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## EDITORIAL.

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'For the rain, it raineth every day.'

**A**NOTHER Easter Term is drawing to its close—a term which has had a record number of wet days; hence Hockey, Steeplechases and Golf have suffered; nevertheless, no little interest has been attached to each.

The Hockey Season began fairly well, but, later, fell somewhat flat; the deciding house-match, however, provided a feast of excitement, but neither all the leagues nor all the house-matches were played out.

The Steeplechases produced no record times, owing to the sodden state of the ground; nevertheless, Baker-Jones is to be heartily congratulated on winning the Senior event once more—this being for the third time in succession.

Contrary to our custom, we will omit any surmises concerning the Sports and Cricket, and will not detain much longer the gentle reader, who is doubtless impatient to peruse the following (and more interesting) pages.

Although Brecon still is represented in first-class Football, no O.B. has played for Wales in Rugby during this season, which, we believe we are right in saying, has not happened for many years. So buck up O.B.'s!

Finally, we know that we are voicing the opinion of the School in expressing our hope that the Committee chosen to consider the question of O.B. Colours will not delay in making good this want, long-felt especially by O.B.'s not blessed with a 'Varsity career.

## OXFORD LETTER.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Your appeal for an Oxford Letter comes at an inopportune time, for Dons, Schools, etc., have kept me occupied. I ascertain, however, from the last scribe, that it is well to get on with it before Oxford is left behind and the memory is befogged as a result of other pursuits. Yet, I must do my best and apologize for my weak effort after the excellent chronicles of your late correspondent.

J. V. Rees is a rare sight. When on view he is usually in full kit refereeing in college games or watching them with the usual blase characteristics of the "Oxford manner" dear to lady novelists.

H. B. Davies, our worthy president, has been playing Rugger as usual. Injuries, however, have kept him from playing as much as he would wish. His nose was quite a good sight towards the end of the term. He says that he works all the morning, and some-times at other times, which I believe is correct. We all rejoice that he is to be with us for another year.

Walters is the same as ever. Hoskins affirms after an impromptu effort in his rooms at B.N.C., that he would be quite a success on the stage. His recreations are Rugger and Labs. As secretary of the O.U.O.B.S. he is excellent, though rather apt to vent his wit on the larger of the two Keble Freshmen.

Hoskins is "at Home" any day except Saturday, when the London Welsh find him indispensable. He recently was temporarily indisposed but has now recovered; and is as well as ever—thank you. Biggers (Biggerton-Evans to the uninitiated), Evans Jones and the aforementioned gentleman have gone in for a punt for next term; which should prove amusing. For tickets to view apply to Walters.

Kemp and Morgan are enjoying comparative peace and seclusion at their digs. The Medical Specialist informs us that he will *not* visit the well-known building in the High this term. Kemp, we hear, is an adept at the Terpsichorean art.

Denny is in love with his digs and is a tower of strength in the Jesus forward line.

Lloyd-Rees plays hockey for Keble 1st. What else he does, we know not.

Evans-Jones is with us once more. Mods trouble him no longer but "Divvers" he regards with much apprehension. He has abandoned the field of play for the "Vie de Bohème."

Lloyd keeps goal for St. Catherines and entered for the Varsity Cue. We understand he had no luck and succumbed in the first round.

Jenkins is more or less a recluse. I suppose this is always the case with a theologian who rows. He enjoyed the enviable distinction of stroking the Queen's 1st Togger.

R. S. Davies works, so he says, 14 hours a day, counting sleep. Hence our only opportunity of seeing him is while on his afternoon constitutional with the Chaplain of his College. We hear he played centre three-quarter for the Oxford Nomads v. Cheltenham, but his services were not properly appreciated.

Biggerton-Evans is first reserve for Keble 1st XV. He is to be seen occasionally, bound for various kinds of festivities in the neighbourhood of North Oxford.

G. M. O. Evans is a general favourite. He still plays hockey very successfully. His hobby is shooting and he is equally at ease at long or miniature ranges.

J. Ll. T. Davies also entered for the Varsity Cue and was also unsuccessful. He is a shining light for the Oxford Nomads. He is rumoured to have had a good time at Rugby the other day in spite of "concussion."

I knew I had forgotten something—Hoskins has been elected "treasurer" of the Dafydd ap Gwilym Society, and will, doubtless, fill the office with his usual tact and discretion.

We received a welcome visit from Mr. Hill this term, and had quite an informal O.B.'s Meeting to greet him. He seems almost as happy as he was at Brecon.

I feel I have written enough; and so, with best wishes for the success of the School in every way,

I am, Yours, &c.,

O.B. OXON.

## CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Your request for a Cambridge Letter comes at a most inopportune time, viz., when the term is over, and the chances of collecting information concerning the O.B.'s very remote. The difficulty of writing a Cambridge Letter is great enough at any time, but this makes it greater; I might even say, considering the number of Cambridge O.B.'s, that it makes it a three-fold difficulty.

There has been "nuffin doin" this term, there being no perceptible "rag" even when the old horse-trams were done away with.

Concerning the O.B.'s I have very little to write, for they all seemed to have hidden themselves away—working, I suppose.

E. H. Powell has succeeded in defeating the Examiners in Agriculture, but we hear no rumour of his resting upon his laurels. He has not often been seen on the playing-field this term, having sustained an injury to his knee. He is reputed to be a worthy exponent of the cue.

E. F. Thomas has given us very little opportunity of knowing his deeds, for we have merely had glimpses of him flashing past on his "Douglas." We hear that he is becoming an expert in exceeding speed-limits, and dodging police-traps.

J. V. Martyn has had rather a poor time of it this term. He has had a bad attack of a disease commonly known as the "Mays," but which the examiners call by a more terrible name. He has been seen playing occasionally on the wing for Sidney Hockey XI., but has not yet been awarded his colours. His rooms are reputed to be haunted by ghosts, and this theory was supported by the fact that strange cat-like noises were heard issuing from them. These, however, were afterwards found to proceed from his violin.

We condole with our Brecon friends who failed to agree with the Cambridge Examiners at Christmas, wishing them better luck in the near future.

Yours, etc.,

CAMBRIDGE O.B.

## OLD BOYS' DINNER.

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The annual gathering of Old Boys took place at Brecon on Friday, December 19th. By no means disheartened by the knowledge that the O.B. XV. had been soundly trounced by the School earlier in the day, a good attendance sat down in the Castle Hotel and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In all 45 were present, and the older and younger generations of O.B.'s were well represented.

It had been hoped that Judge Hill Kelly would have taken the chair, but as he could not get away from his work on the chosen day, a substitute had to be sought, and none better could have been found than H. Sidney Jones, Head Master of Cheltenham Grammar School, to act as Senior Steward. The post of Junior Steward was worthily filled by M. H. Phillips.

When dinner was finished and Royalty duly and musically honoured, the Junior Steward proposed the time honoured toast of "Our Founder and Benefactors." Mr. Phillips made an eloquent speech. He not only told us who our Founder and Benefactors were, but gave a most interesting character sketch of that great Tudor, Henry VIII. He did not forget to mention how much he himself owed to the Founders of Scholarships at Christ College, and to the guidance and training of his old masters, whom he classed among the most genuine of benefactors. Altogether an interesting and forcible restatement of the good old story of our history past and present.

Mr. Large replied in characteristic manner. He passed rapidly from grave to gay, and had much sound advice to give to Old Boys as to how they could best become benefactors in their turn. "Send us boys; your own, if you have any; if not, all you can influence of others."

After a brief interval the Senior Steward presented the toast of the evening, "The School and its Prosperity." He gave us much delightful reminiscence and many charming anecdotes. He dwelt lovingly on his own school days, and the names and successes of his contemporaries. "They all seem famous now," he said, "Atkin, Vincent, and the rest of them." He had much to say of his Old Head, Bishop Lloyd, and a vivid early impression of Mr. Morton to record. He fought some of the old School battles again, and remembered having invented the four three-quarter game back in the eighties, and having thereby run Llan-doverly to a drawn game. And so on and so on—just the steady flow of charming recollections that seems to spring up so naturally on these

occasions. A long speech, but a sincere and deeply interesting one, and one that showed what volumes the name of "Old Breconian" meant to the speaker.

The Head Master suitably replied. He was brief but eminently to the point, contriving in a few sentences to congratulate the Senior Steward and to sketch a vigorous picture of the School's present well being—the speech of a Benefactor.

The Rev. H. J. Church Jones then interposed a brief speech, proposing the Health of the Mayor of Brecon (Mr. Evan Morgan, O.B.), whom all were delighted to see on the Chairman's right hand. The Mayor subsequently acknowledged the toast.

The School games were next honoured, and most happily the latest hero of Brecon football, Jack Rees, was chosen for the task. With blushing modesty the newly adorned "Blue" congratulated the School on the high name its football had in the country at large. He linked with his toast the names of those masters who had done so much for the School games, and had a word of praise and advice for the present School XV.

L. Baker-Jones, the Football Captain, replied gracefully.

Then followed the worthier father of a worthy son, and Dr. Valentine Rees, himself a naturalised Breconian so to speak, proposed to the company the toast of the "O.B. Association and the great army of Breconians out in the world." In a brief but felicitous speech he praised the objects of the Association and eulogised the great body of Old Boys that it represented. The gallant patriotism of the School Doctor was heartily greeted by his audience.

Three brief acknowledgments followed; from The Rev. H. J. Church Jones as representing the Spiritual Forces, from Major D. W. E. Thomas on behalf of the Temporal Forces, and from Dr. Tom Morgan for the various Professions. The Doctor added to the gaiety of the occasion by disclaiming the second-hand fame of being "Teddy Morgan's brother," and solemnly warning the proposer lest he should go down to posterity simply as "Jack Rees' father"!

The evening had by this time grown late, but before the company broke up, Mr. Morton proposed the Health of the Stewards, and after they had briefly thanked him and all for kind words and kind reception of them, Mr. R. S. Yorke finally asked leave to offer the toast of the Recorder, The Rev. A. E. Donaldson, the organiser of the Dinner. The latter gratefully acknowledged the honour thus paid him.

With the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" the long and happy evening ended.

The following were present:—H. Sidney Jones, M.A. (Senior Steward), M. H. Phillips (Junior Steward), The Rev. R. H. Chambers (Head Master), Mr. Evan Morgan (Mayor of Brecon), Alderman Thomas Williams, The Rev. H. J. Church Jones, Messrs. H. C. Rich, David Powell, C. J. B. Hughes, Percy Morton, D. W. E. Thomas, M. F. Thomas, R. S. Yorke, R. T. Heins, Dr. Valentine Rees, Dr. T. P. Thomas, Dr. Tom Morgan, Dr. Bridge, Messrs. T. F. Thomas, P. B. Hughes, J. V. Rees, G. Powell, J. Cooper, E. F. Thomas, W. R. Thomas, T. R. Davies, C. G. R. Hunter, S. C. Rich, H. W. Richards, A. H. Coppage, T. R. Williams, I. S. Jenkins, W. M. Best, G. Tudor, F. H. Best, G. Lance, C. J. E. Large, G. H. Isitt, R. D. G. Munns, J. S. Robinson, J. B. Cryer, with L. Baker-Jones, P. C. Matthews, D. C. Thomas, and the Recorder (The Rev. A. E. Donaldson).

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## FOOTBALL.

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CHRIST COLLEGE v. CRICKHOWELL.—This match was played on the School ground on December 13th. After the School had been waiting on the field for about three-quarters of an hour, the visitors eventually arrived. The School won the toss and played towards the Orphanage. Soon after the kick-off Crickhowell began to force the game, and drove the School into their twenty-five. For the first ten minutes it looked as though the School were going to be beaten, but they suddenly recovered and for the remainder of the first half had the better of the game. From a good opening made by Gibbon, Morgan scored a try, which D. H. Davies converted. Towards the end of the first half, Crickhowell after a good forward rush scored a try, but failed to convert it. The School scored again before the interval, H. B. Davies making an excellent run from half-way; D. H. Davies again converted. The second half was even harder than the first, and far more rough. Until the last quarter of an hour there was no further score, but then Crickhowell kicked a penalty goal. After this encouragement Crickhowell fought hard, and it was as much as the School could do to keep them out. This effort did not last long, and the School again set up an attack, from which Gibbon scored a good try in the corner; this time the kick failed. The game ended in a victory for the School by two converted goals and one try to one penalty goal and one try. It was by far the roughest game of the season. The Crickhowell tactics were not pleasant; but the School played well in spite of them. The School were represented by the following:—(Full-back) G. Yendoll; (three-quarters) H. B. Davies, A. B. Price, W. J. H. Morgan, and J. W. Gibbon; (halves) L. Baker-Jones and J. Evans; (forwards) Mr. J. S. Robinson, D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, D. H. Davies, W. S. R. Thomas, E. T. Sims and P. Pritchard. P. C. Matthews and H. Saunders Davies were unable to play.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. OLD BRECONIANS.—This match was played in good weather on December 19th. The Old Boys fielded a fairly good

side, and it was generally expected that they would win. The School lost the toss and had to play towards the Cricket Field. The Old Boys began with great vigour and within the first few minutes Mr. Munns, playing as a substitute, scored a try. The School, however, soon woke up, and Price after successfully giving the "dummy" scored beneath the posts; D. H. Davies converted. Soon afterwards an excellent forward rush brought the School up to the opposing line and D. H. Davies dived over with a try, which he also converted. The School still continued to press and Price dropped an excellent goal, thus bringing the score up to fourteen to three. Before half-time Gibbon scored another try for the School, but this was not converted. After half-time the Old Boys pressed for some time and Hoskins was often within an ace of scoring. The School defence, however, was excellent and all attempts at crossing our line failed. During the greater part of the second half there was no score, and, if anything, the Old Boys had the better of the game. Not long before the end the School set up a determined attack, and the game was carried into the Old Boys' twenty-five. Two tries were scored during this period, one by Price and the other by H. B. Davies, but both were unconverted. Before the end of the game, the Old Boys were granted a penalty try for obstruction, which J. V. Rees converted. The game ended in a clear victory for the School by two converted goals, one dropped goal, and three tries, to one converted goal and one try. The School were represented by the following:—(Full-back) G. Yendoll; (three-quarters) H. B. Davies, A. B. Price, W. J. H. Morgan, and J. W. Gibbon; (halves) L. Baker-Jones and J. Evans; (forwards) D. L. Jones, H. Jones, D. C. Thomas, D. H. Davies, W. S. R. Thomas, E. T. Sims, H. Saunders Davies and P. Pritchard. The O.B. XV. was:—(Full-back) W. R. Thomas; (three-quarters) Mr. Munns, J. Cooper, C. Rich, and G. M. O. Evans; (halves) W. L. Hoskins and T. F. Thomas; (forwards) J. V. Rees, E. F. Thomas, I. S. Jenkins, T. R. Davies, P. B. Hughes, C. G. R. Hunter, V. Coppage and G. Powell. P. C. Matthews was unable to play for the School.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

A.-M. v. N.-Z.—Although only twenty minutes were played each way, A.-M. succeeded in scoring 84 points to their opponents' three. N.-Z. scored their three points in the last minute of the game, Yendoll, who was playing full-back, running about forty yards.

HOSTEL v. DAY BOYS.—This match was played on the same day as the A.-M.-N.Z. match, and resulted in a victory for the Hostel by 67 points to nil.

A.-M. v. HOSTEL.—This match was a little more exciting than the two previous games. It ended in an easy victory for A.-M. by some 30 points.

N.Z. v. DAY BOYS.—This was an easy victory for N.Z. by 53 points to three.

INS v. OUTS.—This match was much the most even of the House Matches, and although the Ins won by 22 points to three, the game was hard and keen throughout. A. B. Price played an excellent defensive game for the Outs, and also scored their only try.

## HOCKEY SEASON, 1914.

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The season just concluded was a most disappointing one. At the beginning of the term hopes were high for a very successful record, but torrential rain put the Hockey ground out of action for the last three weeks. This necessitated the scratching of several new and interesting fixtures. The School side was quite a good one, especially in defence, and if the full complement of matches had been played, the results would have been most probably very satisfactory.

Of eleven matches arranged, only six were decided, and of these the School won 4 and lost 2. Perhaps the most gratifying win was that at Swansea, when the whole team shewed great form, and reversed the verdict of a few weeks earlier against the same club.

The forwards were not very great: they lacked dash and combination. Members of the School side must remember that hockey is a game of skill and not of brute force. There is still far too much indiscriminate slogging in the School, and at present the valuable push and scoop strokes, especially among the forwards, are absolutely essential to a good attacking line.

At times the forwards shewed good individual skill and shooting, but more dash was wanted. The vacancy at centre-forward was never filled satisfactorily. The wings were both weak, especially the right, who very rarely gave a good centre.

The half-back line was a strong combination; perhaps J. Evans was the most skilful, and Gibbon at times has done good pieces of work, but he must remember not to use his shoulders. The full-backs were a very strong pair. D. L. Jones was especially prominent both in attack and defence; and his partner, P. C. Matthews, one of the "worrying" sort, never gave in. Jones-Davies was quite useful as custodian.

Messrs. Donaldson, Isitt and Robinson assisted regularly in games throughout the term.

Baker Jones was a popular and hard-working captain, and it was distinctly hard lines on him that the season was so marred by the weather.

The league matches were again productive of the most strenuous contests, and Mr. Donaldson's league finished first with 8 points out of a possible 10; Mr. Munns' second with 6 points out of a possible 8.

The Hockey of the School in future years ought to be greatly benefited by the leagues, as they make the Junior Games very interesting and exciting.

There is plenty of good material amongst the backs, but at present there is a dearth of good forwards in the School.

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### HOCKEY XI., 1914.

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- J. L. JONES-DAVIES (Goal).—Has filled this difficult position with skill. He is specially good at close range shots and knows when to go out and meet an opponent. Clears well.
- D. L. JONES (right-back).—A strong and at times brilliant defensive player, who clears cleanly; very skilful with his stick, and tackles well, but is handicapped by slowness.
- P. C. MATTHEWS (left-back).—A much improved player; hits the ball hard and never gives in. At the beginning of the season was inclined to give "sticks," but he has cured himself of the fault.
- J. EVANS (right-half).—A very skilful player who tackles and clears well; always worries his wing. Must try and break himself of the habit of putting his body between his opponent and the ball.
- J. W. GIBBON (centre-half).—Hits far too hard to be a good centre. At times he does brilliant things, and then hits "blindly." Should acquire the "scoop" stroke, which is most essential for setting his forwards in motion. Tackles and clears well.
- D. C. THOMAS (left-back).—A much improved player who uses his stick with great skill. Tackles well, but is apt to foul. Rather inclined to overdo dribbling.
- D. H. DAVIES (outside right).—A very weak forward; rarely beats his half, and practically never centres. Very inclined to give "sticks."
- L. BAKER-JONES (inside right).—More at home here than at centre. Dribbles well, but is weak in the ring. As Captain he was indefatigable. Had hard lines in receiving a nasty blow at Swansea.
- A. B. PRICE (inside left).—A distinctly clever forward, but on the slow side. Shoots and dribbles well, but is apt to starve his wing.

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Colours for centre-forward and outside left were not awarded. H. Jones played several times at centre, and P. Pritchard at outside left, but neither filled these positions with satisfaction,

## HOCKEY MATCHES.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. MR. R. D. G. MUNNS' XI.—This opening match of the season proved a keen and very exciting game. Mr. Munns had collected quite a formidable side. The visitors started off with a bang, but were kept at bay by sound defence. The School forwards made several determined rushes, but were almost invariably foiled by Isitt and Fowler, the opposing backs. After a quarter of an hour of hard play H. Jones shot a good goal. Then Mr. Munns, after a fine individual burst, scored for his side. Soon afterwards Mr. Munns broke away again, and, cleverly deceiving the backs, shot another goal. Price added another goal for the School, which was quickly followed by a third for the visitors, again hit by Mr. Munns. After the interval the spirit of the game, which hitherto had been clean and hard, seemed to change, and play became very rough and foul, especially on the School side. None of the fouling was meant in a bad spirit, but nevertheless it quite spoilt the game. H. Jones scored once more, and then Mr. Munns again broke away and hit the fourth goal for his side. After this the School forwards kept the game almost entirely in their own hands for some time and succeeded in compiling four more goals. H. Jones was responsible for three and Price one. Towards the end of the game Mr. Donaldson added another goal for the visitors, thus making the final score 8—5 in favour of the School. The game, especially in the second half, was too rough to be called a good one, but the chief reason for this was the inexperience of the umpires. H. Jones had some excellent shots at goal, but with a strict umpire would have been penalized almost every time for "sticks" and "off-side." It is to be hoped that he will control his emotions rather more in the future. The School were represented by:—J. L. Jones-Davies (goal); P. C. Matthews and D. L. Jones (backs); J. Evans, J. W. Gibbon and D. C. Thomas (half-backs); D. H. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, H. Jones, A. B. Price and P. Pritchard (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA.—This match was played on the School ground on the 31st of January, in bad weather; a strong wind was blowing across the field accompanied by sleet and rain. Swansea brought up a fairly strong side, including the Welsh international goal-keeper. The game during the first twenty minutes was uneventful, neither side gaining any advantage. About ten minutes before half-time the Swansea forwards, after some excellent combination, scored their first goal. The School then pressed hard for some time, but owing to poor shooting failed to score. Just before half-time Swansea scored again. After the interval the School had the advantage of having the wind and rain behind them. They made full use of this and pressed almost all the time. Occasionally the Swansea forwards made brilliant dashes, but, except for one goal, they failed to add to their score. Although the School did most of the pressing, they only once scored, when H. Jones dribbled the ball into the net. Their defeat by 3 goals to 1 was due partly to bad shooting on the part of the School, and partly to the excellent display of the Swansea goal-keeper. On the day's form the School were not brilliant and did not make full use of their opportunities. The defence,

however, was sound in all respects. The School were represented by the following:—J. L. Jones-Davies (goal); P. C. Matthews and D. L. Jones (backs); J. Evans, J. W. Gibbon and D. C. Thomas (half-backs); D. H. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, H. Jones, A. B. Price and P. Pritchard (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. BRECON TOWN.—This match was played on the School ground on February 4th. The weather was excellent and the ground was in very good condition. The Town fielded a very weak team, but nevertheless they gave the School quite a good game during the first half. For the first quarter of an hour there was no score, and it looked very doubtful whether the School were going to win. Soon, however, we woke up, and Baker-Jones shot the first goal, which was quickly followed by another and yet another, shot by H. Jones and Price respectively. There was no further score before half-time. After half-time, for the first five minutes the visitors got the better of us and hit their first goal. The School soon replied with three goals in quick succession, for which H. Jones, Price and Pritchard were responsible. The Town then relieved the monotony by scoring another goal. Three more goals were scored by the School before the end of the game, H. Jones, Baker-Jones and D. C. Thomas scoring one each. The game was too one-sided to require much comment. The School took full advantage of their opportunities, and thoroughly deserved their victory. The shooting of the forwards showed wonderful improvement, and their dribbling was excellent compared with previous matches. The backs played well, but showed too much tendency to starve the right-wing. Jones-Davies played a good game in goal. The School were represented by the same team as that which played against Swansea.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. THE DEPÔT.—This match was played on February 11th. The hockey ground was unplayable. The game was therefore played on the football field. The Depot were without some of their best men. After some even play the School began to show superiority and severely taxed the Depot backs. Baker-Jones shot the first goal, which not long afterwards was followed by another, scored by Price. There was no further score before half-time and the game was fairly even. Just before the interval J. Evans was badly injured and had to retire from the field. During the second half the School had more of the play. The Depot defence seemed to collapse somewhat, and their attack was never really dangerous. Four goals were scored during this half, two by Price and two by H. Jones. The game ended in a victory for the School by six goals to nil. The game cannot be said to have been exciting, and on account of the ground being in such bad condition, it is hardly fair to criticise any of the players. The School were represented by the following:—J. L. Jones-Davies (goal); D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews (backs); J. Evans, J. W. Gibbon and D. C. Thomas (half-backs); D. H. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, H. Jones, A. B. Price and P. Pritchard (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. MR. RALPH WILLIAMS' XI.—This match was played on the School ground on February 24th. It was the first match the School had been able to play for a fortnight owing to the deplorable

state of the ground. The visitors fielded a strong side, composed chiefly of players from Newport and Cardiff. From the first bully the visitors showed their superiority, and hemmed the School in their twenty-five. After five minutes play their centre forward broke away and scored a goal. This was quickly followed by two others. For some time after this the School seemed to get slightly the better of the game and made a few good rushes, but were unlucky in not scoring. Before half-time two more goals were added to the visitors' score. After the interval the visitors had quite as much of the game, but the School defence showed great improvement, Jones-Davies and D. L. Jones shining. The opposing forwards were continually in our ring, but were very seldom allowed a clear shot. The School forwards made several dashes, but failed to score. About a quarter of an hour before the end of the game the visitors scored another goal, thus bringing their total to six. Soon after the last goal was scored, the visitors' left-half met with an unfortunate accident in a collision with one of the School forwards, and fractured his collar bone. The remainder of the game was evenly contested. Except that the ground was in a rather bad condition the game was an exceedingly enjoyable one. Although the visitors were a distinctly better side, the game was interesting throughout, and the School did not do so badly as the score suggests. One of the features of the game was Jones-Davies' display in goal; he played pluckily and skilfully throughout the game, and saved many goals. D. L. Jones also saved the School again and again by his excellent defence. The following represented the School:—J. L. Jones-Davies (goal); D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews (backs); J. Evans, J. W. Gibbon and D. C. Thomas (half-backs); D. H. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, H. Jones, A. B. Price and P. Pritchard (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE v. SWANSEA.—This return match against Swansea had been looked forward to with great interest by the School, and although we did not expect to win, we hoped for a good game. The Swansea ground was, as usual, in good condition, and the weather was excellent. At the beginning of the game Swansea looked dangerous and hemmed the School in their twenty-five, but failed to score owing to weak shooting. We soon rallied and kept the Swansea backs very busy. From a corner Mr. Munns obtained the ball and almost reached the mark, and, following up quickly, he got in a successful shot before the goal-keeper was able to clear. Soon afterwards Baker-Jones added another goal. For some time after this the School attack seemed to relax, and if it had not been for the stalwart defence of D. L. Jones, several goals might have been scored against us. As it was Swansea got two goals in quick succession, one from a corner, and the other from an individual effort made by their centre forward. For quite twenty minutes after half-time the game was exceedingly even. The shooting on both sides was poor, that of the School being perhaps the worse. Then there was a sudden collapse of the Swansea defence. The forwards, ably led by Mr. Munns, made some splendid rushes up the field, and in the course of the next five minutes had added two more goals to the score, Mr. Munns and Price shooting one each. Just before the end of the game Mr. Munns made another excellent rush down the field and succeeded in

scoring another goal. The match ended in a well deserved victory for the School by five goals to two. The result came as a welcome surprise to the School, and the score shows that there was no doubt as to which was the better side. The School forwards were in excellent form, especially Mr. Munns, who was easily the best player on the field. The halves and backs were very good in helping the attack; but, except D. L. Jones, their defence was scarcely as strong as usual. Jones-Davies did what little he had to do quite well. The School was represented by the following:—J. L. Jones-Davies (goal); D. L. Jones and P. C. Matthews (backs); J. Evans, J. W. Gibbon and D. C. Thomas (half-backs); D. H. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, Mr. Munns, A. B. Price and H. B. Davies (forwards).

### HOUSE MATCHES.

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HOSTEL v. N.Z.—This match was played in disgusting weather on March 9th. As was expected the game was a farce, and the Hostel won by nineteen goals to nil. The feature of the game was G. C. Thomas' goal-keeping; although he let nineteen goals through, he saved quite as many.

HOSTEL v. A.M.—This match was played on March 11th, on a very rough field. It proved the most exciting game of the year, the Hostel just winning by three goals to two. A.-M. really scored another goal, but the referee thinking the ball had gone behind just outside the post ordered a twenty-five bully. This match proved a thrilling end to the Hockey season, and there was nothing to choose between the two sides.

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## THE STEEPLECHASES.

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The Steeplechases were run on Saturday, March 21st. As was the case last year at first great hopes were entertained of a record being made in the senior event, but the never-ceasing rain and snow caused the course to be so wet, that, when the day came, these hopes had gone. The annual visit of influenza, as usual, considerably reduced the field, but fortunately the most probable winners avoided all such evils.

The Juniors started off at 2-30. Saunders-Jones soon established a lead, followed by S. J. Lewis, A. L. Thomas, E. Williams and W. R. Richards. This order was maintained until past Ffrwdgrech, when S. J. Lewis passed Saunders Jones, and Richards overtook Williams. Finally S. J. Lewis won comfortably in 28mins. 5secs., after running with no little judgment. Saunders-Jones, who evidently had run very pluckily but too vigorously at the beginning, only just secured second place from A. L. Thomas, a very diminutive and very steady little runner, who was followed by an equally courageous and small athlete, W. R. Richards. The next to arrive were E. Williams, W. M. Jones, C. L. Morgan, M. Roberts, W. L. Smith, and R. Marshall.

The Seniors went off, as usual, at a great pace, A. B. Price leading for fully 200 yards. Baker-Jones, followed by Akrill-Jones, Saunders-Davies and H. Jones surged ahead at St. David's Vicarage, and kept there for some miles. The last-mentioned soon fell a little behind the other three, but at length overtook Saunders-Davies on the hill above Three Bridges, by which time Baker-Jones and Akrill-Jones had got clear away, though H. Jones slowly reduced their lead. However, at the end, Baker-Jones went well away, and won fairly easily in 36mins. 5secs., a remarkably fine time under the circumstances. Akrill-Jones arrived about 150 yards behind, followed by H. Jones. Saunders-Davies finished fourth in great style; after him came Macartney-Filgate, who ran very steadily and showed promise for future years. The next to arrive were: H. B. Davies, P. C. Matthews, A. G. Henshaw, W. J. H. Morgan, F. James and G. Evans.

H. Jones did not do quite so well as expected, but ran as usual with much grit. Akrill-Jones ran splendidly, and stuck to Baker-Jones with great persistency; we shall expect to hear more of him in the years to come. Baker-Jones ran with his usual ability, but was again prevented from establishing a record owing to the exceptionally bad state of the ground, which was probably more heavy than on any previous occasion. This is the third consecutive year that he has won the Senior event; he also was second in 1911—a record for the School, and one of which he may well be proud.

There have been five paper-chases this term, which have been very beneficial to training, and an excellent occupation for wet afternoons when games were impossible. On no occasions were the hares caught.

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## AN UNWELCOME STUDY.

(After W.S.G.)

When a fellow's not engaged in swotting Livy,  
 Or in studiously scanning Sophocles,  
 A heap of unsolved problems do him chivvy,  
 And he wrestles with a swarm of a's and b's.  
 He's engrossed in all the struggles of the simian  
 Ineffectually climbing up a pole,  
 And in sundry other fables truly Grimm-ian,  
 Which devolve into the same old rigmarole.  
 Yes! trifling anecdotes which thrill the soul  
 Can conceal the germ of many hours' dole.  
 When the Verses blood is not agog a-rhythming,  
 And the Greek nut isn't quoting paradigms,  
 He stagnates in some dark corner logarithming,  
 Or thinks deep thoughts on circles and straight lines.  
 When the Modern's not imbibing Gallic fiction,  
 He dallies with th' elusive *parabole*,  
 And eventually reaches this conviction,  
 That a Maths. man's is a somewhat dismal *rolé*.  
 No! 'tis in no unfriendly spirit that I troll;  
 Still, a Maths. man's is a *most* unpleasant *rolé*.

## FIVES.

## OPEN SINGLES.—1st Round.

C. Howells	beat	W. S. R. Thomas	... 15-10, 15-6.
D. L. Jones	"	R. L. Phillips	... scratched.
R. P. Gifford	"	W. J. H. Morgan	... 15-4, 15-7.
E. J. Morgan	"	J. L. Jones Davies	... scratched.

The rest had byes.

## 2nd Round.

R. P. Gifford	beat	G. E. Watson	... 15-2, 15-1.
S. E. Lewis	"	R. B. Hunter	... 15-3, 15-8.
D. L. Jones	"	A. G. Henshaw	... 15-3, 15-6.
J. W. Gibbon	"	T. Robertson	... scratched.
J. Robson	"	T. Ll. Evans	... 16-18, 15-10, 15-11.
D. C. Thomas	"	H. B. Davies	... scratched.
T. Akrill Jones	"	P. C. Matthews	... 15-8, 18-13.
A. B. Price	"	C. Howells	... 15-6, 15-7.
G. N. Lloyd Rees	"	E. Arnott	... 15-0, 15-4.
H. E. Thomas	"	E. J. Morgan	... 5-15, 15-13, 15-5.
K. Jones	"	G. Rees	... scratched.
J. C. Low	"	T. Thomas	... scratched.
J. Evans	"	S. Griffiths	... 15-0, 15-1.
H. Jones	"	R. L. David	... 15-0, 15-7.
L. Baker Jones	"	I. J. S. Yorath	... 15-0, 15-1.
C. Thomas	"	G. Evans	... 15-7, 15-0.

## 3rd Round.

D. L. Jones	beat	T. Akrill Jones	... 15-8, 15-9.
J. Robson	"	R. P. Gifford	... 15-12, 15-13.
D. C. Thomas	"	H. Jones	... scratched.
J. Evans	"	H. E. Thomas	... 15-12, 15-5.
J. W. Gibbon	"	C. Thomas	... 15-3, 15-3.
S. E. Lewis	"	G. N. Lloyd Rees	... 15-2, 15-10.
L. Baker Jones	"	J. C. Low	... 15-0, 15-0.
A. B. Price	"	K. Jones	... 15-3, 15-0.

This Competition is still unfinished, as we go to press.

## HOUSE CUP.

School House (J. W. Gibbon and L. Baker Jones) beat The Hostel  
(D. C. Thomas and D. L. Jones) ..... 18-14, 6-15, 15-6.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

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The term began on Monday, January 19th, and will end on Tuesday, April 7th.

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

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

L. Baker Jones was again Hockey Captain this season.

On Tuesday, February 10th, a half-holiday was granted in honour of T. L. Ellis (O.B.)'s £100 Scholarship at St. George's Hospital, London. On Tuesday, February 17th, the Choir were given their usual half-holiday. As St. David's Day this year fell on a Sunday, the usual half-holiday was given on Friday, February 27th.

Early in the term a fire broke out in the Laboratory. Little damage was done, however, and the flames were promptly extinguished before the arrival of the Brecon Fire Brigade.

On Saturday, February 28th, the Headmaster kindly allowed a number of the Senior Members of the School to go and see "Hamlet," which was being played by F. R. Benson's (Southern) Co. at the Guild Hall, Brecon. Those present from the School enjoyed the acting very much, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

A Confirmation Service will be held in the College Chapel on Saturday, April 4th.

The Sports have been fixed to take place on Monday, April 6th.

LENTEN ORDINATIONS.—St. David's Diocese :—T. B. Davies (O.B.), B.A., St. David's College, Lampeter, was ordained deacon. Llandaff Diocese :—D. O. Davies (O.B.), B.A., St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, was ordained deacon.

MARRIAGES.—On Wednesday, February 18th, at All Saints', Margaret St., London, W., the wedding took place of F. R. Stephens (O.B.) and Miss Dorothy Large, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. E. Large, The Laurels, Brecon.

The marriage arranged between A. C. Crosland (O.B.) and Eileen, elder daughter of the late Mr. E. A. Wrigley and Mrs. Wrigley, Springwood Hall, Huddersfield, will take place quietly at the Parish Church, Huddersfield, on Thursday, April 2nd.

We wish the above all happiness in their married life.

We regret to announce that R. A. Lewis (O.B.) died at Ferry-side, near Carmarthen, in December last. He was a contemporary of Judge Atkin at Christ College, and took part in the Llandovery Cricket Match of 1885, when, after Atkin had scored 95, and R. D. Budworth, the well-known English International, 63, Lewis took 6 wickets for 7 runs, and helped to dismiss Llandovery for 33.

Rev. T. D. Bevan (O.B.), Vicar of Ewenny, Bridgend, has been appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Eastern District of South Wales Freemasons.

Evan Williams, J.P. (O.B.), the Chairman of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Coal Owners' Association, has been appointed representative of the Coal Owners of the United Kingdom on the Board of Mining Examiners under the Coal Mines Act, and has also been appointed one of the two Assessors assisting the Chief Inspector of Mines in the Senghenydd Disaster Inquiry.

P. B. Hughes (O.B.) has received his hockey colours for Hatfield Hall, Durham.

D. R. Jenkins (O.B.) and H. S. Davies (O.B.) have been playing for Swansea Hockey Club.

J. B. James (O.B.) played for Newport v. Leicester.

J. V. Rees (O.B.) has been playing football for Oxford University, Harlequins, and Barbarians.

W. L. Hoskins (O.B.) accompanied the London Welsh Team on their Christmas tour in South Wales, and played in every match. H. T. Maddocks (O.B.) went with the team, but could not turn out. G. Tudor (O.B.) has also been playing for the London Welsh.

L. G. Lewis (O.B.) has been playing football regularly for Lampeter College.

T. R. Davies (O.B.) and C. F. Parry (O.B.) have been playing football for Cardiff University Medical Students, of whom T. F. Thomas (O.B.) is Captain.

H. B. Davies (O.B.) played for Keble College, Oxford, in the Final of the Oxford Rugby Cup.

W. T. Wootton (O.B.) has been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the S. Wales Borderers.

R. Akrill-Jones (O.B.) has given up engineering and sailed for Canada on March 24th, where he intends to devote his attention to farming.

ERRATUM.—In our last issue the results of the Cambridge, not Oxford, Junior Locals were given.

The Golf Competition took place on March 25th in wet weather. P. C. Matthews, 92—scr.=92, won the scratch prize, and S. E. Lewis, 105—15=90, the handicap prize.

On February 22nd, Canon Beal, Special Preacher on behalf of N.W. Canada, preached in the College Chapel.

On Thursday, December 18th, the last day of last term, the Headmaster once more gave a breaking-up Supper to the School. After the more material part of the Supper was over, and the Royal toast had been proposed by the Headmaster, the evening was spent in speech-making and in the rendering of an excellent musical programme, to which both masters and boys contributed. A very pleasant evening was brought to an end by the singing of the National Anthem, and

the usual cheers for the Headmaster and Mrs. Chambers, and last, but not least, the cook.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Headmaster for his great generosity, which he has shown to us on so many occasions now. There could be no better wind up to the Winter Term, coming as it does so close to the Christmas season.

The 2nd Game Football Cups have been awarded as follows:—Backs, E. J. Morgan and S. E. Lewis; Forwards, R. L. Phillips.

The 1st XV. Football Kicking Competition was won last term by D. L. Jones.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—May I suggest to O.B.'s and future O.B.'s through the medium of your columns, that they should present, on leaving or having left, one or more books to the School Library. Would not this tend to greatly improve the collection of books contained in it at present? I myself would be quite ready to contribute.

I am, yours sincerely,

“FUTURE O.B.”

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—It is true, and it is acknowledged, that the Hostel's victory over A.-M. gives that House the Hockey Cup. Yet only two matches have been played, and the remaining matches are to be left unfinished. A new idea seems to have arisen that once the Hostel and A.-M. have played, there is no need of playing the other House Matches. This seems a distinct slight upon N.-Z. and the Day Boys. Hoping that in future all the House Matches will be played, not only for the Cup, but also for keeping up the old system,

I remain, yours, etc.,

“CARWR HEN BETHAU.”

[We agree with you that it is better that all the matches should be played out; but did the Day Boys enter a team?—EDD.]

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—In last term's number of *The Breconian* there appeared a statement to the following effect:—“That note-paper, stamped with the School Crest and name, be supplied at a moderate rate, as is the custom at other Schools.” Since the time that this statement was made, it has been proposed that those who pour forth their suggestions in this Magazine should take the initiative in putting their suggestions into action. Have the proposers of the above statement done anything towards obtaining the ‘note-paper’? If not, why not? Hoping that the beginning of next term will see such an effort,—We remain, yours sincerely,

“REFORMERS.”

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—In reading through *Breconians* of days gone by, I have noticed that several Golf Matches used to be played in the Easter term. There are, I think, a good many golfers in the School who would welcome one or two matches in addition to the match against the Masters. Could not some steps be taken to arrange one or two in future years?

I am, yours truly,

“GOLFER.”

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To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—May I venture to suggest what I think would be a very welcome addition to the contents of our School Magazine. It is that a calendar should be added, containing all events, such as 1st XI. fixtures and lectures, that are to take place during the term immediately following that in which any number of *The Breconian* may be published.

I am, yours sincerely,

“REFORMER.”

[An excellent idea, but hardly practicable. It is very difficult to know what is to happen so far ahead, and we cannot print more than one number a term.  
—EDD.]

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## O. B. MEETING.

Just previous to the O.B. Dinner on Friday, December 19th, a Meeting of Old Breconians was held at the Castle Hotel, Brecon. About 30 or 40 O.B.'s were present. The Recorder was in the chair. The following resolutions were carried:—

- (1) “That the Rev. H. J. Church Jones, Mr. Percy Morton, and Mr. H. W. Evans be elected Life Members of the O.B.A. in return for the great services rendered by them in their official capacities during the last 20 or more years.”
- (2) “That the Recorder and Messrs. Morton, Church Jones, J. V. Rees, and E. F. Thomas act as a Committee to consider the question of O.B. Colours, and if desirable, to select and approve a suitable combination of colours for the use of O.B.'s.”
- (3) “That a small Committee be nominated with whom the Recorder shall correspond and consult in all important matters affecting the O.B.A., and especially with regard to the date, place, and chairman of the Annual O.B. Dinner.”

The following were appointed members of this Committee:—The Revs. H. J. Church Jones and J. S. Longdon, Messrs. P. Morton, M. F. Thomas, F. S. Harries, W. M. Llewellyn (Tonypany), W. Bruce Thomas, R. B. Lattimer, and Dr. E. Morgan; with J. V. Rees (Oxford) and E. F. Thomas (Cambridge) as University Correspondents.

The Meeting then adjourned.

## O. B. ASSOCIATION.

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Since the last number of *The Breconian*, 15 new Members have joined, viz. :—2 for 10 years, 4 for 5 years, and 9 Annual. Further Subscriptions will be gladly received by the Recorder or Treasurer.

The School Sports will be run on Monday, April 6th. All O.B.'s are cordially invited. The Morning Programme begins as usual at 10-30 a.m., and the Afternoon continuation of it at 3 p.m.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries :—"Bristol Grammar School Chronicle," "Bromsgrovian," "Cheltonian" (2), "Dovorian" (2), "Fettesian" (2), "Giggleswick Chronicle," "Luctonian," "Malvernian" (2), "Marlburian" (3), "Monmouthian," "Newtonian" (2), "Tunbridgian" (2), "Herefordian," "Erasmian," "Llandovery School Journal" (2).



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