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## Editorial.

ONCE more the ordeal of writing an Editorial has to be faced, and on this occasion by new and inexperienced hands. Only the present sub-Editors can fully realize the greatness of the labours of their predecessors, and the debt of gratitude which the School owes them.

The whole School is profoundly thankful that the Warden has made such a rapid recovery from his illness, and has been enabled to resume his manifold duties.

Throughout the term curious and delighted eyes have watched the new Science Buildings nearing completion. Such a fine building should perpetuate the memory of the generous donor for many years to come.

The football season has on the whole been quite successful. The Breconians were rather easily defeated, and the team was only beaten by one point by a team which has been victorious over all its public school rivals.

We wish the best of luck to all those who have tried or are going to try for Scholarships.

Thanks to the untiring and persistent efforts of Miss Russell, the health of the School has been excellent.

As the first Editorial ought, above all things, to be as brief as possible, we hope that this *Journal* will be fully appreciated.

## Oxford Letter.

SIR,—The Michaelmas term is by no means a dull one. Indeed, it possesses all the vivacity and freshness natural to the opening of the academical year. This must serve as an apology for the length of this letter, if any apology is necessary, for it always seems to us that the usual Oxford letter is unnecessarily meagre and curtailed. To mention a few of the many-sided interests of the term, there are hordes of freshers to be welcomed (or squashed), new teams to be built up, Gilbert & Sullivan's operas, and other good things at the theatre to be visited, distinguished speakers at the Union, and all manner of other exciting things happening.

As to the freshers, the Llandovery contingent seems to be a commendably well-balanced, level-headed quintette.

B. A. Jones is our only representative at Wadham. He played in the Freshers' match, but unfortunately in the unaccustomed position of centre three-quarter, and plays rugby and soccer for his college regularly.

Ogmore Williams plays full-back for Jesus, and has played for Oxford 'A.' He digs with Oswald Jenkins with a view, it is said, to going up North.

H. W. Robinson takes up the mantle of Mayne at Balliol. It is hoped, and believed, that he will follow in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor.

G. M. Evans loses himself in the quadrangles of Christ Church, which he also represents on the rugby field.

E. M. Jones has suddenly appeared at Hertford, like a bolt from the blue (this is not a pun on his brother). He, too, appears on the traditional field of battle as flying wing.

This exhausts our list of freshers—peace and prosperity go with them.

Mayne, Oswald Williams, and Gwyn Rees are to be congratulated on their respective Firsts.

For any other achievements possibly omitted, we must plead lapse of time in excuse.

We have to record the loss of W. E. Rhydderch, J. R. Davies (whose jovial face is much missed), P. B. Halewood, Joshua Davies, and possibly others whom we have forgotten.

D. E. Davies, H. S. John, and E. S. Jenkins have effected a silent and graceful disappearance: 'it may be for terms, it may be for ever.'

To turn from historical research to more recent topics, we were very sorry to hear of the Warden's illness, and hope he is now quite himself again.

Mr. Lloyd George visited the Union on Nov. 21st, had a great reception, and achieved what was no mean feat in pulling the house over to his side on the Land question. Mr. F. E. Smith is to appear the last week of term.

Football opinion in Oxford has not been unduly sanguine as to the result of the Varsity match on Dec. 9th. And now for the usual catalogue of virtues and views. Like the true critic we will concentrate on the former.

St. John's holds the strongest contingent of O.L.I's. Here 'we are seven,' namely, R. M. Humphreys, who often plays for London Welsh and regularly for his college, as also does J. N. Lewis, who left Llandovery for Merchant Taylors some years ago, and Sir John Owen—the last-named, we believe, before the admiring eyes of his fiancée. Oswald Williams plays full-back for St. John's. R. H. Hughes is frequently in evidence at the theatre, shepherding with anxious care a fresher brother. G. S. Jones and C. V. Lewis are elusive pimpernels, of whom we know nothing.

At Jesus there are five. T. S. Phillips begins to look with a serious eye on the future life beyond Greats. B. Rhys, we believe, has designs on the British Museum. L. G. Cooper is unhappily *hors de combat* with a groggy knee. He, however, shines in debate. D. M. Evans, when he is not developing bumps on the footer field, fills the role of recruiting sergeant for the Cambrian. Ogmore Williams is one of his victims.

Keble claims L. P. Evans, who buys bulldogs for £4 and

sells them for £41. E. G. R. Hughes, who pursues the calm and even tenour of his way; and J. T. Davies, who played in the Seniors' match, and turns out regularly for Keble.

Queen's nourishes three. D. G. Davies has sunk with a sublime indifference to Greats, and practises rest cures on two hours work a day. W. G. Morgan and H. W. Weeks are fast friends. The former is said to be preparing a course of lectures on 'Corinthian oratory—what it is, and how to do it.' Weeks plays golf, on which occasions he entirely disappears behind his bag.

Mears, Belcher, and O. J. Jones still grace the precincts of Worcester, H. L. Williams and R. B. Jones those of Lincoln. Hubert Williams is reported to be intriguing with his uncle for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Oxford Schools.

This completes a long list and a long letter. We will conclude with congratulations to the School on the splendid fight put up against Sherborne, and with best wishes for the Brecon and everything else in general.

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## The School.

HERE are twenty-three new boys.

The new Science Schools are nearing completion, and will be ready by next term. Both the design and the workmanship are excellent. With the new buildings and the Gymnasium they form three sides of a quadrangle.

The Warden has made a rapid recovery. He was away for the first nine days of this term. Mr. W. E. Rhydderch (O.L.L.) is doing temporary work in the School to assist him.

W. R. Spurrell has passed the London Matriculation (1st Class).

The School gained eleven certificates with five distinctions in the Oxford and Cambridge Certificate Examination,

D. R. Williams is Head-prefect and T. J. Carlyle Davies Captain of Football.

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The Cricket XI. won 6 matches, lost 5, and drew 1. We lost the Brecon match (Score—Christ College 68, School 51).

## In Memoriam.

The Rev. William Thomas, L.Div., St. David's College, Lampeter, Vicar of Cymmer with Porth, Glamorganshire.

The Rev. J. D. Jones has been appointed Senior Vicar of Bangor; the Rev. L. H. Walters Vicar of Llansawel, Briton Ferry; and the Rev. J. A. Hughes Chaplain of St. Michael's College, Llandaff.

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At Oxford, Frank Morgan (History Tutor at Keble) was one of the Examiners in History Finals, and I. O. Griffiths (Fellow of St. John's) was Junior Proctor.

O. M. Williams (St. John's) and Gwyn Rees (Corpus) gained 1st Classes in Mathematical Moderations; W. E. Rhydderch (Hertford) a 2nd Class in Classical Finals, and J. R. Davies (Jesus) a 2nd Class in Theological Finals.

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The following have gone into residence at Oxford:—G. M. Evans (Christ Church), B. A. Jones (Wadham), D. O. Williams (Jesus), H. W. Robinson (Balliol); and at Cambridge, H. W. Spurrell (Clare) and D. A. Evans (Downing).

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L. V. Owen has been appointed Lecturer in History at Bangor University, and P. E. M. Richards, Assistant Commissioner in Nigeria.

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W. H. Thomas has gained a Scholarship at St. Mary's Hospital,



The following have been playing Rugby Football:—Rev. Rev. J. Alban Davies (Swansea), Ifor Williams (Captain of Pontypridd), H. G. Morris (Eastern Counties), L. M. Davies (Middlesex), C. B. Davies (Cardiff and Glamorganshire); and J. T. Davies in 'The Seniors' and B. A. Jones in 'The Freshers' at Oxford.

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R. M. Humphreys, O. M. Williams, J. T. Davies, L. M. Davies, E. E. Roberts, have played regularly for London Welsh.

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The Secretary of the O. I. L. Society acknowledges with many thanks subscriptions to the School Improvement Fund from the Rev. Eben. Jones (5th), £1 1s.; and T. Latimer Jones (5th), 5s.

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R. W. Rees, H. W. Spurrell, Wyndham Williams, D. O. Williams, D. A. Evans, F. M. Kitto, J. Wynne Jones, J. S. Jenkins, E. D. G. Hughes, and O. M. Williams, have joined the Society.

## Calendar for Third Term, 1913.

Sept. 18	Th	The School returned.
„ 21	S	18th after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. G. I. R. Jones.
„ 28	S	19th after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. G. I. R. Jones.
Oct. 1	W	XV. v. the Rev. G. I. R. Jones's XV.
„ 5	S	20th after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. W. Iar Edwards, Curate of St. Peter's, Carmarthen.
„ 12	S	21st after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden.
„ 15	W	XV. v. the Rev. R. H. Roberts XV.
„ 19	S	22nd after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. Maurice Jones, Chaplain to the Forces.

„ 22	W	XV. v. St. David's College, Lampeter (on the Tredegar Close). Vocal Recital by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Drew (of the Bechstein Hall).
„ 25	S	XV. v. Swansea Grammar School Old Boys (on the Tredegar Close).
„ 26	S	23rd after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden.
„ 29	W	XV. v. Mr. D. P. Davies's XV.
Nov. 2	S	24th after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. G. I. R. Jones.
„ 5	W	XV. v. Sherborne School (at Cardiff), kick off at 1.45, on the Cardiff Arms Park.
„ 8	S	XV. v. Mr. R. K. Green's XV.
„ 9	S	25th after Trinity. (Mayor's Sunday, and as the boys do not attend the service, no preacher's name is given).
„ 14	F	Lecture on 'The Recent Great Earthquakes,' by Mr. F. E. Tillemont-Thomason.
„ 15	S	'A' Team v. St. David's College School, Lampeter (at Lampeter).
„ 16	S	26th after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden.
„ 23	S	27th after Trinity. Preacher: The Rev. D. Williams, Vicar of Morriston.
„ 26	W	School Arithmetic Paper.
„ 29	S	XV. v. Christ College, Brecon (on the Tredegar Close).
„ 30	S	1st Sunday in Advent. Preacher: The Rev. D. J. Jones, Vicar of Port Talbot.
Dec. 3	W	2nd XV. v. Swansea Grammar School (at Swansea).
„ 4	Th	School Latin Grammar Paper.
„ 5	F	Lecture on 'Through Birdland with a Bioscope,' by Mr. Oliver G. Pike.
„ 7	S	2nd in Advent. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden.
„ 11	Th	The Christmas Examination begins.
„ 13	S	2nd XV. v. Gowerton County School (on the Tredegar Close).

„ 14 S 3rd in Advent. Christmas Carols.  
 „ 18 Th XV. v. Old Llandoveryans. House Supper.  
 „ 19 F Term ends.

The School returns for the Easter Term on Tuesday,  
 January 20th.

## Prize List.

CLASS VI.—*Latin*, G. E. Davies; *Greek*, D. O. Williams;  
*History*, D. O. Williams.

FORM VI.—*French*, S. V. Swash; *English*, H. W. Spurrell.

MATH. VI.—G. M. Evans.

HIST. VI.—*Eng. Hist.* G. G. Roberts.

Va.—*Latin*, W. G. Menhenick; *Greek*, W. G. Menhenick;  
*History*, W. G. Menhenick.

Vb.—*Latin*, A. E. Warhurst; *Greek*, W. G. Roberts;  
*French*, D. H. Atwood; *Maths.*, A. E. Warhurst; *History*,  
 R. M. Jones; *Divinity*, J. R. Samuel; *Cefnfaes*, D. H. Atwood.

## Football Matches.

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

After a hard-fought game against a scratch team, the School team sustained its first defeat on October 1st. The weather was on the whole favourable, though the ball was carried by a strong wind.

Jeffries kicked off for the visitors, who were soon driven back into their own 25. Roberts nearly succeeded in crossing their line, but a try was saved by Ivor Williams. The ball was soon secured by O. M. Williams who, easily eluding the School backs, scored a try, which was converted by Jeffries. The visitors pressed for some time, but were kept out by strong kicks to touch by D. G. Williams and D. S. Jones. The School three-quarters, after a fine bout of passing between D. G. and W. H. Williams, would have scored but for a splendid save by O. M. Williams. Half-time found the School still pressing though 5 points behind.

The School opened the 2nd half by a vigorous attack, which brought the ball near opponent's goal line. I. A. T. Nicholas intercepted and passed to D. G. Williams, who scored under the posts. Towards the end of the game the School were kept out by the determined tackling of the visitors. Roderick just missed dropping a goal, and proved a very useful full-back. J. G. Williams, D. R. Williams, and H. Rees, who unfortunately got 'crooked,' under the leadership of T. J. C. Davies, were conspicuous among the forwards, and W. B. Morgan proved a very smart inside half. Final score—

Rev. G. I. R. Jones' team	..	1 goal (5 points)
School	.. .. .	1 try (3 points)

The School team was as follows:—R. H. Roderick (*full-back*), G. G. Roberts, D. G. Williams, W. H. Williams, I. A. Nicholas (*three-quarters*), D. S. Jones, W. B. Morgan (*halves*), T. J. C. Davies, D. R. Williams, H. Rees, J. G. Williams, Jennings, I. G. Williams, R. M. Jones, W. L. Evans (*forwards*).

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

This match was played on Oct. 15th at home, and after an even game the visitors were victorious. The weather was ideal, and the School, with only two old colourmen in the team, were within an ace of winning.

After the initial rush of the visitors the School three-quarters got going, and soon brought the game near their opponents' goal line. The School forwards pressed for some time, and were ably supported by the kicking of Roderick, who saved a certain try. Neither side had scored when the referee blew the whistle for half-time.

During the second half the School more than held their own until the last 5 or 10 minutes. D. S. Jones succeeded in dashing in under their posts. His try was then converted. After this the visitors' forwards were more dangerous, and a try and a converted goal followed rapidly, dashing the hopes of the School. The game concluded with the enemy still near the School goal line. Result—

Rev. R. H. Roberts' XV.	1 goal 1 try (8 points)
School	.. .. . 1 goal (5 points)

The outstanding feature of this match on the School side was the splendid kicking of Roderick. The School could not put on the field its best pack of forwards, as the captain and another old colour could not play through illness. Among the forwards, Jennings, S. R. Griffith, and W. L. Evans were conspicuous.

SCHOOL v. S.D.C. LAMPETER.

On a fine day, Oct. 22, the School lost this match on their own ground. The visitors soon proved themselves to be a good co-operating side with strong, heavy forwards, who soon proved dangerous. They massed and rushed, and for a time quashed opposition in the School 25. Then W. B. Morgan got the ball away, and a forward rush brought the ball into their 25. I. A. T. Nicholas nearly got over in the corner, but the Lampeter men were soon back near their opponents' goal line. Though the invading tide was temporarily stunned by D. G. Williams and the three-quarters, S.D.C. got the ball out to the three-quarters, who scored and converted. After this the School rallied, and after a little passing D. S. Jones, thanks to his side step, scored a splendid try under the posts. Shortly afterwards the forwards got the ball out, and D. S. Jones again scored. He converted, and thus made the game at half time—

School	..	..	..	..	..	8 points
Lampeter	..	..	..	..	..	5 points

In the second half a drop kick, obtained from a mark in front of their goal, failed, and Lampeter threatened once more. Roderick saved repeatedly, but the hostile forwards proved too strong for the School forwards. Against superior weight and strength the latter should have heeled out more, and endeavoured to play the 'open game.' Among the new forwards R. M. Jones was conspicuous. During the last quarter of an hour the visitors were fairly 'all over' the School, scoring twice by sheer weight. These tries they failed to convert, the game closing with a victory of three points for the visitors. Scores—

Lampeter (S.D.C.)	..	..	..	..	..	1 goal 2 tries (11 pts.)
School	..	..	..	..	..	1 goal 1 try (8 pts.)

SCHOOL v. SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS.

On Oct. 25 the School experienced their fourth defeat. The visitors were a good, big, strong side, not ignorant of Rugby football, as the result testifies.

At first the game was very even, fluctuating about the half-way line all the time. At a line out from touch about half way the ball was kicked on to S.G.S.O.B. backs. I. A. T. Nicholas followed up hard and dribbled over, scoring a good, smart try. After the 25 kick off the visiting forwards got going and nearly succeeded in scoring repeatedly. Their fine play was only foiled by strong kicks by Roderick, D. G. Williams, and D. S. Jones. After this the School forwards were more dashing, and some dribbling by S. R. Griffith and R. M. Jones was to be noticed. Half time arrived with the O.B.'s still pressing hard on School goal line, and the School 3 points ahead.

The second half opened with a splendid kick by the visitors' back in touch very near the School goal line. For some time it is as much as the School could do to keep them out. Roderick and D. G. Williams proved themselves their most effective opponents. However, the School got the ball out of scrum, and the three-quarters passed across the field. As soon as the game was away from the School goal line it became very fast, and after beating most of their backs D. G. Williams scored a glorious try all on his own. After the failure of the kick at goal the visitors again pressed, and scored from a scrum on goal line by sheer weight of members. They quickly followed this up by adding another ten points to their score. Scores—

School	..	..	..	..	..	2 tries (6 points)
Swansea Gram. Sch. Old Boys	..	..	..	..	..	2 goals 2 tries (16 pts.)

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

On Oct. 29th the School won their first match. The weather was fine during the game, but a greasy ball, some wind, and a sopping ground had to be endured.

The game opened with a forward rush by the School, the dribble ending in a pass from R. M. Jones to D. G. Williams,



who scored. D. S. Jones converted. The visitors then rushed up the field and tried to drop a goal. Two of their three-quarters nearly scored, but were kept out by Roderick. Soon the School got the ball away from scrum on the goal line, and a rush, led by S. R. Griffith and D. G. Williams, resulted in W. L. Evans scoring. By half time D. G. Williams had brought the School score up to 11 points by a splendid try.

The second half opened with a scrum on half-way line. The School 'bagged' the ball, and W. H. Williams kicked up the field. He followed up his kick and scored. After this the visitors rallied, and a good forward rush resulted in a drop goal. For some time afterwards they pressed hard, and their forwards nearly barged over. This calamity, however, was averted by the defence of W. B. Morgan and D. G. Williams, and the ball was taken away by J. G. Williams and D. S. Jones. From a line out near their goal line S. R. Griffith got the ball and fell over. The visitors were by far the weakest team as yet played by the School, and an easy victory was the result. The game closed amid forward play, vociferous shouting, and pouring rain. Scores—

School	..	..	..	..	..	17 points
Mr. D. P. Davies' XV.	..	..	..	..	..	4 points

#### SCHOOL v. SHERBORNE.

This annual match was played at Cardiff on November 9th under very unpleasant conditions. The morning was cold and showery, consequently the Cardiff Arms Park ground, by no means famous for its drying capacities, was soon transformed into a sea of mud.

T. J. C. Davies started for Llandovery from the river end, and Sherborne gaining possession soon got on the attack, and for some little time caused the Welshmen considerable anxiety. Heeling from scrum with monotonous regularity, the Sherborne backs completely dominated the game until the Llandovery forwards went away with a vigorous rush. For a time, utterly beaten in the pack by their weighty opponents, they failed to supply their backs, who were

forced to be always on the defence. Resolute attack was met by an equally determined defence, and for executing some magnificent tackles it is only fair to mention D. G. Williams and I. A. Nicholas.

Half time arrived with no score, and after both teams had been spoken to by the referee for over-excitement, the game restarted with redoubled vigour. Llandovery were now holding their own in scrum, and one or two glorious rounds of typical Welsh passing were seen. Frequently the ball was passed right along the line, and only slightly forward passes stopped several otherwise certain tries. Sherborne, however, were not to be denied, and Prince, who for a time was unmarked, scored in the corner after a fine sprint, Wheeler failing with the kick. The ball was now very greasy, and accurate passing was utterly out of the question. A duel between the full-backs ended in favour of Roderick, who, with a beautiful kick, planted the oval in touch on the half-way line. From the line out W. H. Williams punted into the open, and I. A. Nicholas, the diminutive Llandovery wing, gathering at full speed swerved past several opponents and scored near the posts, for D. S. Jones to convert.

Amidst shouts of encouragement from their numerous supporters the ball was again set in motion, and after a splendid 'Richmond' rush Vaacher burst through and scored Sherborne's second try. Vigorous clean play now terminated disastrously. Prance, who had operated splendidly at half-back, sustaining a broken collar-bone. Williams, the Llandovery centre, was also badly kicked on the head, while Wheeler unfortunately got badly winded. Soon afterwards the whistle sounded, leaving Sherborne victors by a point.

*Comments.*—It can in no way be termed a great game, for too much vigour and an over-eagerness to score was displayed on both sides. Both packs of forwards did well, Sherborne being brilliant in the tight and loose scrums, while Llandovery were rather superior in the open. Of the backs those of Sherborne were undoubtedly far faster, though they lacked the styish passing of their Welsh ad-



versaries. Too much praise cannot be showered upon Roderick, whose display at full-back was in every way equal to that seen at first-class football. Perhaps the fairest criticism can be found in Scots' well-known line, that from start to finish 'it was a case of foot and eye opposed in dubious strife.'

*Team.*—R. H. Roderick (full-back), G. G. Roberts, D. G. Williams, W. H. Williams, I. A. Nicholas (three-quarters), W. B. Morgan and D. S. Jones (halves), T. J. C. Davies, D. R. Williams, J. G. Williams, R. M. Jones, S. R. Griffith, W. L. Evans, G. H. Jennings, W. B. Evans.

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

This match was played on November 20th in pouring rain. The home team won an easy victory in the slush against a rather weak team. The visitors came up with five men short, and were consequently considerably handicapped.

The School got the better of the game from the start, and since the ground was in such a fearful state the forwards had most of the game. Their rushes were very vigorous, and the game as fast as could be expected considering the elements. From a good 'heel' D. S. Jones got away with the ball, and from him W. B. Morgan secured the ball and scored a good try. Shortly afterwards a fine forward rush resulted in a try by Roberts. Neither try was converted, so the half-time score stood at—

School	..	..	..	..	..	6 points
Mr. R. K. Green's XV.	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

For the first 10 minutes of the second half the game was very even and mostly in mid-field. Then the Llandovery forwards got going again, their rush resulting in a try by King, the right wing three-quarter. Shortly afterwards D. R. Williams scored from a forward rush. After this the visitors rallied and pressed in the School twenty-five. The danger was, however, averted by Roderick, and the School added another try, scored by

A rather one-sided game was fittingly culminated by a

glorious drop goal by D. G. Williams—all the more remarkable as it was the first of the season. Scores—

School	..	..	..	..	..	19 points
Mr. R. M. Green's XV.	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

#### SCHOOL v. CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON.

'Twas a famous victory.' But fortunately for our readers we know more about it than Southey's old man. Fortunately also the victory was won without any serious injury to victors or vanquished.

The annual 'Welsh Varsity Match' was played at Llandovery on the 29th of November, with Mr. T. D. Schofield (W.R.F.U.) as referee. The ground was fairly firm, and the match was mainly an 'open game.'

Christ College kicked off, and a knock on gave a scrum. The Brecon three-quarters then got going, but were arrested by the tackling of the Llandovery captain and the kicking of the full-back. After S. R. Griffith had charged down a free kick the School forwards rushed up, but were stopped by the opposing backs, who in their turn were defeated by W. B. Morgan and D. G. Williams, who got a fine run through, scoring a splendid try. After some even play and a great many scrums the Brecon three-quarters got away, but their wing was tackled by G. G. Roberts. A good rush by the Brecon forwards was stopped by D. G. Williams and R. M. Jones, the former of whom bursts through. The next attack was repulsed by the tackling of Roberts and the kicking of Roderick. The School then took the offensive, a good passing bout ending in I. A. T. Nicholas being tackled in touch near Brecon goal. The Breconians then rushed up fiercely after a free kick, to be stopped by T. J. C. Davies and W. B. Morgan, and a fine dribble by R. M. Jones ends in touch. From the line out W. H. Williams received the ball and passed out to D. G. Williams, who puts Roberts in at the corner. Roderick stopped the next Brecon rush, and through a free kick to the School the ball returned to the Brecon 25. Roberts received the ball, crossed the field, and after brilliant, rapid passing by the fours across the field I. A. T. Nicholas

scored in the corner. After a forward rush the whistle blew for half time with the score—

School	..	..	..	..	3 tries (9 points)
Brecon	..	..	..	..	Nil

Llandovery opened the second half with a forward rush, led by S. R. Griffith and J. G. Williams. After this the visitors pressed for a considerable time. First their forwards and then their three-quarters appeared dangerous, and only with difficulty were they kept out. At last the tide turned, and the School resumed the offensive. It was opened by a fine passing bout by W. B. Morgan, D. S. Jones, and I. A. T. Nicholas, who was tackled in touch near Brecon goal. Nicholas then made a mark, but the kick at goal failed. W. B. Morgan next got the ball from the tight, and W. H. Williams dropped and followed up. The ball came out from a scrum in front of goal, and D. S. Jones very neatly dropped a goal. The Breconians rushed on from half way, and swept down the field unchecked until their rush was stopped by Roderick. After this the School three-quarters got going again from scrum, but the movement ended in a kick to touch by Nicholas. The School followed up this advance, and harassed the Breconians in their own territory for some time. The game closed with Llandovery in a good position.

*Team*—R. H. Roderick (*full-back*), G. G. Roberts, D. G. Williams (Vice-Captain), W. H. Williams, I. A. T. Nicholas (*three-quarters*), W. B. Morgan and D. S. Jones (*halves*), T. J. C. Davies (captain), D. R. Williams, J. G. Williams, R. M. Jones, S. R. Griffith, W. L. Evans, Jennings, and W. B. Evans.

During the term E. A. Nicholas, T. D. Davies, I. G. Williams, and Warhurst in the forwards, and King on the right wing have played for the First Team.

#### SCHOOL 'A' TEAM v. LAMPETER COLLEGE SCHOOL.

This match took place at Lampeter on November 12th. The School pressed from the start, but the wet ball and heavy ground made good passing difficult. From a scrum Griffiths broke away, and D. S. Jones after making ground

was tackled just outside. Lampeter then brought off some good rushes, but were pulled up by really brilliant fielding and kicking on the part of Roderick. Their backs, however, failed to make the most of their opportunities, and half time arrived with the School attacking. Lampeter went off with a rush in the second half, but good kicking by D. S. Jones, W. H. Williams, and Roderick kept them out, and a good dribble on the part of the School penned them in once more. D. S. Jones, securing from a scrum, scored wide out, the kick failing. A few minutes later the same player picked up from the feet of the opposing forwards, broke through, and after beating several opponents scored an excellent try, but failed to convert. The School continued to attack, W. H. Williams failing to drop a goal by a narrow margin, and the forwards all but scoring on three occasions. Towards the close Williams kicked across, and King following up hard took the ball well in his stride, and scored wide out, the kick again failing. The final whistle blew with the School still attacking. The features of the game were the excellent display of Roderick at full-back despite a nasty injury, and the good rushes of the forwards, ably led by Griffith, who were vastly superior to their heavier opponents. The handling of both sets of backs was faulty, that of Lampeter being distinctly poor. Our halves were under the circumstances quite good. Of the forwards, Jennings, S. R. Griffith, and T. D. Davies were the best, and I. G. Williams was very conspicuous in the line out. Final score—

School	..	..	..	..	3 tries (9 points)
Lampeter	..	..	..	..	Nil

*School Team*.—*Back*, R. H. Roderick (Capt.); *Three-quarters*, P. B. Davies, W. H. Williams, J. R. Samuel, A. King; *Halves*, D. S. Jones and E. D. Griffiths; *Forwards*, S. R. Griffith, G. H. Jennings, W. B. Evans, T. D. Davies, I. G. Williams, E. A. Nicholas, A. E. Warhurst, C. G. Jones.

#### SCHOOL 2ND XV. v. SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played on the St. Helen's enclosure on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors. We won the toss, and aided by a strong wind



we soon pressed, the ball going dead twice in succession. We all but scored on several occasions, and eventually King crossed in the corner, Nicholas failing in a good attempt to convert. Soon afterwards Griffiths, feinting cleverly, beat his man and scored near the touch line, the kick again failing. Our forwards rushed repeatedly, but could not score, and Samuel made a good attempt to drop a goal. Just before half time Spurrell broke through and scored under the post for P. B. Davies to convert. For the greater part of the second half, although playing against the wind, we pressed hotly. King got over on the left wing, Nicholas again just failing with the kick. A very pretty bout of passing, started by the forwards, resulted in an excellent try by P. B. Davies, who failed to convert. Immediately afterwards Spurrell, getting the ball from a line out, cut through and scored, the kick failing. Towards the close Swansea, following up a hard kick, made great efforts to score, and kept us on the defensive, but failed to cross our line, and the whistle blew with play in mid-field.

The feature of the match was the sound passing of the backs, of whom P. B. Davies, Spurrell, E. D. Griffiths, and Samuel were the best. The forwards, though outweighed, were also good, the most conspicuous being Nicholas, T. D. Davies, and Edmunds. The wheeling and rushing was decidedly good. Final score—

School 2nd XV.	..	..	1 goal 5 tries (20 pts.)
Swansea	..	..	Nil

The School team was S. M. Williams, P. B. Davies, J. R. Samuel, W. R. Spurrell, A. King, E. D. Griffiths, G. Llewellyn, E. A. Nicholas (Captain), T. D. Davies, I. G. Williams, A. E. Warhurst, P. E. Edmunds, G. Morgan, C. G. Jones, E. M. Morgan.

### JUNIOR LEAGUES.

#### *First Round.*

A v. B, Nov. 3rd.

B won by 6 goals (30 pts.) to 3 goals (15 pts.). For B tries were scored by D. M. John (3), D. J. Lewis (2), L. W. B.

Lewis (1). For A the scorers were H. J. G. Davies, R. G. T. Davies, and W. G. Hughes. For the winners D. M. John and D. J. Lewis combined very cleverly, and W. G. Roberts, C. H. Morgan, L. W. B. Lewis, and P. B. John were prominent. For the losers Watkins, A. P. N. Roberts, J. L. Evans, and Jones played well. A pleasing feature of this game was the excellent goal kicking.

B v. C, Nov. 5th.

C won by 1 converted goal to 1 try. A splendidly contested game. For the winners W. G. Davies scored, whilst D. M. John replied for B. The same player failed with the place kick, although the position was one of the easiest. Patey hooked very cleverly for C, and W. D. Evans showed promising form at in-half.

A v. C, Nov. 7th.

C won by 1 converted goal 1 try (8 pts.) to 1 try (3 pts.). This again was a very even game. For C, J. A. Humphreys scored a clever try, and J. L. Evans scored for A. Towards the end of the game W. G. Davies got over for C. W. D. Evans, J. A. Humphreys, and R. G. T. Davies were the most prominent for C, whilst J. L. Evans, K. W. Maunce Jones, and Patey were specially good for A.

#### *Second Round.*

B v. C, Nov. 14th.

B won by 2 goals 3 tries (19 pts.) to 2 tries (6 pts.): Scorers for B—D. M. John (3), D. J. Lewis (2). For C—J. A. Humphreys and Lloyd Jones. D. M. John converted two tries for B. The same player and D. J. Lewis were again very good. The forward play on both sides was poor, one player frequently breaking away unsupported. C's backs hardly ever got on the move, as J. A. Humphreys, though good individually, failed to open up the game owing to his inability to take the ball on the run,

## A v. B, Nov. 15th.

A won by 2 goals (1 dropped (9 pts.) to 1 try (3 pts.). W. G. Roberts dropped the goal and A. Davies scored the try. D. M. John scored for the losers. J. L. Evans, P. B. John, Watkin, and R. G. T. Davies showed good form throughout the game.

## A v. C, Nov. 17th.

A won by 1 converted goal 5 tries (20 pts.) to 1 penalty goal (3 pts.). A. Davies (2), W. G. Hughes (2), W. E. Watkin (1), and J. L. Evans (1) scored for A. H. C. Lloyd kicked the penalty goal for C. J. L. Evans, A. Davies, Watkin, W. G. Roberts, Lloyd Jones, and Lones were all good.

*Third Round.*

## A v. B, Nov. 20th.

A won by 2 goals (1 dropped) 2 tries (15 pts.) to 1 converted goal 2 tries (11 pts.). The scorers for A were W. G. Roberts (1 dropped goal and 1 try), R. G. T. Davies, and W. J. Rees. For B—W. Morgan, N. E. Evans, and D. J. Lewis scored. W. G. Roberts and D. M. John played extremely well for their respective sides. Watkin, R. G. T. Davies, J. L. Evans, P. B. John, and Lones also showed splendid form.

## B v. C, Nov. 22nd.

B won by 1 goal 2 tries (11 pts.) to nil. D. J. Lewis secured two tries, and L. Rees one try for the winners. The same players, together with D. M. John, again showed good form. C, although failing to score, played up very hard.

## A v. C, Nov. 24th.

A won by 2 goals 2 tries (16 pts.) to nil. This game was rather uneven. C were disappointing both in front and behind. For the winners W. G. Hughes scored two tries, R. G. T. Davies and A. Davies one each.

A thus secured the Junior League Championship for 1913 with a total of 8 points, B were second with 6, and C gained 4 points.

## THE JUNIOR LEAGUE WINNERS v. REST OF LEAGUES.

Played on Tuesday, Nov. 25th, in wet weather. The game was very even throughout and splendidly contested. The tackling and falling on the ball were excellent, while the back play, in spite of the unfavourable conditions, was at times good. The combined forwards were disappointing, and their backs, although handling very cleverly, missed several chances of scoring. The A forwards played with great dash, led by J. L. Evans, and their backs showed splendid defence. Watkin opened the scoring for A, the result of a rush. W. G. Roberts failed with the kick. D. M. John, after a fine individual effort, scored for the Rest, but failed at an easy place kick. The same player scored again in the second half, and again failed with the kick. Towards the end of the game R. G. T. Davies scored for A and W. G. Roberts converted. Thus A won a very close game by 1 goal 1 try (8 pts.) to 2 tries (6 pts.).

W. G. Roberts, R. G. T. Davies, J. L. Evans, and Lones were the most prominent for the winners, while for the Rest D. Morgan, G. H. Morgan, and D. J. Lewis played very well in both attack and defence.

*Teams:* A—W. G. Roberts, Capt. (*full-back*), A. P. N. Roberts, Watkin, and W. G. Hughes (*three-quarters*), R. G. T. Davies and R. H. Thomas (*halves*), J. L. Evans, A. Davies, Lones, C. E. P. Davies, H. J. G. Davies, and Wynne Jones (*forwards*).

THE REST (B and C)—J. A. Humphreys (*full-back*), W. G. Davies, D. J. Lewis, and L. Rees (*three-quarters*), D. M. John (Capt.) and C. H. Morgan (*halves*), Patey, P. B. John, L. W. B. Lewis, W. Morgan, Lloyd Jones, and D. H. Jones (*forwards*).

## JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAM v. F. G. NICHOLAS' TEAM.

This match, played on the Tredegar Close on Thursday, Dec. 4th, was easily won by the scratch side, the score being 1 goal 4 tries (17 pts.) to 1 try (3 pts.). The scratch pack was too heavy for their opponents, with the result that the League backs had but few chances of attacking, and very plucky defensive play on their part alone kept down the



score. Their forwards, of whom J. L. Evans was excellent, although outweighed, played hard right through the game.

*Junior League Team.*—W. G. Roberts (*full-back*), D. J. Lewis, W. E. Watkin, R. G. T. Davies, and W. G. Davies (*three-quarters*), D. M. John and C. H. Morgan (*halves*), J. L. Evans, Patey, P. B. John, Lones, and J. A. Humphreys (*forwards*).

*F. G. Nicholas' Team.*—H. H. G. Williams (*full-back*), Wells, J. H. Jones, D. H. Jones, and W. G. Hughes (*three-quarters*), F. G. Nicholas and W. E. Harries (*halves*), D. E. Davies, M. L. James, Atwood, O. D. Ballinger, A. Davies, and W. Morgan (*forwards*).

## Concert in Gymnasium.

MR. and Mrs. Dennis Drew, of London, gave an interesting Vocal Recital on Wednesday afternoon, October 22nd, in the gymnasium.

The programme opened with two stirring songs:—'War Song of Tyrtæus' by Sibelius, and Norbay's 'Shepherd, see thy horse's flowing mane,' Mr. Drew doing full justice to the music and his vocal powers.

Graham Peel's 'Requiem,' a very beautiful melody, created a delightful contrast.

Mrs. Drew treated us to Weckerlin's arrangement of some charming 18th century French music, 'Deux Pasteurelles,' for which she received an encore.

Of the four or five Duets, the Recitalists were heard to the greatest advantage in Cecil Sharp's arrangement of the quaint and pretty folk-songs, 'The Keys of Canterbury,' and 'I'm seventeen come Sunday'; nor must we omit to mention the exceedingly beautiful effect of the *diminuendo* obtained by them at the end of each verse in Ed. German's 'When a Knight loves Ladye.'

Mr. Drew brought the somewhat lengthy programme to a close by a vigorous rendering of Cecil Sharp's 'Dashing away with the smoothing iron,' Carl St. Amory's 'Trocharty Glen' and 'The Jacobite,' and Eric Coates' 'Grenadier,' the

last being encored in response to the loudly expressed appreciation of the listeners.

The audience received a welcome lesson in the matter of the piano accompaniments, for Mrs. Drew interpreted them—mostly, we believe, from memory—with consummate skill and taste.

### PROGRAMME.

#### 1. SONGS—

- (a) 'War Song of Tyrtæus' ... .. Sibelius  
(b) Requiem ... .. Graham Peel  
(c) 'Shepherd, see thy horse's flowing mane' ... Francis Norbay  
Mr. Dennis Drew.

2. SONGS ... .. 'Deux Pasteurelles' ... .. arr. by Weckerlin  
Mrs. Dennis Drew.

#### 3. VOCAL DUETS—

- (a) 'When a Knight loves Ladye' ... .. Ed. German  
(b) 'Oh, no John' ... .. arr. by Cecil Sharp  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Drew.

#### 4. SONGS—

- (a) 'Der Schmied' ... .. Brahms  
(b) 'O danke nicht' ... .. Albert Mallinson  
Mr. Dennis Drew.

#### 5. SONGS—

- (a) 'Three little fairy Songs' ... .. } Maurice Besley  
(b) 'Lullaby Trees' ... .. }  
Mrs. Dennis Drew.

#### 6. SONGS—

- (a) 'When Childher plays' ... .. Walford Davies  
(b) 'Wi' dy Malone' ... .. Old Irish (Traditional)  
(c) 'The Donovans' ... .. arr. by Alicia Needham  
Mr. Dennis Drew.

#### 7. SONGS—

- (a) 'The Keys of Canterbury' ... .. }  
(b) 'I'm seventeen come Sunday' ... .. } arr. by Cecil Sharp  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Drew.

#### 8. SONGS—

- (a) 'Trocharty Glen' ... .. }  
(b) 'The Jacobite' ... .. } Carl St. Amory  
(c) 'The Grenadier' ... .. } ... Eric Coates  
Mr. Dennis Drew.

#### 9. SONGS—

- (a) 'China Ornament' ... .. Anon.  
(b) 'The Silver Moon' ... .. Bairnsfather  
Mrs. Dennis Drew.

#### 10. SONGS—

- (a) 'Dashing away with the smoothing iron' ... .. arr. by Cecil Sharp  
(b) 'The tree in the wood' ... .. Cecil Sharp  
(c) 'The Floral Dance' ... .. Katie Moss  
Mr. Dennis Drew.

## Lectures.

### 'THE RECENT GREAT EARTHQUAKES.'

ON November 14th Mr. F. E. Tillemont Thomason gave us a lantern lecture on this subject, which was very interesting and still more instructive. He kindly described the four great earthquakes of our own time, namely those at San Francisco, Kingston, Valparaiso, and Messina. Mr. Tillemont Thomason reversed the chronological order in his treatment, as he said that he had been to Kingston and San Francisco and was staying in the latter city at the time of the earthquake.

The lecturer poured much scorn upon the jerry-built mansions and hotels of Messina, and pointed out that earthquakes always found out the weakest spots in a structure, and went the easiest way about their business, like certain lazy schoolboys—'not to be found at Llandovery.'

The people of Chili do not appear to be very good builders, as the only buildings left standing by the earthquake were steel frame structures, which, we were informed, were made in parts and transported from Pittsburg, U.S.A.

A sky-scraper has much more chance of surviving an earthquake than a log hut, and in Kingston the buildings suffered extremely because the second story was wooden. A glowing tribute to the virtues of British rule in Jamaica was paid by the lecturer, who said that murder and robbery were practically unheard of there, in marked contrast to San Francisco, which appears to have resembled Dante's *Inferno* for months after the earthquake.

Mr. Tillemont Thomason concluded with some gruesome stories of the atrocities perpetrated in San Francisco—many he said were committed by drunken soldiers and corrupt police, as well as innumerable robberies by the enormous criminal population of the city.

Mr. Tilly managed the lantern, assisted by W. R. Spurrell.

## Debates.

### 'THAT THE SPIRIT OF WELSH NATIONALISM IS TO BE ENCOURAGED.'

AT the beginning of the Term there was a movement to revive the debating society, after the lapse of a year. A committee meeting was held, with Mr. H. W. Ralph in the chair, and the above motion was proposed for debate.

Mr. D. M. Evans (O.L.I.) consented to support the motion, and was supported by T. J. C. Davies. C. G. N. Morgan (hon. sec.) opposed, seconded by W. B. Morgan.

The proposer of the motion interspersed his lucid speech with a fair sample of Celtic rhetoric, and enlarged upon the virtues of autonomy with studied moderation. The great benefits of Welsh Education were paraded before the audience to the general satisfaction and repletion. He proved himself without a rival in his knowledge of Welsh history, literature, and poetry, and pleaded for the preservation of the ancient tongue and a revival of Welsh art and letters.

The opposer of the motion was evidently not so well versed in the intricacies of the subject. He occasionally sought refuge in mild sarcasm and invective, and while dubbing the 'Welsh National Spirit' as one of narrow provincialism, he characterized such a spirit as the dearly beloved child of the Welsh Radical Party! After endeavouring to show historically that there had never been more than a transitory national movement, he enlarged upon the glories of imperialism as an alternative.

The third speaker sang pæans of praise for the Welsh Eisteddfodau and their great artistic influence on the national life, and followed his leader in an appreciation of Welsh education and poetry. He asserted that the Welsh were a passionate, sentimental nation, who were longing for freedom.

The fourth speaker soon showed where he was domiciled (Cardiff) by displaying his contempt for the rural life of Wales. The friends of the supporters of the motion were ignorant 'barbarians' from the wilds of Wales. Moreover, he had

some rather pessimistic remarks to make about the results of Welsh National Education.

When the discussion was thrown over to the House, G. G. Roberts and H. D. Hughes aired their views on the subject. The former said that he had been to some twelve Eisteddfodau and said that they were not national, but party meetings. Hughes did not seem to be very much impressed by the exponents of the Welsh National spirit whom he had heard in North Wales.

The opposer tried his best on rising once more to bring in the Welsh Disestablishment question in a roundabout way, but fortunately he failed.

The proposer finished with a fiery and stirring appeal to his hearers to remember their country, which turned the scale in his favour, ensuring a considerable majority for the motion.

Unfortunately no more debates have been held this term; principally owing to the untiring efforts of the moving spirits in their work for scholarships.

## School Committee.

A GENERAL meeting of the School Committee was held on Sept. 25, the Rev. G. I. R. Jones in the chair.

D. R. Williams was elected secretary *ex-officio*.

The following were then elected members:—T. J. C. Davies, D. G. Williams, G. G. Roberts, E. A. Nicholas, T. D. Davies, R. H. Roderick, W. B. Morgan.

T. J. C. Davies was unanimously elected Captain of football on the proposal of D. R. Williams.

D. G. Williams was elected Vice-captain on the proposal of G. G. Roberts.

A discussion then ensued concerning the dilapidated state of the floors of the Fives Courts. It was suggested that a concrete flooring be put down, a suggestion which we are glad to say has been carried out. The meeting then adjourned.

D. R. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

## Musical Society.

A COMMITTEE meeting of the above Society was held on Sept. 29, Mr. F. H. Smith, our esteemed music master, occupying the chair.

The following were co-opted members:—D. R. Williams, T. J. C. Davies, G. G. Roberts, E. A. Nicholas, T. D. Davies, G. E. Davies.

D. R. Williams was elected Hon. Secretary on the proposal of Mr. F. H. Smith.

An animated discussion followed concerning the introduction of Ragtime Music and Welsh Airs, but the motion was defeated, owing to Mr. Smith's desire to cater for Llandovery musical critics.

A selection of songs for the musical evenings during term was also made. The meeting then adjourned.

D. R. WILLIAMS.

## Library and Reading Room.

A MEETING of the Library and Reading Room Committee was held on Friday, Sept. 25th, under the joint presidency of Messrs P. H. F. Wiseman and T. E. J. Bradshaw.

G. G. Roberts, on the proposal of D. R. Williams, was elected librarian for the ensuing year.

The other members of the Committee were D. R. Williams, T. J. C. Davies, and E. A. Nicholas.

The following changes were made in the Periodicals and Newspapers supplied to the Reading Room:—*The Times*, *Daily News and Leader*, and *The Arena* were dropped, and the *Western Mail*, *Swansea Post*, and *Cassell's Magazine* were introduced.

A much-needed catalogue of the books in the Reading Room Library is in the course of preparation.

Current copies of the Musical News have been kindly presented to the Reading Room by Mr. F. H. Smith; a kindness which all true music-lovers fully appreciate.

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During this term we have heard that:—

Hadrian's Wall was 'a wall built across the Straits of Dover to prevent the coming of the Picts and Scots.'



'The Quality of Mercy is not exerted.'

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Our team could not have a war-cry because it was not in the Welsh League.

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A member of the Math. Vith has been successful in a competition in the *Scout*.

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That Kennedy's Latin Grammar was not blessed after the Grammar Paper.

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The ungainly buildings, which disfigure the prospect from the rear of the new Science Wing, are going to be dismantled.

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Somebody has promised to contribute to the *Journal*. We hope that there will prove to be some truth in this.

## Correspondence.

Sir,—The recent improvements carried out in the outdoor courts, and the new key (with the brass label) supplied to the inner court, have once again turned our attention to the game of fives. It is a fact to be deeply deplored that the school, on the whole, gives it no support; indeed, we only know of one pair of dilapidated gloves in the whole school. Possibly the reason is that 3½d. per ball (= 3 greasy pancakes and a scone at 11)—is too much to expect us to pay for every game. Here then is an opportunity for the school to keep up its sporting traditions. Let the school supply the balls and the rest will follow.

Visions of the public school fives championship float before our eyes. Already we can see the Challenge Cup gracing the table in the hall.—We are, yours truly,

'GUZYNTER.'

[We did not know that such a trophy existed. Possibly you are confusing the game with racquets?—*Eds.*]

Sir,—Next term hockey will be round again. It has become fashionable for the greater part of the school to sneer at this game. While admitting its inferiority to Rugger as a school game, I should like to point out that if played in the proper spirit—that is to say, with some amount of science, instead of the wild slashing at man and bull, which is the chief feature of the 2nd and 3rd sets, it might become a most enjoyable game. For some years the fate of hockey has hung in the balance, chiefly owing to its lack of popularity. I venture to say that most of this is forced. Boys play hockey under the goalposts with the utmost zeal at all hours of the day, but when called upon to change for a game on the pitch, they begin to grumble and growl. It is through sheer laziness, rather than through any demerits of the game that it is not better played. If we are to have a good hockey team we must have the support of the school.—Yours truly,

'BOMBOMMACHIDES.'