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Editorial.

WHAT would otherwise have proved an entirely enjoyable term has been saddened by the death of two of this College's sincerest friends—friends who loved and supported it from its earliest years. After a protracted illness we lost Earl Cawdor, whose death was followed soon after by that of Mrs. Johnes, of Dolaucothy. To the funeral of this lady the Warden sent a wreath in the name of all Llandoverians. May we express our deepest sympathy with the relatives of both our departed friends? We feel their loss and ours to be irreparable.

Apart from these calamities the term has been one of quiet enjoyment. A notable feature was the close of the Rugby Leagues after a single round. The time thus gained was devoted to Hockey, a game hitherto rather at a disadvantage in this respect compared with Football. It is certain that, given favourable conditions, the College could produce an excellent team, there being no lack of talent throughout the School. Even as it was, though the ground was, owing to

continual rain, very soft indeed, the team won two out of the three matches played.

We congratulate O. M. Williams and L. G. Cooper on gaining scholarships to St. John's and to Jesus College, Oxford, respectively: the former in Mathematics, the latter in Classics. Prospective candidates—Go ye and do likewise!

Once more we make an appeal for contributions or suggestions to this, the School Magazine. While ignoring the carping criticism of those who can do nothing else but criticize, we have been told that the essence of true literature is its appeal to the imagination: that is, a magazine to be at all successful needs variety. To expect the Editor and his staff to provide this variety is unreasonable, to criticize them for not doing so is absurd. Our business is the selection and arrangement of, and due comment on, material sent in to us: we have no intention of constituting ourselves poet, philosopher, and general essayist. The interest of this Magazine lies with the School at large; it is the boys who are responsible for it, and to them, whether members of upper or lower forms, we therefore appeal to do their duty. If we are to have a Magazine let it be one, not an insipid and uninteresting chronicle. Let us put some enthusiasm into the work, pull together, and, even though we mix the metaphor, make these dry bones live.

Oxford Letter.

March, 1911.

SIR,—What is usually an extremely dreary term has been characterized by unique geniality on the part of the Weather Clerk. It is perhaps too much to hope that you in Wales have had similar luck. The number of Llandovery Oxonians is increasing so rapidly that the formation of a Llandoveryan 'Who's Who?' will presently become essential. However, to serious business. Those of us whose Varsity career is practically at its end view the near approach of Schools with the time-honoured sentiments. W. S. Rowlands, R. Lloyd, and L. V. Owen are regarded as good start-

ers, while P. Mods this term will no doubt be accompanied with its usual quantum of disaster. A. Pierce Jones has been submerged in the latter maelstrom and no longer stalks the quads of Keble. We hope to see him again soon; a similar hope extends to Goronwy Jones, who, having been elected Treasurer of the O.I.L. Debating Society, collected the annual subs., and has not since been heard of. A. G. Prys-Jones, rumoured to be the confidant of certain Oriental Potentates, has lately cultivated the Muse, the result of which communion appeared the other day in the 'Varsity' newspaper in the form of a pleasing but somewhat gory 'Nocturne.' R. Lloyd and G. Jones still play regularly for the London Welsh. A. W. M. Griffiths has laid aside his monocle to train for Keble sports. He is this term's President of the Debating Society. D. G. Davies rowed in the Queen's togger. By the way, a division has appeared in our ranks, caused (wonderful to relate) by the wearing of the Spat. We are those who fly near Fashion's sun, and those who don't. L. M. Davies and Rosser are reported as among the élite in the Oxonian modic hegemony, since the disappearance of the waistcoat of Ebenezer. Joshua Davies feels the imminence of Honour Mods, and his socks are no longer seen in the High. One L. D. Thomas has been seen in the company of T. W. Thomas, who of late has not been in the public eye. He plays regularly for Corpus. Jake Morgan studies gyroscopics in a street off the Iffley Road in company with others of Jesus. Great things are expected of him. Other disappearances more or less mysterious are those of Enoch, D. W. Jenkins, and G. Lewis. A leader in the life literary is J. L. Williams, who is at once a lamp in the Oriel Round Table and in the O.I.L. H. L. Williams has not repeated his Demosthenics at the Union. Rhydderch is occasionally seen in the Hertford jersey, rarely elsewhere.

I close with congratulations on recent exploits, and wishes for the continued welfare of the School.—Yours, &c.,

SCRUTATUS.

O.L.'s.

In Memoriam.

James Thomas James, M.D. (Durham), F.R.C.S. (England), L.R.C.P. and L.S.A. (London), of Harley Street, W. Dr. James had a most brilliant career at the Middlesex Hospital, of which he was a Broderip Scholar and Governor's Prizeman, and was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, and a member of the Ophthalmological Society.

MARRIAGES.

On the 19th of July, at Llandrindod Parish Church, the Rev. W. S. Probert, M.A., Vicar of Bwlch-y-ciban, to Elizabeth Evangeline, daughter of Mrs. Thomas, of Ethel House, Llandrindod Wells.

On the 18th of January, at All Saints' Church, Penarth, William Richard Spencer Watkins, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), to Margaret, daughter of the late Henry Phillips, of Cardiff.

GENERAL.

Roger Jeffreys Powell is the High Sheriff for Breconshire this year.

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The Rev. C. R. Thomas has been appointed Vicar of Balderstone, Rochdale.

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J. Arnallt Jones has been appointed Administrative Medical Officer of the Welsh Division Territorial Force; and R.

W. Rees, Medical Officer of Health for the County of Cardigan.

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The Rev. J. Alban Davies played in the Welsh Trial Match.

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O.L.'s. playing in first-class football include the Rev. J. Alban Davies (Swansea and Glamorganshire), J. W. Lewis and D. G. E. Davies (Glamorganshire), H. Morris (London Hospital and East Midlands), G. Hulme and T. P. Lloyd (London Welsh and Middlesex), R. Lloyd (London Welsh), J. L. Williams (London Welsh and Oxford 'A' Team).

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P. Halewood has joined the Society.

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Subscriptions to the School Improvement Fund have been received with thanks from—A. W. Andrews (3rd, 4th, and 5th), £1 11s. 6d., also a donation of £3 13s. 6d.; Rev. G. I. R. Jones (4th and 5th), £2 2s.

The School.

THERE are nine new boys.

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By the death of Earl Cawdor, the School has lost one of its most powerful supporters. He succeeded his father as a Trustee, and had been for many years the senior member of the Governing Body. He visited the School from time to time, but was seldom able, through pressure of work, to be present on Prize Days. Among his benefactions to the School were the Golden Grove Scholarship and a donation of £750 to the New Buildings' Fund.

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The Cricket Field and the adjoining field came into the market last November. £1500 had to be found at once. Miss Thomas, of Llwynmadoc, very kindly came to the rescue and advanced £1000 on mortgage. The other £500 was bor-

rowed from the bank. The Warden has made himself responsible for the interest. The importance of retaining the fields for the use of the School is incalculable. Help to pay back the money borrowed is earnestly asked for.

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O. M. Williams has gained a Mathematical Scholarship at St. John's College, Oxford; L. G. Cooper a Classical Scholarship at Jesus College, Oxford; and R. Gwyn Rees, 'proxime accessit' for a Mathematical Scholarship at Queen's College, Oxford.

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The Football Team proved itself a really good side, and won both its School matches—the Sherborne match by 1 goal 1 try to 1 try, and the Brecon match by 1 goal 2 tries to 1 try.

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Several Entertainments were given last term in the New Gymnasium—Thought Reading, by Mr. Alfred Capper; a Lecture on the Humour of Punch, by Mr. Stafford Webber; and a Musical Entertainment by the School Musical Society, assisted by Col. and Mrs. Lloyd Harries, Miss Easton, and R. Lloyd (O.I.I.).

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We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Johnes, of Dolaucothy: she was one of the best of the many friends of the School, and had won the affection of all Llandoveryans by the keen interest she invariably took in all the doings of the School, of which she kept a continuous record. The funeral took place on Friday, March 7, at Caio Church. A wreath in the form of a crown was sent by Past and Present boys of the School, bearing the following inscription:—

'Gratissiman in Memoriam Fautricis optime de se meritae dono dant dedicant Saecula Llandubriensium permulta.

Heu Pietas, Heu Prisca Fides.'

'In grateful memory from many generations of Llandoveryans: to a patroness with deepest claims on their gratitude.

Alack for loyalty and old-time faithfulness.'

The Lord Bishop of St. Davids preached the funeral sermon on Sunday, March 19.

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The following letter was received from Sir James Hills-Johnes:—

'Dolaucothy,

'March 14, 1911.

'Sir James and Lady Hills-Johnes send their heartfelt thanks for the very kind sympathy of the boys of Llandovery College in the grievous loss of their much-loved sister, Mrs. Johnes, and for the beautiful crown of flowers and wreath sent as an affectionate tribute to her memory, who had the interest of the College always at heart.

'To the Boys,

'Llandovery College.'

The Football Season, 1910=11.

DESPITE the fact that only two 1st XV. matches were won, the XV. of 1910-11 was a good School side.

Had it not been for many unfortunate accidents, with the result that never once was the team at full strength, the number of wins undoubtedly would have been considerably larger. As it was the matches won were the two School matches—both splendid games, victory in which was the outcome of really excellent football.

The Junior Leagues were played in the Christmas term, but unfortunately, owing to unpropitious weather, were not played to a finish. The sides were very uneven, and the league, captained by L. D. Lewis, who contributed in no small degree to its success, was easily the strongest, and won through good football.

Of the Senior Leagues one round only was played, also owing to bad weather. Mr. Lloyd's League, captained by I. Williams, played excellent football, and easily won both their games. They were represented by—O. M. Williams, E. M. Jones, Ifor Williams, D. M. Evans, T. P. Williams, P. W. T. Thomas, H. J. Powell, O. J. Jones, W. B. Price, J. M.

Thomas, D. R. Williams, D. O. Williams, G. Rees, and E. G. R. Hughes.

The warmest thanks of the School are due to Mr. Jones, Mr. A. C. B. Lloyd, and Mr. Pullinger for their valuable help.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

1ST XV.

J. T. Davies (1907-8-9-10-11), Captain. An excellent hard-working forward, fast and dashing. A keen tackler and good dribbler; handles well. A splendid leader.

R. M. Humphreys (1909-11). A fine centre three-quarter. Untiring both in attack and defence. Much improved at handling, but is still inclined to starve his wing.

N. Griffiths (1909-11), an in-half who gets the ball away quickly and accurately—a most plucky defensive player and excellent rush stopper. Should do more on his own.

L. P. Evans (1909-11), a much improved dashing forward. Dribbles well, and is a good tackler. Always on the ball.

W. N. Morgan (1909-11), a fast wing three-quarter. Handles well, and at times attacks very strongly, but must learn to turn more quickly. A fair tackler and kick.

H. O. Williams (1909-11), a very dashing wing three-quarter. Poor with his hands, but an excellent tackler and a clever kick.

D. J. C. Jenkins (1909-11), an exceedingly clever out-half, who knows the game thoroughly, and feints well. In defence very much improved.

L. G. Cooper (1909-11), an excellent light, fast forward with amazing dash. Dribbles and tackles well, and knows the back row game thoroughly.

I. Williams (1910-11) has improved very much from last season. Owing to increased pace his attack is now equal to his defence, which is magnificent. A great centre three-quarter.

H. J. Powell (1910-11), a fast, heavy forward, who has come on a lot. An excellent tackler and clever dribbler. Good on the line out.

H. S. John (1910-11), a small but sturdy forward who hooks very cleverly. A poor tackler. Has an excellent feint and handles well. A poor dribbler.

O. J. Jones (1910-11), a small but very dashing and energetic forward. A fine tackler and rush stopper. Must rid himself of a bad habit—picking up in the tight.

Sir John Owen, Bart. (1910-11), a much improved hard-working forward. A good dribbler, but poor tackler.

E. E. Roberts (1910-11), a fast, dashing, and promising forward. Handles well and is a fine tackler, but must learn to keep the ball closer in the loose.

O. M. Williams (1910-11), a slow and rather clumsy full-back. A good kick, but uncertain at touch finding. A fair tackler.

T. P. Williams (1910-11), a versatile player: plays well at half (in or out) or centre. Runs straight and hard, and is very quickly off the mark. A splendid tackler. Feints well and is a good kick.

2ND XV.

H. R. Jones (1909-10-11), a promising wing three-quarter. Handles well and is a good tackler. Must learn to turn without losing pace. A fair kick.

D. T. Williams (1910-11), a small but amazingly good full-back. Always finds touch, and is a safe field. A good tackler.

W. B. Price (1910-11), a slow forward, but a very clever dribbler. Must learn to go harder and tackle.

L. P. Jones (1910-11), a fast and dashing forward. Dribbles well, but is a poor tackler.

G. Bryant (1910-11), a very dashing and hard-working forward. Dribbles well, and is an excellent tackler and rush stopper.

S. L. Buckland (1910-11), a promising centre three-quarter. A fair tackler and good kick. At present is too slow. Should do much sprinting practice.

D. M. Evans (1910-11), a most plucky but clumsy centre three-quarter. An excellent tackler and rush stopper, but is weak in attack.

E. M. Jones (1910-11), a much improved fast wing three-quarter. Turns well either way, but must learn to run straight and tackle low.

C. Morgan (1910-11), a light forward. Dribbles cleverly and follows up hard, but must learn to tackle.

R. D. Beith (1910-11), a promising in-half. Passes well. A fair tackler and good kick.

E. David (1910-11), a heavy, slow forward, who did not fulfil his earlier promise. A fair tackler, but poor dribbler.

G. Thomas, a dashing and very hard-working forward. An excellent tackler, but poor dribbler.

F. J. Thomas, a much improved forward, and at times very dashing. A poor dribbler.

J. M. Thomas, a hard-working and plucky forward. Should be good when his dribbling improves.

The Hockey Season, 1911.

UNFORTUNATELY weather again interfered with success of the season, the ground being frequently unfit for play, and never quite fast. It really seems that in order to give Hockey a fair chance, some scheme must be devised by which it can be played side by side with the Football Leagues at the commencement of term, and with training until a week before the sports. In the matches played the School XI. showed signs of developing into a very good side, and the play of the School substitutes for the Neath and Masters' teams proved that the 1st XI. has no monopoly of skill. Great keenness and some very promising form was shown in the Lower Games.

L. G. Cooper proved himself a keen and energetic captain, and was well supported by the rest of the team. The general play was an improvement on last year, both backs and forwards using their sticks with greater cleverness and passing with better judgment.

In the Swansea match we were unfortunate in not having O. M. Williams, who afterwards proved that he was the centre forward we had been looking for. Special mention must be made of the brilliant runs and centres of R. M. Humphreys in this match, the good defence of I. Williams at back, and the sound tackling and excellent passing of C. R. Humphreys during the first half of the game.

The Neath match was unfortunately robbed of some of its interest by the fact that they did not bring up a full team. The School started badly, but afterwards settled down to play a sound game; both wings centred cleverly, and O. M. Williams made no mistake in shooting. Cooper also scored a very good goal, and J. T. Davies proved too fast and clever for the opposing forwards, who, however, were not well fed by their backs. The weakness of the team was the want of proper understanding between the inside forwards when near the circle, and the want of a really fast outside right.

THE SCHOOL HOCKEY XI.

L. G. Cooper (Captain), plays much better at centre half than at forward; works hard, feeds his forwards with judgment, and can shoot.

J. T. Davies (right back), a fast back, tackles and clears splendidly. Has much improved in passing.

R. M. Humphreys (outside left), has developed into a fine forward; is fast and clever with his stick; centres and shoots well.

Sir John A. Owen, Bart. (inside right), has improved in combination, but does not make the best use of his pace, and is apt to miss chances in the circle.

I. Williams (goal), a safe goal-keeper; comes out at the right times and clears well. A very useful back.

R. H. Hughes (right half), has not improved much, and is rather inclined to turn on the ball, but works untiringly.

H. S. John (left inside), rather disappointing; feeds his wing well as a rule, but is not quick at making openings for himself or the other inside forwards when near the circle.

C. R. Humphreys (left half), very clever with his stick, tackles well and times his passes excellently.

O. M. Williams (centre), quite a find; keeps his place and takes every opportunity of shooting. Has still to learn to combine successfully with the other inside forwards.

L. P. Evans (right back), a much improved back, though rather inclined to use his body.

D. J. C. Jenkins (outside right), slow as a right wing, and does not trust enough to his stick. Will probably make a better inside forward as he can pass nicely and go through.

HOCKEY MATCHES.

SCHOOL v. SWANSEA.

On Feb. 4th, on home ground. The match was played under difficulties. It was only after great exertions on the part of our captain that the Swansea Team came up: we were neither at full strength nor fresh, many of the team having just returned from a School run.

The School opened with a hot attack, but could not score: but the visitors soon asserted their superiority in some pretty bouts of passing, one of which led to a score. The School responded, John scoring from a centre by Jenkins. Swansea at once dribbled down and scored again, the School adding another by Cooper: just before half-time Swansea scored again. In the second half no further scoring took place, though both goal-keepers were tested in turn. A feature of the match was the good defence of B. A. Jones in the School goal. Swansea thus won by the odd goal, and the School is to be complimented on their excellent performance against one of the best teams in Wales.

SCHOOL v. MASTERS.

On March 8th. The Masters did not turn out at full strength, and were obliged to borrow players from the School. The opening was sensational: the School scoring 3 goals in as many minutes: the pace then slackened down, but goals came freely: eventually the School won by 7 goals to 2.

Without being especially brilliant, every member of the School side played well. There was some bad fouling among the backs, which ought to be avoided at all costs.

SCHOOL v. NEATH.

On March 11th. Neath brought up a weak team, but opened with a rather doubtful goal. In the first ten minutes the School side was hopelessly disunited, but gradually they settled down to their game. O. M. Williams shot well, scoring five goals: eventually the School won by 7 goals to 2.

Musical Evening.

ON Dec. 17th the usual form of entertainment was varied by a concert. The programme was excellent. Lieut.-Col. Lloyd-Harries and Miss Easton, with Mrs. Lloyd-Harries as pianist, once more gave us of their very best. The Violin Solos were executed with splendid skill, and Colonel Harries well deserved the applause he received: the technique of his third piece was truly admirable. Miss Easton sang with splendid power and confidence, and the School owes Mrs. Harries a deep debt of gratitude for her courtesy in accompanying the chorus at very short notice. R. Lloyd once more delighted us with a fine selection of songs.

The School chorus, conducted by Mr. Smith, performed two difficult pieces very creditably: the high pitch of the piano disconcerted them at first, but they rallied well and performed their work with great credit. We add the programme—

PART I.

Piano Duet—Bolero ('Casilda')	..	J. W. Moore
Mr. F. H. Smith and J. H. Morris.		
Song—'Bid me to love'	..	D'Auvergne Barnard
Mr. Reginald Lloyd (O.I.I.).		
Violin Solo—Andante from Concerto	..	Mendelssohn
Lieut.-Colonel T. Lloyd-Harries.		
Song (with Violin Obbligato)—'Pack clouds away'	..	Macfarren
Miss Olive Easton.		
Cantata—'The Wreck of the Hesperus'	..	T. Anderton
The Musical Society.		

PART II.

Piano Duet—(a) Berceuse	..	Léon D'Ourville
(b) Hungarian Sketch (Op. 24)	..	R. Volkmann
D. O. Williams and Mr. F. H. Smith.		
Songs—(a) 'Winds in the Trees'	..	Goring Thomas
(b) 'Song of Sunshine'		
Miss Olive Easton.		
Violin Solo—Ballade and Polonaise	..	Vieuxtemps
Lieut.-Colonel T. Lloyd-Harries.		
Song—'Tis all that I can say'	..	Hope Temple
Mr. Reginald Lloyd (O.I.I.).		
Song (with Violin Obbligato)—Villanelle	..	Era dell Acqua
Miss Olive Easton.		
Cantata—'The Phantom Ship'	..	J. C. B. Tirbutt
The Musical Society.		
'The Carmen.'		
The National Anthem.		

School Lecture.

ON Tuesday, March 28, Mr. Oliver Pike, F.Z.S., gave us a lecture on the Wonders of Birdland. He opened by pointing out the necessity of a guide, who had eyes to see what was going on around us: and the lecture justified the remark, the wonders displayed by Mr. Pike's camera being far beyond what we had ever believed possible. The slides shown to us were marvels of clearness and beauty: the outstanding feature of nearly all of them was the patience displayed by the lecturer in securing the photographs, some of which cost him no less than five hours of waiting. Many of the photographs appealed to our pride, being secured in the Principality: some of them were of great value, the birds being some of the rarest in these islands, and many of the nests being difficult of access. There was a fine example of a raven standing outside his nest. The lecturer skilfully wove into his story one or two charming anecdotes, laying adequate stress on the inability of the male bird to build his own home, and on his lack of courage and instinct for self-preservation in danger.

The lecture included two gramophone records of the song of the nightingale, and concluded with a series of pictures illustrating the earliest hours in the life of a chicken. We beg to thank Mr. Pike for the deeply interesting material he gave us, and hope we may have him again with us.

College Tuck Shop.

ACCOUNTS FOR XMAS TERM, 1910.

Income and Expenditure Account.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Stock at commencement				Sales	138	7	9
of Term	..	7	12	0	Stock in hand	8	10
Purchases	..	118	19	5			
Gross Profit	..	20	6	4			
	£146	17	9		£146	17	9

Profit and Loss Account.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Working Expenses—				Gross Profits	20	6	4
Mrs. Richards	7	0	0	Discounts	6	0	1
Gas	1	12	0				
Tips	0	5	0				
Depreciation	1	0	0				
Net Profit	16	9	5				
	£26	6	5		£26	6	5

Balance Sheet, Jan., 1911.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Due to firms (Water System)	5	3	6	Balance at Bank	12	11	8
				Cash in hand	1	6	0
				Money owed	0	13	6
Balance	42	1	2	Premises and Fittings	24	3	6
	£47	4	8	Stock in hand	8	10	0
					£47	4	8

Debating Society.

ONE of the most successful and keenly contested debates took place on Sat., Feb. 25th. Mr. Pullinger was in the chair. The motion for discussion was, that 'In the opinion of this house, Debating Societies are of no practical use.'

The motion was proposed by L. G. Cooper, seconded by E. E. Roberts, and opposed by R. H. Hughes, seconded by C. Morgan.

As the hon. mover was quick to point out, the motion had special reference to School Debating Societies, and he forthwith proceeded to attack an institution which, in his opinion, only existed to give greater scope to the oratorical pranks of punsters, wags, and doggerel rymists. How much better to enjoy a cup of cocoa and a loaf of bread (standard) in the seclusion of one's study, than to injure one's jaws in a vain attempt to digest the stodgy food for thought his hon. opponents are so willing to provide in the debating arena.

R. H. Hughes, while deploring the depraved state into which the hon. mover had fallen, argued that if he chose to apply the words of the motion to the School Debating So-

ciety, he ought not to judge a School Debate by the same standard as would be applied to Debating Societies in the more general sense. Amongst the advantages of debates, he enumerated the acquisition of fluency of speech and power of expostulation, which he considered useful when playing golf and dealing with that awe-inspiring individual, the landlady. This latter sentiment was much appreciated by members of College House.

E. E. Roberts began by accusing the leader of the opposition of being a ladies' man (this because he had quoted rather freely from the marriage service). He then became humane, deploring the frequent introduction of personalities into School debates leading to much ill-feeling—the sublimity of this sentiment was rather marred by his referring to his opponent as 'our low-comedian and aerial visitor.'

C. Morgan rose amidst prolonged applause, so prolonged that the chairman was compelled to propose a time-limit for applause as well as speeches. It is impossible to convey in a few words an adequate impression of his steady outpouring of melodious phrases, or of the impressive delivery of an oration which is generally considered to be his masterpiece. Sharing a vast command of metaphor, he pointed out how useful oratory was in steering the ladder of success across the stormy sea of

The appeal to the house was first responded to by—

N. Griffiths, who appeared somewhat blinded by the dust thrown into his eyes by the previous speaker, for he failed to see the difference between School debates and debates in the general sense. However, he passed some scathing criticisms on the School Society and exposed various practices of the Hon. Sec., which made that gentleman look rather uncomfortable.

B. A. Jones next addressed the house, showing how far short the School Debating Society had fallen of his expectations, and pointing to this fact as a proof of its decay.

D. M. Evans, winking his sacerdotal eye at the chairman, informed the house that if the Debating Society had not made him a good orator, he had been told it had made him

a good preacher. Nothing at all sacerdotal, however, in the remarks he addressed to the proposers of the motion.

H. O. Williams, adopting a clerical pose, dwelt on the value in after-life of a knowledge of oratory, either from the forensic or purely practical point of view.

H. R. Weeks, who is now a regular speaker, gave a practical illustration of the value of Debating Societies, by showing a marked improvement on his previous efforts. He was particularly emphatic on the intellectual value of debates.

The only maiden speech was ably delivered by *Ellis*, who spoke against the motion, showing just a trace of that nervousness which, as a previous speaker informed us, so greatly afflicted Parnell. This similarity may be regarded as a good omen for still more striking resemblances in the future.

At this point *Mr. Pullinger* came to the rescue of the opposition, his place in the chair being partially filled by the Hon. Sec. with as much dignity and decorum as he could assume at such short notice. He urged members to vote according to their convictions, and drew a laughable picture of the state of that unfortunate individual who finds himself called upon for an after-dinner speech for the first time.

After the two principal speakers had summed up, which they did with much intensity of feeling, the motion was put to the house, and the votes resulted in a victory for the opposition by an overwhelming majority.

Our Letter Bag.

'**C**ONSTANT Buyer' writes to ask us to support through the medium of our influential columns the agitation in favour of the free distribution of copy-books, the expense being defrayed out of the Cefnfaes Calligraphy Fund. We feel certain that 'lines' and 'copies' would then gain the appreciation that they deserve. We would even go to the extent of displaying one of the useful and necessary volumes on the shelves of our editorial library.

'Feeling Bad' writes to us to ask how he may redress his grievances. His own familiar friend came to him the other day and requested the loan of a 'key' to Lock's Arithmetic. We can suggest nothing. Our professional punster is consulting his legal authorities about Prerogative and Prescriptive right.

'Profundo Basso' very kindly sends us, for the benefit of our lady readers, a recipe for making ice-cream. The ingredients necessary are a glassful of hot milk and some cocoa. We feel ourselves under a deep obligation to him, but think we will stick to our old-fashioned mixture of black-lead and lime-wash.

'Paderooshooshook' evidently confusing our sober pages with the 'Sporting Times,' or some other 'sport,' sends to us the terms of a wager. He states that he will keep the cheeks and chin of a certain Celtic Baron innocent of capillary attachments for the next year, on condition that the aforesaid gentleman allows his 'sideboards' and whiskers to grow in peace for the space of seven days. Very sporting indeed. We wonder if the victim of his generosity, in the event of his accepting the offer, will allow those who are trying to avoid the heavy hand of the law, to find temporary refuge in the undergrowth.

'Sprout' writes to ask us if the sticks placed near the gymnasium are put there to help the growth of sweet-peas, which, he has heard, have been planted there, in the hope of winning the *Daily Mail* prize. Worry not, friend 'Sprout.' This is only one of the latest pranks of the Science Non-descripts. We could not quite follow the scientific excuse vouchsafed, but we believe that it was intended in some way or other to prove that the sun could be seen at mid-day if the skies were cloudless.

'Moseley Secundus' send us the following:—

The Days of College Buns are gone,
They lie among the Dead;
Henceforth the prize for wit should be
A slice of Standard Bread.

As he says, the mournful news is true, 'Vixerunt.' But (and this is some consolation) anyone who sends up for a

current as a memento of his old friends, will receive the same on the payment of 3d. in half-penny stamps to defray cost of mounting.

Oxford Experiences.

THE Scholarship Candidate is a type you cannot mistake for a single second. You see him walking down the 'Corn,' decked out in all the extravagance of what he considers to be the Oxonian fashion. His sole ambition is to be mistaken for an Undergraduate. I was never so delighted in my life as when a real live Proctor came up and addressed me while indulging in a small lemonade with three boon companions at a much-frequented restaurant. Oh! the feeling of triumph that filled me through and through when that austere dignitary actually took off his cap and asked me if I was a member of the University! My highest hopes had been realised: after many rebuffs, I had at last been mistaken for an 'Oxford man.'

But, the other side of the picture. I remember walking into a picture-theatre, on which I had seen the legend, 'Undergraduates, 2/6; ordinary people, 6d.' How confidently I asked the man at the ticket-box in cultured accents, 'How much?' He looked me up and down, and then, to my intense disgust, said 'Sixpence.' I crawled away and went to buy a fresh supply of fashionable collars. Now behold me rejuvenated, hatless, and making superhuman efforts to manage a 'Russian' as nonchalantly as possible. I stroll into the Cadena, and, having drawled to the waiter in true Oxonian style, am just telling him I am a 'House' man, when some ass claps me on the back and says, 'Hello! how's Llandovery looking?' My house of cards falls to the ground, and the waiter walks away with a look of supreme contempt on his face.

But we must not forget the more serious side—the hard pegging away at excruciating papers, the madly exciting rushes into the porches of the various colleges, the awful feeling that resides somewhere in the pit of the stomach when we see a bit of white paper on the notice-board. I was en-

gaged in this pursuit one morning, and, having failed to discover my name in even the remotest corner of that dreadful paper, heard an excited youth behind me give an excited yell; he clutched my hand and informed me in no whisper that he had got a £30. He then proceeded to ask me if I'd got anything. I could not resist the temptation, but perjured my soul and told him very wearily that one College had offered me £80, and another £100. His fallen face was some reward for my grievous sin.

What a 'blood' I felt when the 'Scout' on my staircase asked me if I'd take beer to lunch! But how funny I felt in the unseen paper next hour. Alas! I had sold my scholarship for a mess of—beer.

One of the most agreeable parts of the trip is the going out to 'brekker' and tea with Old Boys. A word of warning might well be given to future 'Schol.-hunters.' Never go out to 'brekker' while the examination is in progress: you will find that the Oxford breakfast is wondrous conducive to slumber: your Greek prose will fade away into the distance as Morpheus claims you for his own.

But let me not leave the impression that Scholarship-getting is all 'beer and skittles' (the phrase is, of course, metaphorical)—far from it. Walking round Oxford asking for money is really a detestable job: and above all, the thought of one's duty to one's School ought to supersede all other considerations. A good Scholarship is the primary object. May there be many more forthcoming to cover the school and its occupants with honour and glory!

Legal.

LADY GOSSE v. VON PLATTEN AND BORATIO HOTTOMLEY.

(By our Special Correspondent.)

ON Wednesday, April 5, the Hilary Session of the Llandingat-cum-Myddfai circuit was terminated by the above case, in which a considerable amount of local interest was evinced. The procedure throughout was carried through with that judicial decorum and attention to detail,

for which the administration of His Worship Justice Regal is so justly famous.

Precisely at 7.50 the jury, an impressive body of picked men (foreman, N. Griffiths), filed in. It was an inspiring sight to see those 12 men, honest and true, swear by the *Daily Mail* Year Book to take an intelligent interest in the case, and to watch the 3 pressmen sharpen their pencils and focus their cameras: yet it was not until the dramatic entry of P.C. Bulger that the full majesty of the Law made itself felt. The appearance of Lady Gertrude Gosse, her graceful figure set off to advantage in a Harem Skirt as she leaned on the arm of her counsel, Sergeant Roarer, created a mild sensation in court. Sergeant K. O. Chine, W.C.G., strutted majestically in the rear, chatting confidentially with his two clients, Count von Platten and Boratio Hottomley.

Proceedings opened with a sensation, Sergeant Roarer objecting to the empanelling of Mr. Spurrell (Prof. Mustard) on the ground that he would be called to give evidence for the prosecution. Fortunately Mr. H. R. Jones was able to take his place.

The irrelevant remarks of the witnesses and the speeches of the two counsels do not make it easy to obtain a grasp of the case, or of the nationality, character, and social position of the parties concerned. It appears that Lady Gosse claimed damages for alleged libel contained in a letter written by Count von Platten, and published in the widely-read 'Fortnightly behind the Times,' of which Mr. Boratio Hottomley is editor. This letter contained—

1. Untrue descriptions of her dress and person; she was styled 'a freak, a frump, a dowl.'

2. Her diamonds were falsely stated to be paste.

3. As a result, her engagement with Viscount Whitland (the Hon. Bowen de Slug) was postponed.

Space forbids us to reflect the somewhat transparent brilliance of the speech of Sergeant Roarer, or to do justice to the wealth of classical quotation of Sergeant Chine. The former put great faith in a precedent in the 'Leges Titi Levitici,' which says:—'Liceat ambulare in viis aut in hobbeldibus skirtibus aut in Harema Veste.' Sergeant Chine made a strong point of the moral nobleness of his client

in not returning the blow when Lady Gosse (to quote Sergeant Roarer) 'soiled the delicate palm of her dainty hand by bringing it into severe contact with the bristly surface of the Count's unshaven cheek.'

After an adjournment for dinner, tactfully proposed by His Worship, the examination of witnesses began. Matters now became complex, affording the 2 Junior Counsels, Messrs. Roberts and Williams, an opportunity for subtle cross-examination. It was hard to keep pace with the alert intelligence and quick retorts of Detective-Inspector Dewdrop, who, disguised as a boy scout and concealed in a barrel, had been an eye-witness of the scene between the Count and Lady Gosse. The scientific technicalities of Professors Mustard and Salt, who proved the genuineness of Lady Gosse's diamonds, were very baffling. But the court was amply rewarded when they were enabled to drink in the intoxicating beauty of the fair plaintiff, and to feast their eyes on the spruce, well-groomed form of the Hon. Bowen de Slug, Viscount Whitland, whose good qualities were so ably attested by Frank Footon, a jockey of happier days. Very dramatic was the identification of the engagement ring bought by the Viscount, by Abraham Isaac, a jeweller, who stated he had a large stock, and would be having more in a day or two, quoting prices and ceasing only when Sergeant Roarer informed him he had no intention of buying. (Laughter and cries of 'order.')

The witnesses for the defence were even more heterogeneous. Count von Platten was first called. He gesticulated wildly to the accompaniment of weird gutturals, which Sergeant Chine by a flash of genius declared to be German language. This necessitated the services of Herr von Jiwlo, court interpreter: it was finally established that the Count was very much in love with Lady Gosse.

Mr. Boratio Hottomley, with an air of sublime indifference, admitted publishing the letter. Mr. Fourrier, a chauffeur, and Mr. Smythe Henderson (age 65, not verified) bore witness to the curious behaviour of Lady Gosse on various occasions. A striking feature was the evidence of Rev. Canon Peplow Webbe, who had preserved an attitude of subdued piety throughout. He expressed great sorrow at being the pastor

of so unruly a lamb. This atmosphere of sanctity was rudely dispelled by the entry of the uncouth Dafydd Moses, a bathing machine proprietor from the well-known seaside resort, Llanfairmaesthaneisaf. His evidence was in Welsh, and the interpreter was again called. This did not simplify matters for the pressmen. The last witness was Mr. Grub, B.D. (Bachelor D'Optics), who proved that the left eye of the Count was weak: whereupon the Count, who had been wearing his monocle in his right eye, immediately transferred it to his left.

The two Counsels then delivered their final orations, Sergeant Chine relying chiefly on another Sargent's materials and models for Latin prose, on quotations, alliterations, and solid arguments solidly delivered: Sergeant Roarer placing his confidence in lung power (top tenor, rising to full concert pitch during peroration), exhortations to weep, and dramatic pauses: the frequency of the last got on the nerves of P.C. Bulger, who blew his whistle during one of unusual length to mark half-time: this had the effect of making the pause less dramatic.

His Worship then summed up, and the Jury retired. The scene when they returned was dramatic in the extreme: they found Count von Platten guilty, Boratio Hottomley not guilty. On hearing the verdict, Lady Gosse clasped Viscount Whitland in her arms with one long-drawn cry of 'Bowen.' Thus this unique case ended as it had begun, with dignity and decorum.

Outstanding features were the impartiality and tact of His Worship, the delicacy of the foreman of the Jury in waking P.C. Bulger more than once, and finally the conduct of the representative of Law and Order himself, who appeared to obtain the maximum of enjoyment without any apparent neglect of his duties.

The Sports.

FELD on Monday, April 3, on the Cricket Ground. This year the School Sports attained a very high degree of excellence, the times and distances being very creditable indeed. Particular mention should be made

of the fine running of R. M. Humphreys in the Mile and in the Quarter-mile, and of L. G. Cooper's performance in the Long Jump. We are looking forward to an even better record next year. The results are:—

1. *Throwing Cricket Ball, open*—1st, J. T. Davies; 2nd, H. W. Weeks. 92 yards 1ft. 6in.
2. *Throwing Cricket Ball, under 16*—1st, W. R. Edmunds; 2nd, R. Roderick. 79 yards 6in.
3. 100 yards, *open*—1st, R. H. Humphreys; 2nd, H. R. Jones. Time, 11½sec.
4. 100 yards, *under 16*—1st, W. R. Edmunds; 2nd, L. D. Lewis. Time, 11½sec.
5. 100 yards, *under 14*—1st, P. B. Davies; 2nd, W. T. Griffiths. Time, 12½sec.
6. *High Jump, open*—1st, L. G. Cooper; 2nd, H. R. Jones. 4ft. 10in.
7. *High Jump, under 16*—1st, T. J. C. Davies; 2nd, G. Morgan. 4ft. 2½in.
8. *High Jump, under 14*—1st, W. T. Griffiths; 2nd, J. F. H. Williams. 3ft. 10in.
9. 300 yards, *under 13*—1st, P. E. Edmunds; 2nd, Renfrey. Time, 48½sec.
10. 440 yards, *open*—1st, R. M. Humphreys, 2nd, H. R. Jones; 3rd, L. G. Cooper. Time, 56sec.
11. 440 yards, *under 16*—1st, L. D. Lewis; 2nd, W. R. Edmunds. Time, 61½sec.
12. *Putting the Weight*—1st, H. R. Jones; 2nd, J. T. Davies. 27ft. 10in.
13. *Long Jump, under 14*—1st, W. R. Spurrell; 2nd, J. F. H. Williams. 14ft. 2in.
14. *Long Jump, open*—1st, L. G. Cooper; 2nd, E. M. Jones. 19ft. 7in.
15. *Long Jump, under 16*—1st, L. D. Lewis; 2nd, G. E. Davies. 15ft. 7in.
16. 120 yards, *handicap*—1st, R. B. Jones; 2nd, W. R. Edmunds; 3rd, J. K. Muir. Time, 12½sec.
17. *Warden's Race, 440 yards handicap, under 15*—1st, Llewellyn; 2nd, P. B. John; 3rd, Bassett; 4th, C. E. P. Davies; 5th, R. H. Thomas.
18. *Half-mile handicap*—1st, D. J. Lewis; 2nd, Renfrey; 3rd, H. R. Weeks.
19. *Consolation Race, open*—1st, W. A. Harries.
20. *Consolation Race, under 16*—1st, G. Williams.
- Steeplechase—Seniors*—1st, D. J. C. Jenkins; 2nd, D. M. Evans; 3rd, O. M. Williams.
- Steeplechase—Juniors*—1st, L. D. Lewis; 2nd, A. Ll. Williams; 3rd, W. T. Griffiths.
- Mile, open*—1st, R. M. Humphreys; 2nd, E. E. Roberts; 3rd, I. Williams. Time, 5min. 3sec.
- Senior Ladies' Prize*—R. M. Humphreys.
- Junior Ladies' Prize*—L. D. Lewis.

The thanks of the School are due to Col. Beddy and to Benjamin Evans, Esq., for their kindness in offering prizes for competition, to Mrs. Campbell-Davies for distributing

the prizes, and to Masters and Boys for their keenness in arranging and conducting the Sports.

SCHOOL v. MASTERS.

This fixture took place on Wednesday, April 5, on the Cricket Field. Weather conditions were very bad, a cold wind was blowing from the north, bringing with it frequent snow showers, which delayed proceedings frequently. The result was a draw of 4 events each, perhaps the most satisfactory of all possible results. The extra year since last meeting made all the difference to both sides. School won the Mile, the Half-mile, the Long Jump, and Throwing the Cricket Ball. The Masters won in the 100 Yards, the Quarter, Putting the Weight, and in the High Jump.

Tertium Quid.

SCENE. *Railway Station, about 4 p.m. Nothing very modern about station, except brand new trunk reposing on trolley, which is standing on right. Round corner of trunk protrudes an exaggerated boot. Recognising this as the conventional appendage of a custodian of the peace, you shudder and look away to the left, where you see a small bookstall on which, in addition to the usual papers and periodicals, stands a vase with three daffodils. A newspaper boy stands near whistling, and from the leek in his cap and the daffodils before mentioned, you rightly conclude that it is St. David's Day.*

Enter. 20th Century Youth (or, to be exact, later 19th). He advances from the door with a stealthy twisting movement somewhat resembling the contortions of a dying serpent, or the military manoeuvres of a Boy Scout. Evidently no ordinary traveller, for he carries a hand-bag, while a glance at his mud-stained boots testifies to the fact that he has walked some distance. He has the look of one who is pre-eminently unsuccessful in his career. Seems tired and careworn, as though weighed down by some secret sorrow—this may be either the effect of the long walk or the result of a heavy meal, of which there are abundant signs that he has been partaking. For one second he wavers, but a glance in the direction of the trolley assures him that the eye of

the law is closed. Still his conscience pricks him, as does the point of a pin with which his friends are desirous of impressing upon him the necessity of immediate action. Desired effect obtained: drawing himself down to his lowest height with the air of one whose mind is made up, and turning up the collar of his coat—to conceal the fact that he is wearing a 'stick-up' collar—he stealthily approaches the Booking Office. Arriving there, he adjusts himself so that his head appears just on a level with the pigeon hole, and he retains this undignified position by supporting himself with his left hand resting on the ground, while with the right he taps the counter and proceeds to address the clerk.

20th Century Youth. 'Half third to Llandovery.' (After this brief speech, seized with violent fit of coughing.)

Clerk (elderly man, speaking with pronounced Welsh accent and drawl). 'And where is your birth certificate, boy?' 20th Century Youth (smothering simulated yawn he brings his hand into contact with his chin: an appalling suspicion dawns upon him; he strokes his cheek; suspicion becomes a certainty. He had forgotten to shave. He sees the game is up, but resolves to die fighting. Undignified position, however, neither lends itself to steady flow of verbiage or to impressive delivery of the same. He straightens himself up. Surprise of booking-clerk on seeing sudden increase in size.)

20th Century Youth (muttering). Now I'm in a hole.

Booking Clerk (beaming). 'That's better, sir; thought you'd think better of it: 11½d. (handing whole ticket to Llandovery).

(Hurried exit of 20th Century Youth, and departure of himself and friends in train.)

B. PSHAW.

We have received letters arguing for and against the introduction of Association Football into the School during this Term. The arguments were very commendable on both sides: but the best argument of all is the fact that Association Football is not our School game, and it is irrefutable.—
ED.