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The Breconian.

EDITORIAL.

" Deep graved in every Brecon heart,
O never let those names depart "

IT has fallen to our lot to be Editors of the BRECONIAN in such times as these, when everywhere we hear the bugle call to arms, when everywhere we see some sign of death, when everywhere we hear and read of the heroic deeds of England's glorious sons.

It is with a sorrowful but proud heart that we begin our first editorial by saying that some Old Breconians have laid down their lives for their King and Country, and that many others have responded to the call to arms in a manner worthy of the name and traditions of Christ College.

They have died ; but let us not forget those who have brought such honour and glory to the old School. Their names, along with those who have so readily joined the colours, we record elsewhere in the columns of this number. Mr. Lance too has left us and perhaps soon we shall hear of him also at the front. We trust that better circumstances than these will bring him back to us, when we shall once more see his familiar figure in the class room and on the ' footer ' field.

Turning to School matters we feel it our first duty to congratulate the School on the quality and quantity of success gained in the Higher and Lower Certificate Examinations held at the end of last term.

At the beginning of this term we anticipated a rather gloomy and dull time. But the term has proved otherwise. Innovations in games, drilling, and two enjoyable evening lectures have greatly helped to brighten and to make the term interesting.

Mr. Donaldson is once more our Games Master, and it is greatly due to his untiring energy and hard work that our football season, void of club matches, has been a keen and interesting one. Senior and Junior House matches, Leagues, and a new Open Competition in Fives have greatly contributed to preserving keenness and interest in the games.

The War has necessitated drilling. Soon we hope to see the Cadet Corps once again "in full swing." Some of the members of the School who are leaving this term intend to join the colours.

In conclusion, we feel we ought to give a kindly thought to those Old Breconians, who are now exposed to the horrible dangers of this war on land and sea. We hope to hear more of their deeds, and, if Fate wills it, to see them paying a visit to the old School, to relate to us their experiences in their noble fight for a cause into which we feel we have so justly entered.



PRIZE DAY, 1914.

Monday, July 27th, was the day appointed for this annual function, and we were favoured with good weather. The usual Chapel Service was held at 11-30 a.m., when in the absence of any special preacher, the sermon was preached by the Assistant Chaplain, the Rev. A. E. Donaldson.

It had been hoped that the Bishop of St. David's would preside at the later gathering in the Big Schoolroom, but public business unfortunately claimed him at the last moment ; and the Head Master was lucky under the circumstances to be able to introduce so suitable a substitute as the Hon. R. C. Devereux, who is no stranger to our Prize Day gatherings. The Big Schoolroom was well filled with visitors and parents, and on the platform the Head Master and Mr. Devereux were flanked by the Mayor of Brecon (Evan Morgan, O.B.), Mr. R. T. Raikes, of Treberfydd, Principal Griffiths, of Cardiff University, Aldermen Thomas Williams and David Powell, the Assistant Masters, and others.

After an apology for the absence of the Bishop, the Head Master spoke at some length on the value of the Public School System and its connection with the older Universities. He coupled Brecon and Llandovery as the two great schools of Wales, who maintained ancient traditions, and who without endeavouring to compete outside their own sphere with modern Secondary Schools or the Welsh Universities, were still largely concerned in sending a constant stream to join the current of Oxford and Cambridge life and learning. He compared Christ College to a tree, putting forth from year to year ever growing branches of knowledge, neither neglecting the older growths of classics and mathematics, nor ignoring the newer developments of science and history. He then briefly reviewed the Honours List of the past year, a copy of which will be found elsewhere, and expressed satisfaction at the good work done in recent Examinations. He singled out for mention Martyn's 1st Class at Cambridge, and did not fail to congratulate Jack Rees on his Football Blue. In conclusion he paid a special tribute to the present School Captain, L. Baker Jones, who, though not a Prize Winner, had won high opinions as a leader among his fellows.

Mr. A. C. P. Mackworth, of Magdalen College, Oxford, next briefly gave account of the Examination in Classics and English that he had recently conducted in the School. His comments on the Vith Form work were very favourable. He did not say that it was remarkable or brilliant, but that much of it was exceedingly good and that it gave evidence of excellent grounding in Classics.

Mr. Devereux then distributed the prizes and afterwards addressed the company at some length. We have no space to reproduce his remarks in any detail, but amongst other things he emphasised the need of discipline in an insubordinate age, the value of unselfish effort for the good of the School rather than for individual profit, and the high ideals of public duty and citizenship that Christ College boys had to maintain. His speech was received with loud applause.

Mr. R. T. Raikes, the latest addition to the Governing Body, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Devereux in a few charming words, and this was seconded by Principal Griffiths and endorsed by the whole company. Principal Griffiths strongly supported the Head Master's contention as to the position and work of the two great Welsh Public Schools, and thought that there was room in Wales for all kinds of Education in amicable rivalry or co-operation. His request that he might convey a message of congratulation from Brecon to Llandovery on the occasion of the opening of new Science Schools at our sister College was, needless to say, granted with acclamation.

The usual hearty cheers for all the protagonists in the proceedings concluded a pleasant gathering. Tea and music on the Chapel Lawn brought a successful day to an end.

The following are the Honours Lists and Prize Lists :—

HONOURS.

- J. V. MARTYN, 1st Class, Mathematical Tripos, Part I., Cambridge.
 D. J. WALTERS, 2nd Class, Science (Chemistry), Oxford.
 W. L. HOSKINS, Bible Clerkship, £60 a year, B.N.C., Oxford
 P. B. HUGHES, 2nd Class Honours, Moderations, Durham.
 L. G. LEWIS, 2nd Class Honours, Classical Moderations, Lampeter.
 J. V. REES, Diploma, Rural Economy, Oxford.
 V. G. DAVIES, Scholarship (Classics) £70 a year, Durham.
 R. C. THOMAS, Scholarship, £50, Westminster Hospital.
 J. V. REES, Rugby Football "Blue," Oxford.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE OF THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOARD.

- L. Baker Jones, J. V. Martyn (distinction in Advanced Mathematics),
 P. C. Matthews (distinction in Scripture), C. F. Parry, A. B. Price, D. C. Thomas, W. S. R. Thomas (distinction in Scripture), G. Wilkinson.

LOWER CERTIFICATE OF THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOARD.

- G. Evans (Arithmetic, Scripture), J. Evans (Latin, Arithmetic, Scripture, English History, Mechanics with Physics), D. L. Jones, G. B. Jones (Latin, Arithmetic, Scripture, English History), T. Parry (Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, Mechanics with Physics), I. Powell (Latin, Scripture), F. M. Pryce (Latin, Greek, Arithmetic).

[N.B.—First Classes in the Subjects specified.]

**EXEMPTION FROM ENTRANCE EXAMINATION OF THE LAW SOCIETY AND
OF CERTAIN OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES.**

G. Thomas, A. H. Johns, T. Akrill Jones, J. L. Jones Davies, T. R. Davies, J. S. Eynon, F. James, E. T. Sims, H. E. Thomas, W. D. Owen.

R. A. SAMUEL, Intermediate Examination, Auctioneers' and Estate Agents, with Honours ; 1st place in Wales and Monmouthshire District.

PRIZES.

| | | | | | | |
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| BISHOP LLOYD MEMORIAL | | | | ... | ... | G. WILKINSON. |
| Form VI. and Va—Classics, Scripture, Ancient History | | | | ... | ... | G. Wilkinson. |
| " Scripture, Modern History | | | | { (1) J. Evans. | | |
| " Mathematics, Science | | | | { (2) G. B. Jones. | | |
| Form Vb— | | | | ... | | W. S. R. Thomas. |
| " History, Scripture, French... | | | | ... | | G. Thomas. |
| " French, Latin | | | | ... | | F. James. |
| " Greek | | | | ... | | J. M. Jenner. |
| Form IV— | | | | ... | | G. Thomas. |
| | | | | ... | | C. D. Thomas. |
| | | | | (hon. mention { | | J. D. H. Richards. |
| | | | | | | C. Ll. Morgan. |
| " Greek | | | | ... | | J. D. H. Richards. |
| Form III— | | | | ... | | R. L. Phillips. |
| | | | | (hon. mention | | R. P. Gifford. |
| Remove— | | | | ... | | P. C. Evans. |
| Lower School— | | | | ... | | W. V. Thomas. |
| Mathematical Division 3 | | | | ... | | A. H. Johns. |
| | | | | (prox. acc. | | F. James. |
| " 4 | | | | ... | | C. Ll. Morgan. |
| " 5 | | | | ... | | T. Ll. Evans. |
| " 6 | | | | ... | | M. G. Thomas. |
| | | | | (prox. acc. | | J. C. Low. |
| " 7 | | | | ... | | R. Arnott. |
| Science Division 1b | | | | ... | | G. Evans. |
| " 2 | | | | ... | | A. H. Johns. |
| " 3 | | | | ... | | D. J. Thomas. |
| | | | | (prox. acc. | | A. G. Henshaw. |
| Mr. Donaldson's Modern History Essay | | | | ... | | J. Evans. |
| | | | | (hon. mention | | G. B. Jones. |

SCHOLARSHIPS.

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| St. David's | ... | ... | ... | ... | J. D. H. Richards. |
| " | ... | ... | ... | ... | C. D. Thomas. |
| David Evans | ... | ... | ... | ... | C. Ll. Morgan. |

EXHIBITION.

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| Boughrood | ... | ... | ... | ... | H. A. Grant. |
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SUMMER EXAMINATIONS, 1914.

Higher Certificates (Oxford & Cambridge Board).

10 Candidates. 9 Passes.

a = Latin.

b = Greek.

f = Elementary Mathematics.

g = Additional Mathematics (+ = with Trigonometry, Statics, and Dynamics).

i = Scripture (+ = with Greek Text).

j = English.

k = History.

n = Natural Philosophy, Physical Division.

o = Natural Philosophy, Chemical Division (+ = with Organic Chemistry).

Capitals signify Distinction in a Subject.

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| J. Evans | ... | ... | ... | ...a f I K | (English). |
| G. B. Jones | ... | ... | ... | ...a f I K | (English). |
| L. Baker Jones | ... | ... | ... | ...a f g j | |
| P. C. Matthews | ... | ... | ... | ...b f i + K | (Roman). |
| A. B. Price | ... | ... | ... | ...a b i + k | (Roman). |
| F. M. Pryce | ... | ... | ... | ...a f i + k | (Roman). |
| D. C. Thomas... | ... | ... | ... | ...a b i + k | (Roman). |
| W. S. R. Thomas | ... | ... | ... | ...f g + N o | |
| G. Wilkinson... | ... | ... | ... | ...a b I + k | (Roman). |

H. Saunders Davies—a b i—alone failed to secure a Certificate.

There were 7 Distinctions gained (3 History, 3 Scripture, and 1 Physics).

Lower Certificates (Oxford and Cambridge Board).

15 Candidates. 15 Passes.

a = Latin.

b = Greek.

c = French.

f = Arithmetic.

g = Additional Mathematics.

i = Scripture.

k = English History.

n = Mechanics and Physics.

o = Physics and Chemistry.

Capitals signify Distinction in a Subject.

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| T. Akrill Jones | ... | ... | ... | ... | a b c F g i k. |
| J. L. Jones Davies | ... | ... | ... | ... | a b c F g i K. |
| G. Evans | ... | ... | ... | ... | a F G i N O. |

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| J. S. Eynon... | ... | ... | ... | a c f g I K. |
| F. James | ... | ... | ... | a c F G I K |
| J. M. Jenner | .. | ... | ... | a C f g i k. |
| A. H. Johns | ... | ... | ... | a c F G i K n O. |
| D. L. Jones... | ... | ... | ... | a b c f g i k. |
| K. Jones | ... | ... | ... | A B c f g i k. |
| T. T. Macartney Filgate | ... | ... | ... | a c g I K. |
| R. J. Parry .. | ... | ... | ... | A c F g i K o. |
| I. Powell | ... | ... | ... | A b F G n o. |
| E. T. Sims | ... | ... | ... | a c f g i k. |
| G. Thomas | ... | ... | ... | A B c F G I k. |
| H. E. Thomas | ... | ... | ... | a b c f i k. |

There were 33 Distinctions gained (Arithmetic 8, English History 6, Additional Mathematics 5, Latin 4, Scripture 4, Greek 2, Physics and Chemistry 2, Mechanics and Physics 1, French 1).

There were no failures in the following Subjects:—Latin, Greek, English History, Scripture and French.

Cambridge Junior Locals.

16 Candidates. 13 Passes.

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| a = Latin. | i = Scripture. |
| b = Greek. | j = English. |
| c = French. | k = History. |
| d = Dictation. | n = Physics. |
| f = Arithmetic. | o = Chemistry. |
| g = Geometry. | p = Book-keeping. |
| h = Algebra. | |

Capitals signify Distinction in a Subject.

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| E. Corbett | ... | ... | ... | a c d f i k. |
| C. Howells | ... | ... | ... | a b c d f h. |
| C. L. Morgan .. | ... | ... | ... | a b c d f g h i k. |
| J. D. H. Richards | ... | ... | ... | a B c d F g h i k. |
| W. Saunders-Jones | ... | ... | ... | a b c d f g h. |
| C. D. Thomas | ... | ... | ... | a b C d f h i j k. |
| A. L. Thomas | ... | ... | ... | a b c d f i. |
| D. H. Davies | ... | ... | ... | a b c d f g h i k o. |
| N. V. Evans | ... | ... | ... | a b c d f h |
| W. J. H. Morgan | ... | ... | ... | a c d f g h i k p. |
| W. D. Owen | ... | ... | ... | c d f i j k. |
| G. Rees | ... | ... | ... | a c d f g h k o. |
| C. Thomas | ... | ... | ... | a c d f g h. |

C. L. Morgan was placed in the 2nd Class.

J. D. H. Richards was placed in the 3rd Class.

- Fitzwilliams, D. C. L., R.A.M.C.
 Fitzwilliams, J. K. H., Lieut. "G" Battery R.H.A.
 Francis, M., Intelligence Department.
 *Fryer, H., Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Fryer, M. V., 2nd Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Gibbon, S. R., R.F.A.
 Grant, N., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Griffith, E. W., Lieut. R.A.M.C.
 *Hando, A. J., Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Harries, F. S., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Harries, H. L., "D" Squadron Glamorgan Yeomanry.
 *Heins, L., Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Henry, W. R., Capt. Indian Army, 12th Bengal Cavalry.
 Hincks, B., 16th Batt. Highland Regt. (Canadian Contingent).
 Hughes, Rev. O. R. F., Chaplain, Royal Marines.
 Hunter, C. G. R., 2nd Lieut. K.O. Yorkshire Light Infantry.
 Hunter, W. A., Seaforth Highlanders (Canadian Contingent).
 James, A. P., Col., 5th Batt., Welch Regt. (Territorial).
 Jenkins, E. D. T., Lieut. 2nd Batt. Monmouthshire Regt.
 Jenkins, I. S., 2nd Lieut. 8th Batt. Welch Regt.
 Jones, H., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Jones, H. M., Aberystwyth College Contingent.
 Jones, M.P., Fleet Surgeon R.N. H.M.S. Racer.
 Jones, Rev. Maurice, D.D., Senior Chaplain to the Forces.
 Jones, P. B., Capt. Middlesex Regt.
 Jones, T. G., 1st Batt. Queen Victoria's Rifles.
 Jones Williams, H. R., Colonel, 3rd Battalion Welsh Fusiliers.
 Lance, G., Lieut., The Border Regt.
 Large, G. C. W., 2nd Lieut. 7th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt.
 Law, C. H., Lieut. Glamorgan Engineers.
 Lewis, L. G., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Lewis, P. S., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Llewellyn, G., "D" Squadron Glamorgan Yeomanry.
 Llewellyn, M. H., Lieut. 5th Batt. Welch Regt.
 Lloyd, A. A., D.S.O., Capt. Sussex Territorial Association.
 Lloyd, T., 80th Co. A.S.C.
 Low, G. L., 11th Batt. Welch Regt.
 Maddocks, H. T., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Morgan, H. I., 3rd Battery R.F.A. (Australian Contingent).
 Morgan, I. M., R.A.M.C.
 Morgan, H. B. Taylor, Capt. R.A.M.C.
 Munns, R. D. G., 2nd Lieut. East Kent Regt. (The Buffs).
 Nicholls, J., "D" Squadron Glamorgan Yeomanry.
 Parry, C. F., R.A.M.C. (3rd Western Hospital).
 Parry, T., R.A.M.C. (3rd Western Hospital).
 Partridge, W. M., 4th Batt. Royal West Kent Regt.
 *Phillips, A., Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Phillips, E. D. V., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.
 *Phillips, J. F., Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Phillips, M. H., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Phillips, T. G. V., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.
 Powell, J. H. R. Downes, Lieut. Glamorgan Yeomanry.
 Powell, M., Montgomery Yeomanry.
 Powell, R. V., Lieut., R.A.M.C.
 Powel, T., Glamorgan Yeomanry.

- Price, A. B., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Price, C. W., Quarter-Master Sergeant R.F.A.
 Price, D. L., Montgomery Yeomanry.
 Price, H. P., Surgeon R.N., H.M.S. Sheldrake.
 *Rees, J. V., 2nd Lieut. Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Reynolds, E. L., 2nd Welsh Brigade R.F.A.
 Richards, H. L., Corp. Montgomery Yeomanry.
 Robertson, T. P. M., 5th Batt. Hants Regt.
 Ross, W. A., Lieut. The Ross Battery 4th Highland Mounted Brigade
 R.G.A. (Territorial).
 *Saunders Jones, St. J., Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Shapland, G. P. B., 2nd Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Singer, C. W., 2nd Welsh Brigade R.F.A.
 *Sladden, A. F. S., Lieut. R.A.M.C., No. 9 Base Hospital.
 Sladden, C. E., 2nd Lieut. 9th Worcester Regt.
 Spencer Smith, C. O., Capt. 16th Batt. Queen's Westminster Rifles.
 Stephens, F. R., Assist. Paymaster R.N., H.M.S. Vulcan.
 Stephens, H. E. R., Surgeon R.N., H.M.S. Eclipse.
 *Stephens, J., 2nd Lieut. 6th Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers.
 Thomas, D. C., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 *Thomas, D. W. E., Major, Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 *Thomas, E. F., Corp. R.E. Cyclist Corps.
 *Thomas, G. D. E., Lieut. Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Thomas, I. A., 1st P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 *Thomas, M. F., Lieut. and Acting Adjutant Brecknock Batt. (Territorial)
 S.W.B.
 Thomas, S. E., Lieut.-Commander R.N., H.M.S. Yarmouth.
 Thomas, T. P., Capt. R.A.M.C., 1st Welsh (Territorial) Field Ambulance.
 Thomas, W. D., Sergt. "A" Squadron Welsh Horse.
 Thomas, W. R., Royal Naval Division.
 *Tudor, G., Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Watkins, E. V., 4th P.S. Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Ward, P. O., 2nd Lieut. Welsh Horse.
 Webb, S., 2nd Brecknock Batt. (Territorial) S.W.B.
 Whittaker, H. T., Sergt. "D" Squadron Glamorgan Yeomanry.
 *Williams, H. B., Corp. and Assist. Vet. Surgeon Westminster Dragoons.
 Williams, T., Sergt. "D" Squadron Glamorgan Yeomanry.
 Williams, W. Rhys, Corp. "A" Squadron Welsh Horse.

BELIEVED TO BE SERVING : NO DETAILS KNOWN.

David, E. W. ; Jones, E. V. ; Hamer, E. Bowen ; Leeder, B. E. ;
 Powell, J. ; Rich, C. ; Thomas, T. F. ; Williams, A. ; Williams, B. X. ;
 Williams, M.

* Signifies " Known to be on Foreign Service "

It is not likely that this list is either complete or absolutely correct.
 Corrections and additions will be heartily welcomed.

LETTERS FROM THE WAR.

By kind permission of O. B.'s, or of their friends and relatives, we are able to publish the following interesting extracts.

I.

I am lying here in an overflow Officers' Hospital. I got my right foot smashed by a German shrapnel shell last Monday (Sept. 14), during the second day's fighting on the Aisne. . . . I am waiting till my foot cleans up sufficiently to be operated on. At first I thought I should have to lose the whole foot . . . but now I expect I shall have a fairly useful foot left. I landed in France on Aug. 14th, right at the beginning, and have seen everything worth seeing up to now. I was attached to the No. 4 Field Ambulance with the 4th Brigade (Coldstreams and Irish Guards) of the 2nd Division of the 1st Army. I would like to have seen it all through, but have really got off wonderfully lightly.

From a London Hospital. Sept. 25th.

II.

We landed at Havre on Aug. 11th, stayed there a day and then went a long way by train up to the Belgium frontier. We did some heavy marching into Belgium. Soon the battalion was split up, half defending one village, half another. Then started the retirement, when we marched all day, occasionally fighting rearguard actions and seeing flames and smoke in villages as we left them; they were caused by German shells. On average we would be up at 3 a.m. and march till to 8 or 9 p.m. and sometimes later, the sun very hot and every one very tired but happy. Eventually we finished the retiring movement and pushed on to the attack, as far as the Aisne without any opposition, and then one day we were in the thick of it and have been so ever since. When we turned to the attack and passed through the stricken villages, the tales of outrage and murder (wholesale) were pretty bad to hear.

On the Aisne another Company and my own got to the edge of a wood, where we entrenched and lay for a fortnight. It rained nearly all the time and always there were alarms, attacks and snipers, and our own shrapnel sometimes came into our trenches! The enemy's trenches were quite close and we could hear the German officers giving orders. I got crooked in the right eye the morning we retired temporarily from that position. Eventually I reached Paris and am going on well. Everyone was interested in "les pauvres Anglais blesses," and crowds collect if you dare to stand still. They love it if you can pour out a little French to them. I taught my platoon to shout, "Vive la belle France," "A bas le Kaiser Guillaume, cochon, canaille, etc.," and the French go mad with delight. It is surprising how little damage the shells and shrapnel do—over 200 fell in less than an hour and hardly any one was hit. The Uhlans are pretty useful, and the artillery, helped by aircraft reconnaissance, good; the rest of the Cavalry and nearly all the infantry one counts as nil—comparatively speaking.

From a Paris Hospital. Oct. 9th.

III.

We eventually set off from Southampton, 13 ships and 2 cruisers, but could only make about 7 knots as one of our boats was a slow cargo one. Directly we got into the Bay it was very rough and so were nearly all ill, horses and all. By the way, we had 707 horses and 68 men to look after them. It was a dickens of a time and we worked night and day We were supposed to have 101 men on board. Our boat wisely stayed outside Gibraltar and manœuvred about, so that the air should not get stagnant below for the horses: so we didn't get a glimpse of the Rock as there was a heavy fog. I slept in the Pharmacy and made a bed up on the floor and was very comfortable, but was usually called up several times in the night--horses with colic, others fallen down, and occasionally one dropping dead.

Soon after leaving Gibraltar we lost one poor fellow (Lancashire R.H.A.). He fell into the hold on to some hay and was little hurt, but one of the hatch boards fell on him and killed him. We buried him the same afternoon, and the whole convoy stopped for a few minutes while the Service was read. We met in the Mediterranean the Indian troops going to Marseilles. Our cruisers left us, and the one escorting them came on with us. We didn't enter Malta and could see nothing, as it was dark. Eventually we arrived at Alexandria. We had lost 15 horses, the best percentage of any ship; one lost 45 out of 719. Alexandria is really very pretty--there were ruins of forts on either side; they were destroyed in the bombardment by the English fleet (I forget the date!). We had to disembark all our horses without help, and lead them over a mile to the station. Some wouldn't face the gangway, and had to be backed and pushed off, and others were just the opposite and went off at a gallop, but marvellous to say nobody was hurt. The valley of the Nile, which we travelled up to Cairo, was wonderfully green, and the crops tremendous. The scheme of irrigation seemed wonderful: small canals and ditches everywhere. All the houses seemed tumbled down, just as if some one had set out to build a house and got fed up with the job. I was taken over by, or lent to, the Veterinary Hospital Depot. Cases come in by the dozens and soon the hospitals were full. Last Sunday we had 253 and were working day and night: only 130 now and about 30 have died. These are supposed to be the finest Barracks in the world, and they are situated right on the edge of the desert: sand in your mouth, hair, and all over you! I have been too busy to go into Cairo yet or to go and see the Pyramids. I have about 25 Arabs to look after: they are lazy beggars and have been threatening to strike every day. The flies are awful!

From Abbassia Barracks, Cairo.

IV.

I am Surgeon to this ship and also have charge of the men in the other three ships belonging to the Division. I was first appointed to a Hospital Ship we went round the West Coast, finally putting in at Cromarty. We had quite a lot of work to do, as there were so many reservists in the Fleet, and many of these crocked up. On this Hospital Ship was another man who played for Llandovery when I was at Brecon in Muir Howells' year. In September I got my present appointment, and I feel I was very lucky, as so many men have to be content with jobs in the Naval Hospital on shore. We are with the Battle Fleet, and directly under Jellicoe's command. Our boat has been working on its own. We have moved about a good deal lately, usually in quest of some hidden submarine base and have been over to Ireland, where we were when that

minefield was discovered. I saw one of the explosions actually happen. We took part in chasing the German submarines after the "Hawke" business, and we received some attention from one of them, who thought it worth while wasting a torpedo on a ship doing 15 knots. They could only have hit us by a miracle. The North Sea is beginning to get rather cold and dreary now, and is often very rough; in fact, we might often just as well be in a submarine. We go through the sea at 30 knots with the sea all over us. I am also the boarding officer, that is one of them; there are always two. We go aboard any merchant ship we come across and inspect their papers, cargo, etc. We found a trawler one day with no cargo and carrying carrier pigeons. We took the crew off and sank her. We are all growing very creditable beards! We manage to get some form of a bath each morning in a round tub, which toboggans round the floor, if we are at sea.

At Sea. Nov. 4th.

V.

Your letter about the O. B. Dinner and the O. B's at the war has just reached me. I can give little information about myself save that I am the Surgeon appointed to this ship. It is permissible for me to say that we have been across the Atlantic, and were one of the ships who convoyed the Canadian Contingent across. I cannot tell you anything about our present work, but after the war is over we shall be able to give some details of our experiences. We don't get much news at sea, and what we do have we can not pass on. If I come through all right I shall be delighted to play in the next O. B. match. We get very little exercise in a small ship like this. However, we all manage to keep fit.

At Sea, Nov. 5th.

VI.

I came up here on Saturday, and I can assure you that we are having a pretty rough time. For the first three nights I slept in a cart-shed with two sides open to the four winds, but am now sleeping in a cottage. We rise at 5.30 a.m.; roll call at 6, then stables, water and feed our horses; physical drill 7.15; breakfast 8. Saddle up and ready to start 8.45. Riding school 8.45 to 11.15. Then physical drill 11.30 to 12 noon. Stables again. Dinner 1 p.m. In the afternoon musketry and stables 4.30 to 5.30. We have tea at 6, and are free afterwards till 9.30, when everybody has to be in. There are in addition various other duties, such as day and night guards, etc. This is the time table for the new draft. The others will have mounted parades, scouting, etc. They always go out with all kit on and 90 rounds of ball ammunition, just the same as if on service. *Church parade on Sunday at 9 a.m., without horses but with rifles and ammunition, and guards set whilst the rest of troops are at service. Menu as follows:—Breakfast: Bread, cheese, jam, tea (no milk), bacon (occasionally). Dinner: Hors d'œuvres, off; poisson, ditto; entrées, ditto; roti, rosbif or agneau and pommes de terre; sweets, off; dessert, ditto; drinks, nil. Tea: Bread, jam, tea (no milk). Straw beds at 9.30, with two blankets.

From Camp on East Coast, Nov. 11th.

"FROM LOUVAIN TO BRECON."

We publish some extracts from the account of the exciting experience that befel M. Adrien Henri van Emelen, once Professor of Architecture and Drawing at the University of Louvain, but now Instructor in French and Drawing at the School.

We offer M. Van Emelen our heartiest welcome and our deep sympathy in the misfortunes which the present war has brought upon him.

We are indebted to the columns of the "Western Mail" for the interview, in which the following extracts first appeared :—

"It was on the 15th of August, about half-past eleven in the morning, that we heard the first rifle shots. A German monoplane was flying over the town. Next morning it appeared again; this time machine guns drawn by dogs were trained upon it. You can imagine the applause and acclamations when the monoplane was seen to dip, and then come down on the far side of Louvain. It had been hit.

From that time onward things grew more and more acute; a cloud of sorrow and distress hovered above the city. Bad news reached us. Liège had been occupied by the Germans. The forts were offering a weak resistance now. Soon we learnt that they had fallen, and that the gallant General Leman was a prisoner.

At last, on August 18th, came the capture of Aershot, with burning, pillage and massacre. That evening we saw old men, women and children dragging themselves along in pitiable flight, carts painfully drawn by miserable jades, transporting women and children on wretched pallets snatched up in their flight. Still the headquarters of the Belgian army were at Louvain. Only on the morrow did they leave us, to fall back upon Malines on the morning of the 19th. But still there was no panic, for better news was reaching us. The Belgian army had re-taken Tirlemont, and the advantage lay with our troops.

It was noon, we were preparing for the mid-day meal, when suddenly cries of terror came down the street, "The Prussians, The Prussians." The battle had already reached the city gates. Towards Tirlemont all was in flames; a dark cloud hung above the city. We hurriedly put together a few bundles of linen and other things. At one o'clock I closed the door of my house. It was still my intention to return to Louvain as soon as my family were in a place of safety. We continued our journey that evening to Courtrai. Our peaceful residence at Courtrai was not to be of long duration. Already German patrols had been seen in the neighbourhood;

skirmishes were of daily occurrence. As the place was growing less secure, and besides, my resources were dwindling, I decided to leave for England, where I hoped to find means of earning my livelihood. Accordingly we left Courtrai on the morning of the 14th September for Ostend, which was reached at six the following evening. I had put my papers in order, and at length on the 18th, we set sail over a calm sea for hospitable England. At Folkestone, however, we were pounced upon, given refreshments, treated with every kindness, and finally driven to our temporary resting place at Sandgate.

On the 21st September I left for London to seek work, but work there was none. I remained three days in London, and went back dejected to Sandgate. Returning on the evening of the 23rd to the bosom of my family, I found them making preparations. They were to leave next day for Hay—to us an unknown destination. We set out in a carriage “reserved for Belgian refugees.” Everywhere we were received with the utmost kindness.

Finally, on our arrival at Hay, a motor car was waiting at the station for us, and we were escorted by a singing multitude; it was a cordial and hearty welcome.

Behold me now Instructor in French and Drawing at Christ College, Brecon, where I am teaching French by the “direct method.”

BOBS.

He is gone ! For death a great nation bereaving
 Has come with his silent tread.
 We receive the message with ears unbelieving—
 Lord Roberts is dead.

The soldier, than whom no other was dearer
 To the men that he often led,
 Than whom to their hearts no other was nearer --
 Lord Roberts is dead.

All apprehensions and fears, as by magic,
 Banished by hope, had fled ;
 Then came the news, in its suddenness tragic --
 Lord Roberts is dead.

And our hopes of success on the morrow
 Are veiled in this grief so dread ;
 For the loss of her hero the Empire's in sorrow --
 Lord Roberts is dead.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS—

In a corner of the College buildings until recently unexplored, there was found some little time ago a relic of a bygone age. Yellow with age, covered with the chalk of many generations of masters, this copy of the School Rules still possesses an interest which is certainly not diminished by its closing words—

N.B.—No breach of these Rules can be excused on the plea of “ignorance of the law.”

In view of this statement it might perhaps be as well if a few extracts were given to the world ; as the ignorance of Breconians with regard to some of the laws under which they are governed appears to be considerable.

The Rules that relate to Bounds are for the most part dull ; they coincide very largely with what may be expected, though they differ in some respects from established practice. One part of Rule 7, however, might be commended to the notice of occupants of the Four Study : *Entrance is forbidden under any pretext into . . . any Billiard Room . . . ; while ardent music lovers will be interested to hear that, according to Rule 9, the organ loft is out of bounds.*

Riding and driving are forbidden by Rule 8 ; but in Rule 16 we find that any boy may, if he can get the necessary permission from home, disport himself on a *tricycle*. The only bar to perfect enjoyment seems to be the shadowy figure of a Housemaster in the background.

To the Rules Call Over is unknown : we find instead a portentous thing called *Roll*. Here appears a mysterious figure in the person of a *Roll-master* : who he is and what he does we are not told ; his one and only characteristic seems to be the possession of a *letter-box* ; but the letter-box is not for letters.

The days of Sugar Buns have not yet come ; if they have, how can *every form of betting be forbidden* ? *No spirits of any description may be introduced into the College* ; even animal spirits are banned, for *whistling is forbidden*.

The Rules on Dress are strangely inconsistent : to cultivate a Spartan spirit *boys may not wear jewellery of any kind* ; but later personal adornment is enforced : *on Sundays tall hats or College straws must be worn*. From this for day boys there is no escape ; a boarder, should his journey be to or from Chapel, may take refuge in a cap.

These good old days are gone beyond recall ; gone are the days of School Concerts and Penny Readings : the days, too, of satisfecits. To those who, dissatisfied with their lot to-day, yearn for the joys of the past, we commend, for better or for worse, a note in a Master's Minute Book of twenty years ago—

Chapel, 9—12.30.

CRICKET.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA WEDNESDAY.—Played at Swansea on July 1st, and lost by 19 runs. We made an excellent start, and had 70 on the board before the second wicket fell, but when Price left at 131, Cameron carried all before him. The last five batsmen made no show against his slow leg breaks. Except for a second wicket stand, Swansea did none too well, and were still 20 behind at the fall of the ninth wicket. The last pair then won the game by vigorous cricket, our bowling and fielding hitherto excellent breaking down at the critical moment. Thanks to Baker Jones, we fared well in a brief second innings. Price's all-round cricket was noteworthy; his batting during his innings of 82 was vigorous and good. Score:—

CHRIST COLLEGE.

| 1st Innings. | | 2nd Innings. | |
|--|---------|---------------------|--------|
| A. B. Price, b Cameron | ... 82 | | |
| D. C. Thomas, b Bevan | ... 26 | | |
| D. H. Davies, c & b Bevan | ... 2 | | |
| D. L. Jones, c Tyler, b Sweet | ... 6 | | |
| L. Baker Jones, hit wkt, b Cameron | ... 9 | not out | ... 38 |
| T. Ll. Evans, not out | ... 11 | c Rosser, b Edwards | ... 4 |
| W. Saunders Jones, c Williams, b Cameron | ... 0 | | |
| T. Akrill Jones, c Rosser, b Cameron | ... 0 | not out | ... 16 |
| G. Wilkinson, c & b R. G. Thomas | ... 3 | | |
| J. Evans, b Cameron | ... 0 | | |
| G. Evans, run out... | ... 1 | | |
| Extras | ... 7 | Extras | ... 12 |
| Total | ... 147 | Total (for 1 wkt.) | ... 70 |

SWANSEA WEDNESDAY.

| | |
|--|---------|
| E. A. Tyler, c Wilkinson, b Davies | ... 0 |
| W. R. Thomas, c G. Evans, b Akrill Jones | ... 28 |
| J. B. Edwards, c & b Price | ... 33 |
| E. Bevan, c T. Ll. Evans, b Price | ... 8 |
| H. Sweet, run out | ... 10 |
| Dr. A. W. Cameron, c T. Ll. Evans, b Price | ... 8 |
| C. Johnson, c Wilkinson, b Price | ... 16 |
| J. Rosser, run out | ... 7 |
| J. H. Jones, not out | ... 21 |
| R. G. Thomas, c Thomas, b Price | ... 6 |
| J. D. Williams, c Akrill Jones, b Jones | ... 20 |
| Extras | ... 9 |
| Total | ... 166 |

BOWLING.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|--------------|---------|----|----|----|
| Price | ... 23 | 2 | 85 | 5 |
| Davies | ... 16 | 8 | 28 | 1 |
| Thomas | ... 3 | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| Akrill Jones | ... 4 | 0 | 14 | 1 |
| Wilkinson | ... 2 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| Jones | ... 1'2 | 0 | 6 | 1 |

CHRIST COLLEGE V. BUILTH WELLS.—Played at Builth Wells on July 4th, and won after a close finish by 5 runs. Our first innings produced a useful stand by Baker Jones and Price, but was otherwise uneventful, and did not result in a large score. So destructive, however, was the bowling of Price and Davies that Builth lost five wickets for 25, and an easy win seemed in store; but the next three men nearly snatched victory from our grasp, and the margin of success was ultimately of the smallest. Price again did well with the ball, and also added another valuable innings. This second victory over Builth, who were strongly represented, was most creditable. Score :—

CHRIST COLLEGE.

| 1st Innings. | | | | 2nd Innings. | | | |
|---|-----|-----|------------------|--------------------|-----|----|--|
| D. C. Thomas, c Sharpe, b Maitland Jones | ... | 2 | b Sharpe | ... | ... | 1 | |
| L. Baker Jones, lbw, b Price | ... | 27 | b Maitland Jones | ... | ... | 0 | |
| D. H. Davies, b Sharpe | ... | 1 | b Sharpe | ... | ... | 3 | |
| A. B. Price, c G. Jones, b Maitland Jones | ... | 32 | not out | ... | ... | 34 | |
| R. J. Parry, c Maitland Jones, b Price | ... | 12 | b Maitland Jones | ... | ... | 8 | |
| D. L. Jones, b Price... | ... | 3 | not out | ... | ... | 9 | |
| T. Ll. Evans, b Evans | ... | 2 | lbw, b Sharpe | ... | ... | 0 | |
| T. Akrill Jones, b Evans | ... | 5 | b Maitland Jones | ... | ... | 4 | |
| W. Saunders Jones, c Phillips, b Maitland Jones | ... | 11 | | | | | |
| J. Evans, b Sharpe | ... | 12 | | | | | |
| G. Evans, not out | ... | 0 | | | | | |
| Extras | ... | 9 | | Extras | ... | 1 | |
| Total | ... | 116 | | Total (for 6 wks.) | ... | 60 | |

BUILTH WELLS.

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| H. I. Vallance, b Price | ... | ... | 2 |
| A. Maitland Jones, c J. Evans, b Price | ... | ... | 4 |
| G. Jones, b Davies | ... | ... | 1 |
| F. A. Phillips, b Davies | ... | ... | 8 |
| A. R. Evans, c Thomas, b Jones | ... | ... | 25 |
| Capt. Harcourt Wood, run out | ... | ... | 0 |
| W. B. Price, b Davies | ... | ... | 19 |
| D. F. H. Williams, b Price | ... | ... | 25 |
| Capt. Lloyd, b Price... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Sharpe, c T. Ll. Evans, b Price | ... | ... | 6 |
| S. Smiles, not out | ... | ... | 7 |
| Extras | ... | ... | 10 |
| Total | ... | ... | 111 |

BOWLING.

| | O. | *M. | R. | W. |
|--------|----------|-----|----|----|
| Price | ... 12.4 | 1 | 44 | 5 |
| Davies | ... 13 | 3 | 39 | 3 |
| Jones | ... 4 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| Thomas | ... 3 | 1 | 7 | 0 |

CHRIST COLLEGE V. OLD BRECONIANS.—Played at Brecon on July 7th and 8th. The O.B.'s were not a strong side, and had to call upon three substitutes. The first day produced no cricket of interest; play was slow, batting poor and intervals long and wearisome. On the Wednesday things improved, for despite a rain-sodden pitch, the O.B.'s made a respectable score. Rees and Phillips played good forcing cricket, and it was mainly due to them that the School had a considerable task to face. Thomas and Parry, however, soon mastered a moderate attack; but their methods were unnecessarily sedate, and a match, which ought to have been won with ease, was only brought to a conclusion in the last over. Apart from these unsound tactics, their batting was very good. Score :—

OLD BRECONIANS.

| 1st Innings. | | 2nd Innings. | |
|--|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| Rev. A. E. Donaldson (sub.), b Price | ... | 7 b Davies | ... |
| L. G. Lewis, c Thomas, b Price | ... | 6 st. Baker Jones, b Price | ... |
| J. V. Rees, b Price | ... | 7 c Saunders Jones, b Price | ... |
| S. R. Phillips, st. Baker Jones, b Price | ... | 5 c Wilkinson, b Saunders Jones | ... |
| W. L. Hoskins, b Price | ... | 1 b Price | ... |
| Dr. T. Morgan, b Davies | ... | 6 c Price, b Thomas | ... |
| J. V. Martyn, c T. Ll. Evans, b Price | ... | 7 b Price | ... |
| F. W. Evans, b Price | ... | 2 run out | ... |
| F. H. Best, st. Baker Jones, b Price | ... | 6 b Saunders Jones | ... |
| E. J. Morgan (sub.), b Davies | ... | 0 b Thomas | ... |
| G. Evans (sub.), not out | ... | 0 not out | ... |
| Extras | ... | Extras | ... |
| Total | ... | Total | ... |

CHRIST COLLEGE.

| 1st Innings. | | 2nd Innings. | |
|--|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| D. C. Thomas, c F. W. Evans, b T. Morgan | ... | not out | ... |
| st. Baker Jones, b Lewis | ... | c & b Lewis | ... |
| R. J. Parry, c Phillips, b Rees | ... | c F. W. Evans, b T. Morgan | ... |
| A. B. Price, b Lewis | ... | b T. Morgan | ... |
| D. L. Jones, b Lewis | ... | st. Phillips, b Rees | ... |
| D. H. Davies, lbw, b F. W. Evans | ... | not out | ... |
| T. Ll. Evans, lbw, b Lewis | ... | | |
| W. Saunders Jones, hit wkt., b F. W. Evans | ... | | |
| T. Akrill Jones, st. Phillips, b F. W. Evans | ... | | |
| G. Wilkinson, not out | ... | | |
| J. Evans, b Rees | ... | | |
| Extras | ... | Extras | ... |
| Total | ... | Total (for 4 wks.) | ... |

BOWLING.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|------------|-----|----|-------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Price ... | 9.5 | 1 | 31 | 8 | 16 | 0 | 72 | 4 |
| Davies ... | 9 | 1 | 16 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 22 | 1 |
| | | | Jones | ... | 4 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| | | | Akrill Jones | ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | Wilkinson | ... | 3 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | | | Saunders Jones... | 5 | 2 | 11 | 2 | |
| | | | Thomas | ... | 3 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 |

CHRIST COLLEGE V. SWANSEA 2ND XI.—Played at Brecon on July 11th, and lost by 40 runs. This was a somewhat dull game, calling for no special comment, except that Davies bowled very well. Score :—

CHRIST COLLEGE.

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|----|
| D. C. Thomas, lbw, b Pritchard | ... | ... | 14 |
| L. Baker Jones, c Nicholls, b Ellis | ... | ... | 3 |
| R. J. Parry, c W. J. Bancroft, b Pritchard | ... | ... | 12 |
| A. B. Price, c Davies, b Pritchard | ... | ... | 6 |
| D. L. Jones, c & b Pritchard | ... | ... | 2 |
| D. H. Davies, b Ellis | ... | ... | 2 |
| T. Ll. Evans, c J. Bancroft, b Pritchard | ... | ... | 8 |
| W. Saunders Jones, b Pritchard | ... | ... | 2 |
| T. Akrill Jones, st. J. Bancroft, b Howells | ... | ... | 1 |
| G. Wilkinson, not out | ... | ... | 8 |
| J. Evans, b Howells... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Extras | ... | ... | 3 |
| Total | ... | ... | 62 |

SWANSEA 2ND XI.

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| W. J. Bancroft, jun., b Davies... | ... | ... | 15 |
| J. H. Williams, c T. Ll. Evans, b Price | ... | ... | 15 |
| G. P. Hazel, c Jones, b Davies... | ... | ... | 15 |
| G. Howells, b Davies | ... | ... | 0 |
| W. A. S. Davies, c J. Evans, b Davies | ... | ... | 0 |
| W. Nicholls, b Davies | ... | ... | 3 |
| H. A. Ellis, not out ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| C. Johnson, c J. Evans, b Price | ... | ... | 5 |
| E. Ruck, c Davies, b Akrill Jones | ... | ... | 5 |
| J. Bancroft, b Akrill Jones | ... | ... | 7 |
| A. J. Pritchard, absent | ... | ... | 0 |
| Extras | ... | ... | 9 |
| Total | ... | ... | 102 |

BOWLING.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|--------------|---------|----|----|----|
| Price | ... 18 | 0 | 57 | 2 |
| Davies | ... 17 | 8 | 16 | 5 |
| Akrill Jones | ... 2.1 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Jones | ... 2 | 0 | 16 | 0 |

AVERAGES.

1st XI.—Played 16 ; won 8 ; lost 7 ; drawn 1.

BATTING.

| Name. | Innings. | Runs. | Highest Score. | Not Outs. | Average. |
|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| D. C. Thomas... | 20 | 403 | 61 | 2 | 22'38 |
| A. B. Price ... | 21 | 392 | 82 | 1 | 19'60 |
| R. J. Parry ... | 17 | 234 | 58* | 2 | 15'60 |
| L. Baker Jones | 20 | 204 | 38* | 2 | 11'33 |
| D. H. Davies | 20 | 187 | 40 | 3 | 11' |
| D. L. Jones... | 20 | 172 | 36 | 2 | 9'55 |
| W. Saunders Jones | 12 | 96 | 61* | 1 | 8'72 |
| T. Akrill Jones | 18 | 123 | 27 | 1 | 7'23 |
| J. Evans ... | 15 | 71 | 31* | 5 | 7'10 |
| T. Ll. Evans | 18 | 94 | 21 | 2 | 5'87 |
| G. Evans ... | 13 | 45 | 10 | 4 | 5' |

Also batted :—A. G. Henshaw, 2 not out, 0 not out, 1 and 2 ; H. E. Thomas, 10 not out, 1 and 10 ; and G. Wilkinson, 3, 2 not out, and 8 not out.

BOWLING.

| | Ovrs. | Maidens. | Runs. | Wickets. | Average. |
|-------------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| A. B. Price | 271 | 60 | 699 | 90 | 7'76 |
| T. Akrill Jones | 21'4 | 4 | 57 | 6 | 9'50 |
| D. H. Davies | 205'5 | 65 | 413 | 40 | 10'32 |
| D. L. Jones | 69'4 | 10 | 191 | 17 | 11'23 |
| W. Saunders Jones | 29'5 | 5 | 94 | 5 | 18'80 |
| D. C. Thomas | 68'1 | 16 | 213 | 11 | 19'36 |

Also bowled :—G. Wilkinson, 5, 1, 19, 0 ; R. J. Parry, 3, 1, 7, 0 ; and T. Ll. Evans, 2, 1, 11, 0.

FIELDING.—1st XI.

55 catches were made by :—D. H. Davies, A. B. Price, D. C. Thomas, and T. Ll. Evans (7 each), T. Akrill Jones and J. Evans (5 each), D. L. Jones and L. Baker Jones (4 each). R. J. Parry and G. Wilkinson (3 each), G. Evans (2), and W. Saunders Jones (1). L. Baker Jones stumped 10 men, and 9 were run out.

2nd XI.—Played 9, won 5, lost 3, drawn 1.

BATTING.

| Name. | Innings. | Runs. | Highest Score. | Not Outs. | Average. |
|--------------------|----------|-------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| G. N. Lloyd Rees | 4 | 41 | 15 | 1 | 13'66 |
| R. L. David ... | 9 | 105 | 43 | 1 | 13'12 |
| G. Wilkinson | 10 | 110 | 38 | — | 11' |
| H. E. Thomas | 10 | 87 | 20 | 1 | 9'66 |
| H. Saunders Davies | 9 | 82 | 25 | — | 9'11 |
| A. G. Henshaw | 5 | 44 | 17 | — | 8'80 |
| E. J. Morgan | 7 | 52 | 40 | — | 7'42 |
| E. Arnott ... | 8 | 46 | 19 | — | 5'75 |
| S. E. Lewis ... | 10 | 50 | 13 | 1 | 5'55 |
| C. Thomas ... | 7 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 2'60 |

Also batted :—W. S. R. Thomas, 8 not out, 1, 1 not out, 6 not out, and 3 ; T. Robertson, 5, 0, 5, 0 not out, and 3 not out ; W. Saunders Jones, 5, 16, 9, and 24 ; M. G. Thomas, 2 not out, 0, and 0 ; P. C. Matthews, 3 not out, and 1 ; I. J. S. Yorath, 6 and 8 ; D. J. Thomas, 14 and 1 ; G. Evans, 30 ; J. Evans, 4 ; T. Akrill Jones, 12 ; and T. Ll. Evans, 18.

BOWLING.

| | Overs. | Maidens. | Runs. | Wickets. | Average. |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| G. Wilkinson | ... 89·5 | ... 14 | ... 229 | ... 48 | ... 4·77 |
| E. Arnott ... | ... 20·2 | ... 2 | ... 54 | ... 8 | ... 6·75 |
| R. L. David | ... 7 | ... 0 | ... 23 | ... 2 | ... 11·50 |
| C. Thomas | ... 8·5 | ... 0 | ... 48 | ... 4 | ... 12· |
| A. G. Henshaw | ... 43 | ... 11 | ... 113 | ... 8 | ... 14·12 |

Also bowled :—W. Saunders Jones, 35, 13, 69, 10 ; T. Robertson, 5, 2, 8, 3 ; D. J. Thomas, 3, 1, 5, 0 ; T. Akrill Jones, 6, 3, 5, 3 ; H. E. Thomas, 2, 1, 2, 2 ; S. E. Lewis, 4, 0, 29, 1 ; G. N. Lloyd Rees, 1, 0, 3, 0 ; and H. Saunders Davies, 1, 0, 12, 0.

FIVES COMPETITION (OPEN DOUBLES).

1ST ROUND.

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------|--------------------|---|---------------|
| J. Evans | (| beat | J. M. Lewis |) | 15—0 |
| Lloyd Rees | (| | Heins |) | 15—1 |
| Macartney Filgate | (| | G. B. Jones |) | 15—1 |
| G. Evans | (| " | James |) | 15—4 |
| Jones Davies | (| | R. S. Griffiths |) | 15—12 |
| K. Jones | (| " | R. Arnott |) | 18—17 |
| H. E. Thomas | (| | G. C. Thomas |) | 18—15 |
| D. C. Thomas | (| " | Yorath |) | 15—0 |
| C. Thomas | (| | D. J. Thomas |) | 15—2 |
| G. E. Watson | (| " | H. E. Jenner |) | 15—1 |
| Musk | (| | K. G. Evans |) | 15—11 |
| Eynon | (| " | B. W. Sims |) | 10—15 15—8 |
| E. Arnott | (| | W. L. Smith |) | 15—3 |
| C. Ll. Morgan | (| " | T. E. Griffiths |) | 15—8 |
| Simon | (| | I. A. Lewis |) | 15—8 |
| Robson | (| " | S. E. Lewis |) | 15—3 |
| K. V. Evans | (| | Dunbar |) | 15—0 |
| T. L. Price | (| " | R. St. E. Richards |) | 15—6 |
| Tunbridge | (| | E. D. Davies |) | 15—7 |
| S. Evans | (| " | Oxenham |) | 15—11 |

The rest had byes, or were admitted into the Second Round by the scratching of their opponents.

FOOTBALL SEASON.

The War overshadows everything just now, and so Football, like much else, has taken a somewhat secondary position this winter. We acquiesced as in a thing but right and inevitable when a promising club fixture-list was cut to ribbons: our thoughts generally have been preoccupied in a sterner and more deadly strife.

Still, without encroaching on the new military duties, it was clear that we must continue to have exercise and recreation, and the problem has been to keep Football alive *minus* the usual incentive of foreign matches. The decision to retain the annual School fixtures helped a great deal, and the 1st Game has certainly risen to the occasion, and played and trained if anything more keenly than usual. They have shown an excellent spirit in that they have played the game for the mere love of it.

Without the testing experience of matches it is not easy to build up a team, and the only matches we have had this year have been (1) a very scratch affair against our old Newport friends (good luck to their patriotism!); (2) an "A" fixture v. Ystradgynlais County School; and (3) after a hiatus of a month and more the two usual School matches. We have seldom entered upon the latter with more mixed feelings, not knowing indeed whether our XV. was well up to, or vastly below, the usual average.

The results of these School matches need cause us no dissatisfaction. We came back from Monmouth unbeaten in a game, which left the impression that, given a couple of hard trial club matches, we could have won fairly comfortably. The well fought struggle with Llandovery was a repetition of many similar efforts in the past and brought no disgrace on a losing side that was at some disadvantage in size and weight. At any rate it showed that the present team is not behind its predecessors in pluck and determination and in the ability to tackle grimly.

A side mainly consisting of new hands feels the want of club fixtures most acutely. There were only four survivors of the team of 1913, and one of these, E. T. Sims, early dropped out owing to illness. The back division was practically all new, and the difficulty was first to discover what was our best three-quarter line, and secondly how to give it the necessary experience and practice in combination. Nothing but match play itself can teach threequarters how to get tries, and this last supreme art is that most lacking to our present backs. They do many things well but they have yet to learn by actual experience how to get tries. Next year we must hope they

will get both the experience and the resultant confidence, and then we believe they will do themselves much credit. It goes without saying that J. Evans has done most loyal service to the team, and he and Akrell Jones are certainly the handiest men in the back division. The reserve centres, G. Evans and C. Thomas, deserve a special word also; they were hardly inferior in ability to their more fortunate colleagues and may console themselves with the somewhat Hibernian remark that we have seldom had two better centres not good enough.

D. L. Jones, as captain, has not been unworthy of our best traditions. He has a sense of leadership on the field and sets a true example of skill and vigour, always tempered with wholesome good nature. The Germans would probably call him "a smiling devil"; but his "giant's strength" is never misused.

The forwards responded admirably to his lead and were a capable all-round pack. They got well together in scrummaging as time went on and could use both feet and hands to advantage in loose work. Perhaps as a whole they lack pace and quickness in recovery, but of preventable faults they have few and were always most zealous workers.

For the position of full-back M. G. Thomas and T. Ll. Evans had a fine tussle. Both were very reliable, but Thomas also developed such extra qualities of dash and brilliancy that he could not be gainsaid—a choice fully justified by events.

The House Matches, both Senior and Junior, have been very useful. The Senior games were much more even than usual; indeed N.Z. were at one time most fancied by reason of their formidable scrum. They failed as it happened in their matches, and the Hostel with a well balanced side just got the better of A.M. The Ins, however, had the satisfaction of winning a really good match against the Outs. The precedent of playing these games in the middle part of term is one that we shall do well to follow in the future.

The 2nd Game is not a side of great ability at present. They must not forget that the future success of the School Football lies mainly in their hands. The Leagues have hardly yet passed out of the experimental stages; in another year we hope to improve them and make them a valuable training ground. The League Captains will have to do more coaching, however, if this is to be the case.

Thanks are due to Mr. Cryer for his assistance to the 1st Game and to Mr. Robinson for much useful "whistle work" with the Junior sides. Without his aid the 2nd Game would have fared ill. Nor must we forget that before he was called away, Mr. Lance did some valuable coaching for the Fifteen.

A.E.D.

The term, which we all thought would be very slack and gloomy, has proved through leagues and house-matches to be very pleasant. Since there were no club matches, we thought it a good plan to encourage the Junior football of the School as much as we could. The members of the School as present are very keen—although some are small—; which makes the game much more pleasant.

The games this term have been exceedingly fast, and it is a gratifying feature that the competition for places has been so keen. Thus if we retain some of the younger generation for a year or two longer, we shall be able to put an excellent all-round XV. in the field. At present the members of the School seem to play "genuine" football, i.e., there are not just a few doing the work of the game, but they all combine with one another.

If the present team had had club matches as usual, it might have proved a very good side, because throughout it had good football qualities.

The forwards are quite a heavy pack and they push well, the main point in forwards.

Among the backs, there has been very keen competition, and it has been hard to choose the team, but those who do not "get their colours" should not become downhearted, for there will probably be vacancies for them next year. Among the remaining members of the "first game," there is a great promise that in years to come they will make the School XV. worthy of its traditions.

The 2nd Game is not quite so promising as usual, but the "league games" will probably have a good effect on their play.

On the whole, then, the game flourishes with us. If we have not been able to turn out a first-rate team recently, there is no reason why we should not do so soon, and we can solace ourselves by thinking that we have as reserve players this year a better class than for some time.

D.L.J.

FOOTBALL XV.

M. G. THOMAS (Back)—1914.—A young player of much promise. Quick and clever, and kicks a fine length, especially with his left foot. Can tackle also; and has the football sense of doing the right thing at the right moment.

- D. J. THOMAS (Left wing)—1914.—Speedy and often resolute in his running, but not sufficiently resourceful. Owing to bad sight is terribly weak in taking a pass. Sound in defence and kicking.
- T. AKRILL JONES (Left centre)—1914.—Has genuine football in him ; a good pair of hands and skill in running and kicking. At present needs more experience and increased pace. A very reliable tackler.
- W. J. H. MORGAN (Right centre)—1914.—With his pace and sound knowledge of the game ought to be a more dangerous attacking player than he actually is : seems to lack confidence in a match. Tackles well, but is a poor kick.
- A. G. HENSHAW (Right wing)—1914).—His physical advantages and natural ability should serve him well as a wing threequarter, but he must first learn to be less irresolute and diffident. Can defend fairly well, when he keeps his position.
- E. J. MORGAN (Outside half)—1914.—Not unskilful in giving and taking a pass, and has some idea of cutting out an opening. At present is too slow to be really dangerous. Ought to improve rapidly all round next year.
- J. EVANS (Inside half)—1913-14.—One of the pluckiest of players : at his best in stopping a rush or making defensive kicks. Is also very quick in passing out from the scrum or in seizing an opening in the loose. Has served his side well and is a very sound place kick.
- D. L. JONES (Forward)—1912-13-14.—Strong and heavy and well to the fore in all phases of forward play. A fine hooker, powerful kick, and an excellent dribbler. If he can cultivate a little more quickness in his movements, ought to do well in good company. A sound captain.
- W. S. R. THOMAS—1913-14.—Another of the “ Russian steam roller ” type, whose scrummaging is keen and good. By no means unskilful elsewhere, but rather apt to lose his head on important occasions.
- E. T. SIMS.—1913-14.—Ought to have been a very useful quick breaking forward this year, but has been laid aside by illness : his dribbling and following-up are specially commendable.
- I. J. S. YORATH—1914.—A worthy forward ; staunch in the scrum, where most of his soundest work is done unnoticed, and slow but sure in the loose.

- R. L. DAVID—1914.—Rather light, but plays a dashing game in the open, and has come on with great strides recently. Particularly useful at a line-out or in hand-to-hand passing.
- J. N. ROBSON—1914.—For his age is both strong and heavy, and so promises to make a first-rate forward. At present he is quick and keen in following up and rushing, and works hard in the last row of the scrum.
- E. ARNOTT—1914.—A very fair player, but a little spasmodic in his efforts. Can at his best do much profitable work, and knows how to tackle.
- W. D. OWEN—1914.—Very light and therefore not very valuable in the hard pushing. Keen in backing up, and can tackle, if given time.
- F. JAMES—16th man.—Filled a gap in the middle row of the scrum with much perseverance and courage, and should be useful all round next year.

A.E.D.

FOOTBALL.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. NEWPORT ATHLETIC CLUB (KITCHENER'S ARMY).—This, our one and only club match, was played on the School ground on Wednesday, Sept. 30th. The match was arranged under circumstances rather peculiar and different from usual. We were playing a half-holiday 1st game, when an officer from the Barracks appeared. The game was stopped. We jumped to the conclusion we were wanted as recruits, but it was not so this time. His request was that we should play against a team of those members of the Newport Athletic Club, who had joined the colours at Brecon. The game was speedily arranged, and presently the Usksiders came on the field, escorted by a company of their comrades, headed by a standard-bearer carrying the Newport colours. Our opponents were very formidable, including two internationals—Wetter and Uzzell. During the first half the School did very well and managed to prevent them from scoring more than two tries, which were not converted, and on two or three occasions we seemed very near scoring. During the second half, matters did not go so well. The speed, the weight and stamina of our opponents told upon the School, and throughout the Usksiders pressed and forced the School to a hard defensive game. Three tries were added by Newport, which were again unconverted, and the final whistle blew leaving the Newport soldiers victorious by 15 points to nil. Considering the reputation of the opposing players,

the School pack did very well. We are glad to have had the opportunity of affording a pleasant and keen game to the members of the Athletic Club, who have so readily abandoned all to answer the call of their country. We were represented by:—(Back) T. Akrill Jones; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, W. J. H. Morgan, C. Thomas, A. G. Henshaw; (halves) E. J. Morgan, J. Evans; (forwards) Mr. Cryer, D. L. Jones, W. S. R. Thomas, E. T. Sims, R. L. Phillips, I. J. S. Yorath, W. D. Owen, and E. Corbett.

CHRIST COLLEGE "A" TEAM V. YSTRADGYNLAIS COUNTY SCHOOL.—On Saturday, October 17th, Ystradgynlais County School visited the School for the first time, and brought up a strong side. Yorath kicked off for the School. Play in the early stages was fairly even, but scrappy. The Ystradgynlais forwards were much heavier than the School forwards, but the School scrum pushed hard and managed to get the ball very often, but the threequarters could never do much with the chances given them. Soon a penalty kick was given the School, but it failed. Thus half-time arrived with no score. During the second half the School had more dash, and immediately took up the attack. Touch finding also became much better. Then play remained in our opponents "25," until a scrum near the line heeled the ball well, and Akrill Jones passed it to E. J. Morgan, who broke through with a well earned try between the posts; the kick at goal failed. Then Ystradgynlais pressed on the attack, and after a successful bout of passing scored wide. The kick at goal failed. Ystradgynlais, with the same dash, quickly scored again, but the kick again failed. It now looked as if the School were going to be beaten, but the forwards rallying made an excellent rush down the field. D. J. Thomas running up at full speed took the ball and crossed the line. The kick at goal again failed. The School, had the place kicking been better, ought to have won, but the forwards played a hard game. The threequarters also in the end seemed to recover some of their elan. Thus the match ended in a draw, each side having scored 6 points. School Team:—(Back) T. Ll. Evans; (three-quarters) A. G. Henshaw, W. J. H. Morgan, G. Evans, D. J. Thomas; (halves) E. J. Morgan, T. Akrill Jones; (forwards) I. J. S. Yorath (capt.), R. L. Phillips, J. N. Robson, E. Arnott, T. T. Macartney Filgate, F. James, W. D. Owen, and E. Corbett.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. MONMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—We went down to — by motor cars on — and the score was —. This seems to be the popular way of describing events nowadays, and the last blank happens to be correct. The others can be readily filled by the words "Monmouth" and "Nov. 18th," and it will therefore be noticed that we paid our first football visit to our opponents' own ground—a pleasant experience which we hope often to repeat. Neither side was quite at full strength: Monmouth having two men and Brecon one away.

A couple of frosts had left the surface of the ground, otherwise in excellent condition, rather greasy, and so once more we were fated to meet Monmouth with a rather slippery (and rather too new) ball. The game proved remarkably even, and the final score was quite a natural outcome of the play.

It was largely due to the good forward work that we had rather the better of the first half, but our backs could not get going and were often guilty of misfielding. Both sides tackled well also and readily checked attacking movements.

In the second half we had two good chances of scoring, which just failed. One followed some good all round passing, initiated by J. Evans, and D. L. Jones was only pulled down just outside. The other was an individual dash by D. J. Thomas, who ran fast for some 30 yards, but failed to swerve the back when all but clear.

Monmouth also made several attacks, but did not look like beating our defence. Their outside half was often busy, but ran across the field so much as to leave his threequarters no room to move in. It was clear some time before the end that with the defence so overshadowing the attack on both sides a drawn game was inevitable.

Considering our total lack of match practice and the long journey to a strange ground, we were not dissatisfied with the result against a side of much more experience. Our forwards played very well. They packed nicely and generally controlled the scrummages. D. L. Jones led them admirably and was always the most prominent figure on the field. David, Yorath, and W. S. R. Thomas also did well. The Monmouth pack was useful and did some capital dribbling at times. Our backs obviously lacked experience. E. J. Morgan and the centres were inclined to hesitate, and so seldom were on the move quickly enough to make an opening. The wings ran hard once or twice, but D. J. Thomas was more than usually erratic in taking his passes. Still it is a line of promise, and with more match practice should give a good account of itself. J. Evans, as usual, was invaluable at the base of the scrum and in all defensive work. Both full backs were safe without being brilliant. The Monmouth three-quarters had little chance of showing their skill. They seemed lacking in pace, and the outside half rather monopolised the ball. He was clever individually, especially with two neat cross kicks, but he had the cardinal fault of running from one touch-line to another.

It was a very pleasant game, and we must thank our opponents for their hospitality. Our team was:—(Back) T. Ll. Evans; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, T. Akrill Jones, W. J. H. Morgan, A. G. Henshaw; (halves) E. J. Morgan, J. Evans; (forwards) D. L. Jones, W. S. R. Thomas, I. J. S. Yorath, R. L. David, J. N. Robson, E. Arnott, W. D. Owen, and F. James.

A.E.D.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. LLANDOVERY COLLEGE.—Played at Brecon on Nov. 28th. We started with a stiffish breeze to help us, and raised considerable hopes of success in the first quarter of an hour. The forwards, led by D. L. Jones, made quite a dashing dribble after the kick off, and there was a quick vigour about our movements. Llandovery were kept well on the defensive for some time, and we ought to have scored a try during this period. Two efforts were only frustrated on their line; and when Akrill Jones took a difficult pass with skill and sent out to his speedy wing, it was disappointing to see another good chance lost by misfielding.

Though we continued to have rather the better of the exchanges, the golden opportunities of this early period did not return. Llandovery indeed caused us some anxiety by a couple of passing runs and much good scrummage work. We were hard put to it to keep them at bay in our right hand corner where several line-outs and scrums were keenly fought. When we got clear again, M. G. Thomas helped us by excellent kicking to resume the attack, and play travelled fast up and down the ground, until some weakness in a line-out let their forwards through with a finely concerted rush. Just then rather unexpectedly one of their centres dropped a neat goal—a well deserved score.

We wasted no time in endeavouring to retrieve this disaster, and so well was the kick-off followed up that the Llandovery back was tackled in his own "25," and desperate assaults on their line followed. A free kick failed to find its mark, but right up to the half-time whistle the game was fought under their posts, and we were rather unlucky to be still behind at the interval.

The second half, it must be confessed, told a different tale. We started well enough, but when repulsed, the struggle against the wind proved too much for our attacking powers. Llandovery were rarely thrown back on their defence; almost the only dangerous movement on our side was a quick run by D. J. Thomas. On the other hand Llandovery, nursing the wind well and heeling splendidly from the scrum, were continually able to threaten danger. It was really only a question as to whether our defence could stand the strain long enough. The tackling and saving were excellent, and M. G. Thomas played with remarkable skill in more than one awkward corner.

The Llandovery try, which clinched their many attacks, was well earned, but it was unfortunate that our right wing should have been so badly out of position, when the cross-kick that started the movement came. This disconcerted the rest of the defence and for the only time made our tackling look a little unsatisfactory. Our forwards were now tiring, but they struggled well and the defence was sound again to the finish. Llandovery thus won by one dropped goal and one placed goal to nil, and on their play in this half they certainly deserved to win.

The game was interesting and very well contested. Llandovery were a little heavier both behind and in front; they got possession more easily in the scrum and they heeled magnificently. Their inside half was very quick and accurate. The rest of their back division were of average ability: the outside half was safe in his fielding but showed no great genius for making openings, and the centres, though players of skill, revealed no exceptional gifts. Taken all through, however, it was a sound and workmanlike side. Like our own team they all tackled with great energy and success.

Our forwards did quite well. They held their own in the first half, and though rather more overplayed later on, never gave up. D. L. Jones, out-hooked for once, was an admirable example to his side elsewhere, and we thought Yorath, Robson, David, and Arnott, the most prominent after him, while W. S. R. Thomas scrummaged earnestly. J. Evans did any amount of useful work, but hardly seemed in his best and quickest mood: Morgan, however, distinctly shaped better than in the Monmouth match. The threequarters once again exhibited inevitable signs of inexperience: Akrill Jones was the soundest and Henshaw considerably the weakest. The latter's pronounced tendency to wander from his place, and his irresolution in going for the ball proved the chief source of anxiety in an otherwise obstinate defence. Last, but by no means least, M. G. Thomas, one of the youngest players on the field, gave an almost faultless display of fielding and kicking—probably the best individual performance on either side in the match.

Mr. Schofield was referee and he kept the game going all the time without unnecessary whistling.

Our team was:—(Back) M. G. Thomas; (threequarters) A. G. Henshaw, W. J. H. Morgan, T. Akrill Jones, D. J. Thomas; (halves) J. Evans, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) D. L. Jones, W. S. R. Thomas, I. J. S. Yorath, R. L. David, J. N. Robson, E. Arnott, W. D. Owen, and F. James.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The Day Boys failed to raise a team for either Competition, and so their matches were cancelled. The following is the list of results:—

JUNIOR CUP (Under 16).

N—Z beat A—M by 37 points to nil.

Hostel beat N—Z by 20 points to nil.

Hostel beat A—M by 44 points to nil.

| | Played. | Won. | Lost. | Points. | |
|--------------|---------|------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | | | For. | Agst. |
| Hostel | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | 0 |
| N—Z | 2 | ... | 1 | ... | 20 |
| A—M | 2 | ... | 0 | ... | 81 |

SENIOR CUP.

A—M beat N—Z by 24 points to nil.

Hostel beat A—M by 11 points to nil.

Hostel beat N—Z by 42 points to 3.

| | Played. | Won. | Lost. | Points. | |
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| | | | | For. | Agst. |
| Hostel | 2 | 2 | 0 | 53 | 3 |
| A—M | 2 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 11 |
| N—Z | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 66 |

Ins v. Outs.—Ins won by 22 points to 6 after a very fine game.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Once again we have had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Runnels Moss deliver one of his most interesting dramatic recitations. This is the third occasion we have had of hearing him, and, as at former times, we enjoyed it immensely. The subject of the lecture, on this occasion, was Dickens' novel, "Oliver Twist." It would be futile to attempt to describe how excellently Mr. Runnels Moss delineated the different characters in the story; it is sufficient to say that the rendering contained just that amount of tragedy, pathos, and humour sufficient to make it universally appreciated. It is with pleasure we learn that Mr. Moss will be with us again in the near future.

We were again visited this term by Mr. Oliver G. Pike, who dealt with the subject of "Birdland." Mr. Pike's description of the various birds was both clear and interesting, and was much appreciated by the large number of naturalists in the School. Of the kinds of birds described to us, special mention might be made of the Owl and the Buzzard; of the former, because of the very life-like and amusing pictures, which showed us something of its nature; and of the latter, because of its extreme rarity. The lecture was rendered doubly interesting by the biograph as well as by the lantern slides, all of which were photographs taken by the lecturer himself. We also had the opportunity of hearing the Blackbird's song upon the gramophone. Altogether we spent a most instructive and enjoyable evening, and we all look forward with pleasure to Mr. Pike's next appearance here. Thanks are due to Mr. Isitt and to W. S. R. Thomas for assisting with the lantern.

THE RALLY.

Since to refuse were shame
 And worse than death,
 With our last breath
 To keep unsullied our fair name,
 Belgium ! we come ; behold, we come, O France !
 To share your cause, and with your urgent foe to break a lance.

Not with unseemly boast,
 We, being few,
 What we shall do
 Assert in no prophetic toast ;
 Comrades in arms !—from Belfort to Tournay,
 From Petrograd to Lodz—this will we do, what best we may.

Not with the lust of Hate
 Of Man for Man,
 Thy rushing van,
 Thy serried legions we await,
 O Germany !—but from our peace alight
 To speak with thee of Honour written and unwritten Right.

And with a faith that saves,
 That proud and free
 O'er yon North Sea
 Britannia still shall rule the waves ;
 Jellicoe's fleet ! man of the Nelson breed,
 Our homes to you we leave to keep and succour at their need.

Yea, verily in this Day,
 To peace from strife,
 Thro' death, thro' life,
 Since we now love as brothers may,
 India ! we call thee,—Pathan, Gurkha, Sikh !
 Say, will ye ride with us this Day ? Shall your guns also speak ?

And knowing as we know
 Across the seas
 That all of these
 Came whence we came, go where we go ;
 North, South, East, West—ye younger Britains all !
 We listen where your steps, unasked, unfalteringly fall.

Therefore, whatever Fate
 Holds in her hands,
 Here England stands,
 Her soul unconquerably great,
 Where Marlborough fought, where Wellington of yore,
 To fight, to endure, to die ; our trust in God : we can no more.

THE CADET CORPS.

The Cadet Corps has been revived here this term, with a view to turning out men efficient and fit to become officers, or men, in the various military bodies now being formed. Under the able and patient instruction of Sergt. Chandler, we have arrived at a very fair state of efficiency, and should, with plenty of practice, turn out a smart and useful Corps. We have received instruction in Squad, Section, and Company Drill, with and without arms. Good progress has been made in all of these, although a few recruits who were drafted in later are still a little behind hand in smartness and accuracy. One point which should be mentioned is that of discipline and silence in the ranks while on parade, for without this we can never arrive at that high state of efficiency, which should be our aim. Two very enjoyable route marches have been experienced, and we look forward to several more before the end of the term. The distance marched on the former occasion was about ten miles, and although it was very wet, yet the whole march was accomplished in good order. Although the Corps is but a small one, a few temporary, non-official, appointments of officers and of non-commissioned officers have been made, for the purpose of practice in giving commands. We are grateful for the loan of the dummy-rifles, which enables us to learn drill with arms, and although they are somewhat lighter than service rifles, yet a good idea of rifle drill has been gained by their use. In conclusion it may be permissible to congratulate ourselves on the results already obtained; and if the same spirit of keenness continues into the future, we shall develop into a smart and orderly Corps.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The Term began on Wednesday, September 16th, and will end on Friday, December 18th.

At a meeting of the School on Thursday, September 17th, D. L. Jones was unanimously elected Captain of Football, and W. S. R. Thomas, E. T. Sims, G. Evans, and W. D. Owen were appointed to the vacant places on the Games Committee.

At a meeting of the Games Committee on the same date, under the presidency of the Rev. A. E. Donaldson, Leagues, Junior House Matches, and an Open Fives Competition were arranged, instead of the usual fixtures for the coming season. J. Evans was also elected Assistant Secretary to the Games Committee. Mr. Robinson has also been elected a member of the Games Committee.

D. L. Jones, W. D. Owen, and J. Evans have been appointed School Prefects.

The following are the House Prefects this term — W. S. R. Thomas, E. T. Sims, and J. S. Eynon (School House), and G. B. Jones and G. Evans (Hostel).

The Editors of the "Breconian" this term are—J. Evans, G. B. Jones, and W. D. Owen.

We extend our belated but sincere welcome to M. Adrien Van Emelen, until recently Professor in Architecture at the University of Louvain. Mr. W. H. Webb is also filling a temporary vacancy on the staff.

The Rev. D. Akrill Jones (O.B.) has been preferred to the Vicarage of Bolsover, Derbyshire.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt from John Lloyd (O.B.) of two excellent maps of the War Area. They are his own work and very clear and accurate. They have been hung in the School House and Hostel.

On Saturday, September 19th, the Rev. A. R. Runnels-Moss gave a much appreciated rendering of Dickens' "Oliver Twist," and on Saturday, October 24th, Mr. Oliver G. Pike delivered an interesting Bioscope Lecture on "Birdland."

On Sunday, November 8th, the Rev. H. J. Church Jones (O.B.) preached in the School Chapel.

The Rev. M. H. Ll. Williams (O.B.), Vicar of St. Gabriel's, Swansea, has been appointed Chaplain to the Mayor of Swansea.

The half-holiday, granted on October 23rd, in honour of the school successes in the recent examinations of the Oxford and Cambridge Board, was spent by the School Corps in a route-march from Brecon to Cradoc and back.

Mr. Lance has left us and accepted a commission in the Army. His keen and sympathetic help, both in games and in other spheres, have been much missed, but he carries with him the good wishes of all Breconians, both past and present. On Friday, November 20th, he inspected the School Corps and expressed himself as being much pleased with the efficiency and keenness displayed by the Corps.

A marriage has been arranged between the Rev. E. O. Jones (O.B.), rector of Llangynllo, Cardiganshire, and Gertrude, daughter of Mrs. Tatam, King Edward's House, Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon.

Congratulations to A. R. Evans (O.B.), who was married on November 25th to Miss Queenie Williams, sister of H. B. Williams (O.B.)

It is of interest to note that the first recruit in Cardiff was an O.B.

J. T. Kemp (O.B.) has been appointed to a post in West Africa, and sails to take up his duties in December.

Of the 100 or more O.B.'s who are serving with the Colours, two Breconians have lost their lives, and W. M. Howells and W. T. Wootton have been wounded, the former in the leg, the latter in the eye. W. M. Howells was also mentioned in the despatches of Sir John French for September 17th and October 8th. We congratulate him on this great honour.

Mr. Munns, who left us last term for Dover, holds a commission in the Dover College O.T.C. The sincerest wishes of all the school accompany him to his new sphere. He has recently been gazetted, we understand, in the Regular Army.

N. Grant (O.B.) is one of 25 Public School Recruits selected by the War Office for free training at Sandhurst with a view to receiving a Commission. This is evidently a testimony to his keenness and efficiency.

We announce with much sorrow the death of James Dickson Innes (O.B.) at the early age of 27 years. He was at Christ College from November 1898 to Easter 1904, and since he left school had made something of a name as an artist.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEER GENTELMANS,—Pleese ekscuse me, a Cymro trwyadl, riting to ure magaseen. Thee object of this epistol (as Sant Pall cald a llythyr) ees to aask u iff u will bee so keind as to ave yr Hen Cymraeg as won of the languedges of the scool (orr colledge iff you leike to be moire swaankie). I am not possible to reed, rite orrsiarad Inglis, as u kan sea fur ureselphs by mie llythyr to u. So I ope to sea miselph lirin Cymraeg bephor long, then I suposse I ave a siawns of bing top in Sumfing. Ies mi deer ffryndiau, ekscuse me phor useing a ffew Cymraeg worrdses, cos I am not nuff of a scolar to noe thee Inglis oneses.

This mutch oddwith ure true ffrynd

“RUSHIAN TEE.”

DEAR EDITORS,—On account of the necessary training for the two School Matches, this term has not been devoid of interest. Next term, since we have no School Hockey Matches, we would like to see drill made to fill a prominent position on our programme. Route-marches are interesting and enjoyable, and plenty of them and more drill would considerably relieve a term which otherwise promises to be monotonous. For the drill company cherishes hopes of becoming once more a registered corps, and that in the near future. Hoping to see something done in this direction next term,

We remain, yours truly,

“THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIERS.”

DEAR SIRs,—The younger generation notice with annoyance that admission to the Cadet Corps is regulated by age rather than physique.

We trust that this will soon be changed, as we are convinced that there is splendid material among members of the school who are under 16, and who are quite keen to join the Cadet Corps.

I am, yours, etc.,

“CARBINE.”

[“The Chocolate Soldiers” and “Carbine” must rest assured that their patriotism will be given full scope.—EDD.]

DEAR SIRs,—We consider it our duty, and the duty of the whole School, to tender our most sincere thanks to the enterprising members of the School who by their persistent efforts have procured notepaper with the School crest. They have satisfied a long felt want.

Yours truly,

“LES GRATIFIES.”

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.—The letter of “The Three Musqueteers” has been duly received. Its publication would serve no useful purpose, but its contents have been duly forwarded to those in authority for the necessary investigation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—“The City of London School Journal,” “The Malvernian,” “The Johnian” (2), “The Armachian,” “The Cheltonian” (2), “The Bromsgrovian” (2), “The Giggleswick Chronicle,” “The Marlburian” (6), “The Luctonian,” “The Fettesian” (2), “The Newtonian” (2), “The Tonbridgian” (3), “The Herefordian,” “The Claysemorian,” “The Patesian,” “The Dovorian,” and “The Portmuthian.”

O.B. ASSOCIATION.

Subscriptions for 1915 are now due. Annual members will find a special reminder on the cover of this number of *The Breconian*. The scale of subscriptions is as follows:—£1 for 10 years; 10s for 5 years; 2s. 6d. annual. Attention is called to the greater convenience and continuity of the longer periods, but subscriptions of all sizes will be welcomed.

The O.B.A. Committee have unanimously resolved not to hold a Dinner this Christmas, but to postpone our next gathering to happier and more peaceful times. Then we hope to organise a special Dinner and to gather together many O.B.s now serving their King and Country.

The Recorder and the Treasurer wish to announce that they intend to treat all Old Boys serving with the Colours as honorary members of the O.B.A. while the war lasts. No subscriptions will therefore be asked of such O.B.s during the coming year.

Information as to the O.B. Colours may be obtained from the Recorder (Rev. A. E. Donaldson) or direct from Messrs. Castell & Sons, Oxford.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1914.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

| CR. | £ s. d. | DR. | £ s. d. |
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| Balance from 1913— .. | 45 12 6 | 140 Subscriptions at 2/6 — | |
| 11 New Subscriptions at £1 | 11 0 0 | Transferred to Current | |
| 35 New Subscriptions at 10/- | 17 10 0 | Account | 17 10 0 |
| Interest on Deposit (1913-14) | 2 11 2 | Balance for 1914 | 59 3 8 |
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| CR. | £ s. d. | DR. | £ s. d. |
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