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EDITORIAL.

This is the first Magazine of which two boys have been the Editors, and we hope that all who read it will do so with a not too critical eye. It was decided that two boys should edit the Magazine because the Headmaster found that in recent issues he has had to rely on O.B. contributions and also write a fair amount himself.

Like our predecessor we have had great difficulty in collecting contributions for this Magazine; indeed the major part of it has been written by boys from the Fifth and Sixth.

It will be noticed that no account of the School Dramatic Entertainment, which was held in the Llewelyn Hall, on February 1st and 2nd, of this year, appears in this Magazine. This is due to the fact that the two boys, to whom the care of writing an account was entrusted, failed to fulfil their charge, and also failed to notify the Editors that they had not written an account, until it was too late for someone else to write one.

We can only record here that the Seniors played "She Stoops to Conquer," and the Juniors "An Amateur Rehearsal of Hamlet," and that the Performance was a great success.

The School Sports were held on the Training College Grounds (by the kind permission of Miss Robbins), on June 23rd. An account of this event and also a list of the results appear on another page.

We are sure it must be very gratifying to all to hear of the successes of some of the Old Boys, who are at Swansea University. One, Basil Thomas, was the only person to gain a 1st Class Honours in French, whilst Eli Seal has also gained a 1st Class Honours in Chemistry, and T. Bennett a 1st Class Honours in English. Harry Simons has succeeded in obtaining his M.A. degree.

Some weeks back Monsieur Grison mysteriously disappeared, but it was afterwards learnt that he had returned to France to sit for an Examination.

Although it may be too late to wish him "Best of luck," yet it is certain we all hope that he has been successful.

Preparations are now well advanced for the trip to St. Nazaire for the first fortnight in August. We all hope that the trippers will have the very best of weather, and will enjoy themselves immensely.

A trip to Rhineland is being arranged for next Whitsuntide, to cost £10. Route : London, Rotterdam, Cologne, Coblenz (Ems.), best Rhine scenery to Bingen, Frankfort, Heidelberg, or possibly London, Ostend, Bruges, Brussels, Cologne, etc.

At present there is an epidemic of Form Picnics in the School. Previously these have been confined to "Fourth Years" who were leaving, but this year even "First Years" are organizing Outings for the end of Term.

OBITUARY.

With sincere regret we have to record the death of Hugh Jones, IVCL. He was a prominent member of the School Orchestra, and had been a pupil at School for nearly four years. We sympathize most deeply with his parents.

GROVE HOUSE.

Members of this House have every right in congratulating themselves, for we were Cock-House 1st Term and 2nd Term. Also in the Sports we succeeded in breaking down all opposition and piling up the amazing total of 61½ points. Every boy in the House took it upon himself to see to it that it would not be his fault if the House did not come out top, and so, as we have no deficiency of talent, we easily attained the coveted position. We may also take this opportunity of congratulating our fellow-member, G. David, who succeeded in obtaining the Championship Medal. Last year, although the Champion of the School came from our House, yet because the other members did not pull their weight Grove was not Cock-House of the Sports.

It is almost certain that if the members of the Lower School try to be a little more punctual, we shall be Cock-House for the 3rd Term and thus also for the year.

H.C.W. (Sec.).

SCHOOL NOTES.

The world is constantly changing and even in the vicinity of the School, where things rarely change, the houses have been pulled down and the building of the new Girls' School has been going on apace. This has increased to an almost unbearable degree the discomfiture of the boys of 4A and 3R, through dust, hammering and flooding. Yet the boys are willing to undergo all this discomfiture knowing that in the near future, while we are occupying the new Girls' School, our own School will be entirely remodelled and new buildings added.

The boys of the Lower School, since we have been deprived of the lower-yard together with the fives-court, have invented a new game, which can be played safely in the upper-yard. This new game consists of keeping a ball bouncing on one's head and against the wall as long as possible. It is called by the boys "headering," and so we suppose that one who takes part in it is called a "headerer." Wherever one turns in the yard boys can be seen indulging in this game and so skilful have they become that it has been known for one boy to keep the ball bouncing for 53 times!

One of the objects of the School House System was to bring Seniors and Juniors together and create a feeling of camaraderie. As it has been proved that this system is helpful in School, why not think of the boys who have left our School, and have lost all touch with one another? We could bring them together by means of an Old Boys Society.

The use of the Fan in the life of the scholars of the Municipal Secondary Boys' School is to supply the School with air—be it pure or impure—and occasionally to furnish the excuse for having a half-day holiday. We officially deny that the boys of the Lower School, raised to a state of fevered excitement by having one half-day holiday, have decided to blow up the fan-house and so make life at the School one perpetual holiday. There will be no Electric Fan Ventilation in the new School and no more half-holidays from this source.

It is recorded on another page that one House did not come top last term owing to the number of late boys from the House. Because they are supposed to arrive early some boys make it a point of arriving late. We suggest that a prize should be given to the boy who arrives late the most times during the year. Perhaps the converse would then follow and there would be no late boys, seeing how difficult boys find it to obtain a prize of any sort.

DILLWYN HOUSE,

Last Term all our hopes were shattered when the Term's Report was given, and we found that owing to the great number of lates we had to yield the first place to Grove.

Formerly our House was the most punctual in the School, but now (owing to the activities of two boys in 3m) it has degenerated into the least punctual.

So far we have not had a successful year, but still it is not too late, and if we, as a House, make an extra effort this Term, we have every reason to hope to be Cock House.

FORM NOTES.

FORM 4A.

We are pleased to hear that our late Form-mate, John Lacey, has safely arrived in Canada, and we wish him every success in his future career.

A repetition of the School Theatricals can be witnessed (at the time of writing) during our English lessons, when "Toby" and "Miss Hardcastle" are seen at their best to the Form's enjoyment. Admission free to Oxford candidates.

We were seriously thinking of holding an Aquatic Gala one afternoon last Term to pass away the monotony of the afternoon. Water was so abundant that its presence necessitated the removal of H.M.S. Desk to drier quarters to ensure the "flu" proof condition of its owner.

SIXTH FORM.

Like the Liberal Party, the Sixth could well adopt the motto: "The less we are together, the merrier we'll be." The Form has shrunk from over twenty to nine, and as a result the number of desks is no longer in inverse proportion to the number of boys.

It is not true that one boy's answer to a question in the French examination was "Ask Monsieur."

Neither is it true that the Sixth are going to copy the Labour Members of Parliament and form a glee party. Those who were near the Gym on certain past Friday mornings will doubtless applaud the decision.

If there are any amateur detectives in the School, they can prove their worth by solving the mysterious disappearance of books from Sixth Form desks.

It is doubtful whether the Sixth disliked their own Scholarship Day more than they did the last one.

Some in the Sixth could challenge the statement that it is a women's prerogative to change her mind.

CIRCLES.

We schoolboys know circles as little round things which are mixed up with other circles, triangles and a variety of other figures generally to form a grotesque figure which is studied during a geometry lesson, when the master vainly endeavours to make it perfectly evident that the hypothesis, "that the area of this circle is twice the sum of the other two squared," is perfectly correct.

Then, when the examination comes along we show our intelligence by pouring or failing to pour out reams upon reams of these unnecessary hypotheses—always supported by a scrappy, yet formidable array of vague references to the size of the angle A, inverse points, centres of similitude and radial axes.

Now and again, circles are introduced to us during a geography lesson, when the master scatters a few over the board and then adds various ellipses, straight lines and meaningless curves, presumably for purposes of decoration. To heighten the effect, the sun, a few stars and one or two brother planets are included, forming a diagram which would do credit to any school of astronomy.

Without any preliminaries, the master then proceeds to show how a captain at sea would find his latitude at night with a peculiar instrument called a sextant; but after quite half-an-hour's solid driving and vain explanation, we are as much in the dark as the Captain on the said night.

After this short denunciation, the state of the average schoolboy's mind can easily be imagined; no wonder there is so much weeping and gnashing of teeth, and why kindly Aunts deplore the absence of the traditional shining faces.

If circles were abolished, a dozen or more theorems would disappear from our geometry books, tangents would die a natural death and cyclic quadrilaterals would lose their terror, while in-centres and e-centres would surely become extinct.

E. G. BOWEN (VI).

PRIZE DAY.

Our Annual Prize Day was held at the Central Hall, on Friday afternoon, Mar. 4th, 1927. Many distinguished personages attended, including His Worship the Mayor (in full robes), the Mayoress, Monsieur Le Bars (Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur), and Dr. Arbour Stephens (Chairman of the Swansea Education Committee). The chair was taken by His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. J. Bassett), and the Prizes were distributed by the Mayoress. A very interesting and instructive address was given by M. Le Bars. This was followed by an address by Dr. Stephens. Mr. Beanland then delivered the Headmaster's Report. He dwelt on the successes of the School in the Scholastic line during the past year. Mr. Beanland mentioned that a schoolboy's life is not all honey, although it was generally believed, in some cases erroneously, that one's school days were the happiest days of one's life, a sentiment which was very loudly applauded by the aforesaid schoolboys. Selections were rendered by the School Orchestra under the able baton of Mr. Lewis. Recitations were delivered in English, Welsh, French, and German respectively by H. Davies, B. James, C. Rogers (IVCL), and R. Williams (VI).

A summary of the successes was as follows :—

Four Scholarships to Swansea University (Two of £50 and Two of £25 per annum) for four years.

Several successes in the Oxford Higher Certificate.

Two 1st class Honours, and six 2nd class Honours in the London Matriculation for June, 1926.

In the Oxford School Certificate for July, 1926, there were 14 Honours, 32 Passes, and 20 Distinctions (19 in Geography and one in French). Ten boys were exempted from both the London and the Welsh Matriculation. There were 12 successes in the Royal Society of Arts Examination, Stage II, and 18 successes in Stage I, while in Shorthand, E. Dowdle did 90 words per minute, four boys did 80 words per minute, ten boys did 70 words per minute, and four boys did 60 words per minute. Degrees were granted to nine Old Boys (five with Honours) during the year.

The usual Form Prizes were also awarded.

The Character Prize was awarded to W. H. D. Davies (VI).

The House Shield for Work and Punctuality was presented to Dillwyn House.

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FIFTH FORM ALPHABET.

- A** stands for Arthur and also for Ace, who dance the Charleston with exceeding grace.
- B** stands for Bromham, a terror for English. He writes capital essays, although a bit longish.
- C** stands for Clifford, whom we call "D.C." A dutiful prefect he tries hard to be.
- D** is for Dewi, our left wing at Rugby. He often reads scripture to the boys in assembly.
- E** stands for Elwyn who captains our Form. He looks on all others with justified scorn.
- F** is for Form Master, a jolly good sort, who tells us our learning ability's naught.
- G** stands for Gower, and Gregory the irrepressible. But for this worthy, life would be unbearable.
- H** stands for Harry who's hot stuff at running, and also for Horace,—not the one who wrote Latin.
- I** is for ink which we use quite a lot. If it wasn't for schoolboys Swan & Co. would shut shop.
- J** 's for one with the old name of Jones; when *he* feels like singing then all the Form groans.
- K** is for knowledge of which we have plenty. Though we must own in some Forms it is scanty.
- L** is for London Matric., so nuff sed. I'm told it kept some boys awake in their bed.
- M** is for Michael and Mansel who say there's none in the School can write shorthand as they.
- N** is for neat, as our Form Room is kept. If to the floor falls a paper away it is swept.
- O** is a sound to which we often emit. If on a bent pin we happen to sit.
- P** is for Prefects, those arms of the law. All the School rightly regards them with awe.
- Q** stands for questions, in which masters delight. But which keep us poor scholars up late in the night.
- R** stands for another boy, this time Roy Devereux. At coining excuses there's not a boy cleverer.
- S** stands for Stephens and Snell (who's called Roy). When the master is looking he's quite a good boy.
- T** is for Terminals at the end of the Term. From which even the brainiest try hard to worm.
- U** stands for Us who make up Form Five. Each one a hero, and each quite alive.
- V** 's for vacations—so few do we get. If the Head only sees this we'll get less, you bet.
- W** 's for Walters, that lad from abroad. I'm afraid that his jokes do not meet with applaud.
- X** is a letter over which we must pass. For it's only used in Mr. Davies's Class.
- Y** is for you who'll read this with a smirk. But kindly remember to us it's meant work.
- Z** stands for zeal in which we abound. And as for sheer brains, in the Fifth they are found.

ABRACADABRA 5th.

BASKET BALL.

The Basket Ball Competition last Term was more exciting and interesting than for many years past.

This year's champions were Form 4A. Aply led by F. Williams, supported by the 'gentle' T. Tasker and Co. they played exceedingly well, only losing 2 points during the term. There was rivalry for the top position for some time, between 4A, V and the Lower V, but the two last forms dropped out of the running, and the Shield that has graced the Fifth Form wall for so long has now been taken down, and for one year at least will hang in 4A.

There were many exiting matches contested in the Gym. Undoubtedly the most worthy of mention was the Lower V v. 4A game. In this a fast pace was set from the beginning and after being 2 goals down at one period, the Lower V rallied and with one minute to go were leading by a goal, the score being 4—3. Then just on time a disputed goal was scored levelling the scores. An argument in which spectators as well as players joined, then ensued, but the affair ended satisfactorily for all concerned.

Another game of note was that between 2R and the VI, and those who want an account of it can apply in person to a certain member of the Fifth.

[The writer will *not* be responsible for any damage done to enquirers.]

This year no Prefect has been over eager to act as referee. (Perhaps there is one exception). Therefore, if any Fourth Year boy thinks he will be called upon to do so next year, he had better develop a love for refereeing during the Summer, or he will be totally unprepared when he has this thankless task thrust upon him.

Two more persons deserve to be mentioned. They are Messrs Davies, of the Fifth, who have so ably kept watch on the door, and who have been so kind as to accept Foreign coins and coppers experimented on in Physics in lieu of the admission fee of one half-penny.

We all join in congratulating 4A on their fine achievement, and we hope that next year's tournament will be as exciting and enjoyable as this year's. "TUG."

HOWLERS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION.

1. The Virgin Queen was Mary, mother of Jesus.
2. Henry Tudor was a great king. He lived in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.
3. General Wolfe started as a very poor boy and grew up to be a very strenuous fighter. In defeating the French he was killed in time to hear the cheers of his victory.
4. Geoffrey Chaucer was a blood-thirsty man and he could not eat his breakfast until he had killed a few men.
5. Drake fought against the Invisable Armada.
6. General Wolfe was a great man who fought for Araham Lincoln in the Civil War.
7. The Virgin Queen was so called because Raleigh founded Virginia.
8. Geoffrey Chaucer wrote "The Burial of Sir John Moore" and many others.
9. General Wolfe was in the Great War.
10. General Wolfe was another great heroine. England felt great loss after her.

CRICKET NOTES.

SCHOOL v. GLANMOR.

A team selected from the Fourth Year Forms played Glanmor at Singleton, on May 28th. The School was victorious by 25 runs. Result—School 49. Glanmor 24.

Chief Scorers—C. Arnold 13, F. J. Williams 7, G. Dadds (not out) 5.

Bowling Averages—F. J. Williams 7 for 13, C. Bowen 3 for 9.

In a second game at Singleton, June 18th, the School was victorious, by 14 runs. Result—School 37, Glanmor 23.

Chief Scorers—G. Dadds 7, E. Parkhouse 6.

Bowling Averages—F. J. Williams 6 for 10 runs. C. Bowen 3 for 12 runs.

A VISIT TO THE BUSINESS EXHIBITION.

On the last day of the 2nd Term, Form 4A, under the supervision of Mr. Jones, paid a visit to the Business Exhibition at the Drill Hall. We had heard previously about the wonderful machines and typewriters, etc., and our hopes were realized when we were able to see and in most cases handle the exhibits.

The typewriters, especially the "Silent" Remington, greatly interested us, and we were delighted at the offer to try it.

We were given a very detailed account of the "Roneo" Rotary Duplicator and were recommended to ask Mr. Beanland to purchase one for us as by means of this machine the inconveniences of the cyclostyle in printing Exam. papers would be dispensed with, and also by means of it our School Magazines could be printed. We were shown an example of a School Magazine printed with the Rotary Duplicator, and it was very neatly done.

Filing by means of the very up-to-date appliances and cabinets was made to look simple, and to our great interest the abnormal powers of adding machines were exhibited.

Anything like a detailed account of our visit would fill an exercise book, and space would not be permitted for its publication in this Magazine. However, we were very much enlightened and sincerely thank Mr. Jones for his excellent information and advice on the exhibits. F.J.Wms, 4A.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

Holders of the House Shield for the past three years, Dillwyn again reached the final this year having Grove as their opponents. The match was played on the Recreation Ground. The referee being Mr. D. J. Williams (Roberts).

Harold Richards winning the toss for Dillwyn elected to play with the wind, and after a delay caused by a heavy shower, Houston kicked off for Grove. Grove did most attacking and scored first through F. J. Williams from a penalty for a foul on Grant by Richards. Dillwyn improved and Nicholson scored from a mêlée in front of goal. Play for the remainder of the half was scrappy and mainly confined to mid-field. The ground was treacherous and there were many miskicks, none however of serious consequence.

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Early in the second half Grove was awarded another penalty for a foul on Houston by Aneurin John and Fred Williams again scored, the ball going in off Bowen's hands. Dillwyn who were well served by W. Johns and A. Johns, now attacked strongly but failed to pierce the Grove defence in which Harry Williams and Fred Williams were prominent while all the half-backs played well. Dillwyn had hard lines when after a free-kick well taken by A. Johns, the ball struck the post, and then Harry Williams just managed to save with the goalie beaten. Grove nearly scored from a breakaway when Stan. Thomas took a first time shot from Houston's pass, but Bowen managed to save. Time came with Grove winners by the odd goal of three. Dillwyn hardly deserved to lose, and a draw would have been a fairer reflex of the play.

W. (VI).

JUNIOR RUGBY NOTES.

Last season was very satisfactory in results. In the League matches we were beaten but once, and then by Baptist Well. Our record was :—Won 4, Drawn 5, Lost 1.

In the Cup matches we won against Plasmarl but lost against St. Thomas.

Congratulations to Ed. Waetzel, 3M, on the award of an Inter-Town Medal for 1926-27. Every season we have had a Forward playing in the Town team.

Since our last publication our results have been :—

LEAGUE.

	Pts.	Pts.			Pts.	Pts.	
Baptist Well	3	13	Lost	Dyfatty ...	5	5	Draw
Terrace Rd.	0	0	Draw	St. Thomas	3	3	Draw
Glanmor ...	15	11	Won	Dyfatty ...	3	0	Won

CUP.

	Pts.	Pts.			Pts.	Pts.	
Plasmarl ...	18	0	Won	St. Thomas	0	3	Lost

Common Faults (No. 2).—Selfishness has no place in a Rugby Team. A player who is running for the line with the ball and sees an opponent whom he cannot pass easily, must give the ball to one of his supporters just when he reaches the opponent. The common fault is keeping the ball until it is too late to pass it properly.

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

A new consignment of books has been added to the School Library, during the past year. Increased facilities are offered to the boys—no fines, no time-limits. The library includes books of travel and discovery, literary works, poems, essays and various other books.

At present however, there are many books which we should like to add to the library ; some school boy tales by such authors as Verne and R. L. Stevenson would be very acceptable. But even now, boys will find books to their taste, and opportunity is given all to borrow books.

D.U.R.W., VI.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The boys of our School were all gathered one day
At the College Grounds for their Sports so gay.
The races, to witness, were quite a delight,
For each of them proved a very keen fight.

On the High Jump alone I could write a long tale,
But I'll only just mention t'was won by Penhale.
On the Hundred Yards winners I'll be just as curt,
They were David and Sullivan, D. Thomas and Birt.

I'll now name the winners in the Cricket Ball Throwing,
They were D. Davies, T. Thomas, J. Birt and A. Bowen.
The Wheel-barrow race was quite a good "gag,"
The winners were Davies, Penhale, Rees and Vagg.

The Sack-race winners, wobbled home like lame geese,
They were Thomas, Tasker, Bainbridge and Rees.
F. Williams and Houston, in the Long Jump they won,
And little Jack Enoch proved that he could run.

The hardest race was the Quarter Mile,
But Povolny and H. Williams both won with a smile.
Of Gooding and Budge I also must write,
While Morgans and Evans came in first all right.

Now the writer of this you quickly will trace,
So I trust you will take it all in good grace.
But ere I finish I should like to say,
Grove House was by far the best on that day.

M. Soloman and H. Davies also ran well,
 And I am afraid this is all that I have to tell
 So if you're a winner and your name I don't write,
 I hope you will take it in a right sporty light.

S. MEREDITH, IIIr.

SPORTS DAY.

This popular, annual event took place on June 23rd, at the Training College Grounds. Because the weather was somewhat chilly and a strong wind was blowing, the runners, who were scantily attired in shorts and jerseys, failed to appreciate the charms of Sports Day.

In the 100 yards the competitors had to run against the wind and although this retarded the speed, yet some exciting struggles were witnessed, especially in Heat 2 of the 100 yards ($14\frac{1}{2}$ — $15\frac{1}{2}$) which was won in the fast time of 20 (?) seconds by W. Johns, who looked very lonely as he flashed past the post. When interviewed at the end of the race, he said that he was quite overcome at his brilliant success against such odds.

There was an interesting tussle between G. David and H. Davies for the School Championship Medal; the winner was not known until the official announcement was made next day that G. David had gained 13 points and had therefore beaten H. Davies who had gained only 10 points. Congratulations to David! H. Williams, the ex-champion, did not run as well as expected in the 100 yards, but he came back to form in Section A of the 440 yards and won it in brilliant fashion.

The struggle for the shield was not a very close affair, Grove winning it in easy style. They were chiefly indebted to—G. David (13 points); H. Williams (8); J. Birt (10) and F. J. Williams (6) for gaining so many points.

The pulls in the semi-finals and final of the Tug-of-War were very tame affairs, not one of them being equal to the great struggle between Grove and Llewellyn in the 1st Round. How much better and fairer would the pulls be if the ground was flat? As an experiment, this year for the first time, a small prize was given to the winner of each Heat.

The Prizes were distributed by Miss Rhoda Robbins, Principal of the Training College, on Friday afternoon, June 8th. The complete results are as follows:— S.T.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 1927.

- 100 Yards (over 15½)—1 G. David (5). 2 G. H. Davies (3). 3 H. Williams (2). 4 H. Richards (1). *Heat No. 3*—D. E. Jones.
- 100 Yards (14½-15½)—1 M. Solomon (5). 2 W. Johns (3). 3 J. M. Thomas (2). 4 W. H. Hillman (1).
- 100 Yards (13½-14½)—1 J. W. Birt (5). 2 B. Gooding (3). 3 D. Thomas (2). 4 D. Mascott (1). *Heat No. 3*—D. Houston.
- 100 Yards (under 13½)—1 T. Thomas (5). 2 W. Northway (3). 3 H. Penhale (2). 4 Gwyn Davies (1). *Heat No. 4*—G. David.
- Throwing Cricket Ball (over 14½)—1 A. Bowen (3). 2 Dewi Davies (2).
- Throwing Cricket Ball (under 14½)—1 Trevor Thomas (3). 2 J. Birt (2).
- Long Jump (over 14½)—1 F. J. Williams (3). 15ft. 10ins. 2 Dewi Davies (2).
- Long Jump (under 14½)—1 D. Houston (3). 13ft. 6ins. 2 H. Mendus (1), and H. Martin (1).
- 220 Yards (under 14)—1 D. Thomas (5). 2 W. Williams 2b (3). 3 W. Northway (2). 4 H. Elford (1). *Heat No. 2*—Trevor Thomas. *Time*—33 seconds.
- 220 Yards (14-15)—1 R. Williams (5). 2 J. W. Birt (3). 3 Harold Davies (2). 4 J. M. Thomas (1). *Heat No. 2*—D. Houston. *Time*—30 seconds.
- 440 Yards (15-16)—1 J. Povolny (5). 2 L. G. Hughes (3). 3 G. David (2). 4 W. John (1).
- 440 Yards (over 16)—*Section A*—1 H. Williams (5). 2 H. Richards (3). 3 D. J. Jones (2).
- Section B*—1 H. Davies (5). 2 F. J. Williams (3). 3 R. Green (2). *Time*—63 seconds.
- Wheelbarrow (over 15)—1 E. Rees and Dewi Davies. 2 L. Vagg and H. Penhale.
- Peg Gathering (under 13½)—1 W. Budge (2). 2 G. Morris (1). 3 T. Minney. 4 D. Hopkins.
- Three-legged (13½-15)—1 R. Williams and B. Gooding. 2 R. Treharne and H. Martin.
- Obstacle (over 15)—1 G. David (3). 2 L. Hughes (2). 3 J. Barrett (1). 4 L. Stephens. *Heat Winners*: No. 1, H. Davies. No. 4, D. Thomas.
- Obstacle (14-15)—1 W. H. Evans (3). 2 R. Williams (2). 3 D. Humphreys (1). 4 D. Mascott.
- Obstacle (13½-14)—1 B. Davies (3). 2 A. Pople (2). 3 W. Northway (1). 4 G. Morris. *Heat Winners*: No. 2, C. Griffiths. No. 3, W. Tasker.
- Obstacle (under 13½)—1 W. Morgan (3). 2 W. Budge (2). 3 B. Bayton (1). 4 D. Hopkins. *Heat Winners*: No. 3, F. Newbury. No. 4, G. David.
- Sack Race (over 15)—1 Elwyn Rees (3). 2 L. G. Hughes (2). 3 H. Williams (1). 4 P. Solomon. *Heat No. 1*—L. Stephens.
- Sack Race (14-15)—1 A. Bainbridge (3). 2 W. H. Evans (2). 3 R. Short (1). 4 A. Walter. *Heat No. 3*—J. Birt.

- Sack Race (13½-14)—1 T. Minney (3). 2 B. Davies (2). 3 W. Davies (1).
4 R. Bater. *Heat No. 2*—D. G. Thomas.
- Sack Race (under 13½)—1 K. Thomas (3). 2 A. John (2). 3 H. Jones (1)
4 L. Griffiths. *Heat No. 3*—D. Hopkins.
- 80 Yards Special—1 J. Enoch. 2 P. M. Jenkins. 3 A. John.
- Tug-of-War—1 Grove (2). 2 Delabeche (1).
- Boat Race—1 D. Houston (Cox.) Grove (2). 2 I. Evans (Cox.)
Roberts (1).
- Despatch—1 M. Solomon (Senior) Dillwyn (4). 2 H. Davies (Senior)
Delabeche (2).
- Chariot—1 Griffiths (Rider) Llewellyn (2). 2 Lane (Delabeche
Rider) (1).
- High Jump (over 14½)—1 G. David (3). 2 H. Davies (2).
- High Jump (under 14½)—1 H. Penhale (3). 2 D. Houston (1) and
D. G. Thomas (1).
- Points Gained—1 Grove—61½. 2 Dillwyn—36. 3 Delabeche—34.
4 Burns—28. 5 Roberts—25½. 6 Llewellyn—14.
- Champion—G. David (Grove)—13 points.

TO THE HAWK.

Far upward on the craggy height
He circles round and round
And flashes in the eye of day,
As if with glory crown'd.

A woodland nestles underneath
In calm and sweet repose,
When from its dark and mystic depths
A flurried pigeon rose.

Swift falls the hawk from dizzy height
Who grapples with his prey
And with his luckless victim gores.
Soars to the realms of day.

H. DAVIES (V).

A FEW PERSONS IN THE SENIOR RUGGER TEAM.

FULL BACK—No definite name can be given here as this illustrious person is generally termed A. N. Other on the notice board each Friday. Anything or anyone handy on the field has the pleasure (?) of occupying the position. The person always upholds the above statement of being anything—certainly not a Full-back.

POVOLNY.—Nick-named anything varying from Pov. to Poll. Some say he can run, but this cannot be confirmed at this stage as he cycles to School.

MATTHEWS IVa.—A short, dark, mysterious looking individual, who has the strange habit of wearing his trousers at half-mast. Whether this is due to a sad bereavement or not cannot be ascertained at present. He was given a free transfer to the School from some outlying district; nobly upholds the uncertain traditions (if any) of this aforementioned source.

JONES V.—The services of this player were obtained at great expense and trouble by our manager, from Ferndale Secondary School and Mardy—that home of Rugby—late last season. Transferred as a wing, but now plays scrum half. Has been known to get the ball out of the scrum, but only on rare occasions. Certainly does make an attempt to stop the opposing half, but unfortunately only an attempt. Easily picked out on the field as he wears a jazzy jersey of divers colours.

A. JOHN (Lower V).—Plays outside half, seldom or never receives the ball from Jones. If so, he proceeds to let it fall, fumble it, dribbles madly onwards and finally kicks it wildly into the Referee's face.

DAI JONES VI.—The biggest fellow in the team, therefore, captain. With A. Bowen, supports a weak and ricketty scrum. Expert authority on black eyes.

A. BOWEN IVcl.—Very thick, being almost as tall as wide. Usually succeeds in getting a bleeding nose; kicks well, especially other people's shins. Good strong jaws and sharp teeth—very useful after away matches.

MATTHEWS IVcl.—Flatteringly termed wing forward. Quite forward, but not wingish. Can kick the ball, but sometimes thinks he is playing soccer.

HEARNE IVcl.—This famous soccer player (Sketty Backyarders or something) was welcomed into the team as he possessed togs, shorts and jersey of his own. Its very strange, by the way, that a soccer player is about the only one who can score for our team.

RICHARDS VI.—Quite a large player, but generally becomes excited, and thinks he still plays for Mr. Lewis' team, taking some magnificent drives under the bar after quite creditable dribbles up-field.

TASKER.—A minute bag of tricks, containing much thunder, lightning, tornado, cyclone, etc., in a highly concentrated form. Possibly made of glue or some such commercial adhesive, as he sticks to the ball so fast that the game has to be stopped to get it off him.

E. G. BOWEN (VI).

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