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The Breconian.

EDITORIAL.

TO plunge 'in medias res,' perhaps the most pleasing event which has occurred since the publication of our last issue was Old Boys' day last term; never do we remember such a fast and enjoyable match against a team of Old Boys, among whom was more than one first-class footballer. The presence of the O.B.'s at the supper and sing-song in the evening materially added to its enjoyment. We take this opportunity of thanking them all most heartily—especially those who came a long distance to play—for a most enjoyable game. Need we add that they are never so glad to see us as we are to see them?

As we are discussing O.B.'s, we must not fail to congratulate the various Breconians who have been playing for Wales this season.

If *only* we could have a spell of *fine* weather, there ought to be some unusually good performances in the Sports.

The Steeplechases have come and gone; both won by last year's winners, but no records broken, mainly due to the conditions being not very conducive to good running. We had nearly all last year's "pot-hunters" running, which naturally led us to hope for record times.

The Honours List has received another notable addition; we refer to Martyn's Scholarship, upon which we heartily congratulate him.

We had almost forgotten the weather, which is, after all, the ruling power in "sports and pastimes." On the whole we have been treated as badly as usual, although we have had some fine

days for Hockey. Snow visited us late in the term, but we failed to get any skating. The all prevalent moisture has been the cause of numerous minor illnesses ; hence the Steeplechases were watched by a large number of would-be record-breakers.

We take this opportunity of reminding the School in general that the Editors are Editors only. The duties of an Editor are not to write articles and accounts, but to prepare them for publication. The Editor's lot is one of the all-work-and-no-play kind, and so to help us the School should not complain of the poor issue, but should awaken the hidden genius which lies in their breasts, and help to fill the columns with really readable matter, instead of—Editorials.

In conclusion, 'we poor overworked Editors' must pat ourselves on the back for the success of our colleague in office last term, W. L. Hoskins, who has already obtained his colours for B.N.C., the College which has secured the new Rugger Cup at Oxford.

OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It is never easy to write an Oxford Letter. When the request for it comes after the term has ended and the chance to collect evidence is gone, the task is still more difficult. However, is it not written—If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing badly ?

The past term has not been marked by any particularly exciting events. Next to the presence of the 'Pragger Wagger' on the tow-path [*vide* "Daily Mail"], I suppose one would place the institution of the Rugger Cup. This last was annexed by B.N.C., who were playing Walters in the pack and Hoskins at outside half. There was a Bonner that night, at which we were not present, but the proverbial bee came round next day to unfold the usual 'painful tail' concerning the doings of the two Breconians. Hoskins had his colours given him.

Talking of Rugger, J. V. Rees is going very strong, and should get a place in the 'Varsity pack next season. He burst a rib at the beginning of the term, but is now playing as well as ever, and has lately proved quite a prolific scorer for the 'Varsity.

S. T. Phillips is not much seen nowadays. Probably Theology is proving a somewhat strenuous study. We have not seen much of Griffiths either, but he is still merry and bright, and the Oxford climate has not yet succeeded in making him take life seriously. 'Hitchy Koo'!

Denny, poor boy, has been under the shadow of Honour Mods. all the term. He has been playing a lot of Hockey (self chastisement for Lent) and a little Rugger, to keep his spirits up.

Kemp and G. E. Morgan have both been playing for the Exeter XV. The former has been given his colours. Morgan has been ill and went down for a few days in mid-term to recover—which he did.

H. B. Davies has played a lot of Rugger, and has also been seen on the track. He recently went to 'Tabland' to run against St. John's, missed the last train, and stayed the night there. We understand that the Proctors insisted on regarding him as a 'Townee' and refused to 'prog' him (or does one say 'proctorize' in Cambridge?)

Lloyd Rees and Evans Jones are both taking 'Mods.' this term. The former has been wearing a new green and gold tie—a feat of great daring and endurance.

Jenkins was spare man for the Queens boat, and is growing correspondingly corpulent. It is a strange thing that Queens always have the heaviest boat and the biggest pack in the 'Varsity.

As for J. E. Lloyd and P. S. Lewis, we have rarely seen them. We suppose they are working. After all, most people are—supposed to be!

Yours, etc.,

OXFORD O.B.

In Memoriam.

GODFREY CHARLES MORGAN, Viscount Tredegar;
born April 28th, 1829; died March 11th, 1913.

For many years a prominent member of the
Governing Body of Christ College, and always a
generous friend and benefactor.

A Gallant Soldier, who won fame in the immortal charge of
the Light Brigade.

A Great Landlord, who was his tenants' best friend.

A Rich Man, who used his riches as a Steward of God.

A Christian Gentleman, who walked throughout life in his
Master's footsteps.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE.

We record with sorrow the following deaths also:—

CAPT. PENRY LLOYD (O.B.), born Feb. 18th, 1831;
died March 7th, 1913.

One of the oldest surviving Breconians; a
member of the Dinas family, so long our neighbours
and good friends; and a much respected citizen and
public servant in Radnorshire and S. Wales.

ROBERT PHILLIPS THOMAS (O.B.), son of the late
David Thomas, of Brecon; died in Mombasa,
E. Africa, in Feb., 1913.

He was the youngest member of a famous
Brecon family, all of whom left their mark on Christ
College. Like all his brothers he was a keen and
successful athlete. He took part in the Boer War
(1899-1902), and at the time of his death was in the
Government Service in E. Africa. We offer our
deep sympathy to all his friends and relatives in
Brecon and elsewhere.

“OLD BRECONIAN” DINNER IN LONDON.

For the second time in recent years an Old Breconian Dinner was held in London on January 10th. The place agreed upon was the Trocadero Restaurant, and a company of 54 was present at the dinner, while one or two others looked in later.

Considering the difficulties which had to be faced in the matter of organisation, the meeting must be described as a great success. Bruce Thomas first undertook the arrangement of preliminaries, and subsequently handed over the detailed management to T. J. David; but as the latter (surely we cannot say “unfortunately”) got married just before the date fixed upon, there is a probability that some of those who might have come slipped through our fingers. Nevertheless 54 is a respectable number, and there is no manner of doubt that the evening was enjoyed immensely by those who were present.

The Chair was occupied by J. R. Atkin, K.C., who was supported on the one hand by the Headmaster and Judge Hill Kelly, and on the other by Henry Terrell, K.C., M.P. and Dr. J. A. Parry Price, while W. P. Owen and Dr. J. Howell Evans also occupied prominent places. C. T. Davis was unfortunately prevented at the last moment from attending, as was also F. Grundy, but the latter arrived before it was all over and was heartily greeted by many old friends. The cross tables were presided over by A. J. Harding, Rev. J. L. Phillips and J. H. R. Powell.

There were not many speeches, but they were hearty and enthusiastic. Atkin (who, we were assured in the course of the evening, is likely before long to be elevated to the Bench) made an excellent Chairman, and in proposing the Toast of the Evening, “The School,” spoke in a feeling way of the debt which all Old Breconians owed to their old School, the love they felt for it, their pride in its traditions and its history, and their thankfulness that it had been preserved under the careful guidance of its present Head to do the work for higher education in Wales, that had been planned by the man who had re-established it (as he had also done to two other Schools)—the late Bishop Lloyd—whom he described as the greatest Schoolmaster Wales had ever produced.

In his reply, Mr. Chambers gave a faithful account of his Stewardship, and strongly emphasised the importance to the School of its status, as one of the connecting links between the Principality and the Old Universities. He pointed out how essential it was that it should keep its individuality, and told O.B.’s that they might be grateful for being spared such a control as reduced the Intermediate Schools to a dead level of uniformity.

He claimed that as regards the results of learning, the building up of the health of its boys and its athletic prowess, the School was doing its duty now as it had done in the past—and asked that O.B.'s when they went into the world and had families of their own should remember the hand that reared them, and entrust their own boys to its care. If gratitude of a practical kind like this were forthcoming, the School need fear nothing in the future—but some O.B.'s became so prosperous that their sons were sent to schools elsewhere, and so the connection became broken. He concluded a capital speech by expressing his gratitude to the Assistant Masters who had helped him in his work, mentioning especially Mr. Morton, Mr. Lattimer and Mr. Donaldson, as representing three different generations.

W. Bruce Thomas, in the absence of C. T. Davis gave "The O. B. Association" in felicitous terms, and Mr. Large (in the regrettable absence of Mr. Donaldson) responded, following up his speech with some excellent "spade-work" in the way of collecting subscriptions from those present.

To Judge Hill Kelly, it ought to be mentioned, was assigned the Toast of "Our Founder" but he reported himself as inadequately equipped for the task; so his speech was confined within very brief limits.

There were no songs—not even "Crawshay Bailey"—as it was felt that what O.B.'s wanted on such occasions was to talk, and to fight the old battles over again. It is gratifying to record that we had Breconians from as far afield as Aberyswyth, Cardiff and the Rhondda—and we may hope that next time we may induce even more of you to come from Brecon.

The Dinner Invitations were headed with the names of many who had been closely identified with Christ College for some years back; and we fear that some, at least, were disappointed at not seeing some of the old "stalwarts." Morton, Bartley, Witte, Teddy Morgan—to mention only a few—were asked for, not by one, but by many. All whose names appeared had hoped to be there, but many were prevented at the last minute and sent greetings instead.

If anybody who expected an Invitation did not receive one, it must be ascribed to an old and incomplete list of O. B.'s. We hope to have a better one next time.

The following O.B.'s were present:—J. R. Atkin, K.C. (Chairman), His Honour Judge Hill Kelly, W. P. Owen, Henry Terrell, K.C., M.P., Dr. J. A. Parry Price, Dr. J. Howell Evans, L. A. Lancaster, R. B. Lattimer, J. D. Sladden, J. M. Buer, E. W. Benjamin, E. Lloyd Williams, J. Downes Powell, J. H. R. Powell, W. T. Davies, C. Godfrey Phillips, J. C. Phillips, T. G. Jones, C. G. R. Hunter, A. S. M. Best, Dr. Duncan C. L. Fitzwilliams, T. L. Ellis, M. H. Phillips, D. R. Phillips, Rev. J. L. Phillips, F. J. Chambers, G. C. W. Large, C. E. Sladden, H. G. Schenk, W. H. Schenk, W. A. Hunter, P. Spencer Smith, C. O. Spencer Smith, R. C. Menneer, Fred Grundy, J. S. Bookless, A. J. Harding, C. H. M. Nixon, C. S. Turner, S. K. Purchase, J. B. Purchase, W. Owen, Ll. Bankes Price, W. Bruce Thomas, G. E. Morgan, R. V. Powell, W. M. Best, C. J. E. Large, and the Rev. R. H. Chambers.

FOOTBALL.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. OLD BRECONIANS. — Played on Tuesday, December 17th in ideal weather. This match had been looked forward to with considerable interest, on account of the strong team of O.B.'s reported to be coming down. It was, therefore, with considerable annoyance that we took the field with no less than five regular players absent. Mr. Munns kindly took the place of Hoskins. The Old Boys won the toss, and, generally getting the ball out of the scrum, in the first half managed to score five times through J. Ll. Rogers, Walters, Kemp, Rees and H. B. Davies; one of the tries was converted. The School played hard, but were outclassed and penned up in their own half practically all this time, except for one fine individual burst by Mr. Munns, who scored the School's first try. H. S. Davies converted. In the second half the School put up a far better fight and amply proved what good training can do. Almost the whole of this period the School were the superior side, and not only did they prevent the Old Boys scoring, but also added another try through Mr. Munns; D. L. Jones converted splendidly. The Old Boys made numerous determined rushes, Kemp especially shining, but the School fought hard, and time came with the score 1 goal 4 tries to 2 goals in the Old Boys' favour. The game was the best we have had this season; the ground was in good condition and so conducive to the fast play which was the great feature of the game. The School forwards, on the whole, played well; in the second half they more than held their own in the scrum. The outstanding player on the School side was Mr. Munns, who played a really fine game, both in defence and in attack. Most of the team also played splendidly and hard; especially must the backs be commended, as they were nearly all out of their usual place. On the Old Boys' side Rees ably led his side with body and voice—especially the latter. Kemp from the spectators' point of view was on the day's play perhaps the best forward on the field. Powell played a most useful game, being (literally) the mainstay of the Old Boys' scrum. Walters and H. B. Davies also shone at different parts of the game. Mr. Robinson kindly filled the vacancy in the O.B.'s scrum. The following represented the O. B.'s:—(back), W. R. Thomas; (three-quarter-backs), J. Ll. Rogers, D. J. Walters, J. Cooper and J. F. Phillips; (half-backs), F. W. Evans and S. R. Phillips; (forwards), J. V. Rees, H. B. Davies, G. B. Llewellyn, R. S. Ll. Rogers, E. H. Powell, J. T. Kemp, V. Coppage and Mr. J. S. Robinson. The School Team was:—(back), A. E. Price; (three-quarter-backs), E. R. Gibbon, Mr. R. D. G. Mungis, J. W. Gibbon and F. H. Best; (half-backs), L. Baker Jones and H. S. Davies; (forwards), P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, P. B. Hughes, C. F. Parry, G. Boothby and P. B. Pritchard.

HOCKEY SEASON--1913.

The Season opened under miserable conditions, as during the first three weeks the ground was far too heavy and wet to allow of really good practice. This had undoubtedly a great deal to do with the poor display of the School against Neath.

Of seven matches played, three were won, three lost and one drawn. The School side was not a great one. It was far superior in defence to attack. In fact its back division was really sound.

Baker-Jones had a very difficult task in building up a practically new team from very raw material, and it was not until the end of the season that the side got properly into its stride. The final match against Neath was a great one and the victory was well deserved. The School played as a good side and much more dash was shown than in any previous match.

An excellent goal keeper was found in Holloway. The backs, D. L. Jones and Matthews, were a very sound pair; but undoubtedly the best part of the team was the half-back line. This line, composed of G. M. O. Evans, E. R. Gibbon and J. Evans, was very strong and with a moderately good forward line must have won every match.

The forwards have been the only weak point. They were far too slow, lacking in dash, and absolutely ineffective in the circle.

T. R. Davies and J. W. Gibbon made a very fair right wing; but Gibbon starved his centre and so spoilt the more dangerous movements. A. B. Price was quite clever at inside left and could shoot at times; but the outside left was always very weak, and during the whole season never gave a single centre.

Baker-Jones was greatly handicapped through absence, but it was entirely due to his untiring efforts that the School XI. reached such excellence as it did in its final match.

A Hockey League was begun this term and proved a great success. Nearly every match was keenly fought out and its effect on the Hockey of the smaller people has been great. This League will greatly benefit the Hockey of the School in future years.

The "Bull-pups" and "Sugar Buns" finished up equal at the head of the League.

The House Matches were rather one-sided, A—M being far too strong for the other houses.

The School owes its thanks to Messrs. Donaldson, Isitt and Robinson for their help in all games.

There is plenty of promise in the junior games, but they lack size.

THE HOCKEY XI., 1913.

- F. E. HOLLOWAY (goal-keeper). An excellent goal-keeper. Saves and clears cleverly, is especially good in coming out to meet rushes, always keeps his head and is never erratic. He has never let the side down.
- D. L. JONES (right back). A sound and hard-hitting back, but rather on the slow side. He has been a thorn in the side of opposing forwards.
- P. C. MATTHEWS (left-back). An energetic back. Apt to make mistakes but usually retrieves them. Has improved greatly since the beginning of the term.
- J. EVANS (right half). A weak but very hard working player, who never gives in. Tackles well, but is inclined to give sticks, and his passing is on the weak side.
- E. R. GIBBON (centre half). An indefatigable worker. Tackles well and sets his forwards on the move. Has greatly improved in stick-work.
- G. M. O. EVANS (left half). The cleverest player on the side. Distinctly skilful with his stick. Tackles, clears well, and feeds his wing.
- T. R. DAVIES (outside right). A fast wing; greatly improved since the beginning of the term; centres well, but is not very well acquainted with the rules of the game.
- J. W. GIBBON (inside right). Combines well with his wing but starves his centre. Skilful with his stick, but cannot shoot, and waits for opportunities to be made for him.
- L. BAKER-JONES (centre). An untiring captain, both on the field and off. Rather disappointing as a centre, and does not keep his forwards well together. Inclined to be slow near the circle.
- A. B. PRICE (inside left). A clever forward, handicapped by lack of pace and "energy." Can shoot when in the circle; suffered from the weakness of his wing.
- V. G. DAVIES (outside left). A poor forward. Never gives a centre and is rather lacking in dash. At times has shot well.

R. D. G. M.

HOCKEY MATCHES.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. MR. MUNNS' XI.—This Match was played on the School field on February 1st, on a very slippery ground. The School showed their superiority over their opponents from the start. The opposing forwards, led by Mr. Munns, made several attempts to score, but were baffled again and again by the undaunted energy of the School halves and backs. After about five minutes play the School forwards made a very good rush, and Baker-Jones shot the first goal. Very soon afterwards T. R. Davies shot another goal. The School continued pressing, and by half-time three more goals had been shot, one by J. W. Gibbon and two by Baker-Jones. After the interval the visitors pressed for a short time, and Mr. Munns, by an excellent individual effort, succeeded in scoring. The School forwards monopolised the game during the second half, but were continually prevented from scoring by the opposing backs, Messrs. Isitt and Stephens. Two more goals were shot in this half by J. W. Gibbon and T. R. Davies. The game then came to a close leaving the School victors by 7 goals to 1. The School halves, especially E. R. Gibbon and G. M. O. Evans, played exceedingly well and Matthews shoved great form at back. The forwards kept together much better than they had done in the previous games, but the outsiders hesitated too long before centring. The School team was:—(goal), J. V. Martyn; (backs), D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews; (half-backs), J. Evans, E. R. Gibbon and G. M. O. Evans; (forwards), T. R. Davies, J. W. Gibbon, L. Baker-Jones, A. B. Price and C. F. Parry.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. NEATH.—This Match was played at Neath in good weather, on Saturday, February 8th. Notwithstanding the heavy storms of the previous day the ground was fast and rather bumpy. Baker-Jones won the toss, and elected to play with the sun behind him. Neath, who had not been beaten this season, and who were fielding a strong side, including two internationals, very soon asserted their superiority. Although the School forwards made a few rushes, and on two distinct occasions failed to score, merely through weak shooting, Neath continually pressed and half-time saw the score 5—0 in Neath's favour. Early in the second half the School held their own and at times pressed, but were then driven back into their own half, where play remained for almost the whole of the rest of the game. The Neath forwards, closely backed up and well fed by their halves, were far too fast and clever for the School. Holloway saved many difficult shots and D. L. Jones cleared well, but, in the second half, Neath added 4 more goals, several of which were really excellent shots. From the spectacular point of view the game was too one-sided to be really exciting, and the issue was never in doubt. Neath were clearly the better side, especially as regards speed and dash. The School, who, owing to bad weather, had as yet had very few practice games and had never once played on a dry ground did not find their form, and were rather disappointing, quite

failing to rise to the occasion. Holloway in goal had a great deal of work to do and considerably kept the score down. D. L. Jones at back played a very sound game and hit hard, while G. M. O. Evans, who was, as usual, of great use, especially in repelling the persistent attacks of the right wing, was perhaps the pick of the halves, although E. R. Gibbon did much valuable "spoiling" work. Of the forwards Baker-Jones alone played well: T. R. Davies was practically a passenger throughout the game, being quite starved. The other forwards were weak, lacking dash and being far too slow. Our thanks are due to Neath for the hospitable way in which they entertained us after the match, during this our first visit to Neath for Hockey. The following represented the School:—(goal), F. E. Holloway; (backs), D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews; (half-backs), J. Evans, E. R. Gibbon and G. M. O. Evans; (forwards), T. R. Davies, D. C. Thomas, L. Baker-Jones, J. W. Gibbon and V. G. Davies.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. THE DEPOT.—The first of the Depot fixtures was played on Wednesday, February 12th. In the absence of Baker-Jones, Mr. Munns played centre forward. From the first bully the School forwards carried play into their opponents' half and from a melee in front of goal J. W. Gibbon scored. Shortly afterwards Mr. Munns added two more goals and Price one. In the second half the School again pressed, and although losing several good opportunities scored again. Shortly before time, however, the Depot brought play into the School half and the opposing centre forward managed to score, the game thus ending with the score 5 goals to 1 in favour of the School. The game was rather uninteresting, owing to the slowness of the ground and the rather poor display given by the Depot. The School team played somewhat better than in previous matches, but more goals ought to have been scored. Mr. Munns several times got clear of all opposition, but failed to shoot straight. The other forwards were rather weak in shooting, although better than they had previously been. The defence was fairly good, but the backs were somewhat hasty and unsteady in clearing. The Rev. A. E. Donaldson and Mr. Isitt acted as referees. The School team was:—(goal), F. E. Holloway; (backs), D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews; (half-backs), P. B. Hughes, E. R. Gibbon and G. M. O. Evans; (forwards), T. R. Davies, J. W. Gibbon, Mr. Munns, A. B. Price and P. B. Pritchard.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA.—This Match was played on Saturday, February 15th, in almost perfect weather but with the ground still somewhat sodden. Neither side was at full strength: Swansea, who played the three backs game, were without their goal keeper, who was playing for Wales. The School were without Baker-Jones, G. M. O. Evans and Price, who were deputed by Mr. Munns, Hughes and V. G. Davies respectively. On account of the even game last year the match had been looked forward to with considerable interest. The visitors won the toss and decided to play towards the School buildings. Play was almost immediately carried into their opponents' half by the School

forwards, and before the game was five minutes old Mr. Munns scored a splendid goal. This thoroughly roused Swansea, who then pressed hard, but for a time failed to score, notably owing to the defence of Holloway. Play for some time kept the School on the defence, and Swansea several times all but scored. A penalty gave them their chance which they took, thus equalising. After some exciting mid-field play, Mr. Munns made another brilliant individual effort, getting right through the opposing side, and added a second goal for the School. Soon after Swansea again pressed hard and scored their second goal; thus half-time came with the score two all. So far the School had had almost as much of the game as their opponents, and gave some hopes to the spectators of winning the match, especially if the School forwards would back up Mr. Munns better. On resuming play the School pressed hard for a time but at length were driven back, and Swansea broke through and scored their third goal. Thereupon play became somewhat desultory, till the Swansea left wing, a powerful combination, scored two more goals in rapid succession. These reverses thoroughly stirred up the School, who played from now till "time" with far greater energy than they had displayed before. The game now became very fast and exciting, and the ball travelled rapidly from one half to the other. Amidst great enthusiasm Mr. Munns netted the School's third goal, perhaps the best individual effort in the match. The School thus retired defeated by 5 goals to 3 after a game quite as exciting as the corresponding one last season. Swansea were certainly the sounder team, their forwards, especially the left wing, combining splendidly; on the whole they shewed distinctly superior skill and considerably greater speed. Mr. Munns was easily the best player on the School side, but was left almost entirely to himself by the other forwards, who did not back him up sufficiently, although T. R. Davies and Pritchard did some useful work. E. R. Gibbon was the mainstay of the halves, and Holloway played well in goal. The Rev. A. E. Donaldson and Mr. G. H. Isitt refereed. The following represented the School:—(goal), F. E. Holloway; (backs), D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews; (half-backs), J. Evans, E. R. Gibbon and P. B. Hughes; (forwards), T. R. Davies, J. W. Gibbon, Mr. Munns, P. B. Pritchard and V. G. Davies.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. REV. A. E. DONALDSON'S XI.—This Match was played in excellent weather on the School ground on February 22nd. Mr. Donaldson fielded a strong side, having procured, besides the usual masters, three good players from the Depot. The visitors began the attack with great vigour but were kept out for some time by worrying work on the part of the School halves. After ten minutes hard play Mr. Munns made a brilliant run up the field, but was unsuccessful in the shot at goal. He soon made up for this, however, by a good goal. For some time after this the School pressed hard, but owing to weak shooting failed to score. Our opponents then seemed to get the better of the game, until the School got away and J. W. Gibbon scored. Just before the interval Mr. Munns scored again. After half-time the School seemed to use a little more dash, but were again unsuccessful in the ring.

The opposing forwards then made a vigorous dash up the field and V. G. Davies sent in a pretty goal. During the last part of the game the School seemed to hold their own a little better, and after a regular scrum in front of the goal the ball rolled in. Mr. Donaldson's team won by 3—2. On the day's form the School were not by any means good; the forwards lacked dash, and even the halves were not up to their usual standard. Holloway saved many difficult shots in goal. The School were represented by :—(goal), F. E. Holloway; (backs), D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews; (half-backs), J. Evans, E. R. Gibbon and G. M. O. Evans; (forwards), T. R. Davies, J. W. Gibbon, L. Baker-Jones, H. Jones and P. B. Pritchard.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. THE DEPOT.—This Match was played on the School ground on February 26th. On account of a slight frost on the previous night, the surface of the ground was rather slippery. The Depot had a much stronger side than they had had on the previous occasion; their halves, especially the centre, were excellent both in attack and defence. For the most part the game ranged about the centre of the field, being a struggle between forwards and halves. The Depot opened the scoring account quite early in the game, but very soon the School retaliated and Price shot a goal. The School then pressed hard for some time, and only inaccurate shooting prevented several goals being scored, but half-time was reached without further score on either side. After the interval the same kind of scramble between our forwards and the opposing halves went on, the School forwards making several excellent rushes, but almost invariably being baffled by the Depot halves. Time was reached and still the score remained the same. The score, one all, shows exactly what kind of game it was: neither side with any justice could claim superiority. The School played slightly better in this match than against Mr. Donaldson's XI., but still seemed to lack sufficient dash to put on the finishing touches. The forwards combined and centred much better than they had done before, T. R. Davies shewing decided improvement in this latter respect. The halves played well, but the backs were not quite up to the usual standard, being exceedingly rash at times. Holloway did what little he had to do in goal quite well. The following represented the School :—(goal), F. E. Holloway; (backs), D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews; (half-backs), J. Evans, E. R. Gibbon and G. M. O. Evans; (forwards), T. R. Davies, H. Jones, L. Baker-Jones, A. B. Price and V. G. Davies.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. NEATH.—This return Match was played on the School ground on March 1st. The weather was excellent except for a cold wind. The ground was a little slippery on the surface. Neath did not field quite such a strong side as they had done against us at Neath. Mr. Munus took the place of J. W. Gibbon at inside right for the School. The School showed great dash and determination from the start; they were within an ace of scoring several times, but the shooting was rather poor. Neath then woke up, and managed to get a goal through; this was quickly followed by an excellent goal by Price,

Soon afterwards Neath scored again, but this was doomed to be their last goal. Mr. Munns then shot another goal, thus equalising the Neath score. Just before half-time Matthews got hurt and had to leave the field for some time. There was no further score up to half-time, the School being rather hard pressed at times. After the interval the School again set up a very vigorous attack, keeping the opposing backs well employed. Although Neath made repeated efforts to score, they were always baffled by the excellent play of the School halves. From a bully in the School twenty-five the School forwards made a brilliant rush up the field, and Mr. Munns scored another goal; Price soon afterwards added one more. The game then became exciting, as Neath did not die without a fight. Nevertheless they failed to score, and very soon Baker-Jones, from a pretty centre by T. R. Davies, brought the score up to five. There was no further score, although V. G. Davies was on one occasion very nearly successful. The match ended in a brilliant victory for the School by 5 goals to 2. The School showed excellent form in every department, Mr. Munns being of great service to the forward line. The following represented the School:—(goal), F. E. Holloway; (backs), D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews; (half-backs), J. Evans, E. R. Gibbon and G. M. O. Evans; (forwards), T. R. Davies, Mr. Munns, L. Baker-Jones, A. B. Price and V. G. Davies.

HOUSE MATCHES.

A.—M. v. HOSTEL.—Played on March 5th. A.—M. were without Baker-Jones. In the first half the Hostel did most of the pressing but failed to score, while A.—M. scored twice. In the second half, except for occasional bursts, the Hostel were penned up near their own goal line, and A.—M. ran out winners by 6 goals to 0, thus revenging their defeat of last season. The game was not nearly as fast as the corresponding match last year. A.—M. played soundly throughout, but the Hostel were poorly served at half.

HOSTEL v. N.—Z.—Played on March 6th. N.—Z. although making a plucky fight, were quite outclassed by the Hostel, who ran out winners by 17—0. For the losers G. M. O. Evans and T. G. Powell played very well; the Hostel were not seriously tested, but their forwards were far superior to the N.—Z. forwards.

A.—M. v. N.—Z.—This Match was played on March 8th. The N.—Z. team, although weak enough before, was weakened still more by the absence of G. M. O. Evans, T. G. Powell and E. T. Sims. A.—M. kept scoring, or trying to score, all the time, obtaining a final score of 9—0. Robertson at back and G. C. Thomas at goal were conspicuous on the N.—Z. side.

NOTE.

The season, as a whole, hardly realised its possibilities. It is well to remember that the natural tendency at Hockey is to hit from right to left. A really good outside left is *essential* in a team, not only because he

generally has the largest share of the ball, but also because goals are more easily shot from his centres from the left than from passes coming from any other direction. The reason is again that it is the natural stroke—from right to left—that meets these centres from the left. That so few goals were scored by this present XI. is almost entirely due to the fact that in no match has there been *any centring from the left at all*. Moreover, a quick bustling centre is next in importance. We rather wonder why our present Captain did not try inside right himself—a position much better suited to his quiet style of play—and educate some fast, dashing player (there was material at hand) into the duties of cutting through and shooting quickly in the centre. We venture to offer these suggestions, because a team so strong in defence as the present XI. only needed the power to get goals—and the outside left and centre are the two chief agents in goal getting—to have developed into quite a good team.

SPECTATOR.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

These annual events took place on Saturday, March 15th. Earlier on in the Term great hopes were entertained of records being made in both races, but those hopes considerably dwindled when on the Thursday and Friday before the race heavy showers made the course, previously excellent, somewhat sodden. On the day itself there fell several heavy showers, some while the races were being run. Unfortunately the number of competitors in both events was reduced by minor illnesses.

The Juniors started off at 2-30, and from the start Akrill Jones secured a lead which he never lost. S. E. Lewis finished a very good second, while Saunders-Jones ran very pluckily for third place. The next to arrive were Corbett, A. L. Thomas, T. L. Evans, Watson, J. W. Price, F. M. Pryce, and C. L. Morgan. Akrill-Jones' time was 26 mins. 50 secs., or 40 secs. worse than last year. However, he ran in good style and thoroughly deserved his place. Next year will see him in the Senior Steeplechase, in which he will probably be a very dangerous man.

The Seniors started at 3-15. As usual, the pace for the first 100 yards was exceedingly fast, and it was not until he had passed Llanvaes Vicarage that Baker-Jones got ahead, with H. Jones near at hand. These two then ran on far ahead of anyone else. Jones-Davies secured the third place with H. B. Davies not far behind him. This order was maintained until Matthews, at the Tumulus, overtook H. B. Davies, who then fell behind and soon after lost three more places. Baker-Jones secured a small lead over H. Jones at Ffrwdgrech Lodge, which he increased to about 100 yards later on, finishing in splendid style in 37 mins. 10 secs. Jones-Davies, a long way behind, came in third after running most pluckily. Matthews was a distant fourth, and the next to arrive were Eynon, G. Evans, Macartney Filgate, H. B. Davies, G. M. O. Evans, Holloway and Hughes.

The stormy weather and keen wind prevented a record in this race also. Baker-Jones was a doubtful starter until a few days before the race and so was unable to do much training. Nevertheless he ran very well indeed, and certainly, with any reasonable luck, ought to establish a really good record next spring. H. Jones surprised most people by the way in which he stuck to Baker-Jones all the way, and shewed immense pluck in running so hard and well, even when the first place was clearly lost to him. Jones-Davies was a "dark horse" and was a universal and welcome surprise. Matthews was disappointing, but Eynon, G. Evans and Macartney Filgate all deserve much credit, and, as they are all young, we shall expect to see them become candidates for still higher places in the near future.

The go-as-you-please brigade was as large as ever and included several who, if they tried, would certainly have been among the first few.

As probably all the first eight home in the Senior will be here next spring, there ought to be unusually good running, especially if Baker Jones, Akrill-Jones and H. Jones maintain or improve their present form.

LECTURES AND ENTERTAINMENT.

On Saturday, March 1st, Mr. Oliver G. Pike gave a most interesting lecture on "Bird Life." The slides were excellent, and revealed the extraordinary pains taken to secure such good photographs of our shyest birds. The biograph pictures gave us a very good illustration of the movements of birds when nesting or feeding their young. The regularity with which the young owl fell off its perch, and the unconcerned expression on its face, proved no less amusing than the young cuckoo's insatiable appetite. Mr. Pike has studied his subject from nature, and, judging from his success in it, we can only join with him in recommending our budding naturalists to do the same.

On Thursday, March 13th, Rev. R. H. U. Bloor, B.A., gave a lecture on "The history of the Stage from the earliest times." The lecturer first illustrated the primitive forms of drama, and then, by an excellent series of slides, pointed out the chief characteristics of the Greek and Roman theatres. He went on to the Moralities and Mystery Plays, which marked the early periods of Christianity, and then, after dwelling on the stage as it was known in Shakspeare's day, wound up a most interesting lecture with slides of various French and English stage celebrities.

On Tuesday, February 4th, a vocal entertainment was given by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Drew in the Dining-hall. The rollicking songs sung by Mr. Drew at once found favour with the School, "especially, especially, especially The Gay Drum-Major." His Irish songs too proved doubly amusing to those members of the audience who had the best of reasons for understanding the brogue. Mrs. Drew sang several ditties, both

English and French, which were greatly appreciated. The programme concluded with "Widdicombe Fair," in the chorus of which the audience were invited to join. An appalling ignorance of the chorus, which merely consists of the repetition of six words, was shown, and this surely goes to prove that a revival of the old singing lessons would not come amiss. The entertainment was most enjoyable, and we hope for the pleasure of another visit from Mr. and Mrs. Drew in the near future.

FIVES.

OPEN SINGLES.

1st ROUND.

D. L. Jones	beat	T. R. Davies	...	15-9, 15-10.
R. P. Gifford	,,	W. J. H. Morgan	...	15-7, 15-10.
A. B. Price	,,	S. E. Lewis	...	15-13, 15-4.
P. C. Matthews	,,	Jones Davies	...	15-0, 15-1.
E. J. Morgan	,,	G. L. Low	...	15-3, 15-6.
J. W. Gibbon	,,	J. V. Martyn	...	15-5, 15-3.
D. C. Thomas	,,	H. Jones	...	15-0, 15-0.
T. Parry	,,	T. Robertson	...	15-2, 15-1.

The rest had byes : A. B. Price retired.

2nd ROUND.

E. R. Gibbon	beat	Akrill Jones	...	15-2, 15-7.
E. J. Morgan	,,	D. H. Davies	...	15-7, 15-6.

The rest had byes.

3rd ROUND.

D. C. Thomas	beat	T. Parry	...	15-0, 15-2.
J. W. Gibbon	,,	Baker Jones	...	15-4, 15-3.
E. R. Gibbon	,,	V. G. Davies	...	15-4, 15-2.
R. P. Gifford	,,	W. S. R. Thomas	...	15-4, 15-1.
H. E. Thomas	,,	Saunders-Davies	...	15-4, 15-7.
E. J. Morgan	,,	J. Evans	...	15-12, 9-15, 15-9.
D. L. Jones	,,	C. Thomas	...	15-2, 15-1.
G. M. O. Evans	,,	P. C. Matthews	.	scratched.

4th ROUND.

G. M. O. Evans	beat	R. P. Gifford	...	15-1, 15-1.
D. L. Jones	,,	E. J. Morgan	...	15-1, 15-2.
J. W. Gibbon	,,	D. C. Thomas	...	15-10, 15-3.
E. R. Gibbon	,,	H. E. Thomas	...	scratched.

STEEPLECHASE VERSES.

I. THE PRINCE OF MALINGERERS SOLILOQUISES (after W.S.)

To run, or not to run : that is the question :
 Whether 'tis better in the flesh to suffer
 The pain and anguish of an untrained race
 Or to get leave from a complacent matron
 And shamming 'scape it all ! To lie : to weep ;
 No more ; and by a tear or so to prove
 A weak heart and a thousand natural ills
 That flesh is heir to : 'tis a consummation
 Devoutly to be wish'd. Who would steeple chase
 But that the dread of a House Master's ire,
 The evil-omened study from whose bourn
 No shirker comes unscath'd, puzzles the will
 And makes us rather run those risks we fear
 Than fly to others that we know too well !
 Thus thin skins do make runners of us all.

II. THE TRAINER'S LAST WORD (after ADAM LINDSAY GORDON).

When the last bell has sounded, and in a chill row
 Ye stand there awaiting the signal to go ;
 Spit me upon thy hands, lad ; be quick off the mark,
 For Wales' sake, and Brecon's, and dear Noah's Ark !
 When out past the Smithy, puff'd, dizzy and ill,
 Thy limbs scarce can clamber the grim adverse hill ;
 Come, pull up thy socks, lad, and set thy teeth stark,
 For Wales' sake, and Brecon's, and dear Noah's Ark !
 When up o'er the Workhouse athwart the green height
 Aye nearer and clearer the Coll. swings in sight :
 Then hitch me thy bags, lad, and spurt like a lark,
 For Wales' sake, and Brecon's, and dear Noah's Ark !

“TAFFY WAS A WELSHMAN —.”

Who can doubt it ? And so, because Taffy was a Welshman, he and all his kin form that vast multitude of bulb-eating Cymru which “takes no scorn to wear the leek upon Saint Tavy's day.” And that is why, when March comes round each year with leonine roarings of wintry blasts, everybody who can lay claim to one drop of Welsh blood in his veins and a garden where he has successfully “sprung a leek,” proudly displays (or ought to if he doesn't) the leek to all admiring countrymen.

O sanctas gentes, quibus hæc nascuntur in hortis
 Numina !

Let the Sassenach then beware, lest one day, at his upturning of a sensitive nose, outwardly proclaiming him to be “qualmish at the scent of leek,” all wearers of that goodly bulb, fit adornment for any man's coat, fit savour for any man's soup, rise, and, disdaining all Xanthias' suggested punishment for Dionysus as “not fitting the crime,” turn to his one prohibited torture, and chastise his Anglo-Saxon hulk with young leeks. Then at last shall leak forth tears and cries for mercy, and the leek shall come into its own.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The term began on Wednesday, January 15th, and will end on Tuesday, April 8th.

At a meeting of the School, held in the Big Schoolroom on Friday, January 17th, L. Baker Jones was unanimously elected Hockey Captain.

At a meeting of the School on Monday, January 27th, G. M. O. Evans was elected to fill a vacancy on the Games Committee.

The School Prefects this term are L. Baker Jones, P. C. Matthews, and J. V. Martyn.

G. M. O. Evans (School House), and H. Saunders Davies, A. B. Price, and D. L. Jones (Hostel), have been made House Prefects this term.

The Editors of *The Breconian* this term are P. C. Matthews, D. C. Thomas and L. Baker Jones.

J. V. Martyn has obtained a Scholarship of £60 for Mathematics at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. We offer him our heartiest congratulations.

On Monday, February 10th, a half-holiday was given in honour of Martyn's success at Cambridge.

As St. David's Day fell on a Saturday this year, the School were given a half-holiday on Thursday, March 6th, this being the first available fine day after March 1st.

On Easter Monday, March 24th, the School were given a half-holiday.

The Choir were given a half-holiday on Friday, March 28th.

The Sports have been fixed for Saturday, April 5th.

On Tuesday, December 17th, the evening of the O.B. Football Match, a most successful supper and sing-song took place in the Dining-hall, at which many members of the O.B. XV. were present.

Early in the term the Choir began practising Maunder's Sacred Cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," but, owing to the unfortunate illness of Mr. Large, were unable to finish it. We wish Mr. Large a speedy return to health, and hope that next year his efforts and those of the Choir may be attended with success.

F. H. Best passed the London Matriculation Examination held last January.

W. L. Hoskins (O.B.) has been awarded a small Exhibition at Brasenose College, Oxford. He much distinguished himself in the final of the Rugger Cup at Oxford.

There have been four paperchases this term, but, chiefly owing to the bad weather and the poor "scents" laid by the "hares," the fourth alone has been successful.

The Golf Competition took place on Saturday, March 29th, under wretched conditions. E. R. Gibbon returned the best card:—91—2=89, but unfortunately played from a wrong tee at the eighth and had to be disqualified. The next best scores were T. Akrill Jones, 117—20=97, and G. M. O. Evans, 98—scr.=98. These were declared winners of the handicap and scratch prizes respectively.

Swans have made their re-appearance in the College fields for the first time since April, 1903.

At a Confirmation held in the School Chapel on December 14th, twelve candidates from the School and two from the Head Master's household were presented to the Bishop of Swansea for Confirmation.

Owing to kind permission of the Headmaster, a few members of the School have been able to attend the Oxford Extension Lectures on "Shakespeare," held in the Church House.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.—In the "Standard" of January 1st, 1913, appeared the following announcement:—"The King has been graciously pleased to confer the honour of knighthood upon W. H. H. Vincent, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department." This refers to W. H. H. Vincent (O.B.), who passed (17th place) in the Indian Civil Service Open Competition, 1885.

J. R. Atkin, K.C. (O.B.) was appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into the recent dispute between the Midland Railway Co. and the Company's employés.

A. S. M. Best, B.Sc., A.C.G.I. (O.B.) was in December last elected an Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and has recently obtained an appointment as Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Department of the Federated Malay States.

J. P. Jones (O.B.) obtained his first International cap against Scotland, when he scored a try, and was reserve v. France. We congratulate him on adding to the list of Old Breconians who have become Internationals.

J. V. Rees (O.B.) has been playing football for the Barbarians, Harlequins, and Oxford University. He has scored three tries for Oxford.

J. B. James (O.B.) has been playing for Newport, and against Exeter scored three tries. He also represented Monmouthshire v. Stade Bordelaise.

H. T. Maddocks (O.B.), E. V. Watkins (O.B.), and D. E. K. Llewelyn (O.B.), have been playing football for the London Welsh.

Rev. W. E. Jones (O.B.) has represented Wales in International Hockey this season.

W. P. Owen (O.B.), Aberystwyth, paid us a visit on March 2nd, and Dr. Ernest Ward (O.B.), of Merthyr, about a week later.

R. A. Samuel (O.B.) has recently won a prize of £10 in a Golf Handicap Competition on the Jersey Marine Links, Swansea.

H. G. Schenk (O.B.) was married to Miss Nora Sullivan last January. We offer him our congratulations.

Congratulations to Dr. T. P. Thomas (O.B.) on his recovery from his recent serious illness.

The Junior Game Cups for Football have been awarded :—Backs : R. J. Richards; Forwards : I. J. S. Yorath.

The Football Kicking Competition was won by H. S. Davies.

O.B. ASSOCIATION.

Since Christmas 56 new members have paid their subscriptions. The number on the books at present are 125; and of these 39 are annual members, 65 five year members, and 21 ten year members. We still hope for more, and all O.B.'s, without exception, are invited to join the Association. We shall print a list of names and addresses in our next number.

The London O.B. Dinner proved a great success. An account of it appears elsewhere. We only wish to add here that sincere thanks are due to the organisers—W. Bruce Thomas, R. B. Lattimer and T. J. David—for their untiring efforts to make it successful.

The School Athletic Sports will be run on Saturday, April 5th.

O.B.'s are reminded that the O.B. Cricket Match will take place early in July, and will be a two days' fixture. All Members of the Association will receive notice of the exact date as soon as possible next Summer Term.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRS,—

That omnipotent being, the "Daily Mail," continually warns us of the danger hanging around us; yet the Cadet Corps "non est."

This nominally is a Welsh School, but there are several 'Sassenachs' who would be quite willing to set the example in helping to serve their country, if their Welsh brethren were to show slackness; but this is not the case.

As Robert Blatchford said, "We want a man." We do, indeed. The School cannot form an O.T.C. without an Officer; could not there be found anyone in the town willing to command us, or, failing that, surely a Depot Officer might be prevailed upon? I presume this is the cause of our apparently defective patriotism (which is really not a lack of patriotism on the part of the boys at all); I refer to the fact that there seems to be no one to command us.

The last time we sent a contingent to camp, the School made a name for itself, especially in the football world.

Cambridge is setting an admirable example, why should not Brecon follow? Drooping heads and round shoulders are all too common here; a compulsory Company of the Junior Division of the O.T.C. would be a splendid thing. The argument that there is no time is futile; "to preserve peace, prepare for war," is avowedly the best policy, yet are we here doing our duty by slacking or playing games in all our spare time? Games are all very well in their way, but perhaps a little too much is thought of them, and certainly a great deal too little is thought of the Empire.

This is really a serious question, and I sincerely hope to see something done at once; there is no time like the present and, procrastination being the thief of time, I hope to see this subject taken up properly next term, when we are so much out of doors.

Finally, it seems to be forgotten that Lord Glanusk gave a Shooting Cup, which now, for obvious reasons, is never competed for.

I am, Sirs,

Truly yours,

"BE PREPARED."

[Without subscribing to all that 'Be Prepared' asserts in his fervid appeal, we cannot but agree in regretting that *some sort* of military training is no longer possible in the School.—EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Following the old maxim to the effect that nothing is perfect, we venture to lay before you this grievance which is in connection with the fact that cyclists are not allowed to pedal their way through the College gates whenever they desire a constitutional. Under the present circumstances the unfortunate scorchers have to carry their velocipedes over hedge, ditch, and railing, to the hurt both of themselves and of their machines. I am sure every enthusiast joins with us in this appeal to be allowed the exit of the College gates once more.

Yours truly,

“WELL-DOWNTS.”

[You are right ; nothing is perfect, not even the art of letter writing. Apply to the proper authorities.—EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—The advent of the Sports like other great events brings with it a certain amount of criticism, good or otherwise. Now, there are several committees to deal with the customary business of the Sports ; but an inspection of the programme, whereas it brings to light amongst other officials the members composing the ‘ Handicapping Committee,’ fails to do so in the case of the time-honoured and energetic institution known as the ‘ Ladies Committee.’ Now this committee—indirectly it may be—helps to furnish the prizes for the Sports, and this entails a considerable amount of labour. The ‘ Ladies Committee ’ therefore put forward this plea for publication on the front page of the sports programme, after, if not before, the ‘ Handicapping Committee.’ Hoping due consideration be given to this appeal,

We beg to offer ourselves as,

Your hard-used

“LADIES COMMITTEE.”

[We venture to suggest that the ‘ Ladies Committee ’ might have been more modest and retiring, and have left it to others to trumpet their fame.—EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Would it not be a good idea to introduce dancing classes into this College? The education of the modern man is incomplete without this accomplishment. The classes could be held during the long winter evenings. Hoping this suggestion will receive your due attention,

I am, yours, etc.,

“THE GABY GLIDE AND THE GIBSON BEND.”

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Owing to lack of space we cannot print all the letters received for this number ; but we beg to acknowledge the following and to offer brief suggestions in answer :—

HORRIBLE VISU.—Any change in School Colours and Hats is to be deprecated.

DORANDO.—We do not anticipate any casualties in the Steeplechases ; we understand that the precautions taken are more than adequate.

KEENAN DUSELESS.—Cricket, Football and Hockey are essentially the School Games. All members of the School—especially in a small School—are bound to support them to the best of their ability. Lawn Tennis, a game scarcely suitable for Schools at all, will never, we hope, be admitted along side of the others.

SHAVIS.—Your real name is lacking : hence we cannot print your letter.

1st XI.—Punctuality at all times is a virtue. In the Cricket Season, when every minute is of value, it is, as you say, a necessity also.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries :—“ Bristol Grammar School Chronicle,” “ Bromsgrovian ” (2), “ Cheltonian ” (2), “ City of London School Magazine,” “ Dovorian.” “ Erasmian ” (2), “ Fettesian ” (2), “ Luctonian,” “ Malvernian ” (2), “ Marlburian ” (4), “ Monmothian,” “ Portsmouthian ” (2), “ Reptonian ” (2), “ Tonbridgian ” (2).



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