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### Editorial.



USTOM has it that a *Journal* should always commence with an editorial; why, we do not know, but we must, as Milton says, with 'forcèd fingers rude' make our début somehow into the journalistic world.

Nowadays everyone naturally attaches most importance to the War. In the pages of this number will be found the names of many Old Llandoverians, of whom some have sacrificed their lives in the great cause, others have endured the sufferings of wounds, others again have been decorated for deeds of valour.

In the School, the past term has been rather uneventful. We miss the Saturday afternoon football matches, and now have to be content with looking forward to the Brecon match. We thank the Warden very much for the interest which he has taken in this year's team, and for his kindness in refereeing on the first games; we also wish to express our thanks to the masters and friends who have turned out during the term and have helped to train the team. Junior Leagues have also been played with much keenness and competition; moreover, this term we played a game of 'Soccer' against the Hospital.

During the course of the term some very enjoyable Sing-Songs have been held, and we take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped to make them much a success in every way.

Owing to the untiring efforts of Miss Russell, the health of the School has again this term reached its usual standard.

We are forced to make an appeal for contributions or suggestions for this our *School Journal*. It is with mingled feelings of surprise and disgust that we note the way in which the School has contributed to the *Journal*. Any magazine, to be at all successful, needs variety; to expect the sub-editors to provide this variety is unreasonable, to criticise them for not doing so is absurd. Our duty is to select and arrange: we look to the other members of the School to provide the material.

We bring our remarks to a close by welcoming the Rev. A. R. Warburton, Messrs. J. G. Clarke and M. G. Constable, and by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## School Notes.



TERM began on Sept. 20th, and ends on Dec. 15th.

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There are 35 new boys; this is an increase of 20 on our numbers last term.

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D. H. Jones is Head Prefect and Captain of the XV.

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We regret to chronicle the death in action on the Western Front of two members of the staff:—

P. H. F. Wiseman, B.A. (Clifton and Scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge), Lt. Loyal North Lancs. Regiment, died of wounds received on Oct. 27th.

Claud Bruce Matheson, B.A. (Glenalmond and Keble College, Oxon), 2nd Lieut. Rifle Brigade, killed in action on Sept. 24th.

The Rev. T. W. Thomas, B.A., has left the staff and joined the H.A.C.

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The Rev. A. R. Warburton, B.A., B.Mus., formerly Scholar of Exeter College, Oxon., J. G. Clarke, Esq., M.A., B.Mus., F.R.C.O., formerly Scholar of St. John's College, Oxon., and M. G. Constable, Esq., B.A., formerly Scholar of Merton College, Oxon., have joined the staff this term.

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The Prefects this term are—D. H. Jones (Gwent); W. M. Williams (Cawdor); C. E. Jones (College House); T. W. Hill (Classroom); E. T. A. Lloyd (Seniors); R. V. Phillips (Evans); H. Smith (College House); T. D. Jenkins (Tredegar)

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C. E. Jones is Hon. Sec. of the XV.

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The XV. this year included only two old colourmen.

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1st XI. cricket colours were awarded to C. E. Jones, I. D. Bowen, J. Llewelyn, and W. M. Williams.

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2nd XV. colours have been awarded to the following:—W. M. Williams, J. Phillips, T. G. Jones, D. L. Davies, R. V. Phillips, D. R. Phillips, A. S. Lewis, E. A. Evans, T. P. Williams, A. J. Evans, T. J. Griffiths, C. E. Davies.

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R. L. J. Davies has passed London Matriculation, and T. D. Jenkins has been successful in Smalls.

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Eight Certificates and fifteen First Classes were obtained in the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Exam. last July.

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College House, having been partly re-built, is open once more and accommodates about 16 boys.

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During the term a great deal of time has been devoted to drill, so that the corps has advanced considerably in efficiency

under the able command of Mr. D. R. Williams and his N.C.O.'s.

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The annual match against Christ College, Brecon, was played on Dec. 1st, and resulted in a win for the School by one try to nil.

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The sub-editors of the *Journal* are W. M. Williams and T. D. Jenkins.

## Old Llandoverians serving in His Majesty's Forces.

THIRD TERM, 1917. LIST 9.

M. L. Ballinger, Cadet M.G.C.	H. Price Jones, 1st Canadian
A. Barker, R.H.A.	Cont.
H. B. Bunning, Paymaster's Dept.	J. Pryce Jones, Cadet R.F.C.
R.N.	T. B. Prys Jones, Cadet R.F.A.
J. H. Connop, Glam. Yeomanry.	W. A. Lloyd Jones, R.W.F.
Aneurin Davies, R.F.C.	H. C. Murless.
Arthur Davies, The Black Watch.	G. D. Oldfield, R.N.V.R.
D. E. Davies, 2nd Lt. R.G.A.	H. B. Owen, Capt. R.A.M.C.
D. R. Davies, King's Royal Rifle	J. L. Phillips, A.S.C., M.T.
Corps.	R. V. Phillips.
H. L. O. Evans, Royal Fusiliers.	O. M. Powell, A.S.C.
N. E. Evans, R.H.A.	H. L. Pugh, 2nd Lieut. S.W.B.
E. M. Forster, 2nd Lieut. R.F.C.	(killed).
(killed).	R. H. Roderick, R.E.
T. R. Forster, Midshipman R.N.	A. J. Simon, R.F.A.
R. Gower Griffiths, Lab. Batt.	G. E. Thomas, Capt. Welsh R.
B.E.F.	R. P. Thomas, R.N.V.R.
Rev. A. Goronwy Jones, Army	Rev. T. W. Thomas, H.A.C.
Chaplain.	G. R. G. Timothy, 2nd Lieut.
C. G. Jones, Lieut. R.A.M.C.	R.F.C.
D. A. Jones, Tank Corps.	K. N. Timothy, Lab. Batt. B.E.F.
D. J. Jones.	W. E. Watkins, R.N.A.S.
	D. R. Williams, R.F.A.

## Old Llandoverian Society.

### MARRIAGES.

*The Rev. C. Mostyn Davies*, Vicar of Broughton, to Miss Eva Currie, at St. John's Church, Cardiff, on Nov. 6th.

*L. N. Vincent Evans*, Capt. R.W.F., to Miss Elinor Lawton, at the Welsh Chapel, Liverpool, on Nov. 5th.

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*L. V. D. Owen*, Lieut. Oxford and Bucks L.I., to Miss Gwen Price, at Bangor, on Nov. 23rd.

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*The Rev. J. B. Reed*, Vicar of Chirbury, to Miss Dorothy Pressley-Smith, at St. John's Church, Oban, on Oct. 3rd.

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*W. O. Spurrell*, Lieut-Commander R.N., to Miss Kitty Johnson, at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on August 1st.

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*I. G. Gwyn Thomas*, Clerk to the Blaenavon U.D.C., to Miss Catherine Price, at St. Peter's Church, Blaenavon.

### ENGAGEMENT.

*L. M. Davies*, Capt. R.A.M.C., to Miss Katherine Wilson-Jones.

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The Rev. S. G. McMurtrie has been appointed Vicar of Egremont, and the Rev. C. Mostyn Davies, Vicar of Broughton, near Wrexham.

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J. B. Young-Evans has gone into residence at Pembroke College, Oxford, as a Classical Scholar.

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S. M. Williams has been playing regularly for the R.M.C. Sandhurst Rugby XV.

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The Rev. T. W. Thomas, late Hon. Sec. of the Society, has volunteered for service and is now in training with the H.A.C.

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Capt. Wyndham Williams, 2nd Lieut. D. O. Williams and I. G. Williams have contributed £1 rs. each to the School Improvement Fund.



T. W. David, J. Pryce Jones, D. H. Jones, D. C. Evans, R. V. Phillips, E. J. Davies, A. B. Davies, and the Rev. H. O. Williams have joined the Society.

### In Memoriam.

At Cambridge, Mr. T. McKenny Hughes, M.A., F.R.S., Woodwardian Professor of Geology in the University, at the age of 85. Professor Hughes was educated at Leamington and Llandovery Colleges, and took his degree at Cambridge as a member of Trinity College. He succeeded Professor Sedgwick at Cambridge in 1873, and during his tenure of the Professorship did much valuable work both as a teacher and in original research. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1889, was a Professorial Fellow of Clare College, and Chevalier of the Order of SS. Maurice et Lazarus (Italy).

#### ROLL OF HONOUR.

##### *Killed in Action.*

C. C. Carter, Worcestershire Regt.  
T. G. Clements, Royal Fusiliers (died of wounds as a prisoner of war).  
R. T. Evans, 2nd Lieut. R.W.F.  
O. H. Fielden, Capt. and Adj. Leicester Regt.  
W. K. Griffith, 2nd Lieut. London Regt.  
J. A. Humphreys, 2nd Lieut. R.F.A.  
J. E. Jenkins, Capt. S.W.B.  
Ivor Jones.  
L. P. Jones, 2nd Lieut. Welsh Regt.  
C. W. V. Lewis, Lieut. Middlesex Regt.  
H. C. Lewis, Welsh Regt.

C. B. Matheson, 2nd Lieut. Rifle Brigade.  
C. G. Phillips, 2nd Lieut. S.W.B.  
F. T. Price, R.A.M.C.  
W. R. Reynolds, 2nd Lieut. Australian Forces.  
C. S. Rowland, Lieut.  
S. S. Salmon, 2nd Lieut. Welsh Regt.  
Glyn Williams, Welsh Regt.  
W. J. Williams, 2nd Lieut. Welsh Regt.  
P. H. F. Wiseman, Lieut. Loyal North Lancs. Regt.

##### *Wounded.*

T. W. David, Lieut. R.A.M.C.  
C. G. N. Morgan, Capt. R.W.F.  
A. C. Snow, Lieut. R.N.A.S.  
W. Gethlin Thomas, Lieut. R.F.A.  
J. R. Williams, Major Welsh Regt.  
W. R. Spurrell, 2nd Lieut. R.F.A.  
B. A. Jones, R.A.M.C. (invalided home).  
I. G. Williams, R.E. (invalided home).  
Wyndham Williams, Capt. R.A.M.C. (trench fever).

#### WAR HONOURS.

##### *D.S.O.*

I. T. Evans, Capt. S.W.B.

##### *Bar to Military Cross.*

C. G. N. Morgan, Capt. R.W.F.

##### *Military Cross.*

John Alexander Goodman, Lt. Welsh Regt.  
H. P. B. Gough, Capt. Welsh Regt.  
A. H. Dickson-Smith, Capt. R.A.M.C.  
S. V. Swash, Lieut. R.F.A.  
Rev. H. S. F. Williams, Chaplain.

##### *Mentioned in Despatches.*

W. W. Humphreys, Major Duke of Cornwall's L.I.  
R. G. Pritchard, Capt. R.E.

## Prize Distribution.

**T**HE annual Prize Distribution took place on Friday afternoon, July 27th, in the Gymnasium. Again this year the proceedings were of a private character the Warden himself distributing the prizes. As in the two previous years no actual prizes were awarded, the money which was usually spent on books being given to various war funds. Prize-winners, however, were presented with certificates.

The Warden, in the course of his short address, spoke a few words concerning the position of affairs in the School in the past year. Many of the staff and several boys, who would otherwise have still been with us, had left to serve their King and Country. In particular, he referred to the great loss which the School was about to sustain by the departure of the Rev. T. W. Thomas, whom he had had the privilege of knowing first as a pupil, and later on as a distinguished member of the staff. After warmly commending the work which Mr. Thomas had done for the School, and the keen interest he had taken in its welfare, the Warden informed the School that he was resigning his position on the staff in order to join the Colours. He wished him every possible success and a safe and speedy return.

He concluded his remarks by thanking the School Prefects for the way in which they had carried out their duties during the past term, and especially referred to J. B. Young-Evans as one who was very persistent in his desire for extra half-holidays, and to D. H. Jones as one who had captained the School with such proficiency. The list of prizes is as follows :—

Classical VI.—J. B. Young-Evans (Geoffrey Williams' Prize); C. E. P. Davies (Cefnfaes).

Va.—C. James (French); D. L. Davies (Cefnfaes); T. W. Hill (Mathematics); W. M. Williams (Science senior); R. G. Michael (Science junior).

Matriculation.—D. H. Jones (Cefnfaes); W. M. Williams (French); G. T. Jones (English).

Vb.—J. A. Rhys (Cefnfaes); F. Thomas (Latin); W. Lloyd-Roberts (French); D. M. Davies (Greek); W. Lloyd-Roberts (Maths.); T. P. Williams and W. Lloyd-Roberts (English); A. L. Acraman (History).

IV.—M. J. T. Davies (Latin); K. N. Swash (Greek); R. E. Isaac (French); H. V. Thomas (History); W. G. Evans (Divinity); R. Elias (Cefnfaes).

IIIa.—W. A. L. Williams (Latin); W. N. Evans (Greek); W. A. Havard (French); W. A. Havard (Hist. and Geog.); W. A. Havard (Divinity); D. D. Evans (Cefnfaes).

IIIb.—N. G. Jones (Latin); N. G. Jones (French); M. A. Hopkins (Hist. and Geog.); H. Edwards (Divinity); C. C. Nicholas (Cefnfaes).

II.—J. R. Elias (Latin); A. W. Jones (French); A. W. Jones (Divinity); J. R. Elias (Hist. and Geog.); J. P. G. John (Cefnfaes).

English.—Set II., P. Williams; Set III., J. V. Lloyd-Roberts.

Mathematics.—Set IIa., G. T. Jones; Set IIb., H. V. Thomas; Set IIIa., B. A. Roberts; Set IIIb., A. G. Benjamin; Set IVa., M. A. Hopkins; Set IVb., G. T. Phillips.

Welsh.—R. H. Evans.

## The Sing-Songs.

**S**EVERAL very successful Saturday evening sing-songs have taken place during the term, and the best thanks of the School are due to its friends, and also to the members of the staff for the time and energy which they have devoted to our service in this connection. The School choruses, although wavering at first, have been excellent and varied, and have been rendered with a whole-hearted enthusiasm, the mere sound of which put renewed energy into our spirits. Although in certain of the choruses, energy and strong lungs have been more prominent than skill in their rendering, yet this is at any rate a defect on the right side.

The Sing-Songs this term were held in the School Hall, and have been with one exception of a private character.

A brief enumeration of the items in the various Sing-Songs is given below.

The first Sing-Song took place on Oct. 13, and was a huge success.

Chorus—' Land of my Fathers ' .. .. .	Trad.
Violin Solo— .. .. .	
Miss Rhys.	
Chorus—' Nos Galan ' .. .. .	Trad.
Song—' The Songs the Soldiers sing ' .. .. .	
Mr. J. G. Clarke.	
Chorus—' Old Folks at Home ' .. .. .	Foster

Song—' Tom Bowling ' .. .. .	<i>Dibdin</i>
The Rev. A. R. Warburton.	
Chorus—' Poor old Joe ' .. .. .	<i>Foster</i>
Song—' Killaloe ' .. .. .	
E. G. Munro-Jones.	
Chorus—' Forth to the Battle ' .. .. .	<i>Trad.</i>
Song—' Forty Years on ' .. .. .	<i>Farmer</i>
T. W. Hill.	
Carmen .. .. .	
National Anthem.	

The second Sing-Song was held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd.  
Programme:—

Chorus—' Land of my Fathers ' .. .. .	<i>Trad.</i>
Song—' Father O'Flynn ' .. .. .	<i>Stanford's Collection</i>
Mr. J. G. Clarke.	
Chorus—' A hunting we will go ' .. .. .	
Song—' My pretty Jane ' .. .. .	<i>Bishop</i>
The Rev. A. R. Warburton.	
Song—' The Bugler ' .. .. .	<i>Pinsuti</i>
T. W. Hill.	
Chorus—' The Poacher ' .. .. .	
Violin Solo— .. .. .	
Miss Rhys.	
Quartette—' Brightly dawns our Wedding Day ' .. .. .	<i>Sullivan</i>
Chorus—' The British Grenadier ' .. .. .	<i>Boyce</i>
Chorus—' Hark to the Bell ' .. .. .	
Chorus—' All thro' the Night ' .. .. .	
Carmen .. .. .	
National Anthem.	

School Sing-Song, Nov. 24th, 1917. Programme—

Chorus—' Land of my Fathers ' .. .. .	<i>Trad.</i>
Chorus—' Men of Harlech ' .. .. .	
Song—' The Animal's Band ' .. .. .	
Mr. J. G. Clarke.	
Chorus—' John Peel ' .. .. .	<i>Tait</i>
Chorus—' The British Grenadier ' .. .. .	<i>Boyce</i>
Song—' Jockey to the Fair ' .. .. .	<i>Trad.</i>
The Rev. A. R. Warburton.	
Chorus—' Forty Years on ' .. .. .	
Trio—' Allegro Animato from Pianoforte Trio in F. Op. 42 ' .. .. .	
Miss Smit, The Rev. A. R. Warburton, and Mr. J. G. Clarke.	
Carmen .. .. .	
National Anthem.	

Up to the time of going to press, the Sing-Songs may be considered to be among the best we have had for some years. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Poole Hughes, Miss Rhys, Miss Smit, Mr. Clarke, and the Rev. A. R. Warburton for their kind help in making them such a success; and we are sure that everyone appreciates the work of Mr. Spencer-Jones in connection with them.

## The Football Season, 1917.

**W**HEN we reassembled this term the prospects of our fourth football season under War conditions seemed none too rosy. After our decisive victory over Brecon last year it would seem that the task of building up a XV. would be an easy one. Indeed it was the very reverse, as all but two had gone on War service, and above all it was found impossible to arrange any matches, without which it is hardly feasible to find out the weak spots in a team and to remedy their defects.

However, in spite of all these adverse circumstances, thanks to the indefatigable zeal of our Captain and of the whole team, we succeeded in putting together a XV., which has maintained in every way the reputation of Llandovery XV.'s of the past. It reflects great credit on the football atmosphere of the whole School that, day after day, boys turned out to play and others to watch in weather inclement enough to damp the ardour of all but the enthusiastic.

After enjoying some very pleasant first games through the term, we looked forward to meeting our time-honoured rivals with some concern, especially as they had inflicted a severe defeat on Monmouth the previous week, and we were a side of untested strength. In the circumstances the team is to be congratulated on the victory over one of the finest Brecon XV.'s of recent years. It was a dour struggle, and only determined tackling saved our line once or twice. The sides were very evenly matched, the advantage in weight and size resting with our opponents. A noticeable feature of the game was the vigorous tackling on both sides and the sporting spirit displayed throughout the game.

With regard to the XV. of 1917, what is our opinion? No one would be so bold as to rank them with the XV.'s of pre-War days. We had as good a pack of forwards and a pair of



halves as one could desire in a School side, but the three-quarter line was decidedly inferior in quality compared with the rest of the team. Undoubtedly our strength lay in our forwards, who could heel cleanly and wheel in fine style when necessary; moreover, they all could and did tackle low. They were set an excellent example by C. E. Jones, who should develop into a first-class forward. D. H. Jones was far and away the best back in the team, and a great deal of the success of the side is due to his judicious and virile play in attack and defence.

The Junior League teams were very evenly balanced, and some exciting contests were witnessed. The passing and tackling were exceptionally fine, and some of the players with increased strength will be really good. The most promising players were Rowlands, Cresser, D. C. Evans, Rogers, Miles, V. D. Thomas, G. G. Jones, and Gwynne.

I think we can fairly claim that the football played throughout the School this term has been quite up to the standard of previous years.

I should like to take this opportunity of tendering my thanks to the members of the XV., and to all who interested themselves in the School games, for their loyal co-operation in an endeavour to maintain the prestige of the old School in these difficult times.

#### THE FIFTEEN, 1917.

*D. H. Jones* (1915-16-17 Captain).—A most resolute and untiring player who, as out half, was the mainstay of the back division. A fearless tackler and rush-stopper. A good attacking player who takes and gives passes well. As Captain has set an excellent example to the side in every way.

*C. E. Jones* (1916-17 Vice-Captain).—One of the best forwards we have had of recent years. Possesses strength, height, and pace, which he uses to the best advantage. An extremely clever dribbler, and also handles the ball well. Good alike in attack or defence, and has proved a very capable leader.

*J. Phillips* (1917).—Has played excellent games as inside half. Passes out well, but should attempt to do more on his own. One of the best tacklers and rush-stoppers in the team, and is very smart round the scrum.

*T. G. Jones* (1917).—A fast and dashing forward; good dribbler; an excellent tackler and defensive player; handles and kicks well. A very fine open player.

*W. M. Williams* (1917).—A most energetic and keen forward. Good on the line out and in the 'tight.' Has 'hooked' with much success. A good kick and reliable tackler.

*T. W. Hill* (1917).—A very conscientious, hardworking forward, who pushes hard in the 'scrums.' A good tackler, and is not afraid to go down to the ball. Is rather slow in the open.

*R. V. Phillips* (1917).—An energetic scrummager, but in the open does not play with enough dash. A good tackler and a fair dribbler.

*A. S. Lewis* (1917).—A very promising forward, who came on very rapidly, and is now really good. Plays with much dash, and possesses an elusive swerve. A good tackler and a fair dribbler.

*D. L. Davies* (1917).—A fair centre three-quarter who can make openings. He spoils his play by not going hard enough. A weak defensive player.

*E. A. Evans* (1917).—A promising wing three-quarter who should become a prolific scorer. Is very fast and can swerve. At present is rather weak in defence.

*A. J. Evans* (1917).—An exceedingly sound defensive centre three-quarter who collars low. Can give and take passes well, but is not sufficiently aggressive in attack.

*T. P. Williams* (1917).—A young dashing forward. Is a very sound defensive player and tackles extremely well. Goes down to the ball well and is a fair dribbler.

*D. R. Phillips* (1917).—Originally a forward, he has adapted himself to the full-back position extremely well. A good tackler and a reliable kick. Can stop forward rushes in fine style.

*C. E. Davies* (1917).—A light forward who can play a good game. A fair dribbler and a good tackler, but does not work hard enough in the tight.

*T. J. Griffiths* (1917).—Another converted forward who has filled the wing position with much success. Fast, but does not always use his pace. Takes his passes well and is a sound tackler.

## Junior Leagues.

ONE of the features of this term has been the reviving of 'Junior Leagues.' Great keenness has been shown by the whole School in the various matches, and much hidden talent has been revealed. Four teams were chosen, and credit must be given to our football master and captain for the way in which the sides were so evenly matched. Up to the time of going to press two rounds have been played. The games were all played on the Pitch, Tredegar Close being reserved for the Brecon.

For 'A,' Cresser, who captained the side, made a good full-back, but was rather slow in his actions. However, he promises well for the future. Among the backs W. M. Lloyd-Roberts, from whom we expected wonderful play, did not figure as well as he ought considering his length, although at times he made himself very prominent. R. G. James and



Miles were by far the best in the forward line, and owing to their endless dash helped to make up for the weaker members of the league.

'B'—the College House League—was led by D. P. G. Davies. Rogers was conspicuous among the backs, and J. M. Hopkins, the smallest boy on the leagues, must be congratulated on his plucky tackling. The 'shining lights' among the forwards were V. D. Thomas and Worthington, who continually *fell on the ball*.

League 'C,' perhaps the weakest of all the leagues, nevertheless kept up their reputation by consistent hard play. If the backs had been more ready to part with the ball better results would undoubtedly have been obtained. D. D. Evans proved himself very useful as full-back, while for the rest, Llewelyn and C. James in the backs and G. G. Jones and W. L. Rees in the forwards are worthy of note.

League 'D' was ably skippered by D. C. Evans, who, during critical moments, put renewed vigour into his side. E. O. A. Thomas and Rowlands tackled well and worked hard in the tight, the latter not only opened out the game finely on many occasions, but was also indispensable in defensive work.

The Captain wishes to thank those Masters and prefects who kindly undertook the arduous duty of training the various leagues, and thus increasing the keenness and competition.

Below we give a table of the matches and their results—

	Mr. Williams. A.		Rev. Jones. B.		Mr. Constable. C.		Rev. Warburton. D.		Points.		
	1st R.	2nd R.	1st R.	2nd R.	1st R.	2nd R.	1st R.	2nd R.	1st R.	2nd R.	Total.
A.	...	...	L (6-12)	L (6-15)	W (8-0)	L (0-33)	W (23-16)	W (20-3)	2	4	6
B.	W (12-6)	W (15-6)	...	...	L (3-8)	W (11-9)	L (8-14)	W (20-6)	4	0	4
C.	L (0-8)	W (33-0)	W (8-3)	L (9-11)	...	...	L (5-11)	...	4	2	6
D.	L (16-23)	L (3-20)	W (14-8)	L (6-20)	W (11-5)	...	...	...	2	4	6

## The Brecon Match.

**P**LAYED at Llandovery on Saturday, Dec. 1st.  
 Team:—*Back*: D. R. Phillips. *Three-quarters*: E. A. Evans, D. L. Davies, A. J. Evans, T. J. Griffiths.  
*Half-backs*: J. Phillips, D. H. Jones (Captain).  
*Forwards*: C. E. Jones, T. W. Hill, W. M. Williams, T. G. Jones, R. V. Phillips, A. S. Lewis, T. P. Williams, C. E. Davies. The referee was Mr. T. D. Schofield, W.R.F.U.

Brecon won the toss and played from the town end, W. M. Williams kicking off for the School at 2.45. The School forwards rushed into the Brecon '25,' where play remained for some time. From a scrum the School forwards heeled well, but the backs failed to get away through good tackling by the Brecon backs. Another scrum followed: the School forwards again bagged the ball and D. H. Jones found touch. From the line-out our forwards made a good rush, headed by C. E. Jones, who afterward got the ball out to the backs. A good bout of passing followed, but a slight forward pass ended in a scrum. T. J. Griffiths then got the ball and nearly scored after a good run, being tackled on the line. From a line-out a free kick followed for Brecon, who found touch near the half-way line. Play soon returned to the Brecon '25,' where J. Phillips made himself prominent by good tackling. C. E. Jones, T. W. Hill, and W. M. Williams then combined in a forward rush. R. V. Phillips soon got the ball out to the backs, but unfortunately a forward pass again marred their progress. In the next scrum Brecon heeled and carried the ball into the School '25,' but J. Phillips, after some smart play, found touch. An excellent rush was then made by C. E. Jones and T. G. Jones, which resulted in a gain of about fifteen yards. Soon the Brecon captain got the ball and made a good rush into the School '25,' but E. A. Evans gained possession of the ball and found touch. A forward rush was then made by the School, headed by C. E. Jones, and T. G. Jones further proved himself useful by a good tackle. D. H. Jones again attempted to break through, but only succeeded in finding touch. The same player also made another rush, and gained a good twenty yards before

he was checked. From a scrum, the result of a forward pass, the School forwards heeled very cleanly, and after an excellent round of passing E. A. Evans cleverly swerved and scored far out. A good kick by W. M. Williams, however, failed to add to the score. From the kick-off D. L. Davies fielded well and found touch. The School was then penalised for hands in scrum, and a strong kick by the Brecon captain found touch near the half-way line. A great deal of forward play was now the principal feature of both sides. Nothing of further importance occurred before half-time was called with the School three points ahead. Score—

School .. .. .	3 points
Christ College .. .. .	nil

Heavy rain fell during the interval. The Brecon captain kicked off, and C. E. Jones made a good attempt to get through. A scrum was soon ordered, and another School rush followed. The Brecon backs next got into motion, but a School three-quarter intercepted and found touch. After some good heeling on the part of our forwards our captain made a gallant attempt to score, but was unfortunately hurt, and play had to be suspended for a few minutes. However, he refused to leave the field and play was soon resumed. From a line-out the School forwards pressed hard, and after good play by our three-quarters, D. R. Phillips found touch on the half-way line. Until 'no side' was given the play consisted of small rushes on both sides. Final score—

School .. .. .	1 try (3 points)
Christ College .. .. .	nil

The School team must be congratulated on its victory, and also on preventing the opposing side from scoring. This was mainly due to D. H. Jones and C. E. Jones, the former captaining the side with much proficiency. The most prominent amongst the backs other than the captain was J. Phillips, and of the forwards C. E. Jones proved a very capable leader.

The visitors undoubtedly had a good all-round team, and had improved considerably since last season.

## Bidding as a fine Art.



LARGE and representative gathering filled the Central Auction Rooms on Monday, September 24th, when a valuable collection of documents, comprising the entire stock of Reading Room papers was put up for public auction. We were pleased to observe that the general tone of these gatherings had considerably improved, though the presence of a few wits from College House and the Math. VI. rather marred the natural sobriety of the proceedings.

About ten minutes after the appointed time the 'auctioneer' entered the room, and amidst the usual cheers (encouraging and otherwise) strutted up to the rostrum. Pages might be written to describe this monstrous choice of the Reading Room Committee; we will confine ourselves to as few words as possible. He was pompous and persuasive, in stature rather below the middle height.

The enthusiastic reception which the auctioneer received unhappily prevented a verbatim account of the sale from being taken; we will therefore content ourselves with a few general remarks on the proceedings.

Radicals turned up in force to bid for the *Daily Chronicle*, but the combined efforts only raised 9d., while the *Western Mail*, the corresponding Conservative organ, fetched 1/6. (Tariff Reform 9d. net gain).

R. V. Phillips, rather to his surprise, found himself landed with the '*Spectator*' the result of a flaw in a 'system' he had invented which consisted in bidding for everything up to a certain point, and then retiring gracefully, leaving his unfortunate victim to pay. Also this gentleman's artistic taste and his skill with brush and pen need no comment, but it is interesting to note that he is engaged in an important production for certain of his form-masters.

*Punch!* bellowed the auctioneer, turning to the tallest member of the Mathematical VI. At this juncture a slight diversion was caused by a deliberate attempt on the part of the College House clique to tamper with the foundations of the rostrum. Order having been restored, the great bargain

of the day was made. *Chums*, after a really clever exhibition of fancy bidding, was knocked down to a member of the Lower School for the modest sum of 1/6. When it is recollected that there are 12 weeks in the term, and the auction was a week late, the wonderful astuteness of this gentleman becomes apparent. This gentleman should practise on the Stock Exchange.

Bidding for the illustrated weeklies was tremendously keen, offers were leaping up by half-pennies. The auctioneer was getting excited; amidst scenes of the wildest enthusiasm the *Sphere* went up 2/-. This was too much for the gentleman on the rostrum; he almost broke down; recovering himself by a superhuman effort, and flourishing his hammer (a hockey stick) in a manner which strangely recalled the exercises of a well-known conductor and the 'Irish Earl,' he bravely did his duty. 'The *Sphere*,' he yelled: 'any advance' (louder). 'A 2/- for the *Spear*:' (louder still). 'The *Spear*' going for one shilling and twelve pence.' 'Two shillings and a penny' rang round the room. It was the unmistakable voice of a melodious chorister. The *Sphere* was knocked down, and the auctioneer knocked out; the curfew tolled in the distance, and, obeying its summons, all trooped forth to the pasturage.

Equus.

## Aviation Anecdotes.



As an old Llandoverian, I have been asked to give a few sketches of life in the Naval Air Service. One must beware of considering flying, as is usually done, a short cut to heaven. It is regarded by the Service as a first-class sport, a kind of football *in excelsis*, though rather colder than the Rugby game when played beyond the 15,000 feet limit.

You often read of kite-balloons, otherwise known as 'sausages,' being brought down in flames. A pilot is ordered to attack a German observation balloon. He makes a dive at it, firing at the same time with both guns, and after ex-

pending much ammunition, hoicks his machine high up to escape the machine-gun fire from the ground. The two men in the observation balloon have usually 'got the wind up' badly by this time, and, thinking discretion the better part of valour, generally reach the ground by means of a parachute. Apart from the military effect, the pilot's satisfaction is extreme in knowing that the occupants of the windbag are effected by 'a strong vertical draught,' since they have a sheer drop of many feet before their 'umbrella' opens.

Flying incidents, however, do not always end so happily. During a rather lively engagement over the lines at an altitude of 12,000 feet, a certain hostile machine was seen to catch fire. The enemy pilot had already been killed by a bullet. The observer, left alone to his doom, realised that the machine must inevitably fall—a flaming wreck—in a few moments. He undid the belt that strapped him in the machine and took a headlong dive into space and eternity. That supreme act will be graven for ever on the memory of the pilot who witnessed this incident of the air.

A rare thing happened once. A German machine was brought down almost intact by a flying squadron. Very simple repairs sufficed to render it airworthy again. The Hun identification marks, the Iron Cross, and the guns were removed, and two of us decided to go for a joy-ride in this enemy machine. We got more exhilaration from our ride than we expected.

The machine flew well, and we were delighted with our capture, and chuckled too over the mystification that the novel outline of our machine must produce upon observers below. Our own turn to be mystified was not however long in coming. By this time we had flown far beyond the limits of the aerodrome whence we had started, the great blue spaces of the sky having tempted us further and further afield. The earth far below seemed to move lazily by. Suddenly we glimpsed a faint speck far to the east. It approached fast and hovered.

A friend or an enemy? If a friend, what would he think of our strange machine? If an enemy, why, we realised all too late, had we embarked on this hare-brained adventure



without a single gun with which to argue with a hostile aeroplane? To add to our embarrassment we found that we had ascended without even knowing the password for the day, that is to say, the coloured lights which are fired from a pistol. We dived tumultuously, hoping to elude the inquisitive plane: he dropped like a plummet on our track. Dodging through a bank of mist we curved and soared again. We climbed and then we climbed again, and still this unknown aviator clung obstinately to the trailing line of exhaust which issued from our fleeting plane. We thought we had lost our bearings, but thanks to a clear corridor through the clouds that suddenly opened out, we joyfully recognized the T marks of the aviation camp whence we had ascended. •Still our pursuer harried us, and we knew that our only remaining resource was to dive for the aerodrome.

Down, down we went, with our hunter almost on our tail. A sudden jar, and our wheels spin along the ground. We have landed safely. Explanations follow. We had been suspected and chased by a Belgian machine of unusual pattern, and the affair had ended happily, though for the time we had certainly been subjected, in Service parlance, to a 'severe dose of wind-up.'

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