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Editorial.

‘**W**HAT the School is doing, what it has done, its aims and ambitions are all recorded in the JOURNAL.’

This is a quotation from the Editorial of a year ago, and the statement is a very true one. Our JOURNAL has for some time been particularly copious in its Football notes, Tuck Shop accounts, prize lists, and so forth, but it has lacked that sprinkling of literary contributions which is so essential to a School Journal. The boys, and only the boys, are responsible for this shortcoming. Many and eloquent are the criticisms levelled at the heads of the long-suffering editors when a JOURNAL, faithfully recording scores and figures, is presented for approval at the end of the term. But these critics should remember that it is they themselves who are to blame, and not the editors. We would remind the School that this JOURNAL is circulated very widely, and is read and criticised by members of other public schools. We make, therefore, one more appeal to the patriotism of the School, and venture to hope that the JOURNALS which will reflect the future life of one of the most important public schools will be brighter, and more readable.

The term has been a successful one. Both our School matches have been won, and Powell has successfully captained one of the strongest teams the School has ever had. Mr. Lockyer and the Rev. G. I. R. Jones deserve the warmest thanks for their untiring work amongst senior and junior football, and are to be congratulated on the splendid results of their efforts.

Three lectures have been delivered, the accounts of which will meet the critical eye in later pages.

The health of the School having been properly looked after, has been abnormally good, while no accident worth recording has spoilt the term's football.

With wishes to everybody for an unusually Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and also with the hope that critics will not be more than usually captious, we present yet another number of the School Journal.

The School.

HERE are 26 new boys.

D. M. Evans has gained a Welsh Classical Exhibition of £50 a year at Jesus College, Oxford.

The Earl of Plymouth gave away the Prizes at the end of last term.

In the Oxford and Cambridge Certificate Examination, the School gained eleven Higher Certificates, with eight distinctions (five in Additional Mathematics).

The Cricket XI. played 10 matches, of which 6 were won, 3 lost, and 1 drawn. They were a good all-round team, the fielding being especially good. The Brecon match fell through owing to illness.

O.L.'s.

In Memoriam.

The Rev. James Gillart (O. Ll. 1868),
Pembroke College, Cambridge, M.A., 1879.
Vicar of Gentleshaw and Farewell, Staffordshire.

Robert J. Edwards, M.A., Scholar of
Lincoln College, Oxford (1st class Classical
Mods.)—a former master.

MARRIAGE.

Brigstocke—Andoe.—On September 28, at Colombo, Frank Lewis Brigstocke, of the Indian Civil Service, Tutocorin, to Wynefred Beatrice, youngest daughter of the late Admiral Sir Hilary Andoe, K.C.B., and Lady Andoe, Oxford.

The Rev. J. B. Reed has been appointed Vicar of Chirbury, Salop; and the Rev. John Morgan, Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Truro.

Frank Davies obtained a 1st class in law (Bar Examination).

D. N. Griffiths has graduated as B.Sc. (London).

G. E. Owen has been appointed Registrar for the Diocese of St. Davids.

At Oxford, L. G. Cooper (Jesus College), and E. de Q. Mears (Worcester College), have been elected to Goldsmiths' Exhibitions.

Jake Morgan (Jesus College), gained a 2nd class in Mathematical Finals; Prys Jones (Jesus College), a 2nd class in History Finals; and L. M. Davies (Lincoln College), a 2nd class in Science Finals.

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The following have gone into residence at Oxford this term:—O. M. Williams, Sir John A. Owen, C. V. Lewis (St. John's), R. Gwyn Rees (Corpus), H. S. John (Keble), D. M. Evans (Jesus College); W. H. Belcher (Worcester); G. S. Jones (St. John's); R. B. Jones (Downing); and at Cambridge—D. J. C. Jenkins, H. O. Williams (King's).

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D. J. C. Jenkins, Sir John A. Owen, and O. M. Williams played in 'The Freshers.'

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An O. I.L. Dinner at Cardiff on January 17th (the eve of the England v Wales match) is contemplated. There will be a meeting of the O. I.L. Society on the following morning (the 18th).

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The following have joined the Society:—Sir John A. Owen, W. H. Belcher, Eric Forster, Curtis Morgan, C. V. Lewis, W. R. Edmunds.

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The Secretary of the O. I.L. Society gratefully acknowledges Subscriptions to the School Improvement Fund from the Rev. D. Davies, Dinas Powis (5th), £1 1s.; R. Graham Prichard, £2 2s.; J. Arnallt Jones (4th), £1 1s.; the Rev. D. F. Roberts, 10s. 6d.; T. J. Lewis, 5s.; the Rev. E. A. T. Roberts (5th), 10s. 6d.; A. H. Owen, £2.

Prize Day.

THERE was a large and distinguished gathering at the 'Prize Day' celebration at Llandovery College on Tuesday. The function of distributing the prizes took place at the gymnasium, where Lieutenant-General Sir James Hills-Johnes, V.C., G.C.B., Dolaucothi (one of the college trustees), presided, and the different reports submitted bore

eloquent testimony to the great work which this college continues to render to Wales. Among the guests present were:—The Earl of Plymouth, Lieutenant-General Sir James Hills-Johnes, Sir John and Lady Llewelyn, the Bishop of Llandaff, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Evans, the Vicar and Mrs. Edmondson Owen, Colonel and Mrs. Beddy, Colonel and Mrs. Pedder, Colonel and Mrs. Gwynne-Hughes (Glancothi), Mr. and Mrs. Gwynne-Hughes (Tregeyb), Judge Bishop and Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Campbell Davys, Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Thomas, Mrs. Mervyn Peel, the Misses Mansel, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Drummond, &c.

The Warden, in rising to read his annual report, said that he found the task more difficult than usual, as the shadow of a great sorrow had passed over his life since they had met on a similar occasion. He could tell them that, though the School year had been rather uneventful, it had been a period of steady progress and keen effort all round. The school was still justifying its existence by turning out boys with character as well as brains.

It was with feelings of deep gratitude and thankfulness that he announced the gift of £600 by Mr. D. A. James, of Abergavenny, and Mr. J. James, of Maesycod, to found two scholarships in memory of their brother, Dr. James, an old boy of the School who attained to eminence as a London doctor.

The Warden extended a hearty welcome to the Earl of Plymouth, whose presence there that day was a source of great encouragement and strength, and to the Bishop of Llandaff, who spent some of his earlier years at the School.

EXAMINERS' REPORT.

The Examiner (Mr. L. E. Upcott, M.A., Corpus Christi College, Oxford) stated that in the top form E. E. Roberts would be a first-class in classics if he could bring up the rest of his work to the level of some of it. Of the second form it was stated that relatively the work was higher than that of the top form. That was an exceedingly encouraging feature, because it meant good classical promise for the future. In history two boys did thoroughly good work. The papers

of the historical sixth evidenced a great deal of industry, but more power of selection and arrangement was needed. Very fair work was produced by candidates for the lower certificate. In mathematics the real strength of the School was manifest, and here unquestionably were the most intelligent students, notably O. M. Williams, G. M. Evans, and Swash, who could almost compete with any who presented themselves for classics and history. Their work was the most interesting in its way of all that came under his notice.

The Chairman expressed satisfaction at the good reports read. He added that the trustees felt much beholden to the Dowager Countess and Countess of Cawdor for the great interest shown by them in the college by continuing the late Earl Cawdor's annual scholarship. Their thanks were also due for the continued generosity of Miss Thomas, of Llwynmadoc, to whom they were indebted for large donations to the college buildings and gymnasium. She had also recently come to the assistance of the trustees by lending them money to purchase the cricket field.

Having distributed the prizes, the Earl of Plymouth, the new trustee, who was loudly cheered, congratulated all concerned in the excellent reports submitted. He said that one thing that must be learned sooner or later, was the power of application. According to his report the examiner could speak very favourably of the school in that respect. Another thing that must not be forgotten was that all of them should recognise their responsibilities and duties to the country. The State had a right in some direction or other to demand of them some personal service for the good of the whole country.

The Bishop of Llandaff, who was given a hearty reception, said that as a native of Llandovery, an old Llandovery school-boy, and as a Welshman who loved his country, he asked them to join with him in wishing success to the School in its great work of turning out men who would be a credit to Llandovery and a blessing and honour to their country. Llandovery had long stood for a broad basis of education, whilst in the field of sport they learnt in a wider sense to play the game. If they wished to win the respect of their fellow men and the approval of their own conscience and be of any use to the world they would have to learn to play the game and play it straight.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Earl of Plymouth, Sir Llewelyn, Bart., said that, in welcoming his lordship there as one of their trustees, they were glad to point out to him the admirable work done by the warden (the Rev. W. W. Poole-Hughes) and his very able staff. At the time when intermediate education in Wales was taking its place—and he was glad it had taken its place in Wales—the trustees felt somewhat that it might influence and put an end to the traditions of that grand old school. Not a bit of it. Llandovery had held its own, and would continue to hold its own.

Mr. Benjamin Evans, in moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said that the name of the gallant Sir James Hills-Johnes was honoured in the camp and in the councils of Wales, especially in those of Carmarthenshire, and all circles of philanthropic work. It was more especially honoured wherever Llandovery boys met.

The votes of thanks were carried with acclamation.

HONOURS AND PRIZE LIST.

The honours and prize list was as follows :—

LIST OF HONOURS.

- L. V. Owen, 1st Class, History, Finals, Oxford.
- D. G. Davies, 1st Class Honour, Classical moderations, Oxford.
- A. B. Mayne, Junior University Mathematical Scholarship, Oxford.
- D. E. G. Davies, 1st, Final Law Examination and Clements' Inn Prizeman.
- F. Davies, 1st Class in Law (Bar examination).
- W. S. Rowlands, 2nd Class, Classical Finals, Oxford.
- J. Morgan, 2nd Class, Mathematical Finals, Oxford.
- L. M. Davies, 2nd Class, Science Finals, Oxford.
- T. S. Philipps, 2nd Class, Classical moderations, Oxford.
- R. Gwyn Rees, Open Mathematical Scholarship, £80, Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
- J. K. Muir, Science Scholarship, Middlesex Hospital.
- L. G. Cooper, Goldsmith Exhibition, £50.
- E. de Q. Mears, Goldsmith Exhibition, £50.
- London Matriculation.—W. A. Harries and J. S. H. Davies.
- D. E. G. Davies, Welsh Rugby International XV. A. Goronwy Jones, athletic Blue at Oxford.

PRIZE LIST.

- HISTORICAL VI.—H. W. Spurrell.
- MATHEMATICS (School Maths.).—O. M. Williams and R. Gwyn Rees.
- Set IIa, D. T. Bonnell ; Set IIb., A E. Warhurst ; Set IIIa, W. L. Evans ; Set IIIb, R. H. Davies ; Set IVa, D. H. Patey ; Set IVb, T. B. Prýs-Jones ; Set V, E. Lloyd.
- SCHOOL SCIENCE.—J. S. H. Davies.
- ENGLISH.—Set I, D. T. Bonnell ; Set II, D. H. Atwood ; Set III, T. W. Howells.
- WELSH PRIZE.—G. I. Davies.
- GEOFFREY WILLIAMS PRIZE.—E. E. Roberts.

FORM PRIZES.

FORM VI.—*Latin*, E. E. Roberts; *Greek*, E. E. Roberts; *Greek History*, E. E. Roberts; *French*, A. Swash; *English*, E. E. Roberts; *Divinity*, R. T. Davies.

FORM Va.—*Latin*, G. E. Davies; *Greek*, R. T. Davies; *History*, G. G. Roberts.

FORM Vb.—*Latin*, W. G. Menhinick; *Greek*, W. E. Harries; *History*, D. H. Hughes; *French*, W. G. Menhinick; *Cefnfaes*, D. T. Bonnell; *Divinity*, W. G. Menhinick.

MATRICULATION FORM.—*Latin*, D. I. Ellis; *French*, R. T. Howells; *English*, D. I. Ellis.

UPPER SCHOOL, MODERN.—*History and Geography*, Horace Jones; *French*, Horace Jones; *Cefnfaes*, E. N. James.

FORM IV.—*Latin*, D. R. Jones; *Greek*, W. G. Roberts; *French*, Trevor Hughes; *History*, R. M. Jones; *Divinity*, R. M. Jones; *Cefnfaes*, Trevor Hughes.

FORM IIIa.—*Latin*, F. G. Nicholas; *Greek*, W. G. Davies; *French*, D. H. Atwood; *History and Geography*, J. T. L. Evans; *Divinity*, J. T. L. Evans; *Cefnfaes*, H. G. Williams.

FORM IIIb.—*Latin*, E. S. de Hirsch-Davies; *French*, F. M. Kitto; *History and Geography*, Ralph Davies; (*Welsh*) *Divinity*, L. E. Roberts; *Cefnfaes*, E. S. de Hirsch-Davies.

FORM II.—*Latin*, E. H. Jones; *History and Geography*, T. B. Prys-Jones; *Cefnfaes*, T. W. Howells.

Oxford Letter.

DEAR Mr. Editor,—The composition of an Oxford letter has become more difficult than formerly, for not only has the number of Llandoverians in residence increased enormously, but those refined and stimulating Sunday evening reunions have for some unaccountable reason been discontinued. Deprived then of the means of discussing the private business of each, one has to fall back on personal interviews—a lengthy process—for modesty prohibits us obtaining the information we require from the proctors!

Before giving a more or less detailed account of as many of our doings as will bear publication, we congratulate the School most heartily on the victories over Sherborne and Brecon. By a striking coincidence a select party happened to be in Buols when the news arrived.

Returning to ourselves, we mourn the loss of T. W. Thomas, Prys-Jones, Jake Morgan, L. M. Davies, and J. L. Williams, though we caught a fleeting glimpse of the latter in a popular cafe in the Corn Market towards the end of term, but at the same time we welcome a goodly number of freshers who have made themselves conspicuous in various ways. Of these Sir

J. A. Owen and O. M. Williams played in the 'freshers,' and Owen got his 'trials,' H. S. John warbles sweetly in the quads of Keble, Belcher 'pulls the strings' of the Worcester togger, and both he and Gwyn Rees flourish bayonets in defence of their country. Richard-Bowen-Jones-Bowen, though not yet a member of the Bullingdon, is quite the man about town. He may be seen in the corn, giving a very creditable burlesque of what journalists are pleased to call 'the Oxford manner.' D. M. Evans plays half for Jesus, while C. V. Lewis in addition to coxing indulges in *al fresco* exercise in the quads of St. Johns, where Sinnett Jones has been mistaken for the ghost of Archbishop Laud.

We have nothing but good to record of those old Llandoverians now in the third year. Rhydderch figures prominently in both the Hertford football teams, and leads a life of retirement in the wilds of Walton Street. D. E. Davies captains the Worcester hockey team. A. B. Mayne takes his pleasures sadly; he hovers between Balliol and the Union. N.B.—This does not mean he cornstalks!] In spite of the approach of schools, Joshua Davies' smile grows no less, Dudley Davies is more thoughtful but we caught sight of him at the Jesus Smoker, at which social function T. S. Philipps and Cooper lifted up their voices in pleasing harmony, as also did B. Rhys, who was inspired to give a little dance towards the close of the proceedings; he never does this at the Balliol Concert! J. R. Davies faces the weight of schools, Halewood works to soothing strains from his gramophone, which is one of the musical attractions of 'the Square.'

We now come to deal with the members of the second year. We are unhappily forced to admit that according to the latest measurements of the anthropometrical society, H. W. M. Weeks has not yet added a cubit to his stature, though perhaps he is a little more rotund than formerly. C. Morgan is hon. sec. of the Cambrian Society, and his forensic style is much admired in the Union. E. G. R. Hughes and Mears have both hidden their respective lights under the proverbial bushel, but it is rumoured that both have been seen in the Cinema. L. P. Evans together with H. L. Williams are billed to appear at the Command Performance before the moderators, while O. J. Jones' skit, 'The Eater of Dinners,' looks like having a

long run through next term. In spite of rumours to the contrary, R. H. Hughes is not on tour, though on one occasion he was seen parading the corn market incognito, a large and admiring crowd following. He may be seen and heard at Smokers, Buols, the Cadena, the Theatre, and the Cinema, and daily at 9 a.m. in the lecture room. When travelling incog. he is usually accompanied by his medical adviser, R. M. Humphreys, whose medical skill also proves useful in treating fellow members of the XV. returning from away matches. Humphreys has been given his rugby colours for St. John's, is sec. of the athletic club, and both he and his 'patient' play soccer regularly for the St. John's College 'Boosters' XI.

It would be impossible to give a full account of the doings of all the Old Llandoveryans in Oxford, and perhaps it would not be wise to do so, so in conclusion we wish everybody a happy Christmas and the School all prosperity throughout the coming year.

I am, Sir, Yours etc.

TWM SHON CATTI.

FAIL to thee my basher
(Hat thou never wert),
That of heaven or near it,
Art the counterpart,
For never earth produced such pancestrial art.

What thou art we know not,
What is most like thee?
From eastern-climes there come not
Shapes so quaint to see—
Ineffably sublime, beauteous beyond degree.

Squarer, bowler, trilby,
Captivating straw,
Matched with thine would still be
Pattern rude and raw,
A thing whereat we feel indomitable awe.

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The fourth or fifth year now is past
Since first on me thy crown was cast,
Ah! would that this might be the last,
My basher.

Thy ribbon hath a duller glow,
I see thee daily weaker grow,
My recklessness hath brought thee low,
My basher.

But though thou gladly would'st fulfil
The same kind office for me still,
Thy strength now seconds not thy will,
My basher.

Ah, well thou playd'st the commoner's part,
Yet would I now reject thine art,
For prefects' band attracts my heart,
My basher.

But should my future lot be cast
With much resemblance of the past,
Thy worn-out crown will break at last,
My basher.

Football Matches.

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

THIS match, the first of the season, was played on Wednesday, October 2nd. The weather was fine, but there was a high wind. The visitors brought up a very strong team, which included several well-known South Wales Rugby players.

The visitors kicked off, and for some time the game was evenly contested. A brilliant bout of passing by the opposing backs enabled them to score an unconverted try. They continued to press, and Bryn Lewis soon crossed the line. Two other tries followed in quick succession, but neither was converted. Half-time arrived with the School in their opponents' half, the score against us being 12 points—0.

The School attacked vigorously after half-time, and at last succeeded in scoring through C. B. Davies. The kick at goal failed. Shortly after this Howel Lewis got away for the visitors, the extra points being added to the resulting try. They repeated this performance almost immediately. The

home team now attacked, but a rush by our opponents enabled them to cross for the seventh time. The School again got into the visitors' twenty-five, and Humphreys, intercepting a pass, scored under the posts. C. B. Davies converted, and the whistle for time was blown soon afterwards. Final score—

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| Rev. R. H. Roberts' XV. | ... | 2 goals 5 tries | (25 pts.) |
| School | ... | 1 goal 1 try | (8 pts.) |

The School team played well against a side much too strong for them. The great speed of the opposing three-quarters won them the game. Powell and D. G. Williams were the best forwards on the School side, whilst T. P. Williams and C. B. Davies were the best of the backs. Mention too should be made of the tackling of G. M. Evans and Harries.

The School was represented by—G. M. Evans (*full-back*); W. A. Harries, C. B. Davies, C. R. Humphreys, E. M. Jones (*three-quarters*); T. P. Williams, R. T. Howells (*halves*); H. J. Powell, T. J. C. Davies, B. A. Jones, D. R. Williams, G. G. Roberts, D. A. Evans, R. M. Jones, T. W. Powell (*forwards*).

SCHOOL v. MR. D. P. DAVIES' XV.

This match was played on Saturday, October 5th, and resulted in a well-deserved win for the School. It was a fine, warm day, and there was very little wind.

The School kicked off, and play was even for some time. Then the home side began to press, and C. R. Humphreys scored an unconverted try. After a brief spell of play in mid-field, D. P. Davies crossed the line for our opponents with a good try. A try by C. B. Davies followed soon after, and was converted by T. P. Williams. The School kept on pressing, and before half-time two tries had been added by W. A. Harries and G. G. Roberts. Thus at half-time the home side were leading by 14 points to 3.

The visitors got within the School half after the resumption, but a good recovery by the School enabled E. M. Jones to cross the line in the corner. Then a brilliant rush was made by the forwards, led by Powell, Davies, and Roberts, the last of whom touched down under the posts. The extra

points were added by T. P. Williams. Another try by C. B. Davies followed, which was converted. Two more tries were added for the School by D. R. Williams and E. M. Jones, while the visitors were successful once more, D. P. Davies running right through. When the whistle blew the scores were—

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| School | ... | 3 goals 6 tries | (33 pts.) |
| Mr. D. P. Davies' XV. | ... | 2 tries | (6 points) |

The School team played well throughout, being conspicuously brilliant during the last twenty minutes. C. B. Davies and Humphreys were the most prominent of the backs, while Powell, T. C. Davies, and Roberts were the best of a good pack of forwards. The forward rushes and the combination of the three-quarters were very fine.

The following represented the School:—G. M. Evans (*full-back*); W. A. Harries, C. B. Davies, C. R. Humphreys, E. M. Jones (*three-quarters*); T. P. Williams, R. T. Howells (*halves*); H. J. Powell, T. C. Davies, B. A. Jones, G. G. Roberts, D. A. Evans, T. W. Powell, D. R. Williams, J. F. H. Williams (*forwards*).

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

This match was played on Wednesday, October 9, in hot weather. Mr. Jones' team included several old members of the School, while the home team had undergone considerable re-adjustments, and lined out as follows:—R. T. Howells (*full-back*); W. A. Harries, C. B. Davies, C. R. Humphreys, Glyn Williams (*three-quarters*); T. P. Williams, D. S. Jones (*halves*); H. J. Powell, T. J. C. Davies, B. A. Jones, D. G. Williams, G. G. Roberts, D. A. Evans, D. R. Williams, T. W. Powell (*forwards*).

The School kicked off, and before long Mr. Lockyer crossed the School line in the corner. The game then moved to mid-field, but soon after the School began to press, and on several occasions almost scored. The forwards made several rushes and at length D. G. Williams got over with a very good try. At half-time both scores stood at three points.

The first part of the second half was uninteresting, neither side gaining any advantage. Mr. Lockyer scored a second

try for the visitors, which was converted by I. Williams. Our opponents continued to press for some time, but eventually C. B. Davies secured the ball, and running through scored a good try in the corner. A minute later some good play by Davies and T. P. Williams enabled Harries to score in the same place. After some scrummaging in the visitors' half, and a good, though unsuccessful, attempt by R. T. Howells to drop a goal, T. P. Williams again got over. Shortly after the whistle blew, leaving the scores—

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| School | .. | .. | .. | 4 tries (12 points) |
| Rev. G. I. R. Jones' XV. | .. | .. | 1 goal 1 try (8 points) | |

SCHOOL v. THE DRUIDS.

This match was played on Saturday, October 26th, in very wet weather. The rain was so heavy that short time had to be played, which probably robbed the School of another well-deserved victory. Our opponents were a team from Llanelly.

The School kicked off, and for the first few minutes were put on the defensive, the visitors nearly crossing the line. Then they recovered, and fairly even play ensued for a long time. Towards half-time the School pressed hard, but no score resulted.

After half-time the School had by far the best of the game, and our opponents only looked dangerous once. The forward rushes were the chief feature of the play, and on several occasions the School were unfortunate in not scoring. The game ended up as a pointless draw.

The School were represented by—R. T. Howells; I. A. Nicholas, C. B. Davies, W. A. Harries, E. M. Jones; T. P. Williams, C. R. Humphreys; H. J. Powell, T. J. C. Davies, B. A. Jones, D. G. Williams, J. F. H. Williams, D. A. Evans, D. R. Williams, T. W. Powell.

The School side were certainly unfortunate in not winning. Naturally the forwards had most of the game, and they all played up well, the rushes being particularly good. Some of the best of these were led by the brothers Powell. The backs did what they could considering the circumstances, R. T. Howells getting in some good kicks, and Harries and Davies saving well.

SCHOOL v. ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE, LAMPETER.

This match was played at Lampeter on Nov. 2nd. The School were slow in settling down, and in consequence St. David's College was able to reach our 25. There the Lampeter backs started a smart bout of passing, and their right wing dived over with a try within five minutes of the kick off. Shortly afterwards C. B. Davies twisted his ankle and, though he remained on the field, was unable to do much afterwards. A miss-kick gave Lampeter another try, also unconverted. After this the School began to wake up, and the rest of the first half was very evenly contested.

In the second half, though Lampeter scored another try, the School had quite as much of the game as they had. We looked dangerous on several occasions, but each time the final pass went wrong. The Lampeter team was stronger and faster individually than ours, and on the day's play thoroughly deserved its victory. The School XV. did not play up to their usual form, but it is not to be wondered at, as they had C. B. Davies 'crooked' from the start, and B. A. Jones off the field for the greater part of the second half. H. J. Powell, T. P. Williams, and C. R. Humphreys played especially well for us. D. T. Williams (who nearly dropped a goal from half-way) and I. T. Davies were the pick of the Lampeter team. Score—

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| St. David's College, Lampeter | .. | .. | 3 tries |
| School | .. | .. | Nil |

2ND XV. v. GOWERTON COUNTY SCHOOL.

This match was played on November 6th. Gowerton brought up a very strong team, and though the School held their own fairly well during the first half, in the second the visitors proved too much for them.

Gowerton kicked off and began to press from the first. The School gained some ground, but a cross kick enabled the opposing wing to score in the corner. Almost directly after the School were forced to concede three minors. Then they recovered, and play remained in the Gowerton twenty-five until G. M. Evans crossed the line. At half time each team had scored a try.

After the re-start Gowerton had everything their own way, and scored two tries in a short time. After a drop-goal by the Gowerton centre, the School carried the ball with them, and D. S. Jones scored in the corner. Gowerton added three more tries in rapid succession, one being converted. The final score was—

Gowerton . . 2 goals (1 dropped) 5 tries (24 pts.)
School 2nd XV. 2 tries (6 points)

Gowerton were easily the best team, and out-classed the School in every position. J. G. Williams was the most prominent of the School forwards, while W. B. Morgan, Roderick, and Roberts were the best of the backs.

The School was represented by—R. Roderick; G. G. Roberts, D. S. Jones, Glyn Williams, I. A. Nicholas; G. M. Evans, W. B. Morgan; S. R. Griffith, R. M. Jones, G. H. Jennings, W. G. Menhinnick, H. W. Robinson, E. A. Nicholas, T. D. Davies, J. G. Williams.

SCHOOL v. SHERBORNE SCHOOL.

This game was played on Cardiff Arms Park on Nov. 13th. As was expected, it turned out to be a forward game, and in some respects this fact spoilt the match from a spectacular point of view, because the two packs were very evenly matched. Whenever the Sherborne forwards secured the ball in scrum, they would keep it in, and try to force their way through by sheer strength, but the 'shove' was so even on each side, that most of the scrums developed into long rounds of tight scrummaging. They were wise in not heeling cleanly, for their three-quarters were very mediocre, their chief faults being that they took their passes standing and did not use their speed.

The only try of the match was the result of T. P. Williams' securing from a clean heel on the part of the Islandvery pack, and his getting round the 'blind side' to put E. M. Jones in an excellent position to score. The School should have scored on several occasions. Once H. J. Powell found himself with the ball at his feet and with a clear field before him, but by pure mischance his foot touched the corner flag

as he was touching down, while on another occasion C. B. Davies was called back from scoring after a dashing run.

H. J. Powell and J. Williams were prominent among the forwards, but it is hard to particularise amongst a pack which has, throughout the season, earned a great reputation. T. P. Williams, C. B. Davies, and Harris played up to their usual good form, and just bad luck prevented them from scoring more than once.

On the Sherborne side, the pack, led by Blair, played up to its reputation of being the finest pack they have yet had, while their full-back fielded and kicked excellently.

School Team.—(*Full-back*) R. T. Howells; (*Three-quarters*) G. G. Roberts, C. B. Davies, W. A. Harries, E. M. Jones; (*Halves*) T. P. Williams, C. R. Humphreys; (*Forwards*) H. J. Powell (Capt.), T. C. Davies, B. A. Jones, D. G. Williams, J. F. H. Williams, D. R. Williams, T. W. Powell, D. A. Evans.

SCHOOL v. SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS.

This match was played on the School ground on November 23rd. The ground was very wet and the scoring low. The game was very evenly contested, the sides being very well matched. Nothing sensational occurred in consequence.

The visitors kicked off, and the School quickly took the ball into our opponents' half. For the first ten minutes play remained in mid-field, the home team having a slight advantage. Then the visitors attacked vigorously for a considerable time, forcing the School to concede two minors in quick succession. Play returned to mid-field, and half-time arrived with the School pressing.

After the resumption the home forwards made a brilliant rush down the field, but were driven back. The visitors then got into the School twenty-five, and their inside half gained the ball near the line and scored. The kick failed. Play was even till the last few minutes, when the School were unfortunate in not scoring. The visitors thus won by three points.

The School team as a whole tackled very well, and some of the forward rushes were very good. B. A. Jones and D. R. Williams were the most prominent in the latter. T. P. Wil-

liams played splendidly and Harries defended well, while R. T. Howells brought off some excellent kicks.

School Team.—R. T. Howells ; G. M. Evans, C. B. Davies, W. A. Harries, E. M. Jones ; T. P. Williams, C. R. Humphreys ; H. J. Powell, T. J. C. Davies, B. A. Jones, J. F. H. Williams, D. R. Williams, T. W. Powell, D. A. Evans, S. R. Griffith.

SCHOOL v. CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON.

This match was played at Brecon on Nov. 30th, before a fair crowd of enthusiastic spectators. Brecon lost the toss and kicked off. A scrum was immediately ordered on the half-way line, and the Brecon backs receiving, indulged in a round of passing which, however, did not gain them much ground. The Brecon forwards got the ball in scrum, in the initial stages, but the superiority of our forwards soon became apparent, and by a series of wheels and rushes they carried play to the Brecon 25 line. Play was confined to this quarter for some time, determined tackling on the part of the Brecon backs preventing a score. Ten minutes from the start the School forwards broke away from a line-out, and after some effective dribbling, T. W. Powell scored near the posts. T. P. Williams converted. The School again assumed the aggressive, and several scrums were formed near the Brecon 25 line. A badly judged pass by C. B. Davies lost what seemed to be a good opportunity for another score. The same player was conspicuous, immediately after, for a brilliant individual effort, the Brecon full-back bringing him down a few yards from the line. Subsequently C. R. Humphreys scored after a short dribble. T. P. Williams again converted with a splendid kick. The interval arrived with the School still pressing. Half-time score—

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| School | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 pts. |
| Brecon | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Nil |

For the first 10 minutes of the second half play was of a very even nature territorially, but gradually the School forwards again asserted themselves and carried play well into Brecon territory, H. J. Powell being especially prominent. The School forwards were now heeling much better than

they had been in the earlier stages of the game. T. P. Williams receiving from a scrum feinted cleverly and sent out to his three-quarters, C. B. Davies scoring in the corner after an excellent passing movement: the same player failed with the kick. Brecon now played up with determination, and Hoskins, their captain, made repeated efforts to break through, but was well tackled each time by our centres, C. B. Davies and W. A. Harries. From a subsequent scrum on the half-way line the Brecon backs got away, and Gibbon, their left wing, looked a certain scorer when he was magnificently tackled by R. T. Howells. From this point to the end play was wholly in favour of the School, the final score reading—

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| School | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 pts. |
| Brecon | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Nil |

We fully deserved our win, and with more opportunities the backs would have increased the score. Credit for victory must rest with the forwards, who, in every department, were superior to our opponents. H. J. Powell played a magnificent game, and was always to the fore in the well-executed wheels and rushes of the School forwards. At half we were superior, T. P. Williams being especially prominent with his quick, short bursts, sure tackling, and well-judged kicks. C. R. Humphreys saved many an ugly rush, and his touch-finding all through was of immense service to his side. At three-quarter, C. B. Davies and W. A. Harries played excellently. Both were fearless in their tackling, while the former's kicking often gained us much ground. Our wings, E. M. Jones and G. G. Roberts, did not have much to do in attack, but again and again pulled up dangerous rushes. At full-back, R. T. Howells played a magnificent game, his lengthy touch-finding being quite a feature of the match, while again and again he brought off some really thrilling saves. From the spectator's standpoint the game was not up to the level of past struggles; there was an almost complete absence of those brilliant passing movements and thrilling bits of play usually associated with the Brecon match.

Llandoverly XV.—(Back) R. T. Howells ; (Three-quarter Backs) G. G. Roberts, C. B. Davies, W. A. Harries, E. M.

Jones; (*Half Backs*) C. R. Humphreys, T. P. Williams; (*Forwards*) H. J. Powell (Capt.), T. J. C. Davies, B. A. Jones, J. F. H. Williams, D. R. Williams, T. W. Powell, D. A. Evans, S. R. Griffiths.

Brecon XV.—(*Back*) H. S. Davies; (*Three-quarters*) J. E. Gibbon, O. B. Price, W. L. Hoskins (Capt.), E. R. Gibbon; (*Halves*) A. Baker-Jones, G. M. O. Evans; (*Forwards*) P. C. Matthews, D. L. Jones, F. C. Parry, G. Boothby, W. Hughes, T. R. Davies, H. Jones, and D. C. Thomas.

'A' TEAM v. LAMPETER COLLEGE SCHOOL.

This was played on Tredegar Close, Dec. 4th, in miserable weather. The game proved very one-sided, the visitors being very much below the standard of previous years. The 'A' team was not of more than the average strength, but they had no difficulty in registering twenty points against their opponents. The home pack heeled pretty cleanly, and were good in the open, while the three-quarters got in some very good bouts of passing. One or two more tries would not have exaggerated the superiority of the School, for the left wing was not given as many chances as he very well might have. The School won a somewhat uninteresting game by 1 goal 5 tries.

Team.—(*Full-back*) Roderick; (*Three-quarters*) G. G. Roberts, C. B. Davies (Capt.), D. S. Jones, I. A. T. Nicholas; (*Halves*) W. B. Morgan, C. R. Humphreys; (*Forwards*) J. F. H. Williams, D. R. Williams, T. W. Powell, D. A. Evans, J. G. Williams, R. M. Jones, Jennings, E. A. Nicholas.

2ND XV. v. SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played on Wednesday, December 11th, on the School ground. The field was in a very muddy condition, and consequently the forwards had the greater part of the game.

The School kicked off, and for some time play was very even. At last the home side began to press, and Glyn Williams secured the ball and scored a good try, which Roderick converted. The School kept on the attack, and after a time

some good play on the part of some of the backs enabled Roberts to score an unconverted try. At half-time the School led by 8 points.

After the resumption a clever feint by Morgan put the School in a good position, and the attack ended in a magnificent try, scored by Glyn Williams under the posts. The extra points were added by Roderick. Swansea recovered for a short time, but the School soon entered their opponents' half once more. Humphreys scored from a fine dash, and shortly after D. S. Jones crossed the line again. Time was called with the score—

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| School 2nd XV. | .. | 2 goals 3 tries (19 points) |
| Swansea Grammar School | | Nil |

The School forwards played well, J. G. Williams being especially prominent. The backs got going well several times, and were unfortunate in not scoring even more often than they did. I. A. Nicholas played well, and Glyn Williams was very good until he was unfortunately injured in the second half.

The following represented the School:—Roderick; G. G. Roberts, Glyn Williams, D. S. Jones, I. A. T. Nicholas; W. B. Morgan, R. S. Humphreys; S. R. Griffith, J. G. Williams, R. M. Jones, Jennings, T. D. Davies, E. A. Nicholas, W. B. Evans, Horace Jones.

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

This match was played on Thursday, December 12th. The ground was in a very bad state, as it rained during the night almost without intermission. The School were without Powell and T. P. Williams, and were greatly handicapped in consequence.

The School kicked off, and for some time neither side could claim any decided advantage. The home forwards made many good rushes throughout the game, but the visiting backs took advantage of every opportunity offered. At last an intercepted pass enabled our opponents to score. The School then attached, but were driven back, and the visitors quickly added two tries, both being converted.

The home side held their own much better in the second half, and almost scored on two occasions. At last a good cross-kick by Howells enabled Harries to score in the corner. The School attacked hard for a long time, but failed to get over again, and the game ended in our own half.

The School forwards were responsible for many excellent rushes, T. C. Davies and D. G. Williams being seen to great advantage throughout. Both full-backs were very good, R. T. Howells tackling and kicking well. The School backs did several good things, but did not often get properly going.

School Team.—R. T. Howells; G. G. Roberts, C. B. Davies, W. A. Harries, G. Williams; C. R. Humphreys, W. B. Morgan; T. J. C. Davies, B. A. Jones, D. G. Williams, J. F. H. Williams, D. R. Williams, T. W. Powell, D. A. Evans, J. G. Williams.

Lectures in the New Gymnasium.

BIRD LIFE.

ON Friday, October 18th, Mr. Oliver Pike, F.Z.S., gave us another of his excellent lectures on life in birdland. He described the habits and peculiarities of well-known birds and gave illustrations from his own experience of the difficulties entailed in obtaining photographs. Sometimes he had been compelled to hang for an hour over the edge of a precipice. The different methods employed by birds in feeding their young was another very interesting topic; some parent-birds divide their food in equal shares, others give the whole to the first comer. The means by which the Fulmar petrel and cuckoo get rid of their enemies were described in detail. Young cuckoos are never content until they have heaved all their rivals out of the nest.

The lecture was accompanied by an excellent set of magic-lantern slides, which added greatly to its interest. Beautiful pictures were shown, those of the pheasant, wild swan, golden crested grebe, and dipper, attracting special attention. After

the slides depicting still life had been shown, Mr. Pike gave us bioscope pictures, in which we saw all the movements of the birds. These proved a great success. The lecture closed with a description of the life of a young cuckoo. The lantern was ably managed by Mr. Tilly, assisted by H. W. Robinson.

BRIDGES AND BRIDGE-BUILDERS.

On Friday, November 8th, a very interesting lecture was delivered on the above subject by Mr. John Ballinger, the Librarian of the National Library of Wales. The lecture was accompanied by an excellent set of lantern slides, many of which had been specially prepared for the occasion. In two hours Mr. Ballinger gave a complete description of the various methods employed during different ages for spanning rivers, chasms, and valleys. Beginning from the primitive bridges made of logs or flat stones, he explained the principle of the girder bridge, of which the Tubular Bridge was an excellent modern example. He then demonstrated the difficulties to be met in the building of arches, and paid a great tribute to the indefatigable zeal of William Edwards, a Welshman whose name is associated with many bridges, his masterpiece being at Pontypridd. The next type of bridge to which our attention was directed was the suspension-bridge. Excellent photographs were shown of primitive bridges in the north of Ireland and of the more complicated structures over the Menai Straits and at Clifton. After touching on the draw-bridge, Mr. Ballinger dealt with the principles involved in cantilever bridges. The great triumphs attained by engineers in this respect were illustrated by pictures of the famous bridges over the Forth and the East river at New York. The lecture was thoroughly appreciated, and all were sorry when it came to an end. The lantern was managed by Mr. Tilly, J. S. Davies assisting.

PUNCH CARTOONS AND COMEDIES.

On Dec. 4th, Mr. Stafford Webber added to his fame as a lecturer by delighting the School and a very select audience with an exhaustive discourse upon '*Punch* Cartoons and

Comedies.' Mr. Webber's task was one of selection, and when one remembers the many years that *Punch* has been in circulation, and the changes in political and social life which have occurred during that time, it will be realised that the task was no easy one. Lantern illustrations were thrown upon the screen, and the voices put by Mr. Webber into the mouths of urchins, female and male, and of types of every social rank, made everybody shake with laughter. So many times has Mr. Webber refreshed Llandovery audiences that it is unnecessary to rewrite his praises. Suffice it to say, that his lectures are always keenly anticipated by young and old.

Mr. Tilly and his able assistant, J. S. Davies are to be thanked and admired for the dexterity with which they have manipulated the lantern on each occasion.