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## EDITORIAL.

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IT is with the resigned feelings of a man just going into the dentist's chair, that the poor worn Editor sinks into the comparatively comfortable seat of office, and tries to recall the dim shadowy events of the past term, and thus satisfy the clamorous appeals of the printer for more copy. His only consolation is that this is the most unread portion of our journal, and so, reader, should your eyes light on this effusion, kindly pass on to the more interesting interior.

Ah! the weather: on that subject at any rate we must give vent to our feelings. We cordially congratulate Brecon upon another record summer (?). We hardly remember such a cloudy and rainy cricket season.

Cricket, in spite of difficulties which at one time seemed insurmountable, has been carried on with vigour throughout the term. Hereford Cathedral School at last have bowed the knee, and Monmouth only just escaped defeat. As regards the Llandovery match—well!—we are afraid to express our feelings in words. League Cricket has proved a great source of interest, and the final tie was a feast of excitement.

Bathers, despite the elements, have been much in evidence; most of the School are swimmers, while some are quite proficient in the art.

Certificate examinations are upon us and we hope for successful results both in the Higher and the Lower. But in the meantime we must adopt Mr. Asquith's immortal expression, "Wait and see."

The prospects for the Football Season look quite bright. Several members of the last year's team are returning, and there is plenty of material for a sound XV.

We call attention here to the letter signed with a Welsh signature. We have not personally noticed any such unfair spirit of criticism, but if it is so, the senior members of the School should create a better public opinion among the "smaller fry." And while they are about it, let them remedy the present senseless method of indiscriminate applause, which accords an equal ovation to the scorer of 50 and the victim of first ball. These are matters for the good sense of the School to set right.

With this issue our term of office ends, and in handing on our duties to the future Editors, we can only say that our parting is tinged with no small feeling of regret and express the hope that they will experience as much indulgence from our readers in the future as we have in the past.

## THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual Athletic Sports were held in the College field on Saturday, March 30th, in cold but fine weather. The track was not a little soft, and consequently times were not quite as good as usual. Hoskins, E. R. Gibbon, and Evans-Jones, started favourites for the Challenge Cup, which was eventually won by Evans-Jones with a total of 39 marks. He thoroughly deserved the trophy on account of his plucky running and careful training. The Junior Cup was fought for as keenly as usual, but provided rather an easy win for H. Jones. The programme was altered this year, in order to bring more junior finals on to the sports day, and we think the change an unqualified success. During the morning and afternoon there was a large attendance of ladies and friends of the School.

Officials:—President of the Sports, The Rev. the Head Master ; Starter, G. Lance, Esq. ; Judges, A. T. Hill, Esq., G. H. Isitt, Esq., C. J. E. Large, Esq. ; Referee, Rev. A. E. Donaldson ; Time-keeper, J. S. Robinson, Esq. ; Handicappers, G. Lance, Esq., J. Cooper, E. F. Thomas, W. L. Hoskins, and A. J. Ll. Rees.

The results were as follows:—

### MORNING, 10-30.

1. Half-Mile (under 16). First prize given by Messrs. Mappin & Webb ; second, by J. S. Robinson, Esq. 1st, H. Jones ; 2nd, Akrill-Jones ; 3rd, Eynon. Time, 2 mins. 27 four-fifths secs. Not quite up to last year's time, probably because H. Jones was not much pressed. Eynon ran well, and at one point looked like catching up Akrill-Jones.

2. Putting the Weight (open). Prize given by Rev. H. J. Church-Jones. 1st, E. F. Thomas ; 2nd, Evans-Jones ; 3rd, Hoskins and T. R. Davies. Distance, 27 feet 11½ inches. The putting this year was much better ; still, we think several competitors had done better in practice.

3. 100 yards (under 12). Prize given by Mrs. Molyneux Thomas. 1st, G. Williams ; 2nd, C. Ll. Morgan. Time, 15 four-fifths secs. Williams ran away at the start, and easily out-distanced all opposition.

4. 220 yards handicap (open). First prize given by Mrs. Maybery ; second by the Ladies. 1st, Boothby (13 yards) ; 2nd, T. R. Davies (10 yards) ; 3rd, J. W. Gibbon (10 yards). Time, 26 three-fifths secs. This race, owing to the bad state of the ground at the pavilion end, was started at a different spot, and consequently two turns had to be negotiated. This rather went against the scratch men ; yet there was a hot finish and the handicapping reflects credit on the Committee.

5. 150 yards (under 14). Prize given by Mrs. Tudor. 1st, Corbett ; 2nd, Saunders Jones. Time, 20½ secs. Corbett had the advantage of the inside position and hence just beat Saunders Jones, a stylish runner, on the tape.

6. Long Jump (open). First prize given by the Mayor of Brecon (J. Conway Lloyd, Esq.) ; second by Rev. D. Saunders Jones. 1st, E. R. Gibbon ; 2nd, Evans-Jones ; 3rd, Hoskins. Distance, 18 ft. 5½ ins. The jumping was distinctly better than that of last year ; indeed, the distance is the best of recent performances. We would suggest a low hurdle for use during practice as likely to bring even better results.

7. 100 yards (under 16). First prize given by R. S. Yorke, Esq. ; second by the Ladies. 1st, H. Jones ; 2nd, R. J. Richards ; 3rd, Eynon. Time, 12 two-fifths seconds. Contrary to expectation this race went to the

bigger and stronger rather than the swifter competitor, though Richards maintained a game struggle to the end.

8. 100 yards (under 15). Prize given by Mrs. Hughes. 1st, Corbett; 2nd, Saunders Jones. Time, 13 three-fifths seconds.

9. Throwing the Cricket Ball (under 16). Prize given by Mrs. Gray. 1st, A. B. Price. Distance, 69 yards 6 inches.

10. Quarter-mile (open). First prize given by J. D. D. Evans, Esq.; second by A. T. Hill, Esq. 1st, Evans-Jones; 2nd, L. G. Lewis; 3rd, Hoskins. Time, 59 four-fifths seconds. Evans-Jones got away at the start and led easily at the first corner. He slowed down appreciably before getting into the straight, during which time L. G. Lewis greatly reduced the lead. Evans-Jones spurted, however, and won fairly comfortably. Hoskins ran very pluckily for 3rd place. The time was not remarkable, probably because the winner was hardly ever really pressed, and the track heavy.

11. High Jump (under 16). First prize given by Mrs. David Powell; second by Miss Brazier. 1st, R. J. Richards; 2nd, G. Evans. Height, 4ft. A poor jump, 5 inches worse than last year, but the conditions were not favourable.

12. Throwing the Cricket Ball (open). Prize given by Mrs. Dickinson. 1st, E. R. Gibbon. Distance, 77 yds., 2ft., 8ins.

13. Half-mile Handicap (open).—First prize given by Rev. A. E. Donaldson; second by R. T. Heins, Esq.; third, by the Ladies. 1st, Hughes (65 yds.); 2nd, E. Davies (220 yds.); 3rd, Matthews (20 yds.). The diminutive E. Davies, running from the limit, looked an easy winner, but was overhauled in the last 10 yards by Hughes, who thus a second time deceived the handicappers. Matthews ran pluckily and well from 20 yards.

14. Tug-of-War (under 14) Ins v. Outs. Winners, Outs. The Outs were much bigger and heavier than their opponents, and thus won easily by 2 pulls to nil.

This event concluded the morning programme.

#### AFTERNOON, 3

15. Quarter-mile (under 16). First prize given by Hon. R. C. Devereux; second by the Ladies. 1st, H. Jones; 2nd, Eynon; 3rd, A. B. Price. Time, 65 seconds. H. Jones had no opposition and won easily. The time was bad when compared with last year's time.

16. Hurdle Race (open), 120 yards, 10 flights. First prize given by Capt. D. Hughes Morgan; second by R. D. G. Munns, Esq. 1st, E. R. Gibbon; 2nd, Evans-Jones; 3rd, E. F. Thomas. Time, 18 four-fifths secs. The prettiest race of the day. Gibbon got away smartly and before the race was half over was a hurdle ahead. Evans-Jones, however, overhauled him perceptibly but Gibbon held too strong a lead. The time was quite good, considering the day, and the winner should do better next year.

17. 100 Yards (under 13). Prize given by Mrs. Lloyd. 1st, Saunders Jones; 2nd, Cattell. Time, 13 one-fifth seconds.

18. High Jump (open). First prize given by Miss Williams, Penpont; second by J. Williams, Esq. 1st, Hoskins and R. Yendoll (equal); 3rd, Parker and E. R. Gibbon (equal). Height, 4 ft. 9½ ins. R. Yendoll proved rather a surprise, but Hoskins has done better in the past with better conditions.

19. 220 Yards (under 16). First prize given by D. W. E. Thomas, Esq.; second by Mrs. Morgan. 1st, H. Jones; 2nd, R. J. Richards. Time, 29 one-fifth seconds.

20. 220 Yards Handicap (under 15). First prize given by C. J. E. Large, Esq.; second by the Ladies. 1st, I. Powell (5 yds.); 2nd, D. H. Davies (scratch); 3rd, F. M. Pryce (6 yds.). Time, 31 secs.



21. 100 Yards (open). First Prize given by H. F. W. Harries, Esq.; second by G. Lance, Esq. 1st, Evans-Jones; 2nd, E. R. Gibbon; 3rd, A. J. Ll. Rees. Time, 11 one-fifth seconds. Rees, last year's winner, got a bad start and was only third. Evans-Jones led all the way through, and finished well in excellent time.

22. Long Jump (under 16). First prize given by Mrs. Jebb; second by the Ladies. 1st, R. J. Richards; 2nd, A. B. Price. Distance, 15ft. 6½ins.

23. Old Breconians Race (120 yards handicap). First prize given by Mrs. Chambers; second by the Games Committee. Postponed to the day of O.B.'s Cricket Match.

24. Quarter Mile Handicap (under 16). First prize given by John Williams, Esq.; second by the Ladies. 1st, Tunbridge (40 yds.); 2nd, E. Davies (77 yds.); 3rd, S. E. Lewis (5 yds.). Time 72 one-fifth seconds. A pretty race. E. Davies again proved too much for the handicappers.

25. Mile Race (open). First prize given by the Headmaster; second by C. W. Best, Esq.; third by Cambridge O.B.'s. 1st, Baker-Jones; 2nd, Matthews; 3rd, L. G. Lewis. Time, 5 mins. 18 three-fifth secs. Baker-Jones got away from the start and was never seriously pressed. L. G. Lewis ran Matthews hard for 2nd place, and there was some good running done by C. F. Parry, Hoskins and Parker.

26. Consolation Race (open) 150 yards. Prize given by the Ladies. 1st, Pritchard. Time, 19 seconds.

27. Consolation Race (under 15) 150 yards. Prize given by Mrs. Coppage. 1st, S. E. Lewis. Time, 21 four-fifth seconds.

28. Tug-of-War (Seniors). Ins v. Outs. Winners, Ins, by 2 pulls to nil.

The following events had already been run :—

Steeplechase (open). Prizes given by Oxford O.B.'s. 1st, gold medal. Baker Jones; 2nd, silver medal, C. F. Parry; 3rd, bronze medal, Matthews. Time, 25 mins. 50 secs.

Steeplechase (under 15). Prizes given by London O.B.'s. 1st, gold medal, Akrill Jones; 2nd, silver medal, Perkins; 3rd, bronze medal, E. Apthomas. Time, 26 mins. 10 secs.

Mile Race (under 16). 1st Prize (given by G. H. Isitt, Esq.), H. Jones; 2nd Prize (given by M. F. Thomas, Esq.), Akrill Jones; 3rd Prize (given by the Ladies), Eynon. Time, 5 mins. 32 three-fifth secs.

Fives Championship (Singles). 1st, A. J. Ll. Rees; runner-up, J. W. Gibbon.

Fives Cup (House). Given by the Masters. Medals for winning pair. 1st, The Hostel (A. J. Ll. Rees and R. S. Davies); 2nd, School House (Cooper and E. R. Gibbon).

Golf Championship. Two prizes given by Rev. A. E. Donaldson. 1st, E. R. Gibbon (scr.); 2nd, T. Parry (hdep.)

Football Kicking Competition. Cooper.

Junior Game—Football Cups.—Backs, G. Yendoll; Forwards, H. Jones.

Results of Challenge Cups.—Senior (open), Evans-Jones, 39 marks; Junior (under 16), H. Jones, 60 marks.

At the conclusion of the programme the whole company adjourned to the Big Scoool, where the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Evans, of Ffrwdgrech. The Headmaster, in introducing Mrs. Evans, commented upon the association of the Ffrwdgrech family with games of all sorts. Mrs. Evans, in reply, thanked the Headmaster for his compliment to their family, and compared the races on the field that day with the more serious aspects of life. After cheers for Mrs. Evans, the Headmaster and Mrs. Chambers, and the Ladies, the proceedings ended.

## CRICKET SEASON.—1912.

The most important fixture of the cricket season, the match with Llandovery, has been cancelled through illness; thus this season loses to a great extent the interest which would otherwise have been attached to it. Of the 15 matches played so far 5 have been won, 6 lost, and 4 drawn.

Of last year's XI. five were still available; but they have not done as well as might have been expected. In the opening matches the batting broke down very badly before very moderate bowling, but latterly it has improved.

Of the bowlers Gibbon and H. S. Davies have been very consistent and at times have performed brilliantly. The work of Davies against Hereford and of Gibbon against Monmouth deserves special mention. Undoubtedly the features of the season have been the bowling and fielding; on occasions the latter has been really excellent. On nearly every occasion the bowling and fielding have been good enough to dismiss opponents for very moderate scores; but too often the batting has failed to push home the advantage gained in the field. Evans played one fine innings against Swansea, and latterly Price has been very sound, but the XI. needed batsmen of the more enterprising and forcing type. Cooper played a very valuable innings against Hereford.

Gibbon has been an indefatigable captain, and the excellence of the School fielding is largely due to his enthusiasm. Not only has he been the most reliable bowler, but he has played some excellent innings and shewn much smartness in the field.

The 2nd XI. has had a fairly satisfactory season, but here again the bowling and fielding have been the strong points and the batting the weak.

The 3rd XI. show promise of good things to come, and the League matches, which have been very interesting, contain plenty of talent for the future.

The thanks of the School are due to the untiring coaching of Messrs. Donaldson, Lance and Hill; and also to Mr. Robinson for his help at Net C.

Looking back upon the past season we cannot but regard it as rather a disappointing one. Let us hope for better weather and freedom from illness during the summer of 1913.

Of the two School matches played, the School defeated Hereford by 50 runs and succumbed to Monmouth after a most exciting game by 35 runs.

## THE ELEVEN.

- E. R. GIBBON (Captain).—The best all-round man in the XI. He has bowled very consistently and with great skill. In batting he shews marked improvement and has played some valuable innings. Strong on the leg side, he should be very careful not to overdo it. An excellent field at cover-point.
- J. COOPER.—A forcing bat. Has played some good innings and learnt the right ball to hit. Should try to be quicker on his feet. A sound field, but rather erratic as a change bowler.
- A. J. LL. REES.—A very disappointing bat; continually gets himself out by refusing to play any real stroke at all. A much improved field. Can bowl leg breaks *of sorts*.
- G. M. O. EVANS.—A very stylish bat, who puts plenty of power into his strokes. Likes a hard wicket and has a nice drive. An improved field.
- W. L. HOSKINS.—Improved as a bat, but still very cramped. A good field in the “deep.”
- H. S. DAVIES.—A skilful bowler, who varies his pace cleverly. He makes the ball swerve and come off the pitch very quickly. Very smart in the field, and throws in excellently. As a bat very disappointing.
- A. B. PRICE.—Much improved as a bat. Must learn not to draw away from a ball on the leg stump. Plays in good style. A left-hand bowler with an easy action. Ought to be of great use next year. A good field.
- L. G. LEWIS.—A fastish bowler, who keeps a good length: disappointing as a bat. Can hit well when he likes, but does not make sufficient use of his hitting powers. A sound field anywhere.
- D. C. THOMAS.—A most promising bat. Has a nice style and an excellent back-stroke. A clever point.
- G. PARKER.—Quite a promising player. As a bat he has greatly improved and is strong on the leg side. Can bowl “leg breaks.” A magnificent catch anywhere. Ought to be very useful next season.
- L. BAKER JONES.—A moderate wicket-keeper. Too inclined to snatch at the ball instead of waiting for it. A dull bat with few scoring strokes,

## 1ST XI MATCHES.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. REV. A. E. DONALDSON'S TEAM.—This was the first match of the season and was played on Saturday, May 11th, in good weather. The game was full of interest and varying fortune and ended in a win for the scratch team by 54 runs. Gibbon put the visitors in first on a plumb wicket. Dr. Astbury was soon out, only 9 runs being on the board, and W. B. Price soon followed. Messrs. Hill and Lance made a fair stand. At length Gibbon bowled Mr. Lance with a good leg break. Mr. Donaldson followed, soon to be run out—a rather lucky chance for the school. Mr. Munns' innings was very good and he hit the bowling with considerable freedom, his innings including 6 fours and a six. The School started badly, being especially tied up by the slow leg breaks of W. B. Price. The rot continued and 9 wickets were down for 35 runs. Here came the surprise of the match, for the last wicket added 69 runs. Lewis, after playing carefully at the start, soon showed a princely contempt for the bowling and was ably backed up by A. B. Price. Their debut in 1st XI cricket was most successful. Score :—

## REV. A. E. DONALDSON'S XI.

A. T. Hill, b H. S. Davies .....	28
Dr. Astbury, b Gibbon .....	4
W. B. Price, b Gibbon .....	3
G. Lance, b Gibbon .....	13
Rev. A. E. Donaldson, run out .....	0
R. D. G. Munns, b H. S. Davies .....	70
G. H. Isitt, c R. S. Davies, b Rees .....	13
J. S. Robinson, c Lewis, b Price .....	2
Dr. Bridge, not out .....	16
S. B. Wright, b Gibbon .....	0
Dr. T. P. Thomas, b H. S. Davies .....	2
Extras .....	7
Total .....	158

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

G. M. O. Evans, st. Munns, b Price .....	9
D. C. Thomas, c Munns, b Price .....	5
J. Cooper, hit wkt, b Price .....	0
A. J. Ll. Rees, c Bridge, b Price .....	6
W. L. Hoskins, b Astbury .....	0
E. R. Gibbon, hit wkt, b Astbury .....	4
R. S. Davies, c Lance, b Price .....	0
H. S. Davies, c Price, b Astbury .....	4
J. V. Martyn, b Price .....	6
A. B. Price, not out .....	30
L. G. Lewis, c Robinson, b Price .....	39
Extras .....	1
Total .....	104



## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon .....	14	1	53	4
H. S. Davies .....	11.4	1	34	3
Price .....	4	1	20	1
Lewis .....	5	1	15	0
Rees.....	3	0	23	1
Cooper.....	2	1	6	0

CHRIST COLLEGE v. THE MASTERS.—This match was played on Wednesday and Thursday, May 15th and 16th, and proved to be one of the most exciting of the term. The masters batted first and it was a considerable time before Mr. Munns succumbed to a good catch at mid on by Evans off Lewis. Mr. Hill's polished exhibition of cutting was interesting to watch. Mr. Isitt, after carefully playing himself in, got runs consistently and was in a long time. Mr. Lance was out early to a good swerving ball from H. S. Davies. The rest, with the exception of the Headmaster, who played good cricket and was rather doubtfully out, did not give much opposition. The School started disastrously and five wickets were down for 35 runs. This was mainly due to the treacherous nature of the wicket and the bowling of Mr. Wright. When Lewis and Price got together, runs came much more quickly, and these two added 46 runs. The tail again proved its worth and the School established a lead of 2 on the first innings. In the second innings only Messrs. Donaldson, Hill and Isitt showed any form against the School bowling. The School required 91 to win in an hour and a half. When an hour was up four wickets were down and only 48 runs on the board. Gibbon and Cooper got together and runs began to come more quickly. Both began snatching short runs and Cooper helped greatly by 3 fours in rapid succession. He soon grew too reckless and was bowled by a fast yorker by Mr. Munns. When Mr. Wright bowled Rees with a ball which kept low, there were only three minutes to go and six runs to get. Lewis came in and hit a four from his first ball but he was then splendidly caught by Mr. Isitt on the boundary. There were only two balls to go in the last over before time was called, but R. S. Davies rose to the occasion and amidst great enthusiasm scored the winning hit on the stroke of time. Score:—

1st innings.	THE MASTERS.	2nd innings.	
A. T. Hill, c R. S. Davies, b Price...	29	b Gibbon .....	14
R. D. G. Munns, c Evans, b Lewis...	21	b H. S. Davies.....	0
Rev. A. E. Donaldson, b Price .....	12	b Lewis.....	41
G. H. Isitt, c Price, b Gibbon .....	25	run out .....	22
J. S. Robinson, b H. S. Davies .....	0	b Lewis.....	2
L. Baker-Jones, b Gibbon .....	3	c & b Lewis .....	5
G. Lance, b H. S. Davies.....	2	c Martyn b H. S. Davies ...	0
Rev. R. H. Chambers, c Martyn, b Gibbon .....	8	b H. S. Davies.....	2
D. L. Jones, c Price, b Gibbon .....	0	c Hoskins, b Price .....	0
S. B. Wright b Gibbon .....	2	not out .....	0
C. J. E. Large, not out .....	0	b Price .....	1
Extras .....	13	.....	5
Total .....	115	.....	92

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
G. M. O. Evans b Wright.....	5	c Baker-Jones, b Hill.....	14
J. Cooper, c Isitt, b Wright.....	1	b Munns .....	16
A. J. Ll. Rees, c Lance, b Wright...	1	b Wright .....	2
W. L. Hoskins, st Baker-Jones b Donaldson .....	2	b Hill .....	11
E. R. Gibbon, b Donaldson .....	26	not out .....	24
H. S. Davies, b Hill .....	12	c Munns, b Wright.....	8
A. B. Price, b Munns .....	17	hit wkt, b Hill.....	7
L. G. Lewis, b Munns .....	29	c Isitt, b Wright .....	4
R. S. Davies, st. Baker-Jones, b Donaldson .....	6	not out .....	2
J. V. Martyn, c & b Munns.....	4		
G. Parker, not out.....	6		
Extras .....	8		4
Total.....	117	(for 7 wks.).....	92

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon .....	12.5	4	28	5	15	4	33	1
H. S. Davies ...	14	2	49	2	15	3	37	3
Lewis ..	7	0	20	1	4	1	10	3
Price .....	4	1	5	2	3	2	7	2

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA 2ND XI.—Swansea brought down a strong side to play the School on Saturday, May 25. Their side included H. A. Ellis, who has frequently played for Swansea 1st XI and J. Bancroft, the Glamorgan County wicket-keeper. After 8 runs had been scored, Mr. Donaldson was very unluckily out to a marvellous catch by Davies off Pritchard. After this a rot set in with a vengeance and Ellis seemed to be able to do whatever he liked, Mr. Munns alone making anything like a score, and eventually the School were dismissed for a total of 49 runs. We will not dwell upon the score but only say it is quite unaccountable. The wicket was quite plumb and the weather and light excellent. Immediately after lunch Swansea went in, and managed to hit off the runs for 3 wickets. In this part of the match, however, Lewis excelled himself by getting the hat trick. He kept an excellent length and bowled well all through. The last three wickets gave some trouble but they were all out for 111. At our second venture things were rather worse, 4 wickets being down for three runs. The appearance of the score sheet is more effective than comment. Score:—

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Rev. A. E. Donaldson, c Davies, b Pritchard .....	6		
G. M. O. Evans, b Ellis .....	2		
W. L. Hoskins, b Ellis .....	1	not out .....	2
J. Cooper b Ellis .....	8	c Nicholls, b Boughton .....	7
E. R. Gibbon, lbw, b Ellis .....	8	b Boswell .....	0
Mr. R. D. G. Munns, not out .....	14		

A. J. Ll. Rees, b Ellis .....	0	not out.....	11
H. S. Davies, lbw, b Ellis .....	3		
L. G. Lewis, b Pritchard .....	6	b Boswell .....	0
R. S. Davies, st. J. Bancroft, b Ellis .....	1	c Ellis, b Phillips.....	0
L. Baker-Jones, b Ellis .....	0	run out .....	0
Extras .....	0		0
Total .....	49	(for 4 wks.).....	20

## SWANSEA 2ND XI.

J. A. Davies, c & b Gibbon .....	20
J. Bancroft, junr. b Lewis .....	10
F. S. Joelson, c Munns, b Donaldson .....	14
C. Johnson, lbw, b Lewis .....	9
H. A. Ellis, c Baker-Jones, b Lewis.....	0
W. Nicholls, b Lewis .....	0
A. E. Boughton, c Rees, b Donaldson .....	6
R. A. Boswell, lbw, b Gibbon .....	21
J. Bancroft, b Lewis.....	10
W. Phillips, b Gibbon .....	10
Pritchard, not out.....	0
Extras .....	11
Total.....	111

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon.....	10-4	0	34	3
H. S. Davies .....	5	0	13	0
Lewis .....	14	4	29	5
Donaldson .....	9	2	24	2

For the visitors Ellis took 8 wickets for 15 runs.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. YNYSDDU.—This match was played in perfect weather on Whit Monday, May 27th. The visitors started with Withers and James. James, as in 1911, soon showed himself to be a batsman of no mean order, and Withers showed great skill in poking. Withers, however, was cleverly caught by Price at the mid off when 43 runs were on the board. Of the rest nobody showed any special brilliancy and were merely content to let James get the runs. James, however, at last hit out at a good length ball and was caught by Hoskins. He played a faultless innings.. His hitting power was tremendous and Ynysddu would have been in bad case without him. The match was left drawn. Our batting was slow and weak, and seldom looked like getting the runs. When a draw was inevitable, Evans-Jones had a stern but laudable combat with his natural instincts. Score :—

## YNYSDDU.

W. Withers, c Price, b Lewis.....	6
H. A. James, c Hoskins, b Gibbon .....	73
C. Hill, b Evans-Jones .....	8
F. Griffiths, b Gibbon .....	1
R. L. Partridge, run out .....	1
T. Evans, c Hoskins, b Gibbon .....	2

W. Magness, c Parker, b Gibbon .....	0
A. Watkins, not out .....	0
T. Williams, b Lewis .....	3
E. Williams, b Lewis .....	0
J. Williams, b Gibbon .....	0
Extras .....	9

Total..... 103

#### CHRIST COLLEGE.

G. M. O. Evans, c Hill, b Evans .....	2
D. C. Thomas, b Withers .....	16
W. L. Hoskins, b Griffiths ... ..	7
R. S. Davies, c & b Griffiths .....	4
E. R. Gibbon, b Griffiths .....	5
J. Cooper, b Griffiths .....	0
A. J. Ll. Rees, b Griffiths .....	0
L. G. Lewis, b Withers .....	3
A. B. Price, not out.....	12
G. Parker, b Withers .....	8
P. D. Evans-Jones, not out .....	3
Extras .....	12

Total (for 9 wkts.) ..... 72

#### BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon .....	13.1	2	32	5
Evans-Jones .....	12	2	38	1
Lewis .....	7	4	5	3
Price .....	4	0	19	0

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA WEDNESDAY.—On Wednesday, May 29th the School journeyed down to Swansea to play the Wednesday Club on St. Helen's ground. The School won the toss and Price and Thomas went in first. Price, after despatching a ball to the boundary, was caught at slip by Williams. Hoskins was unluckily run out just as he was settling down. Thomas and Evans kept up a good partnership for the third wicket until Thomas was caught at mid-off by Ward. Mr. Munns came in next and another good partnership was seen; Evans off-driving very cleanly, and cutting with great skill. With the score at 74 a fast ball from Dr. Morgan shattered Mr. Munns' stumps. Gibbon and Cooper played soundly and steadily with Evans. Gibbon declared at 183, leaving our opponents about two hours to bat. They did not make a very auspicious start, but on the arrival of "Teddy" Morgan the score mounted up by leaps and bounds, and he hit up 71 in about three quarters of an hour. He played a fine forcible innings which included 2 sixes and 11 fours. The match was left drawn. The feature of it was Evans' great innings. He batted two hours and only gave two hard chances and made many fine strokes. Score :—



## CHRIST COLLEGE.

A. B. Price, c Williams, b Sweet .....	4
D. C. Thomas, c Ward, b Sweet .....	25
W. L. Hoskins, run out .....	1
G. M. O. Evans, b Tyler.....	89
Mr. R. D. G. Munns, b Morgan .....	13
E. R. Gibbon, b Robinson .....	10
J. Cooper, lbw, b Williams.....	13
A. J. Ll. Rees, c Jones, b Williams .....	0
L. G. Lewis, b Mitchell .....	12
H. S. Davies, not out .....	5
Extras .....	11

Total (for 9 wks.)..... 183

G. Parker did not bat.

## SWANSEA WEDNESDAY.

M. B. Williams, b Gibbon .....	1
R. J. Ward, b Davies .....	16
Dr. E. Morgan, st. Cooper, b Price .....	71
W. Davies, not out .....	14
W. Jones, not out.....	0
Extras .....	7

Total (for 3 wks.)..... 109

The rest did not bat.

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon.....	8	2	24	1
Davies .....	10	3	38	1
Lewis .....	5	0	30	0
Price.....	2	1	10	1

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SKETTY.—This match was played in excellent weather to start with, though a thunderstorm towards the end rather marred the proceedings. The school, with the exception of Cooper and Evans, gave a most disappointing display. The bowling of Teddy Morgan seemed to be rather too much for them, as his analysis of 6 for 12 shows. Shortly after lunch the School were dismissed for the small total of 60. We have to be thankful to Cooper and Parker, who most unselfishly kept his end up, to have put even that number to our credit. Slingsby and Thorpe started well for Sketty and when Slingsby got out, there were only five runs to get. Teddy Morgan soon brought his side to victory, and afterwards displayed the same hitting powers that he had shewn the previous Wednesday down at Swansea. At this point a violent thunderstorm prevented further play and left Sketty victorious by 8 wickets and 68 runs. Score:—

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

D. C. Thomas, c Williams, b Sweet .....	5
A. B. Price, b Morgan.....	0
W. L. Hoskins, b Morgan .....	0
G. M. O. Evans, run out.....	10
E. R. Gibbon, b Morgan.....	2
H. S. Davies, lbw, b Sweet.....	4
J. Cooper, c Sweet, b Morgan .....	28
A. J. Ll. Rees, b Morgan .....	0
L. G. Lewis, lbw, b Morgan .....	0
G. Parker, not out .....	3
P. D. Evans-Jones, st Slingsby, b Williams .....	0
Extras .....	8
Total.....	60

## SKETTY.

G. Slingsby, b Price.....	18
S. W. Thorpe, b Evans-Jones .....	41
Dr. E. Morgan, not out .....	45
T. J. Randall, not out.....	4
Extras .....	20

Total (for 2 wks.)..... 128

M. B. Williams, H. Sweet, R. J. Ward, L. P. Godfrey, A. P. Torry, W. Brown, and H. C. Tyler, did not bat.

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Evans-Jones	8.3	2	30	1
Davies .....	7	1	14	0
Gibbon.....	4	1	20	0
Price .....	6	0	28	1
Lewis .....	4	0	16	0

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA WEDNESDAY.—This was the return fixture and was played on the School ground on Wednesday, June 5th. The fact of the proximity of the Hereford match lent considerable interest to the game. The School batted first on a rather soft wicket. Parker soon had to retire after a good catch at square leg by Rev. Alban Davies. Evans shaped very well, but was out from a rather feeble stroke. H. S. Davies seemed lost in admiration of his previous stroke and forgot to keep in his crease. Gibbon soon got about the bowling and at the luncheon interval had quite settled down. His 63 was a capital display. Cooper played a good innings, while Rees played very restrained and careful cricket. With a total of 156 for 8 to our credit, Gibbon declared. Swansea started disastrously, for Gibbon got Jones' wicket in his first over. Play then became very slow. Only 60 runs were up for 5 wickets when time was called. We feel confident we could have won if there had been more time, though it would certainly

not have been safe for Gibbon to have declared earlier. The School ground fielding was good, but the catching, considering the amount of fielding practice, not all that could be desired. Score :—

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

D. C. Thomas, b Tyler.....	19
G. Parker, c Alban Davies, b Hay .....	2
G. M. O. Evans, c & b Hay .....	11
H. S. Davies, st Gwynne, b Bevan .....	1
E. R. Gibbon, c & b Tyler .....	63
R. S. Davies, b Tyler .....	0
A. B. Price, run out.....	7
J. Cooper, not out .....	36
W. L. Hoskins, b Alban Davies .....	2
A. J. Ll. Rees, not out .....	3
Extras .....	12

Total (for 8 wkts.)..... 156

L. G. Lewis did not bat.

## SWANSEA WEDNESDAYS.

Rev. J. Alban Davies, c & b Lewis .....	18
E. Jones, b Gibbon .....	0
C. Johnson b Lewis .....	17
E. A. Tyler, c & b Gibbon .....	11
Rev. N. L. James, c H. S. Davies, b Lewis .....	0
N. Bevan, not out.....	6
Extras .....	8

Total (for 5 wkts.)..... 60

H. Harvey, P. Gwynne, G. Hay, D. G. Thomas, and J. Davies, did not bat.

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon .. .....	13.5	7	13	2
H. S. Davies....	7	3	12	0
Lewis .....	11	2	20	3
Price .....	5	0	7	0

CHRIST COLLEGE V. R. D. G. MUNNS' XI.—This match was played on the School ground on June 8th. The fixture was intended to have been with the Sports Club, but owing to the weather they could not raise a team. The School went in first on a poor, because hurriedly prepared wicket. Evans, Gibbon, and Cooper were the most successful batsmen. Mr. Hill met with considerable success for our opponents and took 8 wickets, and swerving a good deal was exceedingly difficult to play. The School innings, owing to frequent breaks on account of the inclemency of the weather, lasted till about 6.30. Thus the scratch XI were only given an hour's batting, but the wicket had now become very tricky. The result was most gratifying, for instead of another draw we were able to register an easy win. Gibbon bowled exceedingly well for the school, as his analysis of 6 for 12 clearly shows. He was well backed up by Davies. Score :—

## CHRIST COLLEGE

D. C. Thomas, c & b A. T. Hill .....	3
G. Parker, b A. T. Hill .....	2
G. M. O. Evans, b A. T. Hill .....	20
H. S. Davies, c Munns, b A. T. Hill .....	2
E. R. Gibbon, b A. T. Hill .....	24
A. B. Price, b A. T. Hill .....	2
J. Cooper, c Davies, b Stephens .....	13
W. L. Hoskins, c Munns, b A. T. Hill .....	1
A. J. Ll. Rees, b A. T. Hill .....	4
L. Baker-Jones, not out .....	0
P. D. Evans-Jones, c Price, b Stephens .....	0
Extras .....	4
Total .....	75

## R. D. G. MUNNS' XI.

Dr. Bridge, b Gibbon .....	5
E. R. Davies b Davies .....	12
W. J. T. Stephens, b Gibbon .....	0
W. B. Price, c Evans, b Davies .....	4
R. J. Hill, b Gibbon .....	0
W. Evans, b Gibbon .....	0
A. Tudor, b Gibbon .....	1
Rev. A. E. Donaldson, b Gibbon .....	0
A. T. Hill, b Davies .....	2
J. S. Robinson, absent .....	0
R. D. G. Munns, not out .....	0
Extras .....	1
Total .....	25

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon .....	7	2	12	6
Davies .....	6.2	2	12	3

CHRIST COLLEGE V. USK VALLEY.—Usk Valley brought up a very strong side to play us on Saturday, June 15th. The team included C. H. B. Marsham, who has captained the Kent County Side. Marsham and Sparrow opened the Usk Valley innings but Marsham soon fell after looking comfortable. Till Dr. Tresawna came, the School seemed to be doing well, but he soon turned the tide. He played a magnificent innings, his power and accurate timing being conspicuous. With the exception of Tatham the rest of the side did not give the School much trouble, and in the end were all dismissed for 154. Gibbon bowled excellently at the start without much luck and later ran through the tail. The School started badly, a habit which they seem to have somewhat cultivated this term, but when Cooper and Gibbon got going, we thought we had a chance of winning. Cholmondeley, however, came on and dismissed them both. Rees and Hoskins kept up their ends but time compelled us to have another draw. Altogether it was a most interesting match and the School deserve high praise for a good show against a good side. Score :—



## USK VALLEY.

C. H. B. Marsham, b Gibbon .....	9
R. B. Sparrow, b Davies .....	10
W. J. Graham, c Baker-Jones, b Davies .....	2
Dr. W. S. Tresawna, c Parker, b Price .....	55
Capt. Partridge, c Baker-Jones, b Gibbon .....	13
Dr. T. P. Thomas, b Davies .....	0
A. L. Tatham, not out .....	36
Capt. Cholmondeley, c Rees, b Gibbon .....	10
J. C. P. Crosby, c Price, b Gibbon .....	10
H. Miers, run out .....	0
C. Martin, b Gibbon .....	1
T. H. Flye, b Gibbon .....	0
Extras .....	8
Total .....	154

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

A. B. Price, b Graham .....	6
L. Baker-Jones, b Graham .....	0
G. M. O. Evans, b Graham .....	0
D. C. Thomas, b Graham .....	7
E. R. Gibbon, b Cholmondeley .....	31
J. Cooper, b Cholmondeley .....	36
H. S. Davies, b Cholmondeley .....	4
A. J. Ll. Rees, not out .....	2
W. L. Hoskins, not out .....	7
Extras .....	20

Total (for 7 wkts.)..... 113

G. Parker, R. S. Davies, and P. D. Evans-Jones did not bat.

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon .....	20.4	6	40	6
H. S. Davies .....	18	1	60	3
Evans-Jones .....	5	0	15	0
Price .....	3	0	31	1

CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON, v. HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL.—  
 Played at Hereford on June 12th, and resulted in a win for Brecon by fifty runs. The weather was pleasant, but the wicket, which had not been very well prepared, was not too good. Gibbon won the toss and opened the innings with Thomas and Price. Seven only had been scored when Barnett knocked Thomas' leg stump back. Evans, who succeeded him, quickly hit two fours and looked well set when given out caught at the wicket. Davies succumbed to a wretched stroke and Gibbon was bowled by Barnett. 36 for 4 did not look very promising. Then Price and Cooper, and Cooper and Hoskins, made useful stands, Cooper playing a very good forcing innings for 27. Of the remainder Parker alone seemed able to cope with the excellent bowling of Barnett. The Brecon innings finally closed for 99, quite a fair score on a difficult run-getting ground.

Hereford had an hour and a half to make the necessary runs, but from the start they never looked like being successful. Gibbon in his first over bowled Turner with a beautiful ball, and then Davies, who was making the ball swerve and turn, played havoc with the batsmen. With twenty minutes to go, there were still three wickets to be disposed of. Hereford were very casual in coming in to bat after a wicket had fallen. The eighth wicket fell to a good ball from Davies with ten minutes to spare; then the last two wickets were taken in the same over amid great excitement, leaving us winners by fifty runs. Davies had the excellent analysis of 8 wickets for 17. The Brecon fielding was very good and clean. Score :—

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

D. C. Thomas, b Barnett .....	4
A. B. Price, b E. Wilmot .....	17
G. M. O. Evans, c Burlton, b Barnett.....	8
H. S. Davies, b E. Wilmot .....	0
E. R. Gibbon, b Barnett.....	2
J. Cooper, c & b Barnett .....	27
W. L. Hoskins, b Barnett .....	5
G. Parker, lbw, b E. Wilmot .....	14
A. J. Ll. Rees, b Barnett .....	7
L. Baker-Jones, not out .....	4
P. D. Evans Jones, b E. Wilmot .....	0
Extras.....	11
Total.....	99

## HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL.

F. M. Turner, b Gibbon .....	0
T. M. Wilmot, b Davies .....	12
C. B. Gorton, b Davies .....	4
C. B. Levason, c Price, b Davies .....	2
T. Millyard, b Davies .....	2
E. Wilmot, c Thomas, b Evans-Jones .....	9
J. E. Barnett, c Gibbon, b Davies.....	9
L. H. B. Burlton, b Davies .....	9
J. S. Gowring, b Davies .....	1
E. M. Gibbon, b Davies .....	0
C. R. Blackett, not out .....	1
Extras.....	0
Total.....	49

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon .....	10	3	31	1
Davies.....	11.4	4	17	8
Evans-Jones	2	1	1	1

CHRIST COLLEGE v. MONMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Brecon on Wednesday, June 19th, and won by Monmouth by 35 runs. So much for the facts: here follow a few thoughts and fancies.

The Monmouth match at Brecon—an old dream, now a reality. Thanks, therefore, to our present President, and by the same token more power to his elbow to relieve the disabilities of our long-suffering football brethren in like manner.

With June masquerading as November it was hardly strange to find a sponge-caky wicket; and Gibbon with first choice (he spins a coin no less cunningly than a cricket ball) could not but prefer the bird in hand to remote contingencies of wind and weather. But a sorry thing that first essay of ours! Saving Hoskins, hardly a cut or drive adventured, and so tame and docile a show of batting that the bowlers speedily had the mastery of it. Some stayed, but had little to show for their passive resistance; some made beggarly little catches easy of achievement to point and slip.

Not much of a card to lay on the table—40 runs; but Monmouth were hard put to it to overplay it. Three for 7 and five for 22, all victims to our skipper's sleight of hand, presaged a grim fight for the odd trick. But an over-full of half volleys duly punished, and energy and enterprise amongst the Monmouth tail end belied the forecast, and we finished the first round 35 down.

Naturally, with three hours of the clock to run, we put a bold face on it and hustled for the declaration. Great need begot greater resolution—and so, how vast an improvement! Price kept an end going not unhandily—but what slow running and long recoveries of breath for the prime of youth!—while Evans, Gibbon and Rees made hits many and hard—and some few good ones at that. Needless to say the terrors of the Monmouth attack paled visibly before a spice of enterprise.

So under an inky sky with rain ominous on every side (O that tea interval!) we sent Monmouth in for 80 minutes' purgatory. At first Gibbon scattered wickets like ninepins and hats flew skywards; Breconians looked cheerfully at the score board and Monmouthians eyed the sky angrily (small blame to them!)—and their watches. But Father Time, considerably aided and abetted by Buchanan (60 whole minutes for four runs—a worthy Cunctator) had the better of us for the nonce. We retired beaten, as who make but 40 runs deserve; but not disgraced nor obviously inferior as players of cricket.

To Monmouth, then, congratulations and these criticisms. W. H. Dowdeswell is a likely enough bowler; he combined on this occasion length, pace and swerve—quid multa? The wicket keeping was neat handed and keen eyed, and the plurality of the batsmen made up in slap and dash what was wanting in the mere niceties of style.

Of us just these things to be noted. In primis, given our second venture first, there had been, most like, no need of a second at all. So more resolution, my friends; spare the bat and spoil the score. Secondly, our fielding earned good words—quick, clean, accurate, mistakes few and scarcely significant—well done! Thirdly, Gibbon bowled excellently

well for a half hour in each innings. Pity that his stamina does not equal his skill, or we might be spared the wishy-washy leg-breaky stuff of his wearier overs.. But Davies sadly disappointed; not once the ghost of his Hereford length and spin, charm he never so wisely. Odds and ends from Price and Lewis, but serviceable here and again.

This question in all seriousness to conclude. Why proclaim a start for 11.15, and turn out (most of us) at 11.30? Is this quite courteous to visitors, and what were those lost 15 minutes worth, think you, at the end of it all? Score and analysis :—

1st innings.		CHRIST COLLEGE.		2nd innings.	
D. C. Thomas, c Long, b E. J. O.					
Edwards .....	4				
A. B. Price, b W. H. Dowdeswell ...	10	c Busher, b W. H. Dowdeswell .....	30		
G. M. O. Evans, c & b W. H. Dowdeswell .....	2	c E. J. O. Edwards, b W. H. Dowdeswell .....	17		
H. S. Davies, b W. H. Dowdeswell..	0				
E. R. Gibbon, c S. Edwards, b E. J. O. Edwards .....	7	c Ledger, b W. H. Dowdeswell .....	18		
J. Cooper, c T. D. Dowdeswell, b W. H. Dowdeswell .....	0	c Buchanan, b W. H. Dowdeswell .....	2		
W. L. Hoskins, b E. J. O. Edwards	12	c E. J. O. Edwards, b Shaw	10		
A. J. Ll. Rees, b W. H. Dowdeswell	3	not out .....	21		
L. G. Lewis, b E. J. O. Edwards.....	2	lbw, b Busher .....	0		
G. Parker, lbw, b E. J. O. Edwards...	0				
L. Baker-Jones, not out .....	0				
Extras .....	0				4
Total .....	40			(for 6 wkts.).....	102
				Innings declared closed.	

## MONMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
L. W. Edwards, c Hoskins, b Gibbon	0	b Gibbon .....	0
D. Busher, c Cooper, b Gibbon .....	3	b Gibbon .....	0
T. D. Dowdeswell, lbw, b Gibbon ...	4	c Hoskins, b Price ..	3
A. Buchanan, b Gibbon.....	0	c Price, b Lewis .....	4
H. M. Long, c Baker-Jones, b Lewis	11	b Gibbon .....	0
W. H. Dowdeswell, b Gibbon .....	6	b Davies .....	6
S. Edwards, c Parker, b Lewis .....	12	b Gibbon ..	5
L. K. Ledger, run out .....	0	not out .....	2
E. J. O. Edwards, b Price.....	24		
C. Shaw, st Baker-Jones, b Price.....	11		
E. H. Watkins, not out .....	1		
Extras .....	3		2
Total.....	75		(for 7 wkts.)..... 22

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon.....	15	5	25	5	14	6	17	4
Davies .....	11	5	22	0	5	4	2	1
Lewis .....	6	0	22	2	4.4	3	1	1
Price .....	1.3	0	3	2	7	7	0	1
				Parker...	1	1	0	0



CHRIST COLLEGE v. BRECON SPORTS CLUB.—This match was played on the town ground on Saturday, June 22nd, and resulted in an easy win for the School. The School amassed the considerable total of 152. Price, Evans, Rees, Parker and Thomas are to be complimented on their useful scores. Though the town had some strong batting, they did not give much opposition and were all out for 69. Gibbon and Davies were the successful bowlers, the latter bowling uncommonly well. Score:—

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

A. B. Price, c Sherwin, b Price .....	32
D. C. Thomas, c & b Sherwin.....	16
G. M. O. Evans, c Sherwin, b Price .....	27
W. L. Hoskins, c Sherwin, b Price .....	5
E. R. Gibbon, b W. P. Evans.....	6
J. Cooper, b W. P. Evans .....	1
A. J. Ll. Rees, b Price.....	25
G. Parker, not out .....	14
L. G. Lewis, b Price.....	0
H. S. Davies, lbw, b Price .....	8
L. Baker-Jones, st Shelton, b Davies .....	5
Extras .....	13
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>152</b>

## BRECON SPORTS CLUB.

W. Shelton, c Evans, b Gibbon .....	7
C. B. Sherwin, b Davies .....	5
E. R. Davies, b Davies.....	0
W. B. Price, c Lewis, b Davies .....	10
W. P. Evans, c & b Davies .....	8
A. Tudor, c Thomas, b Gibbon .....	2
Dr. Bridge, run out .....	4
S. R. Phillips, c Parker, b Gibbon.....	5
A. J. Whittaker, hit wkt, b Davies .....	13
J. F. Phillips, b Lewis .....	7
W. Evans, not out .....	0
Extras .....	8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>69</b>

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gibbon .....	14	5	29	3
Davies .....	15	5	30	5
Lewis .....	1.2	0	2	1

CHRIST COLLEGE v. BRECON SPORTS CLUB.—Played on June 26th on the College ground. Parker, owing to injury, was advised to stand down and R. S. Davies took his place. The School batted first in uncertain weather, and were all out for 99, Price, Gibbon and Cooper being the outstanding players. Brecon started well, and had 65 runs for 6 wickets, when the School pulled themselves together and eventually won after an exciting finish, close on time, by nine runs. The fielding was a little slack in this match, especially the catching. Score:—

## CHRIST COLLEGE.

A. B. Price, c Phillips, b Whittaker .....	30
D. C. Thomas, b Evans .....	0
G. M. O. Evans, b Price .....	4
H. S. Davies, lbw, b Price .....	1
E. R. Gibbon, c Flye, b Price .....	18
J. Cooper, lbw, b Stephens .....	21
A. J. Ll. Rees, b Whittaker .....	0
W. L. Hoskins, b Whittaker .....	6
R. S. Davies, not out .....	10
L. G. Lewis, lbw, b Whittaker .....	0
L. Baker-Jones, b Evans .....	2
Extras .....	7
Total .....	99

## BRECON SPORTS CLUB.

W. P. Evans, c Price, b Gibbon .....	18
S. R. Phillips, c Price, b Gibbon .....	19
W. B. Price, b H. S. Davies .....	2
W. J. T. Stephens, b Price .....	9
Dr. Bridge, b Price .....	11
A. Tudor, c Thomas, b Price .....	0
A. J. Whittaker, c Thomas, b Gibbon .....	14
J. C. P. Crosby, c Lewis, b H. S. Davies .....	8
D. Jones, b Gibbon .....	0
H. Morris, b H. S. Davies .....	0
T. H. Flye, not out .....	4
Extras .....	5
Total .....	90

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lewis .....	10	1	37	0
H. S. Davies .....	7	0	22	3
Gibbon .....	6.3	1	14	4
Price .....	5	0	12	3

## THE LLANDOVERY MATCH.

This annual game was arranged for Saturday, June 29th, and was to have been played on our ground. Unluckily, drenching rain for nearly 36 hours on end swamped the wicket, and a postponement was absolutely necessary. While negotiations for a new date were in progress, illness broke out, and it was decided to ask our opponents to meet us at Builth Wells on Wednesday, July 3rd. Once more fate intervened, for the spread of infection to two members of our XI. caused Llandovery at the last moment to withdraw their acceptance, an inevitable step no doubt as reluctantly taken as it was reluctantly acquiesced in. So for the first time for many a year, if not for the very first time since the origin of the fixture, no Llandovery match has taken place. We take this opportunity of thanking the officials of the Builth C.C. for the prompt courtesy with which they were prepared to place their ground at our disposal.

## 2ND XI. MATCHES.

CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI. v. BRECON SPORTS 2ND XI.—Played on the School ground on May 8th. Won by 58 runs. The School, considering it was their first effort of the season, won with comparative ease. V. G. Davies and D. L. Jones, who scored 10 not out and 11 respectively, played well in their opening match. Score:—

## BRECON SPORTS CLUB 2ND XI.

W. B. Price, run out	.....	.....	3
J. W. T. Stephens, b Gibbon...	.....	.....	1
G. D. E. Thomas, c Thomas, b Lewis	.....	.....	7
T. H. Flye, b Lewis	.....	.....	7
D. Jones, run out	.....	.....	0
V. Coppage, c D. L. Jones, b Gibbon	.....	.....	2
C. Phillips, b Lewis	.....	.....	0
L. W. Hedge, b Gibbon	.....	.....	2
W. Hughes, c Davies, b Lewis,	.....	.....	1
H. Davies, c Parker, b Lewis...	.....	.....	0
H. Lewis, not out	.....	.....	0
Extras	.....	.....	4

Total..... 27

## CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI.

D. C. Thomas, b Price	.....	.....	10
J. V. Martyn, b Stephens	.....	.....	9
L. Baker-Jones, c & b Stephens	.....	.....	4
R. S. Davies, b Price	.....	.....	0
A. B. Price, b Stephens	.....	.....	5
I. S. Jenkins, lbw, b Price	.....	.....	5
G. Parker, c & b Stephens	.....	.....	2
L. G. Lewis, c & b Price	.....	.....	2
V. G. Davies, not out	.....	.....	10
J. W. Gibbon, c & b Flye	.....	.....	4
D. L. Jones, b Flye	.....	.....	11
Extras...	.....	.....	23

Total ..... 85

CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI. v. COUNTY SCHOOL 1ST XI.—This match was played on the School ground on May 18th and proved an easy win for the School. D. C. Thomas and Baker-Jones made a plucky stand and broke the back of the bowling. Evans Jones and E. F. Thomas hit about with considerable success. The feature of the day was D. C. Thomas' innings of 73 not out. He played exceedingly sound cricket and never gave a chance. Score:—

## CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI.

D. C. Thomas, not out	.....	.....	73
I. S. Jenkins, b Parry	.....	.....	0
L. Baker-Jones, b Parry	.....	.....	20
D. L. Jones, run out	.....	.....	2
J. W. Gibbon, c & b Parry	.....	.....	8
D. H. Davies, c & b Parry	.....	.....	1
E. F. Thomas, c & b Powell	.....	.....	17
V. G. Davies, b Parry	.....	.....	4

P. D. Evans-Jones, c Cross, b Parry .....	12
A. B. G. Biggerton-Evans, st. Hughes, b Cross .....	12
T. G. Powell, b Powell .....	0
Extras .....	11

Total ..... 160

## BRECON COUNTY SCHOOL 1ST XI.

H. Knight, b Evans-Jones .....	18
V. Hughes, b Evans-Jones .....	1
J. Davies, c Jenkins, b Evans-Jones .. ..	2
J. Rees, run out .....	12
C. Isaac, b Evans-Jones .....	0
T. Powell, c D. H. Davies, b Gibbon .....	0
C. Parry, b Gibbon .....	5
W. Williams, b Evans-Jones ...	4
C. Rees, c D. H. Davies, b Evans-Jones .....	0
D. Griffiths, not out .. ...	4
J. Cross, c & b Gibbon .....	0
Extras .....	5

Total ..... 51

CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI. v. SKETTY 2ND XI.—Played on June 1st. The School in this match were exceedingly unlucky, as a thunder-storm robbed us of victory. R. S. Davies batted well for his 83 and Powell bowled well all through. The fielding was good. Score:—

## CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI.

I. S. Jenkins, b Howell .....	1
L. Baker-Jones, c Howell, b Robinson .....	12
J. V. Martyn, b Howell .....	0
V. G. Davies, b Howell .....	2
R. S. Davies, c & b Stafford ...	83
J. W. Gibbon, c Howell, b Robinson .....	20
E. F. Thomas, lbw, b Robinson .....	0
D. L. Jones, b Howell .....	25
D. H. Davies, b Howell .....	13
A. B. G. Biggerton-Evans, b Howell .....	5
T. G. Powell, not out .....	4
Extras .....	13

Total ..... 178

## SKETTY 2ND XI.

L. Hoskins, c Jones, b Powell .....	2
T. Robinson, c R. S. Davies, b Powell .....	4
T. Howell, b Powell .....	14
A. Thomas, c Gibbon, b Powell .....	5
L. Beor, b Powell .....	7
J. Stafford, c R. S. Davies, b Powell .....	4
G. Phillips, c Baker-Jones, b Powell .....	0
J. Cogswold, not out .....	7
M. Drake, c & b Gibbon .....	1
L. Davies, not out .....	1
Extras .....	6

Total (for 8 wks.)... 51

W. Rees, did not bat.



CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI. v. BRECON SPORTS CLUB 2ND XI.—  
 Played on the town ground on June 8th. This was not at all a good  
 display of our real ability. We only condole ourselves with the fact that  
 the town played several of their first team men. Score:—

## CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI.

I. S. Jenkins, st S. R. Phillips, b Price	.....	13
L. Baker-Jones, b Stephens	.....	0
D. H. Davies, st S. R. Phillips, b Price	.....	0
J. V. Martyn, c Tudor, b Stephens	.....	6
P. D. Evans-Jones, b Stephens	.....	10
E. F. Thomas, b Price	.....	0
V. G. Davies, b Price	.....	12
A. B. G. Biggerton-Evans, b Stephens	.....	0
J. W. Gibbon, c Tudor, b Price	.....	20
D. L. Jones, not out	.....	3
T. G. Powell, st S. R. Phillips, b Price	.....	5
Extras	.....	6
Total	.....	75

## BRECON SPORTS CLUB 2ND XI.

W. B. Price, c Jenkins, b Powell	.....	13
W. J. T. Stephens, run out	.....	63
S. R. Phillips, not out	.....	53
A. Tudor, not out	.....	28
Extras	.....	8

Total (for 2 wks)... 165

G. D. E. Thomas, J. C. P. Crosby, T. H. Flye, D. Jones, D. E. Phillips,  
 W. Hughes, and H. Lewis, did not bat.

CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI. v. BRECON SPORTS CLUB 2ND XI.—Played  
 on Wednesday, June 12th. This match was most exciting and, thanks to  
 good bowling by D. H. Davies, was pulled out of the fire at the last  
 minute. Gibbon played well for the School. Scores:—

## CHRIST COLLEGE 2ND XI.

I. S. Jenkins, b Stephens	.....	0
J. V. Martyn b Price	.....	0
V. G. Davies, b Price	.....	24
J. W. Gibbon, b Flye	.....	41
R. S. Davies, b Flye	.....	4
E. F. Thomas, c Tudor, b Price	.....	0
G. Yendoll, b Price	.....	4
T. R. Davies, b Stephens	.....	1
D. H. Davies, c Isaac, b Stephens	.....	0
D. L. Jones, not out	.....	1
T. G. Powell, c Tudor, b Stephens	.....	4
Extras	.....	6
Total	.....	85

## BRECON SPORTS CLUB 2ND XI.

W. B. Price, c Martyn, b Jones	.....	35
W. J. T. Stephens, b D. H. Davies	.....	25
A. Tudor, run out	.....	2
D. S. Rees, b D. H. Davies	.....	0
T. H. Flye, c R. S. Davies, b D. H. Davies	.....	1
D. Jones, lbw, b D. H. Davies	.....	0
T. Isaac, b Gibbon	.....	5
R. J. Richards, st Martyn, b D. H. Davies	.....	0
P. C. Matthews, b D. H. Davies	.....	1
T. Akrill-Jones, c Yendoll, b D. H. Davies	.....	4
S. Davies, not out	.....	0
Extras	.....	7
Total	.....	80

## 3RD XI. MATCHES.

1. v. BRECON COUNTY SCHOOL 2ND XI.—Played on Saturday, May 11th, and won by 55 runs. Christ College 3rd XI., 96 (D. H. Davies, 31); County School 2nd XI., 41.

2. v. C. J. E. LARGE'S XI.—Played on May 25th. Christ College 3rd XI., 110; Mr. Large's XI., 23 and 29.

3. v. ST. DAVID'S 2ND XI.—Played on June 8th. Christ College 3rd XI., 95; St. David's 2nd XI., 41.

4. v. ST. DAVID'S 2ND XI.—Played on June 22nd. Christ College 3rd XI., 86 (Saunders Davies, 37); St. David's 2nd XI., 149.

## HOUSE MATCHES.

1. THE HOSTEL v. N.-Z.—The Hostel won by 111 runs. The Hostel 121 for 9 wickets (Hoskins 31, A. B. Price 26, L. G. Lewis 25). N.-Z. 10. L. G. Lewis took 5 wickets for 2 runs. Robertson did the hat-trick for N.-Z.

2. A.-M. v. N.-Z.—A.-M. won by 33 runs. A.-M., 81 for 5 wickets; N.-Z., 48.

3. THE HOSTEL v. A.-M.—The Hostel won by 18 runs. The Hostel, 95 (Martyn, 27); A.-M., 77. The Hostel thus retained the House Cup. A.-M. lacked the services of Cooper and H. S. Davies, and Hoskins was away from the Hostel.

Owing to exceptional pressure on our space, we are compelled to hold over to our next number the scores of several cricket matches, and an account of the O.B. Dinner. The latter was specially contributed by request, and we apologise to the writer for disappointing him after all,

## OXFORD LETTER.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Your request for a letter comes at a somewhat inopportune moment. The past term and the events thereof are by this time very much a thing of the past. Consequently, if the stale crumbs of memory are supplemented with the sauce of imagination, I must crave your indulgence.

The recent formation of an Oxford Old Breconian Society makes the writing of this letter still more of an ordeal. The prospect of facing a dozen or more people at the same time, each eager for the destruction of the Oxford correspondent, is one that might well chill the blood of the most callous scribe—even in this weather.

One of the most interesting events of the term has been the visit of the Suffragettes. Several of our number were present at the meeting and were obviously impressed. So were the Suffragettes.

Eddershaw and W. B. Davies have been suffering many things at the hands of the examiners for Greats. Unfortunately, neither of them was in the best of health. W. A. Davies has not been in residence, but we heard that he was coming up to take his Finals at the end of the term.

Sladden also leaves us this term. His Science Finals do not seem to have disturbed him unduly.

S. T. Phillips has been dividing his time between Theology and the O.T.C. He makes a worthy and dignified President of our new Society.

J. V. Rees has been trying hard to acquire a worried expression, in order that he may tell anxious enquirers that he is 'working.' He is as elusive as ever, but is known to have played cricket with some success.

Griffiths is always merry and bright, and is still in his anecdotage. If properly drawn out he will talk with much feeling of the doings of "the best bat in Teddy's Hall."

Fears were entertained at one time that Denny had become a Nazarete. It is rumoured that Jesus College raised a substantial amount during Eights' Week by exhibiting him to visitors,

Walters has been collaborating with the Exeter twins in a new version of "Three men in a boat." G. E. Morgan's performance with a punt-pole is one of the sights of Oxford on a hot afternoon. We understand that Walters has found an unbreakable piano to which Kemp and Morgan can sing with safety. These concerts, of course, take place "in camera" and at some distance from the town.

Howell has been our bright particular star in the cricket firmament. He soon got his colours for Keble, and proved one of the most consistent players on the side.

H. B. Davies has temporarily abandoned the cricket field for the tennis court. We hear tales of tournaments at Somerville which might possibly explain it. He has also been seen both on and in the river, the latter part of the programme being entirely unrehearsed. No encores given.

Congrattlers to the XI. on their defeat of Hereford Cathedral School and their plucky effort against Monmouth, also unbounded sorrow on their inability to play against Llandovery.

We hear that our ranks will be strengthened again next term. This will delight the heart of the O.U.O.B.S. President and

Yours truly,

OXFORD O.B.

## THE LAST OVER.

Seven o'clock ! The Church bell ringing  
Marks the coming end of play.  
Batsmen still their bats are swinging  
As they've gaily swung all day.

One more over, one more over, one more over, then away.

I, who long to others' bowling  
Grinly in the field have stuck,  
I, while this late bell is tolling,  
Will essay to avenge my duck ;

Mine this over, this last over, mine this over, here's for luck !

Four past point and four past cover ;  
Four by mid-off driven straight ;  
Fours mid-on and square leg over ;  
Four by cut delivered late ;

Four and twenty off one over, my one over, such is fate !



## A DREAM AFTER STUDYING PLATO.

There were three of us—Crosse and Blackwell and myself. One wet half, all of us having successfully cribbed our way through the morning's work, we met in our study. After we had been discussing the XI. for some time, and passing caustic and sarcastic remarks about its performances—though not one of us knows a “long-field” from a “silly point”—there fell upon us a sudden silence.

At last Crosse began to talk about ghosts, and the conversation got round to spiritualism.

So I suggested that we should try and call up a spirit. They at once agreed, but we could not decide what spirit to call up. I stuck out for Plato; but Crosse, backed up by Blackwell, who shares everything with him (including his “tin”), wanted Napoleon.

“Well,” at last Crosse said, “suppose we call ‘em both up?” So we decided to have Plato first.

We drew the curtain and bolted the door. As none of us was any good at Greek, we decided to try to call him in Latin. I was elected chairman.

By my orders we placed in readiness copies of several of our honoured visitor's works.

After a little thought I commenced my invocation. “Favete linguis, O Crux et Nigrofons”—(this was rather nutty, wasn't it?)—“quia nunc voco illum virum maximum, Plato. Veni adhuc, O Plato! Veni adhuc, O Plato! Veni adhuc, O maxime Plato!”

After a silence of two or three minutes a dim radiance was visible. It grew! It grew!

Suddenly, the curtain, which had been slowly slipping, fell pole and all, with a crash, and flooded the room with daylight!

So we decided to try again. This time I tried the modern pronunciation of my invocation. As I finished speaking there appeared before our eyes the head and shoulders of a hook-nosed man, draped gracefully in a Panama hat and a well-cut toga.

It was the great Plato. I gave him welcome in my most classical Latin. “Salve, O Doctor!”

He did not appear to have been well educated in Latin, for he answered, “Je ne parle pas Français.” Crosse and Blackwell, who were secretly jealous of my linguistic abilities, advised me to try English. In a few well-chosen words I told him what pleasure it gave us to see him.

Waving him to a seat on a vacant tuck-box, I enquired after his health. He informed me that he was very well, except for a little writer's cramp, caused by the strain of writing his philosophical works. I proudly pointed to the copies of his works upon the table.

He was visibly pleased, and speaking in English, which he informed me he had learnt partly from Shakespeare, proceeded to discuss the question, “Is cricket necessary or is it harmful?”

PLATO.—“What is the object of a cricketer?”

CROSSE.—“The exercise of his body.”

PLATO.—“But is not the exercise of the body by that very act of exercising exercise of the body? Or is that act of exercising exercise, because it is exercise of the body?”

CROSSE.—“True.”

PLATO.—“And batting is cricket? Is it not so?”

CROSSE.—“It is so.”

PLATO.—“Therefore batting is exercise of the body. But batsmen often do not exercise their bodies, for does it not frequently happen that a batsman has no innings or—dread thought!—has no exercise?”

CROSSE.—(Speaking from personal experience). “Very often.”

PLATO.—“Well then, if the exercise of cricket is to exercise the body, and to bat is cricket, and exercises the body, is not cricket by that very fact as foolish as this discussion?”

CROSSE.—“True.”

The tea bell then rang, and put an end to the argument. Plato, putting on his hat, shook hands with us and evaporated into transparency.

## Answers to Letters expected but not yet received.

LONG-HOPPER.—The Dover stroke is a cross between a cow shot and a ‘Biggerton’ drive. It occasionally brings runs, but more often a new batsman to the wickets. No, we don’t recommend an extra man on the off side to check it.

ANTI-GERM-MAN.—Unfortunately the measles in question are not of the German type. So we can see no value in reviving the Cadet Corps (or Bug-Shooters, as you call them) to repel their invasion.

ANXIOUS STUDY HOLDER.—On the whole we think that not even Mr. Lloyd George will expect you to insure your crock-washer. In any case the Head, or your House Master, will give you the necessary instruction in licking.

UNDERGRADUATE.—No, it is *not* usual to grant a whole-holiday in honour of a pass in responsions. In special cases, such as yours, perhaps a precedent might be established. Recent events, it goes without saying, prove that there is no age limit for candidates.

ST. SWITHIN.—The Llandovery match is definitely abandoned. Your proposal to play it on the first *fine* day available is saying the same thing in other words.

ANTIPON.—The Price of the Average Bat is not the chief consideration in its Value, but in this instance it certainly carries much Weight.

TUCK SHOP.—The previous manager was Smart; the present is—smarter.

NATURALIST.—Yes, ‘Maggots’ are among the Lepidoptera of the cricket field.

CONSTANT READER.—The correct name for the King of Basan is Og—not Shog.

NO HEEL-TAPS.—There are several famous cricketers called Sewell, but they would not give a snap of the fingers for your suggestion that none of them can bowl.

PYGMY.—The rumour that a well-known member of the XI. has been destroyed in College Hall by mistake for a microbe is not true. A careful use of the microscope fortunately prevented any such disaster.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

Term started on April 25th and will end on July 30th.

On Thursday, April 25th, E. R. Gibbon was chosen cricket captain at a meeting of the School.

The Rev. Maurice Jones (O.B.), Chaplain to H.M. Forces, preached in the Chapel on Sunday, June 9th.

May 16th, being Ascension Day, the Head-master granted the School a half-holiday.

Bathing commenced towards the end of May; but the conditions have since not been very favourable.

The School Choir, under the able tuition of Mr. Large, has rendered, during the term, the anthems, "Lift up your heads," and "God so loved the world." The solo in the latter was taken by Mr. Wright.

We take this opportunity of offering a hearty, though somewhat belated, welcome to S. B. Wright, Esq., who has joined the staff this term.

On Tuesday, July 2nd, Mr. Large entertained the Choir at Llanerchcoedlan Wells. The occasion was as happy a one as ever, and many thanks are due to Mr. Large for his generosity.

A cartoon of J. Howell Evans (O.B.), M.A., M.B., M.Ch., (Oxon), F.R.C.S., was published in "Mayfair" and entitled "The Scientific Study of Cancer." A short biography in the same journal referred to him as "perhaps the greatest authority on this branch of surgery."

C. P. Hazard (O.B.) has been appointed to a post in Southern Nigeria. He sailed on board s.s. "Elmina," which was reported off Lagos on March 31st.

T. H. Phillips (O.B.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., (Eng.), has become assistant to Dr. Davies of Wattstown, near Ferndale.

W. Jones Williams (O.B.) has passed the final examination of the Incorporated Law Society.

P. T. Erasmus (O.B.) is, we understand, touring the United States in a motor car. We wish him an enjoyable trip.

Congratulations to G. le Huquet (O.B.), of the Wiltshire Regiment, on his recent marriage in S. Africa.

The two performances of Stainer's "Crucifixion," given by the Choir at the end of last term, reflected great credit on all concerned.

We have received visits during the term from the following Old Breconians :—Doctor "Teddy" Morgan, Doctor "Tom" Morgan, H. G. Schenk, H. T. Whittaker, T. Lloyd, R. Green, W. R. Thomas, F. W. Evans, R. L. Partridge, F. W. Stokoe, R. Akrill Jones, M. C. M. Denny, H. Bankes Price, L. J. A. Rowlands, H. T. Eddershaw, K. P. O. Evans, D. P. S. Griffiths, W. G. Hodge, C. E. Sladden, S. T. Phillips, J. Ll. Rogers, R. S. Ll. Rogers, H. E. E. Thomas, H. R. Evans, Rev. D. Akrill Jones, T. D. Windsor Williams, and T. D. Llewellyn.

The following are the School-prefects this term :—E. F. Thomas, A. J. Ll. Rees, W. L. Hoskins, J. Cooper and I. S. Jenkins.

## Obituary.

We record with sorrow the death of Robert Norman William Leyson (O.B.), who went down with the "Titanic" in the terrible disaster of April 14th. He was a member of the School House from September, 1900, to April, 1902, and was a popular and cheerful comrade. Many of his contemporaries in the Fourth Form will read this notice with genuine sorrow. We do not know any of the immediate circumstances attending his death, but we can well believe that the hour of supreme need did not find him wanting. R.I.P.

We also have to record the sad death of George Francis (O.B.), caused under somewhat tragic circumstances by a shooting accident in S. Africa. To his father, Dr. Francis, of Brecon, himself an Old Breconian, we offer our hearty sympathy.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—I should be grateful for a small space in your columns to thank the Old Boys for the honour they have done me in choosing me as their Recorder. To replace Mr. Morton is, of course, impossible, but I shall hope to do my best to keep up the close and intimate connection between the Past and Present Members of Christ College.

May I suggest that all O.B.'s, whose addresses have changed recently, should be kind enough to communicate the fact to me as soon as possible? And it will be very valuable assistance, also, if they can furnish names and addresses of other O.B.'s, not at present members of the Association, but likely to join if requested.

All present members of the School, who are leaving at the end of the term, are also asked to leave their addresses with me.

I am, yours faithfully,

A. E. DONALDSON.

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To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Is it too much to ask that the Hockey XI. may have a blazer, or, at least, a shirt composed of the School colours? At present the 2nd XI in Cricket is better equipped with colours than the Hockey XI. It is very hard on people leaving, who have managed to get into the Hockey team and no other, not to be able to show any visible signs of ever getting into a team.

I remain yours faithfully,

RAINBOW.

[Surely the shirt with crest is an outward and visible sign of the Hockey 1st XI colours.—EDD.]

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To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Next term will again see four goal posts (all of different heights) on the 1st game ground. May I venture to suggest the posts be of equal altitude and painted. On every other respectable ground the goal posts are painted; so why not on ours? Some such colour as white with the school colours on it would greatly improve the appearance of the ground and the cost would be but trifling. Apologising for this suggestion if it appear foolish.

I am,

P. C.

[We suggest that "P.C." should run the posts in for being disorderly. The change from goal to gaol is but small.—EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—During this term considerable annoyance has been caused by people turning out late for net practice, and also for matches, a particular example being the Monmouth match, in which the extra time might have meant victory for us. This evil ought to be remedied, but at present it is not clear in what way, for if the people in charge are themselves late, what can they expect of others?

Yours truly,

PUNCTUAL.

[The suggestion is, we fear, true—a weakness not beyond remedy, we hope, in the future.—EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

SIRs,—Several times during the cricket matches of this term, the game has been stopped by people walking in front of the screens. In most public schools this is an unpardonable offence. Why not the same at Christ College? Offenders, Beware!

Yours sincerely,

“TYRANNUS.”

Englemere,

Ascot, Berks.

8th July, 1912.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

SIRs,

Will you kindly allow me to send through your columns the following message to the boys who are leaving School at the end of this summer term?

You boys are about to take your places in a larger life than that which you have hitherto led, and your minds must be greatly exercised as to what the future may have in store for you. I would like to remind you that, while you are working for your own advancement, you must never forget that you owe a duty to the Country and the Empire of which you are members.

You have had great advantages as British Public School-boys, and as British Citizens you will have even greater privileges. What do you mean to give your country in return? It is in the power of every one of you to give personal service, that is, deliberately to work for your nation as well as for yourself; but personal service means some sacrifice of self, the giving up of some leisure and of some amusement.

At the present time your personal service is needed to persuade your fellow-countrymen of the great necessity there is for every able-bodied man being trained to defend his country in time of need. It is difficult to convince people ignorant of war of this necessity, or to make them realize that it is unpreparedness that leads to war, but the

lessons of history will have taught you that disaster assuredly awaits the nation whose sons are unable to defend her, and I would earnestly beg of you to do all in your power to bring home to people the fact that if we continue to shirk this, the first duty of citizenship, we cannot hope to retain our great heritage.

As you know, some of our fellow-countrymen across the seas have already adopted the principle that it is the duty of every man to be trained in the use of arms; believe me, boys, you can give no greater service to your country than by doing your utmost to procure the adoption of the same noble principle in the Motherland.

Yours, etc.,

ROBERTS, F.M.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

SIRS,—During this last year, and especially during the past cricket season, there has been a spirit of criticism prevalent in the College. I do not refer to the authorised critics, whose duty it is to ameliorate the standard of play by their criticism, but to certain unauthorised critics, who by their own ignorance and inability are not in a position to criticize. These nuisances generally haunt the time-worn seats at the edge of the cricket field, and their disparaging remarks not infrequently reach the ears of unfortunate members of the 1st XI. who happen to be fielding near. To illustrate this, one of the smaller fry was heard to exclaim, after a School match—in which I own the XI. did not come up to expectation, but in which every member of the team did his very best for the School—that the 1st XI. ought to play the 2nd XI. of a certain school (which I shall not name), “*perhaps* they might win then.” Such a spirit is dangerous to the well-being of the School’s *esprit de corps*. The support of these mean-spirited individuals is not required, but their silence would, indeed, be golden.

I am, Sirs, Yours, etc.,

“CARWR Y CYFLAWNDER.”

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

A FUTURE O.B.—We can hardly believe your chief statement to be strictly accurate. If it is so, it is a serious allegation against the present Librarian, and should be brought to his notice personally, and not anonymously.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We acknowledge with thanks the following contemporaries, apologising for accidental omissions:—“The Animals’ Friend” (3), “The Arena,” “Bromsgrovian,” “Cheltonian” (4), “Erasmian” (2), “Fettesian,” “Luctonian,” “Malvernian” (2), “Marlburian” (4), “Monmothian,” “Patesian,” “Portmuthian” (2), “Reptonian” (2), “Tonbridgian” (2).



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