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Editorial.

THIS term has been more than usually eventful for an Easter Term. The two important, or rather eventful, terms are generally the first and the third, while the second seems to be a period when the School rests after its football exertions, before plunging into the whirlpool of cricket and Board work. But the Easter Term of 1913 will surely be remembered for many years as being quite exciting.

In the first place we have witnessed yet another step in the forward march of a great public school, in the beginnings of what promises to become a magnificent Science department. No longer will the Old Buildings stairs, and dormitories be honoured with the atmospheric disturbances in which scientific students rejoice ; no longer will the heart be cheered by the comforting sizzlings, explosions, and conse-

quent expletives which issue from this mysterious room, for new walls are arising which look thick enough to defy even the efforts of our most energetic novices.

One cannot think of this new development without remembering the name of Mr. Benjamin Evans. What he has done in the past and what he is doing in connection with our new Science Lab. cannot be adequately acknowledged in such small pages.

Yet another distinctive feature of this term is the success which has attended the efforts of our 'Varsity pilgrims.

H. W. Robinson has gained for us another Balliol Scholarship, while G. M. Evans has rendered the present Mathematical Sixth and its tutor famous by being the first Llandoveryian to carry the honours at Christ Church. The well-wishes of the School go with these two brilliant students to Oxford, where they are expected to distinguish themselves still further.

D. O. Williams stormed Jesus College, Oxford, with success, while H. W. Spurrell and D. A. Evans successfully represented the Historical side of the School at Worcester College, Oxford, and Downing College, Cambridge respectively.

The efforts of our Hockey team and League enthusiasts are recorded elsewhere in this number.

The only remaining things to be said are that the weather has caused unusual strength and vividness of language, that the health of the School has been unusually good, and that St. David's Day passed without any untoward occurrence.

Such is, briefly, the account of this term, and despairing of ever arousing the latent literary talent of the School, we beg to present yet another number of the 'Mag.'

Oxford Letter.

DEAR Mr. Editor,—In accordance with your request I take up my pen to write an Oxford Letter. The proverbial dulness of the Hilary Term, enhanced as it has been again this year by the wretchedness of the weather, is to a great extent accountable for its monotony, whereas the increase in our numbers is entirely responsible for its lack of

detail. I am not going to bother you with statistics, which perhaps are rightly looked upon with disfavour nowadays, but roughly speaking there are at present some thirty-five Old Llandoveryians at Oxford. It would then require a special commission to investigate into all the details of the lives of each individual. I do not mean to imply by that that there is any need for such an inquiry. Far be it from me to suggest any such proposal. For we are still on very good terms with the Proctors. Occasionally, however, the barks of the 'Bullers' may be heard, but nothing more, for we have developed a great averseness to dogs ever since our many trying experiences with 'Togo.'

The chief event of the term, as far as the O.L.'s *en bloc* were concerned, was an Old Boys' Dinner held at the Clarendon Hotel. It is proposed that this welcomed precedent should become an annual affair. It was with much regret that we learnt the Warden was unable to attend. The President of the evening was W. E. Rhydderch, who did full justice to his several duties.

Apart from the O.L. Dinner nothing noteworthy took place, except that a few of our numbers have been testing the rapids of Mods. L. G. Cooper of Jesus, F. de Q. Mears of Worcester, W. G. C. Morgan of Queen's have taken Honour Schools in Classics. Sir J. A. Owen, Bart., of St. John's, W. H. Belcher of Worcester, and E. S. Jenkins of Keble have taken Pass Schools this term. Great things are expected of them all before they start out for 'fresh fields and pastures new.'

To turn to the biographical part of this letter—

W. E. Rhydderch plays Soccer for Hertford, and occasionally indulges in a game of Golf. Otherwise he is conspicuous by his absence.

D. E. Davies ably captains the Worcester Hockey Team, and when not so engaged is frequently found lost in the mazes of legal technicalities.

D. G. Davies has given up rowing, and occasionally figures now as a flying wing for Queen's.

P. Halewood apparently 'scorns delights and lives laborious days.'

A. B. Mayne has ceased to 'corn stalk' even to the Union. His broad smile is much missed there.

Joshua Davies is still smiling.

T. S. Philipps plays Rugby and Hockey for Jesus.

Brian Rhŷs does likewise. Through stress of circumstances he was unable to attend the O.L.I. Dinner. It was better not to appear at all than to play the Judas and leave it.

O. J. Jones is feeding for the Bar.

J. R. Davies discourses most eloquently on the 'Theological Problems of the day. He is an archbishop in embryo.

R. M. Humphreys plays regularly for St. John's, and well deserves his colours. The combination of Humphreys and Jack Lewis has on several occasions proved most fruitful.

R. H. Hughes is by now a full-fledged connoisseur in the histrionic art. His long contemplated tour has not yet come off. His 'engagements' at Oxford are numerous.

W. G. C. Morgan has not been very much in evidence this term. His genial smile and ruddy hair have been very much missed. Until it was discovered that Mods. were on, it was thought that the 'red tulip' had been transplanted into some hothouse over the winter. In his leisure hours, however, he figured prominently as Vice-President of the Cambrian Society.

H. W. Weeks has ceased to grow (corporally).

O. M. Williams made a decided hit in the Junior Maths. Prize. He came out top of his year, and ought to make a bold bid for first place next year. To crown this academic success he obtained his Rugby Colours for St. John's. He also plays in the Soccer XI.

D. M. Evans plays Rugby and Hockey for Jesus. Sometimes he figures in the Jesus 2nd Soccer XI. It is rumoured that he was elected Secretary of the Welsh Church Service this term.

R. G. Rees finds a quiet retreat in work and a little golf.

C. W. V. Lewis has given up his acrobatic and gymnastic performances. He has now taken to the river and coxes the College fours.

G. Sinnett Jones has discovered the pleasures of work, and waxes eloquent of Demosthenes, as translated by Bohn and Cicero by Kelly.

R. Bowen de Jones-Bowen, alias Viscount Whitland, is said to be going strong for his 'blues.' It is not surprising, as he is very fond of asking people to 'roll round to coffee.' The Hon. Viscount has not yet joined the Bullingdon.

H. S. Johns (N.B. the Sin John) has been slightly indisposed. His complaint was '—— sponditis.' (Honourable readers will pardon the writer for forgetting the first part of the term applied to his complaint.) He has, however, fully recovered.

H. L.I. Williams now grows a moustache, and no longer needs Tatcho.

E. S. Jenkins holds forth most eloquently on Anti-Disendowment, and believes in an Established Church (with two 'aitches'). All Nonconformists, according to his views, are going to 'Αἰδῆς' (with a smooth breathing).

In concluding this letter I beg, on behalf of the O.L.I.'s at Oxford, to thank the Warden for the cordial way in which he received us at the end of last term, and also to congratulate H. W. Robinson and G. M. Evans on their Scholarships, and D. O. Williams, D. A. Evans, and H. W. Spurrell on their respective Exhibitions.

With best wishes for the future success and prosperity of the School.

I am yours,

O.L.I.

[P.S.—I forgot to insert that J. T. Davies came up to Keble last term, and that he played quite good Rugby games for his College. Sir J. A. Owen, Bart., and he also appeared for the London Welsh in the course of the term.]

The School.

HERE are six new boys.

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Through the splendid generosity of Mr. Benjamin Evans, one of the Trustees, a beautiful block of building is to be added to the School. It will contain Chemical and Physical Laboratories and Classrooms. It is a noble gift, and of its kind unparalleled in the history of the School.

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H. Wood Robinson, son of the Rev. T. W. Robinson (O.L.), has gained the open Mathematical Scholarship at Balliol College, Oxford.

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D. O. Williams has gained a Welsh Classical Exhibition at Jesus College, Oxford.

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Grier Davies has passed the Associateship Examination of the College of Violinists (London).

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The School Musical Society, assisted by Colonel and Mrs. Lloyd Harries and Miss Easton, gave a Musical Afternoon on December 14th.

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We had three very interesting Lectures last term—On 'Bird Life,' by Mr. Oliver Pike; on 'Bridges and Bridge Builders,' by Mr. J. Ballinger; and on 'Punch Cartoons and Comedies,' by Mr. Stafford Webber.

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The Football XV. for the third year in succession won both its School matches—the Sherborne match by 1 try to nil, and the Brecon match by 2 goals 1 try to nil. It was a good all-round team, and was especially strong forward.

O.L.'s.

MARRIAGE.

THOMAS—CANNING.—On February 8th, at London, Ontario, D. Alan R. Thomas, formerly of Penybont, Llandoverly, to Sadie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Canning, of Belfast, Ireland.

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The Rev. W. L. Nicholas, Rector of Flint, has been appointed a Canon of St. Asaph Cathedral.

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R. Ivor Jones, Headmaster of Newtown County School, has been elected Headmaster of Pontypool Grammar School.

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The Rev. George Roberts has been appointed Vicar of Rhayader; the Rev. H. S. F. Williams, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Pontypridd; and the Rev. J. D. Jones, Vicar of St. Mary's, Bangor.

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O. M. Williams (Scholar of St. John's College, Oxford) was 'highly distinguished' in the Examination for the Junior University Mathematical Scholarship at Oxford.

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An O.L. Dinner was held at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, on January 17th. Lieut.-General Sir James Hills-Johnes, V.C., presided. Our thanks are due to Dr. W. G. Williams and T. W. Langman for kindly acting as Secretaries.

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J. L. Morgan (Llanelly) and the Rev. J. Alban Davies (Swansea) have gained Welsh International Caps—the former played *v.* South Africa and England, and the latter *v.* Scotland.

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This brings our total number of caps up to 22.

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The following is the complete list:—C. P. Lewis (capt. 82, 83, 84), W. H. Thomas (whilst at School), E. P. Alexander,

Rev. C. B. Nicholl, J. Conway Rees, T. J. Price Jenkins, E. J. Lewis, T. A. Rees, F. L. Margrave, E. H. Bishop, W. H. Howells, Rev. A. A. Mathews, R. L. Thomas, D. W. Evans, D. W. Nicholl, G. Rosser Evans, Rev. A. M. Jenkin, E. M. Rowland, H. V. Watkins, D. G. Ewan Davies, J. L. Morgan, Rev. J. Alban Davies. D. T. Lewis was also chosen to play, but was unable to do so. We can claim one Association Cap—Rev. T. Jenkins.

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The Rev. C. Mostyn Davies played for Wales v. Ireland at Hockey, and the Rev. H. H. Williams and the Rev. N. L. James played in the Welsh Trial Matches.

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H. C. Naunton Davies, W. N. Morgan, and O. J. Jones have joined the Society.

School Concert.

THE Annual Concert took place on Saturday, Dec. 14th, in the Gymnasium. The School Choir was again kindly assisted by Lieut.-Colonel Lloyd-Harries, Mrs. Lloyd-Harries, Miss Lloyd-Harries, and Miss Olive Easton.

The chorus rendered a number of Christmas Carols, instead of the usual Ballads and Choral Songs. The carols were sung with great feeling and expression, the voices being very evenly balanced; they appeared to even greater advantage in the part song, the rhythm and swing of the piece finding full expression.

Col. Lloyd-Harries treated us to some delightful selections, which were appreciated to the fullest extent by the gathering.

Miss Olive Easton once again amply demonstrated her abilities as a vocalist, her rendering of 'The Sands of Dee' being especially praiseworthy.

The success of the concert was, in no small way, due to the efforts of Col. Lloyd-Harries, Mrs. Lloyd-Harries, Miss Olive Easton, and Miss Lloyd-Harries, to whom we are greatly indebted. The following is the programme:—

LLANDOVERY COLLEGE, 1st XV. 1912-13.



From left to right—Top row, G. G. Roberts; D. R. Williams; D. A. Evans; J. F. H. Williams; T. W. Powell; E. M. Jones; R. T. Howells. Second row, D. G. Williams; T. P. Williams; H. J. Powell (*Capt.*); T. J. C. Davies; B. A. Jones. Bottom row, C. R. Humphreys; W. A. Harries.

- Carols :—(a) ' Iist, oh ! list, what voice is swelling ' *F. A. Clarke*
 (b) ' Good King Wenceslas ' *Traditional*
- Solo Treble—H. W. Wykes. Solo Tenor—B. A. Jones.
- (c) ' We Three Kings of Orient are ' *Arr. by J. Stainer*
 Solos—B. A. Jones, D. A. Evans, G. G. Roberts.
- Song—' Scenes that are brightest ' (Maritana) .. *W. V. Wallace*
 W. F. Renfrey.
- Pianoforte Duet—' Praeludium ' *Jaernefelt*
 Mr. F. H. Smith and D. O. Williams.
- Violin Solo—' Reverie ' *Vieuxtemps*
 Lieut.-Col. T. Lloyd-Harries.
- Part Song—' See our oars with feather'd spray ' .. *Stevenson*
 Song—' The Sands of Dee ' *Clay*
 Miss Olive Easton.
- Carols :—(a) ' Through the Empyrean ' .. *J. Farmer*
 Solo—O. D. Ballinger.
- (b) I heard the bells on Christmas Day ' *H. A. Chambers*
 (c) ' See amid the Winter snow ' .. *J. Goss*
 Solo—A. P. N. Roberts.
- Vocal Duet—' Still as the Night ' *Gotze*
 Miss Olive Easton and Miss D. Lloyd-Harries.
- Violin Solo—(a) ' Humoreske ' *Dvorak*
 (b) ' Zigeunerweisen ' *Sarasate*
 Lieut.-Col. T. Lloyd-Harries.
- Unison Song—' The Flight of the Earls ' .. *Irish Melody*
 The Trebles of the Choir.
- Pianoforte Solo—' The Message ' *Petrowsky*
 L. R. A. Wells.
- Songs with Violin Obbligato—(a) ' Le Bonheur ' .. *Saint Saens*
 (b) ' Pack clouds away ' .. *Macfarren*
 Miss Olive Easton. Lieut.-Col. T. Lloyd-Harries.
- Carol—' Stars all bright and beaming ' *Chope*
 Solo—H. W. Wykes.
 Carmen.
 The National Anthem.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Smith, who worked untiringly to bring the choir up to such a high standard of excellence, and we congratulate both Mr. Smith and the choir on the success which rewarded their efforts.

The Football Season, 1912-13.

THE XV. of 1912-13 played ten matches, of which four were lost, five won, and one drawn. Our first and worst defeat was experienced in an opening match, that against a very strong side captained by the Rev. R. H. Roberts (O.I.I.), which we lost by 25 points to 8. Still far from being unsatisfactory, it was a most promising start. In the first place there was practically only a week in which to get a side together; in the second place our opponents were extremely good; their forwards were big and clever, while their three-quarter line, which included three of Swansea's three-quarters—two of whom being present day Internationals—was fast and skilful.

Our next defeat was that by St. David's College, Lampeter, at Lampeter. In this match the score was nine points to nil. Although outweighed and very much outpaced the School played well and pluckily, and, apart from the first twenty minutes, had fully as much of the game as their opponents.

We suffered our third defeat by the narrow margin of three points in the game *v.* Swansea Grammar Old Boys, and our fourth at the hands of Mr. R. K. Green's (O.I.I.) XV. Our opponents on this occasion, too, were very strong, a large number of the Neath XV. figuring in the side, while unfortunately the School were not at full strength.

As to our victories we won against Mr. D. P. Davies' (O.I.I.) XV. by 33 points to 6; against the Rev. G. I. R. Jones' (O.I.I.) XV. by 12 points to 8; against Sherborne School by the narrow margin of 3 points; against Christ College, Brecon, by 13 points to nil; and a distinctly lucky win over a strong side of Old Llandoveryans of 5 points to nil.

The drawn game was that *v.* The Druids (I.lanelly), neither side scoring.

The annual 'A' team fixture *v.* Lampeter College School proved to be a somewhat easy victory of 20 points to nil.

Our 2nd XV. played two matches—loosing badly against a good side from Gowerton County School, and winning easily against Swansea Grammar School.

This season 'Middle' Leagues were played in the Xmas

Term. They were splendidly contested, and made the selection of both fifteens a comparatively simple matter.

Junior Leagues were also played in the Xmas Term, and this year were brought to definite conclusion somewhat earlier than usual. After which two teams of twelve aside were chosen to play a series of championship games, and on the form displayed the 1912 Junior League Team was selected. It was as follows:—

W. G. Roberts (full-back), W. E. Harries, S. M. Williams, G. I. Jewell (three-quarters), F. G. Nicholas and R. G. T. Davies (halves), P. E. Edmunds, D. E. Davies, J. L. Evans, H. C. Murless, C. E. Jones, and M. L. James (forwards).

Special attention was also paid to the 'under 14' game. It was hoped that they would play a match against Llanryre Hall Preparatory, but unfortunately this was not possible. The under 14 side chosen was—

W. G. Roberts (full-back), W. G. Davies, H. W. Wykes, A. P. N. Roberts (three-quarters), D. M. John and C. H. Morgan (halves), C. E. Jones, P. B. John, E. H. Lones, R. L. J. Davies, D. H. Patey, and C. E. P. Davies (forwards).

The Senior League matches were played during the first month of the Easter Term, and were productive of some good football: but on the whole the back play was not as good as in former years. At the outset the sides were very even, but owing to the absence (unavoidable and otherwise) of some prominent players a few runaway games were witnessed. H. J. Powell's team again emerged victorious, and deservedly so. It comprised the following:—J. R. Samuel (full-back), G. G. Roberts (XV.), W. E. Harries, and H. M. Herbert (three-quarters), W. B. Morgan (2nd XV.) and D. S. Jones (2nd XV.) (halves), H. J. Powell (1st XV.), S. R. Griffith (2nd XV.), E. A. Nicholas (2nd XV.), I. G. Williams (XL.), E. M. Morgan (XL.), and M. R. Jones (forwards).

Powell and S. R. Griffith of the forwards, W. B. Morgan and D. S. Jones of the backs, were especially prominent, while the skilful 'hooking' of I. G. Williams contributed in no small degree to the success of his side.

Of the other leagues excellent form was shown by T. P. Williams, C. B. Davies, T. W. Powell, I. A. T. Nicholas, J. G. Williams, and W. L. Evans.

We give a table of matches and results :—

	H. J. POWELL'S		T. P. WILLIAMS'		B. A. JONES'		C. B. DAVIES'		POINTS.		
	1st R.	2nd R.	1st R.	2nd R.	1st R.	2nd R.	1st R.	2nd R.	Rnd. I.	Rnd. II.	Total
H. J. Powell's ...			W (9-8)	W (11-9)	L (14-17)	W (47-3)	W (21-3)	W (18-6)	4	6	10
T. P. Williams' ...	L (8-9)	L (9-11)			L (8-14)	W (18-8)	W (25-5)	L (0-10)	2	2	4
B. A. Jones' ...	W (17-14)	L (3-47)	W (14-8)	L (8-18)			L (9-19)	L (3-34)	4	0	4
C. B. Davies' ...	L (3-21)	L (6-18)	L (5-25)	W (10-6)	W (19-9)	W (34-3)			2	4	6

In conclusion we should like to offer the School's best thanks to Mr. Jones for his most valuable help and advice.

TEAM CHARACTERS.

1ST XV.

H. J. Powell, Captain (1910-11-12-13).—A fast, big, powerful forward. An extremely clever dribbler and a sound tackler. If only he puts a little more 'go' into his play, he will be fit for any company. He has proved himself a most energetic team captain, and his keenness on the future football of the School was perhaps the most prominent characteristic of a most successful captaincy.

T. P. Williams (1910-11-12-13).—A clever and untiring in-half, who knows the game thoroughly. Full of resource and skill. A splendid tackler and kick—should be heard of again.

C. B. Davies (1911-12-13).—A centre three-quarter who has quite fulfilled his earlier promise. Has improved in pace beyond all recognition. Makes clever openings, but is apt to hold on too long. Is safe with his hands and is a good kick. He must, however, learn to go down to rushes.

T. J. C. Davies (1911-12-13).—A much-improved forward. Dribbles cleverly and is most dashing. Very good on the line out, but is clumsy at heeling.

B. A. Jones (1911-12-13).—A fast and very dashing forward. Dribbles at a great pace. Tackles well and falls on the ball.

D. G. Williams (1911-12-13).—A very clever, fast forward. Can turn and dodge very cleverly. Falls on the ball and is a fine tackler. Handles well, but is liable to hold on too long.

W. A. Harries (1912-13).—Although new to the position of centre three-quarter he soon became a fine player. He is fast and splendid in defence. A good kick, but is inclined to under-rate the importance of accurately thrown passes.

C. R. L. Humphreys (1912-13).—An out half who has fulfilled his earlier promise. A skilful attacking player, with as good a pair of hands as can be desired. Has improved very much in defence, and is a fine kick.

J. F. H. Williams (1912-13).—A most promising young forward. He is fast, big, and clever. Is a much-improved dribbler and good on the line out. Although a young player he possesses a knowledge of the game, which usually is only acquired after long experience.

D. R. Williams (1912-13).—A most dashing and hard-working forward. An excellent tackler and rush stopper. A poor dribbler, and is still too inclined to grovel.

T. W. Powell (1912-13).—A forward who has come on amazingly. He dribbles well, tackles well, follows up hard, and is a good scrummager.

R. T. Howells (1912-13).—Full-back. Although this was his first season in any position other than half-back, he did excellent work. He became a long and accurate touch finder, a safe field, and a plucky and determined tackler.

D. A. Evans (1912-13).—A big forward who improved very much. Good on the line out and a fair dribbler. A good kick. Can tackle. Made a very useful 'hooker.'

E. M. Jones (1912-13).—A fast wing three-quarter. Much improved both in giving and taking passes. A poor kick.

G. G. Roberts (1912-13).—At present suffers from inexperience of the wing three-quarter position. He has the makings of a good wing. He is a fast, determined runner, and has good hands, but must learn to fall on the ball and rush his passes.

G. M. Evans.—A much-improved three-quarter who combines cleverly. A good defensive player. Should practise sprinting.

G. Williams.—A fair three-quarter. His form was very uneven. At times he was dashing in attack and excellent in defence.

S. R. Griffith.—A light but very dashing forward. An excellent tackler. Has a distinct gift for leading. Should practise dribbling.

J. G. Williams.—A most promising young forward. A hard and untiring worker. Dribbles well, and is a sound defensive player. Should be very good next season.

R. Roderic.—A most promising full-back. Should practise left foot kicking. A safe field and good tackler. Should endeavour to rid himself of the habit of throwing up the ball when punting.

W. B. Morgan.—A most plucky in half. A good rush stopper and tackler. Passes out well and can feint.

I. A. T. Nicholas.—A most promising wing three-quarter. Handles well and turns either way. A good tackler. Should do much sprinting practise.

R. S. Humphreys.—A promising out half. At times handles extremely well. An excellent kick and fair tackler.

E. A. Nicholas.—Has come on a lot. Good out of touch. Should practise dribbling, and learn to tackle low and fall on the ball.

D. S. Jones.—A most promising attacking centre with a clever turn. A good left kick. Is much improved at handling. His defence at present is weak. He must learn to fall on the ball and tackle.

R. M. Jones.—Has not improved very much. He is a clever dribbler and good rush stopper, but must go harder.

G. H. Jennings.—A big forward who is improving every game. Should practise dribbling. Good out of touch.

T. D. Davies.—A small but dashing forward. A clever dribbler. Handles well.

W. H. Jones.—A very energetic and dashing forward. Is a much improved dribbler and a good tackler. With more experience should be very useful.

W. B. Evans.—A big but very clumsy forward. Should practise dribbling and learn to tackle.

XI. Caps were awarded to—

W. H. Williams.—Has lately been playing three-quarter, to which position he is more suited than for that of forward. Takes his passes well and runs with determination. With more experience should be very useful.

W. L. Evans.—A dashing and plucky forward. A good tackler.

P. B. Davies.—A hard-working forward. A fearless rush stopper and good dribbler.

H. W. Robinson.—A much-improved forward, but is still clumsy. A poor tackler.

E. M. Morgan.—A hard-working though clumsy forward. Must practise dribbling.

G. Price.—A very clever attacking centre three-quarter. Takes his passes well and makes good openings, but often spoils good work by bad one-handed passes. If he learns to tackle and fall on the ball will be very useful.

F. H. Davies.—A hard-working and energetic forward. He must practise dribbling.

T. D. Howell.—A light but dashing forward. Dribbles cleverly, but must learn to tackle low and fall on the ball.

I. G. Williams.—A promising clever forward. Dribbles well and is an excellent 'hooker.'

C. G. Jones.—A hard-working forward. He must learn to tackle and keep the ball close when dribbling.

SENIOR LEAGUES.

'B' (T. P. Williams) v. 'C' (B. A. Jones).

Played on January 27. The game was very even until the last quarter of an hour, when 'C' got the upper hand. T. W. Powell was conspicuous among the forwards on the winning side, and T. P. Williams was the mainstay of the opposing backs. Tries were scored for 'C' by R. M. Jones, Rickards, and I. A. T. Nicholas. One of these was converted by C. R. Humphreys, who also kicked a penalty goal. The scorers for the other side were W. L. Evans and J. F. H. Williams. T. P. Williams converted the second try. Scores—

'C' .. 2 goals (1 penalty) 2 tries (14 points)

'B' .. 1 goal 1 try (8 points)

'A' (H. J. Powell) v. 'D' (C. B. Davies).

Played on January 29th on very wet ground. 'A' pressed throughout the game in spite of the inferiority in the size of their forwards. Powell and G. G. Roberts were the most prominent players, and D. R. Williams worked hard for the losers. Tries were scored by Roberts (3), Powell (2), S. R. Griffith and D. S. Jones. D. R. Williams got over for the defeated team. Scores—

'A' 7 tries (21 points)

'D' 1 try (3 points)

'A' v. 'C.'

Played on February 3rd. The game was very even in the first half, but 'C' had it all their own way for some time after the interval, three tries being scored in quick succession. Later 'A' recovered, and the end of the contest was very exciting. I. A. Nicholas played excellently for 'C,' scoring three tries. T. W. Powell and Robinson were conspicuous among the forwards. The other tries for 'C' were scored by Rickards and T. W. Powell, one of them being converted by Roderick. G. G. Roberts (2) and E. M. Morgan scored for

'A', H. J. Powell converting once and kicking a penalty goal. Scores—

'C' .. 1 goal 4 tries (17 points)
'A' .. 2 goals (1 penalty) 2 tries (14 points)

'B' v. 'D.'

Played on February 4th. 'B' had the advantage throughout the game, tries being scored by J. F. H. Williams (2), D. A. Evans, E. D. Griffiths, Aubrey Jones, W. T. Richards, and W. H. Williams. T. P. Williams kicked two goals. D. R. Williams scored for 'D,' and R. S. Humphreys converted. T. P. Williams won the game for his side, and D. R. Williams played well for 'D.' Scores—

'D' .. 2 goals 5 tries (25 points)
'B' .. 1 goal (5 points)

'C' v. 'D.'

Played on February 5th. 'C' were without several of their best men, whereas 'D' had a representative team for the first time. 'C' had the advantage in the first half, but after the interval their opponents had everything their own way. Tries were scored for 'D' by D. R. Williams (2), G. M. Evans, T. D. Howells, and C. B. Davies, who converted two of them. The scorers for the losing side were I. A. T. Nicholas (2) and Rickards. Scores—

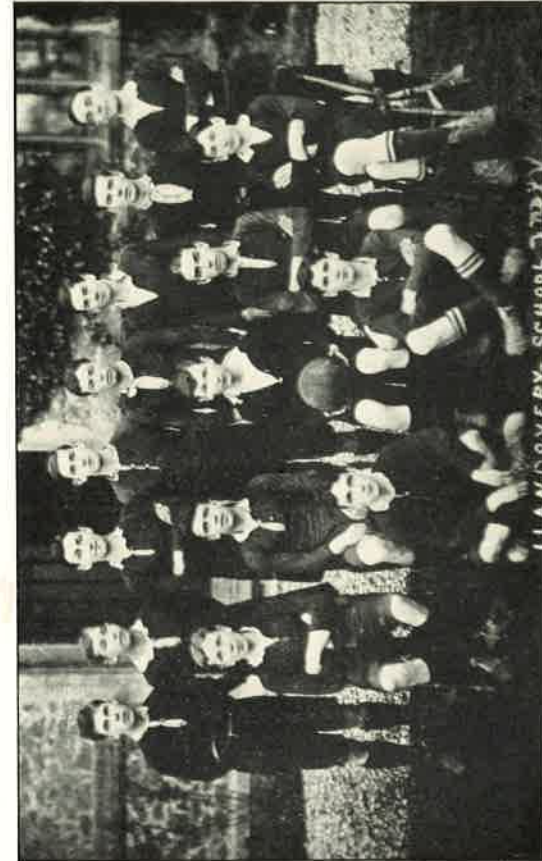
'D' .. 2 goals 3 tries (19 points)
'B' .. 3 tries (9 points)

'A' v. 'B.'

Played on February 6th. The game was even throughout, bad luck depriving both sides of extra points. The weather was so bad that it robbed the game of much interest, 'A' finally winning by a single point. H. J. Powell scored two tries for the winners. J. G. Williams and D. A. Evans were the scorers for 'B,' and the latter converted one of these tries. Scores—

'A' .. 3 tries (9 points)
'B' .. 1 goal 1 try (8 points)

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From left to right—Top row, T. D. Davies; R. S. Humphreys; G. H. Jennings; W. B. Evans; R. M. Jones; E. A. Nicholas; W. H. Jones; D. S. Jones. Second row, J. G. Williams; G. Williams; G. M. Evans (Ctpt.); S. R. Griffiths; R. H. Roderic; Bottom row, W. B. Morgan; I. A. T. Nicholas.

'A' v. 'D.'

Played on February 8th. 'A' were lucky to secure the victory they did, as they put up a score of 10 points before their opponents had all reached the field. Even after that they looked likely to lose at one time, but eventually two other lucky tries gave them a good lead. C. B. Davies played well for the losers, and Powell, who scored two tries and kicked two goals, was the best man on the other side. D. S. Jones scored two tries for 'A,' and D. G. Williams and C. B. Davies one each for 'D.' Scores—

'A'	..	..	..	3 goals 1 try (18 points)
'D'	..	..	..	2 tries (6 points)

'B' v. 'C.'

On February 8th. The game was robbed of most of its interest owing to the absence of 'C's' chief players. The team, nevertheless, put up a very good fight and did better than was expected. Rickards and P. B. Davies were very prominent, and T. P. Williams ran through the opposing team more than once. Roderick kicked a good goal. T. P. Williams, D. A. Evans, J. G. Williams, and W. A. Jones scored tries for 'B,' Davies and Rickards for 'C.' Scores—

'B'	..	..	..	3 goals 1 try (18 points)
'C'	..	..	..	1 goal 1 try (8 points)

'B' v. 'D.'

Played on February 10th on a very wet field. Neither side was at full strength, and the game was more even than the score would indicate. T. P. Williams did most of the work for his side. T. D. Howells played a good forward game for his side. The tries were scored by G. M. Evans and C. B. Davies, one by a brilliant run. The latter converted both. Scores—

'D'	..	..	..	2 goals (10 points)
'B'	..	..	..	Nil

'A' v. 'C.'

This game was played on February 17th, and resulted in an overwhelming victory for 'A.' W. B. Morgan played a

very smart game for the winners, and T. W. Powell and P. B. Davies did well against heavy odds. P. B. Davies scored for 'C.' The scorers for 'A' were W. B. Morgan (4), H. J. Powell (3), G. G. Roberts (2), E. A. Nicholas (2), D. S. Jones, and W. E. Harries. Scores—

'A' 4 goals 9 tries (47 points)
'C' 1 try (3 points)

'C' v. 'D.'

Played on February 19th. 'C' again had a weak side and were decisively beaten. The hardness of the ground was of great use to the backs. C. B. Davies played a good game, scoring five tries, of which he converted four. The other tries were scored by G. M. Evans, Horace Jones, and R. S. Humphreys, the last also kicking a goal. P. B. Davies scored for 'C.' Scores—

'D' 5 goals 3 tries (34 points)
'C' 1 try (3 points)

'A' v. 'B.'

This match, the last of the series, was played immediately after the preceding one. It proved far more interesting, the game being very even throughout. 'B' held the lead until nearly the end of play, but were then robbed of a victory. Powell, Roberts, and Herbert scored for the winners, whilst W. L. Evans got across three times for 'B.' Scores—

'A' 1 goal 2 tries (11 points)
'B' 3 tries (9 points)

Hockey Matches.

SCHOOL v. SWANSEA.

THIS match was played on February 22nd. The School were greatly handicapped, as they only had four days' practice and were unable to field a full side. The state of the ground was unfavourable, and for a long time it was very doubtful whether the game could be played at all.

Swansea asserted their superiority from the first, and before half-time had scored seven goals, of which three were credited to the right wing. For the School a goal was shot by C. B. Davies.

After half-time the game was of a more even character, Swansea obtaining five goals and Llandovery two. These last were shot by G. G. Roberts and D. G. Williams. The final score was—

Swansea 12 goals
Llandovery 3 goals

The School team was unable to show much combination, but this was due to lack of practice. Humphreys and G. Price played best for them, but the display was naturally poor, the passes being badly taken. With more training the School would undoubtedly have done better.

School team.—T. D. Howell (goal); D. A. Evans, H. J. Powell (backs); W. H. Williams, C. R. Humphreys, T. P. Williams (halves); G. G. Roberts, D. O. Williams, D. G. Williams, G. Price, C. B. Davies (forwards). For Swansea Roderick played in goal and saved very well.

SCHOOL v. MASTERS.

Played on March 5th. The School were victorious by 7 goals to 1. The School fielded a fuller team than before. The game was very one-sided, the only serious check to the home team being the sterling defence of Mr. Edgar Evans at left full-back. The forwards were weakened by the lack of combined efforts, but several individual runs by Mr. Tilly and Mr. Lockyer compensated somewhat for this defect.

The School formation was entirely changed, Humphreys coming into the forward line together with T. P. Williams at inside left. The change proved entirely successful. The forward line showed far more enterprise and resource than formerly, Humphreys being several times successful with his bursts through the defence, and D. G. Williams displaying all his accustomed ingenuity in attack. D. O. Williams worked hard at centre half; the backs and goal-keeper

were never tested. Altogether the School should have won by a far greater margin had the half-backs understood anything of attack and feeding of the forwards.

SCHOOL v. MR. J. D. D. DAVIES' XI.

Played on March 12th on soft ground. The School were minus the services of several of their prominent players.

The first half served to show that Neath were sound at back, Lindsey-Brabazon being especially conspicuous, but poor at forward work beyond expectation, their only score being from an individual rush by Mr. Lockyer. The scores were level at half-time.

With this in mind Humphreys rearranged the formation, B. A. Jones coming forward from goal, and all strength being concentrated on attack. The move was successful. The School backs had little to cope with, while the forwards were far better able to overcome the defence. As a result the home side was successful by 6 goals to 2.

School team.—I. G. Williams (goal); H. J. Powell, S. R. Griffith (backs); T. P. Williams, D. O. Williams, W. H. Williams (halves); C. B. Davies, D. G. Williams, C. R. Humphreys (capt.), B. A. Jones, G. G. Roberts (forwards).

The Sports.

THE STEEPLECHASES.

THESE were run on Saturday, March 22nd. Originally intended for the previous Wednesday, they had been postponed owing to the swollen state of the river. The water was still deeper on Saturday, and accordingly the course of the Senior race was altered, the competitors finishing along the road instead of over the fields. The weather was very bad, the rain coming down incessantly.

The Junior Steeple was run first. Underdown took the lead at the Water-Jump and kept it throughout the rest of the race. He won very easily. Edmunds obtained second

place, and Renfrey came in third. Owing to an unfortunate mistake the river was crossed at the wrong place, and consequently many competitors were unable to pass it.

The Senior Steeple, as was generally expected, ended in a victory for C. R. Humphreys. H. W. Spurrell and G. H. Jennings came second and third respectively. No times were taken in either case.

Two records were created. Humphreys was the first competitor to win the Senior Steeplechase in two successive years. J. F. H. Williams was first at the Water-Jump for the third consecutive time in the Junior event.

THE POINT-TO-POINT.

This was run on March 26th from Cynghordy Station to Devil's Bridge. The course was open and, after the first mile, fairly level. A great deal of marshy ground had to be covered, and a way had to be forced through very thorny patches of wood and briars. C. R. Humphreys was easily first, but the honours of the race undoubtedly fell upon Renfrey, who ran magnificently throughout, and only failed to obtain second place by a yard. College House exceeded expectations, and the Town made a better fight than it did last year.

The College for this race was divided into two sections, the New Buildings (with the Studies) sending in separate representatives. On this occasion the arrangement worked successfully, for the Old Buildings and College House tied for first place, each securing 17 points. Llandingat scored 21, the New Buildings 25, and the Town 40 points. The following is the order of the arrivals:—

1. C. R. Humphreys (Old Buildings).
2. W. H. Williams (Llandingat).
3. W. F. Renfrey (Old Buildings).
4. D. S. Jones (College House).
5. D. O. Williams (College House).
6. G. H. Jennings (New Buildings).

7. H. W. Spurrell (New Buildings).
8. W. H. Jones (College House).
9. P. E. Edmunds (Llandingat).
10. R. H. Davies (Llandingat).
11. E. N. James (Town).
12. J. B. Underdown (New Buildings).
13. F. M. Kitto (Old Buildings).
14. D. I. Rees (Town).
15. W. Morgan (Town).

Previous winners—

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| 1909. F. S. Davies. | 1911. D. M. Evans. |
| 1910. L. P. Jones. | 1912. O. M. Williams. |

THE MILE.

The final of this race was run on Saturday, March 29th. There had originally been sixty entries, but a trial two days before had reduced the number of competitors to nine.

Climatic conditions were unfavourable and scarcely conducive to record breaking. Rain had made the track very wet, and a strong wind was blowing from the north-east. In such circumstances the time, 5 min. 17½ secs., was quite as good as could be expected, and was a distinct improvement upon that of last year.

W. H. Williams led for the first two laps at a good pace, but unfortunately lost a shoe and had to drop out. Underdown then took the lead and retained it to the tape. It is most unusual for a competitor under 16 to win, and he is to be congratulated on his performance. D. R. Williams got in second and H. W. Spurrell third. Renfrey again ran pluckily and finished fourth.

SPORTS DAY.

The Sports were held on Tuesday, April 1st, on the cricket field. The weather was very unfavourable; it rained during the previous day and nearly all the morning. The two Cricket Balls, the Weight, and the Long Jump open were

decided beforehand. Powell reached the limit in the Weight for the first time in four years, and improvement was shown in the Long Jump.

It was impossible to expect any striking results under the prevailing conditions. The High Jumps were good, but the 100 yards open was not up to the usual standard, being run in only ½ second less than that under 16. The 440 was better, but was hardly remarkable, Powell winning with several yards to spare. Underdown and G. G. Roberts ran the Half-mile from scratch in 2 min. 23 secs. and 2 min. 27 secs. respectively. Edmunds won the Warden's Race, also running from scratch.

The prizes were distributed in the Gymnasium by Mrs. Douglas Jones. The Warden, after making a few general remarks on the subject of sport, congratulated Mr. Ivor Jones on the success of his efforts. The latter had remained on the field in all kinds of weather with a pistol in one hand and a barometer in the other. He also complimented the Secretaries on their skilful management of the necessary arrangements. The following is the list of prize-winners:—

1. *Throwing the Cricket Ball, open*—1st, D. G. Williams; 2nd, R. H. Roderick. 90 yds. 1 ft.
2. *Throwing the Cricket Ball, under 16*—1st, J. F. H. Williams; 2nd, Wynn Jones. 75 yds. 1 ft. 1 in.
3. *100 yards, open*—H. J. Powell. 12 secs.
4. *100 yards, under 16*—1st, P. B. Davies; 2nd, J. G. Williams. 12½ secs.
5. *100 yards, under 14*—1st, W. G. Roberts; 2nd, D. S. M. Jones. 13½ secs.
6. *High Jump, open*—1st, D. A. Evans; 2nd, C. G. N. Morgan. 4 ft. 11 ins.
7. *High Jump, under 16*—1st, J. G. Williams; 2nd, A. E. Warhurst. 4 ft. 5 ins.
8. *High Jump, under 14*—1st, C. Livesey; 2nd, Ralph Davies. 3 ft. 7½ ins.
9. *300 yards, under 13*—1st, C. E. Jones; 2nd, A. P. N. Roberts. 49½ secs.
10. *440 yards, open*—1st, H. J. Powell; 2nd, G. G. Roberts; 3rd, C. B. Davies. 58½ secs.
11. *440 yards, under 16*—1st, J. B. Underdown; 2nd, P. B. Davies. 63½ secs.
12. *Putting the Weight, open*—1st, H. J. Powell; 2nd, W. Rickards. 27 ft. 5 in.
13. *Long Jump, under 14*—1st, W. G. Roberts; 2nd, R. H. Thomas. 12 ft. 9¾ in.

14. *Long Jump, open*—B. A. Jones. 17 ft. 1 in.
15. *Long Jump, under 16*—1st, W. R. Spurrell; 2nd, J. G. Williams. 14 ft. 7½ in.
16. *120 yards, handicap*—1st, G. D. Murless; 2nd, D. S. M. Jones; 3rd, H. D. Hughes.
17. *Warden's Race (440 yards handicap, under 15)*—1st, P. E. Edmunds; 2nd, Aneurin Davies; 3rd, P. B. John; 4th, D. M. John; 5th, H. C. Murless.
18. *Half-mile, handicap*—1st, A. P. N. Roberts; 2nd, M. I. Ballinger; 3rd, J. S. G. Llewellyn.
19. *Mile, open*—2nd, J. B. Underdown; 3rd, D. R. Williams. 5 min. 17½ secs.
20. *Steeplechase, Senior*—1st, C. R. Humphreys; 2nd, H. W. Spurrell; 3rd, G. H. Jennings.
21. *Steeplechase, Junior*—1st, J. B. Underdown; 2nd, P. E. Edmunds; 3rd, W. F. Renfrey.
22. *Consolation Race, open*—I. A. Nicholas.
23. *Consolation Race, under 16*—W. E. Harries.
- Ladies' Prize, Senior*—H. J. Powell.
- Ladies' Prize, Junior*—J. B. Underdown.

The results of the Sports leave the New Buildings in the position of Cock House. This is chiefly due to Underdown, whose running has been the principal feature of this year's contests. The Old Buildings come second, Llandingat, College House, and the Town follow in order. The number of points obtained in all races, other than the Point-to-Point, is as follows:—New Buildings, 73; Old Buildings, 60; Llandingat, 21; College House, 2; Town, 1.

The thanks of the School are due to Mrs. Douglas Jones for distributing the prizes, and to all friends who have helped to secure the success of the Sports. The Masters and Handicapping Committee must also be thanked for the interest taken and energy displayed throughout.