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Editorial.

EDITORS may come and Editors may go, but the Journal goes on for ever. The light of criticism beats fiercely upon the Editor of a School magazine, but, generally speaking, he is a much misjudged individual. The task, however, is no easy one. Nothing is known of the perpetual search for 'copy'; of contributions which never are, but always to be, sent. We hope our readers will bear this fact in mind when reading the following pages. On this footing, therefore, we present yet another number of the School Journal.

The presence of Mrs. Poole-Hughes in our midst has marked an epoch in the history of the School. Her great interest in every department of our life has endeared her to one and all. We wish her and the Warden long life and prosperity, and hope that their connection with the School may be lasting and full of happiness.

As may be expected, the shadow of War has had its effects on the School, and the Football of the term had to suffer in consequence. Nevertheless, such as it was, the season was most successful, as we won all our matches. A detailed

account of the games will be found elsewhere. Great keenness was displayed, and a certain amount of efficiency attained, in the Drill, so ably conducted by Mr. Matheson and his colleagues. Our greatest thanks are due to them for their untiring efforts.

Thanks to the continual attention of Mrs. Poole-Hughes and Miss Russell, the general health of the School has been excellent. We sincerely hope that by this time Miss Russell has recovered from her illness.

Finally, we are proud to congratulate our Old Boys on the patriotic way in which they have responded to the call of King and Country. The list of these heroes is long and distinguished, and worthy of the best traditions of the School. May the best of luck follow them; may they all return covered with glory and wearing the crown of eternal fame!

Prize Day, 1914.

PRIZE Day this year was a much greater affair than is generally the case. In the morning a service was held at Llandinat Church, when a powerful sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. W. Wynne-Jones, Vicar of Carnarvon. The festivities continued after lunch, when Principal Griffiths, of University College, Cardiff, opened the new Science Building. An adjournment was then made to the Gymnasium, where Sir James Hills-Johnes V.C., G.C.B., kindly presided.

Principal Griffiths amply dealt with the question of Science in Wales, and greatly interested us. Sir John Llewelyn and Mr. F. W. Gilbertson also spoke on the subject. The Warden presented a very satisfactory report. He told us how the late Mr. Benjamin Evans had kindly offered to build the Science Buildings at his own expense. To-day they stood there as a memorial of one of the most generous supporters the School ever had. After the distribution of the prizes, Lord Dynevor gave us most valuable advice. On the motion of Mr. Mervyn Peel and Sir James Hills-Johnes, votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Wynne Jones and the speakers. The prize list is as follows:—

Classical VI.—Latin: D. C. Muir. Greek: D. C. Muir. History: R. V. C. Williams. English: C. G. N. Morgan. French: S. V. Swash. Cefnfaes: R. H. Roderick.
Mathematical VI.: S. V. Swash.
Historical VI.: R. M. Jones.
Va.—Latin: D. H. Atwood. Greek: W. G. Davies. History: D. H. Atwood.
Vb.—Cefnfaes: H. H. G. Williams.
Matriculation.—Form Prize: W. G. Menhenick. Cefnfaes: W. G. Menhenick.
Modern V.—Form Prize: L. W. B. Lewis. Cefnfaes: D. A. Jones.
IV.—Latin: M. L. Ballinger. Greek: M. L. Ballinger. History: J. Pryce-Jones. French: J. Pryce-Jones. Divinity: J. H. Jones. Cefnfaes: W. D. Evans.
IIIa.—Latin: T. D. Jenkins. Greek: C. James. History and Geography: W. Lloyd Jones. Divinity: W. Lloyd Jones and D. M. Jones. French: T. D. Jenkins. Cefnfaes: C. B. Jones.
IIIb.—Latin: E. G. Pritchard. French: G. D. Murless. History and Geography: G. Wynn Jones. Divinity: A. L. Acraman. Cefnfaes: D. P. G. Davies.
IIb.—Form Prize: T. R. John. French: J. A. Rhys. Cefnfaes: H. T. Saunders.
English.—Set II.: E. J. Davies. Set III.: J. A. Rhys.
Mathematics.—Set IIa.: A. J. Bartlett. Set IIb.: W. D. Evans. Set IIIa.: M. L. Ballinger. Set IIIb.: E. J. Davies. Set IVa.: T. D. Jenkins. Set IVb.: H. T. Saunders.
Welsh.—Set I.: E. J. Davies. Set II.: G. D. Oldfield.
School Science Prize: W. R. Spurrell.
Godfrey Williams Prize: D. C. Muir.

HONOURS LIST.

The following is the School's honours list for the years 1912-14:—
F. Morgan, Examiner in History Finals, Oxford. O. M. Williams, 'Highly distinguished' in the Junior University Mathematical Scholarship, Oxford. A. B. Mayne, 1st Mathematical Finals, Oxford. L. G. Cooper, 1st Classical Moderations, Oxford. O. M. Williams, 1st Mathematical Moderations, Oxford. R. Gwyn Rees, 1st Mathematical Moderations, Oxford. E. de Q. Mears, 2nd Classical Moderations, Oxford. J. R. Davies, 2nd Class Theology, Oxford. H. W. Robinson, Open Mathematical Scholarship, £80, Balliol College, Oxford. G. M. Evans, Open Mathematical Scholarship, £80, Christ Church, Oxford. D. O. Williams, Classical Exhibition, £50 Jesus College, Oxford. D. M. Evans, Classical Exhibition, £50, Jesus College, Oxford. H. W. Spurrell, History Exhibition, Worcester College, Oxford. D. A. Evans, History Exhibition, Downing College, Cambridge. D. R. Williams and W. R. Spurrell, 1st Class London Matriculation. The Rev. Alban Davies and J. L. Morgan, Welsh Rugby International XV. O. M. Williams, the Junior University Mathematical Exhibition. G. G. Roberts, History Scholarship, Jesus College, Oxford. W. H. Thomas, Scholarship at St. Mary's Hospital, London. L. V. Owen, Lecturer in History at Bangor University College. H. W. Robinson, Goldsmith's Exhibition, £50, Oxford. W. E. Rhydderch, 2nd Class Lit. Hum., Oxford. H. W. Robinson, 1st Mathematical Moderations, Oxford. G. M. Evans, 1st Mathematical Moderations, Oxford. A. B. Mayne, a Cassell's Studentship (Research). W. G. Menhenick, London Matriculation, 1st Class. The Rev. Alban Davies, Captain of the Welsh International Rugby Football Team.

Oxford Letter.

DEAR Mr. Editor,—With the same unfailing regularity has come this term again your inexorable demand for an Oxford Letter recording the doings of Old Llandoverians at this ancient seat of learning. The delay over its composition is to be attributed to the writer's lack of time, as well as to the loathsomeness of such literary activities. Far better it were you had entrusted this arduous task to the Philosophers in our midst, or to the qua-Philosophers, who revel in such pursuits. But alas! all these are gone—'the old familiar faces.' And this fact reminds us of the changes through which we have gone since their disappearance. Who would have thought at the end of last term that so many of our numbers were destined to give up their University careers, temporarily at least, if not permanently, for higher paths of duty. But much as we regret their non-appearance at Oxford this term, we honour them quite as much in their absence as we did formerly in their presence.

Last term a few came to the natural end of their University courses, and are to be congratulated on their successes. Our sympathies and congratulations are due to D. G. Davies on his Second in that illustrious School of Litteral Humanities, in spite of a great handicap—ill-health. We have every confidence in saying that had his health permitted him to give of his best, he would have achieved yet another First. T. S. Phillips, too, is to be congratulated on his good Second in the same School, and B. Rhys on his Third. The redoubtable 'Rhodri' has left the academic for the histrionic world, in which may all success attend him.

There are many O.L.'s who would have been normally in residence this term, but have patriotically placed their all at the service of their country. Chief among these should be mentioned, L. G. Cooper, J. N. Lewis, R. M. Humphreys, O. M. Williams, B. A. Jones, G. L. Sinnett-Jones, C. W. V. Lewis, O. J. Jones, L. P. Evans, E. de Q. Mears and J. T. Davies. Most of the aforementioned have been gazetted and are now with their several regiments. Then as regards

the O.L.'s in residence, it is highly gratifying to note that almost all have thrown in their lot with the O.U.T.C., and have been getting themselves fit and efficient for their share in the tremendous task with which the nation is now confronted. There are one or two exceptions, but those through no fault of their own. The universal wish of O.L.'s to these embryonic officers and soldiers is, 'Distinguish yourselves still further. The eyes of all are fixed upon you.'

An Oxford Letter is not complete to the schoolboy (if my memory serves me aright) unless it contains a short biography of the members in residence. This term, fortunately for the writer, has very little to record in this direction. The call 'to arms' has made most of us pursue the same paths. What one did on one's own has been suppressed by the censor's rigid exercise of authority, so that there is very little material available for an interesting biography. When news is brought in the form of ——— digging at ——— got taken at ——— by ——— for divulging secrets to ——— very little news is gleaned as to the doings of O.L.'s. But in spite of this suppression of reliable information, observation in the course of term has not been entirely fruitless. Thus: W. G. C. Morgan and H. W. Weeks drill and work alternately. Hence they have been somewhat conspicuous by their absence. Weeks showed considerable energy as Secretary of the Cambrian. Sir J. A. Owen and R. B. Jones are reported to be engaged in the labours of Love, and are contemplating matrimony at no distant date in the future, if the signs of the times are a safe criterion. The last we saw of R. B. was in conversation with a fancy dog merchant, no doubt on the 'make. D. M. Evans broods over the absence of his friends, but is now beginning to recover. This term he played for the 'Varsity 'A' and showed some versatility as a stand-off half and centre. R. G. Rees has suddenly developed a great affection for his College walls, and is hardly ever seen outside. He is no doubt contemplating Schools before a Commission. H. S. John is seldom seen, but drills. G. L. Sinnett Jones patriotically sacrificed Schools for a Commission, and has just left for his regiment. W. H. Belcher is out for military efficiency at all costs, and looks very nice in his new uniform.

G. M. Evans and H. W. Robinson are drilling for war and for the Junior Mathematical Exhibitions. Good luck to them in both! D. O. Williams has taken military training very seriously, and is fast becoming efficient. At present Hon. Mods. are his bane. S. R. Griffith serves as a tonic to the spiritual depression of Wadham. E. M. Jones is the director general of Football at Hertford, and has proved himself quite a success. C. B. Davies played regularly for the 'Varsity, and did quite well. He would no doubt have gone for his blue under normal conditions. It is unofficially announced that he has taken all B.N.C. sprinting records. C. G. N. Morgan stalks from Keble to the Union, and from the Union to Keble. His fiery tread is quite unique, and is a source of much delight. We hope it will not be spoilt by his adoption of the goose step when he gets into Germany. Fleeting visions of E. S. Jenkins, L. O. Thomas, and H. Ll. Williams were witnessed by several O.L.I.'s in the course of term. R. S. Evans too was seen about half-term. He seems to be flourishing at the bar—the legal bar of course!

This brings our depleted list to a close, and we now conclude with the best wishes of O.L.I.'s at Oxford for the future of the School.

Sincerely yours,

O.L.I.

Cambridge Letter.

To the Editor of 'Llandorery School Journal.'

DEAR Sir,—We are proud and happy to congratulate our Warden upon his marriage. May he and Mrs. Poole-Hughes live long in prosperity.

Cambridge is decidedly military this term. There is no room for the unmilitary, and no time of their own for the followers of Mars. We are in the midst of the preparations for war, but we see also the grim results of that grim drama. Wounded soldiers are ubiquitous and military funerals are too frequent spectacles. Personal friends have fallen on the field, and the dread of it constantly overhangs us. It is our duty to be light-hearted in distress: let us try.

We have heard nothing of D. A. Evans; we suppose and hope he is safe in Russia. Spurrell we also miss, for he is doing his share. Good luck be his!

Time wears well on Tcho's shoulders, as also does the fungus on his upper lip. His smiling and benign countenance has been much in evidence. He has distinguished himself lately on the footer field, and on the platform, upholding the virtue of military service before the *Cymdeithas Cymreig*, of which he is treasurer.

J. S. H. Davies has closed himself up within his room; his heart is in his books; he does, however, find time to upset sober discussion on Nationalism. We welcome so much the advent of two popular spirits—T. P. Williams and Carl Davies. They are to be seen on parade every day, bowed to discipline and monotonous drills; the O.T.C. does not offer much relaxation, and recruits are sworn at so successfully that they are fit for commissions the next day.

We have heard of the existence of a corps at School, and we heard much of the O.C. The School is certainly doing well. Possibly Football is being played; we wish you as much success in that as in the more relentless game.

To be consistent with the spirit of the age we must be brief and Spartan-like and conclude by saying, οὐ μὲν βραχεῖς ἀρκῶσι μὴ πολλοῖς χρῆσθαι.

Yours very sincerely,

πολεμικώτερος.

The School.



ERM began September 22nd.

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There are twenty-one new boys.

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The formal opening of the new Science School took place on July 28. Principal Griffiths, of Cardiff, performed the opening ceremony, and later distributed the prizes. Lord Dynevor and the following Trustees were present:—Sir James Hills-Johnes, Sir John Llewellyn, and Frank Gilbertson, Esq.

The Honours List included J. L. Davies, Gold Medallist, M.B., London; W. E. Rhydderch, Higher Civil Service; D. G. Davies and B. S. Phillips, 2nd Class Lit. Hum. Oxford; W. H. Menhinick, 1st Class London Matriculation.

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W. F. Davies (O.L. and Hertford) and P. G. Bestall (Lincoln) have temporarily taken the places on the staff of S. H. Lockyer and P. F. H. Wiseman, who have enlisted for the war.

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The following O.L.'s. have received appointments:—Rev. David Davies, Canon of Llandaff; Rev. J. A. Lewis, Vicar of Aberdare; Rev. Connop L. Price, Rector of Bedwas; Rev. E. Aldred Williams, Vicar of Golden Grove; Rev. H. Campbell Davies, Vicar of Garw Valley; Rev. H. H. Williams, Vicar of Hafod, Swansea; Rev. Hugh Williams, Vicar of Llanfabon; Rev. W. Pugh, Minor Canon of Llandaff; Rev. L. G. Davies ordained at St. David's; Rev. T. Nicklin (late VIth Form Master), Warden of Hulme College, Liverpool.

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Frank Pendrill Charles, Registrar of the High Court, Swansea; L. V. D. Owen, History Lecturer at Sheffield University; T. E. Elias, War Correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* in Belgium.

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The Sub-Editors of the *Journal* this term are—A. E. Warhurst and H. D. Hughes.

O.L.'s.

MARRIAGES.

POOLE HUGHES—REES.—On August 12, at Llandinog Church, the Rev. W. W. Poole Hughes to Miss Bertha Cecil Rees.

THOMAS—NOYES.—At the Parish Church, Llandebie, the Rev. D. W. Thomas to Miss Noyes, of Aberystwyth.

In Memoriam.

The Ven. Archdeacon Evans, of Carmarthen, late Warden of Llandoverly, and Honorary Chaplain to the King.

Rev. Rhys Lewis, Rector of Llansantffraed.

The following O.L.'s. have gone into residence at Oxford:—G. G. Roberts (Jesus), C. G. Morgan (Keble), A. W. B. Jones (Keble), T. D. Davies (Keble); at Cambridge—T. P. Williams (Downing), T. J. C. Davies (Clare); at Edinburgh—I. G. G. Williams; at Guys Hospital—H. W. Spurrell.

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The Cricket XI. had a successful season, winning 7 matches out of 10, and defeating Brecon 224—120.

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In throwing the Cricket Ball, which was postponed from the previous term, R. H. Roderick threw 102 yards.

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The Football Fixture List for the present season has been abandoned owing to the war, with the exception of matches against Christ College, at Brecon (Nov. 28), and Lampeter, home (Dec. 5).

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Lieut. S. S. Dillon (Royal Irish Rifles), and Lieut. M. G. Richards (Lancashire Regiment), have been wounded in France, and the former has also been mentioned in despatches.

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A list of O.L.'s. serving with the colours is being prepared. The names received so far number 124. The Warden would be glad to receive particulars of any others who have enlisted.

The following have joined the society this term:—A. G. Prys Jones, Jake Morgan, R. Gower Griffiths, D. L. Richards, W. B. Morgan, T. D. Davies, G. G. Roberts, T. I. C. Davies, G. C. Morgan, I. G. Williams, A. W. B. Jones, W. G. Menhinick, K. W. Maurice Jones, J. B. Underdown, F. C. Gibson.

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O.L.'s. may now obtain the School Magazine, post free, on sending an annual subscription of 1s. 6d.

Football.

THE SCHOOL V. S.D.C. LAMPETER XV.

THE first match of the season took place at Lampeter on Wednesday, Nov. 11. This match is usually an 'A' XV. fixtures, but this year, owing to the scarcity of fixtures, was made into a 1st XV. match. Our opponents were helped by the inclusion of masters and members of the College XV.

Lampeter lost the toss, kicked off, and rushed the ball into the School 25. After some vigorous play, in which the School lost Jennings, their heaviest forward, our forwards drove Lampeter back into mid-field. The game was now very even, both sides attaching in turn, and after a good rush by the School forwards Lampeter were penalised for off-side. Roderick took the kick and dropped a goal. This seemed to put new life into the team and after hard scrimmaging on the Lampeter 25 Roderick burst through and scored. The same player took the kick but failed. This ended the scoring in the first half.

Lampeter	..	..	..	nil
School	..	..	..	1 penalty goal 1 try

From the kick off the School again pressed, and following some good line out work, one of the forwards lost a certain try by not passing the ball to S. M. Williams, who could have run over unopposed. Lampeter had to touch down on several occasions. Some very vigorous but uninteresting play in

mid-field followed, no attempt being made by our opponents to open out the game. After a long kick and some mis-fielding on the part of our full-back Lampeter nearly scored. For a time the School were placed on the defensive, and Roderick saved the situation by kicking into touch. Eventually the failure of our left wing to gather the ball gave Lampeter a try, which was not converted. Play was then kept in mid-field, where the game ended. From a spectator's point of view the match was uninteresting. There were too many stoppages caused by vigorous play. The tackling was very keen and hard. Although opposed by a much heavier pack our forwards held their ground in the scrums and played with dash and skill in the open. Of the Forwards D. R. Williams, R. M. Jones, W. L. Evans, and M. R. Jones were the most prominent. The Three-quarters took some time to settle down, and suffered from the hustling tactics of their opponents, but W. H. Williams did some useful things, and Roderick played a very good game.

Final score	..	..	Lampeter 1 try
School	..	..	1 penalty goal 1 try.

Team.—W. G. Roberts (full back); S. V. Swash, H. G. Davies, R. H. Roderick, C. B. Jones, S. M. Williams, and W. H. Williams (halves); D. R. Williams (Capt.); R. M. Jones, W. L. Evans, G. H. Jennings, M. R. Jones, W. B. Evans, A. E. Warhurst, A. T. Worthington.

Llandovery v. CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON.

The annual match between Llandovery and Christ College took place at Brecon on Saturday, Nov. 28th. The conditions under which the match was played were almost unique, as neither side had received any opportunity of testing its strength. Brecon had only played one match—against Monmouth—which ended in a draw, and we had beaten a strong Lampeter XV.

The ground was sodden after the heavy rain of the preceding night, but had recovered remarkably. There was a large crowd of spectators present.

D. I. Jones, the Brecon Captain, won the toss and decided to play with the wind. Roderick kicked off, and from a line out the Brecon forwards carried play to our '25' line, where a series of scrums took place without much advantage to either side. Brecon frequently tried to force themselves over the line, but the tackling of our forwards and backs was sound. After about 20 minutes of very keen and even play our forwards, led by D. R. Williams, dribbled the ball to the Brecon 25, where they now did their share of attaching.

From several successive scrums our forwards kicked the ball cleanly, but at the critical moment the ball went astray among the backs. Swash, on the left wing, made one very good attempt, but was pushed into touch near the corner flag. A score, however, soon followed, for R. M. Jones passed back from a line out to W. H. Williams, who dropped a very neat goal. The interval came soon after this with the score :—

Brecon	..	..	..	Nil
Llandovery	..	..	..	1 dropped goal 4 points

On resuming our prospects looked much more favourable. We now had the advantage of the wind, and Roderick, receiving from the kick-off, sent play into the Brecon 25. Our forwards began to assist themselves in the scrums and were constantly on the attack, but the Brecon defence was sound. From a scrum on the 25 S. M. Williams broke away on the blind side, but was not supported, then a bout of passing went wrong among the three-quarters; at last Swash scored far out after a good bit of work, in which all the backs shared. Roderick converted with a good kick.

From the kick-off Brecon attacked and were awarded a penalty kick in a favourable position. The attempt at goal failed, and our forwards took the play to the other end of the ground. Here H. G. Davies received from the scrum, and only just missed a dropped goal, and the same player, a minute later, broke through cleverly, and was tackled on the line by the Brecon full-back. Time was then called, the score being :—

Christ College	..	..	Nil
Llandovery	..	..	2 goals 9 points

The most striking feature of the game was the keen and sound tackling. In the first half the sides were very evenly matched, and the result was doubtful, but in the second half our forwards, under the leadership of D. R. Williams, got the better of their opponents in the scrums, line out, and the open, and were the deciding factor in the match. Of the backs Roderick helped the side by his kicking, and H. G. Davies, though they did not play up to their usual form, showed a great deal of resource, and helped greatly in deciding the issue of the same. On the side of our opponents the most conspicuous players were the full back, the left centre, and wing, who required a great deal of watching. The match was played with the usual keenness and in the best spirit, and though, for a short time, the result was doubtful, yet in the second half it was evident that Llandovery had much the stronger side.

Team.—W. G. Roberts (back); ~~X~~ M. Nicholas, R. H. Roderick, H. G. Davies, S. V. Swash, S. M. Williams, W. H. Williams (halves); D. R. Williams (Capt); R. M. Jones, W. I. Evans, G. H. Jennings, M. R. Jones, A. E. Warhurst, W. B. Evans, A. T. Worthington (forwards). *Referee*—Mr. T. D. Schofield, W.R.F.U.

MR. W. N. EVANS' XV. v THE SCHOOL 1ST. XV.

This match was played on Tuesday, December 15th, on Tredegar Close. The ground was slippery and the ball difficult to hold, so the game was for the most part confined to the forwards. Play was more or less even during the first half, neither side scoring. The School XV., however, were frequently in our opponents' '25,' the result of excellent forward rushes.

The second half was more eventful than the first, and two tries were scored for the School by D. R. Williams. The first was the result of a forward rush; the second was scored from a 'line out.' The kicks of both tries failed. The School attacked hard most of the time, but our opponents' defence proved strong. A somewhat uninteresting game resulted in a victory for the School by 6 points to nil.

The School forwards played very well in the open, making some fine rushes and tackling well. The scrummage work, however, was not quite so brilliant. Play was vigorous, but clean. The backs defended well when occasion needed, but the state of the ground prevented any formidable attack on their part.

The School fielded as follows :—W. G. Roberts (full back) ; S. V. Swash, T. R. Samuel, H. G. Davies, and E. N. Nicholas (three-quarters) ; S. M. Williams and W. H. Williams (half backs) ; D. R. Williams, W. L. Evans, J. H. Jennings, M. R. Jones, W. B. Evans, A. T. Worthington, C. G. Jones, and H. Livsey (forwards).

SWANSEA GRAMMAR SCHOOL *v.* THE SCHOOL 2ND. XV.

This match was played on Wednesday, the 16th of December. The ground was very heavy, but in spite of this the ball was handled very successfully by the backs. The forwards, however, saw most of the game. In the first half the School opened the scoring by a good try by C. B. Jones. This was converted by H. Livsey, who himself crossed the line some minutes after, the kick failing. T. R. Samuel after this scored two tries, neither of which was converted. The first half closed with the score at 14 points to nil.

On resuming, the School again pressed, and after some vigorous play Samuel again scored, the kick failing. Some moments later Samuel again crossed the line, and his try was converted by Livsey. Hole, the Swansea captain, at this stage unfortunately had to retire from the field hurt. Five more tries were scored after this—three by Samuel, one of which was converted by Livsey, one by Worthington, and one by D. M. John. Time was called with the score at 41 points to nil.

As will appear from the score, Llandovery were by far the more finished side. The forwards, however, were better in the loose than in scrum. The backs played very well, Samuel being especially prominent. His tries, seven in number, were all good ones. The score is one of the highest ever compiled on Tredegar Close, and speaks well for the 2nd XV.

Junior League.

THE three Junior Leagues this Season provided some fairly interesting games, though the standard of Football was perhaps not up to that to which we have become accustomed of late years. The winning League B proved too fast and heavy in respect of their backs for the result to be long in doubt. There were, however, two games in which they had to fight hard for victory—the 1st round *v.* A, and in the 2nd. *v.* C.

W. H. Owen was by far the best of the full-backs, and showed that he possesses good powers of attack as well as of defence. The fastest wing playing was W. T. Rees, while A. P. N. Roberts tackled pluckily, but L. Rees must learn to rely on skill more than on brute force. The most promising in half-playing was J. D. Bowen, but Phillips also did excellent work. Among the out-halves D. J. Lewis proved himself head and shoulders above any of the others, indeed he probably suffered harm from a Football point of view by not being obliged to go hard.

The most encouraging play, however, was seen among the forwards, of whom Wynn Jones and F. Humphreys tackled well and worked hard in the tight, the latter also opening out the game finely on many occasions. C. E. Jones, G. T. Jones and R. Jones were good. In the loose the two last-named getting through a great deal of useful defensive work. C. E. P. Davies was easily the best hooker. B lost to A and C combined by 6 points to nil, while a scratch side, selected chiefly from the 2nd set, beat a team chosen from A, B, and C by 11 points to 5 points.

School Notes.

THE Prefects last term were :—D. R. Williams, Head Prefect (Gwent), R. H. Roderick (Cawdor), S. O. Swash (Llandinog), G. H. Jennings (Classroom), A. E. Warhurst (Senior), R. M. Jones (Evans), C. G. Jones (College House).

D. R. Williams is Captain of Football and R. H. Roderick
Hon. Sec.

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1st XV. colours were awarded to A. E. Warhurst, M. R. Jones, W. B. Evans, S. M. Williams, H. G. Davies, S. O. Swash, W. G. Roberts A. T. Worthington.

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2nd XV. colours were awarded to H. Livesey, E. M. Nicholas, D. M. John, W. G. Davies, R. C. Williams, C. B. Jones, D. C. Muir, J. L. Evans, M. L. James, F. G. Nicholas.

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The XV. had a very successful season, beating Christ College, Brecon, by 2 goals to nil, and Lampeter by 1 goal 1 try to a try. The Rev T. W. Thomas as Football Master and D. R. Williams as Captain are to be congratulated on the success of the side.

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The School presented the Warden on the occasion of his marriage with a handsome Silver Sconce.

School Committee.

THE following meetings of the School Committee have been held in the Prefects Room this term. The Rev. T. W. Thomas was in the chair on both occasions.

Sept. 26th.—The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary and carried.

D. R. Williams, on the proposal of R. H. Roderick, was elected Captain of the XV.

R. H. Roderick was elected Hon. Sec.

The following new members were then elected to fill the vacancies on the Committee: R. M. Jones, A. E. Warhurst, S. V. Swash, W. H. Williams and H. G. N. Rees.

Dec. 12th.—A. E. Warhurst and H. D. Hughes were elected Sub-editors of the *School Journal*.

The officials of the School Committee this term are—
President, The Warden; *Vice-President and Treasurer*, The

Rev. T. W. Thomas; *Hon. Sec.*, D. R. Williams; *Committee*, D. R. Williams, R. H. Roderick, G. H. Jennings, R. M. Jones, A. E. Warhurst, S. V. Swash, W. H. Williams and H. G. M. Rees.

D. R. WILLIAMS,
Hon. Sec.

The School Tuck Shop.

THE Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the Tuck Shop was held on Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 1914, the Warden presiding.

The Secretary, D. R. Williams, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. The Warden then briefly outlined the object of the Tuck Shop, namely, to supplement the School Games Fund. He pointed out the difficulties which had lately arisen on account of the heavy expenditure connected with the purchase of the Cricket Field. Mr. Tilly was then called upon to present the Balance Sheet for 1913. After having explained the various items in the Balance Sheet he proposed that the sum of £50 be handed over to the Games Fund. After a short discussion this was agreed to. The Warden then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tilly for his efforts in connection with the Tuck Shop, which proposal was carried unanimously. The meeting then closed.

Reading Room.

A MEETING of the Reading Room Committee was held in the Prefect's Room on Friday, Sept. 25th. Mr. A. L. Atkin was in the chair. R. H. Roderick was elected Librarian for the ensuing year. It was decided to discontinue the *Sportsman*, *Field*, and the *Badminton Magazine*, and to reintroduce the *Westminster Gazette*. The sale of papers at the beginning of the term realised £2 odd.

Lecture in Gymnasium.

ON Friday, November 6th, Mr. F. E. Tillemont-Thomason again delighted a very numerous gathering of visitors and members of the School with a lecture on 'The Causes and Strategy of the Great War.'

In endeavouring to account for the causes of the war, Mr. Thomason did not censure the Kaiser so much as the callous philosophy of Nietzsche. When he had skilfully ridiculed this theory on moral and social grounds he then directed our attentions to the enormous proportions the war has assumed in personnel. This done, he very clearly explained the different operations in the war, and the aims which underlay them; especially was this the case when he discussed Antwerp and its significant position. He then played a glowing tribute to our 'contemptibly' small army, to France, Russia and to the self-sacrifice and privations of the King and country of Belgium, concluding with a stirring appeal to those eligible for service in the cause of King, Country, Humanity, and God.

Our greatest thanks are due to Mr. Tilly and W. L. Evans for their excellent manipulation of the magic lantern, which greatly added to the interest of the lecture.

School Sing Song.

ON the last Saturday of term, December 12th, a most successful Sing Song was held in the Gymnasium, the Warden presiding. We were pleased to notice that a larger number of visitors than usual were present. The programme opened with a chorus, which the School rendered forcibly, if not musically. The next item, a piano-forte solo by Mrs. Poole-Hughes was greatly appreciated, as was her kindness in performing for us at all. More choruses followed, and consequently the rafters again rang with roof-rending strains. L. R. A. Wells then played some of those patriotic melodies which are naturally so much enjoyed at a time like this. His rendering of the Russian National Anthem was especially good.

Two vocal efforts followed. Mr. Matheson, after a preliminary canter, sang the verses of 'It's a long, long way to Tipperary,' the School joining in the chorus. Judging by the noise, every member must have fully realised the length of the distance in question. H. D. Hughes was then summoned to sing his parody on 'I've got my eye on you.' This was followed by another song, 'Nursery Rhymes in Ragtime,' which convinced many that the best place for him was the Nursery. After the Marsellaise had been sung, we concluded with the usual singing of the 'Carmen' and 'God save the King.' In the singing of the Carmen we could plainly hear the new pronunciation being aired by the higher classical forms. We cannot help suggesting that these educational swells should learn the words, so that their skill might be more appreciated.

The Spy.

AMONG schoolboys it seems to be generally assumed that life at school is but a long, weary, and seemingly interminable existence, but it is remarkable what amusements can be gained from a careful examination of the habits of one's neighbours. The following results of the observations of an innocent amateur spy may prove of interest to certain of the Journal readers, who are invited to discover their colleagues referred to.

This period of careful, silent watching as it may be called, was a day when this extraordinary term was still young, so that the imperative call of the second bell was obeyed rather reluctantly by the members of the dormitory. When further rest was impossible the writer immediately discovered the first subject for investigation, who was revealed by the words, 'I've lost my stud.' After a searching glance, which fortunately past unnoticed by its recipient, the spy summed up his victim by making use solely of those four words, uttered in such a woeful tone, as a youth who, paid studious attention as to the mere trifles of life, i.e., a collar stud, even though, as in this case, such anxiety was unnecessary, for surely a stud is not an indispensable article of clothing, when such a number of 2nd XI. scarfs are to be seen on Sunday evenings.

A few moments later the words, 'Don't hurry, you chaps, you're late as it is,' revealed a thoroughly sympathetic and consoling nature, for anyone capable of showing such affection for fellow sufferers, as to pity them in trouble, certainly possesses the qualities necessary for a successful slum worker.

Breakfast-time provided a third subject worthy of the writer's character—reading ability, now improved by practice. Why need Englishmen tremble for the future? For in a few minutes there sat before him, not the schoolboy of the night before, but a worthy descendant of his yeoman ancestors, proving himself to be such by his fierce determination (to eat as much as possible in as short a time as possible), and by a zealous attention to the matter in hand (a basin of porridge).

In the School Reading Room a budding war minister was to be heard a short time afterwards, voicing his opinion of Von Kluck's latest overwhelming victory. Unhappily this able flow of rhetoric was rudely interrupted by the sudden entry of one of the School policemen, so that in this case the conclusions to be drawn are not as complete as they might otherwise have been. However, the remarkable insight shown by this precocious youth into the diplomatic relations of European states, and the eloquent manner in which he imparted his knowledge to his less enlightened comrades, deserve to be carefully watched over by the authorities, if a valuable asset to the Diplomatic Service is to be preserved.

Commercial activity was next discovered in a youthful, but as circumstances showed, promising youth, for the very manner in which he enquired for his letters stamped him as one of England's future business men, for who but a business man welcomes a letter, when certain firms have chosen to pester various members of the School with their repeated kind attentions.

The same afternoon the spy found himself, unwillingly or otherwise, on the parade ground at ———, where drill was in full progress under the direction of Mr. ———. The military ardour, said to be caused by the rumours which have recently reached the town of a European Sausage War, seemed to have brought with it a number of new official terms of command, for Commander ———, of Section ———, of

Platoon——, was heard to make use of such doubtful words as 'Mark your men!' 'well played,' and 'light turn,' as well as a number of others not to be found in a military handbook.

Unfortunately further opportunities for character reading did not present themselves for some time. [The account here ends abruptly, presumably because of a renewed German attack].

Preparing for the Fray.

'ENGLAND expects that every man will do his duty' is a well-worn phrase. It has been heard in every walk of life—on the platform, in the street, in the market-place. Every child can repeat it and quite possibly knows its author. But it is very doubtful whether the majority of people have ever before realised what a deep meaning it has, or dreamed that it would come home as vividly as in the present crisis.

One reads of the wonderful feats of the allied armies—the battle of Liège, the retreat from Mons, the Russian advance on the Austrian jaw-breaker—and wonders if any raw recruit can be brought to such a pitch of excellence. Is not the British soldier born perfect? Not at all; the finest fighter of all has been a recruit at some time; he has stood to attention, formed fours, and marked time in the usual way, and by strenuous work and perseverance he has gradually developed into the splendid fighting unit of which all are so justly proud. And these same influences can be brought to bear equally well on the man who has but recently enlisted.

Hence it is natural that the life of a would-be soldier must be no easy one. He may appear for the first time on parade thinking that he is a fine fellow and dreaming of securing the V.C. in no time. But five minutes suffice to disillusion him. He finds that his movements, which previously he had thought smart, are compared to those of a dummy from Selfridge's, and hints are thrown out that the comparison favours the latter. He is frequently reminded that he is not going to a funeral, or that a rest in a wet ditch for a few hours need cause him no anxiety. Before long our recruit

finds that he is getting hardened, and that he can stand far more than he ever thought possible.

A short sketch of life at Ashtead camp may be interesting as an illustration of these vague generalisation. It is true that it must not be taken as typical, for the men are still in billets and have not yet tasted of the joys of the barrack or tent. But such a description should appeal to Llandoveryans merely because so many of their predecessors or contemporaries are training here. Llandovery may claim with perfect truth that she has not been slow in responding to the call of duty. She has supplied a contingent as large as that from any other school of the same size; there are some twenty men here already, and it is hoped that this number will soon be augmented.

The vision of early school has often been a nightmare of the Easter holidays, but after rising at 6 a.m. in November such ideas are soon abandoned. A cold bath by moonlight has now become quite the usual thing, and has lost all its terrors. Less energetic militarists forgo their morning shave, but take their own risks. A pathetic story comes from another encampment. 'Ha! ha! no shave,' said the inspecting officer. 'He! he! no razor,' was the ready reply. 'Six weeks' guard-room.' For the veracity or originality of this episode, however, there can be no guarantee.

After discovering for the twentieth time that the puttees supplied by Government are too short or too tight, and that the rest of the uniform is generally ill-fitting, the men get down to the parade-ground. Here they indulge in physical exercise, company drill, or route marching. The one selected often appears the least appropriate. Some of the physical movements present a very extraordinary appearance, and resemble anything from amateur aeronautics to the frolics of Stone St.

Breakfast over the different companies sally forth to the attack armed—in the absence of rifles—with policemen's rattles—weapons which are likely to prove far more deadly than any that can be produced by Herr Krupp. In face of these formidable engines of war indomitable courage is displayed by the troops, and even ladies have been known to stand without flinching under the fire of two machine-

guns trained upon them. Victories are invariably claimed by both sides, except in those cases in which the enemy are principally conspicuous by their absence. In any case everybody is agreed that if the Kaiser could only get one glimpse of the scene at the final charge he would soon send along that flag to truce.

Night outposts form another fascinating episode in the day's work. A short march brings the opposing bodies to Epsom Common or Headley—places likely to prove as famous in the twentieth century as Eton in the days of Waterloo. The most exposed spots are chosen, and the men lie down for short intervals of an hour or so, during which time no talking or movements of any kind are allowed. If the rain happens to be falling hard, or a hurricane is sweeping the position, so much the better. From time to time the silence of the night is pierced by the voice of the sentry, 'Halt,' the reply depending on circumstances. The compilers of the 1915 drill-book would do well to remind their readers that generally cattle are ignorant of the counter-sign.

The enemy has at last been beaten off, and the 'cease fire' blows. On the return journey all strenuously endeavour to make up for lost time, each man trying to drown his neighbour. The unfortunates selected for night-guard now appear and march off to their posts. It may be that one is told off to act on the 16-hour piquet at Woodcote Park. Here the real camp is in course of construction, and as there is a real danger that German spies may appropriate a drain-pipe or some galvanized iron the guard are armed with 'sticks.' A 'stick' in this case may be an Irish blackthorn, a constable's baton, or a piece of iron-piping. The time is divided into two-hour shifts in such a way that every man is on duty for five hours.

And so the days and weeks go by. There is much variety in the work, day-outpost, musketry, entrenching, and lectures coming round in turn, whilst on alternate days the whole battalion parades under the Adjutant, with colours flying and band playing. Though repetition is inevitable the training does not become irksome to the man who has his heart in his job, who has made up his mind that he will go to the front, and prove himself a better man than any German.

He will not obey an order because he has thought it over and decided that it is the best thing possible, but rather because it has been given by his superior. The real soldier is neither the man who has submitted to a slavish rigour that has deprived him of all independent thought, nor the man who has allowed initiative to oust discipline, but rather he who takes the right dose of both. Happy is the recruit who has learned obedience while still at school, who has realised that drill on the playing-field is the first step to a generalship, and that it is never too early to begin. 'What will it be to you forty years on?'

In conclusion it need hardly be said that the outburst of military ardour among the 'present' is no less welcome and important than among the 'past.' Military life is not intolerable, but at the same time it is something out of the ordinary and needs exceptional efforts. The new force at Ilandoverly has the best wishes that can be given it.

'Sic, cara mater Landubriensium,
Te laude digna concelebrent tui.'

It is in the sure belief that 'reinforcements' will be at hand if required that this very inadequate sketch is allowed to see the light.

H. W. S.

Belgium.

WHY days of peace have passed away,
And stormy night, instead of day,
Is now thy people's lot.
No longer now with plenty crowned
Thy straggling people faint are found
In many a lonely spot.

The men that once you knew so well,
That in thy country used to dwell,
Have fought in honour's cause;
Their glorious memory ne'er shall wane,
Tho' they are dead, their deeds remain,
To gain a world's applause.

The fields that once in peace were tilled
Are now with death and honor filled,
Inhabited no more;
Thy children wand'ring far from home,
Compelled in foreign climes to roam,
Proclaim the curse of war.

Thy fam'lies scattered far and wide,
The warmth of peaceful tones denied,
Call out for help and aid;
Shall we who here in ease repose,
Refuse to give our all to those
Who such a price have paid?

But Belgium, after all the strife,
Thy men will gain eternal life;
But he who made the cannons roar,
And plunged the world in cruel war,
Shall answer to his God.

COLORES.

Congratulations to

'WILLUM' for saying that the Long Parliament was
so called because the King was short of money.

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'A dealer in Surds' for translating 'Duo spectacula'
by 'A pair of spectacles.'

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'Dai Op,' for asserting that London need have no fear
about a Zeppelin attack, as the Thames was well mined.

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'A. N. Other' for saying that a phantom was a young
chicken.