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The Breconian.

EDITORIAL.

DESPITE every effort of the Hun, in air, land, or sea, we are still "carrying on." Though the claim upon our bigger boys is still exorbitant, Christmas, 1917, finds us undiminished in quality if not in quantity. We have every reason to regard the School as prospering, both in the world of scholarship and on the football field. The further achievement of G. Thomas, who secured a very high place in the Woolwich List, heading the list in Natural Science, has added to the laurels we have secured in the Army Examinations. As we go to Press, we are awaiting the results of the last examination, which we are confident will bring further honours.

In the football world we are justly proud of our record, and, although we once more succumbed to our sister School, we can congratulate ourselves on contributing a fair share to an exciting match. At Hereford we repeated our success of last term. Last season's defeats (should we call them routs?) seem but a faded nightmare.

Finally, we would turn with sorrow, but also with admiration to our ever-growing Roll of Honour, and pay our humble token of respect to those, some of whom were even yesterday our schoolfellows, who have willingly answered the last summons. Whatever our pride in the minor successes of our school, it is but a puny thing beside this grander record, in which Breconians, past, present and future, will always glory.

IN MEMORIAM.

NEVILLE VERNON EVANS: School House, 1913—16; elder son of the Rev. J. D. Evans, Vicar of Treherbert. Killed in action in August, 1917, while serving as 2nd Lieut. with the S.W.B. in France. He came to Brecon from Leatherhead and soon won a genuine popularity for his sterling qualities and cheery good nature. He worked his way steadily up the School and was in Va, when the time came for him to serve his country. He took a keen share in the School games and was not far from winning his place both in the XV. and Hockey XI. But above all he will be remembered as "dear old Neddy," who was everyone's friend and nobody's enemy. He was in the ranks for some months, but then accepted the offer of a Commission, and had not been more than a few weeks abroad before the last call came. The Chaplain wrote:—"We all loved him; many will long remember his cheery manner and encouraging smile. The men appreciated his sympathy with their difficulties and hardships. In order to bring in his body they worked continuously for nearly nine hours—a significant tribute to their affection."

HAROLD MADOC JONES: Hostel, 1890—1892; Lieut. in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He came to school "a small shock-headed freckled boy" some five and twenty years ago; he fell in France the other day—a tall, handsome man of commanding presence. "Silent" was his nickname and well illustrates his calm, self-reliant character. He was an athlete and a scholar. Quite recently he distinguished himself in the Cross Country Race of his Division. Many years ago he won his scholarship and graduated with honours at Aberystwyth College. Teaching was his profession and he held appointments as Classical Master at Llandudno, Llangefin, Porth and Cardigan. From the last post he volunteered as a Private on the outbreak of war, and took a Commission some months later at the desire of his friends. He saw much service at Neuve Chapelle, Laventie, Festhubert, and afterwards in the Somme Push, winning promotion and a mention in despatches for his share of the good work at Mametz. Another officer describes him "as the calmest soldier I ever met in the face of danger; No Man's Land had no terrors to disturb the tranquility of his mind." On July 31st he was on patrol duty, and in trying to save a badly wounded corporal he was shot by a sniper. He was buried almost where he fell, just by Langemarek. We quote again from a superior officer's letter:—"A more gallant gentleman I have never seen. Had he lived he would have had a decoration. No soldier faced battle so calmly and so bravely."

H. ST. JOHN SAUNDERS JONES: Day Boy, 1906—10: elder son of the Rev. D. Saunders Jones, Vicar of Cantref, and formerly Vicar of St. David's, Llanfaes. He was a boy whose opportunities at School were much restricted by delicacy of health.

For some time it was clear that his interests lay in the workshop rather than the class-room, and at an earlier age than most boys he therefore abandoned school life to go through a course of Motor Instruction. He was still engaged in this business when the war broke out, and at once took up his share of service with the Brecknocks. He was with them at Aden and in India, where his skill as a motorist attracted his C.O.'s attention. Eventually he accepted a Commission in the Indian Army (Punjabis) and went with them to German East Africa. Here, after a period of hard work and hard service, he fell on August 12th, dying almost immediately of wounds received in action. St. John Saunders Jones was not one of the learned or distinguished among Breconians, but his war service and war sacrifice was no whit less than the greatest of them. He is another happy instance of how the call of duty finds all Brecon boys, without distinction, "Ready, aye, ready!"

LEWIS HUGHES: Hostel, 1900—2; Corp., Infantry, Canadian E.F. "Lewie" Hughes was a nephew of Dr. Valentine Rees and was contemporary with his cousins Jack Rees and the Coldicotts, the latter, like himself, Hostel boys. He was only at school for three brief years, but in that time endeared his memory to boys and masters alike. His was one of the brightest and more cheerful of mischievous spirits, ever happy and ever ready for a jest. Gifted with a beautiful voice, he led the trebles in the choir for some time, and in 1901, when the School Operatic Society presented "H.M.S. Pinafore" at the Christmas entertainment, he was a truly charming "Buttercup." Leaving school young, he went for a course of training at an Agricultural College and then proceeded to Canada, where he was farming at the outbreak of war. Naturally love of country soon brought him back with the Canadian forces, and he fell in the hour of victory last November on the slopes of Passchendaele. "Lewie" lies in a soldier's grave, but he will not be readily forgotten by his old comrades and friends of 15 years ago.

LEONARD GLYNNE LEWIS: Hostel, 1907—12; 2nd Lieut. Welch Regt.; killed in France in November. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, of Pontypridd, and came as a scholar to Christ College. At first his quiet, reserved manner kept him somewhat in the background, but as one grew to know him better he revealed a genial and quaint sense of humour that made him generally popular. "Siwel" he was nicknamed to distinguish him from numerous other Lewises, and as "Siwel" he was known for the remainder of his school career. He entered into all games with skill and zest and was a football enthusiast. He played a fine game in the Llandovery match of 1911, the year in which he received his XV. colours, and was also in the cricket XI. of 1912. Not content with the ordinary school games, he ran a football team of his own in the holidays, the "Heracleans," which added to the gaiety of the Pontypridd district. By no means without ability of a more serious kind, he won a scholarship at Lampeter

and was in residence there in 1914. One of the earliest of O.B.'s to enlist, he joined the Public School Battalion and saw much service in their ranks. After being wounded, he accepted a Commission and had not long since won the Military Cross for good work in Flanders. Peace be to him—"Siwel"—a gallant and cheerful soul!

ROLL OF HONOUR.

KILLED IN ACTION.

- N. V. Evans, 2nd Lieut., S.W.B.—in France, August, 1917.
 L. Hughes, Corp. Infantry, Canadian E.F.—in Flanders, Nov., 1917.
 L. G. Lewis, 2nd Lieut., Welch, M.C.—in France, 1917.
 H. Madoc Jones, Lieut., Royal Welsh Fusiliers—in Flanders, July 31st, 1917.
 H. St. J. Saunders Jones, 2nd Lieut., Infantry (Punjabis) I.A.—in German East Africa, August 12th, 1917.

WOUNDED.

- T. J. David, Major, R.H.A.—in Flanders, Oct. 29th (suffering from gas).
 B. O. Davis, 2nd Lieut., K.O.Y.L.I.—in Flanders, October, 1917.
 R. H. Davis, 2nd Lieut., K.O.Y.L.I.—in Flanders, October, 1917.
 J. Clifford Davies, 2nd Lieut., Welch—in Flanders, Sept., 1917, severely.
 R. C. Grellett, Temp. Major, Yorks, 2nd time—Oct., 1917.
 P. C. Howell, 2nd Lieut., D.C.L.I., October, 1917.
 D. C. Jones, 2nd Lieut., D.C.L.I.
 G. B. H. Jones, Lieut., Welsh Horse—in Palestine, Nov., 1917.
 W. M. Partridge, 2nd Lieut., Leicester, 2nd time, October, 1917.
 W. Prosser (School House 1915-16), Private, London.
 I. A. Thomas, 2nd Lieut. R.F.A.—Nov., 1917.
 W. R. Thomas, 2nd Lieut., Mechanical Transport, slightly—Sept., 1917.
 R. C. Tottenham, Lieut. R.E.—Nov., 1917.

INVALIDED.

- W. A. Mordey, Private, Royal Warwick.
 F. M. Nixon, Bomb. R.G.A.
 T. H. Phillips, Capt., R.A.M.C.

PRISONER OF WAR.

- D. G. Powell, 2nd Lieut. S.W.B., attached R.F.C.—at Karlsruhe, Oct., 1917.

HONOURS.

D.S.O.

R. C. Grellett, Temp. Major, Yorks.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

E. M. C. Denny, 2nd Lieut. D.C.L.I.

MILITARY CROSS.

E. M. Gibbon, 2nd Lieut. S.W.B. (Special Reserve).

L. G. Lewis, 2nd Lieut., Welch.

R. C. Tottenham, Lieut., R.E.

G. J. T. Thomas, Captain, R.A.M.C.

CROIX DE GUERRE.

F. R. Ames, Lieut. S.A. Mounted Rifles.

H. E. R. Stephens, Surgeon, R.N.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

F. R. Ames, Lieut. S.A. Mounted Rifles—by Brig.-Gen. Northey.

H. Madoc Jones, Lieut., Royal Welsh Fusiliers—by Sir D. Haig.

C. E. Sladden, Temp. Major, Worcester—by Sir F. S. Maude.

ROLL OF SERVICE (10th List).

R. L. David, Private, 35th Sanitary Co.

E. duHeaume (School House, 1908-10), Cadet, R.N.A.S.

O. M. Ellis (Morton's, 1901-2), Gunner R.F.A.

P. T. Erasmus (School House, 1904-11), Private, Engineers, U.S.A. Army.

A. W. T. Evans (Hostel, 1904-10), Gunner R.G.A. (Howitzer Section).

C. G. Evans (School House, 1913-16), Cadet, Artists' Rifles.

R. P. Gifford (School House, 1912-15), Cadet, Artists' Rifles.

R. P. Gorton (School House, 1900-2), 2nd Lieut. A.S.C.

R. B. Hunter, Prob. Flight Officer, R.N.A.S.

E. J. Hughes (Morton's, 1899-1901), Private, Welch.

H. Madoc Jones (Hostel, 1890-92), Lieut., Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

O. H. Jones (Hostel, 1914-17), Private, Royal Welsh Fusiliers (Garrison Batt.)

B. E. Leeder (Hostel, 1903-4 and 1906-8), Lieut., Canadian Infantry.

S. E. Lewis, 2nd Lieut. R.F.C.

W. A. Mordey (School House, 1910-12), Private, Royal Warwick.

E. Morgan (Morton's, 1894-9), R.A.M.C.

E. J. Morgan (Hostel, 1910-16), Cadet, Westminster Rifles.

A. J. Morris (School House, 1906-8), 2nd Lieut., S.W.B.

E. H. Partridge (School House, 1891-7), Gunner, R.G.A. (Hants).

R. L. Phillips (School House, 1911-16), 2nd Lieut., Indian Army

F. M. Pryce (Hostel, 1910-16), 2nd Lieut., S.W.B.

G. Thomas (School House, 1910-17), R.M.A., Woolwich.

T. Thomas (Hostel, 1911-17), Cadet, R.N.V.R.

G. B. Vaughan (School House, 1895-9), Gunner, R.G.A.

W. L. G. Williams (Day Boy, 1891-6) Rifleman, London Rifle Brigade.

I. J. S. Yorath (School House, 1911-14), Despatch Rider, Air Service.

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOARD HIGHER CERTIFICATE :

G. THOMAS.—Elementary Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, English Essay, Natural Philosophy (Physical and Chemical Divisions), with merit in Organic Chemistry and distinction in Chemistry as a whole.

N.B.—A. H. Johns passed in the same 4 subjects, and qualified in English Essay, but failed to secure the necessary subject from a third group.

C. Ll. Morgan was unfortunately prevented by illness from completing his examination.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOARD LOWER CERTIFICATE :

10 candidates, 4 passes.

a=Latin.	f=Arithmetic.	k=History.
b=Greek.	g=Additional Mathematics.	n=Mechanics and Physics.
c=French.	j=English.	o=Physics and Chemistry.
		g=Experimental Science.

Capital signifies Distinction.

E. D. Davies—a f j k N o.

P. C. Evans—A f g j k n o.

E. L. Jones—A c F g j K.

R. M. Roberts—a f j k g.

G. R. Heins (a f j k) and D E Murray (f G k n) passed in 4 out of the necessary 5 subjects.

Six distinctions were obtained—Latin (2), History, Arithmetic, Additional Mathematics and Mechanics, with Physics (1 each),

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION (JUNIOR) :—

11 Candidates, 9 Passes.

a=Latin.	i=Chemistry.
b=Greek.	j=Practical Chemistry.
c=French.	k=English History.
d=English Grammar.	l=Freehand Drawing.
e=English Composition.	m=Model Drawing.
f=Shakespeare.	n=Geometrical Drawing.
g=Geometry.	o=Heat, Sound and Light.
h=Algebra.	p=Scripture.
	r=Mensuration.

I. Ll. Evans—a b k p.

H. A. Grant—a d h i j p.

J. Griffith Jones—a d f i k p.

R. W. Marshall—a d e h i j k p.

D. G. Morgan—a c d e f g h i j k o p r.

H. Scudamore—a c d g h i j l m p.

W. G. H. Simon—a b c d e f k p.

D. W. R. Thomas—a d g h i j p.

W. J. E. Williams—a d e f i j k n p.

D. G. Morgan obtained 2nd Class Honours.

THE GAMES COMMITTEE.

A meeting was held on Monday, October 29th. Present :—The Rev. A. E. Donaldson (President), Mr. G. H. Isitt, T. Ll. Price, C. Ll. Morgan, G. R. Dunbar, W. G. Fryer, and T. R. Daniel.

The dates of the House Matches were fixed, and the Football Kicking Competition was arranged for the last week of term. There was no other business.

A. E. DONALDSON, President.

CRICKET.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. BEAUFORT—Played at Brecon on July 7th and resulted in a severe defeat. We were outplayed and gave a disappointing display in fielding and batting. Beaufort were a strong side and made good use of their opportunities. Score and analysis :—

BEAUFORT.

I. Thomas, lbw, b Roberts	...	...	52
W. Lloyd, c and b Roberts	...	...	7
A. Norris, c Morgan, b Roberts	...	...	15
H. Thomas, b Roberts	...	...	37
W. J. Gregory, b Price	...	...	1
D. L. Reynolds, b Price	...	...	14
W. E. Bull, c I. Ll. Evans, b Roberts	...	...	23
T. J. Lloyd, c Beresford, b Roberts	...	...	25
J. Bowen, c Jones, b Roberts	...	...	3
A. Price, run out	...	...	2
W. James, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	21
			200

CHRIST COLLEGE.

1st Innings.				2nd Innings.			
I. Ll. Evans, b Price	...	4	run out	...	...	...	7
D. W. R. Thomas, b T. J. Lloyd	...	4	not out	...	...	...	11
S. Evans, b T. J. Lloyd	...	13					
R. M. Roberts, b Price	...	4	not out	...	...	...	1
T. Ll. Price, b Price	...	0					
I. Ll. Oxenham, c I. Thomas, b T. J. Lloyd	...	5					
W. M. Jones, c Price, b T. J. Lloyd	...	0					
H. N. Beresford, lbw, b T. J. Lloyd	...	0					
T. Thomas, c H. Thomas, b T. J. Lloyd	...	2					
C. Ll. Morgan, b Price	...	12	b H. Thomas	...	...	...	0
W. G. Fryer, not out	...	3	b H. Thomas	...	...	...	3
Extras	...	4	Extras	...	...	...	4
Total	51		Total (for 3 wks.)	26			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	18'1	0	84	7
Price	18	0	60	2
Jones	6	0	11	0
S. Evans ...	2	0	17	0
Oxenham ...	2	0	7	0

HOUSE MATCHES.

1.—Hostel beat N.Z. by 76 runs. Hostel, 177 (W. M. Jones, 101 not out); N. Z., 101 (R. M. Roberts, 48; T. Ll. Price, 27).

2.—Hostel beat A. M. by 27 runs and 5 wickets. Hostel, 98 for 5 wickets (T. Thomas, 35; W. M. Jones, 25); A. M. 71 (G. R. Dunbar 27; D. L. James, 25).

3.—N. Z. beat A. M. by 76 runs. N. Z., 101 (T. Ll. Price, 46 not out); A. M., 25.

4.—Ins beat Outs by 13 runs. Ins, 75 (N. S. Blackall, 27 not out); Outs, 62.

The Hostel thus retained the House Cup and the Ins wrested the other from the Outs.

CRICKET AVERAGES.

1ST XI.

BATTING.

Name.	Innings.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Not Outs.	Average.
T. Ll. Price ...	9	215	116	—	23'88
D. W. R. Thomas	10	161	25	2	20'12
I. Ll. Oxenham ...	8	111	32*	1	15'85
R. M. Roberts ...	10	120	43	1	13'33
W. M. Jones ...	9	107	37	—	11'88
S. Evans ...	9	94	33	—	10'44
C. Ll. Morgan ...	8	58	32*	2	9'66
H. N. Beresford	5	36	29	—	7'20
T. Thomas ...	8	48	36*	1	6'85
I. Ll. Evans ...	10	60	14	—	6'
W. G. Fryer ...	10	28	10	4	4'66

Also batted: E. Williams, 4, 4, 3, 9, 0 and 5; T. R. Daniel, 18; and D. E. Murray, 2.

BOWLING.

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average
W. M. Jones ...	18	4	26	4	6'50
R. M. Roberts ...	124'5	29	361	41	8'80
T. Ll. Price ...	109'1	18	265	21	12'61
I. Ll. Oxenham ...	17'4	3	40	1	40''
S. Evans ...	14	5	49	1	49'

Also bowled: E. Williams, 5, 0, 16, 1; and W. G. Fryer, 5, 0, 22, 2.

FOOTBALL SEASON.—1917.

Though the School, owing to the war, has had no opportunity of seeing its XV. play as a team, it knows well enough that it has been represented this year by a good and plucky side. The two School fixtures were the only genuine matches and both were away from home. Monmouth were due to visit us this winter, but petrol restrictions made that impossible; so by the courtesy of the Cathedral School authorities we met them at Hereford and administered a sound defeat in a well fought game. To Llandovery we took down good hopes of making a bold show and of wiping out last year's disgrace. These were by no means disappointed; for, though beaten by the narrow margin of a try, our team, under unfavourable conditions, gave an admirable display and was distinctly unlucky in not making a draw, to say nothing of winning outright.

The XV. was sound all through. The backs always promised well and had pace and resolution. They did not show their most polished form in the School matches, but were handicapped against Monmouth by the absence of Price and at Llandovery by the unaccustomed mud. Given more match practice, they would have been an excellent combination. The forwards were early in the term rather slow in getting into stride; once their form was found they never looked back and played very finely in both matches against good packs, probably heavier, man for man, than themselves. Nor did the XV. have much luck. Oxenham was kept away by illness from both matches, and Price, owing to knee trouble, stood down in the Monmouth game. Fortunately we had versatile players like D. W. R. Thomas and L. C. Davies ready to save the situation behind and a useful reserve forward in E. Williams. But the unkindest blow of all was the terrible mud at Llandovery; without unduly depreciating our opponents' gallant and skilful defence, we think mud played, as in many a warlike operation, the decisive part in the game.

C. Ll. Morgan, a much more inspiring Captain than his predecessor, must be congratulated on having rescued our football from the unhappy condition into which it appeared to have fallen last winter. A good XV. is nearly always a reflex of the influence of a keen and determined captain. Next to him we owe gratitude to Mr. Ifor Jones for his invaluable services. The forwards under his tuition improved by leaps and bounds, and he trained a great "hooker" in Osborne Jones. The second game, which also had the advantage of his coaching on many occasions, has played with much keenness and perseverance. Science and combination are a little to seek at present, but there is abundance of promise among the next 30 boys outside the XV. The following deserve special mention:—E. L. Jones, I. Ll. Evans (halves); E. D. Jones, E. D. Davies, and the Harries brothers (three-quarters); Godby, H. Lewis (forwards); and a very plucky tackler, G. Owen, as full back. Scudamore was also most conscientious, both as a player and as second game captain.

A.E.D.

It is pleasing to be able to record that we have more than retrieved our reputation as exponents of good Rugby football in the present season. A side which, from the beginning of the term, promised good things, has exceeded expectations. At Hereford, in our annual match against Monmouth Grammar School, we defeated a by no means weak side, but in our great game at Llandovery we surpassed all former efforts in a bold bid for victory. That we failed was due rather to fate and the mud than to a weak display. We have just reason to be proud of our rapid recovery after last year's reverses.

Our success is mainly due to the untiring coaching of Messrs. Donaldson and Jones, to whom we are most deeply grateful. Throughout the term they have worked most enthusiastically both in shaping a sound team for the present term and in encouraging coming talent in the Junior games, and to them must be wholly attributed what success we have met. Mr. Isitt has also very kindly refereed in the second game in Mr. Jones's absence.

In conclusion, may we be permitted to remind those who were not fortunate in securing places in the team that on their keenness depends much of the welfare of the team? L. C. Davies, I. Ll. Evans, and E. L. Jones have all shown this keenness, and it would be well if some others would follow their example.

C. LL. M.

THE XV., 1917.

- D. W. R. THOMAS (Full-back)—1917.—Active and skilful, he is able to play anywhere outside the scrum, and is especially resourceful as an attacking outside half. At full-back he kicks very well indeed, and has improved his saving and tackling.
- G. R. DUNBAR (Right Wing)—1916-7—Quick and accurate in combined work, has had but few chances this term, and lacks weight in forcing his way through a stiff defence. A very fair tackler.
- W. G. FRYER (Right Centre)—1916-7—Much improved in knowledge of the game and in combination. He has played a prominent part in the tackling and general defence of the team, and runs resolutely when he finds an opening. A very certain place kick in front of goal.
- D. L. JAMES (Left Centre)—1917.—The ideal build for a centre, he is a strong runner, and robust in defence. A long and powerful kick, and next year, with more accuracy in his passing, he should make a very good attacking threequarter.
- S. EVANS (Left Wing)—1917.—A distinct find: fast and most determined in going for the line. Takes his passes very well, and gets off the mark quickly. Always a likely try-getter, but his defence was never much tested.
- T. LL. PRICE (Outside Half)—1916-7.—Blessed with a good pair of hands, he runs with a nice swinging stride, and has distinct ideas of finding an opening for the men behind him. Was unlucky in being crooked at a critical time, as the back play suffered from his absence. Good in defence.

- H. N. BERESFORD (Inside Half)—1917.—Plucky and determined ; resourceful in attack and defence. A strong runner near the enemy's line, and generally successful in passing out cleanly from a heel. Can stand any amount of hard work, and has never failed in vigorous effort.
- C. LL. MORGAN (Forward)—1915-6-7.—Energy and great keenness have marked his play throughout. He is at home in all phases of forward play, and has been the leader of its more aggressive movements. Inclined perhaps to break up from a scrum too quickly at times, but deserves high praise both as a player and a captain.
- I. LL. OXENHAM—1916-7.—A sturdy, hard-going player, who was showing marked improvement in scrummage science, and tackling, when unluckily laid aside by illness. A good place kick.
- T. R. DANIEL—1916-7.—Very useful in the scrum and skilful with his hands in the loose play. Still a bit slow in the open, but is steadily making himself a good player.
- D. G. MORGAN—1917.—Very dashing in the loose, a fast follower up, and quite fearless. Being still very young he ought to be a splendid all-round forward in time to come.
- P. C. EVANS—1917.—Possesses unusual skill in foot work, and so is invaluable in wheeling and rushing. In other respects his work has been keen and sound.
- W. M. JONES—1917.—The heaviest of the pack, and has done much hard pushing in the middle of the scrum. A very neat dribbler also, but must learn to use his feet more vigorously on a muddy ground, and to acquire more pace. A good kick and can tackle.
- I. H. OSBORNE JONES—1917.—Learned the difficult art of 'hooking' with great success, and did his side real service in the scrum. A thrusting forward also in the loose work, and often dangerous in the neighbourhood of the line.
- D. E. MURRAY—1917.—A hardworking scrummager ; rather slow, but very genuine in his efforts. Tackles and follows up perseveringly.
- E. WILLIAMS—16th man.—Played for Oxenham in the matches, and though not quite his equal in vigour and resolution, has a good deal of natural aptitude for the game. Hard effort should make him a good strong forward next year.

MATCHES.

CHRIST COLLEGE v. C. LIVSEY'S XV.

On Saturday, October 6th, C. Livsey kindly brought a team from the town to play our 1st. XV. Unfortunately their enthusiasm was not equalled by their skill. The game that ensued, although played in the best spirit, proved far from exciting. From the very beginning the School team took charge of the game, and scored fairly rapidly, despite the determined defence of the scratch full-back. Tries were registered by Daniel (2), D. G. Morgan, D. L. James (2), Fryer, Dunbar, T. Ll. Price, E. Williams and C. Ll. Morgan. Five tries were converted. A penalty was awarded to the scratch team, and a beautiful drop goal, by Livsey, resulted. The game ended, leaving us victors by 40 points to 3. Against so weak a side it was impossible to pick out any special pieces of good

play on the part of the School team, but D. W. R. Thomas, who was playing as a substitute for the scratch team, distinguished himself by some clever work. We take this opportunity for thanking the scratch team for their sporting efforts.

The following represented Christ College : I. Ll. Evans (back) ; G. R. Dunbar, W. G. Fryer, D. L. James and S. Evans (three-quarters) ; T. Ll. Price and H. N. Beresford (halves) ; C. Ll. Morgan (captain), I. Ll. Oxenham, T. R. Daniel, W. M. Jones, D. G. Morgan, D. E. Murray, E. Williams and J. M. Lewis (forwards).

CHRIST COLLEGE V. MONMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Our annual match with Monmouth Grammar School was played on the Cathedral School ground at Hereford, on November 22nd. At one time it seemed as if the match this year would have to be abandoned, but our old friends at Hereford came to the rescue, and placed their ground at the disposal of the two Schools. Monmouth pressed at the start, but the School gradually beat them back. The School forwards were getting the ball out well from the scrum, but the passing of the backs was at fault on several occasions. At last Beresford broke away on the blind side and passed to S. Evans, who ran strongly and scored wide out. W. M. Jones converted with an excellent kick. After the restart the School again attacked, and D. G. Morgan, who was playing with great dash, charged down a kick. C. Ll. Morgan dribbled the ball on and scored near the touch line. The kick failed. Monmouth, undaunted by these reverses, then worked their way towards our line. They kept the ball very close, and some exciting scrummages took place on our line. At last their efforts were rewarded, and the superior weight of their pack enabled them to score a try, which was converted. They were still pressing, when the whistle blew for half-time. The School increased their lead fairly early in the second half, Beresford forcing his way over from a scrum near the line. Fryer converted. After this Monmouth paid a lengthy visit to the School twenty-five, in the course of which they were given a couple of free-kicks for "foot up," and from one of these they dropped a beautiful goal. Shortly afterwards the School got down to the Monmouth twenty-five, and D. W. R. Thomas feinted cleverly and scored. Fryer converted. There was no further scoring, and the match resulted in a win for Christ College by 3 goals and 1 try (18 points) to 1 converted goal and 1 penalty goal (8 points). The School thoroughly deserved their victory, and were distinctly the cleverer side. The forwards played very well, and in spite of being outweighed, got the ball frequently and heeled quickly. C. Ll. Morgan was the best, but all played well. The backs were erratic and at times passed wildly. T. Ll. Price's absence seemed to upset their combination, though his deputy, D. W. R. Thomas, played cleverly and kicked with sound judgment. James kicked well and made some very powerful runs, but the final pass on each occasion went astray. L. C. Davies at full back never made a mistake. Monmouth relied entirely upon their forwards and never gave their backs a chance—tactics which hardly suited the beautiful day on which the match was played. Latham played a great game for them at in-half.

Our team was :—Back, L. C. Davies ; three-quarters, S. Evans, D. L. James, W. G. Fryer, G. R. Dunbar ; halves, H. N. Beresford, D. W. R. Thomas ; forwards, C. Ll. Morgan, T. R. Daniel, W. M. Jones, P. C. Evans, I. H. Osborne Jones, D. G. Morgan, D. E. Murray and E. Williams.

CHRIST COLLEGE V. LLANDOVERY COLLEGE.

This match was played at Llandovery on December 1st, a rather cold, damp day. We found their ground very heavy and muddy, which was a new and trying experience for our team. Llandovery kicked off down hill at 2-45 and our return was poor. For some minutes, therefore, we were engaged in dislodging them from our "25"; a forward rush at length brought us to half-way, and from then on the struggle was remarkably even. A well directed punt from a free kick taken by James relieved us from an awkward corner, and soon after Dunbar was twice forced into touch in the Llandovery "25." The backs as a rule found it difficult to make headway on the spongy turf, though Llandovery brought off some accurate movements at a rather slow pace. Sturdy forward play and fine tackling made up the tale of the greater portion of this half. Not long before the interval Llandovery scored a try by a lucky but well grasped opportunity. Our backs seemed to be a bit taken by surprise, Dunbar was drawn in to the centre and the Llandovery wing had the legs of D. W. R. Thomas, who throughout this period of the game stood too close up to the scrum. No goal resulted. We played up very well and all but retrieved the disaster, when James made a strong burst and threw wide to S. Evans, but the latter just failed to get clear.

More rain in the interval made the ground worse than ever and the second half was a forward game, although both sides made strenuous efforts to get their backs going whenever they could. We had distinctly the better of this half. Our forwards more than held their own and only once did Llandovery look like adding to their score. D. H. Jones on this occasion came within a few yards of our line before James and Dunbar bowled him into touch. On the other hand we attacked strongly for a considerable period and had the hardest of luck in not bringing off at least one score. Beresford was held up right under the posts and Dunbar just over ran the ball when it got loose and hung on the line. A minute later a rash kick sent the ball to S. Evans, who pounced on it and made a gallant dash. He fell heavily tackled only inches from the coveted spot. At the next scrum we pushed our opponents over and went down in a body on the ball; but the referee, no doubt rightly, brought it back. Presently Llandovery cleared their lines and though we returned more than once, the golden opportunity never turned up again. Forward rushes were the order of the day after this and Llandovery checked ours with splendid perseverance and fearlessness; once or twice their halves seemed to lie rather long on the ball, but anyhow we could not shake a very good defence. So we retired beaten, but with all the glory of honourable defeat, by a try to nil.

We wish it had been a dry day and a firm ground. We believe we should have done much better, certainly in our back play, and probably all round; for our forwards, well as they did in other phases of the game, scarcely realised (except C. Ll. Morgan) that scientific dribbling was at a discount and that plenty of "boot" was the game. Their play on the whole was excellent, however, and they held in check a worthy set of opponents. Osborne Jones hooked well and C. Ll. Morgan, W. M. Jones, and D. G. Morgan were most prominent in the loose work. Our backs made few mistakes and did quite as well as could be expected on such a day. James and S. Evans were best in attack and none faltered in tackling, the Llandovery try being the outcome of an error in position rather than anything else. Price and Beresford were up against a strong pair of halves, but did themselves no discredit in the tussle for superiority.

Llandovery owed much to their Captain and his plucky colleague ; their forwards were in admirable form and their backs tackled with vigour and success. We must congratulate them on their determined play. They did not mean to let us win and they succeeded in their task. Mr. Schofield was once more a worthy referee.

Christ College :—Back : D. W. R. Thomas ; three-quarters : S. Evans, D. L. James, W. G. Fryer, G. R. Dunbar ; half-backs ; H. N. Beresford, T. Ll. Price ; forwards : C. Ll. Morgan, T. R. Daniel, W. M. Jones, P. C. Evans, I. H. Osborne Jones, D. G. Morgan, D. E. Murray, and E. Williams.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

School commenced on Wednesday, September 19th, and will end on Tuesday, December 18th.

At a meeting of the School on Thursday, September 20th, C. Ll. Morgan was unanimously elected to the position of Football Captain ; W. G. Fryer, G. R. Dunbar, D. W. R. Thomas and T. R. Daniel were elected to the vacancies on the Games Committee.

The School Prefects this term are C. Ll. Morgan, S. Evans, and D. E. Murray. The House Prefects are as follows :—School House : G. R. Dunbar, W. G. Fryer, B. Couch, and D. L. James ; Hostel : J. M. Lewis.

In the Army Entrance Examination, held in July, 1917, G. Thomas (O.B.) secured the 17th position in the R.M.A., Woolwich List. In Natural Science he was first. We offer him our hearty congratulations on his success.

The Editors of "The Breconian" this term are :—C. Ll. Morgan, G. R. Dunbar and W. G. Fryer.

On Sunday, November 4th, the Rev. H. Church Jones gave us a sermon in the College Chapel at the evening service. On Sunday, November 18th, we were given an address by the Rev. C. H. Malden.

In the evening of Monday, November 19th, H. G. Copeland, Esq., delivered a lecture on "The National Refuge for Destitute Children." The lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, among which were scenes from the Great War, proved extremely interesting. Under the watchful eyes of Mr. Isitt and W. G. Fryer the lantern whistled very few times.

On Monday, November 12th, we enjoyed a half-holiday, given by the kind request of the new Mayor, Mr. Parry deWinton. We had previously been given a holiday in honour of G. Thomas's successes.

We take the opportunity of congratulating T. Ll. Evans (O.B.) on captaining the Sandhurst Hockey Team.

In the November Army Entrance Examination we sent up three candidates—G. R. Dunbar, W. G. Fryer and H. N. Beresford. The result is not yet out.

Birth.—On Sunday, July 22nd, the wife of Staff Paymaster F. R. Stephens, R.N. (O.B.) of a daughter. We offer hearty congratulations both to the father, an O.B., and to the grandfather, Mr. C. J. E. Large

Marriage.—On Wednesday, November 21st, at Pennington-in-Furness Parish Church, Commander Charles Courtenay Bell, R.N. (O.B.), to Margaret Pattinson, only daughter of Mrs. George Kenworthy.

We hear with regret that Sir Richard Atkin (O.B.), has lost his eldest son, a lieutenant in the R.A., at the front.

Lient.-Colonel D. W. E. Thomas (O.B.) has resigned the command of the Brecknocks to take up the post of Commandant of Pachmarchi G. B. Llewellyn (O.B.), compelled by ill-health to resign his commission, has been appointed Deputy Coroner for Aberdare.

Captain A. G. le Gallais (O.B.), Royal Scots Fusiliers, prisoner of war in Germany since 1914, has been allowed to proceed to Switzerland with a batch of invalided prisoners.

R. P. Gifford (O.B.) and R. Lloyd Davies (O.B.) have come over from America to join the Army and visited us recently.

We have also received a visit from an old master, Capt. G. Lance.

We offer the thanks of the School to E. L. Jones and his assistants for their services at the organ in Chapel this term.

We acknowledge with hearty thanks gifts amounting to £5, to be spent on books for the Library. The Old Boy making these generous donations wishes to remain anonymous.

E. Brecon Powell, Esq. (O.B.) has very kindly presented the School with a gyroscope and also with a framed mechanical drawing of a locomotive.

The Librarian acknowledges with thanks books presented to the Library by G. H. Isitt, Esq.

O.B. ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE SHEET, 1917.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1916 ...	63	9	9	104 Subscriptions at 2s. transferred to Current Account ...	10	8	0
4 New Subscriptions at £1	4	0	0	Balance for 1918 ...	64	14	2
9 " " at 10s.	4	10	0				
Interest on Deposit (1917)	3	2	5				
	£75	2	2		£75	2	2

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1916 ...	24	5	1	Jones (Printing) ...	11	14	2
32 Annual Subs. at 2/6	4	0	0	County Times (Printing)	4	4	0
104 " " at 2/- transferred from De- posit Account ...	10	8	0	Postage ...	4	6	7
	£38	13	1	Cheque Book ...	1	0	0
				Balance for 1918 ...	18	7	4
					£38	13	1

A. E. DONALDSON,

Hon. Treasurer pro tem.

GAMES ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT for Year ending July 31st, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from July, 1916 ...	18	12	11
" Boys' Subscriptions Christmas (£35) Easter (£33 12 6) Summer (£30 17 6)	99	10	0
" Profits from Athletic Shop ...	18	10	5
" Donations for Sports	2	5	0
" Payments for Photos	6	14	6
" Allowance for Jersey (E. Price) ...	8	6	
" Fines for Damage ...	2	6	
	£146	3	10

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Wages and War Allowances ...	58	10	0
" Materials for Games Upkeep of Premises and Ground ...	33	10	2
" Photographer's Account ...	9	15	2
" Sports Medals ...	3	7	6
" Purchase of Horse...	12	10	0
" Referee ...	1	0	0
" Printing ...	1	14	6
" Rates ...	1	1	3
" Sundries (Petty Cash, Cheque Books, etc.)...	1	9	2
" Balance in hand ...	13	15	8
	£146	3	10

A. E. DONALDSON, President.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the "Breconian."

Dear Sirs,—We feel compelled by our chilled feelings to ask your advice upon the following subject. Is not the College practising economy to a superfluous degree?

Surely, the cost of "Peps" for curing the colds caused by cold feet cannot be much less than the expence (?) of slightly thawing the ice in the pipes which run round the walls of the Classrooms and Studies?

Members who have resided year (?) for a long period tell us that these pipes were originally intended for *Hot Water*. but to our numbed intellects they seem to be eminently suitable for refrigerating purposes. On a few fairly warm days they have been known to contain a little heat, but now that the weather is becoming really cold, they seem practically devoid of warmth. Were the inmates here Eskimoes or Polar Bears, this state of affairs would be quite reasonable, but as the majority are of Celtic and Anglo Saxon nationality, we trust it will be remedied after the Holidays. Trusting this meets with your *warm* approval, we remain,

THE PENGUINS

[Apply to the proper authorities.—EDD.]

To the Editors of the "Breconian."

Dear Sirs,—May I venture to suggest that the pattern of the 1st XV. stockings should be revised? Could they not be something after the style of some of our neighbouring Schools? At present the stockings become much the same colour after visiting the washerwoman. Perhaps a green stocking with a gold turn-back would improve the team's turn-out? Hoping this will meet with your approval,

I remain, yours truly,

"EXPECTATION."

EUCLID UP-TO-DATE.

At a Geometry Class in a certain School the Master asked the class to write down the definitions of the following:—(I) straight line, (II) a circle, (III) parallel lines, (IV) a parallelogram. Imagine his surprise when he read the paper of one of his brilliant pupils and saw the following:—

(I) A straight line is one that has no wobbles in it.

(II) A circle is a straight line caught bending.

(III) Parallel lines are lines which will never meet when produced either way, unless they are bent.

(IV) A parallelogram is a square knocked out of shape.

CHRIST COLLEGE WAR MEMORIAL.

It has been decided that it is desirable to take early measures to organise a War Memorial Fund to commemorate Old Boys who have lost their lives in this War. The Head Master will call together a meeting of Governors, Old Boys, and friends of the School early in the New Year at which a Committee will be appointed and the most suitable form of Memorial discussed. It is hoped all who can will attend this meeting, the date of which will be announced in due course, and in the meantime suggestions and subscriptions will be welcomed and may be sent either to the Head Master or to the Rev. A. E. Donaldson, The Hostel Brecon.

O.B. ASSOCIATION.

There are at present on the books 266 members, viz. :—40 ten years' subscribers, 145 five years' subscribers, 39 annual members, 3 life members and 39 members on Active Service who have not renewed their subscription. The Society is in a healthy condition, but it has to meet very heavy expenses owing to the increased cost of Printing, etc. We appeal, therefore, for more members and for steady renewal of Subscriptions as they fall due. About 70 of the five years' subscribers will find that their last subscription (paid in 1912) terminates with this issue; we hope they will forward their new one as soon as possible. They, and Annual Members, will find a special reminder of this on the outside of the Breconian and a Subscription Form enclosed.

The Association hopes not only to continue to keep in touch with Old Boys to the end of the war, but also to take an active part in the proposed War Memorial afterwards.

A. E. DONALDSON, Recorder.

A Day's Motor Drive in Shakespearean Country.

Starting from Malvern on a perfect August day, we made for Worcester, where we had a glance at the famous Worcester Potteries. We also saw the house from which King Charles II escaped at the battle of Worcester. There being no time to spare, we passed on to Stratford-on-Avon. We explored this little town, which was very interesting. We first visited Anne Hathaway's Cottage. This is famous, because Anne Hathaway was Shakespeare's wife. We were shown over the house by a guide, who explained everything. We first visited the kitchen; it was, of course, one of the old fashion type, with a large open hearth. We noticed, on either side of the chimney, two small holes; we learned afterwards that these were for the purpose of holding the tinder, which was used for lighting the fires. The tinder was placed in the little holes during the night and was quite dry in the morning, ready for use.

The next things that we saw were the wooden dinner plates. These were made of oak and hollowed out on either side, and thus served a double purpose. When the first course was finished, the plate was simply turned over, and a clean surface was exposed ready for the next course.

After looking round the kitchen, we went upstairs and saw Anne's bedroom. To get to her room Anne Hathaway had to pass through her parents' bedroom. There is a curious knob of wood projecting from the top of the door posts; what this was used for has never been found out. We saw the very mattress that Anne slept on; it is made of reeds and is still in perfect condition. The lace curtains still hang over the windows of her bedroom. It is obvious that the Hathaways were by no means poor people. After having a final look round we pressed on to Shakespeare's birthplace. There is not very much to be said about it, except that some of Shakespeare's poems and diaries still remain there. All the houses in Stratford are built after the same manner, very low and most of them with the large open hearth.

After having lunch in a very old-fashioned hotel, called "Shakespeare's Hotel," we passed on to Warwick. We went through very beautiful country, following the banks of the Avon, and we saw the stile where William Shakespeare was caught poaching deer. Herds of deer may still be seen in the fields.

We arrived at Warwick, where we at once proceeded to the famous Warwick Castle. Before entering the castle itself we explored the grounds, which were magnificent. We saw some beautiful cedar trees and amongst them one of the trees that King Edward VII. had planted. The castle itself is built on the banks of the River Avon, and the scenery is beautiful to a degree. After having thoroughly explored the grounds, we entered the castle and a guide showed us round. We passed through all the rooms and were shown one of Queen Elizabeth's handkerchiefs, which had the letter "E" marked in one of the corners. We saw a great number of ancient weapons, such as were used in the wars before fire-arms were invented. These weapons ranged from the ancient battle-axe to the early fire-arms.

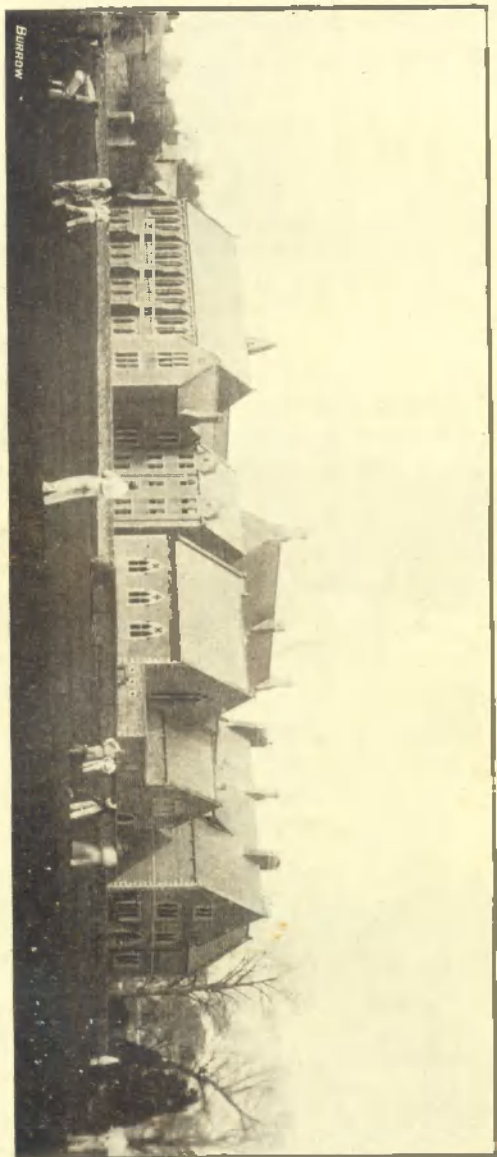
It was by this time getting late; so we had to leave the castle and proceed to Kenilworth. There was not very much to be seen here except the old ruins of Kenilworth Castle. But we examined the old dungeons where the prisoners were kept.

From Kenilworth we made our way to Leamington and filled the tank with petrol. We had a glance at the old oak, which is said to be the centre of England. Then we proceeded to Evesham and so to Malvern.

We arrived home just as it was getting dark, and in time to see the sun setting behind the beautiful Malvern Hills.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We beg to acknowledge the following contemporaries, apologising for any accidental omissions :—"Bristol Grammar School Chronicle," "Bromsgrovian" (2), "Cheltonian" (4): "Dovorian," "Fettesian" (2), "Giggleswick Chronicle," "Johnian" (2), "Llandoverly School Journal" (4), "Luctonian," "Malvernian" (2), "Marlburian" (3), "Monmothian," "Newtonian" (2), "Pauline" (3), "Portmuthian," "Tonbridgian" (2) and "Ruthinian."



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