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EDITORIAL.

AS one more Football Season is drawing to a close, instead of the customary editorial grumblings, we will venture to make a few comments on one or two matters which are liable to be overlooked.

The season, we must confess, has been disappointing. We had never a particle of luck, as the fact that six consecutive matches were lost by a total of only twenty-seven points clearly proves—but all this is discussed by more proficient pens than ours.

The first of the comments we mentioned above is this; we have missed Mr. Donaldson's familiar figure on the first game ground this term. We hear that he will probably not undertake the coaching of the 1st XV. again. We can best value his past work when we consider that in football no less than eight School matches were won while the XV. was under his care; before that, to beat Llandovery was a well nigh impossible achievement; yet not so long ago, for three consecutive years we remained unbeaten by them. We sincerely trust he will be with us for many a year as an adviser and friend.

Next, the School owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Lance for the excellent manner in which, despite the fact that he was suffering from ill-health, he coached the team this year. It was certainly not his fault that we did not win every match, and it is to be hoped he will be able to continue his good work.

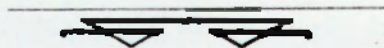
Last, but by no means least, must we commiserate with Mr Munns for another unlucky season, which even his enthusiasm failed to avert.

Also, the School are deeply grateful to the masters in general for their help in games and their consistent attendance at away matches; of the latter, the Monmouth match was a typical instance, when we were delighted to see (and hear) all the masters at Newport; with such an example as this, small wonder that practically the whole school endeavoured to go to see the Llandovery match.

As regards next term we venture to prophesy a fairly successful hockey season, but what a pity the season is so short and cannot be enlivened by a school match! Although hockey used to be unpopular, chiefly among those who could not play it, it is now as popular as any other game and deservedly so.

About the Sports and Steeplechases we cannot predict anything, except that both should produce exciting struggles, and the latter at least one record.

In conclusion we congratulate our younger brethren on their vocal efforts on the touch line, and hope they will shew the same amount of enthusiasm when their turn comes to wear the green and gold—and we must add, we hope they will have better luck and success than the present XV.



CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

DEAR SIRs,

The difficulty of making bricks without straw is proverbial. But when I sit down to write an Old Breconian Letter with insufficient material, the task that confronts me is even more disagreeable. This wail is drawn from me after an unsuccessful demand upon my memory for "copy."

Powell was Captain of Christ's Rugger XV., but was, unfortunately, prevented from playing this term by an injury to his knee. He is at present living a secluded life knee-deep in books behind a "sported oak"—he is preparing for an encounter with the examiners in agriculture.

At Emmanuel, E. F. Thomas has been working, and complains dolefully of an excessive amount of labs. inflicted upon him by a well-meaning but misguided tutor.

Martyn seems to be recuperating rapidly from the strain of the Littlego, and has already played in the Sidney XV. on more than one occasion.

Incidentally I may mention that a certain Brecon fresher—who shall be nameless—fell among thieves while coming up this term. Though he apparently possesses some commonsense, he was prevailed upon by two strangers of unpleasant appearance to try his hand at the Three Card Trick. He arrived here poorer in money but richer in wisdom. But I shall not dwell upon what must be to him a painful subject.

A. Thomas and G. Thomas have not been in residence this term, but will probably be up next term.

A. Thomas, we hear, is coming up at the end of this term to take a History Special.

We have received visits this term from the following Oxford O.B.'s:—Hoskins, H. B. Davies, Walters, Howell, and J. V. Rees.

Yours truly,

CAMBRIDGE O.B.

PRIZE DAY, 1913.

Postponed from the Summer Term to suit the general convenience, Prize Day was held this year on Thursday, September 25th, and proved a very great success.

The day opened, not unsuitably, with the first general Communion Service of the Term in Chapel and the usual Special Service followed later in the morning. We were delighted that the Bishop of St. David's was able to spare enough of his valuable time to be present both at this Service and at the subsequent proceedings in the Big Schoolroom. At the Morning Service the Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. L. Phillips (O.B.), B.D., Assistant Master at St. Paul's School and Reader in Gray's Inn. Few who were present will readily forget the able and instructive discourse which he gave us.

By 3 o'clock a very large gathering of parents and friends had fully thronged the Big Schoolroom and gave the heartiest of welcomes to the guest of the day, Sir Richard Atkin (O.B.), the latest addition to the Bench and perhaps the most distinguished of modern Old Breconians. Beside him and the Head Master there were also present on the platform The Lord Bishop of St. David's, The Bishop of Swansea, The Hon. R. C. Devereux, The Mayor of Brecon (J. Conway Lloyd, Esq.), D. T. Jeffreys, Esq. (Deputy High Sheriff), Col. Garnons Williams, Col. Jones-Williams, Mr. David Powell and other members of the Governing Body. The main part of the hall, as above stated, was closely packed with a gathering probably exceeding that of any previous occasion.

The Bishop of St. David's, as Chairman of the Governors, opened proceedings with one of his keen and incisive speeches. He welcomed Sir Richard Atkin on his return to his old School and congratulated both on the remarkable career of the new Judge and the high distinction thereby conferred on the School. He referred to Sir Richard's all round prowess, duly recalling once more his historic record score of 95 made in the cricket match against Llandovery. He associated with him also Sir William Vincent (O.B.), and said it was seldom that two old Christ College Boys received such signal honour from their King in the same year. The Bishop commented briefly but enthusiastically on the good progress of the School. He pointed out that its numbers were steadily on the increase and its reputation high, and that it stood the test of external examination with steady and admirable success. Nor did he forget, to the delight of younger members of his audience, to mention a recent cricket triumph at Llandovery. He thought all

pointed to a healthy and progressive life in the School, which augured well for it, for Wales and the nation at large, since from such schools the next generation must be largely drawn.

The Head Master then presented his Report and List of Honours and commented favourably on the continued happy results of the Certificate Examinations and a splendid record of unbroken success in the London Matriculation. In the Lower Certificate Examination of 1912, he pointed out, the Science Results were superior to those of any other school in the United Kingdom, and that in all subjects over 100 first classes have been won in the last four years. Making allowance for numbers he believed that Christ College could hold its own with all but the biggest and best of the Public Schools and in respect to numbers he was glad to say that the existing accommodation was being highly tried at present.

Sir Richard Atkin then distributed the Prizes and Certificates, and afterwards addressed his "fellow Breconians, past and present." He paid a great tribute to his old School, saying that to the education and training it had given him he owed all. He revisited its ancient buildings with the deepest interest and thought no school in the past had turned out men better equipped for life; he rejoiced at its present prosperity. He spoke feelingly of the greatness of his old Head Master, Bishop Lloyd, whom he considered one of the chief benefactors of Wales. He congratulated the present Head Master on his most favourable report and thought Christ College at the present day need fear no comparisons.

Speaking then more particularly to the boys, he told them that it was not so much what they learnt at school that mattered, but how they learnt it; it was not their Classics, their Mathematics or their Science that actually made a career for them in life, but the fact that they had learnt "the right way to learn" and had developed a character. He recommended two valuable lessons to their notice; first, that they should learn how to say 'no'—a simple but often most difficult acquirement—and secondly, that they should never be content merely to do what they were paid for, but should always give something in excess out of their own zeal and energy. Whatever the future held for them, and there was plenty of room in the world for the young and vigorous, they could never bear a prouder name than that he rejoiced to bear himself, the title of "Old Breconian."

Hearty thanks were accorded to Sir Richard on the motion of the Hon. R. C. Devereux and the Mayor, and the assembly dispersed with loud cheering from the School for all the distinguished participants in the proceedings.

The Head Master and Mrs. Chambers afterwards held a reception on the Chapel Lawn, where amid the strains of music tea was served and many old friendships happily renewed for a brief half hour. So ended the most enthusiastic and successful Prize-Giving of 1913.

The following are the Honour List and Prize List :—

HONOURS.

- J. R. Atkin, K.C., Judge of the King's Bench.
 J. R. Atkin, K.C., Knighthood.
 W. H. H. Vincent, I.C.S., Knighthood.
 H. T. Eddershaw, 2nd Class Honours, Final Classical Schools, Oxford.
 W. B. Davies, 3rd Class Honours, Final Classical Schools, Oxford.
 S. T. Phillips, 2nd Class Honours, Final School of Theology, Oxford.
 M. C. M. Denny, 2nd Class Honours, Classical Moderations, Oxford.
 H. B. Davies, 3rd Class Honours, Mathematical Moderations, Oxford.
 J. V. Martyn, £60 Scholarship for Mathematics, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
 P. B. Hughes, £35 Scholarship for Classics, Durham University.
 L. G. Lewis, Phillips Scholarship, St. David's College, Lampeter.
 T. L. Ellis, William Browne (post-graduate) Exhibition, £100 per annum, St. George's Hospital.
 C. P. Hazard, Assistant Commissioner, South Nigeria.
 A. S. M. Best, Assistant Engineer, Malay States.

PRIZES.

- Form VI. (Upper)—Bishop Lloyd Memorial Prize (Classics, Scripture and Ancient History)—V. G. Davies.
 „ Scripture and Ancient History—P. C. Matthews.
 „ Mathematics—J. V. Martyn.
 „ Science—C. F. Parry.
 Form VI. (Lower)—Classics and Scripture—W. D. G. Wilkinson.
 „ Latin—L. Baker Jones.
 Form V.—J. Evans, F. M. Pryce and G. B. Jones.
 Form IV.—G. Thomas.
 „ Greek—J. L. Jones Davies ; p.a., K. Jones.
 Form III.—C. D. Thomas ; p.a., J. D. H. Richards.
 Remove (Upper)—C. Howells.
 Remove (Lower)—J. M. Lewis.
 Lower School—R. M. Roberts ; hon. ment., E. Williams.
 Mathematics—Division 3—J. Evans ; p.a., F. James.
 „ „ 4—A. H. Johns.
 „ „ 5—J. D. H. Richards.
 „ „ 6—C. Howells.
 „ „ 7—G. C. Thomas.
 „ „ 8—T. W. B. Thomas ; hon. ment., G. R. Heins.
 Science—Division 2—J. Evans.
 „ Form III—G. Rees ; p.a., D. H. Davies.
 Drawing (Remove and Lower School)—R. M. Roberts ; hon. ment., G. E. Jones.
 Parry deWinton Leaving Exhibition, £40 for three years—J. V. Martyn.

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS, 1913.

Higher Certificates (Oxford and Cambridge Board).—13 candidates, 8 passes—

J. V. Martyn (Latin, Elementary Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, and Music).

P. C. Matthews (Latin, Greek, Elementary Mathematics, Scripture, and Greek History).

W. S. R. Thomas (Elementary Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Scripture and Natural Philosophy—Mechanical, Physical, and Chemical Divisions).

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

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

C. F. Parry (Latin, Elementary Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy—Mechanical, Physical, and Chemical Divisions).

W. D. G. Wilkinson (Latin, Greek, Elementary Mathematics, and Scripture).

L. Baker Jones (Latin, Elementary Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy—Chemical Division).

J. V. Martyn was distinguished in Advanced Mathematics, and P. C. Matthews and W. S. R. Thomas in Scripture.

Lower Certificates (Oxford and Cambridge Board).—9 candidates, 7 passes :—

J. Evans (Latin, French, Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, Scripture, History, Mechanics and Physics, and Physics and Chemistry).

F. M. Pryce (Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, Scripture, and History).

G. B. Jones (Latin, French, Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, Scripture, and History).

G. Evans (Latin, French, Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, Scripture, History, and Experimental Science).

T. Parry (Latin, French, Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, and Mechanics and Physics).

I. Powell (Latin, Greek, French, Arithmetic, Scripture, and History).

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

T. G. Powell passed in 5 and T. T. Macartney Filgate in 3 subjects, but failed to secure certificates.

The following obtained Distinctions (19 in all) :—

J. Evans (Latin, Arithmetic, Scripture, History, and Mechanics and Physics).

G. B. Jones (Latin, Arithmetic, Scripture, and History).

F. M. Pryce (Latin, Greek, and Arithmetic).

T. Parry (Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, and Mechanics and Physics.)

G. Evans (Arithmetic and Scripture).

I. Powell (Latin and Scripture).

There were no failures in the following subjects :—Latin, Greek, Scripture, History, and Mechanics and Physics.

Oxford Local (Junior Examination).---10 Candidates, 9 passes :—

A. H. Johns (Dictation, Arithmetic, Latin, French, Mathematics, and Experimental Science).

T. Akrill Jones (Dictation, Arithmetic, Scripture, English, History, Latin, Greek, French, and Geometry).

G. Thomas (Dictation, Arithmetic, Scripture, English, History, Latin, Greek, French, and Mathematics).

J. L. Jones Davies (Dictation, Arithmetic, Scripture, History, Latin, Greek, French, and Mathematics).

T. R. Davies (Dictation, Arithmetic, Scripture, English, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics).

J. S. Eynon (Dictation, Arithmetic, Scripture, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, and Experimental Science).

F. James (Dictation, Arithmetic, Scripture, English, History, Latin, French, and Mathematics).

E. T. Sims (Dictation, Arithmetic, Scripture, English, History, Latin, French, and Mathematics).

H. E. Thomas (Dictation, Arithmetic, English, History, Latin, French, and Algebra).

G. Thomas obtained 3rd Class Honours.

CRICKET.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. OLD BRECONIANS.—Played on July 19th and 20th in fine weather and on a good wicket. The School batted first, but made an appalling display against not very difficult bowling : Price alone reached doubled figures, and the whole side was dismissed for 41. Rees took 6 wickets for 22 runs. The O.B.'s. fared little better, but established a comfortable lead on the first innings, mainly through a forcing innings by Phillips and poor fielding by the School. In the second innings the School did a little better, thanks to Thomas, but the O.B.'s. only required 24 to win. After these had been obtained the game was continued to fill up time, and Dr. T. Morgan hit finely for 52. Price's bowling was, as usual, of great use. The School were deservedly beaten by a better side, which included several cricketers of merit, but unfortunately the fielding, as well as the batting, failed, and so the last match of the season ended in a rather heavy defeat. Scores ;—

CHRIST COLLEGE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
D. C. Thomas, c and b Rees	3	lbw, b Gibbon	23
R. Parry, b Rees	6	lbw, b A. E. C. Morgan	5
J. V. Martyn, c Phillips, b Rees	4	c and b Cooper	3
G. M. O. Evans, b Jones	1	b Cooper	2
A. B. Price, b Rees	15	b A. E. C. Morgan	4
D. H. Davies, lbw, b Jones	3	lbw, b A. E. C. Morgan	0
T. R. Davies, b Rees	1	b A. E. C. Morgan	2
J. W. Gibbon, not out	3	c Phillips, b Gibbon	6
L. Baker Jones, c and b A. E. C. Morgan	1	b Gibbon	4
D. L. Jones, c Griffiths, b Rees	0	not out	6
V. G. Davies, b A. E. C. Morgan	0	c Griffiths, b Rees	4
Extras	4		13
Total	41	Total	72

OLD BRECONIANS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Rev. W. E. Jones, b Gibbon	6	c D. H. Davies, b Price	4
J. V. Rees, run out	0		
Dr. P. Morgan, c Gibbon, b Price	0		
S. R. Phillips, not out	43	c D. H. Davies, b Gibbon	7
Rev. A. E. C. Morgan, b Price	5		
J. Cooper, b Price	11		
D. P. S. Griffiths, b Price	0		
W. L. Hoskins, b Price	0		
E. R. Gibbon, c Evans, b V. G. Davies	2		
R. S. Davies, c D. H. Davies, b Price	10	not out	3
L. G. Lewis, b Parry	2	not out	10
Extras	11		0
Total	90	(for 2 wks.)	24

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Price	15	2	33	6	5	0	20	1
Gibbon	10	3	20	1	4	0	4	1
D. H. Davies	5	1	8	0				
V. G. Davies	2	0	13	1				
Parry	1.5	0	5	1				

CHRIST COLLEGE MASTERS v. USK VALLEY.—This match, played on the School Ground on Saturday, July 19th, resulted in an easy win for Usk Valley, who fielded a strong side. Usk Valley batted first, and declared at 177 for 5 wickets; each batsman reached double figures. The Masters could make no headway against the bowling of Marsham and A. E. Davies, and were all out for 54.

HOUSE MATCHES.

1. N.-Z. v. THE HOSTEL.—N.-Z., 47 (G. M. O. Evans, 16; Robertson, 13); The Hostel, 86 (for 3 wks.) (A. B. Price, 51; D. L. Jones, 25).

2. N.-Z. v. DAY BOYS.—N.-Z., 117 (G. M. O. Evans, 57); Day Boys, 33.

3. A.-M. v. THE HOSTEL.—A.-M., 94; The Hostel, 55. For A.-M. Baker-Jones and D. H. Davies batted well, and Gibbon bowled very successfully.

4. A.-M. v. DAY BOYS.—Day Boys, 57; A.-M., 58 (for 8 wks.) The Day Boys played unexpectedly well, and nearly won.

5. THE HOSTEL v. DAY BOYS.—Day Boys, 41; The Hostel, 174 (for 7 wks.) D. C. Thomas (59), A. B. Price (34), and Martyn (36), batted successfully for the Hostel.

6. A.-M. v. N.-Z.—N.-Z., 83; A.-M., 84 (for 6 wks.)

INS v. OUTS.—The Outs batted first and compiled 137, of which D. C. Thomas scored 49. The Ins then replied with 140 for 8 wickets (G. M. O. Evans, 68). As expected, this game was the most exciting of all, and the match was decided almost on the stroke of time.

Thus the Ins and A.-M. won the respective Cups.

AVERAGES, 1913.

1st XI.—Played 15; won 3; lost 9; drawn, 3.

BATTING.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Innings.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Not Outs.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
G. M. O. Evans	17	237	49	1	14·81
D. C. Thomas	19	244	61*	2	14·35
A. B. Price	19	254	81	1	14·11
R. Parry	10	121	36*	1	13·44
D. L. Jones	20	179	28	2	9·94
J. V. Martyn	13	108	36*	2	9·81
J. W. Gibbon	16	106	23	4	8·83
T. R. Davies	15	131	31	—	8·73
L. Baker Jones	16	84	29	3	6·46
D. H. Davies	19	120	25	—	6·31
V. G. Davies	16	44	15*	4	3·66

The following also batted:—J. Evans, 5, 6, 11, 0, and 0; H. B. Davies, 7 not out, 2, and 0; G. Yendoll, 0 and 2; F. H. Best, 0 and 0; T. G. Powell, 0 not out; and R. J. Richards, 0.

BOWLING.

	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average</i>
A. B. Price	203·5	29	513	68	7·54
V. G. Davies	45·3	2	171	18	9·50
D. H. Davies	111·3	33	248	20	12·40
J. W. Gibbon	116	24	293	22	13·31
D. L. Jones	30	5	94	5	18·80
R. Parry	10·5	2	36	1	36
D. C. Thomas	49	12	127	3	42·33

The following also bowled:—T. R. Davies, 3, 1, 5, 2; T. G. Powell, 2, 2, 0, 0; and G. M. O. Evans, 1, 0, 9, 0.

2nd XI.—Played 6, won 1, lost 2, drawn 3.

BATTING.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Not Outs.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
G. Yendoll	4 ...	76 ...	26 ...	—	19·
G. Wilkinson	7 ...	106 ...	43* ...	1 ...	17·66
J. Evans	2 ...	51 ...	49 ...	—	17·
H. B. Davies.....	5 ...	60 ...	40 ...	—	12·
W. Saunders Jones.....	5 ...	25 ...	12 ...	1 ...	6·25
F. E. Holloway	1 ...	4 ...	4 ...	—	4·
T. G. Powell.....	3 ...	7 ...	5 ...	1 ...	3·50
T. Akrill Jones.....	6 ...	8 ...	7* ...	2 ...	2·
R. J. Richards.....	3 ...	1 ...	1* ...	2 ...	1·
H. E. Thomas	1 ...	0 ...	0 ...	—	—
G. Evans	2 ...	0 ...	0 ...	—	—

The following also played :—R. Parry, 18 not out, 4, and 51 not out ; F. H. Best, 1, 0, 4, 1 not out, and 1 ; P. C. Matthews, 0 and 14 ; S. E. Lewis, 1 not out and 1 ; W. S. R. Thomas, 15 ; and P. Pritchard, 4.

BOWLING.

	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average</i>
H. B. Davies	6·2 ...	2 ...	10 ...	6 ...	1·66
T. Akrill Jones	6 ...	0 ...	31 ...	3 ...	10·33
R. J. Richards	42·3 ...	4 ...	178 ...	15 ...	11·86
W. Saunders Jones	47 ...	3 ...	176 ...	10 ...	17·60
T. G. Powell	29 ...	5 ...	94 ...	5 ...	18·80
F. E. Holloway	26·1 ...	4 ...	93 ...	3 ...	31·
G. Wilkinson	16 ...	3 ...	62 ...	1 ...	62·

The following also bowled :—R. Parry, 10·1, 0, 31, 5.

FIELDING.—1st XI.

Catches (56) were made by the following :—G. M. O. Evans (9), D. C. Thomas (8), A. B. Price and D. L. Jones (7 each), J. W. Gibbon (6) ; D. H. Davies (5), L. Baker Jones (4), F. H. Best, V. G. Davies, and H. B. Davies (2 each), J. V. Martyn, G. Yendoll, R. Parry, and T. R. Davies (1 each).

Baker Jones stumped 8 men, and 13 batsmen were run out.

CRICKET PRIZES.

1st XI.—Batting (Average) ... G. M. O. Evans.
 Batting (Aggregate) ... A. B. Price.
 Bowling (Average and Aggregate) A. B. Price.
 Fielding ... G. M. O. Evans.

Price's record of wickets (68) has only once been surpassed—by G. Howell (78) in 1911.

FOOTBALL SEASON, 1913. .

We have passed through another lean season and so far have not scored many victories. The material in the first game was of a very raw nature, and great improvement in the play of the XV. is noticeable. This is due to the coaching of Mr. Lance, who has been untiring in his efforts to make a team out of this raw material. Our opponents have not often scored heavily and on occasions the School has been unlucky to lose. The great weakness throughout the team has been lack of determination and a tendency to hesitate at critical moments.

In the School matches, Monmouth were lucky to win by the only try scored in the game. On a respectable day the tables might have been turned. At Llandovery we were beaten by a team superior in all departments except at half-back. In the first half we lost three tries by poor tackling, an unpardonable offence in a school match.

Of last year's XV. six old colours were available, a three-quarter, a half-back, and four forwards.

The difficulty throughout the season has been to get a good attacking three-quarter line, and although greatly improved, the line is still a weak one. The centres have been far too slow and given to fumbling and knocking on their passes, with a result that the ball has rarely reached the wings. Gibbon on the left-wing has been the only dangerous attacking player on the side. H. B. Davies' speed is neutralised by ignorance of the game. In defence the right centre has been a source of weakness—this let the side down badly against Llandovery. All four three-quarters are good kicks.

At half-back we have been quite strong. Baker Jones at outside half has done an enormous amount of defence, and has improved in attack. His weakness of swerving back into the forwards has been turned at times into a dangerous attack by the splendid backing up of the forwards. At scrum half we have been well served by J. Evans, who, though lacking in weight, has played very skilfully.

The forwards have been very efficient throughout the season and have borne the brunt of the attack and defence. They are heavier than last year, and far cleverer in every respect. The heeling has been excellent and the passing movements and rushes dangerous. It was hard lines that with a capable scrum the back division should be so weak. D. L. Jones, a fine hooker, has played some sterling games. At

Llandovery, although up against a heavier pack, the forwards stuck to their work well.

Baker Jones succeeded Hoskins as captain and worked hard for the improvement of the team, and he has the sympathies of the School in the unfortunate results of the season. It has been an unlucky team and nothing has favoured it. The spirit of the players was excellent, and their failure was not due to lack of keenness; every member has trained whole-heartedly for the good of the School.

We wish Mr. Lance better luck in the future and we thank him for his unwearying efforts to improve the team. Better coaching could not have been desired.

In the junior games there has been great enthusiasm and plenty of very good material, especially in the second game, where Mr. Donaldson has turned out a very efficient lot. This coaching of the second game is all-important if we are to have good fifteens; footwork, straight-running and handling must be learnt when young. So far no match has been played, which is a great pity; but except for Mr. Large's Bible Class, there is no team suitable to the size of the game.

The thanks of the School are due to Messrs. Lance, Donaldson, Robinson and Cryer, who have been indefatigable in their coaching and help during the past season.

Next year we hope to be more successful.

THE FIFTEEN, 1913.

G. YENDOLL (Full-back)—A very plucky player, never afraid to go down to a forward rush, and can kick a fairly long ball. A fine tackler.

J. W. GIBBON (Left wing)—A determined runner with a good swerve and at times a very dangerous attacking player. Tackles and kicks well, but is rather inclined to wander; but should have received more passes from his centre.

A. B. PRICE (Left centre)—Too slow to be a good centre; can run hard and straight, but is rarely dangerous. A sound tackler and kicks well with both feet.

D. H. DAVIES (Right centre)—A failure as a centre, has no resolution and confidence. Can kick well and run straight at times, but his tackling and defence are deplorably weak. A good place kick.

- H. B. DAVIES (Right wing)—A much improved wing who is beginning to use his speed. The fastest player on the side, but rarely receives the ball. Can kick well, but his defence (although greatly improved) is still unreliable.
- L. BAKER JONES (Outside half)—Has shown enormous enthusiasm as captain, and has led his team well. A very strong defensive player, a splendid tackler, and never hesitates to stop a rush. In attack, too inclined to run into the thick instead of to the open; but has been the backbone of the team.
- J. EVANS (Inside half)—A very plucky half who lacks weight, but is absolutely fearless. Opens the game up well for his backs and dribbles well in the loose. Weak in tackling.
- P. C. MATTHEWS (Forward)—A hard-working forward, but inclined to be clumsy. Has improved in his tackling and in the loose. Was unlucky to be crocked during the School matches.
- D. L. JONES—A very fine heavy forward, who is distinctly clever in hooking and in the loose. Invaluable in the line-out and in defence. Should make a name for himself later on. A good place and drop kick.
- H. JONES—A hard worker, who never tires or gives in. Good in the loose and in tackling, but is still rather wild. Very quick on the ball and can hold a pass.
- D. C. THOMAS—For his weight a very fair player. Still very slow on the attack, but a good tackler. Makes the most of his height in the line-out.
- W. S. R. THOMAS—A heavy forward; has made great strides since the beginning of the term. Packs too high in the scrum, but is much improved in the loose. Must learn to part with the ball before being tackled.
- E. T. SIMS—Works hard, but is on the light side. Good in defence and tackling. Can hold a pass, and runs with determination.
- H. SAUNDERS DAVIES—A fair forward who shoves hard. Weak in the loose, but fair out of touch. Can tackle.
- P. PRITCHARD—A light forward. Has learnt to run to the corner flag and tackle. Weak in rushes and the line-out.

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. S. R. PHILLIPS' XV.—This match opened the season for the School with a decisive victory. The visitors were a somewhat scratch side, but contained a few good players, who saved their side from absolute destruction. The weather showed decided inclination towards summer, but in spite of this the game was fast. The School kicked off and the visitors began by opening up the game and the ball was passed out to Mr. Munns, who broke through the School defence and scored. S. R. Phillips failed to convert. The School then set to work in earnest, and from a good bout of passing Gibbon crossed the line. The kick failed. The School still continued to press, and from a pass by Evans, Baker Jones dropped a neat goal. Two more tries were added by the School before half-time, one by D. H. Davies and the other by Gibbon. After the interval the School's energy seemed to relax, and the visitors forced the pace. As a result of some wild dribbling by the School forwards, J. V. Rees obtained the ball and scored between the posts. S. R. Phillips converted. During the latter part of the game play became scrappy, lack of training making itself felt on both sides. The School scored two more tries for which H. Jones and D. H. Davies were responsible, but neither was converted. The game ended in a decisive victory for the School by a dropped goal and five tries to a goal and a try (19—8). On the day's form the School showed considerable promise; their defence was rather weak, but luckily it was not greatly tested. D. C. Thomas was unable to play through illness. The School were represented by:—A. B. Price (full-back); H. B. Davies, D. H. Davies, J. W. Gibbon and D. J. Thomas (three-quarter backs); L. Baker Jones and J. Evans (half-backs); P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, H. Saunders Davies, W. S. R. Thomas, P. Pritchard, W. D. Owen and E. Corbett (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE v. R. S. L. ROGERS' XV.—This match was played in comparatively fine weather on October 1st. The visitors fielded a fairly strong side, including B. R. Lewis, a Welsh international three-quarter. They kicked off, and the School were driven into their own twenty-five, and the ball getting out to the visitors' three-quarter line, a try was scored in the first five minutes. The game for some time was a forward struggle, in which department the School showed considerable superiority. Bryn Lewis saved the visitors again and again. The School backs lost several chances in the first half through missing passes and not running straight. From a free kick given to the School almost in front of the posts, we failed to score, thus throwing away what ought to have been an easy goal. About ten minutes before half-time Baker Jones was injured and had to retire from the field. No further score was added before half-time. After half-time the School had decidedly the worst of the game, but they defended pluckily and prevented their opponents from scoring until the last ten minutes, when they added another try, thus winning by eight points to nil. The School forwards played very well

throughout the game. The backs were by no means good ; they showed no determination in running and took all their passes standing still. Their kicking, however, was excellent. The School were represented by :—G. Yendoll (back) ; H. B. Davies, D. H. Davies, J. W. Gibbon and D. J. Thomas (three-quarters) ; L. Baker Jones and J. L. Jones Davies (half-backs) ; P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, A. B. Price, W. S. R. Thomas, H. Saunders Davies and W. D. Owen (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. YSTRADGYNLAIS.—This match was played on the School Ground, October 8th. The match arranged for the day was against W. L. Hoskins' XV., but the latter being unable to bring a team himself, asked the Ystradgynlais captain to collect a side. The game was hard and keen from the start, but the football was of a very scrappy nature. Two tries were scored in the first half by Gibbon and H. Jones. The second try was converted. After half time the School seemed to break down completely, and Mr. Munns, playing for the visitors, scored two good tries, one of which was converted. D. L. Jones then placed a neat goal from a penalty. But Ystradgynlais continued to press, and the School to deteriorate more and more, and another try was scored. Time came with the score, a goal, a penalty goal and a try (11 points) ; to a goal and 2 tries (11 points). The School should have won easily, but played feebly in the second half and were lucky not to lose. The following represented the School :—(full-back) G. Yendoll ; (three-quarters) H. B. Davies, A. G. Henshaw, D. H. Davies, J. W. Gibbon ; (half-backs) L. Baker Jones and J. L. Jones Davies ; (forwards) P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, A. B. Price, H. Saunders Davies, W. S. R. Thomas, and W. D. Owen.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. NEWPORT EXTRAS.—This match was played on the School ground in good weather on October 11th. We were without Baker Jones, instead of whom Mr. Munns kindly played, and Jones Davies, whose place as scrum half was filled by J. Evans. The School won the toss, and pressed and looked like getting across the line, but the Newport backs broke away and scored their first try, which they failed to convert. Soon afterwards D. L. Jones only just failed to drop a penalty. Newport then burst away again and scored another try, which they again failed to convert. Just before half-time the Newport inside half was penalized, and D. L. Jones kicked a beautiful goal, thus reducing Newport's lead to three points. On the recommencement of play, the School pressed but slowly fell off ; they were driven back on to their own line, and then came an utter breakdown, Newport scoring five tries one after another. Time came with a victory in Newport's favour by 7 tries (21 points) to a penalty goal. The Newport pack was too heavy for the School, and so generally got the ball. Their halves, who were exceptionally clever players, made good use of it. Their three-quarters were, as usual, fast. The School forwards worked hard and well, but had one great fault, that of not following up. The three-quarter line was not by any means strong. It was greatly handicapped by an injury to Mr. Munns, after he had made several good individual dashes. The tackling

of both forwards and backs was very weak. Of the three-quarters Gibbon and Price were the best, especially in defence; Yendoll tackled wonderfully well at back. Of the forwards H. Jones was the most conspicuous, while D. L. Jones' kicking was very useful. The School were represented by:—G. Yendoll (back); H. B. Davies, A. B. Price, Mr. R. D. G. Munns, and D. H. Davies (three-quarters), J. W. Gibbon and J. Evans (half-backs); P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, W. S. R. Thomas, H. Saunders Davies, W. D. Owen, and P. Pritchard (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS.—This match was played at St. Helen's, Swansea, on Saturday, October 18th. The School won the toss and elected to play with the wind behind them. After each side had pressed in turn, Swansea scored their first try. Just before half-time they crossed the School line again. So far the game had been fast, even, and exciting, but soon after the resumption of play, Swansea scored their third try; this was quickly followed by another, which was converted. Both of these tries were given away by bad tackling. Then the School rallied and several individual bursts were made, but bad fumbling brought play near the School line, and from a very doubtful throw-out a Swansea forward was allowed to score; this was converted by a capital kick. The School now had their periodical rally, and several times were unlucky in not scoring, but before time came Swansea had added another try, and the whistle blew with the School 2 goals and 5 tries to the bad. The winners were distinctly the better team, particularly behind. The School's display was not brilliant; the forwards hardly ever got the ball in serum, and when they did get it, they never made much use of it. The backs were somewhat out-classed, but Baker Jones did the "lion's" share as regards tackling. The three-quarters, particularly Price, kicked very well, but on the whole they were very weak in defence. Yendoll played a really excellent game at back. The School was represented by:—G. Yendoll (back); H. B. Davies, A. B. Price, D. H. Davies, and J. W. Gibbon (three-quarters); L. Baker Jones and J. L. Jones Davies (half-backs); P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, H. Saunders Davies, P. Pritchard, W. S. R. Thomas, and W. D. Owen (forwards). We take this opportunity of extending our most sincere thanks to both the Swansea R.F.C. and the "Old Boys" for their kind hospitality.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. G. LLEWELLYN'S XV.—This match was played on the School ground on Thursday, October 23rd. The visitors brought up a strong side, including G. Llewellyn, I. Llewellyn, and I. M. Morgan (O.B.'s). The School was without H. Jones. The School pressed first but failed to score; later on after some very fast play, the visiting backs got going, and scored a very pretty try (0—3). Then the School pressed again, but the backs were not fast enough to pierce the opposing defence. Moreover the centres held the ball too long, thus starving their wings. Soon after half-time G. Llewellyn scored his usual try (0—6), which seemed to wake up the School, who played with renewed vigour, and from a capital forward rush, led by D. L. Jones and W. S. R. Thomas, a try was scored by the former (3—6). Play continued very fast, the School having rather the better of the game, but then came the usual

"given-away" try; one of the opposing centres got the ball and ran over quite unopposed (3—9). The School forwards never slackened, but made some good bursts, and were stopped again and again by the visiting back, who was one of the best full-backs ever seen on the School ground. The School showed greatly improved form. The forwards were good in the loose and played well. The backs showed improved form, but were rather selfish and somewhat weak in defence. The feature of the game was the fast play which continued throughout the game. The following represented the School :—(full-back) G. Yendoll; (three-quarters) H. B. Davies, A. B. Price, D. H. Davies, and J. W. Gibbon; (half-backs) L. Baker Jones and J. L. Jones Davies; (forwards) P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, D. C. Thomas H. Saunders Davies, W. D. Owen, P. Pritchard, W. S. R. Thomas, and E. T. Sims.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. CRICKHOWELL.—This match was played at Crickhowell on Saturday, October 25th, and was arranged as a charity match in aid of the sufferers of the Senghenydd pit disaster. Crickhowell won the toss and elected to play with the wind. Play was soon carried into the School's twenty-five, and a try was given away, chiefly by a forward throwing back wildly from the line out. The game for some time after this was uneventful, the School relying on rigid defence, while Crickhowell vainly tried to open out the game. After a period of this kind of play, the School seem to gain confidence, and from an opening made by Baker Jones, D. L. Jones scored but failed to convert. There was no further score before half-time. After half-time the School pressed hard, but failed to score. Then Crickhowell forced play into the School twenty-five, and scored from a kick across. The School, however, did not lose heart, and Gibbon, taking the ball from a short line out, scored between the posts; this, however, was not converted. Later on, just before time, Crickhowell charged down a kick, rushed over the line and scored again. Time came with Crickhowell winners by three tries to two. The result was not altogether satisfactory; a draw would perhaps have better illustrated the game, which was hard and keen, but not an exhibition of correct football, mainly owing to the referee's somewhat prehistoric knowledge of the rules. The School showed improvement in tackling, but the forwards though good in the loose, were feeble in the scrum; the backs also played better than usual, but once more effectual work was prevented by the selfishness of the centres. The two reserves, Akrill Jones and W. J. H. Morgan (who substituted Jones Davies and H. B. Davies respectively), played well, Morgan's tackling being quite a feature of the game. Of the forwards, D. L. Jones, D. C. Thomas and Pritchard, and of the backs Yendoll and Baker Jones were the most conspicuous. The School team was :—G. Yendoll (back); W. J. H. Morgan, A. B. Price, D. H. Davies, and J. W. Gibbon (three-quarters); L. Baker Jones and T. Akrill Jones (half-backs); P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, H. Saunders Davies, P. Pritchard, W. S. R. Thomas and E. T. Sims (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. G. TUDOR'S XV.—This was played on the School Ground on Wednesday, October 29th. A strong wind, mingled with occasional showers, blew across the field, and did not add to the

enjoyment of the game. The School won the toss and elected to play towards the Orphanage. From the kick-off play settled in the School twenty-five. Early in the game the School made one determined rush, but found the ball too slippery for accurate passing. Play of a scrappy nature followed, and from a bad mis-kick G. Tudor got possession and scored near the touch line. The School backs hardly took advantage of the wind, though from a penalty D. L. Jones made a good but unsuccessful shot at goal. During scrappy play in the School twenty-five a forward kicked too hard and the visiting full-back made good use of the chance given him by dropping an excellent goal from almost half-way. Soon after half-time was called. On the resumption of play the School forwards played very brilliantly, but were not helped by the backs. Good openings were made from the scrum but broke down in the centre. After about ten minutes, during which play was of an even character, Baker Jones broke away from a scrum on the visitors' twenty-five, and, doubling in, passed to Sims, who repassed, and the former scored; this was not converted. The School tried hard to gain the lead, but a bout of passing breaking down through a knock forward, the ball was intercepted by an opposing centre who ran from half-way and scored between the posts. No kick for goal was given, because the ball was carelessly brought out. The visitors then pressed hard, but the School defence was good. Towards the end of the game the visitors were penalized and D. L. Jones dropped a good goal. The School kept up their attack until the end of the game but failed to score. The whistle blew with the score ten points to six in the visitors' favour. The School played better in this game than they had done all through the season, and although it was the first time they had played with a wet ball, the backs combined well. The kicking was not quite up to the mark, but under the circumstances it could hardly be expected. The forwards played excellently. The School were represented by:—G. Yendoll (back); H. B. Davies, A. B. Price, D. H. Davies and J. W. Gibbon (three-quarters); J. Evans and L. Baker Jones (half-backs); P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, H. Saunders Davies, P. Pritchard, W. S. R. Thomas, and E. T. Sims (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. DR. E. MORGAN'S XV.—This match was played in fine weather on November 1st. Among the visitors, besides Dr. Morgan himself, there were some distinguished players, the best known of whom was W. L. Morgan (O.B.) The School won the toss and played towards the Orphanage. At the beginning of the game the visitors pressed, and the ball reaching their left wing, which was composed of Dr. Morgan and his brother, Dr. Morgan scored a try which the latter failed to convert. For some time there was no further score, the game being equally contested, but W. L. Morgan deceived the School backs by the "dummy" and then passed out to a forward who scored; this try was converted. Towards the end of the first half Dr. Morgan scored again, but the try was unconverted. The School then very nearly scored. Gibbon receiving a pass from D. H. Davies crossed the line, but in doing so knocked down the corner flag. Soon afterwards half-time was called. After the interval the School had distinctly the better of the game, but were unlucky in not

being able to score. Twice Dr. Morgan broke away, but instead of scoring, as he could easily have done, kicked across and so lost two tries. At the very end of the game the School scored two tries in quick succession. Both were scored by H. Jones and both were unconverted. The game thus ended in a victory for the visitors by eleven points to six. The result was not altogether disappointing, but the School did not play nearly as well as they had done in the previous match. The backs took most of their passes standing still, and thereby weakened their attack. The forwards played exceedingly well. The feature of the game was the splendid tackling of the visitors; they tackled low and hard and rendered it quite impossible for us to break through. The School were represented by the following:—G. Yendoll (back); H. B. Davies, A. B. Price, D. H. Davies and J. W. Gibbon (three-quarters); L. Baker Jones and J. Evans (half-backs); P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, P. Pritchard, H. Saunders Davies, W. S. R. Thomas and E. T. Sims (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. MR. R. D. G. MUNNS' XV.—This scratch match was played on November 5th. The visitors, who were a very weak side, only twice crossed the half-way line, so that it was not a very serious game. The final result was thirty-five points to three in our favour. The School ought to have scored several more times but the passing among the backs was bad. Our team was the same as against Dr. Morgan's XV.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS — This return match was played on the School ground on Saturday, November 8th. The ground was dry, but a strong wind was blowing towards the Orphanage. For ten minutes after the kick-off the School, facing it, gave a dreadful display; one try was scored at the very beginning of the game, and this was quickly followed by another and yet another, before the School woke up. After the third try the tide seemed to turn, and we pressed the visitors into their twenty-five, and for some time a scrappy game ensued, of which the School had the advantage. Then Gibbon picking the ball up from the loose dashed through with a try, which D. L. Jones failed to convert. Just before half-time the visitors kicked a magnificent penalty goal. At half-time the School were eleven points behind. On the resumption of play the School forwards broke away and carried all before them. They hemmed the visitors by their line, and bad luck alone prevented them from scoring. For the first time in the season the School tackling was deadly. We were then granted a penalty kick, and D. H. Davies succeeded in putting the ball over the bar. Swansea now became desperate, too desperate at times, being penalized again and again for holding on to the ball after being tackled, but the School defence was invincible. From a bad pass by a Swansea three-quarter Price took the ball on with his feet and kicked over the full-back's head. Then following up he passed out to H. Jones, who quickly re-passed, and a brilliant try was scored by Price between the posts. D. H. Davies converted. A hard struggle for victory followed. After a tussle on the School line, one of the Swansea forwards crossed with a try, which they failed to convert. The whistle blew when the School,

unlucky in not scoring again, were still pressing hard. The final score was one converted goal, one penalty goal, and three tries, to one converted goal, one penalty goal, and one try (17 points to 11). After the bad display which the School gave at Swansea three weeks before, this result was very satisfactory, and showed how much the team had improved. Except for the first ten minutes the School, both at forward and back, played excellently, and a victory would not have been an unjust result. The School were represented by the following:—(full-back) G. Yendoll; (three-quarter backs) H. B. Davies, D. H. Davies, A. B. Price, and J. W. Gibbon; (half-backs), L. Baker Jones, and J. Evans: (forwards) P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, P. Pritchard, H. Saunders Davies, W. S. R. Thomas, and E. T. Sims.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. MONMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played at Newport on Friday, November 21st, and resulted in a win for Monmouth by a try to nil. The conditions were against good football; heavy rain had fallen during the night and the ground was practically unplayable. Thus the game became a mere scramble rather than a test of football.

Brecon kicked off and soon began to press; there was a succession of scrums in the Monmouth half. From a line-out H. Jones broke away, and after drawing the three-quarters passed to Sims, who, in turn, ran to the full-back and gave to W. S. R. Thomas, who had a clear field before him, but he foolishly looked round when only a yard separated him from the line, and was tackled. This, the best piece of work during the match, deserved a try.

This effort stirred up the Monmouth forwards, who made frequent dashes into the Brecon twenty-five.

From a scrum close to the line, Jordan, the Monmouth scrum-half, received and dashed over for a try, which was not converted. The game now became very slow and was a battle between the two packs of forwards. Unluckily for Brecon one of their forwards was disabled during the first twenty minutes, and although he stuck pluckily to the game, Brecon had practically a passenger in the scrum for the remainder of the match. This meant loose packing and thus the Monmouth scrum was able to shove us. During the first half Brecon had had hard lines in not scoring on several occasions; Evans, after a clever run, slipped when a try seemed probable, and Baker Jones when close to the line hesitated, and lost a good attacking position. H. B. Davies ought also to have rounded the opposing backs on one occasion, but cut in instead of out. Half-time came with the score 3—nil against us.

The second half needs little comment, as it settled down into a succession of scrums with frequent dashes by both packs of forwards. The players could hardly keep their feet, and neither side looked dangerous, except on one occasion when Vyvyan, the Monmouth centre, kicked hard ahead, and following up would most probably have scored, if he had not been unfortunately tripped by a Brecon three-quarter.

The game, which it is impossible to describe, was a poor one. Brecon showed some glimpses of good football, and on a hard ground the extra speed and cleverness of the outsides would have told their tale on Monmouth, who had not a very dangerous three-quarter line.

The Monmouth pack played well and was ably led by Shaw. Vyvyan was a great strength to their three-quarter line, and the full-back kicked well. Jordan, the scrum-half, played as last year a most unfair game, picking the ball out of the scrum and standing off-side most of the game. This unfair type of play is bound to spoil good football, and is sure to lead to friction between the two Schools. We hope that in future years Monmouth will do their best to stop such methods, especially as it robs the winning side of all praise.

For Brecon, the pack did well in the open, but packed far too loosely and did not shove. Evans played a great game at scrum-half, and Baker Jones was a tower of strength in defence. The centre three-quarters failed to carry out the orders to cut through and the outside three's got few opportunities. Gibbon defended well and made some dashes. Yendoll played splendidly at full-back.

Many thanks are due to S. R. Phillips, O.B. for taking some of the XV. in his car to Newport, and to those O.B.'s. who turned up to support us on the touch line.

Our team was :—(Back) G. Yendoll ; (three-quarters) H. B. Davies, D. H. Davies, A. B. Price, J. W. Gibbon ; (half-backs) L. Baker Jones J. Evans ; (forwards) P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, W. S. R. Thomas, E. T. Sims, P. Pritchard and H. Saunders Davies.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. LLANDOVERY COLLEGE. — Played at Llandovery on Saturday, November 29th. The XV. and a considerable band of supporters travelled down by motor-cars. Unfortunately a glorious morning turned into a damp and misty afternoon, and the ground was a bit slippery. Since "hope springs eternal in the human breast," we were not altogether without it, despite our somewhat unpromising "paper" record ; but we found our opponents a very capable side and after a good fight had to acknowledge defeat by 13 points to nil.

Our kick-off was mis-fielded, and so we started with the advantage of a scrum in the Llandovery "25," but after a spasmodic effort among our backs, frustrated by the slowness of the centres, we were speedily dislodged. The Llandovery forwards pushed us in the scrum, and even thus early were remarkably effective in loose dribbling. Still we had a fair share of the game for a time, and Gibbon once ran well down the left touch line. Our opponents, however, kicked with greater judgment and drove us to defence rather than attack.

The first try was, from our point of view, rather disappointing. The passing that led up to it was accurate, but slowly delivered, and it looked as if the opening was really made by a weak attempt at interception on the part of our right centre. At any rate Gibbon was badly overlapped and could hardly have saved the score. A good kick just failed. The second try was not very different in origin and method ; the centres were at fault in their tackling, and except that the actual scorer ran hard and well for the line, the movement ought not to have been successful. Again no goal followed.

We broke away after this once or twice in forward rushes, D. L. Jones being always to the fore, and occasionally the backs opened up an

attack, but not very dangerously. The Llandovery left centre then ran through splendidly, but finished with a poor cross kick, when he might almost have gone in on his own account. One or two free-kicks fell to our lot at this stage, but they were always returned with interest into touch.

In the few minutes before the interval we were hard pressed, and a third try came after some good and quick passing, the best of the match. The left wing this time got over in the corner, though Baker Jones made a gallant attempt to stop him on the line. The kick at goal was badly directed. Then twice in rapid succession Llandovery returned to our goal line, but lost chances by kicking too hard over it for our backs to touch down.

We played quicker and better football after the restart, and had the advantage in territory for a little time. Baker Jones made a good opening in their "25," but then swerved the wrong way into the thick of their pack. We held our own more successfully in the tight scrums during this half, but our rushes, though not infrequent, were less well concerted and less vigorous than those of Llandovery. When once they invaded our quarters we found it difficult to dislodge them, though much improved tackling made their attacks less fatal in effect. Their excellent kicking, however, greatly assisted in keeping us on the defensive. Price twice broke through unexpectedly, but the second time—a real opportunity from an intercepted pass—found him too slow with an attempted punt over the back's head. A long pass from Baker Jones to Gibbon looked promising, but the latter after running well unluckily slipped down. No further score came for a considerable time, and then from a clean heel one of their centres took a deliberate and well aimed drop at goal; the kick, a low skimming one, just cleared the bar.

From this point to the end Llandovery generally attacked, but only one movement spelt any real danger. This was a quick bit of passing to the left, where the wing ran very strongly and punted up to our line, which Yendoll with difficulty cleared. Otherwise their backs, often in possession, did not make much ground by running, and seemed to prefer at the end to kick to touch. On the whole we did very well in this half to prevent them crossing our line, and except for the dropped goal the score remained unaltered.

We were certainly beaten by a stronger side, Llandovery being a bit better all round. The forward play on both sides was good. Llandovery were heavier in the tight, but we got the ball at times very well. In the loose they beat us in pace and vigour; their wheeling was well done, and their rushes, generally led by four or five forwards in excellent combination, were very difficult to stop. D. L. Jones stood out head and shoulders among our pack; his dribbling was splendid but he was too often alone. H. Jones and Sims once or twice caught the eye, and the rest played hard though less conspicuously. A little more dash and a little less scrambling on the ground on the top of a tackled man would have improved the general standard of their work, but they fought well and were playing better at the end than at the start. The back play was less good. Neither set of halves and threequarters was particularly clever.

The Llandovery backs passed accurately but hardly made the most of their chances. Their left centre looked the most dangerous, probably because he was not efficiently marked—a very disastrous chink in our armour. Our line seldom got going, and for except for a dash or two by Gibbon (who had more passes than H. B. Davies) usually lacked the necessary pace. Evans played a good game at scrum half, especially in defensive work, but Baker Jones was hardly at his best. His tackling and saving were as usual admirable, but he was not very happy on the attack. Of the full backs, Roderick was excellent; but Yendoll did nothing to be ashamed of and tackled very well indeed.

In conclusion the game was, as ever, hard and keen, possibly at times a little rough; but there was a refreshing absence of the unpleasant tactics visited upon us in a recent school match. Mr. Schofield was again most competent in his official position.

Our Team was—(Back) G. Yendoll; (three-quarters) H. B. Davies, D. H. Davies, A. B. Price, J. W. Gibbon; (halves) L. Baker-Jones, J. Evans; (forwards) D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, W. S. R. Thomas, P. Pritchard, E. T. Sims, H. Saunders Davies, and I. J. S. Yorath.

OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It is not easy to write this letter after the term has ended, but I found it quite impossible to spare time to do it until I had shaken the dust of Oxford from off my feet—or rather wiped the mud off my boots.

Young Oxford has every reason to be proud of the past term. Lloyd George certainly had a majority in the Union, but he got “the bird” outside in no mere metaphorical manner. The Martyr’s Memorial has also been decked with an earthenware crown, which was only removed after two days struggle with rifles and fire-escapes.

However, the most notable event in the eyes of all O.B.’s was the selection of J. V. Rees to play at Queen’s Club for the Varsity XV. We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on his distinction, and also congratulating the School where he got the careful coaching that made this distinction possible.

Kemp and Morgan have also been playing Rugger for Exeter, and the latter has now been awarded his colours. He is of course taking another medical examination (he objects to the term ‘Group’), and is learning to play the piano. He is in digs, but I fancy his landlady is bearing the strain wonderfully well.

They had quite a creditable fire at Jesus a few days ago, and Denny’s personally conducted tours of inspection were quite fashionable next day. We understand that, in some mysterious manner, he was able to save a number of silver sconce-cups from the flames. Perhaps as Secretary of Rugger he is allowed to keep a few in his own rooms, both for use and ornament.

Hoskins and Walters have both played regularly for the B.N.C. Rugger team. From all accounts they had a pretty lively time at Cambridge this term. Hoskins has also appeared several times for the London Welsh.

H. B. Davies has been seen moving slowly round the running track, and has also played a fair amount of Rugger. He has been crooked rather frequently, however, and the shape and colour of his nose have varied considerably throughout the term.

Howell has played a lot of Rugger and Soccer. He appeared in the Seniors match at Soccer, and has played Rugger for his own and other colleges. It must be a record for an O.B. to play in the Seniors match at both codes—not at the same time of course.

J. E. Lloyd keeps goal for St. Catherine's Soccer XI., and J. Ll. T. Davies, who is now at Marcon's Hall, is solving the problem 'How to brighten our streets' by a liberal display of green and gold. Lloyd Rees has deserted the Rugger for the Hockey field, where he performs for the Keble team on the right wing. He put in a colossal centre the other day which broke the goal-keeper's nose!

Jenkins has not been very visible, but we understand that he still rows, thus filling C. E. Sladden's place as our only representative on the river. R. S. Davies asked me to say that he has been working—so there you are. We spent a very merry evening in his rooms last time the Old Breconian's Society met. Biggerton-Evans came home with his face all black, but I fancy he was the innocent victim of the wily scientist from B.N.C. "Biggers" Evans—as he is called in Keble—is quite a well-known character. Under the Presidential wing of H. B. Davies he is blossoming forth into a great orator in the Debating Society. He also plays Rugger quite well, and worthily maintains the reputation of Brecon in this respect.

G. M. O. Evans is also doing very well, indeed. The Hockey authorities think quite a lot of him. He is quite the smallest man in Keble, but one of the hardest hitters in the Hockey side. Both he and "Biggers" have joined the Corps, and may be seen drilling most days of the week.

We have had visits from W. A. Davies, J. Cooper, and E. H. Powell. I visited Powell at that quaint little place called Cambridge, and had lunch with him. He is a "tremendous swell" nowadays—in all senses. We were also pleased to see the three Schol.-hunters, Baker-Jones, A. B. Price, and D. C. Thomas. We trust they will not listen to any insidious advances from 'the other place.'

We hope to send a good number of representatives to the O.B. Dinner this year. Personally, I shall be there in spirit only.

Yours, etc.,

O.B., OXON.

A SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

Upon a certain winter's morning fine
 Jones *minimus* was very naughty,
 And so by chance, if not indeed design,
 Said : " Twice fifteen makes forty."
 Whereat his Master getting in a lather
 Made him stay in the actual truth to gather.

Next day the Master Jones again espied
 And, as a man of questions thrifty,
 Set the same sum ; and rashly Jones replied :
 " O, twice fifteen, that's fifty."
 And so was also set, with words sarcastic,
 Five hundred lines—an imposition drastic.

Jones had for lines a very great dislike,
 And therefore reading in a paper
 About a recent sympathetic strike
 Cut a most joyous caper,
 And cried : " We'll put an end to such disasters
 And force our will upon these villain Masters."

Then with a crafty and a subtle plan,
 Within a very little space, he
 Together joined his class-mates, man by man,
 Into a conspiracy ;
 That if the Master punishment laid stress on,
 They'd strike with him and wreck the rotten lesson.

When shortly after these their dark designs
 The worthy Man of Mathematics
 Said unsuspecting : " Jones, give up your lines " ;
 Jones cried to his schismatics :
 " Down books with me " ; and all—the truth I state ye—
 Downed them with him *nem. con.* immediately.

And for the weary space of a full hour
 Either they dumbly gave no answer,
 Or, questioned by the magisterial power,
 " No blacklegs ! " cried, " We can't, sir,
 By any means allow you touch him, hath he
 Herein our very uttermost sympathy."

Alas ! there is a proverb tells us how
 The biter sometimes is the bitten !
 And even so the would-be strikers now
 As surely were the smitten !
 For, as the bell rang out ' School end—over ! '
 He made both Jones and each poor fool bend over.

'Twas proved thus, much to their dislikes,
 That Masters *force majeure* can rally
 To deal with sympathetic strikes
 Unsympathetically !
 The Master henceforth, still to their disliking,
 Monopolised the gentle art of striking.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The Term begun on Wednesday, September 17th, and will end on Saturday, December 20th.

At a meeting of the School held in the Big Schoolroom on Thursday, September 18th, L. Baker Jones was unanimously elected captain of Football. At the same meeting A. B. Price, H. Jones and D. L. Jones were elected to fill vacancies on the Games Committee.

The School Prefects this term are L. Baker Jones, P. C. Matthews and D. C. Thomas.

J. Evans and D. H. Davies (School House) 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.

We extend a somewhat belated welcome to Mr. J. B. Cryer, B.A., Pembroke College, Oxford, who has taken Mr. Collins' place on the Staff. Mr. Collins has left us to take up a mastership at Bristol Grammar School, his old School, where we wish him every success.

On Tuesday, October 14th, a half-holiday was given in honour of the good results obtained in the Certificate Examinations.

On Friday, November 14th, a half-holiday was granted at the request of the Mayor of Brecon, Councillor Evan Morgan, who is an old Breconian.

On Saturday, November 22nd, the Choir were given a half-holiday. The usual Saturday half-holiday had been changed to the previous day, the amended date of the Monmouth match.

We have had two excellent Entertainments this Term from Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Drew and the Rev. Runnells Moss. Both were much appreciated.

In the London Matriculation Examination, held last June, we sent up four candidates, who were all successful:—J. Evans, C. F. Parry, T. Parry and C. G. Boothby.

Heartly congratulations to T. L. Ellis (O.B.) who has won a William Brown Scholarship of £100 for two years at St. George's Hospital.

M. H. Llewellyn (O.B.) has left for the United States and Canada, where he intends to study mining. Before his departure he was presented with a diamond ring by the officials and workmen of the Llwynhelig Colliery Co., Ltd., of which company he is a director.

I. A. Thomas (O.B.) was called upon to give evidence at the inquiry into the Aisgill railway accident. He had a lucky escape, jumping from the train a few seconds before the collision took place. We congratulate him on coming safely out of this horrible disaster.

Rev. J. P. Griffiths (O.B.), formerly Vicar of Pontypridd, has accepted the living of Bishopston, Gower.

Rev. E. T. Theophilus (O.B.) has been appointed Vicar of Christ Church, Nailsea, Somersetshire. We congratulate him on the announcement of his engagement.

John Lloyd (O.B.) has, in return for many public services, received the Freedom of Brecon. He is a member of the Dinas family, and is probably the oldest Old Breconian living. He played cricket for Gentlemen of South Wales v. Gentlemen of Sussex in 1864, when W. G. Grace, 16 years of age, playing for the former side, made 170 and 56 not out. Mr. Lloyd himself made 82 in the first innings, and presented "W.G." with a bat, in honour of this, his first century.

Dr. A. F. S. Sladden (O.B.) has taken his degree of Doctor of Medicine at Oxford University. He presented a thesis entitled—"The Diagnosis of Pancreatic Disease." He is at present Pathologist and Registrar to the Metropolitan Hospital.

J. V. Rees (O.B.) played in the Seniors' rugby match at Oxford. He also captained one side in a subsequent trial game. We congratulate him most heartily on having secured his Blue. He has also played on several occasions for the Harlequins.

G. Howell (O.B.) played in the Seniors' association match at Oxford.

H. T. Maddocks (O.B.) and W. L. Hoskins (O.B.) have been playing for the London Welsh this season. Hoskins has also played in the Oxford University "A" team.

W. L. Morgan (O.B.) played for Cardiff Past v. Present; according to the sporting papers his game is as good as ever.

J. B. James (O.B.) has been seen in Newport football this season.

W. T. Wootton (O.B.) has been playing for the Trojans.

E. V. Watkins (O.B.) has once more obtained his Welsh Trial Association Match.

C. G. R. Hunter (O.B.) has given up the Army, and sails on New Year's Day for the Argentine, where he intends settling.

We have been pleased to receive visits from the following Old Breconians this term :—Dr. T. Morgan, Dr. E. Morgan, W. L. Morgan, G. Llewellyn, I. M. Morgan, G. Tudor, I. A. Thomas, J. C. Davies, H. B. Davies, I. Llewellyn, L. G. Lewis, A. W. T. Evans, T. R. Davies, J. V. Martyn, G. M. O. Evans, F. R. Stephens, B. K. Stratton, Rev. D. Akrill Jones, R. S. Ll. Rogers, S. T. Phillips, V. G. Davies.

H. B. Davies (O.B.) at the beginning of term acted as temporary Lower School Master during Mr. Lance's unfortunate absence owing to ill-health.

The thanks of the School are due to Mr. Donaldson for kindly giving us a "slip-catching" machine. It was especially appreciated last summer by the members of the two XI's.

We were delighted to see Mr. R. B. Lattimer in Brecon for a brief visit in October.

Mr. J. F. M. Haslam, another former master, writes from Grantham, where he has been appointed H.M.I. for the Lincolnshire Education District. He speaks of a possible visit in the future.

Obituary.

We record with very real sorrow the death of Mr. John Williams, of High Street, Brecon. Not an old boy himself, he was nevertheless one of the oldest and most faithful of our friends. For very many years his name figured on our Prize Lists and Sports Lists as a generous giver of handsome gifts, and he took a keen interest in all our life and activities.

The Head Master represented us at the funeral and presented a wreath in the name of Christ College.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—May we suggest through the medium of your columns that notepaper, stamped with the School crest and name, be supplied at a moderate rate, as is the custom at other Schools. It could be sold at the School tuck-shop, and would, we are sure, meet with the approval of all.

We are, yours truly,

“THE SCRIBES.”

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—I believe that most Public Schools possess Old Boys' Colours. Would it not be possible for Christ College Old Boys to obtain the same advantage in this respect, as that enjoyed by O.B's. in other Public Schools.

I am, yours sincerely,

“FUTURE O.B.”

[The O.B's. assert that the School teams have stolen their colours! Apart from this we believe the question of O.B. colours is under consideration. EDD.]

To the Editors of the *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—A few terms ago a letter appeared in *The Breconian* concerning the formation of a Debating Club. Beyond the publication of the letter little notice was taken of the same. May I ask you to publish this second request for the formation of such a club? Public debating would rid us of that embarrassment which nearly always accompanies our first attempt at public speaking. Why should not Christ College have its Debating Club like many others of our British Public Schools?

I remain, yours faithfully,

“POLITICIAN.”

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—May I propose that, in addition to the giving of the two cups, as in former years, a kicking competition be held for the 2nd game. Would not this tend to improve the kicking ability of those who, in future years, will represent the School.

I am, yours truly,

“GOAL!”

[Such a competition was once held: it might, if thought desirable, be revived as an annual event. EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—May I so far intrude upon your valuable space as to suggest that all triple-colours be elected to a position on the games committee?

I am, yours sincerely,

“NON-COLOUR.”

[This would be a very considerable innovation and appears to be somewhat undemocratic for a community which, at present, enjoys the right of open election. EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Seeing that the standard of Athletic Sports at this School compares favourably with those of other Public Schools, would it not be in the interests of the School to send up two or three of the best athletes to compete at the Public Schools' Athletic Meeting at Stamford Bridge. Hoping this will meet with your approval.

I am, yours sincerely,

“WELL-WISHER.”

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CHINAMAN :—We are not quite certain whether your letter is to be taken seriously or not. If the former is the case, it is a matter for the Games Committee to deal with.

THE SLACKER :—This is such an old favourite that we can hardly find room for it. We believe that there are very real objections to your suggestion.

THE PATRIOT :—Your patriotism is commendable, but a proposal involving such serious expense and interference with School work is scarcely practicable. The better solution is to make efforts to persuade Monmouth to visit us in alternate years.

O.B. ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL NOTES.

Thirty-five new members have joined since the summer, viz., 7 ten years' subscriptions, 16 five years' and 12 annual. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due, and the Recorder will thankfully receive any renewed or fresh memberships. Annual members, who have not renewed their subscription, will find a reminder on the outside of this number of the “Breconian.”

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1912-13.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

CR.	£	s.	d.	DR.	£	s.	d.
To 21 Ten Year Subscribers				By 97 Annual Subscriptions			
at £1.. .. .	21	0	0	at 2s. 6d. transferred to			
„ 71 Five Year Subscribers				Current Account	12	2	6
at 10s.	35	10	0	Balance on deposit	45	12	6
„ 5 Two Year Subscribers							
at 5s	1	5	0				
	£57	15	0				
					£57	15	0

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

CR.	£	s.	d.	DR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1911 ..	15	5	0	By Jones (1911) ..	6	1	0
„ 37 Annual Subscribers at 2s 6d. ..	4	12	6	„ Jones (1912) ..	4	18	8
„ 97 Annual Subscribers at 2s. 6d., transferred from Deposit Account ..	12	2	6	„ Jones (1913) ..	3	6	4
				„ Postage (1912) ..	1	3	1
				„ Postage (1913) ..	1	6	9
				Current Balance for 1913 ..	15	4	2
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C. J. E. LARGE, Hon. Treasurer.

O.B. DINNER.

A Dinner has been arranged for Friday, December 19th. It will be held at the Castle Hotel, Brecon, at 7 p.m. All Old Boys are cordially invited, and it is hoped that all will endeavour to make it a success. The Senior Steward will be H. Sydney Jones. Tickets (4/6) can be obtained from the Recorder at the Castle Hotel. An O.B. meeting will be held at 6-30 p.m. at the Castle Hotel.

O.B. FOOTBALL MATCH.

The O.B. Match v. The School will be played on Friday, December 19th; kick-off 2-30 p.m. All O.B.'s who wish to play should write to R. D. G. Munns, Esq., College Hall, Brecon.

A. E. DONALDSON, Recorder,

The Hostel, Christ College, Brecon.

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We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries, with apologies for any accidental omissions:—"Bristol Grammar School Chronicle," "Bromsgrovian" (2), "Cheltonian" (5), "City of London School Magazine," "Dovorian" (3), "Fettesian" (2), "Giggleswick Chronicle," "Luctonian," "Malvernian" (2), "Marlburian" (7), "Newtonian" (2), "Patesian," "Portmuthian" (3), "Reptonian" (3), "Tonbridgian" (2), "Erasmian," "Herefordian," "Arena" (2).



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