at Oxford with distinct success. Both subsequently played for the 'Varsity 'A' team on more than one occasion. Rees has also been playing regularly for the Harlequins.

L. M. Dyke (O.B.) has been appointed Captain of the Cardiff R.F.C. We regret to notice that ill-health and accidents have not always allowed him to take the field.

W. L. Morgan (O.B.), was also playing for Cardiff early in the season, but has now gone to take up a business appointment in France.

F. Ll. Green (O.B.) has obtained a Scholarship to the value of £30 at St. David's College, Lampeter.

P. C. Matthews passed the London Matriculation at the Summer Examination.

A. S. M. Best (O.B.) has passed the final examination for the B.Sc. Degree (Engineering) at London University and gained the diploma of the City and Guild's College. He is now qualified to put A.C.G.I. after his name.

Rev. J. L. Phillips, M.A. (O.B.), classical master at St. Paul's School, has been appointed Reader at Gray's Inn, London.

MARRIAGES.—On Monday, September 18th, at Aberavon, R. G. Nicholas (O.B.) to Miss Mary David; in August, at St. George's, Hanover Square, G. D. E. Thomas (O.B.) to Miss Alice Jones.

On Sunday, November 9th, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Brecon preached in the School Chapel.

James Powell (O.B.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed Medical Officer under the Aberdare Local Education Authority.

Dr. F. P. S. Cresswell (O.B.) has been appointed Certifying Surgeon under the Factory Act for Diseases of the Eye in the Cardiff District. Dr. Tom Morgan (O.B.) has been given a similar appointment for the Llandovery District.

As a mark of their profound sympathy with the Head Master and his family in their recent bereavement, the Committee of the O.B.A. have decided not to hold an O.B. Dinner this year.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs.—It was the custom in former times for leave to play Golf to be restricted to the senior members of the School. During recent years it has been extremely dangerous to venture into the cricket field after School hours in the Winter and Easter terms, as every small boy seems to be at liberty to imperil the life of his neighbours by failing to adhere to the etiquette of golf. If this leave were restricted again, we should have fewer fears for our personal safety in this respect.

I am, yours etc.,

“DAI PEPPER, BART.”

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To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Next term, I believe, the majority of the School take a keen interest in the game of Fives. At present, however, only one court is fit to be used. Could not this state of affairs be remedied by having the open Fives court roofed over? I am sure that true lovers of the game would subscribe towards the expense of this, if somebody in authority took the matter in hand.

I remain, yours etc.,

“HORRIBLE VISU.”

## THE AGENDA CLUB.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

September, 1911.

DEAR SIRs,—Perhaps some of your readers may have seen in the *Hibbert Journal* for June 1910, or in the *Spectator* for July 9th, 1910, an "Open Letter to English Gentlemen." That was a manifesto put forward by a number of Englishmen anxious to advance the welfare of the nation and to increase the sense of social responsibility amongst all classes, but particularly Public School and University men of the rising generation. These men have since formed themselves and others of like mind into the "Agenda Club," which has for its objects the encouragement of all useful philanthropic work. Much is already done by many great and good societies and organisations, but lack of funds and lack of support greatly hamper all these attempts. The Public School boy on leaving his school, the University man going down, have in almost every instance a wish to do something practical for the good of their fellow citizens, but too often see no means of using their own peculiar talents and advantages. One of the primary objects of the "Agenda Club" is to meet this need by providing a bureau of information as to what work there is for such men to do. Here they will be able to find at once in what way they can be immediately useful—the rowing men in coaching boating clubs, the boxer in helping working lads to learn the art of self-defence, the man with a voice in assisting at concerts for the very poor, the born organizer in running Penny Banks, and so forth. The business man can help with his advice as to advertising, the doctor in sanitary schemes, the lawyer in legal difficulties; and all will be given work to do within their own immediate reach, and with as little waste of time and energy as possible.

It is a general maxim that the Public Schools and Universities of this country produce as sound and healthy a type of man, both mentally and morally, as can be found in the world: and if some of the surplus energy of such men can be easily and practically utilized in helping their less fortunate neighbours to lead healthier, cleaner lives under more sanitary conditions, the gain to the nation will be enormous.

Will any of your readers who care to know more of this Club and its objects apply to the Administrative Secretary, the "Agenda Club," 28, Fleet Street, E.C.

We are, yours truly,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

SIRS,—February next will see the publication of the first issue of a new paper which should be received with more than usual interest by the past and present members of all the leading public schools. It will be an illustrated monthly, with the title of *The Arena*, and will specialise on the Public Schools and the ancient Universities. Part of the paper will be devoted to the subject of amateur sport and athletics, and articles will also be published dealing with matters of historical and architectural interest which will provide ample scope for artistic illustrations.

A regular feature will be a concise summary of recent events which, while necessarily too brief to challenge comparison with the more complete treatment accorded in the School papers, should suffice to stimulate the interest of "Old Boys," who have in too many cases lost touch with their Schools.

Yours faithfully,

HORACE M. WYATT.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

"Marlburian" (6); "Portmuthian" (3); "Malvernian" (2); "Tonbridgian" (2); "Bromsgrovian" (2); "Giggleswick Chronicle"; "Luctonian"; "Erasmian."

In acknowledging the above, with thanks, we wish to state that we propose to send Copies of *The Breconian* to a considerably increased number of Public Schools in the future, and we ask our contemporaries, whenever possible, to be kind enough to exchange their Magazine with ours, and to enable us to come into somewhat closer contact with more Schools than hitherto.



## **In Memoriam.**

**FRANK H. CHAMBERS (O. B.)**

Died at Nimes, Nov. 28th, 1911, aged 28.

It is with great sorrow that we record the death of the Head Master's elder son.

Part of his school life was spent at Christ College, to which, constantly returning, he was devotedly attached. Knowing and being known to most of those who have been there for the last twenty years, he followed all the doings of the School with the keenest interest. During the enforced leisure of the last twelve months, he voluntarily undertook some teaching with the elder boys, and a considerable portion of his last few weeks was spent in helping to revise the list of the Old Breconians, and to bring it up to date.

Naturally of a scholarly and studious turn of mind, he won a Scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1902, took his degree with Classical Honours in 1906, and was successful the same year in the competition for the Civil Service of Ceylon. He gained early distinction in his work, as the testimony of his superiors showed, and seemed marked out for a successful career in the Colony, when unexpectedly his health gave way. His constitution proved unsuited to the Tropics, he was invalidated home, and ultimately pronounced unfit for further service in the East.

Accepting the inevitable with characteristic courage and quiet resolution, he had mapped out for himself a fresh career in more temperate regions, to further which he proceeded to the South of France. Unfortunately, within but a few days of his arrival there, the old malady returned upon him, with the result that all thoughts of an earthly career were buried in an untimely grave.

Quiet in manner, and affectionate in disposition, he was animated by a strong sense of duty, and possessed a force of character which made him fully equal to those responsibilities which came to him at school or in his official life. He made many warm friends, by whom he will be sincerely mourned, at Brecon and elsewhere.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the Head Master and Mrs. Chambers in the great and sudden loss which has so unexpectedly befallen them.



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