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REV. G. I. R. JONES.

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### Editorial.

IT is difficult not to strike a pessimistic note in introducing another number of the School Journal. Our grudge is against the weather, with whom we have rarely had to wage war on such unequal terms. We had a few weeks fine weather at the beginning of term, but we had to pay bitterly for it. The Hockey Season, always short, was ruined by the rain, and but for the determined efforts of the Sports Officials we should not have been able to hold any Sports this term. As it was, the times were ruined for the most part. We feel our grudge is very justifiable.

We have, however, a far greater misfortune to record, and that is the departure of the Rev. G. I. R. Jones to take up his duties as Rector of Llanvillo. While wishing him and his family all prosperity in their new home, we can but feel sincere regret at our loss. We had begun to look upon Mr. Ivor Jones as one of the institutions of the School, and it is difficult to realize that he is leaving us. His familiar face, whether in the pulpit, the double-classroom, or on the playing fields, will be missed by every single one of us. Those who have been 'through the mill' in III B or in the Junior games can easily realize how valuable his untiring zeal and influence have been in every sphere of the life of the

School. Never has the School had a more enthusiastic master. Never will his place be better filled. We offer a cordial welcome to his successor, the Rev. T. W. Thomas (O.I.L.). We hope that Mr. Ivor Jones will be frequently visiting us as he has promised.

It is our very pleasant duty to congratulate the Rev. J. Alban Davies upon his successful captaincy of the Welsh Rugby Fifteen in all the International matches this year. He has brought honour to the School by his brilliant leadership of a pack of forwards which is reputed to be the finest that has ever represented Wales.

The health of the School has undergone a trying ordeal this term owing to the wretched weather, and it is due to the efforts of Miss Russell that serious illness were so few. We hope that all the victims will have a speedy recovery.

The Easter term has a reputation of being dull. We hope that our efforts to deny this in the present number have not proved fruitless. We have suffered from several handicaps, and we have not been too well supported by the School. We should like to remind our critics that it is their duty to contribute rather than to criticize, if they wish to improve the standard of the School Journal.

## The School.

HERE are six new boys.

Frank W. Gilbertson, Esq., of Glynteg, Pontardawe, has accepted the vacant Trusteeship of the College.

The formal opening of the new Science Schools will take place in May.

G. G. Roberts has gained a Scholarship for Modern History at Jesus College, Oxford; and S. V. Swash was 'proxime accessit' for a Mathematical Scholarship in the Scholarship Examination of the Balliol, Corpus, and Queen's group.

Mr. Ralph has been appointed to a Mastership at Stonyhurst, and Mr. Bradshaw to a Commissionership in East

Africa. We welcome in their stead Mr. G. N. Woodd, of Pembroke College, Oxford, and Mr. C. B. Matheson, of Glenalmond and Keble.

Two interesting lectures on 'The recent great Earthquakes,' by Mr. F. E. Tillemont-Thomason, and on 'Through Birdland with a Bioscope,' by Mr. Oliver G. Pike, and a vocal recital by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Drew were given in the Gymnasium last term.

The Football XV., in spite of the fact that only one of last year's backs had returned, had a most successful season. They only lost in the last five minutes to a strong Sherborne XV. by one point (score: Sherborne, 6 points; School, 5) and beat Brecon by 13 points to nil.

The 'House Match' resulted in a win for 'The Rest,' who beat the College by 14 points to 3.

The Prefects for the term are as follows:—D. R. Williams (Head Prefect, Gwent), T. J. C. Davies (Cawdor), G. G. Roberts (Seniors), T. D. Davies (College House), W. B. Morgan (Classroom), R. H. Roderick (Llandinog), C. G. N. Morgan (Seniors), S. V. Swash (Evans).

The House Supper was held on Thursday, December 18th, 1913. The following were the toasts:—'The King,' proposed by the Warden. 'The School and its Captains,' proposed by the Warden, responded to by T. J. C. Davies. 'The Old Boys,' proposed by W. B. Morgan, responded to by the Rev. G. I. R. Jones. 'The Teams,' proposed by Mr. T. S. Phillips (football), responded to by Mr. S. H. Lockyer, and cricket by Mr. P. F. H. Wiseman. 'The Ladies,' proposed by J. G. Evans, responded to by E. D. Jenkins.

Songs were given by Mr. S. H. Lockyer, Mr. L. P. Evans, and H. D. Hughes.

D. S. M. Jones passed the Higher Division Pianoforte Examination of the Associated Board (London) last November.

Despite the weather we succeeded in holding the Sports on the appointed day and in running off the Point-to-Point Race on the following day. We give a detailed description of them elsewhere.

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The Sub-Editors of the Journal for the term are G. G. Roberts and T. D. Davies.

### In Memoriam.

We regret to record the sudden death of the Rev. L. Lloyd Davies which took place at Whitchurch on March 15th, 1914. The deceased will be long remembered as winner of the Senior Ladies Prize in the record year, 1880. He won all the flat races and still holds the record for the open mile.

The Rev. Roger Williams (St. David's College, Lampeter), Rector of Llanedy.

The Rev. D. W. Lewis, (St. Bees), Rector of Llanvillo.

The Rev. Thomas Jones (St. David's College, Lampeter), Vicar of Abergwessin.

The Rev. M. Powell-Williams (University College, Durham,) Vicar of Llansantffread-juxta-Usk.

The Rev. J. Williams (St. David's College, Lampeter), Vicar of Trallong.

George Rush, Marine Engineer, of Porthcawl, who was drowned when making his first voyage in the s.s. Eaton Hall.

The Rev. J. Titus has been appointed Vicar of Llangadock ; the Rev. D. Ellis Rowlands, Vicar of Marden, Herefordshire ; the Rev. E. A. T. Roberts, Vicar of Llanelly, Breconshire ; the Rev. G. I. R. Jones, Rector of Llanvillo, near Talgarth ;

the Rev. T. Jenkins, Vicar of Barrow, Cheshire ; the Rev. G. Smith, Vicar of Prendergast ; and the Rev. D. J. Morgan, Vicar of Llannon, Carmarthenshire.

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O. M. Williams (Scholar of St. John's College, Oxford), has gained the Junior University Mathematical Exhibition at Oxford.

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The Rev. J. Alban Davies and R. M. Humphreys were picked to play in the Welsh Rugby Football Trial Match.

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The Rev. J. Alban Davies played for Wales *v.* England, Ireland, France, and Scotland, and captained the side on all occasions with great success.

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R. M. Humphreys has played for Oxford University on several occasions this term. Other O.U.'s. playing in first class football are H. J. Powell, W. E. Rhydderch and J. T. Davies (London Welsh), H. G. Morris (London Hospital), D. T. Williams (Llanelly), L. M. Davies (Middlesex), I. Williams, T. P. Williams (Pontypridd).

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The Rev. C. Mostyn Davies played for the North *v.* South at hockey.

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R. G. Rees represented Oxford *v.* Cambridge at billiards.

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The following have joined the O.U. Society :—B. Mc Murtrie, the Rev. T. W. Thomas, E. D. Griffiths, A. Goronwy Jones, H. R. Weeks.

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The Secretary of the O.U. Society acknowledges with many thanks subscriptions to the School Improvement Fund from Dr. H. B. Owen, £1 1s. ; W. D. P. Jones, 5s. ; T. J. Lewis, 5s. ; Rev. T. W. Thomas, 11s. ; the Rev. D. E. Roberts, 10s. 6d. ; H. P. B. Gough, £1 ; P. Halewood, 10s. 6d. ; G. W. Langman, 15s.



## Calendar for First Term.

1914.

- Jan. 20 Tu School returned.  
 „ 25 S 3rd after Epiphany. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden.  
 Feb. 1 S 4th after Epiphany. Preacher: The Rev. G. I. R. Jones.  
 „ 8 S Septuagesima. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden  
 „ 10 Tu House Match: College v. Rest.  
 „ 15 S Sexagesima. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden.  
 „ 22 S Quinquagesima. Preacher: The Rev. G. I. R. Jones.  
 „ 25 W Ash Wednesday. School Junior Team v. Swansea Grammar School Junior Team (on the Tredegar Close). 13. 8.  
 Mar. 1 S 1st in Lent. St. David's Day. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden.  
 „ 4 W School Arithmetic Paper.  
 „ 8 S 2nd in Lent. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden  
 „ 11 W Steeplechase.  
 „ 14 S Hockey XI. v. Abercrave (on the Cricket Field).  
 „ 15 S 3rd in Lent. Preacher: The Rev. G. I. R. Jones.  
 „ 18 W Point to Point (Inter House).  
 „ 21 S Hockey XI. v. Swansea (on the Cricket Field).  
 „ 22 S 4th in Lent. Preacher: The Rev. the Warden.  
 „ 23 M Heats.  
 „ 24 Tu Latin Grammar Paper. Heats.  
 „ 25 W Mile.  
 „ 26 Th Heats.  
 „ 27 F Heats.  
 „ 28 S School Confirmation.  
 „ 29 S 5th in Lent. Preacher: The Rev. Connop L. Price (O.I.I.), Rector of Caerphilly.  
 „ 30 M Semi-finals.  
 „ 31 Tu Sports.  
 April 4 S Term ends.  
 Next term begins on Thursday, May 7th. Boys return on Wednesday, May 6th.

## Oxford Letter.

To the Editor of the Llandovery School Journal.

SIR,—It is with real pleasure that, obedient to your call, we commence the task of attempting to chronicle the events of a term that was by no means uninteresting. For, not to mention a host of other minor attractions, Mr. Hucks, the airman, gave a wonderful exhibition of flying; the torpids provided great excitement; the O.U.D.S. gave an excellent performance of Aristophanes' *Acharnians*. We have enjoyed reasonably good weather; and finally, what is of paramount interest to the Llandoveryan, we have had some really good Rugger.

To come to individuals—R. M. Humphreys has been playing regularly for the 'Varsity, and his fine form has been received with a chorus of general approval. We sincerely hope to see him in the 'Varsity side next year.

It would be somewhat wearisome to mention by name all O.I.I.'s now playing Rugger for their colleges, but one may at least call attention to a striking fact that bears eloquent testimony to the worth of Llandovery as a Rugger School. The fact upon which we wish to remark is the really marvellous football dexterity of the Llandoveryan. A few instances will suffice to demonstrate this. For Keble, J. T. Davies plays centre three-quarter, and L. P. Evans, until he 'crocked,' played scrum half; for Jesus, D. M. Evans plays either as scrum half or as wing, and D. O. Williams as full-back; for Wadham, B. A. Jones has played centre three-quarter. When at School all these players were forwards, and they are not the only instances of what one might call 'Llandoveryan versatility.'

But let us turn to the sterner side of 'Varsity life. Schools sucked the life-blood out of some of our number last term. We have not yet seen or heard of the results. A. B. Mayne, with what seems almost monotonous regularity, goes on adding to his list of honours. We do not know the exact nature of his latest distinction, but we hear that it is no empty honour; in fact we believe he is doing a little playful

speculation with his superfluous wealth. We are never tired of congratulating him, so let us do it once again.

Apart from the distinguished name just mentioned, there has sprung up in our midst a small coterie of grave scholars, eagerly intent upon augmenting that reputation for learning and culture which is invariably associated with the traditions of the School. To take but one instance: T. S. Philipps, after a long training in a hard school, has at last emerged, the philosopher par excellence: scorning the somatic pleasures of the mere epithauretic element of the soul, he gives full play to that principle of reason, which, constituting as it does man's peculiar excellence, we see in him fully developed in its pure essence, thereby enabling the happy philosopher to revel in the Infinite and to hold familiar converse with the transcendental ideas of a Neo-Platonic cosmos.

'He seems a promontory of rock  
That, compass'd round with turbulent sound  
In middle ocean meets the surging shock  
Tempest-buffeted, citadel-crown'd.'

Wonderful as this triumph of philosophical progress may seem, it is yet surpassed by the truly marvellous artistic development of another O.L.L.—Brian Rhys, a well-known Oxford dilettante, who, always famous as a connoisseur in æsthetic experience, has now been enabled to give due expression to those so delicate refinements of the cultured soul. At last he has found a musical instrument truly worthy of his powers: for many years compelled to compress his emotions within the somewhat narrow compass of the tin whistle, we had last term the supreme pleasure of hearing him perform upon the drum; and in the gentle tremors no less than in the loud thunderings of that extraordinary instrument could be detected the soulful outpourings of long pent-up æsthetic perfection. For once in this workaday world the human element seemed to coalesce with the divine, and as the tympanum throbbed, 'Yearning like a god in pain,' one could almost fancy that inspired and so eager figure was the youthful Apollo incarnate, come to earth again to charm away all that is gross, all that is debased from the mind of the mere, banausic undergraduate.

We feel, sir, that it is somewhat akin to sacrilege to revert to mundane affairs; but this is a practical world, and we do well not to dwell too long upon these entrancing but elusive revelations, so let us speak of other men and other things.

Rhodri Hughes is as charming as ever. We fear that if we once commenced writing about him we should never finish. Suffice it to say that his peculiar individuality and his curious touch of pathos prevent his drolleries from becoming wearisome.

Mears is rarely and O. J. Jones generally to be seen. Weeks is, if we can trust our eyes, growing a moustache. The determined tilt of C. Morgan's jaw seems to denote something Napoleonic: we have not yet discovered what it is. R. G. Rees is becoming famous in the world of billiards, and we have heard rumours of Belcher in St. Giles. Dudley Davies has, we are glad to say, recovered from his recent illness. J. A. Owen, when we last saw him, was considering the prospect of Schools. B. A. Jones does not seem happy. S. R. Griffith we have heard of, but not seen. We had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of G. M. O. Evans, who left Llandovery some years ago to migrate to Brecon, and we liked the combination. E. M. Jones we have seen in the Union, and O. M. Williams and C. W. V. Lewis at concerts of all places.

We do not think we have any more positive news to give you, Sir, and it is quite time this document came to a close. We hope to see many recruits to our ranks next October. We are now quite big in numbers, and a delightfully happy family. May we conclude by wishing you a successful Cricket Season and a ripping good Summer Term

Yours very sincerely,

MAXIMUS.

## Cambridge Letter.

*To the Editor of the Llandovery School Journal.*

DEAR Sir,—The Cambridge Letter has for a long time been conspicuous by its absence, but I do not intend to make up for past losses either in matter or in literary merit. I am taking advantage, however, of this opportunity



tunity to make an appeal to those members of the School who are desirous of an University education, in favour of Cambridge. We are not anxious to do this at the expense of our sister Oxford. We should like to see Llandovery a stronger factor in Cambridge life—if possible as strong as at Oxford. It is true we boast of no 'Pragger Wagger,' but we have men who, by their own report at any rate, are descended from Welsh princes. Cambridge indeed offers at least as many advantages as Oxford.

At present we are but four; next year we hope this struggling band will be reinforced so much that we shall be able to form a society of our own. As is customary we must indulge in personalities.

Let H. O. Williams be the first victim. His daily routine seems to be devoid of adventure. He is invariably seen running between men twice his size along Cambridge streets. His pastimes are serious poetry and, under compulsion, football, in which he scores a success and some tries.

D. A. Evans, still known as 'Drop,' has been very unfortunate in injuring a knee. Formerly he was very active, taking part in Downing Soccer, Rugger, Hockey, and Boating. Moreover he has very convenient rooms, and his excellent Sunday afternoon teas are much appreciated.

J. S. H. Davies hovers between labs. and T. P. The latter is, in his opinion, becoming more interesting. He has surmounted the difficulties of the Little-Go with 100m to spare, and is rapidly becoming imbued with the orthodox customs of the 'Varsity.

H. W. Spurrell, last but by no means least, rarely lends grace to the open air by his presence, save with the rising of the sun when skylarks sing their matutinal praise. He tubs for Clare, and undoubtedly with a little muscle expansion and less training he will soon be thinking of a Blue.

There you have all our little company. We eagerly hope to see many more Llandoveryans in our *alma mater* next October. We assure you Cambridge is not a dreadful place! Needless to say we cherish fondly our memories of Llandovery, and wish the School continued prosperity in every way.—Yours,

PATERFAMILIAS.

## The Football Season, 1913=14.

THE prospects at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term were far from good: forwards there were in plenty, but backs were very scarce. Thus the composition of the XV. was by no means an easy problem. Thanks, however, to the captain's great keenness and cheery optimism, thanks, too, to constant practice, a fairly successful solution to our problem was found, and the season proved to be by no means a poor one.

As was somewhat natural with a team containing so many new 'hands,' we took considerable time to settle down, and our captain's unfortunate absence during the earlier matches made this settling down process longer than usual.

Of our two School matches, we lost to a strong Sherborne XV. by one point, and, although badly beaten in front, the School put up a magnificently dogged defence. The Brecon match was won fairly easily; the forward play in this encounter was excellent, but that of the backs lacked fire and was, on the whole, undoubtedly much below the standard of recent years.

The most pleasing feature in the season's football was the excellent tackling: the low scoring in all our defeats affords ample illustration of this. There was, too, a marked improvement in the matter of falling on the ball, while the rushes of the forwards were again of a high standard. The heeling from the loose was better done than in the previous season, but this method of opening up the game is still not employed sufficiently often—it should be done almost continually when play takes place in the opponent's 'half.'

The heeling from the set 'scrums' was slow and somewhat ragged—obviously a bad defect. Heeling, if done at all, should be done quickly and the ball let out at the middle, since a heel to the side is most frequently a present of the ball to the opposing half.

Perhaps the most noticeable weakness of all was that in respect of forwards handling in the open. There were frequent cases of a forward being tackled in possession although men were up on either side, and many tries were lost in this



way. This defect, due no doubt in some degree to selfishness—the ruin of many a promising player—is, we think, more attributable to the inability of grasping the distinction between handling by the forwards and that by the backs. Whereas in the latter the drawing of a man and the occasional feint are essential to successful back play, these very qualities are quite unimportant in forward play—what really is important is the keeping the ball on the move.

The 'A' Team were again successful in their annual game with Lampeter College School—this year at Lampeter.

The 2nd XV. won their two matches; that *v.* Swansea Grammar School by a large margin, and gained their first victory over Gowerton County School.

The Junior Team won their match against Swansea Gr. School Juniors by a few points. This, we hope, is the first of a long series of annual games.

A short series of Middle Leagues took place in the Christmas Term, but were nothing like as satisfactory as those of the year before.

The Junior Leagues were played as usual in the Christmas Term, and were splendidly contested. The main features of these interesting games were the staunch tackling and the fearless falling on the ball, and, what is equally important, the playing of it fairly and at once.

The Senior Leagues took place at the beginning of the Easter Term, and although there was plenty of keenness, the quality of the football was poor, and they were disappointing for the reason that very few players outside the XV.'s 'came on.' It is in this respect that they are so valuable, namely that they afford an opportunity to non-colours of playing in better company and thus improving.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that we mention the severe loss to School football that the departure of the Rev. G. I. R. Jones will occasion. For very many years, by his supreme unselfishness, his enthusiasm, and his sound advice, he has helped on School football to an extraordinary degree. We offer him our warmest thanks for his long service, and wish him every success in his future work.

The School's thanks are also due to Mr. Tilly for his valuable help and excellent refereeing.

## TEAM CHARACTERS.

### THE XV.

*T. J. C. Davies*, Captain (1911-12-13-14).—A good, heavy forward with great dash. Dribbles very well and is excellent on the line out. Was excellent as School and as Team captain.

*D. G. Williams* (1911-12-13-14).—Of necessity played at centre three-quarter, and though new to the position did extremely well. His defence was first class, and in attack he was a splendid individualist, but combined poorly and starved his wing.

*D. R. Williams* (1912-13-14).—A light forward who plays with great dash and fire. Tackles hard and falls on the ball fearlessly. Has improved with his feet, but still is too inclined to 'grovel.'

*G. G. Roberts* (1912-13-14).—Has come on a fair amount. Takes his passes well and runs strongly: must learn to turn either way. Has a useful hand-off. Must learn to fall on the ball.

*R. Roderick* (1913-14).—Has developed into a more than usually good School full-back. Kicks extremely well with his right, but is still a trifle weak with his left. A safe touch finder, a brilliant field, and a sound tackler.

*W. B. Morgan* (1913-14).—A small but extremely plucky in-half. A splendid tackler and fearless rush-stopper. Feints cleverly and is very unselfish.

*I. A. T. Nicholas* (1913-14).—A clever wing three-quarter. Takes his passes well and has a baffling double turn. A good tackler and fair kick.

*J. G. Williams* (1913-14).—Forward. Has improved very much. Dribbles well, packs neatly, and is a sound defensive player. Good on the line out. He handles well, but mars his otherwise fine open work by holding on too long. A good kick.

*D. S. Jones* (1913-14).—Out-half. As an individualist was excellent. Brings off brilliantly clever runs, but must learn to pass out more and get his three-quarters on the move. He must learn to go straighter. At times handles brilliantly. A good kick, but is still weak in defence.

*R. M. Jones* (1913-14).—Forward. Has improved very much and now goes really hard. A clever dribbler, tackles well, and is a good rush stopper. Handles cleverly, but often spoils an excellent piece of work by holding on too long. A good kick.

*S. R. Griffith* (1913-14).—A light but very dashing forward. An excellent tackler. Good out of touch. Dribbles well and is a splendid leader.

*W. H. Williams* (1913-14).—A plucky and dashing centre three-quarter, who always worked hard for his wing. Handles well and runs straight. With more weight and experience should be very good.

*W. L. Evans* (1913-14).—A fast, light forward who makes up for his lack of weight by amazing dash. Though not a good dribbler, yet takes the ball along at a great pace. A splendid tackler.

*G. H. Jennings* (1913-14).—A slow, heavy forward, who did not improve as much as was expected. A poor dribbler, but sound tackler and rush stopper. Would be first-rate if he went really hard.

*W. B. Evans*.—A big forward, but still clumsy. Should go much harder and practice dribbling. Has learnt to tackle.

### 2ND XV.

Colours were awarded to—

*E. A. Nicholas*, Captain.—A big forward who was hardly as good as he was in the previous season. Plays with a fair amount of dash, but spoils his play by serious faults—kicking too hard in the open, passing wildly, and picking up in the 'tight.'



*T. D. Davies.*—A good forward in the open: follows up hard and dribbles well, but does not do sufficient tackling. Handles very well.  
*P. B. Davies.*—Previously a forward, has this season played on the wing, but was disappointing in attack. A good defensive player.  
*I. G. Williams.*—A light but clever forward. Dribbles and handles well, but is a poor tackler. He must learn to go harder and not hang 'off side.' A clever 'hooker.'  
*A. E. Warhurst.*—A promising forward who dribbles cleverly. At present suffers from lack of experience.  
*A. King.*—A very plucky defensive player who has improved a great deal. At present too slow for wing three-quarter. Must learn to play the ball properly.  
*W. R. Spurrell.*—A good defensive three-quarter. His attack is hampered by lack of pace.  
*S. M. Williams.*—A small but very plucky full-back. Has improved very much: must practise kicking with the right foot.  
*J. R. Samuel.*—A promising attacking centre three-quarter. Has improved, but is still weak in defence. A fair kick.  
*P. E. Edmunds.*—A most promising forward. Tackles well and is very dashing. Falls on the ball well.  
*C. G. N. Morgan.*—Forward. Is rapidly improving. Should practise dribbling and learn to fall on the ball.  
*S. V. Swash.*—Has come on a great deal and now plays with much dash. A good tackler, and falls on the ball well.  
*C. G. Jones.*—A hard-working forward, but must learn to go harder and fall on the ball.  
*E. M. Morgan.*—Is still clumsy. Must practise dribbling and learn to play himself out.  
*G. Llewellyn.*—In-half. At present much too slow. A fair tackler. Must learn to go down to rushes and follow his forwards in the rushes.  
 XL. Caps were awarded to—  
*M. R. Jones.*—A very dashing but at present clumsy forward. Has improved in dribbling. A fair tackler.  
*D. I. Rees.*—A hard-working forward. Must practise dribbling and learn to fall on the ball.  
*R. V. C. Williams.*—Though light is a very dashing forward. Tackles hard and follows up well. Has improved at dribbling.

The following matches were played at the end of last term:—

#### THE SCHOOL v. OLD LLANDOVERIANS.

On Thursday, Dec. 16th, we had to face a strong Old Boys' XV., which proved too good for the School. We were without G. G. Roberts on the right wing and D. R. Williams in the scrum, and their absence was badly felt. Some allowance must be made for end of term, but the School forwards were very poor and were easily outplayed by the scratch pack. During the first half the School held their own well and drew first blood, D. G. Williams breaking through from a line-out for D. S. Jones to convert. Rhydderch responded with a try after a brilliant run by R. M. Humphreys. Just before half-

time D. S. Jones dropped a goal, giving the School a lead of six points at half-time.

In the second half the School started badly. D. P. Davies scored a good try after pretty passing, which D. A. Evans converted, and shortly afterwards E. M. Jones broke away from half way and raced round under the posts with a converted try. The Old Boys kept up the attack, and from a forward rush, in which Rhydderch and J. F. H. Williams were conspicuous, D. A. Evans scored. R. M. Humphreys next came within an ace of dropping a goal, and a moment later E. M. Jones receiving a pass in his own half showed a clean pair of heels to his opponents to score his second try, which remained unconverted. The School then improved, and after a good round of passing D. G. Williams cut through and scored under the posts, Roderick converting. Just before the close Humphreys broke away and passed to E. M. Jones, who drew the full-back before returning the pass for Humphreys to run in with a tremendous burst of speed. The final score reading—

Old Boys      2 goals 4 tries (22 points)

The School    2 con. goals, 1 dropped goal (14 points)

The Old Boys thoroughly deserved their win, being superior in every department. R. M. Humphreys was easily the pick, playing a magnificent game all through, and showing that his trials for Oxford University were well deserved. E. M. Jones was the best three-quarter. He scored two fine tries, and has evidently improved since he left us. R. T. Howells was as sound as ever at full-back. Of a good pack of forwards, Rhydderch, Wyndham Williams, and J. F. H. Williams were the pick. On the School side D. G. Williams and W. B. Morgan were the most reliable players. Teams—  
*School.*—R. H. Roderick, P. B. Davies, D. G. Williams, W. H. Williams, I. A. T. Nicholas, W. B. Morgan, D. S. Jones, T. J. C. Davies (Captain), J. G. Williams, R. M. Jones, S. R. Griffith, W. L. Evans, G. H. Jennings, I. G. Williams, W. B. Evans.

*Old Boys.*—R. T. Howells, E. M. Jones, L. Richards, F. B. Morgan, D. P. Davies, R. M. Humphreys (Captain), N.

Griffiths, W. E. Rhydderch, Wyndham Williams, T. S. Phillips, L. P. Evans, J. F. H. Williams, D. M. Evans, W. R. Edmunds, D. A. Evans.

#### THE SCHOOL SECOND XV. v. GOWERTON.

This match was played on the Tredegar Close on Saturday, Dec. 11th. It was with no small measure of anxiety that we awaited the result, as we had not yet been successful against them. The second team had not yet been defeated this term, and after an exciting struggle they preserved this record. Gowerton kicked off and pressed immediately, but our forwards quickly drove them back. Thanks to the energies of T. D. Davies, the leader, who was always first in the follow up and tackle, they played a strong game. After a series of scrummaging on the Gowerton line the ball got loose, I. G. Williams picking up and ran over in the corner with an unconverted try. We did not keep a lead long, for stung by the reverse Gowerton rallied and reached our line with good rushes. Finally one of their forwards crossed in the extreme corner for a try, which their captain converted with a magnificent kick.

The second half saw a distinct improvement in the play of the School backs, the passing from the base of the scrum being quicker and smarter. Several good movements by Spurrell and P. B. Davies nearly ended in scores. At last the latter obtained the ball on the '25,' and running strongly beat several opponents and scored. I. G. Williams converted and gave the School the lead. In the few minutes left for play Gowerton set up a desperate attack, but our defence prevailed, and we registered our first win over them. Final score—

School	..	..	1 goal 1 try (8 points)
Gowerton	..	..	1 goal (5 points)

Undoubtedly the best player on the School side was T. D. Davies, the captain, whose dribbling and tackling was very good. I. G. Williams also played well in the open, his short punts to touch often saving his side. W. B. Evans was very disappointing. Of the backs P. B. Davies and W. R. Spurrell

were easily the pick, the former running with great resolution. S. M. Williams was quite safe at full-back, improving as the game progressed.

*School Team.*—S. M. Williams, A. King, J. R. Samuel, W. R. Spurrell, P. B. Davies, E. D. Griffiths, G. Llewellyn, T. D. Davies (Captain), W. B. Evans, I. G. Williams, A. E. Warhurst, C. G. Jones, E. M. Morgan, P. E. Edmunds, S. V. Swash.

#### THE HOUSE MATCH.

Not even the most enthusiastic Barbarian would deny that this year's house match was a far tamer affair than usual, the most probable reason being that the match was played at half an hour's notice, and the School was deprived of much of the scope for rag and excitement. The Houses were hot favourites, especially as T. J. C. Davies was an absentee, and as D. R. Williams, who captained the Infernales, had not recovered from a severe chill. The weather was fine, but a strong wind blowing towards the brewery rendered accurate combination among the backs very difficult. The Barbarians took the lead at once by a stroke of fortune. R. M. Jones, following up a long punt, saw the ball deceive the back by rebounding from one of the posts and scored a soft try, which D. S. Jones converted. With the wind in their favour the attack was kept up, and W. L. Evans made a mark from a wild kick by Nicholas in a favourable position for D. S. Jones to drop an easy goal. Eight points down in as many minutes, the Infernales began to find their game, and by rushing and kicking gradually drove their opponents back. Half-time arrived with no further score and play still in mid-field.

From the restart the Houses again set up a vigorous attack, but sound defensive work by G. G. Roberts and W. B. Morgan kept them out. At last W. L. Evans dashed over from a line-out, D. S. Jones failing to convert. The Infernales at once retaliated, but the passing broke down and the wings lacked the necessary pace. The tackling of the Barbarian centres was at this period very deadly. I. G. Williams next dropped a neat penalty goal for the Infernales, and just before the close D. S. Jones broke away in the



centre and, drawing the defence on to the left wing, doubled inside to run in unopposed for the best try of the game. The kick at goal failed, the final score being—

Barbarians—1 converted goal, 1 goal from a mark, 2 tries (14 points).

Infernales—1 penalty goal (3 points).

The game was not rough for a House match, though off-side work was noticeable. The Houses won through the greater opportunism of their backs and superior pace on the wings. Their forwards might have been better. J. G. Williams, T. D. Davies, and W. L. Evans were easily the pick. As usual in a House match defence outshone attack, the passing of the Infernales being poor. Their defence was better, W. B. Morgan, Roberts, and Spurrell playing well. S. M. Williams at full-back started shakily, but improved as the game progressed. There were two distinctly gratifying features of the game. The first was the fine play of Roderick, the captain of the Barbarians, at full-back. He had little tackling to do, but his long kicking did more to wear down the opposing pack than all the scrummaging of his forwards. The second was the surprising form displayed by the Infernales pack, who, under the leadership of D. R. Williams, played far above expectations. They fully held their own in the scrums, giving their backs every chance, while in the open they were distinctly superior to their opponents. Mr. Matheson kindly acted as referee. The teams were—

*Infernales.*—S. M. Williams, G. Llewellyn, G. G. Roberts, W. R. Spurrell, F. G. Nicholas, W. B. Morgan, and I. A. T. Nicholas, D. R. Williams (Captain), G. H. Jennings, I. G. Williams, A. E. Warhurst, C. G. N. Morgan, M. R. Jones, S. V. Swash, and R. V. C. Williams.

*Barbarians.*—R. H. Roderick (Captain), P. B. Davies, J. R. Samuel, W. H. Williams, A. King, D. S. Jones, R. M. Jones, J. G. Williams, W. L. Evans, T. D. Davies, E. A. Nicholas, W. B. Evans, C. G. Jones, E. M. Morgan, and D. I. Rees.

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## SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE, 1914.

League.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts. For.	Pts. Agst.
C (G. G. Roberts')	4 .. 3 .. 1 .. 0 ..	78 .. 33				
B (D. R. Williams')	4 .. 2 .. 2 .. 0 ..	51 .. 36				
A (T. J. C. Davies')	4 .. 1 .. 3 .. 0 ..	20 .. 80				

The following represented C.—G. G. Roberts (Captain), J. G. Williams, R. M. Jones, I. G. Williams, A. King, W. R. Spurrell, G. Morgan, M. R. Jones, F. G. Nicholas, W. G. Roberts, J. B. Underdown, D. H. Atwood.

B.—D. R. Williams (Captain), W. B. Morgan, I. A. T. Nicholas, W. L. Evans, E. A. Nicholas, J. R. Samuel, C. G. Jones, S. M. Williams, H. D. Hughes, S. V. Swash, D. I. Rees, R. V. C. Williams.

A.—T. J. C. Davies (Captain), R. H. Roderick, W. H. Williams, G. H. Jennings, T. D. Davies, W. B. Evans, P. B. Davies, A. E. Warhurst, G. Llewellyn, E. M. Morgan, H. Livsey, L. E. Roberts.

## SCHOOL JUNIOR TEAM v. SWANSEA GRAMMAR

### SCHOOL JUNIORS.

Played on the Tredegar Close on Wednesday, Feb. 25th. The ground, unfortunately, was very heavy and made good play extremely difficult. The School were without D. H. Jones at centre three-quarter, whose place was filled by H. G. Davies, with L. Ll. Rees on the wing.

Our forwards, though outweighed, stuck to their task very pluckily, and although beaten for possession did good work in the open and kept well together. Our first try was the result of a good pass by C. H. Morgan and a clever cut through by D. M. John. W. G. Roberts converted. Swansea replied with an excellent try, several backs and forwards handling. A little later they scored again after a forward rush. From this to the end of the game the School attacked strongly, and Lones and Ll. Rees scored tries, one of which W. G. Roberts converted. Thus the School won a very even and exciting game by 2 goals 1 try (13 pts.) to 1 goal 1 try (8 pts.).

*School Junior Team.*—W. G. Roberts (*full-back*); W. G. Davies, H. G. Davies, and L. Ll. Rees (*three-quarters*); D. M. John (Capt.) and C. H. Morgan (*halves*); P. B. John, Patey, Lloyd-Jones, A. Davies, Lones, and R. H. Thomas (*forwards*).

## The Reading Room.

A MEETING of the Reading Room Committee was held in the Prefects Study on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Mr. P. H. F. Wiseman was in the chair.

G. G. Roberts retired from the position of Librarian, and W. B. Morgan was unanimously elected in his stead. It was then proposed that *Fry's Magazine* should take the place of *Je sais tout* and the *Red* the place of the *Novel*. These changes were carried. Other suggestions were made but fell through.

It was decided to draw up a new catalogue of the Library books, as no catalogue had been published since 1905. Thanks to the untiring efforts of W. B. Morgan and G. G. Roberts this was soon accomplished, and there is now an unlimited supply of catalogues on sale, at the price of 3d. each.

We have to thank the Warden for kindly allowing us to purchase a large number of new books. The thanks of the school are due to Miss Russell and many of the boys for presenting books to the library.

The school are reminded that there is a large and very valuable Natural History Library which is rarely used. The volumes can be obtained from the Librarian at any time.

## Ode to the Warden's Book.

O Hateful book, O record of my crimes,  
Wherein are writ the evils of the times;  
Before mine eyes I see thy form appear,  
Which makes me tremble, shake and fear.

Of old within the study thou didst stand,  
Of him whose iron rule lay in his hand,  
Of him who oft the wand and branch did sway,  
And on his knees the lazy scholar slay.

How oft from thence a youth with doleful gait,  
And countenance enwrapt in scornful hate,  
Would bear thee forth to have his name engraved  
And, well he knew, was lucky were he saved.

And now we see thy pages all inscrib'd  
With tales of those who at their posts arriv'd,  
Perhaps without their tablets, which sometimes  
Would lead to worse—(unmention'd in these rhymes)

Perhaps of those who problems could not solve,  
Or those who did not watch the hours revolve,  
Or those whose minds yearn'd not for Attic Greek,  
Nor would the mysteries of Latin seek.

Avaunt, O dreaded book, get thee away !  
Thou art of Hades, while my heart is gay.  
I would not that thy form should haunt me more,  
Lest it should make me youthful days abhor.

YSTWYTH.

## The School Committee.

THE following meetings of the School Committee have been held during the term in the Prefects' Room, the Rev. G. I. R. Jones presiding.

February 10th, at 12.15. p.m, to elect a captain of hockey for the term. G. G. Roberts was proposed captain by W. B. Morgan, and was elected unanimously. The meeting then closed.

March 7th, 12.15. p.m. To elect two sports Secretaries and to elect a Handicapping committee. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and adopted, D. R. Williams and W. B. Morgan were elected Hon. Secs. for the sports. The following were elected on the Handicapping Committee : D. R. Williams, W. B. Morgan, T. C. Davies, G. G. Roberts, T. D. Davies, R. H. Roderick, J. B. Underdown and W. H. Williams. The meeting then adjourned.

Wednesday, March 18th, at 12.50. p.m. The introduction of an Open Half Mile Race, in our Sports Programme was proposed by D. R. Williams. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that it should be included. It was also decided on the Warden's recommendation to defer the throwing of the Cricket Ball to the end of the Cricket Season, and



to cancel the points it carried for the Ladies' Prizes. D. R. Williams then proposed a vote of thanks to the Warden for his generosity in presenting the Junior and Senior Ladies' Medals this year, which was carried unanimously. The meeting then closed.

Saturday, March 21st, at 1.30 p.m. It was decided that the Half Mile Race should carry the same number of points as the Mile and Quarter, viz. 1st, 12pts, 2nd 5pts, 3rd 2pts, and that the times should be, Standard 2 min. 8 secs. limit for 1st place, 2 min. 15 secs. limit for Second Place, 2 min. 25 secs.

It was then pointed out that the power of appointing Sub-Editors of the School Journal was vested in the School Committee. Accordingly D. R. Williams proposed that the original Sub-Editor, G. G. Roberts be re-elected. T. D. Davies was proposed by W. B. Morgan and seconded by T. J. C. Davies, and the two were elected. The meeting then closed.

## Cricket Season, 1914.

THE prospects for 1914, with four old colours and several members of last year's 2nd XI left, seems very fair. Although, if I. G. Williams recovers his break—which he will do if he gives up toying with the 'googly'—we shall have three good bowlers, it is here that our weakness may lie: it is essential that someone should be found capable of relieving Roderick, and it is rather doubtful where that someone is to come from; Warhurst is perhaps the most likely, provided he improves his control of the ball.

The batting should be sound. I. G. Williams ought to make plenty of runs, and a year should make a considerable difference to H. H. G. Williams and S. M. Williams, as also to three or four of last year's 2nd XI: Roderick's hitting will be useful if he learns to play straighter. Last year there was an epidemic of attempting to play any ball inside the off-stump somewhere between mid-on and square-leg; its disastrous results were so apparent that all members of this year's XI will no doubt be particularly careful to avoid it.

If the fielding can be maintained at last year's standard,

we shall have no cause for complaint: we shall at any rate have a good wicket-keeper.

There are two points in which there is room for much improvement in the cricket of the School; both are connected with running. Calling must be prompt, definite, and audible; it is a good plan that some call—'yes,' 'no,' or 'wait,'—should be given for every ball bowled by the striker, if he plays it in front of the wicket, otherwise by the non-striker. The other point is backing up. Let the non-striker always move out of his ground as soon as the ball is delivered; very slightly if he sees that it is likely to be returned towards the bowler, but otherwise so as to be from one to three yards up the pitch when the ball is hit. Many runs were lost last year and many batsmen run out through disregard of these rules.

## Entertainment.

ON the evening of Friday, March 27th, we were treated to a highly interesting and amusing entertainment in the Gymnasium. For this the School is greatly indebted to Mr. F. W. Gilbertson, our new trustee who, brought up so accomplished an artist as Mr. French. The variety of the entertainment and the high standard of quality maintained stamped him as a first class humorist. He showed himself to be an excellent sketch artist, combining speed with extraordinary precision. He began by a '*reductio ad absurdum*' of Darwin's theory that man is descended from monkeys, convincing the audience by a clever sketch that the spider held that honour. In the same way he proved that children were descended from rabbits, to the chagrin of the Juniors; while his Sketch, 'They looked like that,' was remarkably well done, and his conversion of a circle into a typical country belle sent the audience into convulsions. His real masterpiece, however, came at the end, when he converted a beautiful landscape painting of Killarney into a lady cyclist on a road by merely turning his picture upside down. He interspersed these drawings with music, poetry, and humour. The variety of his songs was most marked. He gave us a very funny French song, while the strains of his 'Are yer

roight' were hummed in the School for some days after. His poem, 'Later on,' deserves special mention for the dramatic effect, and we should much like to publish it. The entertainment closed with a splendid description of the frivolity of youth at a birthday party at the expence of the adult male told off to amuse them. This sent the audience into hysterics, and we were loth to disperse after quite the most enjoyable evening we have yet spent in the Gymnasium.

## St. David's Day.

ON Monday, March 2nd, we held our annual holiday. Fortune smiled on us by giving us one of the few fine days of the term, and at 9.30 prompt we were ordered off the mark. As usual some adventurous spirits announced their intention of vitising Twm Shon Cati's Cave, but were lost sight of at Cynghordy. We strongly suspect them of getting no further—'*vanitas, vanitas omnia vanitas.*' Other proved their affection for the School by spending the day in historical research within the precincts of the buildings, a hobby usually associated with the first day of term. About eighty energetic pedestrians toiled as far as Llangadock where they spent the remainder of the day reclining after their labours and replenishing their appetites.

The remaining two dozen of us wended our way by saloon to Swansea, armed with leeks and French grammars to witness our countrymen rout their neighbours from across the Channel in the noble art of Rugby Football. After a pleasant journey we arrived in Swansea at noon, and with several hours to spend before the game proceeded in search of venison, meeting sundry 'Old Llandoverians' on the way. Those of us whose finances permitted lunched at the Metropole, where we found the French team preparing for the fray. We immediately began to air our knowledge of their language upon them. In this we found no difficulty, but it seems that they did. Anyhow, we went up several points in their estimation when we explained to them in a superior manner that we were educated in the same school as the Welsh captain. Having dined sumptuously we set out for St. Helens, arriving

in time to witness the end of a Schoolboy Match, in which the players were numbered—a feature which was conspicuous by its absence in the International. Having taken up our own positions in the renowned Tanner Bank we were promptly asked by an enterprising vendor possessed of two enormous lungs, whether we had tried our beverage. Further investigations showed that this took the form of chewing gum, that 'everybody's chewing it,' and that our money would be returned if unsatisfactory. This being ambiguous we preferred not to part with it at all.

After the teams had been photographed a roar announced the arrival of the French side. A mild sensation was caused by a Goliath who ran the length of the field in half a dozen studies in as many minutes to stretch his legs before the game started. He proved to be the dominating personality of a game which showed that we had still much to learn from the French. You must shriek 'alley' or 'ici' a dozen times if you wish to get a pass. When you get the ball dance the first step of the Tango that occurs to you, and trust to luck that you will thereby create a fine opening. If you play full-back you may wear a 'sporter,' if on the wing, gloves and tight bonnets which will prevent your hair from being pulled out, this being the favourite tackle.

The game over we had a sprint for the train, and had the usual ten minutes to spare. Except for an exciting wait outside Llandilo, where the engine showed a strong disinclination to proceed further, the return journey was made without incident, and we arrived back at 9 o'clock, in time for our late dinner.

A noteworthy record was made on St. David's Day. It is said that three boys went up to the sickroom on the morning of the holiday. Other statistics show that there was no falling off in the numbers of the Sick Room for the ensuing week, as compared with previous years. Indeed the Sick Room is this term more popular than ever.



## The Sports.

### THE STEEPLECHASES.

THESE races had been originally fixed for March 11th, but had been postponed owing to the extremely wet weather until March 20th. Fortunately it proved to be the sunniest afternoon of the term, though on account of the recent heavy rains, the course was very heavy. The rivers were indeed so high that the course had to be diverted, a crossing being effected by a footbridge 200 yards below the ford.

The Junior Race was started at 3.30. H. G. Davies soon took the lead and held it for some time. A. Davies passed him in the wood, but he himself was soon passed by J. L. Evans, with R. L. Davies close up. At the second railway bridge J. L. Evans had increased his lead, while R. L. Davies had got into second place, A. Davies being now third, closely followed by M. L. Ballinger. J. L. Evans continued to draw away to the end and won easily, while R. L. Davies obtained second place. There was a struggle for third place between A. Davies and M. L. Ballinger, the superior stride of the former just carrying him through. Of the rest G. Wynne Jones and A. P. N. Roberts ran well. Time, 19min. 28secs.

There were seventeen entries for the Senior Race which started at 3.40. A. W. B. Jones and J. R. Samuel set a hot pace for the first mile, with R. M. Jones, Underdown, and D. S. Jones well up. A. W. B. Jones dropped out at the railway bridge, where Underdown, the favourite, took the lead, which he rapidly increased across the marsh and wood. At the top of the hill he was fully 300 yards in front, and making his own pace came in a very easy first. R. M. Jones, though a poor second, ran very well, being evidently out of condition. D. S. Jones obtained third place, and was followed home by D. I. Rees, G. Llewellyn, R. V. C. Williams, J. R. Samuel, and H. D. Hughes in the above order. Time, 21 min. 31 secs.

### THE MILE.

The final heat of this race was run after tea on Saturday, March 28th. There were seven competitors. G. G. Roberts set the pace for the first half mile, which was covered in 2 min. 31 secs.; but at this point Underdown, last year's winner, took the lead, with R. M. Jones and A. W. B. Jones close up, and the race was obviously between those three. R. M. Jones sprinted early in the last lap, but Underdown soon regained the lead, and, running with sound judgment, drew away in the straight to win by thirty yards. A. W. B. Jones was a good third, and indeed the running of all three was well up to the average for the race. R. V. C. Williams and D. S. Jones also finished. The time, 5 min. 5½ secs., was decidedly good considering the heavy state of the track.

### THE HALF MILE.

Special interest was attached to the above race, as it was introduced this year. The final heat was run on Monday, March 30th, in a gale and a downpour of rain, which was most unfortunate, as it was hoped that good time would be recorded. There were but four competitors, and at the end of the first lap they were all well together. 200 yards from home Underdown began to draw away, though Samuel stuck to him gamely. The long raking stride of the former carried him through, and he won by twenty yards. R. M. Jones finished very strongly, and just beat Samuel for second place, though the latter ran pluckily. The time, 2 min. 22 secs., cannot be taken too seriously, for it had easily been beaten in the heats.

### SPORTS DAY.

Though the weather had done its worst we succeeded in getting the Sports off on the fixed day. The track was the heaviest we have had for many years, while in parts it was thick with mud. There is no doubt that this affected the results in the Hundred and Quarter, neither of which reached the limit. The former provided a good race. G. G.

Roberts, the winner, stumbled badly at the start, but made a splendid recovery to beat P. B. Davies by a yard. In the Quarter King made the running at the start, but was passed in the straight by Underdown and G. G. Roberts, the former winning by a dozen yards. The Jumps also suffered on account of the slippery state of the turf, but I. A. T. Nicholas' effort in the Open Long Jump was quite good. J. B. Underdown easily won the Senior Ladies Prize with 34 points. He should in time become a very good runner. The Junior Prize went to D. M. John, with 14 pts. though W. G. Davies, J. L. Evans, and H. G. Davies were close at his heels. Results:—

100 yards (open)—1, G. G. Roberts; 2, P. B. Davies; 3, A. King. 12 secs.

440 yards (open)—1, J. B. Underdown; 2, G. G. Roberts; 3, A. King. 60½ secs.

880 yards (open)—1, J. B. Underdown; 2, R. M. Jones; 3, J. R. Samuel. 2 min. 21½ secs.

Mile (open)—1, J. B. Underdown; 2, R. M. Jones; 3, A. W. B. Jones. 5 min. 5½ secs.

Steeplechase (open)—1, J. B. Underdown; 2, R. M. Jones; 3, D. S. Jones. 21 min. 31 secs.

Long Jump (open)—1, I. A. T. Nicholas; 2, J. G. Williams. 17 ft. 3 in.

High Jump (open)—1, H. H. G. Williams; 2, C. G. N. Morgan. 4 ft. 7½ in.

Putting the Weight (open)—1, D. S. Jones; 2, R. H. Roderick. 24 ft. 3 in.

120 yards (open handicap)—1, W. B. Morgan (16 yds.); 2, M. L. James (20); 3, R. V. C. Williams (18). 13 secs.

Half-mile (open handicap)—1, H. G. Davies (100 yds.); 2, A. W. B. Jones (80 yds.); 3, R. V. C. Williams (90 yds.). 2 min. 18½ secs.

100 yards (under 16)—1, D. M. John; 2, W. G. Davies; 3, H. G. Davies. 12½ secs.

440 yards (under 16)—1, H. G. Davies; 2, A. Davies; 3, J. L. Evans. 65 secs.

Steeplechase (under 16)—1, J. L. Evans; 2, R. L. J. Davies; 3, A. Davies. 19 min. 28 secs.

Long Jump (under 16)—1, W. G. Davies; 2, H. W. Wykes. 14 ft. 11½ in.

High Jump (under 16)—1, D. M. John; 2, N. F. Evans. 4 ft. 3½ in.

Warden's Race (440 yards handicap, under 15)—1, A. P. N. Roberts; 2, D. C. Evans; 3, C. G. Jenkins; 4, P. B. John; 5, H. W. Wykes. 72 secs.

100 yards (under 14)—1, G. Wynne Jones; 2, C. E. Jones. 13½ secs.

Long Jump (under 14)—1, L. Rees; 2, G. Wynne Jones. 12 ft. 10 in.

High Jump (under 14)—1, L. Rees; 2, C. E. Jones. 4 ft. 0¼ in.

300 yards (under 13)—1, E. O. Jones; 2, J. E. Rhodes. 50½ secs.

Open Consolation Race—J. G. Williams. 66 secs.

Junior Consolation Race—W. G. Roberts. 69 secs.

After the races the prizes were presented by General Sir James Hills-Johnes, V.C., who had himself in his time won fame as an athlete as well as on the battlefield. The Warden, in a few remarks at the beginning, voiced the feelings of the whole School with regard to the departure of Rev. Ivor Jones. We quite agree with him that he made no mistake in his estimate of a man.

The thanks of the School are due to the Rev. G. I. R. Jones, Mr. S. H. Lockyer, and the two Secretaries, D. R. Williams and W. B. Morgan, for their endeavours to make the Sports a success.

#### THE POINT-TO-POINT RACE.

The most sporting event of the Sports took place on Wednesday, April 1st, on the Cynghordy-Mumphrey course. There were 15 runners, three representatives of each house. From a slow start Jennings took the lead, closely followed by Underdown, R. M. Jones, and G. G. Roberts, with the rest some distance away. When two miles had been covered in good time Jennings fell back, and Underdown seized the opportunity of taking the lead, with J. L. Evans and D. S. Jones close behind. These three drew away at the top of the last hill, where it was seen that Underdown and D. S. Jones were running neck and neck for the gate. The latter unfortunately slipped, but ran in gamely, and was beaten by Underdown after the closest finish for many years. The winner finished up a good week's running by another well deserved victory. J. L. Evans was a good third and ran most pluckily. With more experience he should develop into a fine cross-country runner. R. M. Jones ran slightly out of his course, but was a good fourth, with G. H. Jennings, D. I. Rees, and A. W. B. Jones next. The team race was won by College House, who were represented by D. S. Jones, R. M. Jones, and J. G. Williams, with 18 points. The New Buildings scored 21 points, Old Buildings 24, while Llandigat and Oppidans tied at 28 points each.



## Correspondence.

*To the Editor of the School Journal.*

Dear Sir,—Would it not be possible to obtain for the Reading Room a bound volume of the old numbers of the School Journal. Back copies seem to be getting more and more difficult to obtain each year, and this would be a boon which would be greatly appreciated by the School. The expense would not be great, and the boys are quite willing to contribute.—Yours, etc.,

MATRIC.

Dear Sir,—I hope you will find space in your columns for the following letter.

During the past two cricket seasons we have been told that only promising youngsters will be coached at cricket. We, rabbits and old stagers, have no complaint to make against this, but we should like to know of what use we are on the cricket pitch. Surely our room is preferred to our company, especially when a first game is in progress. So long as we are changed and are on the pitch nobody ever troubles about us. We will never become cricketers. Why not allow such rabbits, who will play tennis and golf in after life, an opportunity of starting those games in which there is some chance of their becoming proficient?—Yours, &c.,

THE RABBIT OF THE PREFECTS.

*To the Editor of the School Journal.*

Dear Sir,—Permit me to suggest a simple remedy to the School drive which is at present in a more deplorable state than ever, and which has contributed not a little to the trade of the sick room. There are at present several slabs of stone lying idle against the fives court, the remains of the old floor of these courts. A few of these placed judiciously in the larger pools would form an inexpensive remedy. At present a chart of submerged pools and a compass is necessary as well as hob nailed boots and spats.—Yours, &c.,

A LLANDINGAT SUFFERER.

*To the Editor of the School Journal.*

Dear Sir,—Would it be of any avail to point out to those in authority, that for the last twelve years the Honours' Board has not been filled in, and that the Geoffrey Williams board does not bear a single name on it. Surely this is a custom which ought not to be permitted to fall into disuse.—Yours, &c.,

ἀγνῶς.

*To the Editor of the School Journal.*

Dear Sir,—Permit me to make use of your valuable columns to put forward a plea for the revival of Boxing in the Gymnasium, and of Fives Competitions, both of which were very popular three or four years ago. Such competitions would have done much to decrease the dullness afforded by the wretched weather during the term.—Yours, &c.,

γυμνασία.

*To the Editor of the School Journal.*

Dear Sir,—I think you will agree with me that the present arrangement of Houses for Sports purposes does not work very well. Might I suggest that there be half-a-dozen 'leagues,' or whatever you like to term them, to one of which every boy may be allotted when he first comes to the School.—Yours &c.,

BRABAZON.

We acknowledge with thanks the *Sherburnian* (2), and the *Breconian*.