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## Editorial.

HE shadow of death has overclouded the brightness of usually associated with the Easter term. We have lost a very old and dear friend in Mrs. Poole-Hughes, who for the last eleven years has been very closely connected with the School life. No higher tribute can be paid to her memory than by saying that the welfare of Llandovery was closest to her heart. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Warden in his deep affliction, through the loss of one whose motto, 'Gwyn eu byd y pur o galon,' was so nobly reflected in her life.

Another of our number, and this from the School itself, has been taken from our midst in the person of David Evan Thomas, who, after a protracted illness, was laid to rest at Ystradffyn early in February.

We have come to the end of a busy term in which football, hockey, and the sports have found a place. The football

season closed with a House match, which aroused great enthusiasm among the rival partisans. The weather, and in some measure the coal-strike, militated against the success of the hockey season, the failure of the train-service compelling us to scratch two fixtures. The preliminary training for the sports was greatly hindered by the sodden condition of the ground, in fact making it doubtful whether they could be held at all.

We have a very pleasant duty in offering R. G. Rees congratulations on being elected to an open Mathematical Scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. The School has also achieved distinction in the athletic world, in obtaining an International Cap and a 'Blue' to add to its list.

With this chronicle of joy and sorrow we submit the Journal to our readers.

# 3n Memoriam. Mrs. POOLE HUGHES. BORN JANUARY 5th, 1832. DIED FEBRUARY 4th, 1912. 'Gwyn eu byd y pur o galon.'

# Oxford Letter.

IR,—It seems hardly necessary to commence by saying how grieved we were to hear of the death of Mrs. Poole-Hughes. Those of us fortunate enough to be ill at Llandovery well know her kindness, and how her visits relieved the dreary monotony of the sick room.

The Easter term everywhere seems one too many, and Oxford is no exception to the general rule. Even football and hockey after one term tend to get monotonous, and unfortunately Llandoverians do not, as a rule, take to rowing, which is the principal feature of the term.

Luckily we are better represented in the boxing contests. P. G. Williams, after a somewhat prolonged tour of the more modern universities, has arrived at Keble. Though unfortunate this year, we still hope he'll box till he's 'blue.'

Rhydderch, I. M. Davies, Prys Jones, and J. Ll. Williams, owing to fast approaching schools, are seldom seen except on the football field. D. G. Davies, B. Rhys, and T. S. Philipps, however, have again unsported their oaks, and look little the worse after the ordeal of honor Mods. In fact Philipps' military moustache bristles with even greater vigour, and gives him an air of incredible fierceness. J. R. Davies has vacated his rooms at the 'Roe Buck,' and now resides in college. The strike somewhat keeps in check his restless desire for visiting the principal railway stations.

The mazes of Pusey Quad are no longer an insuperable difficulty for E. G. R. Hughes. He is now able to walk in a direct line from the lodge to his rooms. D. E. Davies, L. P. Evans, and R. M. Humphreys, have all three been conspicuous on the footer field. Humphreys played several times for the Varsity A, and regularly for the London Welsh, and has, besides, added another quarter mile cup to his collection. C. Morgan frequently speaks at the Union, and H. Ll. Williams at the Cambrian Society, of which he is president. Rhodri Hughes has not hidden his light under a bushel, and his songs are much in request at all smokers and dinners.

With all good wishes for the School's success we must take our leave.

Yours,

JOBAPT.

#### The School.

#### In Memoriam.

David Evan Thomas (1910-11), who died at Dolfallt, Cynghordy, on February 12th, aged 14 years.

There are six new boys.

R. Gwyn Rees has gained a Mathematical Scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

J. S. H. Davies has passed the London Matriculation.

The following Lectures have been given in the New Gymnasium:—On Dickens' 'Christmas Carol,' by Mr. Stafford Webber; on 'Social Life and Labour in Morocco,' by Mr. Ward; and on 'Big Game Shooting in India,' by Mr. Gilbert.

The School Musical Society, assisted by Colonel and Mrs. Lloyd Harries, Miss Easton, and Rhodri Hughes (O. Ll.), gave a Concert at the end of last term.

The Football Team has had a most successful season, and has again won both its School matches—the Sherborne match by I goal 2 tries to I try, and the Brecon match by I goal to I try.

#### O.Il's.

#### MARRIAGES

Phillips—Williams.—On November 22, at the Parish Church, Dowlais, Evan William Monger Hubert Phillips, M.A., M.B., B.Ch. (Oxon), to Margaret Irene, second daughter of the Rev. Ll. M. Williams, Rector of Dowlais.

Williams—Eaton.—At West Kirby Parish Church, on Jan. 24th, Sydney Bowen Williams, M.A., Vicar of Dale, Pemb.,

to Therese Hubertina Eaton, of Dale, widow of the late C. P. Eaton, M.A.

The Rev. D. J. Evans has been appointed Rector of Llangunider, Breconshire; the Rev. W. Seldon Morgan, Vicar of All Saints, Sheffield; and the Rev. M. A. E. Thomas, Rector of Nolton-cum-Roch, Pembrokeshire.

A. B. Mayne (Balliol College) has won the Junior University Mathematical Scholarship. The Junior Scholarship is the highest distinction in Mathematics at Oxford, open to undergraduates.

D. G. Ewan Davies obtained a 1st Class (Honours) in the Final Examination of the Law Society. He was the only one in the United Kingdom who achieved this distinction, and is the Clement's Inn Prizeman for the year.

W. Llewellyn Williams, M.P., has been appointed Recorder of Swansea.

W. S. Rowlands has been elected Professor of Philosophy at the Government College, Jubbulpore, India.

The following O.I.Is. have been playing in first-class football:—The Rev. Alban Davies (Swansea and Glamorgan), D. G. Ewan Davies (Cardiff and Glamorgan), Hugh Morris (London Hospital and East Midlands), R. M. Humphreys (London Welsh), and J. W. Lewis (Swansea).

- D. G. Ewan Davies gained his Welsh International Cap, and played for Wales v. England. He is the twentieth O.I.I. to achieve this distinction.
- G. Jones has obtained his 'Blue' at Oxford in the Long Jump.
- H. M. Cleaver has been appointed Registrar of the Diocese of St. Asaph.

C. F. Cleaver has been elected an A.M.I.C.E.

Mr. H. G. May and Rhodri Hughes have joined the Society.

The Secretary of the O.Ll. Society gratefully acknowledges the following Subscriptions to the School Improvement Fund:—The Rev. J. A. Hughes (3), 5s.; T. Latimer Jones (4), 5s.; the Rev. D. Davies (Dinas Powis) (4), £1 1s.

# The Football Season, 1911=12.

HE Christmas term programme came to an end with a handsome victory over the Old Llandoverians. Out of eight 1st XV. matches played, three were lost and five won. Wins were registered over the Rev. G. I. R. Jones' XV.; Mr. R. K. Green's XV.; Sherborne School; Christ College, Brecon; and the Old Llandoverians. We suffered defeat thrice, v. The Rev. R. H. Roberts' XV. (by a single point); v. S. D. College, Lampeter; and v. the Swansea Grammar School Old Boys—the latter fixture being a most pleasing innovation.

Most unfortunately, for the third season in succession, we lost, through injury, the valuable services of our captain. It is to be hoped that cruel fate is at last propitiated.

As to the XV., what is our verdict? It was a good school side, and well up to our usual standard. It could not be described as a great side—a team cannot attain to greatness without the possession of pace in its outsides—and our quartette taken as a line was slow, one might almost say, very slow. Still we have every reason to be satisfied with the XV. of IGII—I2.

Our 'A' team played their usual single game which they lost by rather a large margin. Our 2nd XV. played three matches, of which they lost two and won one—the latter a narrow win over Swansea Grammar School.

The Junior Leagues took place towards the end of the Christmas term, and were this time played to a finish. They were a success mainly owing to the fact that the sides were far more even than in recent years. Mr. Jones' league was

again victorious under the captaincy of D. F. Jones, who, together with W. J. Williams, was largely responsible for its success.

The Senior Leagues, played in the Easter Term, were favoured with unusually good weather, and were productive of good football. Here, too, the sides were fairly even, and the excellent tackling was a very pleasing feature. H. J. Powell's XV. emerged victorious; it consisted of the following:—H. J. Powell (Capt); D. T. Williams, C. B. Davies, D. G. Williams, D. R. Williams, R. T. Howells, G. Williams, Weeks, W. H. Williams, R. M. Jones, W. H. Jones, J. S. H. Davies, and E. M. Forster. Three reserves also played:—A. Lloyd Williams, Ellis, and E. W. Davies.

Players who showed a marked improvement in form were W. A. Harries, Horace Jones, J. F. H. Williams, Jennings, and D. F. Jones.

The season came to an end with a splendidly contested House Match. The College v. The Rest, and the result was a narrow win for the College. Contrary to expectation, the college forwards more than held their own, wheras their 'outsides' failed to exhibit such superiority as was generally anticipated. The deciding try was the outcome of an excellent opening and run by T. P. Williams.

The School's best thanks are due to Mr. Jones andd Mr. May for their most valuable help and advice.

2ND XV. Caps were awarded to-

S. L. Buckland (Capt.). A fair centre three-quarter who did not fulfil his earlier promise. A fair tackler and good kick.

E. M. Jones, a fast wing three-quarter. A poor kick. Must learn to go harder and keep his place.

D. R. Williams, a hard-working though clumsy forward. A poor dribbler, and is too inclined to grovel on his hands and feet.

R. G. Rees, a hard-working forward. A fair dribbler.
C. R. Humphreys, a promising out half, who has 'come on 'a lot

both in defence and attack. A good kick.

D. O. Williams, a promising forward. At present is very slow. A

clever dribbler. A good tackler.

R. T. Howells, a most promising in half, who passes out very well.

An excellent rush stopper.

W. A. Harries, a fast wing three-quarter, who came on a lot at the end of the season. His defence is much improved.

J. W. R. Thomas, a very hard-working and dashing forward. A fair dribbler and good tackler.

D. A. Evans, a big forward, who should improve very much next season.

G. M. Evans, a plucky defensive player, but a poor kick. He should practise quick kicking and fielding.

G. Williams, a promising wing three-quarter, who goes very hard.

An excellent tackler, but poor kick.

G. G. Roberts, a very promising fast forward. He should indulge in much dribbling practice. A fair tackler.

H. R. Weeks, a good hooker, but will not improve in other directions unless he displays more energy. A poor dribbler.

Hector Rees, a promising forward. At present a poor dribbler, but should improve with practice.

XL. Caps were awarded to-

W. H. Williams, a light and fairly dashing forward. At present too inclined to the 'hanging offside 'habit.

J. F. H. Williams, a very promising young forward. A good scrum

worker. A poor dribbler, but is good on the line out.

R. M. Jones, a clever and neat forward, who dribbles very well. At present his weakness is going at half-pace and hanging offside.

T. W. Powell, a big forward, who has yet to learn to make full use of his weight, especially in the 'scrum.' A poor dribbler.

Horace Jones, a fair three-quarter, but must learn to go harder. A poor kick and a fair tackler.

G. H. Jonnings, a young forward who has come on a lot. If once he rids himself of his lethargy, should be good.

D. S. Jones, a promising three-quarter, who can turn inside very

S. R. Griffith, a light dashing forward. At present cannot control the ball. Should practise dribbling.

D. F. Jones, a much-improved and plucky half-back. A good kick and sound tackler.

### Thockey.

SCHOOL XI. v. THE MASTERS.

HIS match was played on School ground on February 6 the 28th, 1912. School lined out as follows:—(Goal) B. A. H. Jones; (Full backs) D. A. Evans, H. J. Powell; (Halves) A. C. Owen, C. R. Humphreys, T. P. Williams; (Forwards) E. E. Roberts, Sir J. A. Owen, Bart. (capt.),O. M. Williams, R. G. Rees, and D. T. Williams.

A well contested game ended in a win for the School by one goal. Score-

> School .. 4 goals Masters . . .. 3 goals

SCHOOL XI. v. MR. LOCKYER'S TEAM.

This match was played on Saturday, March 9th. lined out as follows:—(Goal) B. A. H. Jones; (Full-backs) D. A. Evans, W. H. Williams; (Halves) A. C. Owen, C. R. Humphreys, T. P. Williams; (Forwards) Sir J. A. Owen,

Bart. (Capt.), R. G. Rees, O. M. Williams, D. G. Williams, and D. T. Williams.

This interesting and vigorous game ended in a draw. Its chief feature was the excellent goal keeping of B. A. H. Jones. Score-

School .. .. 3 goals Mr. Lockyer's XI. . . .. 3 goals.

1st XI. colours were given this term to the following:-B. A. H. Jones as goal keeper; D. A. Evans and H. J. Powell as full-backs; A. C. Owen and T. P. Williams as halves; R. G. Rees, D. T. Williams, and E. E. Roberts as forwards. The old colourmen were Sir J. A. Owen, Bart. (capt), O. M. Williams, and C. R. Humphreys.

#### The School Committee.

T a meeting of the above committee held on February 2nd, 1912, Sir J. A. Owen, Bart., was unanimously elected hockey captain for 1912. R. G. Rees was also chosen to serve as a member of the School Committee. A meeting was also held on March 14th to make arrangements for the forthcoming sports. Sir J. A. Owen, Bart., and O. M. Williams were appointed sports secretaries. H. O. Williams, B. A. Jones, E. E. Roberts, and W. A. Harries, together with the secretaries, were elected to form the Handicapping Committee.

The Rev. G. I. R. Jones took the chair at both meetings.

### School Concert.

HIS concert, which is annually given by the Vocal Society, took place on Saturday, Dec. 18th. The Society was again assisted by Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd-Harries, Mrs. Lloyd-Harries, and Miss Olive Easton. R. H. Hughes (O.L.I.) also gave us some capital songs of a lighter character.

The chorus appeared to best advantage in "Elgar's Dance from the Bavarian Highlands," which was sung with great vivacity, and entered fully into the spirit of the piece. In all the pieces, perhaps it may be said, the tenor and bass were too heavy for the other voices, which were rather weaker than usual.

Col. Lloyd-Harries gave some delightful selections from his repertoire, and had even more attraction for us than on other occasions, and this says much.

Miss Easton, as before, soon turned any possible criticism into admiration. Indeed we may say with conviction that a very great part of the success of the concert was due to Miss Easton, Colonel Lloyd-Harries, and Mrs. Lloyd-Harries, who accompanied the violin solos. The following is the programme:—

Cantata—' The Ballad of the "Clampherdown The Musical Society.	,,,	J. 1	F. Bridge
Song—' In Sympathy ' Mr. H. G. May.	• •	Fran	co Leoni
Violin Solo—(a) Padre Martini—'Andantino ' (b) 'Liebeslied ' LieutColonel T. Lloyd-Har		Fritz	Kreisler
Song—(a) 'A Lament' (b) 'When Celia Sings' Miss Olive Easton.			Lambert Moir
Ballad—'The Sands of Dee' The Musical Society.	• •	Oli	ver King
Violin Solo—' Bohémienne '	ies.	$Vi\epsilon$	euxtemps
Song—' Aubade à la fiancée '		Frank	Lambert
Song—'Glorious Devon'		Edward	German
Song—'April Morn' with Violin Obbligato. LieutColonel 1 Miss Olive Easton.	`. Lloy	d-Harrie	Batten es,
Humorous Song— Mr. Rhodri H. Hughes.			
Choral Song—' The Dance,' from the Bayarian The Musical Society.	Highla	nds	Elgar
'The Carmen.'			

Our thanks are due to Mr. Smit, who worked untiringly to bring the choir up to such a pitch of excellence; with him we also include Miss Smith, and we congratulate both Mr. Smith and the choir on an excellent programme excellently sustained.

The National Anthem

### 'The Book.'

To is with the greatest pleasure that we have perused a volume lately brought under our notice, which is known by the simple title of 'The Book.'

At present it is only in manuscript (not because, as some assert, the printers refused to have it in form(e)), and is not quite complete, although this does not take away from its attractiveness. For the benefit of the unknowing we may state that it is the work of several collaborators, and represents the labour of many years; and, as it is a known fact that many a one has considered for a whole morning what is pithily condensed in the space of five lines, the book is most scientific, and gets right into the primary causes of things.

For subject it deals mainly with the tragic side of human life, and we may trace the downfall of many a noble character, starting from the innocent 'forgot' to the incriminating 'to explain.' A touch of levity is sometimes shown in the unconscious humour of certain authors, while a bold dash of blue relieves the monotony of the black, where the writer wishes to draw especial attention to his own particular hero. Most subtle sarcasm can also be noticed in the use of inverted commas, through which the imagination is inspired to picture great phantasies of evil. In some places the thread of the narrative is difficult to pick up, but the local members of the chorizontes have divided it up into ten different lays, which are equally good apart from the others. . . . .

This conclusion they arrived at by a comparison of the proper names. From every quarter we have heard remarks about the book, from which we quote: 'Rather too portimpressionistic for my taste'; again, 'A striking piece of work,' and 'Takes a lot of beating.' Such praise can only point to its popularity, especially among the junior members of the school.

What rather spoils it as a tragic drama is negligence in the observation of the three unities, for while time and place are fairly well established, action is sometimes deferred to prolong the suspense. In short we can say with conviction that it is a charming book, well deserving of its popularity, and though it may be objected that crimes often are portrayed in their most repulsive aspect, the volume nowhere descends to maudlin sentimentality.

### The Sports.

HESE were held on Friday, March 29th, on the Cricket Ground. The results obtained were on the whole not quite up to last year's standard, but were nevertheless very creditable. The outstanding features were the results of the 100 yards and quarter-mile in the open races, and in the junior competitions the performances of Roderick with the cricket ball, and G. G. Roberts in the long jump. Results:—

1. Throwing the Cricket Ball, open—1st, B. A. Jones; 2nd, H. O. Williams. 92 yards 8in.

2. Throwing the Cricket Ball, under 16—1st, R. Roderick; 2nd, H. H. G. Williams. 92 yds. 9 in.

3. 100 yards, open—1st, W. A. Harries; 2nd, H. O. Williams. 11\u00e3 sec.

4. 100 yards, under 16—1st, G. G. Roberts; 2nd, G. Price. 11\frac{1}{5} sec.
5. 100 yards, under 14—1st, W. G. Roberts; 2nd, W. G. Davies.

6. High Jump, open—D. A. Evans. 4ft. 8in.

7. High Jump, under 16—1st, G. Price; 2nd, H. H. G. Williams.

8. High Jump, under 14-1st, P. F. Edmunds; 2nd, H. C. Murless, 3ft. 10in.

9. 300 yards, under 13—1st, W. G. Roberts; 2nd, Ralph Davies.  $49\frac{3}{5}$  sec.

10. 440 yards, open—1st, E. E. Roberts; 2nd, H. O. Williams; 3rd, W. R. Edmunds. 57\frac{1}{2} sec.

11. 440 yards, under 16—1st, G. G. Roberts; 2nd, G. Williams. 614 sec.

12. Putting the Weight-H. O. Williams. 24ft. 11in.

13. Long Jump, under 14—1st, H. C. Murless; 2nd, P. E. Edmunds. 12ft. 94in.

14. Long Jump, open-B. A. Jones. 16ft. 4in.

15. Long Jump, under 16—1st, G. G. Roberts; 2nd, W. L. Evans. 16ft. 34in.

16. 120 yards, handicap—1st, P. B. Davies; 2nd, W. L. Evans; 3rd, W. G. Davies.

17. Warden's Race, 440 yards handicap, under 15—1st, J. F. H. Williams; 2nd, W. F. Renfrey; 3rd, W. S. Parrish; 4th, D. A. Jones; 5th, W. Morgan.

18. Half-mile handicap—1st, Ralph Davies; 2nd, E. Forster; 3rd,

I. W. B. Lewis,

19. Consolation Prize, open—J. S. H. Davies. 20. Consolation Prize, under 16—H. D. Hughes

Steeplechase, open—1st, C. R. Humphreys; 2nd, O. M. Williams; 3rd, J. M. Richards.

Steeplechase, under 16—1st, W. T. Griffiths; 2nd, P. E. Edmunds; 3rd, G. G. Roberts.

Mile, open—1st, E. E. Roberts; 2nd, D. T. Williams; 3rd, C. R. Humphreys. 5min. 22sec.

Senior Ladies' Prize—F. E. Roberts. Junior Ladies' Prize—G. G. Roberts.

The thanks of the School are due to Mr. Benjamin Evans and Col. Beddy for offering prizes, and to Mrs. Smaile for so kindly presiding at the prize distribution. We also thank all masters and boys who contributed to the success of the sports.

# Debating Society.

debate, the only one of the term, was held on March 2nd, with Mr. Ralph in the chair. The motion under discussion was as follows:—'That in the opinion of this House, Mr. Churchill's action in going to Belfast in face of such protest is to be censured.'

E. E. Roberts in opening the debate strove to point out that there can be no such thing as perfect freedom of speech, differentiating between the legal freedom and the conventional restraint. He also attached great importance to the moral evil of speeches calculated to raise bad feeling. He appeared rather more happy in his convictions than his arguments.

H. W. Spurrell rising in opposition confined himself mainly to the two points raised by the first speaker. He insisted upon the essential freedom of speech, and pointed out by means of his authorities that even inflammatory speeches are legal. Moreover, the Nationalists in Belfast in that constituency were in the majority.

H. R. Weeks, following in the same line of argument, again insisted upon the conventional restraint of speeches, and deprecated the expenses of the journey, to be borne, forsooth!! by the country. Mr. Churchill was then submitted to a scathing indictment of policy, character, and morals.

W. H. Belcher, speaking fourth, drove home the arguments of his principal, and apologizing for hesitation on the score

of inexperience, made additional inroads into the opposing lines.

The debate being thrown open, H. D. Hughes and D. Ll. Ellis, who introduced some quaint archaisms or colloquialisms, supported the proposer, while H. O. Williams gave us of the overflowing fountains of his mind against the motion, and Maurice-Jones suggested an emendation in the text of the proposer's speech.

After a short answer had been given by each principal, on a division the opposors won by 17 votes—13. The attendance, probably owing to the dissipation of St. David's Day, was small, but this was in no way an unpleasant feature.

# Lecture in the New Gymnasium.

N Monday, January 29th, a most interesting lecture was delivered on 'Big Game Shooting,' by Mr. F. W. Gilbert, of Llanelwedd, who had fortunately quite recovered from his illness. Among those present were Lieut.-Gen. Sir James Hills-Johnes, V.C., G.C.B., and Mr. Benjamin Evans. Mr. Gilbert began by explaining the vast differences between the lion in his native fastnesses, and in his captive condition. He explained that lions only appeared in hot weather, and were even then comparatively harmless, unless provoked. It was considered a point of honour among huntsmen to kill wounded beasts, as they always attacked the next human beings they met. Mr. Gilbert then gave us some very interesting information about other jungle animals-tigers, bears, panthers, and cheetahs. The lecture was accompanied by an excellent set of lantern-slides. At the close Sir James Hills-Johnes related a very interesting personal anecdote, in which he described how the reputation of a British officer was saved.

# Tuck Shop Committee.

meeting was held on April 1st, 1912, the Warden taking the chair. After the balance sheet had been read by Mr. Tilly, the committee decided to hold meetings during the first fortnight of each term.

The question of a new roof was then brought up, and Mr. Tilly and the Rev. G. I. R. Jones were asked to look into the matter. Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Below is the Balance Sheet :-

#### TUCK SHOP ACCOUNT.

#### December, 1911.

#### Trading Account.

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#### Profit and Loss Account.

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Paper Bags		I	15	7				
Cheque Book		O	10	0				
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#### Balance Sheet.

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