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# The Breconian.

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## EDITORIAL.

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AS we approach the end of the present term, we cannot but wonder at the extreme pleasure it has afforded us in every department. We came back with visions of games and no matches, accompanied by that ever-prevailing rain which falls on Brecon during the winter months. But we were disappointed, and pleasantly so: the weather has been irreproachable, and but for a little frost and rain in the last few weeks, altogether perfect. In addition to this we have had matches, in which this term's team has shown itself worthy to uphold the traditions of former years. The number of matches we have had is really magnificent, when we consider the times, and the thanks of the whole school are due to the very kind gentlemen who brought teams to play us.

Especially gratifying to us in football was the victory over Monmouth and our draw at Llandovery, where we were undoubtedly the better side. The "A" team has played two matches against Ystradgynlais, in both of which we were beaten; but we wish to point out that our team was an "A" team and not the first XV., as some people fondly imagine.

We have been very pleased to welcome the presence of Mr. Hoskins this term, all the more so because he is an O.B., and well-known to many of us here now. He has rendered invaluable assistance to the first XV., more particularly the backs, to whom he has given untiring attention.

Three lectures and a sing-song have helped to relieve the monotony of the term. The sing-song proved a great success, thanks in the main to the kind assistance of the masters.

While we write we have to deplore the loss of Mr. Cryer, who is leaving us with a view to taking a commission. His absence will be greatly felt, especially in the Cadet Corps, on which he has expended much of his valuable time. We are quite sure that we express the feelings of the whole school when we wish him every success in his new life, and we hope that it will be his lot to escape the bullets of the Germans, and so be able to visit us again at some future date.

C. Thomas has also gone to join the army, and he takes with him all our good wishes for the future.

Before we conclude we would like to thank those who contributed to *The Breconian* this term. If any find that their efforts have not been published, it is perhaps not because their work is lacking in merit, but because it is unsuitable for a School Magazine; so we would ask them not to be disappointed and give in, thinking the Editors a body of harsh censors, exceedingly hard to please, but to go on until they eventually see their work in print. If they succeed in doing this, they will please not only themselves but us also.

## THE CAMBRIDGE O.B. LETTER.

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Owing to the sad depletion in the numbers of the Varsity, we would rather not have inscribed a letter this term, but owing to the fact that "The Breconian" has not received an O.B. Letter since the War began, we feel it incumbent upon us to do our best.

Games and athletics have almost disappeared from Cambridge, and the most active institutions are the O.T.C. and the Military Schools. Owing to the fear of Zepps, we have been for the entire term in total darkness at night. All the Breconians here appeared in a scratch game against the Perse School. W. S. R. Thomas, in particular, amused the crowd by jumping over his opponents while registering tries. We congratulate the School on the brilliant victory over Monmouth. The consequent celebrations of Cambridge Breconians and a few supporters were most hearty. Our activities are as follows :—

J. V. Martyn (Sidney Sussex).—His stay in Cambridge was but transient. After a few days of languid existence he departed to become a munitioner, and we understand he is still one of Lloyd George's men.

G. B. H. Jones (Sidney Sussex) is most often to be seen in khaki. His stay at Cambridge will be short, as he intends taking a commission. His artistic susceptibilities have been transferred to the 'Varsity, for he always, when we call, seems to be putting up pictures. Representing Sidney in rugger and hockey at scratch games, he also took part in a debate at the beginning of the term. Somehow no debates have been held in Sidney since. There is a rumour that he is learning to ride that noble quadruped—the horse.

W. S. R. Thomas (Queen's) favours such a vile blend of tobacco that it is always difficult to see him. Examination cares cause him to grow thinner and thinner. Despite this, his effect on a Rugby scrum is no less marked. Has now deserted rowing for his first love, although he once figured in the Queen's Eight. He occupies the rooms once

tenanted by Saunders Davies. At his College debate he vigorously denied the existence of Spirits, but found a passable imitation of a ghost awaiting him in his rooms when he returned. He is now contemplating hospital work.

G. S. W. Evans (Queen's).—Though at the beginning of term a keen disciple of rowing, rugger and hockey, he has since joined the Medical O.T.C., and in the vac. will act as a dresser at the General Hospital here. His life is one harassed round of lectures, so he says. We understand he delivered a vigorous sarcastic speech at the fresher's debate, which was well received with tremendous applause.

One of the Cambridge O.B.'s, who possesses a partiality for photography, pursues his art to such an extent that he was mistaken by an over-zealous constable for a German spy. Had it not been for the presence in the vicinity of his College Tutor, he would probably be still enjoying Government hospitality.

We learn Mr. Robinson is leaving. Both as Cambridge men and Breconians we wish him good luck, but we desire to know what he intends doing with his collection of statues. We hope for a victory over Llandovery, and while extending our heartiest welcome and good luck to all "Schol-hunters,"

We remain, very sincerely,

THE CAMBRIDGE O.B.s.



## ROLL OF HONOUR.

### KILLED IN ACTION.

Dempster, H. D., Corp. 7th Batt. King's Royal Rifles (at Etaples, Aug. 3rd).  
Griffiths, D. Mansel, Trooper 8th Batt. Australian Light Horse (in the Dardanelles in August).

### WOUNDED.

Browne, M., Capt. and Adjutant, 1st Middlesex Regt. (in France, Nov. 21st).  
Jenkins, I. S., Capt. and Adjutant, 8th Batt. Welch Regt. (in the Dardanelles).  
Sladden, C. E., Lieut. 9th Batt. Worcester Regt. (in the Dardanelles).

### SUFFERING FROM GAS POISONING.

Evill, C. A., Major, 1st Batt. Monmouthshire Regt. (T.F.) (in France).

### INVALIDED.

Biggerton Evans, A. B. G., 2nd Lieut., 4th Batt. S.W.B. (from Dardanelles).

### ROLL OF SERVICE (4th List).

Aitken, A. W., Persian Expeditionary Force.  
Aitken, G. F., 19th Batt. Alberta Dragoons, C.E.F.  
Akrill-Jones, T., 2nd Lieut. 4th Batt. Notts and Derby Regt. (Sherwood Foresters).  
Alway, G. F., A.S.C.  
Arnott, E., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. Welch Regt.  
Baker Jones, L., 2nd Lieut. 6th Batt. Welch Regt.  
Bartley, P. R., Army Chaplain, Serbian E.F.  
Bell, S. W., Lieut. 8th Batt. 90th Winnipeg Regt.  
Brooker, J., 2nd Batt. King Edward's Horse, 1st Canadian Cavalry.  
Davies, H. B. (junior), Inns of Court O.T.C.  
Davies, T. D., 3rd Batt. Welch Regt.  
David, R. L., R.F.A.  
Eaton, L., 2nd Lieut. 2nd/7th Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
Evans, F. W., 2nd Lieut. Service Batt. Welch Regt.  
Evans, G. M. O., 2nd Lieut. 2nd/1st Brecknock Batt. S.W.B. (T.F.)  
Evans, H. R., Rifleman, D. Co. Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps.  
Evill, C. A., Lt.-Col. 1st Batt. Monmouthshire Regt. (T.F.)  
Eynon, H., 2nd Lieut. 18th Batt. Welch Regt.  
Gibbon, E. M., 2nd Lieut., 3rd Batt., S.W.B.  
Gibbon, R. H., Army Chaplain.

Glanley, R. R. Lloyd, 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.  
 Harries, H. L., 2nd Lieut. 5th Batt. Welch Regt.  
 Ingram, A. H., Lieut. 1st. Batt. Monmouthshire Regt. (T.F.)  
 Innes, A. G., Lieut. R.N.V.R. (Air Service).  
 James, F., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.  
 Jenkins, E. M., Capt. R.A.M.C. (T.F.), S.E. Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.  
 Jenkins, L. R., 2nd/1st Glamorgan Yeomanry.  
 Jones, D. L., 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.  
 Jones, E. V., Capt. Indian Army.  
 Kelway, R. S., 2nd Lieut. R.G.A. (Pembrokeshire).  
 Lloyd, H. C. L., Col. 2nd Batt. Welch Regiment.  
 Longdon, J. S., Army Chaplain (T.F.)  
 Morris, R. W. C., Engineer R.N.R.  
 Nixon, C. H. M., 2nd Lieut. Herefordshire Regiment.  
 Nixon, F. M., R.G.A. (Hampshire).  
 Nixon, G., R.A.M.C.  
 Pascoe, C. A., C.E.F.  
 Pascoe, R. C. H., C.E.F.  
 Phillips, A. G., Capt. 2nd/1st Brecknock Batt. S.W.B. (T.F.)  
 Phillips, C. D., Capt. 12th Batt. S.W.B.  
 Phillips, C. G., Lieut. 19th Batt. Welch Regt.  
 Phillips, G., Royal Engineers.  
 Phillips, H. E. Army Chaplain.  
 Phillips, J. C. Honourable Artillery Company.  
 Phillips, J. L., Lieut. Army Ordnance Department.  
 Phillips, M. H., Lieut. A.S.C.  
 Phillips, R. A., 19th Batt., Welch Regt.  
 Phillips, T. H., Lieut. R.A.M.C.  
 Richards, H. W., 2nd Lieut. 2nd/1st Brecknock Batt. S.W.B. (T.F.)  
 Roberts, K., 2nd Lieut. R.G.A.  
 Thomas, C. S., 2nd Lieut. R.M.L.I.  
 Thomas, G. J. C., R.F.A.  
 Thomas, H. E. E., R.A.M.C.  
 Thomas, R. C., Lieut. R.A.M.C.  
 Walters, W. M., 3rd Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
 Whall, W. O. C., Commander R.N.R.  
 Williams, W. H. H., 2nd Lieut. 11th Batt. Yorks and Lancs. Regt.  
 Williams, W. P. G., Capt. Bengal Lancers I.M.S.  
 Yendoll, G., A.S.C.  
 Yendoll, R., A.S.C.

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#### PROMOTIONS.

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E. R. Bond, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 18th Batt. Welch Regt.  
 F. J. Chambers, Wireless Telegraphist, to be Lieut. R.N.V.R.  
 J. Cooper, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. A.S.C.  
 A. H. Coppage, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 12th Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
 E. Corbett, Private to be 2nd Lieut. 18th Batt. Welch Regt.  
 E. M. C. Denny, Sergeant, to be 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. D.C.L.I.  
 M. C. M. Denny, 2nd Lieut. to be Lieut. 11th Batt. King's Liverpool Regt.  
 A. R. Evans, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 74 Co. R.E.  
 P. D. Evans Jones, 2nd Lieut. to be Lieut. 6th Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
 C. A. Evill, Major, to be Lt. Col. 1st Batt. Monmouthshire Regiment (T.F.)

D. P. S. Griffiths, 2nd Lieut. to be Lieut. 2nd/1st Brecknock Batt. S.W.B. (T.F.)  
 F. S. Harries, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 5th Batt. Welch Regt.  
 H. L. Harries, Trooper, to be 2nd Lieut. 18th Batt. Welch Regt.  
 L. Heins, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 12th Batt. Warwickshire Regt.  
 W. G. Hodge, Sergeant, to be Quarter Master 15th Batt. Middlesex Regt.  
 T. G. Jones, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 6th Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
 G. Lance, Lieut., to be Capt. and Quarter Master, 10th Batt. Border Regt.  
 P. S. Lewis, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. R.F.A.  
 W. D. Owen, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. Welch Regt.  
 M. H. Phillips, Private, to be Lieut. A.S.C.  
 T. G. V. Phillips, 2nd Lieut., to be Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.  
 C. W. Price, Sergeant, to be 2nd Lieut. 12th Batt. Motor Machine Guns, 17th Div.  
 J. V. Rees, 2nd Lieut., to be Lieut. 1st Brecknock Batt. S.W.B. (T.F.)  
 St. J. Saunders Jones, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 19th Punjab Infantry.  
 G. P. B. Shapland, Private to be 2nd Lieut.  
 A. F. S. Sladden, Lieut., to be Capt. R.A.M.C.  
 C. E. Sladden, 2nd Lieut. to be Lieut. 9th Batt. Worcester Regt.  
 D. C. Thomas, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 1st Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
 G. Tudor, Private, to be 2nd Lieut. 12th Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
 H. B. Williams, Corp., to be Lieut. and O.C. Mobile Section Vet. Corps attached 17th Bengal Lancers.  
 T. Williams, Trooper, to be 2nd Lieut. 3rd Batt. S.W.B.  
 W. T. Wootton, 2nd Lieut., to be Lieut. Welch Regiment.

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O.B.'s are invited to supply further information, and to notify inaccuracies and omissions in these Lists.

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## LETTERS FROM THE WAR.

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### I.

Wherever you are in the Peninsula you are under shell fire, and therefore we have to dig ourselves in and build a barricade of sand-bags or stones round our dug-outs. A dug-out is not a particularly pleasant place to live in, but is fairly safe, except, of course, when a shell drops "plunk" into it. Then it is a different matter. . . . We landed at Cape Helles on coming out. This place is pretty bad for shells; we used to get them all day from Achi Baba, and frequently from a gun we call "Asiatic Annie" on the coast of Asia. This gun was the worst, although she had to fire from a much longer range, as our dug-outs were facing her and she was of much heavier calibre. We then moved up to the Gully Ravine, or, as Ashmead Bartlett describes it, the Valley of Death. This is a dreadful place—flies by the million million. These were the worst pests, even worse than the shrapnel. . . . We were glad to be sent back to re-fit and recuperate at Lemnos, but we only stayed five days. I was put on a wrong



boat afterwards, and the boat I should have been on was sunk. On August 7th we were taken up to make a landing at Suvla Bay, but eventually I got back to Anzac. After much trouble we landed and slept on the beach, and in the morning I got some mules to take me to my unit. On the way up I lost two mules and two muleteers through snipers from a ridge just parallel with the coast. . . . We stayed some weeks at No. 2 Post up here on the side of the mountain, quite 100 feet high, with the beautiful sea only a couple of hundred yards away. We had to do everything at night, and it was here we lost the greater part of our men. Some were wounded when in bed or wrapped up in their blankets, and a Colonel was killed while at the breakfast table. Then came the battle, which is now known as Sari Bair—a dreadful affair. We tried to take the heights, which would give us command of “The Narrows,” and although some of our men got on the top, they had to retire again. . . . We were glad to be ordered to move further up the coast to “C” Beach, Lala Baba. This proved to be a lovely sandy beach, where we could run out of our holes and bathe. We were well away from rifle fire, but within easy range of shells and shrapnel; but as there was no artillery with us, the Turks did not fire in our direction.

Towards the end of our stay I got hold of some fishing tackle and managed to catch some mullet and bream. These proved a nice change for breakfast. From there we came on to ———, still quite close to the sea, and we are well dug in. We have been told that this is our winter quarters, and therefore I laid myself out to make the place comfortable, and am quite pleased with the result. . . . Do not wonder that we cannot take this place; it appears to be absolutely impossible. There are acres, or rather miles of barbed wire everywhere, and every devilish device known to modern warfare. Still we are hoping to have great headlines in the papers one of these days, notwithstanding all aforesaid difficulties—“British Troops through Dardanelles,” “Achi Baba Stormed,” etc., etc.

(FROM GALLIPOLI.)

## II.

My experiences are not of the kind that make good copy. Many O.B.'s have been able to do that for you, and I look forward keenly to *The Breconian* to learn of the doings of many old friends. My job at the present time is to wage war against germs rather than Germans, as I am bacteriologist at one of the infectious hospitals, so that typhoid and meningitis keep me busy. Not that there is much of these diseases out here, but what cases do occur get centred at one of the isolation hospitals. So we see a good deal. The Medical Corps is justly proud of the small amount of sickness up to date. Conditions, of course, are more favourable here than further south and east.

(FROM FRANCE, Nov. 25th.)

## III.

My last 10 years have been spent in the now defunct Cape Mounted Rifles, and on the Union coming into force we became the 1st Regt. of the South African Mounted Riflemen, and I am a member of the 1st Permanent Battery, S.A.M.R. We have been engaged in operations in German S.W. Africa, and after that were busily employed in quelling the rebellion, and then returned to S. W. Africa. . . . I am now at a place called Swakopund, and we have lately made an advance of 40 miles inland. We had a little success the other day in capturing 2 guns and 200 prisoners. I

don't think the campaign will take long. We have a matter of 250 miles before reaching Windhoek, their capital. As we have all their ports in our possession now, it is impossible for them to get food stuffs, etc. The country itself is pretty rotten, mostly sand and desert. Of course our progress will naturally be slow, but I think 4 months ought to see us finished.

(FROM S. AFRICA, March 25th)

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#### IV.

My discharge paper was lost on my way home. The steamer was captured by the "Kronprinz Wilhelm," and I lost everything. We have been out here since May doing trench work. We are all attached to the 1st Canadian Cavalry Brigade. There is another Breconian here by the name of Pascoe. Our casualty list has been pretty heavy, but I am not in the trenches now, but some way back taking a rest and hoping to go home on leave soon.

(FROM FRANCE, Oct. 15th.)

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#### V.

I am rather unfortunate in my present ship, as she is very ancient and hardly in the 1st line. This was due to my being on the staff of the Navigation School at the outbreak of the war. However, I hope to be moved away any time into something very new. We seldom get ashore, and monotony is the worst part, combined with constant watch, which becomes worse with the long winter nights. It is cold, but experience soon teaches one how to keep warm. I am not allowed to say where we are, but it is considerably nearer the North Pole than Brecon. Except for being in at the death of the "Oceanic," and within touch of "U16," and one or two submarine raids, we haven't done much, and excitement has been rare. I think we have every reason to be satisfied with things, and really our losses have been very much less than I ever dreamt possible with our ships keeping the sea.

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#### VI.

I am putting in a short stay here on my way back to the Peninsula from Malta, where I was in hospital. My wound was a bullet clean through the left shoulder, which cleverly missed all troublesome spots. So it soon healed up. I managed to survive a month at the front, which was not bad considering the conditions.

(FROM ALEXANDRIA, September 20th)

## PRIZE DAY.

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Tuesday, July 27th, saw us once more assembled to record the finish of a School Year, a year of war unlike any that has befallen Christ College in the last century of its existence. Yet old traditions held their own and Prize Day, even under the shadow of war, proved a great success.

At the morning service in chapel the memorial note was conspicuous. We remembered both in prayer and hymn our brethren at the front as well those Breconians who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for King and Country. The splendid music of "For all Thy Saints" never seemed more appropriate than on this occasion. The Bishop of Llandaff, whose first appearance this was amongst us, gave a stirring sermon on the prevailing topic.

At the afternoon ceremony the Bishop added to his previous good services by undertaking the distribution of prizes and by delivering another address. He was supported on the platform by the Mayor of Brecon (Evan Morgan, O.B.), Aldermen D. Powell and Thomas Williams, Mr. Raikes of Treberfydd and other Governors. The Head Master, in the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese, took the chair. There was an excellent attendance of our many friends in the neighbourhood.

The Head Master gave a hearty welcome to the Bishop of Llandaff, assuring him that, though Christ College was outside his episcopal jurisdiction, he had every right to feel thoroughly at home in it. He remarked that it was not easy to make the usual summary of the year's labours, since everything had been so far from usual. Christ College had escaped indeed any of the direct consequences of war, but like other institutions it had had to make sacrifices and to suffer losses. Two or three valuable members of the staff had been lost owing to military calls and it was hard to replace them. However, the acquisition of Professor Van Emelen of Louvain University, and Mr Webb of Brecon, had done much to meet this difficulty. The examination results of 1914 were exceptionally good. Nine out of 10 candidates had passed the Higher Certificate with 5 distinctions, and all the 15 Lower Certificate Candidates had proved successful with as many as 33 distinctions. They could hardly hope to equal this in 1915, but he believed, all disadvantages considered, it would be found that even a year of war had not disordered the steady work of the School. Many boys had hastened to join His Majesty's forces and all the older boys still at school were receiving useful training in Drill and Shooting under the guidance of Mr. Cryer. The Head Master then referred in moving terms to the School Roll of

Honour, reading aloud the names of those Old Boys who had fallen or been wounded in the service of their country, and pointing out that more than one Breconian had earned a Military Decoration by his gallantry. The Roll of Service, he thought, even in its present incomplete condition, was a remarkably long one for so small a Public School. In conclusion he pointed out how splendid an example the Governors themselves had set, instancing five distinguished members of this body engaged in active service.

The Bishop, having distributed the prizes, spoke at considerable length to an attentive audience. Through his father, sometime Bishop of St. Asaph, he had a fairly close connection with Christ College and he was much interested in its excellent progress. He congratulated masters and boys on the results of their work and the whole school on its splendid Service Roll. The List of Honours, mainly filled with military distinctions, seemed to him most appropriate to the present stern times.

He told the boys that in the future they would probably be thankful to have lived in such great, if terrible, days. The present struggle ought to be a source of inspiration to high aspirations. They should be equipping themselves for the greater and better Britain, which he believed would be an outcome of this war. Every one had his part, and as the Empire was now learning the lesson of greater unity and higher aims, so they must learn to be one brotherhood. Men were wanted, not simply to draw their pay and have a pleasant time, but to perform a duty, to set an example, to assert an influence. He asked them to remember the supreme value of character and to build up now what would be their chief stand by in the great years to come.

Mr Raikes, to whose five soldier sons the Head Master made feeling reference, briefly proposed a vote of thanks, which the Mayor cordially seconded.

Hearty cheers for the Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers and the visitors concluded the indoor proceedings; outside tea and music occupied the remainder of a very pleasant afternoon.

The following are the Lists of Honours and Prizes:—

#### THE HONOURS LIST.

C. T. Davis, Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

H. B. Davies, 3rd Class Honours. History Finals, Oxford.

G. B. H. Jones, £30 Open Exhibition (History), Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

C. E. Budworth, Distinguished Service Order.

A. C. Hincks, Military Cross.

Mentioned in Despatches.—W. M. Howells, Hanmer J. Miers, C. E. Budworth, J. T. Field, A. C. Hincks.



## HIGHER CERTIFICATE OF THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOARD.

J. Evans (distinction in Scripture and History), G. B. H. Jones (distinction in Scripture and History), L. Baker Jones, P. C. Matthews (distinction in History), A. B. Price, F. M. Pryce, D. C. Thomas, W. S. R. Thomas (distinction in Physics), W. D. G. Wilkinson (distinction in Scripture).

## LOWER CERTIFICATE OF THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOARD.

T. Akrell Jones (Arithmetic), J. L. Jones Davies (Arithmetic and English History), G. S. W. Evans (Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, Mechanics with Physics, Physics with Chemistry), J. S. Eynon (Scripture and English History), F. James (Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, Scripture, and English History), J. M. L. Jenner (French), A. H. Johns (Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, English History, and Physics with Chemistry), D. L. Jones, H. I. K. Jones (Latin and Greek), T. T. Macartney-Filgate (Scripture and English History), R. J. Parry (Latin, Arithmetic, and English History), I. M. Powell (Latin, Arithmetic, and Additional Mathematics), E. T. Sims, G. Thomas (Latin, Greek, Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics, and Scripture), H. E. Thomas.

[No Candidate failed. First classes obtained in the subjects specified.]

## LONDON UNIVERSITY INTERMEDIATE B.A.

P. C. Matthews.

## EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

E. Corbett, C. Howells, C. Ll. Morgan, J. D. H. Richards, W. Saunders Jones, C. D. Thomas, A. L. Thomas, D. H. Davies, N. V. Evans, W. J. H. Morgan, W. D. Owen, G. Rees, C. Thomas.

## BANK EXAMINATIONS.

G. Yendoll, W. Prosser.

## THE PRIZE LIST.

The Bishop of Llandaff distributed the prizes as follows :—

Bishop Lloyd Memorial, W. D. G. Wilkinson.

Form VI.—Classics, Scripture, Ancient History, W. D. G. Wilkinson, F. M. Pryce; Mathematics, Science, W. S. R. Thomas, G. S. W. Evans.

Form Vb.—D. C. Thomas, C. Ll. Morgan; Greek, J. D. H. Richards; French, D. C. Thomas.

Form IV.—G. R. Dunbar.

Form III.—G. R. Heins; Science, O. H. Jones.

Remove.—W. V. Thomas.

Lower School.—C. Jenner; hon. mention, T. E. Griffiths.

Mathematics.—Division 3.—C. Thomas; hon. mention, C. Ll. Morgan, J. D. H. Richards, C. Howells. Division 4.—W. G. Fryer. Division 5.—R. Arnott, p.a. J. M. Lewis. Division 6.—D. W. R. Thomas. Division 7.—A. du Heaume.

Science.—Divisions 2 and 3.—W. G. Fryer, C. Thomas; hon. mention, G. R. Dunbar.

Mr. Donaldson's Modern History Essay.—Class A, J. Evans; Class B, J. S. Eynon. Class C, O. H. Jones.

Drawing.—H. Scudamore.



**9 Candidates. 5 Passes.**

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| a   | = Latin                                   |
| b   | = Greek.                                  |
| f   | = Elementary Mathematics.                 |
| g   | = Additional Mathematics.                 |
| i   | = Scripture (+ with Greek Text).          |
| j   | = English Essay.                          |
| j + | = English (with Essay).                   |
| k   | = Greek History.                          |
| k + | = English and European History.           |
| n   | = Natural Philosophy (Physical Division). |
| o   | = Natural Philosophy (Chemical Division). |
| o + | = „ (with merit in Organic Chemistry).    |
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| G. B. H. Jones...      | ... | ... | ... | ... | f i j + k + |
| F. M. Pryce ...        | ... | ... | ... | ... | a b i + j k |
| W. S. R. Thomas ...    | ... | ... | ... | ... | f g j n o + |
| W. D. G. Wilkinson ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | a b i + j k |
| G. Thomas ...          | ... | ... | ... | ... | a f g o     |

10 Candidates. 10 Passes.

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| a = Latin.                  | i = Scripture.              |
| b = Greek.                  | k = History.                |
| c = French.                 | n = Mechanics with Physics. |
| f = Arithmetic.             | o = Physics with Chemistry. |
| g = Additional Mathematics. |                             |

(Capitals signify Distinction).

J. L. Jones Davies	...	...	...	A B F g g i K.
J. S. Eynon	...	...	...	A b c f g g I K.
C. P. Howells	...	...	...	a c F g g i K.
W. Saunders Jones	...	...	...	a b c f g I K.
C. Ll. Morgan	...	...	...	a B c F g I K.
J. D. H. Richards	...	...	...	A B c F G i K.
C. Thomas...	...	...	...	a F G i k n o.
A. L. Thomas	...	...	...	a b c f i K.
D. C. Thomas	...	...	...	A b C f g I K.
H. E. Thomas	...	...	...	a b c f i K.

Distinctions (28 in all) were gained: History (9), Arithmetic (5), Latin (4), Scripture (4), Greek (3), Additional Mathematics (2), and French (1).

There were no failures in Latin, Greek, Arithmetic, Scripture, and History.

*Cambridge Local Junior Examinations.*

18 Candidates, 13 Passes.

a = Arithmetic.	h = French.
b = Dictation.	i = Algebra.
c = Scripture.	j = Geometry.
d = English.	k = Experimental Science.
e = English History	l = Chemistry.
f = Latin.	m = Physics.
g = Greek.	n = Spanish.

*(Capitals signify Distinction).*

G. R. Dunbar	...	...	...	a b c d e f h i j l m.
P. C. Evans	...	...	...	a b c e f h.
S. Evans	...	...	...	a b c d f g.
C. G. Evans	...	...	...	a b c d h i j k.
W. G. Fryer	...	...	...	a b c d e f h i j L M.
H. E. Jenner	...	...	...	a b c d e f g h j.
T. Ll. Evans	...	...	...	a b c f i j k.
R. P. Gifford	...	...	...	a b c d h k n.
A. G. Henshaw	...	...	...	a b c d h j k.
K. B. Hunter	...	...	...	a b c d f h.
R. L. Phillips	...	...	...	a b c d e f k.
G. N. Lloyd Rees	...	...	...	a b c d e f g h.
G. E. Watson	...	...	...	a b c d f g h i.

W. G. Fryer obtained 1st Class Honours, and G. R. Dunbar 2nd Class. Fryer was placed 4th in Physics out of all Candidates in the United Kingdom.

**CRICKET.****HOUSE MATCHES.**

Hostel beat Day Boys by 42 runs and 7 wickets. Days Boys 16; Hostel 58 for 3 wickets (F. M. Pryce 24). The Hostel thus won the House Cup for the second year in succession.

N—Z beat Day Boys by 62 runs. Day Boys 71 (R. J. Parry 35 not out); N—Z 133 (G. C. Thomas 50, E. Williams 21 not out). N—Z finished a good second to the Hostel.

INS v. OUTS.—Played on a very soft wicket on July 26th. The Ins lacked the services of their Captain, and were beaten by 97 runs. Outs, 144 for 7 wickets—inings declared closed (R. J. Parry 42, Lloyd Rees 26 not out, D. L. Jones 25, and Wilkinson 22); Ins, 47. D. L. Jones and Henshaw bowled with great success for their respective sides.

## FOOTBALL SEASON.—1915.

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We have done very well this winter. We knew last year that we had promising players in hand, and fully expected a good proportion of the 1914 side to be available again. But the war upset calculations, and robbed us of some six or seven players, who under ordinary circumstances would have been at school for at least another year. So, after all, we have started another season with only four old Colours, and had once more to build a team without much straw.

There were no "capped" forwards left, but we soon drafted Henshaw and T. Ll. Evans from behind, and they proved real acquisitions to the front line. A sound working scrum was gradually got together, and though variable in its play it has improved steadily, and in the Llandovery match reaped very clearly the fruits of keen and persistent effort. They were quite light as a scrum, but they learned to pack and push very creditably, and Henshaw, T. Ll. Evans, and one or two others have always been excellent also in the loose. Altogether our forwards deserve much praise for their play this term.

The skill and combination of the back division is distinctly above the average. Here there was sound material ready to hand—a good pair of halves and a seasoned centre in C. Thomas—to assist the efforts of our captain. The whole back division has played good football, and made full use of its speed and skill. The three Thomases (D. J., M. G., and C.) were doubtless the making of it, but the newer hands are also quite worthy of their colleagues. Not since 1909, perhaps, have we had a more likely try-getting combination. We must not forget to mention Morgan's genuine services as scrum half, where he is certainly more at home than when playing the stand-off game; nor fail to point out how steadily G. C. Thomas acquired profit from experience towards thorough efficiency in his important position.

The general success of the side can best be gauged from results. We have played 8 matches, won 4, lost 3, and drawn 1. We have scored 138 points as against 80. The teams that beat us were strong and heavy; against scratch sides we never failed to score freely, and above all our record in the School Matches is unblemished. To draw with Llandovery on their own ground is no mean achievement, and the big victory over Monmouth was very welcome after some recent failures in that match.

The House Matches were unusually interesting. The games

between the Hostel and A-M and N-Z produced some of the best football of the term, and were fought out with rare determination on both sides. N-Z did not quite realise expectations, but there seems to be a good time coming for them, as they have by far the strongest Junior side this year.

The "A" team will have to look to its laurels, for it failed to win either of its matches, and to this end the 2nd game must be warned to keep a keen spirit alive. There are players of undoubted promise in it, but some also are rather casual in their endeavours. G. E. Watson managed it most conscientiously, and Mr. Robinson once more devoted himself to the welfare of this game, and deserves the thanks of the School for his unselfish work. Mr. Cryer has been constantly helping his 1st game forwards by strenuous example, and the XV. know how much they owe to the precept and practice steadily set before them by Mr. Hoskins. Much of the season's success lies at his door.

In conclusion, D. J. Thomas must be heartily congratulated on the good work of the XV. throughout the term; on his own personal successes, and on the vigorous efficiency of his captaincy.

A. E. D.

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The term's football has proved through various club and scratch matches to be very pleasant. The above mentioned matches have been most useful in giving practice to the XV. Most members of the School at present are very keen. The games this term have been exceedingly fast. At present the members of the School seem to play the right kind of football.

The present team has proved a very good side, because throughout it played genuine football.

The forwards were sturdy, and quite outplayed both the Monmouth and Llandovery packs, Henshaw and T. Ll. Evans being the most conspicuous.

Among the backs, there have been some good displays, and probably the present set is the best for many years past. They are not so clever as individual players, but they combine and take their passes well. Among the remaining members of the "first game" there is promise for years to come.

Thanks are due to Mr. Cryer and to Mr. Hoskins for their invaluable services and assistance to the 1st game, and to Mr. Robinson for much useful "whistle" work with the 2nd game. Above all the most valuable coaching of the XV. by Mr. Donaldson cannot be over-estimated.

The members of the School were also very pleased to see Mr. Donaldson's active reappearance on the "footer field" after long absence.

The present team may well be proud of having accomplished a feat, which former teams have often failed to do, namely meeting with no defeat in the School matches.

D. J. T.



## THE FIFTEEN.—1915.

- G. C. THOMAS (full back).—1915.—After an indifferent start, has developed into a sound back. A deadly tackle, and kicks with length and judgment. With more experience and pace will be able to play in any outside position with success.

## THREE-QUARTER BACKS :—

- D. J. THOMAS (left wing).—1914-5.—A very fast wing and a prolific scorer. Takes his passes now extremely well, runs very determinedly, and has developed a dangerous swerve. A good captain who inspired confidence, and set a splendid example to the side.
- C. THOMAS (left centre).—1915.—At first his colleagues found his play rather bewildering, but having overcome a tendency to individual play, he made a most successful centre. Sound in defence and very powerful in attack, often beating all the opposition by determined straight running.
- S. E. LEWIS (right centre).—1915.—Has a capital notion of outside play, and is particularly sound in defensive work. At present a little too slow to be really dangerous in attack.
- W. SAUNDERS JONES (right wing).—1915.—A fast, easy runner with a splendid pair of hands. Is something of a genius in picking up stray passes, and can find touch well from very difficult positions. His defence is sound, and as an attacking player he will in time be really dangerous. A successful place-kick.

## HALF-BACKS :—

- M. G. THOMAS (outside).—1914-5.—A footballer of whom it can be said, "Nascitur, non fit." Always off his mark well, takes every kind of pass, and sets his "threes" going in an ideal way. Cool and confident, he is a "match-player" in every sense of the term. His tackling is sound, while his kicking, in length and judgment, is almost beyond criticism.
- E. J. MORGAN (inside).—1914-5.—A very hard-working and vigorous "scrum-half," who gets the ball away exceedingly well. In attack and defence alike his work has been invaluable, and his efforts untiring.



## FORWARDS :—

- A. G. HENSHAW.—1914-5.—Persevered for some time as an outside, but found this term his proper place in the forward line. Has scored many tries through strong running and his powerful “hand-off,” while he invariably does well in the line-out. Pushes hard and straight in the “scrum.” With still greater use of his speed and weight, and with more knowledge of forward play, he will make a splendid forward. A sound place-kick.
- T. LI. EVANS.—1915.—A very clever forward, who has played consistently well throughout the term. Dribbles very skilfully, and is always foremost in rushes. His splendid tackling has been of great value to the side.
- G. WILKINSON.—1915.—A very light but hard-working forward, with considerable skill in controlling the ball in forward rushes. In the open has displayed much dash and vigour for his size and weight, and also works hard in the “scrum.”
- R. M. ROBERTS.—1915.—Rather slow, but will make a very useful forward later on. He has weight and some knowledge of the game. At present he is somewhat fond of playing outside his particular province.
- R. L. PHILLIPS.—1915.—A very conscientious worker, who has pushed hard and hooked well in the “scrum.” Too slow and clumsy to be of equal value in the open.
- H. I. K. JONES.—1915.—A slow forward, who is handicapped through lack of bodily strength and vigour. Pushes hard in the scrum, and has always done his share of work.
- F. M. PRYCE.—1915.—Has not quite displayed as much dash as was expected of him. Uses his height well in the line out, and can push well in scrum. With more experience should make a good forward.
- C. LI. MORGAN.—1915.—Young and promising. Being strong and robust, he ought, as he fills out, to be of great service both in the open and in the scrum. Has already done some useful work.

## FOOTBALL MATCHES.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. GLAMORGAN YEOMANRY.—Played on the Town ground on Wednesday, October 13th, in fine weather. The School lost the toss, and had to play with the sun in their eyes. The Yeomanry were the first to attack. The School broke away from a scrum and dribbled to half-way, but it was not long before they were forced back again. From a scrum formed near the School line, the opposing forwards, who were superior in weight, heeled out the ball, and after a round of passing their right centre just managed to score. The kick failed. On resuming the School pressed hard, and play was kept in our opponents' half for a few minutes, and D. J. Thomas after a round of passing only just failed to score. From a line out the opposing wing just managed to score. The kick again failed. Thus came half-time.

On changing over the School were 6 points behind, but it soon became evident that weight was telling. Our forwards were fatigued and for the remainder of the game we were defending and the Yeomanry scored tries in fairly regular succession. Thus the School was beaten by 21 points to nil. Our team was:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, C. Thomas, S. E. Lewis, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) M. G. Thomas, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) A. G. Henshaw, T. Ll. Evans, R. L. Phillips, G. Wilkinson, F. M. Pryce, R. M. Roberts, C. Ll. Morgan, and H. I. K. Jones.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. T. R. DAVIES' XV.—Played on the School ground on Saturday, October 16th, in fine weather. The School lost the toss, and had to play towards the Orphanage. We were kept for the first few minutes on the defence. However, we forced our opponents to half-way, and from a line out Mr Hoskins started a round of passing. C. Thomas let it out to D. J. Thomas, who scored wide. The kick failed. From the drop out the School attacked, and it was now seen that the Medical Students were out of training, and another try soon followed. The kick again failed. On changing over the School were 6 points ahead. We began the second half by attacking. Later from a scrum on the School line, D. J. Thomas obtained the ball and scored a "soccer" try, by a dribble of the whole length of the field. This was not improved upon. Presently, Saunders Jones scored after a fine swerving run and also converted. Two more tries were subsequently added, both of them by Henshaw, and another goal kicked. The School therefore won in excellent style by 2 goals and 4 tries to nil. M. G. Thomas and S. E. Lewis could not play for us.

Our team was:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, C. Thomas, A. G. Henshaw, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) Mr. W. L. Hoskins, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) T. Ll. Evans, R. L. Phillips, R. M. Roberts, G. Wilkinson, F. M. Pryce, C. Ll. Morgan, H. I. K. Jones and A. H. Johns.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. MR. A. HENSHAW'S XV.—A scratch side was got together by Mr Henshaw for Saturday, October 23rd, a very wet day. Though originally fairly strong, they turned up short, and had to play four substitutes. The result was a walk-over for the School by 3 goals and 11 tries (48 points) to 1 try (3 points). The opening stages were very even, Mr. Hoskins putting in some good work for the scratch; but a good rush by the School forwards changed the scene of operations and we drew first blood; the kick failed. From the drop out, the school knocked on, and a scrum followed. Our forwards lost control of the ball, and the opposing scrum-half let out to Mr. Hoskins, who broke through and scored. The kick failed. Then came a succession of tries from the School backs, but with a greasy ball most of the kicks failed badly. At half-time we were 15 points ahead.

In the second half the School quite outplayed the scratch side, several of whom were veterans and not in football condition. Their centres made occasional bursts but seldom came beyond half-way. In all 8 more tries were added but only 2 were converted. We thus won a very damp game by 48 points to 3.

Our team was:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, C. Thomas, S. E. Lewis, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) M. G. Thomas, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) A. G. Henshaw, T. Ll. Evans, R. L. Philips, G. Wilkinson, R. M. Roberts, F. M. Pryce, C. Ll. Morgan, and H. I. K. Jones.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. GLAMORGAN YEOMANRY (return).—This return match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, Oct. 27th and resulted in a win for the visitors by 20 points to 3. It lost much of its interest, from the fact that the referee, on his own confession, knew little about the rules. The School were not so badly beaten as the score suggests and played well on the whole against a heavy side. We were slow to realise that the ordinary rules did not count and were soon 14 points down. Saunders Jones then scored our only try.

The second half was of a very scrappy nature and the visitors scored two more tries. We made some good passing runs, which only just failed, but could not avert defeat.

Our team was:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, C. Thomas, S. E. Lewis, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) M. G. Thomas, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) A. G. Henshaw, T. Ll. Evans, R. L. Phillips, G. Wilkinson, R. M. Roberts, F. M. Pryce, C. Ll. Morgan and H. I. K. Jones.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. NEWPORT R.F.C.—This match was played on the School ground on Saturday, October 30th. The School, winning the toss, decided to play with the sun and wind behind them. However, Newport, who were a good side, captained by F. W. Birt the International, soon started operations. After the

first quarter of an hour they were 2 goals and a try (13 points) ahead. Now the School woke up, and from a scrum formed on the Newport 25, C. Thomas scored a well-deserved try. The kick failed. From the drop out Newport again attacked and scored another try. The kick was successful. Half-time arrived, the School being 15 points behind.

On resuming, the School became more aggressive and were wearing the visitors down, as they were not in the best of training. Nevertheless Newport added three further tries during this half, raising their full score to 3 goals and 4 tries (27 points). The School put on a couple of goals from tries scored by T. Ll. Evans and Saunders Jones, the latter after a very long and fast run. Mr. Hoskins, playing at outside half instead of M. G. Thomas, recently injured, rendered great service to the School team. S. E. Lewis was also unable to play.

Our team was:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, C. Thomas, A. G. Henshaw, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) Mr. W. L. Hoskins, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) T. Ll. Evans, R. L. Phillips, G. Wilkinson, F. M. Pryce, R. M. Roberts, H. I. K. Jones, C. Ll. Morgan and A. H. Johns.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. MONMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—On Wednesday, November 17th, we played Monmouth for the first time on our own ground and celebrated the occasion by a capital victory to the tune of 25 points to 6.

The ground had some bone in it and in places was a bit slippery but not sufficiently so to cause serious difficulty to the players. We made a swift and successful attack from the very first scrum. Morgan handed out cleanly and M. G. Thomas with a quick feint cut right through to the full back and sent his brother, D.J., over with a fine try. From the next scrum we were again on the move and this time M. G. Thomas dropped for goal—a long and by no means bad shot, but just wide of its mark.

So far things looked pretty plain for us, but the Monmouth forwards had a good deal to say about the course of the next 20 minutes' play. They did some sterling work, and effectually prevented us getting our backs in motion. We were on the defensive for a considerable time, though not apparently in serious danger, till a couple of bad blunders gave away a try. A poor pass in front of our posts was not fielded, and after a rough-and-tumble for the ball over our line, Monmouth were very properly awarded the touch-down, as one of their players had been impeded in the follow up. We were glad to see this, the only approach to unreasonable tactics, adequately punished.

The game was not long level; within a minute of the restart we were within their "25," and a clever piece of blind-side passing between Morgan and the Thomases sent D.J. over with his



second try. From the drop out we scored again direct. Wilkinson fielded, and after two or three forwards had handled, Henshaw ran through and 'dummied' the back, no Monmouth player having touched the ball meanwhile. This was a quick and intelligent piece of work.

The result was now hardly in doubt, but we had to work for it still, and to check a good many forward movements on the part of our opponents. Before long, however, from some loose scrummaging in the left-hand corner, Henshaw picked up and forced his way over again. A couple of free kicks were well taken by M. G. Thomas, whose fast following up was very remarkable. Another score followed soon; a neat pass or two in the same neighbourhood as before left C. Thomas with an easy run in. None of these tries were converted, but only one was really easy, and M. G. Thomas made one quite good shot from a difficult angle. Monmouth were not often in our "25" during the rest of our half, and G. C. Thomas' position was practically a sinecure. The only notable incident before the interval was a good pick up and run by Saunders Jones, but he unluckily slipped on a greasy place when all but through the defence.

The second half was fairly even, but less open and eventful. The Monmouth backs had more opportunities than before, and once or twice their right wing ran hard before being tackled, but as a rule their forward movements were far more aggressive than their bouts of passing. Our backs were still clever and dangerous, but they were not quite so successful as before. Still, a nice piece of work, initiated by Henshaw from a forward rush, saw the ball go along the threequarter line to Saunders Jones, who swung inside the back with a good try. He also converted it into our first goal. Lewis, picking up splendidly in the loose, was nearly over just after this, but some other promising movements were frustrated. Monmouth then invaded our territory with a forward dash, and as M. G. Thomas was too slow in playing the ball, they were able to kick a penalty goal from an easy position. We speedily retaliated, and within a minute M. G. Thomas and Lewis between them cut out a perfect opening for C. Thomas to race round behind the posts with another try. This was also converted by Saunders Jones. D. J. Thomas had previously crossed the Monmouth line twice, but a forward pass and an infringement of touch called him back. With our light forwards tiring, we had rather less of the game from here to the end, but Monmouth found no means of piercing our defence. Thus the concluding stages of the match, from our point of view, fell a little flat.

Though we won so substantial a victory, it must not be imagined that it was a cheap success. Monmouth played their uphill game with no little spirit, and we had always to work hard for our tries. Their forwards were a bit heavier than ours, and



had none the worse of the exchanges. With rather more pace and dash they would have been quite a dangerous pack. Behind, on this day's form, they were not by any means so well equipped; the passing was slow, and mostly done standing still rather than on the move. But their defence, if sometimes badly beaten, was plucky and persevering.

Our team played excellent football. The forwards struggled gamely, though rather hard pressed at times. They often heeled well and their tackling was sure, but in the second half there were one or two stragglers, and we scarcely shone at any time in the line-out. Still, they made a good many openings for our backs. T. Ll. Evans and Henshaw were the best; the latter was conspicuous throughout in the loose, though less energetic in the scrum as the game proceeded. Wilkinson and Roberts also did well. Our back play was remarkably good; the pace and certainty of some of the passing was delightful to watch. M. G. Thomas made some mistakes (who does not?), but there was more than a touch of genius in many of his movements, and his swift and energetic play was highly infectious to his colleagues. The whole threequarter line, and especially the left wing, deserves more than usual praise for their fast, straight running and excellent handling. Morgan played his usual effective game at the base of the scrum. G. C. Thomas was a looker on for the most part, but was all there when required. It was pleasant to see the whole side seize the initiative from the very start and play with such confidence throughout.

Mr. Schofield was once more the right man in the right place.

Christ College:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, C. Thomas, S. E. Lewis, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) M. G. Thomas, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) A. G. Henshaw, T. Ll. Evans, G. Wilkinson, R. L. Phillips, R. M. Roberts, F. M. Pryce, H. I. K. Jones and C. Ll. Morgan.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. 2ND-LIEUT. L. BAKER-JONES' XV.—On Saturday, November 20th, Baker-Jones brought up a fairly strong side, consisting mainly of officers of the 5th and 6th Welsh. The School lost the toss, and the opposing captain, accepting the favours of chance, chose to play with the sun and wind in his favour. Before the game was in progress very long, after neat passing Saunders Jones scored an unconverted try. From the drop out the game was mostly in the School half, and Mr. Hoskins, who again substituted M. G. Thomas, was very prominent. The School now forced their way to the opposing "25," and from a scrum, after a bout of passing, D. J. Thomas scored a try, which was well converted by Henshaw. Shortly afterwards half-time arrived, the School being 8 points ahead.

The second half was scrappy. The opposing side was distinctly a scratch one, and did not always obey the rules. We

scored twice this half through Mr. Hoskins and Saunders Jones, and the latter converted both tries into goals.

We won in the end by 3 goals and a try (18 points) to nil.

Our team was:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) D. J. Thomas, C. Thomas, S. E. Lewis, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) Mr. W. L. Hoskins, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) A. G. Henshaw, T. Ll. Evans, R. Ll. Phillips, R. M. Roberts, G. Wilkinson, F. M. Pryce, H. I. K. Jones and C. Ll. Morgan.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. LLANDOVERY COLLEGE.—Severe frost prevented this match taking place on the original date, Saturday, November 27th, and a postponement was necessary. On the following Wednesday we made the journey under very different weather conditions and found that heavy rains had made the turf extremely soft. After the first quarter of an hour accurate passing was distinctly handicapped and long before the end it became almost impossible.

The game is not one that can be described in close detail, since spectacular incidents were necessarily few, but it was a most strenuous and interesting struggle. We attacked at first and M. G. Thomas was conspicuous with a dangerous run and punt, but the ball went dead. The Llandovery forwards for a few minutes heeled with speed and accuracy and gave their backs several chances. Our tackling was sure but before long some excellent passing gained a try for Llandovery. Saunders-Jones all but saved it by a good effort but a very clever pass beat him. Once or twice after this, though they rather lobbed their passes, Llandovery combined well and G. C. Thomas had to make a splendid tackle to check a break-away by their right wing. We also opened up the game but the ball was becoming very difficult to handle and the opposing centres were swift and sure in defence. M. G. Thomas and C. Thomas did much excellent saving and kicking at this period and our forwards, finely led by Henshaw, were playing a sturdy game and more than holding the Llandovery pack. At half-time we were still 3 points down.

The rest of the game was played in a very heavy downpour of rain, which put a final stop to combined movements behind. But the forward struggle that ensued was intensely interesting. Within a few minutes of the restart we dribbled into their "25," where Henshaw with happy opportunism gathered the ball and dashed over in the corner. This made things level again. Our forwards played with splendid earnestness from here to the end and established a marked ascendancy over the opposing pack. They pushed them off the ball in the tight and often made fierce dribbling attacks. But try as we could, it was not possible to score. The ball was too heavy and wet for backs to do anything with it.

For about ten minutes we lost the services of M. G. Thomas. He was knocked out in checking a rush and had to be carried off to recover from a slight concussion. Fortunately he was able to return for the last few minutes and, though obviously still dazed, played the same plucky and valuable game as before. In his absence Henshaw had to fall back into the three-quarter line but even without him our seven forwards beat their opponents and controlled the scrummages. Llandovery defended splendidly and went down to our rushes fearlessly, but they were the first to admit after the game that they were distinctly fortunate to keep their lines intact in these last 20 minutes. We had chances that we could hardly have failed to utilise on a dry ground, but though D. J. Thomas made two or three desperate attempts, it needed luck more than anything else to score under such conditions, and luck did not happen to come our way.

We had therefore to be content with a draw and with the satisfaction of knowing that we had played a great game and had come within a little of repeating the victory of 1909.

It is useless to speculate as to what would have happened on a dry day, and so we will only remark that Llandovery showed in the early stages of the game that they had a fast and clever set of three-quarters and that probably the back play on both sides would have been unusually dashing under normal conditions. But it proved to be largely a forward struggle, and here we were clearly a better side on the day's form. There was not much perhaps to choose in the first half but afterwards we had the upper hand throughout. All our forwards are to be congratulated on a display that surprised even their best friends. They lasted splendidly, and gave us the rare pleasure of seeing a Llandovery pack pushed about on its own ground. They not only gained the equalising try, but they did all that was possible to win the game as well.

It is hardly fair to criticise individuals where all were so good, but we ought not to refrain from mentioning Henshaw, T. Ll. Evans, Roberts, Wilkinson and Phillips as often conspicuous. The backs could hardly be expected to shine in attack, but their defence was most determined; the halves played remarkably well and D. J. Thomas did all he could with his scanty opportunities.

On the Llandovery side there were several fast forwards, who were clever with their feet, but as a pack they were lighter and less successful than usual in the tight. Their inside half was a strong player, and their centres were splendid tacklers.

Mr Schofield as referee gave general satisfaction as usual.

Christ College (back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarter) D. J. Thomas, C. Thomas, S. E. Lewis, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) M. G. Thomas, E. J. Morgan; (forwards) A. G. Henshaw, T. Ll. Evans, G. Wilkinson, R. L. Phillips, R. M. Roberts, F. M. Pryce, H. I. K. Jones and C. Ll. Morgan.



## “ A ” MATCHES.

CHRIST COLLEGE “ A ” XV. v. YSTRADGYNLAIS COUNTY SCHOOL.—This match was played on the School ground on Friday, October 8th, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by the score of 8 points to 6. The School lost the toss, but the visiting captain, refusing to accept the favours of chance, elected to play against the wind.

The first few moments of play were sufficient to show that our “A” XV. was the more polished in every department of the game. It was the first match in which the eight forwards had played together. They exercised more control over the ball and packed better than the visitors, who relied mainly upon promiscuous “hacking.” The School scored early in the game, C. Thomas cutting through nicely and beating all the opposing backs. The kick failed. Before half-time, Saunders Jones picked up a stray pass and ran over with comparative ease with an unconverted try. Ystradgynlais took up the attack next, and Owen, a player of promise, ran in with a try.

The second half was not so interesting. The courage of our team appeared to leave them after Ystradgynlais had assumed the lead through Owen, who scored a try which was well converted into a goal. By this kick Ystradgynlais were left victorious.

We were defeated, primarily owing to bad place-kicking, but also because we failed to recover after suffering a reverse. We were really much superior to the visitors, but the lesson of this first game of the season was clearly shown that no side must allow itself to be demoralized by momentary failure.

Our team was:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) J. S. Eynon, C. Thomas, G. E. Watson, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) S. E. Lewis, C. Howells; (forwards) R. L. Phillips, T. Ll. Evans, R. M. Roberts, G. Wilkinson, F. M. Pryce, C. Ll. Morgan, N. V. Evans and H. I. K. Jones.

CHRIST COLLEGE “ A ” XV. v. YSTRADGYNLAIS COUNTY SCHOOL.—This match was played at Ystradgynlais on Saturday, November 6th, in ideal football weather, but the School lost by one goal and two tries (11 points) to one try (3 points). T. Ll. Evans kicked off for the School, and before many minutes' play the game was interrupted by an amusing incident; the ball was put out of action by coming into contact with some spiked railings, which enclose the field. On resuming, the School were hard pressed, and the homesters scored a good try. The kick was successful. Following this the School were again hard pressed, and Ystradgynlais once more scored, but this time failed to convert. Now the School woke up, the forwards showing great speed and determination. From a scrum Saunders Jones ran hard for about 30 yards and was nearly clear when tackled. After half-time we pressed hard, and proved ourselves to be in better training than our opponents. C. Thomas and Saunders Jones were constantly in the picture. Phillips was also hooking well, and our

pack was strong in the loose. After some scrummaging T. Ll. Evans got clear and scored a well earned try. Before the end, however, Ystradgynlais again crossed our line. Except for some weakness behind, we were not an inferior side. G. C. Thomas played very well. C. Thomas and Saunders Jones and all the forwards were in fine fettle.

Ystradgynlais won by 11 points to 3.

Our team was:—(Back) G. C. Thomas; (three-quarters) D. Leyshon, C. Thomas, G. E. Watson, W. Saunders Jones; (halves) S. E. Lewis, C. Howells; (forwards) T. Ll. Evans, R. L. Phillips, G. Wilkinson, F. M. Pryce, H. I. K. Jones, C. Ll. Morgan, A. H. Johns and N. V. Evans.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.—SENIOR COMPETITION.

1. The Hostel beat A—M by 13 points to 8.

A very keen game.

2. N—Z beat A—M by 31 points to nil.

3. The Hostel beat N—Z by 14 points to 10.

Another splendid struggle.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points.	
				For.	Agst.
The Hostel	2	2	0	27	18
N—Z	2	1	1	41	14
A—M	2	0	2	8	44

Ins and Outs.—The Ins won by 37 points to 3, after a pleasant but rather one-sided game.

## THE GAMES COMMITTEE.

Two meetings have been held this term.

(1) On Thursday, September 30th. Members present:—Rev. A. E. Donaldson (President), Mr. J. S. Robinson, Mr. G. H. Isitt, G. Wilkinson, D. J. Thomas (Football Captain), J. S. Eynon, W. Saunders Jones, T. Ll. Evans, E. J. Morgan, and A. G. Henshaw.

After formal business, the necessary arrangements were made for the House Matches. It was decided to play the Senior Matches before November 27th, and the Junior (under 16) Matches at the end of term. A considerable discussion took place on the irregular attendance of Day Boys at the games, and the following resolution was adopted:—"Games being compulsory for all boys, including Day Boys, those who, without adequate reason, do not turn out regularly shall be excluded from the privileges of the games."

It was decided to ask the Editors of "The Breconian" to print reports of the Games Committee Meetings.

(2) On Wednesday, November 23rd. Members present as above, except J. S. Eynon.

The following dates were reserved for the Football Kicking Competition:—December 2nd, December 6th, December 9th. There was no further business.

A. E. DONALDSON, President.



## LECTURES AND ENTERTAINMENT.

On Wednesday, October 13th, Rev. Saunders Moore gave us a very interesting lecture on Carthusian Monasteries. The lecturer had a large number of slides, and from these we were shown the life of the Carthusian Monk. The relation between the French Chartreuse and the London Charterhouse was perhaps the most interesting part.

Early in November the Rev. Runnels Moss paid us another visit. Mr. Moss has been to the School on four occasions. Four subjects—namely, “David Copperfield,” “Nicholas Nickleby,” “Oliver Twist,” and “Pickwick Papers”—have been rendered by Mr. Moss on different occasions. The selections from “Pickwick Papers” were very amusing, and were accomplished with his usual skill. Everybody present enjoyed the dramatic recitation. Perhaps the part of Sergeant Buzfuz caused the greatest amusement. We sincerely hope that Mr. Moss will pay us several more visits.

The third lecture was quite unexpected. It took place on December 3rd. It was given by Mr. E. B. Powell (O.B.). The subject of the lecture was the “Whitehead Torpedo.” It was very interesting, although some of the technical terms probably puzzled some of us, more so the classical side. The gyroscope caused great interest, and Mr. Powell explained it in detail. Mr. Powell was here about 1884-6.

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## SING-SONG.

At the beginning of November we had the kind permission of the Headmaster to arrange a Sing-Song. For some time the School had been desirous to have this entertainment, and it was arranged for November 10th. The programme consisted of fourteen items. We owe great thanks to the masters who helped us with our efforts. Mr. Webb kindly gave us a pianoforte solo. Henshaw, R. L. Phillips, Wilkinson, Saunders-Jones, A. H. Johns, D. C. Thomas, and C. Thomas contributed towards making the entertainment a success. There was also a study and “Upper Room” chorus. Thanks is due to the headmaster, who so kindly took the chair. We think that there is no reason why these enjoyable entertainments should not be kept up. We sincerely hope they will, especially during the long winter nights.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

The term began on Wednesday, September 15th, and will end on Friday, December 17th.

On Friday, September 17th, at a meeting of the School in the Big Schoolroom, D. J. Thomas was unanimously elected football captain, and J. S. Eynon, W. Saunders Jones, T. Ll. Evans, E. J. Morgan, and A. G. Henshaw were elected to vacant places on the Games Committee.

The Editors of *The Breconian* this term are G. Wilkinson, J. S. Eynon, and F. M. Pryce.

The School Prefects for this term are :—J. S. Eynon, C. Thomas, and R. L. Phillips. D. J. Thomas and G. E. Watson have been made House Prefects of the School House, and G. Wilkinson, T. Ll. Evans, and F. M. Pryce of the Hostel.

On Friday, October 8th, the Headmaster granted a half-holiday in honour of the successes in the Higher and Lower Certificate Examinations of last term.

On Tuesday, November 9th, the School was granted a half-holiday in honour of the newly-elected Mayor of Brecon.

On Sunday, October 3rd, Rev. H. J. Church-Jones (O.B.) preached in Chapel at the evening service.

G. S. W. Evans, A. H. Johns, R. J. Parry, and I. M. Powell passed the London Matriculation Examination held last July.

On Friday, December 3rd, a half-holiday was granted in honour of the success of the 1st XV. in the School Matches.

A Choir Half was given on Thursday, December 9th.

Ivor Evans (O.B.) was recently ordained and licensed to Christ Church, Swansea, and D. H. Richards (O.B.) was ordained and licensed to Builth Wells.

On Michaelmas Day the Ven. Archdeacon Edward Latham Bevan, a member of the governing body of the School, was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Swansea in Canterbury Cathedral.

MARRIAGES.—On September 18th, Lieut. T. G. Thomas (O.B.) Canadian Expeditionary Force, to Gertrude Cunliffe, second daughter of Major-General Marsh, of Folkestone. The wedding took place at Christ Church, Folkestone.—Rev. H. E. Price (O.B.), Chaplain, of Meiktila, Upper Burma, to Dorothy, younger daughter of Sir Alfred Irwin, C.S.I., of Dublin.—On Thursday, November 25th, 2nd Lieut. W. A. G. Howell (O.B.), to Ethel Margaret, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Isaac, Rock House, Maesteg. Lieut. Howell, after a week's leave, returned to the front.—At the Parish Church, Knighton, Radnorshire, Cyril Hubert Mayer Nixon (O.B.), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nixon, of Ael-y-bryn, Knighton, to Margery, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Parker, United Counties Bank, Knighton.

To all the above we offer our heartiest congratulations, and also to Commander W. O. C. Whall R.N.R. (O.B.) on his recent marriage, of which we have received no details.

**BIRTH.**—On August 12th, Mary Christabel, wife of Capt. Arthur F. S. Sladden (O.B.), M.D., Oxon., of a daughter.

**OBITUARY.**—We regret to record the death of C. Gwynne-Vaughan (O.B.), of Builth Wells.—It is with deep regret also that we have to record the death in action, in France, of Lieut.-Col. R. D. Garnons-Williams, of Waunderwen, Hay. He was formerly a Governor of the School, and was always very closely connected with Brecon.

H. B. Davies (O.B.) has obtained 3rd Class Honours in History Moderations at Oxford.

E. F. Thomas (O.B.), who is a Corporal in the Royal Engineers, has been granted a 2nd Class Honours Degree in Natural Science, "in absentia," at Cambridge.

J. V. Rees (O.B.), who is with the Brecknocks in India, is, we hear, engaged in training a boxer in his battalion for an approaching Championship.

D. H. Saunders-Davies (O.B.), who recently resigned his commission, is now in training at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

Rev. J. S. Longdon (O.B.), Army Chaplain (T.F.), Rector of Cadoxton-juxta-Barry, has been appointed to a Rural Deanery in Glamorgan.

We have this term received visits from the following O.B.'s:—L. Baker-Jones, W. A. Bourne-Price, A. H. Coppage, H. S. Davies, T. R. Davies, J. Evans, H. Fynon, R. P. Gifford, R. S. Griffiths, A. Henshaw, P. B. Hughes, J. B. James, G. B. H. Jones, R. S. Kelway, A. J. Morris, G. C. Parker, C. F. Parry, T. Parry, G. Powell, D. L. Price, D. Rhys, H. Ll. Richards, R. J. Richards, E. T. Sims, G. Yendoll, and I. J. S. Yorath.

On Tuesday, November 16th, a Confirmation Service was held at the Chapel at 3 o'clock, when sixteen candidates were presented for Confirmation at the hands of the newly-consecrated Bishop of Swansea.

A half-holiday was also granted on the same day.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs.—Would it not be a good idea to publish a list in *The Breconian* of the sons and brothers of Old Boys, who at the present time are members of the College? I should think this scheme would be met with great approval, both by the Old Boys themselves, and especially by those who are here at present.

“HOPEFUL.”

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To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR EDITORS,—Would it not be an excellent thing if a shower-bath could be erected somewhere on the “School House” premises, for the use of all those who do not change up in the dormitories.

We believe it is so in many other schools.

Yours hopefully,

“TWO SCHOOL-HOUSITES.”

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To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Would it not be a good plan to form a Tennis Club, which in the summer time could be run on the same lines as the Golf Club, i.e., by subscription. There is plenty of room for the courts, which would take very little time to prepare. The cost of the nets, etc., could be defrayed from the subscriptions. Hoping this letter will bear fruit,

Yours truly,

“X.”

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To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—May I suggest that the photographs of the football and cricket teams be hung in order in the Dining Hall instead of the Library. At present they are in a very muddled state, and in no proper order. Hoping to see this suggestion carried out,

I remain, yours truly,

“INTERESTED.”



To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—Would it not be interesting to all Breconians to know exactly who has the lead between Llandovery and Brecon in both football and cricket?

Could you not make a list from *The Breconians* up-to-date, and print it in the next copy? Wishing, myself among others,

I remain, Yours truly,

“AN UPHOLDER OF THE TEAMS.”

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—I wish to thank all Old Breconians, through the medium of your columns, both for their letters and telegrams of congratulations on the victory over Monmouth and the draw against Llandovery, as I find it impossible to thank them all personally.

Believe me, yours truly,

D. J. THOMAS.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—I think that the school, having a school tie (light and dark blue), should be allowed to wear it on match days, if not every day. I think it is done in most schools.

Yours, etc.,

CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

ANSWER:—“Two of the Lookers On.”—Your letter has no signature to authenticate it; it is against our rules to publish such.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the following contemporaries, apologising for any accidental omissions:—“Bristol Grammar School Chronicle,” “Bromsgrovian” (2), “Cheltonian” (4), “City of London School Magazine,” “Dovorian” (2), “Fettesian” (2), “Giggleswick Chronicle,” (2), “Herefordian,” “Johnian,” “Malvernian” (2), “Marlburian” (4), “Newtonian,” “Portmuthian,” “Tonbridgian” (2), “Ystwythian.”

## HOW VICTORIES ARE WON.

The Kaiser was sitting in state on his chair,  
 Reading a list with a satisfied air  
 Of victories won bravely on land and on sea,  
 Provided that day by his Wolff's agency ;  
 When in rushed a man, who for miles had been bunking,  
 Yelling, "Sir, I must tell you, your Prussians are funkng.  
 From the battle I've come with the greatest of haste,  
 For I must say that fighting is not to my taste."  
 The Kaiser then rose with a loud exclamation,  
 But calmed himself soon and wrote this proclamation :—  
 "Announce to my people that now without doubt  
 The Russians again are in one complete rout."  
 The people with joy these good tidings receive,  
 And Wolff's some "Official News" very soon weave.  
 Then back goes the Kaiser triumphant to tea,  
 And thus has been gained one more great victory.

## O.B. ASSOCIATION.

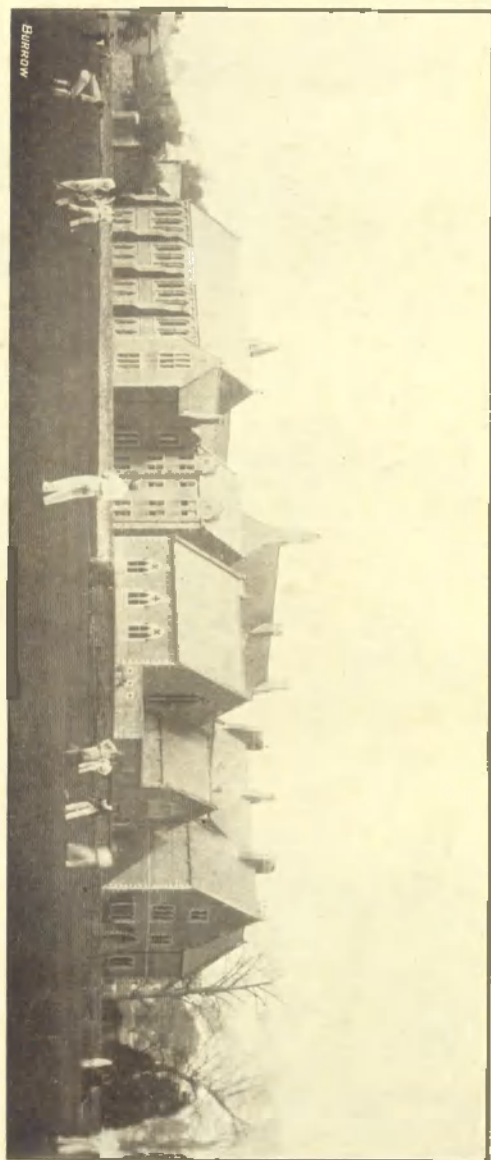
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### BALANCE SHEET FOR 1915.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1914 ... ..	59	3	8	150 Subs. at 2/6 ... ..	18	15	0
3 new Subs. at £1 ... ..	3	0	0	Transferred to Current A/c.			
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Interest on Deposit (1915)	3	3	10				
	£70	7	6		£70	7	6

CURRENT ACCOUNT.							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1914 ... ..	23	9	3	Jones (Printing) ... ..	5	2	6
30 Annual Subs. at 2/6 ... ..	3	15	0	Postage ... ..	2	10	6
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Transferred from Deposit A/c.				Covers) ... ..	1	12	3
				Balance for 1915 ... ..	36	14	0
	£45	19	3		£45	19	3

C. J. E. LARGE, Hon. Treasurer.



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