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EDITORIAL.

In the past it has been customary to issue two numbers of the Magazine during the summer term. The reason for this is not very evident, seeing that the Upper School are very much occupied during this term with the chief examinations of the year, and do not seem specially anxious to write contributions to the Magazine. It will be worth considering whether next year it would not be better to issue a rather larger Magazine with an occasional portrait group, about the middle of each term, at a charge of fourpence per number.

In addition to the usual School news, this number contains a letter from S. Africa, an account of Boy Artificer Life in the Navy and the description of a wonderful aerial flight from Swansea to Paris and Kiel and back.

SCHOOL NOTES.

In the March Examination of the Oxford Senior, T. M. Jenkins obtained 3rd class honours and will be awarded a prize of the value of half a guinea by the Swansea Local Committee. There are 12 Senior and 34 Junior entries for July, and we should be glad to see a good number of similar Honours Prizes as the result of this Examination.

Head Master's Reading Prizes have recently been awarded to W. J. Cox (2b), and W. Beynon (2a). The competition in 2a was particularly keen, and it was not easy to make the final award.

The following have been elected as the officials of the School Cricket Club:—*Captain*, W. Burman; *Vice-Captain*, Ben Davies. *Committee*: S. Webber and Ivor Howells. *Hon. Sec.*: D. Waters. *Form Captains* are: 1a. A. N. Lewis; 1b. W. Harman; 1c. S. Jones; 1r. W. E. Rees; 2a. K. Howells; 2b. H. L. Witts; 2r. C. Powell.

Great interest has been shown in the Fives Tournament this term. More than fifty boys stayed behind to witness some of the contests, all of which were very keen, and it was evident that the spectators appreciated the points in the game better than last year, when many were puzzled at the system of scoring, and insisted on counting a point to the opponents when the server lost his service.

In the Senior Tournament Ben Davies and Sampson beat W. Burman and F. A. O'Sullivan by 15-12 and 15-9; S. Webber and F. Thomas beat R. Harris and F. Dowdall 15+5 to 15 and 15-8. In the Final F. Thomas and Webber won by 15-10 and 15-4.

There will also be a Lower School Tournament if there are sufficient entries.

Some of our enthusiastic photographers took snap-shots of the eclipse, but the sun's crescent was so small and the background so large in comparison, that one had to look carefully before discovering what the subject of the photograph was.

Last Term the School notice-board displayed a very bright poster in two colours announcing that a School Concert, with Pierrots, &c., would be given in St. Gabriel's Hall on Friday

and Saturday, March 29 and 30. The concert was in itself a very distinct success, and the net proceeds of over £10 will go towards a new School piano. Our best thanks are due to Mr. D. Brock Williams and Mr. R. J. Jones for the great trouble they took in organising the Concert and training the Pierrots. Mr. Williams gave each Pierrot a framed photograph of the troupe, and the prizes which he offered to the boys who sold most tickets were won by (1) Conrad Davies, (2) B. Hawes, (3) W. H. Thomas, G. C. Maggs, and A. Williams. The next Concert and Entertainment will probably be given shortly before next Christmas,

"Top boys" in the various Forms last Term were VI, W. Hathaway, V, Wm. Davies, IV, T. M. Jenkins, 4M, A. P. Jones, III, E. Emlyn Jones, 3M, S. Crook, II Rem. D. T. Jeremy, 2a, Sidney John, 2b, B. Lewis, 1R, H. W. Webb, 1a, T. J. Evans, 1b, Idris Davies, 1c, H. Jones.

The School Junior Rugby Team has again gone through its Schools' League fixtures without a single defeat, and without a single goal being scored against it. All honour to Mr. Mendus and to the School captain, H. Clement.

School games were taken up enthusiastically by the Lower School during the football season, but even more enthusiasm is being shown in the various cricket matches. Arrangements are also being made for net practice for the Seniors on the Swansea Cricket Field, and our best thanks are due to the Swansea Captain and Committee for granting the privilege.

At the end of this Term three Scholarships (from the two Schools) will be awarded to the Swansea Technical College; two of them will cover the fees for the three years, and one will in addition carry a grant of £10, £15, and £20 for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years respectively. Candidates must be over 16 and must be sufficiently well-qualified.

Each autumn Term a boy, who must be under 16, will be nominated from the Fourth Modern to follow T. Woosley as a boy-artificer in the Royal Navy at Devonport. The letter published in this issue will be of interest to future candidates.

It is intended to hold a Sports Day towards the end of July, probably during the last week of Term.

Mr. Albert Jenkins, the Swansea Corporation Estate Agent is an Old Boy of the School, his name being No. 4 on the School Admission Register. We should welcome an article from him on the School in his time.

Another Old Boy, Mr. Leason Thomas, is Hon. Secretary of the London Glamorgan Society, and is presenting the School with a copy of the Society's publication, entitled "Historical Sketches of Gower"; for this we tender him our best thanks.

SCHOOLBOYS' RUGBY INTERNATIONAL.

To the unbroken list of players who have maintained the representation of this school in the Welsh Rugby Team since 1905 have been added the names of two of our team—D. J. Waters and G. L. Bevan. This is a great honour to have two from the school and also the two from the same Form—3M.

The match was played at the Cardiff Arms Park in bad weather. Wales, having lost the toss, kicked off from the northern end. In the first few minutes, the English forwards rushed dangerously and reached the Welsh line where Donovan, the Swansea half-back, picked up and saved the situation. The English forwards came back with a rush to well inside the Welsh quarter, but from here, with a series of dribbles surprisingly fast, considering the state of the ground, the Welsh forwards took the ball clear away and eventually beat the defence in the far corner, the try being claimed by Gonzalez, the Cardiff wing three-quarter. Jones, the Newport full-back failed with the kick. Donovan cleverly opened out the game and the ball went across to Gonzalez who made a clever run through and almost reached the line before passing to Captain Waters, who scored. The same player failed to convert. One of the English forwards, taking advantage of an opportunity, dashed through with a fast dribble and had sent the ball clear of everybody except Jones, when the Newport custodian darted in and made a brilliant field and save, finishing up with an excellent touch-finder.

Wales soon scored through Morris, the Llanelly wing-three-quarter, who, scooping up the ball from a dribble, ran "for all he was worth" and got over in the corner. Jones took the kick but could not be blamed for failing to convert.

Final score—Wales	...	3 tries (9 points).
England	...	nil.

F. D. WILLIAMS, 3M.

H.M.S. INDUS V,

DEVONPORT,

March 19th, 1912.

I am writing this in the stern of the lower deck of "H.M.S. Indus," which is stationed in the middle of the River Tamar; on one side is the Devonport Dockyard, with its huge cranes and modern appliances, and on the other side the green trees, or rather, at present, bare trees of Cornwall. We arrived at Devonport on the afternoon of Friday the 29th of December, 1911. We, the new entries, were conducted from the railway station, through the dockyard to the quay, by a petty officer, and from the quay we were conveyed about half a mile up the River Tamar in a small steam-boat. The first view we had of our new home was not a very encouraging one to boys just come from home. We caught a glimpse of four black and grimy-looking obsolete battleships and a fifth which boasted a little more white paint and general cleanliness, all these being anchored together, and connected by a covered gangway. These five ships constitute the Devonport branch of the Mechanical Training Establishment. There are two branches of this Establishment, one at Portsmouth named the "Fisgard," and the other the "Indus," at Devonport. There are five ships at each port, named respectively, Indus I, II, III, IV, and V, and Fisgard I, II, III, IV, and V. The ship previously referred to as boasting some white paint was Indus V, she being used for the Boy Artificers to sleep and live on, while the other four are fitted out as workshops.

When we got on board the first day, we were first given tea, a rather important, if not indispensable item, and then each boy was shown his chest or locker, and also his hammock. Soon after this we "turned in." Now a hammock, once you are "tucked in," is a very comfortable haven of rest, but it has its drawbacks. For instance, it is highly annoying to find yourself one morning on the deck amongst your blankets and bedding, with the other boys all laughing at you, or, when you have carefully and laboriously tucked yourself in, to feel the hammock slowly slipping down and down and, wondering what the cause is, you get out only to find that you have slung your hammock up by a knot of your own invention instead of by a "half-hitch." But taking all things into consideration, and after the above difficulties have been surmounted, a hammock is quite as comfortable as a bed.

We did not start work until a fortnight after we had "joined up," as we had to receive our kit, etc., before we could

commence. So for the first two weeks our time was occupied in examining the ship, drilling, and feeling homesick. There are three decks on the "Indus," the Main Deck, the Lower Deck, and the "Orlop" Deck, while on top of the "Orlop" Deck, under a cover of corrugated iron, is constructed a gymnasium, one end of which is also used as church. Outside the "mess-room" door, is a gilt crown and anchor, underneath which is the ship's bell, and Nelson's time-honoured order "England Expects Every Man to do his Duty." Please do not infer that this has anything to do with doing our duty in the mess-room, but even if it had, I can safely say that the Boy Artificers of H.M. Navy quite come up to England's expectations, at least in that direction. At the end of this preliminary fortnight we commenced work in earnest. We were each given a cylindrical prism of mild steel about 3 inches diameter, and told to make a cube of 3 inches side of it, with the aid of two chisels and a hammer. We started bravely chipping at it, trying hard to hit the chisel, but generally succeeding in damaging our hands, until after a few days of this our hands presented a sorry spectacle of cuts, bruises, and blisters. However, we soon became more expert, and the work was then easier. Perhaps our daily routine of work would here prove interesting. We turn out at 6 a.m. and "lash up and stow" our hammocks. We then wash, dress, and have breakfast by 6.45. Then comes what is called "Divisions," which consists of prayers said by the chaplain and a hymn sung. At 7.15 we cross over to the other ships and work until 11.45 when we wash and have dinner, returning to work at one o'clock. Work continues till 4.45, except for a break of half an hour for physical exercises. Tea comes at 5 o'clock, and from then until 8 o'clock we can do as we like, except on two nights of the week when we get school for two hours. While we are in the workshops we are looked after by artificers, some of whom are pensioned, while the scholastic and engineering part is conducted by Engineer Officers.

There are two large playing fields ashore for the use of Boy Artificers, on the Cornwall side of the river. Association is almost exclusively played here, but this may be accounted for by the fact that people in this part of the world have hardly any opportunity of witnessing a really first class game of rugby. They should see a game between the S.M.S.S. Rugby Team v. the Industrial, or England v. Wales, to prove to them the superiority of rugby over "soccer."

There are, however, two Rugby Teams composed of Boy

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Artificers from the "Indus," assisted by one or two officers and some of the ship's company. Most of the boys in these teams come from Wales.

But I must now stop or the Editor will be saying things about me for encroaching on the valuable space of the School Magazine.

Concluding with best wishes for the future success of the school,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

T. L. WOOLEY.

ADMIRALTY OFFICES,

LONDON

March, 31, 1912.

SIR,

We have agreed to give your hydro-aeroplane a trial. If it is convenient to you, the trial will take place on Saturday next.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Trevor Williams, Esq.,

First L. of A.

Swansea.

Such was the letter I received when I was in my hangar at the Mumbles. I had invented a hydro-aeroplane, which I stated was the fastest in the world, and I had submitted my plans to the Admiralty. My hydro-aeroplane would not be driven by petrol, but by compressed air. The pressure of the air in the valves would be so powerful as to work the machinery. The machinery would be just the same as the petrol-driven machinery, and the hydro-aeroplane would be fitted with wireless telegraphy of a radius of 300 miles. I replied that Saturday would be convenient for me, and stated that I would carry passengers. Saturday came, and I was a bit nervous of the number of valuable lives I was to carry. Mr. Winston Churchill arrived with another Lord of the Admiralty. They were to be only a fraction of my passengers. I had also invited, as my assistants, W. H. Roberts (distinguished linguist), D. Daley Sparks (electrician and wireless operator), H. Jones (clever scientist), L. M. Parker (geographical guide), H. Wilcox (mechanical engineer), and Monsieur Sireygool

(French Ambassador). So I had six useful passengers. Mr. Churchill only expected me to take a short flight, and then skim back to land, but I assured him that I was contemplating a flight to Paris. He was astonished, but took his seat in a dreamy manner. Mr. Daley Sparks undertook to be my wireless operator and did his work well, as the sequel will show. We flew over the Bristol Channel and in a short time descended by Tor Bay and skimmed over the English Channel as far as Havre, where we reascended and putting on all speed, we arrived at Paris in record time. Mr. W. B. Thomas greeted us on our arrival, and expressed his desire to fly with us.

Mr. Churchill was so delighted that he asked me to fly over the North Sea as far as Kiel. I assented and ten minutes later, we were passing German warships. Mr. Sparks heard the "Tap, tip, tap," from a German warship and he cleverly deciphered them from a German Code Book I possessed. The call was directed to Kiel, and the command "Let out hawsers, 'British Pride' in sight," and "Let the A4 be launched from your deck to capture her," was the Kaiser's command from another warship. We managed to keep our heads cool, and in two minutes we discerned a German dirigible trying to fly over our heads and hoping to bombard us, and seize our aeroplane as a model. Like a shot, I darted my aeroplane at her, and the bump which she received shattered her to bits, like an iceberg shatters a boat. In haste we returned, and informed the British Public of the treacherous act. Nevertheless we were the heroes of the hour, and I had a substantial Admiralty order for 20 hydro-aeroplanes. My fortune was made, and I did not forget to thank Mr. Sparks and the other assistants. I said, in the memorable words of Drake, "that we had singed the Kaiser's moustache."

TREVOR WILLIAMS, Ic.

RUGBY NOTES.

The season which has just drawn to a close has been as successful as its predecessors in the question of play and results, although the weather had a very dampening effect on the latter portion of the second round.

Since the last number of the Magazine only two league games have been played—St. Helen's (abandoned at half-time) and Rutland Street—both of which were won by the margin of 3 tries—nil.

These results bring the season's record up to—

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.			Against.		
				G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
15	14	1	0	11	41	178	0	1	3

In Inter-Town games, Cardiff and Aberavon were met during the Easter holidays on the Cricket Field, and in each case the Junior "All Whites" notched a victory, bringing up the season's list to—4 wins and 1 loss in 5 played.

Frank Williams (3M) has contributed a short account of the International game, of which he was an eye-witness.

THE SEASON REVIEWED. —In the 16 games (including a "friendly") which have been played, 26 boys have participated. Of these, 5 have represented their town and 2 their country. The greater number (19) of these lads were playing their last season under League Rules and will not be available for 1912—13, so that with but 7 "Old Black and Ambers'" to start the next team there will be ample room for new comers.

As far as the play is concerned, it is gratifying to record that a very good general standard has been reached, the team, as a whole, showing a good conception of the finer points of the game. Also, in spite of the sometimes distinctly aggravating attitude of the crowd, it is a pleasure to have to state that the games were all played in the best spirit, the lads taking the thick with the thin—as it came.

Although unbeaten in the League, we are only placed fourth in the list, having played fewer games than the three leaders, who made strenuous efforts in the "early summer" which was experienced at the end of April, in a vain glorious attempt to annex points. Nevertheless our position is perfectly satisfactory as far as we are concerned.

Of the players, Captain Clement (10 tries) naturally calls for first reference. He has been our "star" in the back division and would have figured regularly in the town team and probably in the Welsh team had circumstances permitted. A "trier"—and a very successful one—all the way. Harry set his "men" an excellent example. Converted 10 tries.

Fitzgerald (1 try) ably seconded his Captain and in league, town, and international trial displayed marked ability, both as a scrummager and in the line-out.

Waters was *reserved* for the international game when he so gallantly steered Wales to victory. During the season he played "soccer."

Bevan (3), our other international, also town player, has developed wonderfully since 1910—11 and was one of the successes of the Welsh pack.

*Howells (2), a sturdy forward, will be of inestimable service next year. This season he was a regular town player and in the running for the west team—next year should wear the coveted feathers. Actually managed to score v. Terrace Road!!!!

Morgan, E. A. (7) was our best "three" until illness put a stop to his football both in town and league matches.

Williams, F. (2), Lloyd (1), Jones (3), and Davies, D.—all forwards—who will be over age next season, formed a very solid pack and by their hard work had much to do with the success of the team. Two, at least, were deserving of town honours. Jones converted one try.

Thomas (1), in the early part of the season, and Jenkins, later, formed the eighth player in the scrum. Thomas was good in open play.

Amongst others who assisted in the front rank on various occasions were Fursland, *Chislett, Deane, and *Jones, W.

At the base of the scrum *Fischer (1) contributed much to the success of the captain by smart feeding and should go further next year.

John (6), and *Lewis (4), were regular players in the three-quarter line and both used their speed to advantage.

Hughes (3), and later, *Davies, T. (3), and Elias (4), completed the quartette generally and fitted into the combination with success.

Murray, general utility man—played in and out of the pack on occasions.

Witts (1), as our last line of defence did well throughout the season, his left foot doing useful work in the touch-finding direction.

*Williams, I. (2), came into the line of attack towards the end of the season and showed promise for next season, whilst Davies, O., deputised at full-back with success when called on.

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GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Daisy Wearne, who left us in July last, and is now at Stockwell Training College, has obtained the Neale Scholarship of £10. This is awarded annually to the girl with the best qualifications and references, provided she has been educated at a Welsh school and has been a student teacher.

Olivia Rees, Form Va has just passed the Oxford Local Senior in 7 subjects.

Several of our pupils have been successful in the recent Scripture Examination of the Sunday School Union. Ceridwen Thomas, Form IVa, has achieved the honour of winning the silver medal, awarded to the best candidate under the age of sixteen. Florence Francis, Ellen Winston and Lily Price have also obtained Honours, and certificates have been won by Winnie Blain, Carol Jordon and Beth Williams.

Sarah Kneath has passed in "Advanced Rudiments" of Music.

The hockey season is now over. It has afforded much enjoyment to the members, if not a great deal of glory. It is hoped that all who possibly can do so will join the cricket club. We do not endorse the sentiments of the learned M.D., who, discoursing at a girls' school in the north of England, objected to certain sports for girls, not on the ground that they injured the health, but because the girls' hair became untidy, and their feet grew large! But, surely, untidy hair is easily put straight, and as for feet—do we live in China?

HOCKEY NOTES.

After the Christmas holidays most of the Hockey time was devoted to practice. The first match was Brynmill Girls v. M.S.S. Girls. The result was a glorious victory for us, the score being 12 goals to nil.

The 2nd XI then met the Brynmill Girls and succeeded in defeating them by a smaller score, but none the less glorious.

In the following matches we were less successful. The Melrose Boys defeated us by 5 to 2, and the Intermediate Girls by 5 to nil.

The Hockey Season was brought to a pleasant close by a very enjoyable picnic at Caswell on Saturday, May 3rd.

The members of the Club met on the Mumbles Train and arrived at Caswell at about 3 p.m. We were left to our own devices until tea time, most of us spending the time in roaming about the delightful neighbourhood gathering wild flowers.

A prize was awarded to Hilda Bird for the best bunch of flowers, Miss G. Williams acting as adjudicator.

After tea various games and sports were indulged in by all the party. Races were entered into by all, even the teachers competing in a blind-fold walking race, the winner being Miss Fisher.

The picnic was voted a great success by all who were present, and we sincerely hope that next season there will be several new members to take the place of those who will have left.

HOCKEY ACCOUNTS, 1911-12.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Balance at end of April, 1911	...	...	...	0	12	0
55 Members' Subscriptions at 4d. each...	...	...	...	0	18	4
Hockey Social—31 members at 1/- each	...	...	...	1	11	0
" " 20 non-members at 1/3	...	...	...	1	5	0
19/12/11—Donation from Miss Phipps	...	...	...	0	1	6
8/2/12—Sale of hockey ball	...	...	...	0	0	4
Total				£4	3	2

EXPENSES.				£	s.	d.
11/12/11—Hockey Ball	...	...	...	0	1	0
16/12/11—Invitation Cards, etc.	...	...	...	0	0	4
16/12/11—Oranges	...	...	...	0	0	1½
16/12/11—67 Teas at 1/- per head (Grosvenor Hotel)...	3	7	0			
23/3/12—Oranges	...	...	...	0	0	3
				3	8	8½
Balance at end of April, 1912	...	...	...	0	19	5½
Total				£4	8	2

CRICKET.

The time has arrived for us to begin the cricket practices again. We held a meeting last Friday afternoon for the purpose of electing the officers for the cricket club. Miss Edith Williams and Miss Landon were present. Constance Jelley was elected captain, Nellie Pringle vice-captain, Averyl Smithson secretary, and Miss Edith Williams treasurer, also one girl from each class was selected to get as many members as she can, from her own class. The practices are to take place in the evenings, the special evening being Friday. Miss Lord and Miss E. Williams have very kindly promised to come up to the field as often as they can.

Last season the cricket was successful, and we hope it will be even more so this season. We shall not have to go through the process of teaching each member to play, as many of the girls from last year know the game. We have lost one of our keenest members in Miss Fisher, but we have Miss Edith Williams in her place.

Many girls refuse to join because they say it is so rough. I am sure, if they played once, they would change their mind; cricket is not so rough as hockey. Sergeant Bird has also taken an interest in the club; he very kindly showed us the way to place the girls on the field. I assure all the girls who join the cricket club that they will not regret it.

AVERYL SMITHSON.

A DREAM.

As I proceeded along Trinity Place one cold winter morning, I saw, in place of the familiar S.M.S.S., a fine building situated in a spacious playground and flanked by a large playing-field. I concluded that at last we had been given the long promised new school. Lost in wonder at this sudden fulfilment of what had come to be known as a very rash promise, I entered the playground, mounted the school steps, and passed through the open door into a long corridor from which some classrooms opened. Entering one of these, I saw that it was fitted up with every modern convenience, perfect heating apparatus, methods of ventilation which did away with opening windows, thus securing immunity from draughts, electric lights, automatic board cleaners, indicators near the door on which to put the numbers every day, and typewriters. On viewing the desks more closely, I saw that they were fitted with non-spilling inkpots, specially constructed seats, so as to allow

freedom and ease, and lids which opened at the pressure of a button. Re-entering the corridor I passed into the playground and thence to some other buildings which I discovered were a new laboratory, library, gymnasium, and cooking-room respectively. Overwhelmed by these I re-entered the classroom and tried to open one of the desks. Some one called, "It's time for school!" and I woke up to realise it was only a dream.

OUR HOCKEY PICNIC.

It was arranged by the Hockey Club that a picnic should take place on Saturday, May 4th, and, after a great deal of discussion, that we should go to Caswell Bay.

The day open wet and the rain fell in showers. Judging from what we heard afterwards, we were all very anxious for it to cease. Many times that morning I thought of the rhyme:

"Rain before seven,
Shine before eleven."

Eleven o'clock came and still it rained, but about an hour afterwards our wish was gratified, though there were still many clouds about. Some of us met at Rutland Street Station and boarded the 2.5 train to Oystermouth, others met at St. Helen's, and the rest at Brynmill. From there we started for Caswell, some walking over the cliffs and the others over the road. We reached the bay about three o'clock and then went into the tea-rooms to remove our coats, and some of us, our hats. We were then told when tea would be ready and that a prize would be given for the best bunch of wild flowers.

Some then went on to the sands, but most of us entered the woods. Here were a great many bluebells and violets and, as we went deeper into the woods, a very sweet scent greeted us—it was that of garlic! Then we went to the Hermit's Chapel, which is now in ruins but is prettily covered in ivy. I was afterwards told that on a certain day each year flowers are placed on the stone altar; then, as it was time for tea we returned to the tea-rooms. We were told that the prize for the flowers was awarded to Hilda Bird. After tea we went on the sands and played games for a while and then, as there was a troop of boy-scouts there, we joined forces and had a tug-of-war. There were three pulls, the first the girls won, but the other two, alas! we lost. Then there were races and, as we decided to return over the cliffs,

we started for home about seven o'clock. We had arranged to return by the 7.40 p.m. train and had an enjoyable walk to the station. We arrived there just in time to see the train depart, so then had the alternative of either walking home or waiting for the 8.35 train. We chose the lesser of the two evils and waited. At last our patience was rewarded, and the train steamed in. We then made the return journey after a very enjoyable day.

Q. KILLICK.

FORM VA.

Last term at the time of the "Distribution," there was a rumour that we were changing the school colours. It seems to have died a sudden death. What do the boys say?

Competition exists now in all departments of life.

Fancy coming out top of the *pole* in an election.

FORM VB.

BASKET-BALL.—The gymnasium-room was the scene of a keen match between Vb and Va on April 3. Va came to the front with a great desire to regain the former reputation, and the whole team played admirably. The "passing" was a splendid feature, which Vb team lacked, perhaps owing to the fact that they had not played any basket-ball for a considerable time. Perhaps Vb's defeat may be accounted for by the absence of one of its players, but the substitute played very well. Final score—Ya 11 goals, Vb 6 goals.

Although Vb were defeated in this match, they can be proud of their success in the gymnastic display. Out of three prizes awarded for jumping, Vb won two, the first and the third prizes. Elvira Gustavus, who jumped 4 ft. 10 ins. took the former, Olwen Lewis who jumped 4ft. 8ins, took the latter.

DORIS BOWEN.

FORM IVA.

We returned on April 22 to a term's hard work, for the "Junior" (the first examination of any importance which most of us have entered for) looms in the distance. I think that all will be glad when the dreaded examination is over. We have been initiated into the mysteries of filling up examination forms—a very important task. We wish good luck to all who have entered for the "Oxford," and hope that we ourselves will repay our mistresses for their efforts on our behalf by "scraping through."

A BACK-ROWITE.

(We do not want anybody to "scrape through." Ed.).

FORM IIIA.

We have nothing to grumble at as all the windows are mended. We have again to complain of those uncomfortable desks in our classroom. While there are comfortable desks unused in other classrooms, we have to endure these. Mice are haunting our classroom; indeed, one even ventured to eat a hole in a girl's dinner bag, besides many pages of a note book. We are very fond of our weekly sports—Hockey and morris-dancing, and we all hope that we shall be able to continue them next year. We have, on the window-sill a pair of goloshes which have been there a long time. If the owner will apply for them, they will be returned with pleasure for I am sure they do not improve the appearance of the classroom, which needs a good deal of care to make it look tidy although girls bring pretty flowers and vases.

FORM IIIA.

FORM IIIB.

Last term we were visited by dogs, this term by mice. The mice must feel very hungry for they have nibbled away the covers of many books, and eaten parts of serviettes in our desks. When our Mistress was sitting alone she saw them running about the floor.

N.B.—Almost every day Form 3a Girls borrow our chalk which they never pay back. This borrowing reminds us of the "Forced Loans" of Richard II.

LILY PHILLIPS.

The 1st of April dawned fair and bright; everyone was laughing, chatting, and making fools of everyone else. We went into the form-room and took our places. I opened my desk. Crash! the lid of my desk was down and I was in front of the class. The Form Mistress's, "What is the matter?" brought me to my senses and I told her that there was a mouse in my desk. Some girls thought it an April fool, but it was no April fool for me.

BESSIE JOSEPH (IIIB).

FORM II.

OUR WALK.—After waiting for a few weeks we went for our long promised walk. It was a very agreeable day and the excitement was so great that we hardly had enough patience to wait for Miss Landon's coming. We were rather disappointed to find that we had some sixth Form girls coming

with us, and thought it a great indignity that we should be looked after by big girls. We were very relieved and pleased, however, to find that they went off on their own account and left us in peace. I have not mentioned that we went to Blackpill and had a very enjoyable journey in the Mumbles train. Our time was spent in gathering and finding the names of many wild flowers and plants. On our arrival at the Clyne Woods, various remarks, such as the following were to be heard "I think we are visiting boggy Ireland again." We were very tired and thirsty on our arrival at Blackpill again after our long walk, therefore a little shop at Blackpill did a very good trade in oranges. Our journey homeward was also very enjoyable, and, to add to the enjoyment we received the very pleasant news that the Easter holidays had unexpectedly begun. I am sure I thoroughly enjoyed my walk and I think everybody else did also.

DORIS RICHARDS.

FORM I.

Our Form does pretty well except as regards the class-room. This has not in the least bit improved either in appearance or comfort since first term. A horrid draught keeps coming from either the windows or somewhere, and nothing we do stops it, but in hot weather not a breath of air penetrates anywhere. Then the desks! These are awful. We in the front desk are being reprimanded continually for plunging into a sort of grove in the desk which is blocked up. There is a continual diving and shuffling for lost or strayed pencils which will insist upon getting down there. For one thing we are thankful. Up to the time of going to press, no mice have paid us a visit.

We have altered our game from hockey to cricket. On the whole I prefer hockey, though both are very pleasant.

Some of us are getting slack, and only work on compulsion. We evidently think that all things, even knowledge, come to him who sits and admires the beauty of our room. However, a day of awakening, when the third terminal list is read, is not far distant.

On the other hand, some few of us are working harder, and one of these last has actually been known to have, unaided, worked a sum correctly.

A WALK ALONG THE VELDT.

The South African winter has drawn to a close. Heavy rains have fallen, and spring in all its green glory burts upon us. Generally the veldt presents a dreary monotonous appearance, its only covering being a stunted looking little plant called the Karroo bush. Sandy deserts cannot appear more desolate than the Karroo districts during the dry winter months, as the many water ways are perfectly dry and verdure of any description is entirely wanting. But the fairy spring with her magic wand—the welcome rain, has wrought a mighty transformation over this hitherto dry and parched region, and now behold! the burnt up veldt appears a prosperous and beautiful plain.

To a casual observer a walk along the veldt is depressing and tedious, as many a weary mile has to be covered ere the companionship of human beings is enjoyed; but to the student and lover of nature, such a walk is ideal, and abounds with objects of interest. In glancing at our many-hued carpets we observe a wonderful variety of form and colour. We notice that shrubs and bushes are abundant, and that the thorny plant is distinctly prevalent, two of the most common being the Mimosa and the Prickly Pear. The Mimosa is very beautiful when in bloom with its lovely golden flowers and long white glistening thorns. The Prickly Pear also, has numberless thorns, and has for this reason rendered many a farm worthless over which it has spread.

As we walk along under the clear blue sky, we further notice that the rain has encouraged the dried up vegetation to array itself in a dress of bright green leaves, brightened with white and yellow stary flowers.

Intermixed among the bushes and undergrowth we observe various bulbous-roated plants which send forth their long green blades and wax-like blossoms with wonderful rapidity. Everywhere may be seen flowering plants and grasses. Many veldt flowers are charactised by very short stems, thus they lie close to the ground and form a gaily hued carpet.

Then we have the companionship of our feathered friends. We may count them in hundreds as they skim near the ground. They are not remarkable for song—the sweet toned nightingale and the rousing lark find no rivals here, but the brilliancy of their plumage is their chief glory.

On our way we peep into a cosy little nest in which sits a beautiful bird of the finch family. Her feathers are of varying

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GEMS OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

Some of the answers to the General Knowledge Paper given at the Christmas Examination were sufficiently original to be worth recording.

The explanation of *R.S.V.P.* invariably brings out latent originality previously unsuspected. Among the varied explanations were (a) Reserve Police, (b) Royal Society for Vaccinating People, (c) Please Come in Evening Dress.

B.S.A. means (a) Buy Swansea Articles, (b) Bachelor of Society of Arts.

C.Y. This is put on any cars which are drawn by power other than human power.

Red Tape is (a) the line of danger, (b) a danger signal, (c) the "cat" used in prison for punishment.

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shades of green, her neck and breast a lovely soft yellow, whilst her tail contains feathers of all hues of gold and green, blended artistically together. She is really a brilliant bird. As we draw nearer she flies away, and perches upon a neighbouring tree, from whence she guards her nest which contains two dainty blue brown-spotted eggs.

We proceed, and as we rustle amongst the silent bush, we startle partridges which rise in a flock with a frightened cry, or a timid hare which rushes away with upraised ears, without one backward glance. Here we stop to examine a little mound which we know to be an ant-hill. Maybe it has a large hole in it, which is the work of the ant bear—the enemy of this busy little insect. He prowls about in the darkness of night and with his strong and powerful snout destroys the home of the ant and makes a good supper of its tenants.

And so we go on our way observing, learning and laying up a store of knowledge from Nature—the best of teachers and the most interesting of friends.

FORM NOTES.

FORM IV^{CL}.

Nothing of extraordinary importance occurred in IV last term. However there were a few “incidents.” Tudor Jenkins succeeded in obtaining third class honours in the March Examination of the Oxford Local. Of course, he has left us for the more aristocratic Fifth Form. We have discovered a logician and a politician and we are looking forward to great things in July. Nearly all the boys are engaged in propounding Euclid problems during the intervals between lessons. These are worked out on the boards round the walls. The Form, as a whole, has never visited the school-field for games.

THE SCRIBE.

FROM III^{CL}.

This term is by far the most important term of the year, because of the “Oxford Local” Exam. in July. We shall not feel at all comfortable until that “exhausting ordeal” is over. The Form has a fairly strong cricket team and hopes to arrange at least one match with the other Forms.

Howlers from the From :—

Top-hats were introduced in Charles I's reign.

Jericho was the name of some animal.

The "age of jelly-fish" and the "generation without any backbone," which we thought dead, have been revived.

They say that there is a "dead shot" in the Form.

H.J.E.

FORM IIA.

This term the form has been launched into the cricket era. We have a fairly respectable team, which has one distinct fault, *i.e.* it cannot be relied upon to turn up to play, (except in four or five cases). We elected a captain and a vice-captain after a pretty noisy meeting. We have so far had two fixtures, missing one against 1r, owing to rain, and losing the other against 2b. We were leading by 29 runs to 12, first innings; but they turned the tables on us second innings, and we were defeated by 47 to 7. In our seven there were three byes. One of their batsmen, namely I. Williams, hit up a brilliant score of 31. With regard to form work we have improved a little, and have been commended by one or two of the masters. The football season ended very successfully for the school team, and 2a contributed a good bit towards the scores. We have played a friendly game of basket-ball against 2r. When the game had been in progress for about five minutes, a loyal supporter of his Form, delighted at their play, commenced to clap. He was warned, but it was again repeated, and this time we were told to disperse. At this stage of the game 2r led by three goals. Thus we have sustained two defeats.

K. HOWELLS & S. JOHNS.

FORM IIB.

Gladstone Jones did not take sufficient notice of our warning "Beware" in our last issue. On returning after the Easter holidays we found that he had been replaced by Barnett Lewis, while many other changes had taken place in the term list. We must again repeat our warning to Barnett and bid him "Beware." The football season being now over, H. Witts was elected captain and Idris Williams vice-captain of our cricket team with E. Adams secretary. We hope our team will be as famous as it was last year. The best batsmen are B. Hawes, I. Williams, E. A. Morgans and H. Witts. The bowlers being I. Williams and E. A. Morgans with E. Adams as stumper. We have already played and won three matches, the scores being:—

2b—94 for 8 wickets

2b—60 all out

2b—58 for 8 wickets

1—Remove 46 all out.

2a—36 all out.

1b—25 all out.

On writing an essay recently on the Titanic Disaster, one writer said, "The Titanic struck a huge iceberg which stood five feet above water and two feet below," while another wrote that "there were ten millions of people on board." Last week the long-expected reading test took place, and after a keen contest the prize was won by W. Cox, who we think quite deserved it, but hope that one will be offered next year when Cox will not gain it so easily.

E.A. (Sec).

FORM 1A.

As we had anticipated, there was a complete change in the position of many of our class pupils last term. Many feeling rather uncomfortable in the "lower regions" of the examination list aspired to and obtained places in the "upper circles."

Dame Football having now left us for a while, we have sought acquaintance with Dame Cricket, with whom we hope to remain for some time. We have been fortunate in the choice of our captain Noel Lewis, and we have no doubt that he will lead us as successfully as he did last term.

Our Swimming Session has come to a close. Like everything else it ceases when we desire it most. A weekly dip would have been very acceptable during the broiling hot days of summer, but we must now be content with a bath of perspiration instead.

Our French conversational lesson is now beginning to assume a truly French character. We are anticipating going home to a frog dinner soon. One member of the class has indeed suggested that we should be sent by the Local Authority to France for the summer holidays.

T. R. WALES.
G. W. DAVIES.
L. MORRIS.

FORM 1c.

This term we elected a Cricket Captain and Swimming Captain, with their respective vice-captains. During the football season we had managed to crawl along without a Captain, but we felt that we should be more successful if we had a skipper at Cricket. Sidney Jones was elected Cricket Captain, with your humble correspondent as vice-captain. I was also elected Swimming Captain with Daniel Daley as my assistant. So we have a good complement of representatives of different nations as form officers. A Scotch boy was also

a candidate for Cricket honours. Our last association match was played against Ia, but we were unfortunate to lose by a goal. We are eager to go on through the cricket season with a clean sheet against "First Year" teams. We are very enthusiastic about basket-ball and boxing when we get Gymnasium. "Pierrot land" received many pierrots from Ic, and we are much indebted to Mr. D. Brock Williams for his kindness in taking an interest in us. I hope the leader of the Ib "lions" will not be treating you to a tale of woe, of how they have been defeated by the Ic "lambs" at association. Our "Sporting Club" looked very promising, but our paper chases were postponed owing to the inclemency of the weather, but the sporting spirit must be revived again. We have nothing much to report about swimming, for our session has only just begun. A few of our jokers have been trying to compose some original jokes, but I am no joker, so I leave it to the jokers to joke.

TREVOR W. WILLIAMS.

FORM IR.

The week before the Easter holidays disappointment could be seen on the face of every boy in our Form, when it became known that our Form Master had gone away for some months. But cricket has come and they feel happy once more. As yet we have played but one match with 2b. in which we were utterly beaten. The term examinations are eagerly looked forward to, the boys being anxious to see who will get into the Second Remove, but that is a matter of the future.

L. ANDERSON & A. DANDO,
(Form Captains).

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

At a meeting held in Form 3b Classroom on Sept. 26th, 1911, it was decided to form an Association Team. This was rather late in the season to start, but a fairly good list of fixtures was eventually obtained. Up to date fourteen matches have been played, of which the Team has won seven, lost five, and drawn two. Fifty goals have been scored by the School, compared with thirty-three by the opposing teams.

SCHOOL v. MORRISTON SCOUTS.—October 21st.

A very unrepresentative team went to Morriston and a good part of the afternoon was spent in looking for the field. The School were victorious, scoring 3 goals to 2. Scorers—F. Thomas 1, W. Davies 1, I. Howells 1.

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SCHOOL v. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 28th.

The School won by 6 goals to 1. The team played well as a whole, Evans being especially prominent at centre-half. Webber, our right back, put in one excellent shot from some distance out, which completely baffled the opposing "goalie." Scorers—I. Howells 2, T. F. Meyrick 1, W. Burman 1, F. Thomas 1, S. Webber 1.

SCHOOL v. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—November 11th.

This match was played on a wretched day. The state of the ground was such that accurate football was impossible. The School ran out victors by 2 goals to 1, the scorers being C. Morris and I. Howells.

SCHOOL v. TATLERS.—November 25th.

The first defeat of the season was sustained in this match, the School losing by 4 goals to 2. The School played excellent football, but the superior weight of the Tatlers told, towards the end, in their favour. Scorers—F. Thomas 1, C. Morris 1.

SCHOOL v. TATLERS.—December 9th.

Again the School lost to this team, this time by 3 goals to 2. F. Thomas played well in the forward line, his goal being the result of a clever shot from a centre. "Skipper" Meyrick scored our other goal from a penalty kick.

SCHOOL v. LANGLAND BAY.—December 16th.

Yet another defeat, this time by 3 goals to 1. A full team travelled to the Mumbles, but for some unaccountable reason the play was below its usual standard. Our only goal came from a tricky shot by T. Jenkins.

SCHOOL v. MASTERS.—December 23rd.

This match was played on a very miserable day, though a fair number of spectators were present. The Masters' "goalie" played a good game, but when he slipped into the thick muddy marsh under the goal posts, one of the players was heard to murmur, "Oh! what a fall was there, my countrymen." The Masters won by 4 goals to 2. Scorer—Howells 2.

SCHOOL v. INTERMEDIATE.—January 20th.

Up to date, this was the best contested match of the season. All the team played well. It is an unaccountable fact that

the School Team always plays best when up against difficulties. When they have the wind in their favour, etc., they fall off. No score was registered until a few minutes from the end, when Joshua, the "Inter" captain, netted the ball after a gallant attempt to save on the part of our "goalie," Adams.

SCHOOL v. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

A victory at last. In this match the School was victorious by 3 goals to 1. The outstanding feature of the game was Adams' great display in goal. Scorers—Mr. R. J. Jones 1, B. Davies 1, I. Howells 1.

SCHOOL v. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 17th.

At last the Team has attained its pavilion, and its excellence has more than recompensed the long wait. In this match the great weakness of the Team was remedied, owing to the good advice of Mr. R. J. Jones and Mr. D. Williams. The halves fed their forwards more assiduously and passed the ball along the ground instead of kicking it wildly into the air. It was mainly owing to their good work that the School ran out as victors by 10 goals to 3. Scorers—Meyrick 3, Mr. Williams 2, Mr. Jones 1, H. Evans 1, I. Howells 1, F. Thomas 1, D. Waters 1.

SCHOOL v. GENDROS UNITED.—February 24th.

A very unrepresentative side journeyed to Gendros, only five of the chosen team turning up. However, four supporters from the school came to Gendros with the "Team" and rendered very effectual help, whilst a "Gendrosite" aided the team also. Owing to the recent heavy rains, the ground was in an awful condition. After a somewhat exciting match, the School succeeded in drawing, with the score at 2 goals each. Scorers—H. Evans 1, D. Waters 1.

The season's scorers were as follows :—I. Howells 12, T. F. Meyrick 8, F. Thomas 6, B. Davies 5, Mr. R. J. Jones 3, Mr. Williams 2, H. Evans 2, D. Waters 2, W. Burman 2, C. Morris 2, W. Davies 1, S. Webber 1, T. M. Jenkins 1, Mr. Mendus 1, Mr. W. T. Davies 1, W. Thomas 1. Total 50 goals.

Our football season having finished perhaps it were not out of place to write a few words on our play and players.

The play has been a great improvement on that of the previous two seasons, and although greatly handicapped through the lack of combined practice, and through having several young players in the team, we have had a very successful season. It is hoped the improvement will be even

greater next season so as to make the team one to be 'feared' in local football.

Below, a few words are noted about the individual players. As a whole they have worked together very harmoniously, and the best of spirit has prevailed.

T. JENKINS.--(Vice-Capt.), as left back, did his utmost for his side. He has a good kick and shows judgment, while he is a fearless tackler.

S. WEBBER, who plays as right back, was very consistent throughout the season. It can be said that he was reliable, for very seldom did the ball pass him in any game.

H. EVANS, as centre half, was of invaluable aid. He seldom wasted a kick in any match. He also used his judgment well when placing the ball to his forwards. Can head well.

F. THOMAS, who occupied the position of inside-left, had plenty of 'go' in him. His one defect has been the lack of inches, but his skill more than compensated for this.

I. HOWELLS, as centre forward, has been very hard-working throughout the season. He could always be relied upon to do his share.

W. BURMAN, our right half, played very consistently, and was of great assistance to his side.

BEN DAVIES.—A very pretty player, and possessing plenty of dash. He, with his partner, F. Thomas, showed good combination.

D. WATERS.—Played in the inside-right position. He showed himself to be a dangerous man near the goal, and is a fine shot.

W. DAVIES, left half, has been of assistance and has done his best throughout the season.

M. ADAMS.—An ideal goalie. Nothing but praise can be given Adams. He has saved many a deadly shot.

G. WILLIAMS.—Our handy man, played well as reserve when called upon, and showed much promise for next season.

T.F.M.

T. F. MEYRICK.—The popular "skipper," is noted chiefly for his dash. He is equally good in attack and defence. Has played very consistently throughout the season.

The School Team has also been ably assisted by Mr. R. J. Jones, Mr. D. Williams, H. Elias and R. Harris. A. Bates has refereed in a good many matches.

SOMETHING FOR "HOCKEY GIRLS."

A very disparaging article has appeared in the "Daily Mirror" on the "Hockey Girl's Peril." Miss Douglas, of Newnham College, has no fault to find with hockey *as a game*, but she objects to a hockey *girl*. If she visited the Girls' Department of the S.M.S.S. I am afraid she would object to the majority of girls who pursue their studies in that elegant building. She also says, "I have heard of two cases of broken noses, of an eye so seriously injured as to necessitate its removal, of teeth knocked out and of faces permanently scarred by blows from stick or ball." A Harley Street specialist very kindly says, "I can always tell a Hockey girl at sight, which fact alone proves Hockey is wrong, for she becomes a freak on the over-developed side and is almost as bad as the under-developed woman who spends an aimless life distributing pamphlets delivering the works of other peoples' brains." If Miss Douglas brings along the Harley Street specialist with her when she deigns to visit our "College" our poor members of the Hockey team will surely blush at their deficiencies. But have our Hockey girls need to blush?

HOCKEYITE.

HOCKEY (IIIa).

This fine sport has made almost all the girls want to play next year. We all tender most hearty thanks to Miss Landon for taking us to the hockey field every Tuesday week. At first some of us were unwilling to go, but when the last few weeks came we began to appreciate what had been done for us. We have played two matches, both of which went against 3b. In the first match the result was: 3a 6 goals; 3b 1 goal. In the second match 3b was a little more active and reduced 6 goals to 3 goals, and 3b kept 1 goal. When the girls began to play hockey they could not understand what a twenty-five was. When we had a second twenty-five they would call it a fifty, and the third a seventy-five. Many free hits were given because we did not keep our places. In most of these games girls got hit, but I am glad to say that they did not mind this. We did not walk to the field, but rode in the car as far as the Uplands, from whence we walked. Our girls are all friendly with 3b and 3b with us. Both forms are looking forward to see which is going to be the best in the sport of cricket. We have eight very good hockey players, and three of these are extra special. They are: Leah Steer, Gwen Hounsell, and Myfanwy Locke.

ESTHER LYDEN.

“PIERROT LAND.”

“The days are past, the work is o’er
But now we wish we had some more.”

Old Ballad.

This is the song which the Pierrots are now singing, and although some people may be glad that the concert is over, it is certain that the majority of the Pierrots have still many sparks of enthusiasm left, and although the “Monster” (B.P.) may still be a little dangerous to approach, we still have lingering hopes of appeasing his appetite on some future date. However, that is dealing with the future, while the concert is past, so (as our English master says) let us change the “Tense” and become “Terse” in our remarks.

Every boy in the school knows the days and dates on which the concert took place, but, just, to remind the reader, the date is 29th and 30th of March, when (to quote a local newspaper report) a “Novel Entertainment in St. Gabriel’s Hall” took place, under the direction of Messrs. R. J. Jones and Dyson B. Williams.

On Friday evening the Mayor, Councillor E. G. Protheroe, officiated as Chairman, and after a few remarks from His Worship the miscellaneous programme was commenced. The first item was a quintette by the Misses Davies, (Sketty) and Mr. Willie Richards, A.C.V., ably led by Mr. R. J. Jones, and accompanied by Mr. Evan Walters. Then followed a song by Mr. Aubrey Williams, “Happy Land,” and although Mr. Williams’ song roused the “men” to applause, most of the ladies present resented it. However, one gentleman absolutely refused to believe in the existence of such a place! An excellent pianotorte solo by Master Ivor Sims, (3cl.) which awoke the Pierrots from their reflections behind the curtain, next delighted the audience, being followed by Mr. Maule with a song “Tommy Lad.” A solo by Miss Hulley concluded the first part of the programme, and the Mayor announced that the “Long-looked-for Medley” would begin.

The rising of the curtain disclosed, sitting and standing in various positions, 19 well-known forms. Out danced Master Jacky Morgan, who sang “The little Pierrot Troupe.” Then the “fun” began! W. Donald seemed to take a pessimistic view of things, which was supported by W. H. Thomas, but Jacky solved the problem by trying the “Four Jolly Sailormen,” who were Bill Blake alias Sid Evans, Bill Wetherley alias J. Spooner, Jem Johnson—Haydn Thomas, and “Me”—Arthur Williams. Then followed some sound philosophy (modesty forbids the name being given again) which if heeded

"makes the outlook brighter far." Glyn Maggs sang "Moon, moon, serenely shining" giving place to "The Monster" rendered by the quartette (Jacky Morgan, Trevor Williams, Glynn Maggs and Sid Evans). "The Faded Rose," by Wm. H. Thomas, was followed by a duet "Two little Snowdrops," by W. H. Thomas and Idris Davies. "Me" presented another problem "Unemployment" but found a solution in "Go back—back—back to the land." Jacky Morgan, Donald, Bayliss Trevor Williams, G. Maggs and Idris Davies were involved in a search for a story, and after some thinking Morgan burst out with "I know!" "What?" they enquired.

Once upon a time
When pigs were swine
And monkeys chewed tobacco."———

"Oh! don't talk such awful nonsense," said Donald. "Ah! I know," chimed in Trevor Williams.

"I'll tell you a story of Jack and my nory
And that's how my story begins (and ends, eh?)"

The Troupe gave the glee "Foreign children," after which Frank Dowdall recited his pathetic poem, "The Street Arab." After bandying words with one another the Pierrots sang the part song and finale, "Thank you very much indeed!" and "Curtain."

This was also the order of Saturday evening's performance, when Mr. Councillor David Williams (in the chair), complimented Messrs. R. J. Jones and D. Brock Williams upon the entertainment.

The object of the Concert was to raise funds for the purchase of a piano. Much praise is due to Messrs. Jones and Williams for their strenuous work, to Mr. J. Mendus for the able way in which he performed the duties of Treasurer, and especially to the Misses Davies for their kindly assistance, and to our respected Head, Mr. Beanland, who attended on both evenings, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

We are sure it will interest our readers to know that both Messrs. Richards and Walters are "old boys!"

C. D. and "ME."

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