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Editorial.

‘Quidquid agunt homines . . . nostri est farrago libelli.’

THIS is essentially applicable to a School journal. What the School is doing, what the School has done, its aims and ambitions are all reflected in the Journal. Football notes are next to Debating notes; work and play go hand in hand, sorrow and joy are comrades. It is a heterogeneous collection of notes, reports, and articles which depict the life of a united society, the School.

This journal can hardly fail to shew that the School is prospering and successful. The weather in the first place has been propitious, and full scope has been given to everyone for indulgence in the most popular of our School games, Rugby football. To particularize, the team has been quite fortunate, winning the School matches, both of which demanded no little skill and indomitable pluck. A new departure was made in the Brecon Match, this taking place on neutral ground, before probably the largest crowd that has witnessed the encounter. The Junior Leagues shew that there is as much enthusiasm, if not adeptness, in the Junior players.

While expatiating on the success in Sport, it is only fitting

that we should make mention of the gratifying results obtained both in the Higher and Lower Board Examinations. A splendid percentage of certificates was gained, and the School has reason to be proud of its position in the list of Public Schools.

We have had also this term the pleasure of hearing two enjoyable lectures. The Christmas Carol, as rendered by Mr. Stafford Webber, held a special charm for us. We sympathized and grieved with Bob, we laughed with Topper, and caught the true Xmas spirit in Scrooge after his conversion. Later in the term with Mr. Ward we explored Morocco, learned the recipe for saintliness, and heard of strange things not dreamt of in our philosophy.

In conclusion we welcome, rather late it is true but not less heartily, the new members of the staff, who by now have so made their influence felt in School and on the football field that they need no encomium from us.

With our usual plaint of receiving no support and much criticism, we present the number of the School Journal, and extend to all wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The School.

HERE are 30 new boys.

Sir John T. D. Llewelyn distributed the Prizes at the end of last term.

The following Masters have joined the staff this term:—
H. G. May, B.A. (T.C.D.), an old Shirburnian, to take the Upper School Modern, and direct the cricket of the School;
T. E. J. Bradshaw, B.A., late Major Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, to take Vb. Classical;
A. L. Atkin, B.A., late Scholar of St. John's College, Oxford, Senior and Junior University Mathematical Scholar, to be Mathematical Master.

Owing to the overcrowding of Llanfair Church, the School Service is now held at Llandingat Church on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock.

J. K. Muir has won a Scholarship at the Middlesex Hospital, and W. A. Harries has passed the London Matriculation.

In the Oxford and Cambridge Board Examination, the School obtained 17 Higher Certificates with 9 distinctions, and 11 Lower Certificates with 26 First Classes. In the Lower Certificate Examination R. T. Davies and W. R. Spurrell gained seven First Classes.

The Cricket XI. won 6 matches (including the Brecon. Scores—School, 199; Christ College, 102), lost 3 and drew 1. It was one of the best teams the School has ever had. R. D. Beith scored 140 (not out) v. the Town; W. B. Price 144 (not out) v. S.D.C., Lampeter; J. T. Davies 89 (not out) v. the Rev. H. H. Williams's XI.; and B. A. Jones 61 v. Christ College, Brecon.

J. T. Davies played for Carmarthenshire, and was top scorer in two of its matches.

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MARRIAGE.

ON Tuesday, August 29th, at Llanddarog Parish Church, the Rev. D. L. Davies, Vicar of Llanstadwel, Pembrokeshire, to Winifred Mary, eldest daughter of the Rev. T. and Mrs. Jones, of Llanddarog Vicarage.

At Oxford, L. V. Owen (Keble), has gained a First Class in Modern History Finals; A. B. Mayne (Balliol), a First Class in Mathematical Moderations; W. S. Rowlands (Corpus), a Second Class, and T. W. Thomas (Corpus), and R. Lloyd (Keble), a Third Class in Classical Finals.

L. V. Owen has been appointed Lecturer in Modern History at Keble College.

David Thomas (Exeter) has graduated as Mus. Doc. (Oxford).

L. Price Jones has passed the Paymaster's Examination for the Navy, and has been appointed to H.M.S. Vivid.

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The Rev. D. H. Williams has been appointed Vicar of Cwm, Flintshire, and the Rev. W. S. Probert, Vicar of Talgarth, Breconshire.

In Memoriam.

James Vaughan, B.A. (Cantab.), J.P., of Llansaintffraed, Radnorshire.

Raymond Paul Middleton Roberts, Queen's College, Cambridge (Exhibitioner), and Guy's Hospital, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (London), Staff Surgeon H.M.S. Teal.

The Rev. David Thomas, M.A., Rector of Garsington, near Oxford. The Rev. David Thomas was educated at Llandovery and Cowbridge. In 1854 he won the Mathematical Scholarship at Jesus College, Oxford. He gained a First Class in Mathematical Moderations and Finals, and also won the Junior Mathematical Scholarship (1856), the Johnson Mathematical Scholarship (1859), and the Senior Mathematical Scholarship (1859). In 1860 he was elected Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, and for several years acted as Public Examiner.

The Rev. Humphrey T. M. Jones has written a book on the Chaco Mission, entitled: 'An unknown people in an unknown land.'

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The following have gone into residence at Oxford:—R. M. Humphreys and Rhodri Hughes (St. John's), E. de Q. Mears and O. J. Jones (Worcester), H. W. Weeks and Curtis Mor-

gan (Queen's), L. P. Evans and E. G. R. Hughes (Keble), L. G. Cooper (Jesus).

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R. M. Humphreys and O. J. Jones played in 'the Freshers.'

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The following have joined the Society:—W. H. Thomas (the old Cambridge Blue and Captain of the Welsh International XV.), H. P. B. Lloyd, S. J. Williams, L. G. Cooper, H. W. Weeks, H. S. John, R. B. Jones.

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The Secretary of the O.L.I. Society gratefully acknowledges the following subscriptions to the School Improvement Fund:—Dr. Roger Griffiths (4 and 5), £1 1s.; J. Conway Rees (4), 10s.; H. A. Rees (4 and 5), £1 1s.; Rev. O. Jones (4), 10s. Also for a Prize Bat for the 1912 Cricket Season, W. H. Thomas, £1 1s.

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The Rev. Alban Davies and Hugh Morris (London Hospital), played in the Welsh Trial Match.

Football.

SCHOOL v. REV. G. I. R. JONES' XV.

THIS match was played on Saturday, October 7th, under ideal conditions. Our opponents had a strong team, among whom were many Old Colourmen. The School were first on the offensive, and some good work by H. O. Williams resulted in an unconverted try by Jenkins. Our opponents answered with a try by S. H. Lockyer. The scores at half-time were—School, 9 pts.; Mr. Jones' XV., 6 points.

In the 2nd half play was of a fairly even character, the School obtaining 11 points, our opponents 9. Towards the end of the game the School shewed weakness, of which speedy advantage was taken.

The School play was very promising, the forwards rising above general expectation. The backs have not had enough

experience of combination yet, but proved themselves opportunists. For the School the scorers were—Jenkins, 2, Powell, 2, O. M. Williams, and C. B. Davies. The other side scored through S. H. Lockyer, H. Watkins, and Morgan, while Jeffreys dropped a penalty goal. Final Score—School, 20 points—15.

Team.—(Back) D. T. Williams; (Three-quarters) H. O. Williams, O. M. Williams, C. B. Davies, E. M. Jones; (Halves) D. J. C. Jenkins and T. P. Williams; (Forwards) Powell, Sir J. A. Owen, E. E. Roberts, J. M. Thomas, D. M. Evans, D. R. Williams, T. C. Davies, D. G. Williams.

SCHOOL v. REV. R. H. ROBERTS' XV.

The School played their second match of the season on Wednesday, October 11th, the weather being ideal. Play was for some time of an even character, when the School began to press. H. O. Williams crossed the line, but the ball was knocked forward out of his hand as the full-back tried to tackle him. Soon after a kick across to the same wing was cleverly gathered, and resulted in a try behind the post, which D. T. Williams converted. The play till half-time was of an even character.

After the interval play was of rather a scrappy nature, but a good effort on the part of the visitors ended with a try in the corner by Handel Richards. The School pressed now, but Davies and Richards effected good combination, and Richards added another try. After the drop-out, Davies again made a clever opening which gave Richards a try in the corner, which was not converted. The School now roused themselves, and Roberts was tackled by the full-back in possession. The subsequent play was on the visitors' line, and eventually D. G. Williams broke away and scored a good try. The kick failed. The School continued to press, but there was no more scoring, the School thus losing by a point.

The School pack was good in the open, Powell, Roberts, and Owen being the pick of the forwards, while O. M. Williams and H. O. Williams were very prominent in the back division. D. T. Williams played excellently at full back.

SCHOOL v. MR. R. K. GREEN'S TEAM.

This match, our third fixture, took place on a wet ground, which did not however prevent the scoring from being prolific. H. O. Williams gained the first points for the School by scoring a try from a line-out, which was converted by T. P. Williams. After some good play, both by forwards and backs, Jenkins made a clever run and passed to J. M. Richards, who took the ball well and scored an unconverted try. Later, from a scrum H. O. Williams made a fine corkscrew run, resulting in a try, to which T. P. Williams added the additional points. A good rush by the visiting forwards was seen just before half-time.

After the interval Jenkins was prominent, and from a general rush D. R. Williams scored, but the try was not converted. The visiting team then played up well, and forced the School to concede a minor. Play was soon taken to the other end, however, and after a good dribble E. E. Roberts scored a try, which T. P. Williams again converted. O. M. Williams became prominent by a good 'reverse-pass,' which made the School attack dangerous. From a line-out H. O. Williams again scored in the corner, but the angle and distance were too much for a successful kick. Not long after H. O. Williams gave to Jenkins, who raced over in the corner. Time came with the forwards attacking. The School backs shewed a pleasing variety in their methods of attack, and were great opportunists. The forwards made some good rushes, and shewed occasionally very good handling. The score was one of the highest compiled by the School for some time, and was very gratifying. Final score—3 goals 4 tries, 27—0.

SCHOOL v. SHERBORNE SCHOOL.

This match was played under ideal football conditions on the Cardiff Arms Park on Nov. 1. This year the Sherborne pack were more our size than is usually the case. For the first ten minutes play was in favour of Sherborne, their pack shewing great skill both in the tight and in the loose scrums, feeding their backs well. The School forwards, however, helped to take the play to Sherborne quarters, and Jenkins secured and passed to O. M. Williams, who sent the ball out

to the wing, and receiving the ball on its return from Jenkins ran over with an excellent try, which T. P. Williams converted. After the kick Sherborne gained some ground, but were soon driven back although their forwards dominated in the tight. After some loose play in the Sherborne '25,' D. J. C. Jenkins picked up the ball, and by clever dodging and feinting scored another try for the School, which was not converted. Half-time came with the score standing at 8 points to 0.

Sherborne played up splendidly in the second half, but spoilt their opportunities by not opening up the game to the extent that they should have. Nevertheless, some almost certain scores were only averted by the brilliant tackling of D. T. Williams on one or two occasions. Play was now slightly in favour of Sherborne, individual runs by Jenkins and Powell gaining relief on two occasions. Towards the end of the half Roberts received the ball on his own '25' from a line-out, ran strongly, and scored in the corner, O. M. Williams' kick being a very good one, but not successful. After the drop-out the game was very even, and after a good bout of passing Carr scored an unconverted try, soon after which 'no side' was called with the School victorious by 11 points to 3.

School Team.—(Back) D. T. Williams; (Three-quarters) E. M. Jones, J. M. Richards, O. M. Williams, H. O. Williams; (Halves) T. P. Williams, D. J. C. Jenkins; (Forwards) H. J. Powell, Sir J. A. Owen, E. E. Roberts, D. M. Evans, D. G. Williams, D. R. Williams, J. M. Thomas, W. R. Edmunds.

Sherborne.—Dixon; A. W. Carr, C. T. Trueman, Baker, and Crowther; M. Morrison, E. J. Bramell; G. C. Gurney, G. J. Blair, L. J. Hooper, N. Catt, M. H. Webb, R. C. Ross, F. E. Lewis, and J. G. Frost.

For the School, D. T. Williams at full-back was brilliant. His touch finding and fielding were alike excellent. Jenkins at out half was also in tip-top form, and played a really first class game. H. O. Williams was most unfortunate: he had played very finely during the first half, but crocked early in the second half, and though he made wonderfully plucky attempts to go on, was at last prevailed upon to retire. O. M. Williams and Richards tackled magnificently, and the

former played one of his best attacking games. T. P. Williams was good, but the forwards gave him very little chance to shine in the attack. Of the forwards E. E. Roberts was the best; Sir John Owen and D. M. Evans were also very conspicuous.

The Sherborne forwards beat our pack in the 'tight,' securing the ball from almost every 'scrum,' and their 'heeling from the loose' was a feature of the game. It is to be hoped that we shall ourselves acquire this art before long—no better demonstration as to its efficacy could possibly have been given.

The School forwards were very dashing in the open and dribbled with great skill, but in the matter of going down unhesitatingly to stop rushes compared very unfavourably with those of Sherborne.

SCHOOL v. S.D.C. LAMPETER.

The School played Lampeter at Llandovery on Saturday, Nov. 18th. The rain kept off, and the ground, although on the soft side, was in very fair condition. Soon after the kick-off by Lampeter, D. T. Williams saved cleverly on two occasions, and after some scrambling play the School settled down in the Lampeter '25,' but the defence was sound in spite of good attacking dribbles by E. E. Roberts and J. A. Owen. Lampeter then took play to the other end of the field, but were kept out by D. T. Williams. T. P. Williams and Jenkins then got away for the School, and Lampeter again had to defend, and were forced to concede a minor. The game was now of a very even character, each side attacking in turn, and eventually from a scramble on the line, Cethin Jones scored in the corner for Lampeter, the kick failing. The School attacked from the drop-out, and if Davies, on the left wing, had been better supported would have scored. The School now kept Lampeter in their own '25,' and on three occasions forced their opponents to touch down, Roberts on one occasion nearly scoring. Lampeter then attacked, and after a good bout of passing their left wing scored a good try right behind the post, which was converted.

The beginning of the second half was very even, each side attacking in turn, and then Lampeter attacked strongly, and the School were hardly able to keep them out. The School then attacked for a short time, but Lampeter soon returned to the attack and scored a try after an excellent bout of passing. The try was converted. From now until the end of the game play was fairly even, but Lampeter were always dangerous. Just before time the Lampeter left wing again scored, and the kick was again successful. Thus Lampeter ran out winners by 3 goals 1 try to nil.

Lampeter were certainly the better team, but the score rather flatters them. The School had the best of the first half, but their backs were not up to usual form, and although very bad mistakes were few, there seemed to be no sting in their attack. Lampeter on the other hand were always very dangerous when they got the ball out, as their wings were very fast and could run round the School backs. The School forwards, however, were better than their opponents both in the tight and in the loose, but did not tackle as hard and were not as heavy.

SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS v. LLANDOVERY COLLEGE.

This match was played at Llandovery on Nov. 25th under ideal football conditions. The School kicked off and the visitors returned. They pressed the School line for a considerable time, and their out half, receiving the ball, dropped a splendid goal. After the kick-off play settled down in mid-field. Then one of the visiting forwards kicked high and followed up hard with the result that a try was scored and the extra points added. This ended the scoring for the first half. Score—

Swansea	..	..	..	2 goals (1 dropped)
School	..	..	..	Nil

On resuming, School did well, and on more than one occasion looked very dangerous, but the Swansea defence proved impenetrable. The game now became fast and varied a great deal. Swansea getting possession scored a try after a

good bout of passing by their three-quarters. The kick at goal failed. Not long afterwards Swansea scored another try from a forward rush. This was converted. Towards the call of time School was attacking hard, but the Swansea defence proved too good. Thus Swansea won a well-contested game by 18 points to nil.

Swansea	..	..	..	3 goals (1 dropped) 1 try
School	..	..	..	Nil

From the spectator's point of view the game was quite interesting. Play was vigorous, but clean. The School fought hard, but the opposing forwards were too heavy, with the result that we were being continually pushed off the ball. The backs passed well on one or two occasions, but they seemed to lack that power of penetration which is the essential feature of back play.

SCHOOL 2ND XV. v. MR. D. P. DAVIES' TEAM.

This match was played on home territory on Nov. 8th. Mr. Davies, who is an Old Llandoveryan, brought up a strong side, and was very fortunate in having the service of Gardiner, who in former years played for the Eastern Counties. The School fielded as follows:—(*Full-back*) G. M. Evans; (*Three-quarter*) Glyn Williams, S. L. Buckland (Capt.), C. B. Davies, and E. M. Jones; (*Half-backs*) C. R. Humphreys and R. T. Howells; (*Forwards*) T. J. C. Davies, R. G. Rees, D. O. Williams, W. R. Edmunds, B. A. Jones, T. W. Powell, J. W. R. Thomas, and Hector Rees.

In spite of the fact that they had a powerful side opposing them, the School team gave on the whole quite a creditable display. Deserving of note were the gallant and plucky efforts of G. M. Evans at full back, the sound defence of S. L. Buckland and Glyn Williams, and the dashing and vigorous play of B. A. Jones and Hector Rees among the forwards. The final score stood at follows:—

Mr. Davies' Team	..	..	1 goal 7 tries (26 points)
School 2nd's	..	..	1 try (3 points)

SCHOOL v. CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON.

This match was played on the St. Helen's Ground, Swansea, on Nov. 30. There was a large crowd and excitement ran high throughout. Brecon kicked off and infused such dash into their play that for some time they attacked hotly. Their forwards got together quickly, and, but for robust tackling, would have scored more than once. Ten minutes from the start the Brecon backs got going, and neat handling ended in a score in the right hand corner. The kick failed. This seemed to steady our XV., and they soon began to assert themselves. The forwards were from now till half-time evenly matched, and the School backs were often on the move. The tackling, however, was tremendous, and the saving of the forwards excellent. Twenty minutes from the kick off D. J. C. Jenkins received the ball, feinted, cut through, and handed to J. M. Richards who put O. M. Williams in with a beautiful try. T. P. Williams converted. We all but scored twice before the interval by clever combined play, O. M. Williams and D. J. C. Jenkins continually making ground by quick dodging and feinting. Just before the interval Hoskins, the Brecon left centre, cut through cleverly and nearly scored, and Cooper made a good attempt at a penalty goal. The second half was even more exciting than the first. The Brecon forwards seemed to tire, and we got the ball more in the scrums. Brecon pressed for a short time, and when their attack had died away, the School again had the better of the play. Twice we had the defence beaten, and O. M. Williams failed to place a penalty goal by inches. The result was—

School	..	..	1 goal (5 points)
Brecon	..	..	1 try (3 points)

In comparing the two teams there was little to choose between the forwards, both packs played with tremendous dash and the saving of forwards and backs alike was unhesitating and fearless. Brecon were slightly superior at the line out but our forwards were better at fast, neat dribbling. Powell played magnificently. He and Cooper of Brecon were undoubtedly the best forwards on the field. Sir John Owen led his men finely, and was himself always prominent. E. E.

Roberts was consistently good, and tackled relentlessly, but he was apt to break up too soon and sometimes hampered T. P. Williams as the ball came out. D. M. Evans shone repeatedly, but to individualise seems invidious where all did so well. O. M. Williams was quite the best of our three-quarters, his kicking was invaluable, and he several times beat the defence cleverly. H. O. Williams was handicapped by his bad knee, but he played on with the greatest pluck and did many good things. J. M. Richards and C. B. Davies were fearless in their tackling and saved many an ugly rush. It was at half that we held the greatest advantage. T. P. Williams was quick, both in attack and defence, and D. J. C. Jenkins was the cleverest player on the field. Time after time he beat two or three men by his quick turning and bewildering feints, and his work which led up to our try was a masterpiece of originality and quickness at taking in the situation. D. T. Williams hardly played up to the consistently good form he has shown this year, but he made no bad mistakes, and was always at hand in defence. We deserved to win owing to the superior cleverness of our backs, both in getting out of tight corners and more especially in leading up to promising openings. It was a fine close match, and one which was voted on all sides as being quite up to the standard in thrilling excitement and actual good play of the many great struggles that have gone before.

'A' TEAM v. LAMPETER COLLEGE SCHOOL.

This match was played on November 15th, on the Lampeter College School ground in wretched weather. The ground was slippery and the ball very difficult to hold, so the game was almost entirely confined to the forwards. From the kick off Lampeter pressed, and although they remained in an attacking position for some time, they failed to score. Good forward play in which D. M. Evans, Edmunds, T. J. C. Davies, and D. G. Williams were prominent, brought play right up to our opponents' goal line, but no score resulted. Half-time was called with no score. Soon after the re-start B. A. Jones scored for the School after a good run. Buckland made a good attempt to convert but failed. Play was then

very even for a long period, but later, owing to good play on our opponents' left wing and weak defence on our right, they scored under our posts. The kick at goal was successful. Towards the end of the game Lampeter scored twice in quick succession, but no goal resulted. Thus Lampeter won by 1 goal 2 tries (11 points) to one try (3 points). It was a very keen and close struggle right up to the last few minutes, and the School were unlucky to lose by so large a margin. The forward play on both sides was very good. Our opponents thoroughly deserved their victory, for they made better use of their opportunities, and were much superior in falling on the ball. For the School D. M. Evans was especially prominent, while Richards and R. T. Howells shared the honours behind the 'scrum.'

School 'A' Team.—G. M. Evans (*Full-back*); E. M. Jones, J. M. Richards, Buckland, C. B. Davies (*Three-quarters*); R. T. Howells, C. R. Humphreys (*Halves*); D. M. Evans (Capt.) D. G. Williams, J. M. Thomas, W. R. Edmunds, B. A. Jones, T. J. C. Davies, D. R. Williams, and T. W. Powell (*Forwards*).

SCHOOL 2ND v. GOWERTON COUNTY SCHOOL.

This match was played on School ground on Nov. 22nd. Gowerton brought up a strong team and gave a creditable display of Welsh football. School fielded as follows:—

(*Back*) G. M. Evans; (*Three-quarters*) Glyn Williams, S. L. Buckland (Capt.), C. B. Davies, and E. M. Jones; (*Halves*) C. R. Humphreys and R. T. Howells; (*Forwards*) T. J. C. Davies, D. G. Williams, D. R. Williams, R. G. Rees, J. W. R. Thomas, T. W. Powell, G. G. Roberts, and H. R. Weeks.

The outstanding features of a rather tame display by the School were the splendid defence of S. L. Buckland, the plucky saves of R. T. Howells, and the dashing play of T. J. C. Davies. At the call of time the final score was—

Gowerton	..	..	3 goals 1 try (18 points)
School	..	..	Nil.

SCHOOL 2ND XV. v. SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Swansea on Dec. 6th. The first half was evenly contested, the superiority of the School forwards in the loose

and the quickness of the halves counteracting the advantage of playing with the wind which Swansea had till half-time. In the second half we had considerably the better of the game, and although only one try was scored the Swansea defence was all but beaten several times. Swansea were heavy forward, but seldom got the ball in the tight scrums, and the School forwards, of whom D. R. Williams, Ralph Jones, and D. A. Evans were conspicuous, continually heeled the ball cleanly and quickly. This gave the halves plenty of opportunities. Trevor Howells got the ball away very well, and C. R. Humphreys made some nice openings, which only failed through the unsteadiness of our centres. For Swansea S. Jones at full-back and Thomas at centre three-quarter played hard, but the side, on the whole, was slow and did not make use of its superiority in weight. Score—

School 2nd XV.	..	..	..	..	1 try
Swansea G.S.	..	..	..	..	Nil

The display of our forwards and halves was most gratifying especially as the former were not at full strength and have not done consistently well this season. There was plenty of dash in the loose, and the shove was well timed, and the heeling delightfully quick. With both the regular 2nd XV. centres out of the team the good work of the halves could not receive the finishing touches. Glyn Williams played well individually, but he is essentially a wing. It was an excellent close game, spoilt only by the tendency of some forwards to pile themselves on to the ball when a rush was stopped, which prevented heeling in the loose and delayed the game.

FIRST XV. COLOURS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO:—

H. O. Williams (Captain, 1909—12). A strong, fast wing three-quarter who turns cleverly. A splendid defensive player, and a clever kick. Has improved very much with his hands.

D. J. C. Jenkins (1909—12), a brilliant out-half. Takes and gives passes well. Feints with amazing cleverness, and is much improved in defence. A real football genius.

H. J. Powell (1910—12), a fast big and powerful forward. Very good on the line out. Dribbles and tackles well, but has not 'come on' as much as was hoped. He still does not make full use of his size and speed.

Sir John Owen, Bart. (1910—12), a hardworking forward who is

much improved. Dribbles very well and tackles. Has made a good leader.

T. P. Williams (1910—12) an excellent in-half who passes out finely either way. A splendid tackler and a good kick.

E. E. Roberts (1910—12), a fast and very dashing forward, who has quite fulfilled his earlier promise. A good dribbler and magnificent tackler. Falls on the ball, handles well, and plays hard to the last.

O. M. Williams (1910—12), a most promising centre three-quarter, makes good openings, and is a sound defensive player. An excellent kick.

D. T. Williams (1911—12), an excellent and skilful full-back. Tackles magnificently, and is a sure field. His touch finding is wonderfully good.

D. M. Evans (1911—12), a light forward who fully makes up for his lack of weight by his grit and pluck. Handles well, and is a good tackler. A fair dribbler, and a splendid and fearless rush-stopper.

C. B. Davies (1911—12), a promising three-quarter. Is really a centre, but has played some fine games as a wing. Falls on the ball well. Is a good kick and a fair tackler. Further progress is impossible without increase of speed. Should do much sprinting practice.

J. M. Richards (1911—12), a magnificent tackler, and a fearless rush-stopper. He must learn to kick equally well with both feet. As an attacking player has improved, but is at present too slow. Should do much sprinting practice.

T. J. C. Davies (1911—12), a very promising forward. A clever dribbler who plays with great dash. Can tackle, but should do more of it and fall on the ball.

B. A. Jones (1911—12), a fast and very dashing forward who always follows up hard. At present suffers from lack of experience.

J. M. Thomas (1911—12), a slow but plucky forward who falls on the ball. Has not improved much at dribbling. A good 'hooker.'

D. G. Williams (1911—12), a speedy forward who handles and dodges well. A fair dribbler. Can tackle and fall on the ball. Does not always do his utmost in the 'scrum.'

W. R. Edmunds (1911—12), a most promising forward who plays with great dash. An excellent tackler and fearless rush stopper. A fair dribbler.

Oxford Letter.

DEAR Mr. Editor,—It is with some reluctance that I take up my pen to chronicle the doings of Llandoverians at Oxford during the past term, not because their deeds are unworthy of fame, but for the reason that their accomplishments are legion and would occupy the talent of a *Times* correspondent to sift and place adequately in the niches of history. Our numbers have increased enormously of late years, and a Llandoverian already in his 4th year with the gloom of his final School gathering thick around him, finds it difficult to keep in touch with the activities of those who are always nearest his heart. So I scatter my apologies

freely to the people who find their glories dimmed in the darkness of my letter.

We have a very pleasant duty to perform in congratulating the School upon the splendid victory over Sherbourne, and its natural corollary at St. Helen's, Swansea. We would also congratulate Gwyn Rees most heartily upon his election to an open Mathematical Scholarship at Corpus Christi.

It is good news, too, to be able to tell of the well-merited appointment of W. S. Rowlands to the Professorship of Philosophy at the Government College, Jubbulpore, India; and of L. V. D. Owen's election to a Research Scholarship at Keble College, where he is in charge of a responsible portion of the History work.

This term we welcomed a solid number of Freshmen who have already distinguished themselves in their various spheres of talent.

Among them, R. M. Humphreys has been chosen to play for the 'Varsity 'A.,' has played frequently for the London Welsh, and is a tower of strength in the St. John's Rugby Fifteen.

L. G. Cooper has been prevented from playing regularly for Jesus College owing to a crooked knee: but he has made up for his misfortune by speaking 'barbed words' lucidly and poignantly in his College Debating Society.

R. H. Hughes is at home on the deeps of the river. On one occasion he is alleged to have demonstrated (at St. John's expense!) the forcible yet effective manner in which Gt. Britain will treat the German Navy when it emerges definitely into the North Sea.

Of Curtis Morgan we regret to state that the tape-machines at the National Conservative Club have as yet had no opportunity of giving to an expectant Empire the eloquence of his maiden speech at the Union. But his prowess in the forward line of Queens' is undoubted.

O. J. Jones lives a life of volcanic energy. Apparently he has become the Samson of Worcester. He rows and runs, plays Hockey, and has been discovered an ideal half-back.

Mears is deep in the cult of music and indulges his æsthetic soul in the weekly festivals of Balliol.

E. G. R. Hughes looks radiant. We have no doubt but that he likes Oxford.

Weeks pursues Mathematics, and has been studying the problems of the Referendum. His views on the House of Lords are worth hearing. We understand that he contemplates swimming next term.

E. G. Davies has come up from Lampeter. His pastime is boxing, of which he is already a finished exponent.

Levi Evans has played centre for Keble with good success.

Of older Llandoveryans we are glad to have T. W. Thomas still with us. He is now reading Theology preparatory to ordination.

J. L. Williams broke the comparative obscurity of his 4th year by patriotically assisting Jesus College to put up a good resistance to Bath. The 10 points scored were largely due to his splendid play. We are convinced that the victory of Oxford over Cambridge to-day would have been even more substantial had he and Goronwy Jones been given a place in the 'Varsity side. Here we are going to give away a secret. Llandovery can look forward with some certainty to an addition to her list of Athletic Blues next term.

L. M. Davies is still cherubic. He is the supreme optimist, whether on the Rugger field, at the Laboratories, or at the theatre.

H. L. Williams' speeches delight the audiences of the Lincoln College Debating Society. He has blossomed out into a literary authority in the Davenant Club, and is meditating a paper on Dafydd ap Gwilym.

Brian Rhys is nearing Honour Moderations and takes poetry for his recreation. T. S. Phillips' forward play has been extremely good, and has been rewarded with College colours.

W. A. Davies and P. Gordon Williams think in terms of the Welsh Church. J. R. Jones and E. S. Jenkins are steadily flourishing, while A. B. Mayne is preparing to add more laurels to his already heavy-weighted brow.

Jake Morgan is a perfect referee with a 'fine frenzy' for detecting illegalities on the football field. Halewood lives the simple life and studies history to give us of the founts of his learning from time to time.

Rhydderch we have almost lost sight of this term, but we hear of his tries for Hertford, as well as of those of D. G. Davies for Queen's.

A. G. Prŷs-Jones plays full-back for Jesus College, and writes the minutes of the 'Elizabethane Societie.'

W. D. Davies we have caught sight of from our hermit cell armed and clad in the fashion of the hunter. It is reliably understood that he has given up football to slaughter rabbits.

This, I think, Mr. Editor, is most of the news—at least as far as I am aware. The letter is already overdue, so it had better be concluded before more history is created.

With every good wish for the School's success.

Yours sincerely,

O. L.L.

Prize Day.

THE Annual Prize Day celebrations took place on August 1st, in the Gymnasium, which was crowded by a large and distinguished gathering.

Among the invited guests were Sir John Dillwyn Llewelyn, Bart. and Lady Llewelyn, Lieut.-Gen. Sir James Hills-Johnes, V.C., G.C.B., and Lady Hills-Johnes, Mr. Benjamin Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Gwynne Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Peel, Col. and Mrs. Gwynne Hughes, Col. and Mrs. Pedder, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Lloyd Harries, Mrs. Campbell Davys, Col. and Mrs. Beddy, Dr. Lynn Thomas, C.B., and Mrs. Lynn Thomas.

Sir James Hills-Johnes, V.C., G.C.B., presided in the unavoidable absence of Lord Plymouth, who was to have given away the prizes, but was detained in London. Sir James referred to the irreparable loss the College had sustained by the death of Earl Cawdor, who was for many years the senior trustee of the College, the interests of which he supported with zeal and liberality.

The Warden, in reviewing the history of the School for the ten years during which it had been under his charge, said that they could point to both intellectual and material progress. The new buildings, erected at the cost of £10,000, were a memorial not only to the generosity of the subscribers,

but also to the strong faith of the trustees in the future of the School. The handsome gymnasium, and the Tredegar Close—the gift of Viscount Tredegar—were further evidences of the well-being of the College; as was also the acquisition of the School cricket field, rendered possible by the kindness of Miss Thomas. The academic record of the past ten years was 21 scholarships and 15 exhibitions at Oxford and Cambridge, 6 University prizes, 3 tutorships at Oxford, 12 first classes, and 4 higher Civil Service appointments.

The Warden extended a very warm welcome to the new trustee, Mr. Benjamin Evans, whose long interest in the School was at last sealed by an official connection. He also paid a tribute to the work done by the Rev. T. W. Lumb and Mr. Pullinger, and wished them success in their new spheres of usefulness.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

The Examiner (Mr. E. C. Marchant, M.A., sub-rector of Lincoln College, Oxford) reported an appreciable improvement in the accuracy of the work. He commented very favourably on the work of the lower fifth form, mentioning that two boys had gained 354 and 342 marks respectively out of a possible 400; and he recognised the steady perseverance of Mr. Lumb with the sixth form.

ADDRESS BY SIR J. LLEWELYN.

Sir John Llewelyn, Bart., then distributed the prizes to the successful candidates, and expressed his delight that the School continued to hold a prominent place among the schools, not only of Wales but also of England. He urged his hearers to ensure the maintenance of that place by playing and working hard, his sound advice being 'Play the game, whatever you do, and don't play the fool.'

Mr. Benjamin Evans, Llanfair Grange, Llandovery, who was received with enthusiastic applause as a new trustee, expressed the pleasure which he felt in forwarding the interests of a School the progress of which was so important to Wales.

HONOUR LIST, 1911.

O. M. Williams, Mathematical Scholarship, £80, St. John's College, Oxford.

L. G. Cooper, Classical Scholarship, £80, Jesus College, Oxford.

E. de Q. Mears, Classical Scholarship, £80, Worcester College, Oxford.

O. J. Jones, History Exhibition, Worcester College, Oxford.

L. V. Owen, 'Edward Talbot' Studentship and Lectureship, Keble College, Oxford.

David Thomas, Doctor of Music, Oxford (Exeter College).

A. B. Mayne, First Class Honours in Mathematical Moderations, Oxford.

W. E. Rhydderch, Second Class Honours in Classical Moderations, Oxford.

D. G. Davies, six distinctions in Higher Oxford and Cambridge Certificate Exam. Only candidate in England and Wales to obtain that number.

L. Price Jones, Naval Clerkship.

J. K. Muir, First Class London Matriculation.

C. A. Loveluck, C. Thomas, J. F. Howells, London Matriculation.

J. R. Lewis, Engineering Studentship, Cardiff College, £25.

J. S. H. Davies, Welsh Matriculation.

PRIZE LIST.

HISTORICAL VI.—O. J. Jones.

MATHEMATICS (School Maths.).—R. G. Rees, O. M. Williams. *Set IIa*, J. F. Howells; *Set IIb*, A. P. Davies; *Set IIIa*, C. L. Owen; *Set IIIb*, W. R. Hounsell; *Set IVa*, F. G. Nicholas; *Set IVb*, O. D. Ballinger; *Set V*, C. A. Thomas.

SCHOOL SCIENCE.—J. K. Muir.

ENGLISH.—*Set I*, D. Ll. Ellis; *Set II*, W. S. Parrish; *Set III*, C. E. P. Davies.

WELSH PRIZE.—D. Morgan.

Geoffrey Williams Prize.—L. G. Cooper.

FORM VI.—*Latin*, E. de Q. Mears; *Greek*, E. de Q. Mears; *Roman History*, L. G. Cooper; *French*, O. J. Jones; *English*, L. G. Cooper; *Divinity*, R. B. Jones; *Cefnfaes*, H. W. Weeks.

FORM Va.—*Latin*, S. V. Swash; *Greek*, G. M. Evans; *History*, D. O. Williams.

FORM Vb.—*Latin*, R. T. Davies; *Greek*, W. R. Spurrell; *History*, R. T. Davies; *French*, G. E. Davies; *Cefnfaes*, D. T. Bonnell.

MATRICULATION FORM.—*Latin*, W. A. Harries; *French*, W. A. Harries; *English*, J. F. Howells.

UPPER SCHOOL MODERN.—*History and Geography*, W. R. Edmunds; *French*, C. L. Owen; *Cefnfaes*, W. R. Edmunds.

FORM IV.—*Latin*, W. E. Harries; *Greek*, G. H. Jennings; *French*, R. T. Howells; *History*, T. J. C. Davies; *Divinity*, E. G. Lane-Roberts; *Cefnfaes*, W. B. Morgan.

FORM IIIa.—*Latin*, H. C. Lewis; *Greek*, J. F. H. Williams; *French*, W. R. Hounsell; *History and Geography*, J. R. Samuel; *Divinity*, C. J. B. Lewis; *Cefnfaes*, W. R. Hounsell.

FORM IIIb.—*Latin*, R. M. Jones; *French*, R. M. Jones; *History and Geography*, O. D. Ballinger; *Divinity*, R. M. Jones, C. E. P. Davies; *Cefnfaes*, H. H. G. Williams.

FORM IIa.—*Latin*, R. H. Thomas; *History and Geography*, G. I. Davies; *Cefnfaes*, D. J. Lewis.

Debating Society.

THE first debate of the term took place on Saturday, Nov. 4th, and proved very successful, a keen contest ending in a very narrow majority. Mr. Ralph was in the chair, the motion for discussion being that 'In the opinion of this house, the action of the Home Secretary in stopping the Johnson-Wells contest was justifiable.'

The motion was proposed by H. R. Weeks, seconded by H. O. Williams; opposed by E. E. Roberts, seconded by D. T. Williams.

The honourable mover, disproving the general idea that a boxer has no honour in his own dormitory, made use of statistics furnished by the Class-room experts, to support his statement that pugilism was brutalizing. He put great faith in a mere letter.

E. E. Roberts let his wayward fancy roam over a wide variety of subjects, which were edifying to the audience, but hardly relevant to the discussion, making a great case out for Anti-Disestablishment. Getting warmer, and closer to his subject simultaneously he poured forth mighty invective against Mr. Meyer.

H. O. Williams, striking a Rosebery-cum-Bismarck attitude, lamented the spirit of combativeness. Waxing in turn, humane, optimistic, and pessimistic, he pointed out that his opponents had no leg to stand on, while he still retained one.

D. T. Williams, always essentially practical, dealt with the monetary side of the question. Showing great financial power, he drew a lucid distinction between payment in advance, paying on the nail, and purchasing on tick, evidently a mind not to be restricted by the limitations of a classical education!

The discussion being thrown open C. G. Jones, with the flush of the debutant upon his brow, convinced the house that he possessed latent talent equal to that of an — — —.

H. W. Spurrell, who like a new planet, swam into our ken, but dissipated our wild surmise by informing the house that Johnson had retired. This momentous truth being grasped he subsided amidst applause.

D. M. Evans, making the motion his text, warned his congregation to beware of the virulent invective and scurrilous satire with which the opposer of the motion was trying to lead them away from the main issue. He somewhat spoilt the effect of his sermon by describing his opponents features with more precision and detail than tact.

Darrel Hughes made a very good maiden effort, paying a tribute to the proposer's pugilistic powers ('tis but human to err).

Lack of time prevented the making of more speeches by the house, and the motion was put to an immediate vote, the result of which shewed that it was carried by 34 votes to 30.

On Saturday, Nov. 25th, another very enjoyable and successful debate was held, the motion before the house being that 'In the opinion of this house the action of Italy in Tripoli is worthy of censure.'

D. M. Evans, in opening the discussion supplied the house with some interesting facts about Abyssinia, and shewed great faith in human nature, by quoting the Vizier's words to refute a probable argument of the other side. Tripoli was a barren strip of sand.

O. M. Williams, rising to the elevated position of first speaker, through the defection of his fellow-speaker, divided his speech into the written and the spoken word. The first part, which he read, examined in detail the arguments of his opponents, the second part, which was *delivered*, impressively refuted them. Tripoli was not a barren desert.

D. J. C. Jenkins, bristling with points and arguments, drove dire confusion into the ranks of his opponents. Leaving nothing to the imagination, he informed the house that he was not reading his speech, thus giving his audience credit for but little perception. Tripoli was a barren desert.

Mr. T. W. Hewlett, examining the question from the point of view of the historian, political scientist, humanitarian, utilitarian, geographer, topographer, and of the Fort-nightly Review, gave a comprehensive survey of the question, and delighted the house both by his plethora of ideas and the eloquence of his delivery.

D. T. Williams responded to the appeal to the house, and in a carefully modulated voice never exceeding the limit of

a minor third, deprecated the rapacity of European states.

He was followed by his *fidus achates*—J. S. Davies, who reiterated the sentiments and arguments of the last speaker in the major key. Italy's action was a gross violation of treaties, alliances, agreements, conventions, armistices, truces, and international law.

H. O. Williams, modestly referring to certain correspondence from some elevated personages, only surpassed the eloquence of his words by the profundity of his thought.

E. E. Roberts, combining the æsthetic with the ethical, brought to bear on the subject the inspired lines of certain poets.

D. L. Ellis then attacked the newspapers which circulate false rumours about the war. He made great efforts to crack the 'Daily Mirror.'

The closure was applied without answers from the respective principals, and on a division it was found that the motion was carried by 36 to 12.

If there had been sufficient time at the disposal of the Debating Society, both debates would have been exceptionally successful. There is a marked improvement in the speaking and the delivery, but the house still seems inclined to be guided by sentiment rather than reason.

Mr. Ralph took the chair at both debates, and at all the committee meetings, while Mr. Hewlett was always at hand.

E. E. ROBERTS, *Hon. Sec.*

Lines

*Suggested by an attempt to become a Greek Scholar
in six weeks.*

Θ H φ! you make me ψ:
I saw you β little boy;
You λ smack upon his head,
You δ blow. No tear he shed,
For though he'd α mind to cry
He soon was paci-φ-d with π.
ω lant little boy!

Lectures in the New Gymnasium.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL.

ON Friday, November 10th, Mr. Stafford Webber gave a recital of Dickens' masterpiece, which highly delighted a large audience consisting of visitors and members of the School. To those who know the reciters' dramatic talent laudatory criticism will be unnecessary, while those whose privilege it was to hear him on this particular occasion, need no description to renew the memory of a pleasure that must long remain vivid. It is enough to say that Mr. Webber was at his best. The extraordinary flexibility of his voice enabled him to sustain all the parts most convincingly: the gibbering of the ghost, the gruff tones of the miser, the boisterous voice of the nephew, the plaintive notes of Tiny Tim, and the determined cheerfulness in the speech of Mr. Cratchit, all were rendered with consummate art. The narrative portions of the Carol were given no less well. The narrator's description of the single live coal, so jealously guarded by Mr. Cratchit, made most of his hearers shiver, and his word-picture of the 'winking legs' of Mr. Fezziwig must have made some of them wish that they could emulate the feats of that worthy gentleman. The whole recital, in fact, was instinct with that spirit of sympathy which is so essential to the art of Dickens.

SOCIAL LIFE AND LABOUR IN MOROCCO.

On Friday, November 24th, Mr. Ward gave a lecture on the above subject, which was illustrated by lantern views. It would be impossible to relate in detail all the points that struck his hearers, and a very brief summary must suffice. The lecturer gave local colour to the proceedings by appearing in Moorish costume, and his rendering of the Moslem call to prayer was very impressive. With regard to the social life, we were convinced that a Moorish saint in the pink of perfection must be fearfully and wonderfully made up; while the pictures of Moorish ladies unveiled made part of the audience

wonder why their charms should as a rule be so jealously concealed. Mr. Ward described also a feast at the house of a Moorish country gentleman, telling us that among the best people it is good form to pop a tit-bit in the host's mouth, though he did not say whether the compliment was spoilt by clumsiness. Where labour is concerned, the Moors, it appears, are not very energetic, for the attitude of the dealers in the markets confirmed the lecturer's assertion to that effect. Possibly the most interesting description in this part of the lecture was that of a slave-mart, a most vivid account of a state of affairs that must soon pass away before the progress of civilisation. Mr. Ward's descriptive powers were excellently supplemented by the pictures so well presented by Mr. Tilly, with the assistance of J. S. Davies.

College Tuck Shop.

Income and Expenditure Account.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Stock at commencement of Term ..	5	0	4	Sales ..	141	14	3
Purchases ..	122	4	7	Stock in hand ..	3	6	2
Gross Profit ..	17	15	6				
	£145	0	5		£145	0	5

Profit and Loss Account.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Working Expenses—				Gross Profits ..	17	15	6
Mrs. Richards ..	7	0	0	Discounts ..	9	16	8½
Gas ..	1	0	0				
Tips ..	0	7	6				
Depreciation ..	1	0	0				
Net profit ..	18	4	8½				
	£27	12	2½		£27	12	2½

Balance Sheet, September, 1911.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Due to Firms ..	1	0	0	Balance at Bank ..	26	10	3
				Cash in hand ..	1	1	1½
				Money Owed ..	1	2	8½
Balance ..	53	3	9	Premises and Fittings	22	3	6
	£54	3	9	Stock in hand ..	3	6	2
					£54	3	9