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EDITORIAL.

The customary activity preceding examinations now pervades the air of our Schools. Another week and our goal will have been attempted, if not reached. We wish our pupils every good luck, and trust that last year's excellent results will be even surpassed.

Never has the personnel of the staff of this School undergone such an extensive change as in this session. Early in the year we lost Mr. Gwilym Richards and Mr. Rowland Williams; this month we shall lose Mr. R. J. Jones and Mr. W. B. Thomas. Reference to Mr. Jones' departure was made in our last number. As our readers are aware, our senior assistant leaves to take charge of the new school at Mount Pleasant. We have great pleasure in wishing him, once more, every success in his new sphere.

At the end of this month we shall have to bid farewell also to Mr. Thomas who has been appointed Senior French Master at the Sutton County School, Surrey. Mr. Thomas has entered deeply into the life of the School in its varied aspects. He has been Editor of the School Magazine, during which time our publication has been worthily maintained.

Together with Mr. Gordon, he has taken a deep interest in the String Band, and we are sure that we are voicing the opinions of all when we say that Mr. Thomas will be greatly missed from among us. We wish him every success at Sutton.

We have further to regret that Mademoiselle Gamblin has, through ill-health, been obliged to relinquish her post at the Girls' School. She was a great favourite of the girls and Staff alike, who wish her regained health in her native country.

We may lose Monsieur Augustin, too, from the Boys' Department. Never was a Master more deservedly popular. Of wide outlook and genial sympathy, M. Augustin has done well amongst us. His lantern lectures at the School and and at the Swansea Library will be remembered for a long time.

If he leaves us—we say *if*, because we do not want him to—we offer him our best wishes for prosperity in France.

There devolves upon us this month, the pleasant duty of congratulating Mr. D. D. Phillips upon his success in obtaining his M.A. degree in the University of Wales. We are sure the new honour will rest worthily upon him. Also to our new friend Mr. Knight upon his attaining the same distinction.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Glan Powell, B.A. (London), who was appointed last month to the Staff of this School. Mr. Powell was a former scholar of the M.S.S.

We were sorry that Mr. Price, B.Sc. was overtaken with illness at the end of last month. We all wish him a speedy and thorough recovery. The gap has been filled temporarily by Mr. Huxtable, B.Sc., whom we are glad to see among us.

Among "Old Boys" who have distinguished themselves recently, we have the name of Mr. C. Hanson of Selwyn College, Cambridge. Mr. Hanson has proceeded to his B.A. degree.

Our School Sports will be held during the last week of the session. It will come as a welcome relief. After a term which makes such heavy demands upon mental resources, we shall turn quite willingly to athletics. During the last term of every session we are in danger of forgetting the old adage: *Mens sana in corpore sano*.

Finally we wish all our readers a pleasant holiday.

W.J.H.

CRICKET.

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club took place on April 28th. The following were elected to the various offices, H. J. Donald, Captain; H. I. Evans, vice-Captain; R. P. Harris, Hon. Secretary; H. Witts and W. Browne. Committee.

SCHOOL v. CLARK'S COLLEGE.

The opening match was played on the school Field on May 9th. The School were unfortunate to lose, the number of extras being high. Donald batted well for the School. School--72, Clark's College--75.

SCHOOL v. ATHENIANS..

Played on the School Field on May 16th, when the School won comfortably. Evans, Donald, Harris and J. S. Davies batted well and Donald bowled well for the School. Harris did the "Hat Trick." School--124, Athenians--17.

SCHOOL v. MOUNT PLEASANT.

Played at School Field on May 23rd. The match resulted in an easy win for the School. 1st innings, School--42, Mount Pleasant--117. 2nd innings, Mount Pleasant--37 School--28.

SCHOOL v. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at the Grammar School Field. Several of the School team failed to turn up, with the result that the Grammar School won easily. Grammar School--122, School--51.

SCHOOL v. SKETTY C.L.B.

Played at School Field. The School won easily. School--71, Sketty C.L.B.--30.

SCHOOL v. CLARK'S COLLEGE.

Played at the School Field on June 13th. The School won easily. School--74, Clark's College--40.

SCHOOL v. MANSELTON NORTH END.

Played on the School Field on June 20th. The match was partially spoilt by the sun. Nevertheless the School won by fourteen runs. School--56, Manselton North End--12.

SCHOOL v. SKETTY C.L.B.

Played at the School Field on June 27th. The School's batsmen were in form and a record score was set up. The School won easily by 130 runs. School—176, Sketty C.L.B.—46.

Bowling Analysis to date—

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV.
R. P. Harris	79.1	6	205	52	3.94
H. Donald	65.2	10	156	26	5.23

The following have also bowled :—H. Evans, S. John, G. J. Davies.

SCHOOL v. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at the Grammar School Field on July 4th. Unfortunately the Grammar School had another fixture and a reserve team played against us. School—47, Grammar School—18.

SCHOOL v. YSTRADGYNLAIS COUNTY SCHOOL.

On July 11th, we paid a visit to Ystradgynlais County School, where, after the most exciting match of the season, we were victorious by 32 to 26, Donald making 15. Our side went in first ; wickets fell very cheaply, but owing to the excellent bowling of Donald and Harris, together with our smart fielding including Ivor Davies' fine catches, we were able to obtain a better result than we expected.

<i>Batting to date.</i>	Innings.	Times not out.	High Score.	Total.	Average.
H. Evans ...	10	0	32	106	10.6
R. P. Harris ...	10	3	35	70	10.0
H. Wits ...	10	0	43	93	9.3
F. O. Dowdall ...	8	0	38	71	8.9
H. Donald ...	10	0	31	81	8.1
S. Davies ...	10	1	19*	62	7.9
J. Davies ...	10	0	28	63	6.3
Trafford ...	9	0	34	53	5.9
J. Evans ...	6	2	9	17	4.25
D. Sarfe ...	4	1	10	18	6.0
Murray ...	3	0	16	18	6.0

*Not Out.

Also batted :—D. Jeremy, D. Daley, S. John.

R. P. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

BOYS' FORM NOTES.**FORM IA.**

We have had some budding cricketers in our Form, one of whom, on one afternoon took six wickets—home.

This term we have picked our cricket team, with G. Gibbs as captain. We have only played one match, against 2a, but were so utterly beaten by Voysey and his men, that we are greatly discouraged.

Mr. Price now takes us in Mathematics, instead of Mr. R. H. Williams. We wish him every success.

FORM IB.

We are all looking forward to our summer holidays, and as we are doing our very best to make this a successful year I think we will deserve all we get, and after such hard work will appreciate the holidays more. We have played a few cricket matches to break the monotony, one being played against Form Ic. It was a very exciting game, and in the end proved to be a victory for us. In this particular game our Master, Mr. Hughes, played for us, while Mr. Phillips played for his Form. Our opponents were completely out for seventeen runs, while we were successful in scoring thirty-eight for seven wickets. Our Form is progressing wonderfully, and we show a great likeness for French, Woodwork and Chemistry, besides many others. W.O.

FORM IC.

We are still fond of playing games on our School field and of the afternoon every week at the Baths. We are sorry to say they will soon end for this year. We have at last made up a Form team, whose names are as follows:—L. Thomas (Capt.), L. Roberts (Vice-Capt.), C. Williams, C. Anderson, K. Richards, E. Powell, B. Baddiel, I. Ferris, J. Jenkins, W. Rees and O. Rees. The rest of the Form hope they will be successful in any matches they play. Most of the boys in the Form are trying hard to get into Form 2R next year. But only a few can go, therefore there is much rivalry. R.J.

FORM IIA.

Our first surprise this term was the fact (so we thought) that our windows had had glass taken out! Alas!! no such luck!!! Fresh air is still too precious—all that had happened was that they had been cleaned during the Easter vacation.

R. Voysey and T. Griffiths were elected Cricket Captain and Vice-Captain—although R. Olsson ran them both very close. We played IA, who, although helped by their Form

Master, suffered defeat at our hands. Some of the 2nd boys are not very good "sports" because when we played them, they batted first and some went off home without waiting to give us an innings.

One of our class mates has had the decorators in—they succeeded in artistically colouring his left optic!!! Another displayed unusual smartness during a Geography lesson, stating that a country "had a very dry rainfall!!" Talking of Geography reminds us that S. J. Jones (a) is off to the Antipodes in September—we wish him good luck and hope that he will not forget his old Masters and schoolmates. He has promised us some bamboo and sugar cane, which we hope to enjoy.

There's nothing like falling in love early, as the following incident *may* prove:—

Teacher: Who is the most interesting person in "The Talisman."

Pupil: Edith Plantagenet.

Teacher: Why?

Pupil: Because she is so pretty!!

Our Physics has been on the question of inclined planes of late, which is an excuse for the following riddle:—

Why is an inclined plane like a lazy young dog? Because it is a slope up (slow pup).

Another—perhaps newer—What is it which goes up, comes down, wears boots and yet has none? A Football.

We all hope that the enlarged School, which is to be, will be ready before we leave!! Most of us are beginning to wonder what we shall be next year—"Up-to-date"—or "Ancient"—or as they are commonly known—"Moderns or Classical."

A.A.

FORM IIB.

We congratulate D. J. Young (2b) and his partner O. Owen (1b), in reaching the final of the Fives Tournament. We wish them good luck.

Our cricket captain for the season is W. M. Williams.

All the boys who went to the baths regretted to hear that their season had finished, especially G. Tucker, who was becoming an expert in the profession.

Heard in the Form Room:

Teacher: What is the noun from "Inferior"?

Boy: "Superior."

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FORM IIR.

We are now near the end of the hardest and longest term of the year. When the terminal examinations come there will be keen competition for the first three places. Although we have only been to games twice this term we have had an excellent game of cricket each time.

Lately our Form room has been condemned by most of our Form fellows. In winter it is exceptionally cold, whilst in summer it is very warm, thus suffering from "Climate of extremes." Some of us suffer either from toothache, headache, or earache, owing to the draught from the ventilator. However, shortly most of us will be removed to the third year where we hope to enjoy better health than at present.

H.H.

FORM IIIA.

The shadow of the Oxford Local Junior Exam. looms up very near to us now. It is regarded by most of us with extreme anxiety.

IIIa have not been fortunate as regards games this term.

May one be allowed to throw out a suggestion?

There once appeared in our Magazine a serial story and it is argued with some force that the Magazine was then even more popular than it is now. I suggest, therefore, that a serial be commenced in our next issue if possible, and, further, that if sufficient merit can be found, it be written by one of the members of our school, or perhaps I had better say schools, and acknowledge the merits of the fair sex. This will give experience to young writers and be a considerable help to those who intend to follow a literary career.

We note with some feelings of pity that bitter wailings proceed from the members of the Girls' School. We sympathise with them, and more especially since, through their head mistress, we obtained an extra half-holiday last term.

Does anyone know anything about a bag of sweets?

W.H.

FORM IIIM.

The Oxford boys in our class are looking forward to doing their utmost in the Exam., as so much depends upon it. In games we are not doing so well; we have a good team but have had bad luck. However, we hope to do better before the end of the term, which is now drawing near, and then

come the holidays, which will be welcomed by all the boys. Some of our friends will, I expect, be leaving, so we wish them every success. Let us wish all who are taking the Exam. every success.

G.H.E.

FORM III REMOVE.

We came back from the Whitsun holidays with the dread prospect of the Oxford Local Exams. before us, and with good resolutions concerning hard work, which we *then* had every intention of fulfilling. Whether it is the atmosphere of the room (somewhat strong in flavour and very heated in temperature), or something else, we have not decided, but it is a lamentable fact that we became sadly remiss. The approach of the Exams., however, has made us "look spry" (N.B.—this has nothing to do with "spree"), although the prospect and climate is rather damping (N.B.—Pun) to our spirits. Our adventures in the field of sport are not noteworthy (Hostile persons will say this is due to non-success, which is a manifest "whopper")

Written by lugubrious, almost asphyxiated K. N. PEPPER.

FORM IV_M.

About six weeks ago our Form were working hard for the various commercial examinations, in spite of such sarcastic remarks as, "the cream of the Secondary School," which, of course, slighted us a little. Well, now, these are over, and it is very bad to predict the results. We are now taking what might be termed a "breather," or in other words, do not work so assiduously. Besides being workers of the highest degree, we know and could give anyone a tip about any section in sport. In cricket we have played two matches against our commercial "juniors," and as expected we won both matches, besides helping Form 5 to beat 4cl. Our boys are training with unbounded zeal for the forthcoming sports, and, like all business men, expect the highest prize, namely the shield.

Our Form room is next to the chemical lab., and what is more, there is a hole at the bottom of the wall, so naturally, when hydrogen sulphide or some such sweet odour is prepared, we easily know. We were greatly amused by one of our science masters telling us that he could "hear our smile."

We congratulate E. Adams and P. Bowen upon their having obtained good posts in the commercial world.

What about this year's School Sports? Are there to be any?

These Form Notes will be our last, and very regretfully we have to bid farewell to the old school, which we shall always remember, and of which we shall always be proud.

FORM IVcl.

Although I have been deputed to supply the Magazine with the history of the Form for this term, my lot is an easy one, for, comparatively speaking, the term has passed uneventfully.

The French Oral Examination for the Senior Oxford took place on Wednesday last, July 1st, and at the hour of four upon that day, ten or more seniors, of agitated mien and furrowed brows, might have been seen parading the corridor, each waiting for his turn. The remaining examinations are to take place during the latter part of July, and it is to be hoped that all candidates will be successful and that the honours' list this year will be greatly increased.

We all sincerely sympathize with Mr. Price in his illness, but we are glad that such an admirable substitute as Mr. Huxtable has been appointed during Mr. Price's illness. It is to be hoped that all the boys will work hard, and pass in all the branches of Mathematics so that we will be able to say that we have conquered the many obstacles which have unfortunately arisen in our path during the School year.

C.L.D.

FORM V.

The third and last term of the School year is well advanced, and for most of the pupils of Form V it will be the last term in the School. Next year we shall be scattered in different parts of the country. Accordingly we take this opportunity of bidding farewell to the old School and wish it every success. The prophecy made last term has come true and we are enjoying an Equatorial temperature. Evidently the fan wishes to preserve its traditions and continues to make an apology of airing the room. Last term we were much amused by the boldness of a mouse. It often made rushes across the floor, but needless to say no screams were raised. According to the latest reports the prefects are becoming famous as orators. We were actually congratulated upon our reading in the Assembly Hall.

We have the finest cricket team in the School, and have completely defeated the once invincible Form IVcl. This Form had the audacity to challenge the rest of the school to a match to be played anywhere, and anyhow! The fifth form accepted the challenge and succeeded in scoring 67 runs for eight wickets, while IVcl. scored 47 all out. Somebody was heard to murmur: "Oh! what a fall was there my countrymen."

Now that the Matriculation is over we hope to see the
School field. H.J.E.

Re SPORTS.

We hope that in spite of the short notice our sports will be as great a success as usual. Entries so far are very encouraging. The event has been fixed for the 28th (if fine). We have already observed several of the competitors training on the School Field. This looks as though some are *very* keen upon winning prizes. For many years we have been kindly lent the Grammar School Field (we don't quite know why, as *ours* is in nearly as good a condition as Lord's or the Oval). Still, we shall be much obliged this year again for the loan of the spacious field used by our friends on the hill.

PWLL-DU.

During the Whitsun vacation my friend and I decided to take a walk to Pwll-Du. We started at about 8 o'clock in the morning, and took a cross-country walk through Clyne, across Bishopston Common and into the valley. After a journey of about four miles we found ourselves in Pwll-Du at 11 o'clock. Pwll-Du is a magnificent place to visit, it is well worth the walk down there. You boys who take an interest in botany, and in the study of birds, such as Gulls and Petrels, I advise to take a walk there; and lads who enjoy natural curiosities and grand scenery also should visit the place. One of the most curious things to be seen as you walk by the side of the sea, is a river, as it appears to you, coming out of the ground, and you have to walk inland some thirty to fifty yards before you come to the other part of the stream. As for scenery, well! I reckon it to be one of the finest spots in the whole of Gower. To see the two great headlands, one on each side of the little bay, that tower about a hundred or two hundred feet in the air, and completely sheltering the little cove, no matter how great the storms which rage outside, is a great sight indeed. Again, the wild surf breaking on the great reefs which jut far out into the sea—a terrible trap for any poor vessel to be caught in.

Those people who say they do not like the sea have only to walk a few hundred yards inland and they have the most beautiful and most peaceful of Welsh country scenery. Boys who own bicycles have good roads to travel, the only bad hills being the one at the Woodman Hill and another which goes down into Pwll-Du itself.

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**How British History might have been affected  
if the Young Pretender had been successful.**

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Had the Young Pretender been successful in 1745, the history of what is now known as the "Hanoverian period" would have been very different from what it is. The greatest change, perhaps, would have been in religion. England would have seen the gradual decrease of Protestantism and the ascendancy of Roman Catholicism, the fall of the Church of England, and the re-introduction into England of Papal influence. It is not at all improbable that Protestants would have suffered persecution, and religious fanatics like Jesuits would have flooded the country, with the support of most of the European monarchs. But Protestant England would not have accepted this without contention, and her resistance would have been sufficient in itself to bring about another civil war similar to the one which took place in the reign of Charles I. Differences of opinion would have caused father to fight against son, brother against brother, and England would certainly have ruined herself for many years.

Again, we would have seen a great change in politics. The Stuart foreign policy was essentially one of friendship with France, and had the Young Pretender been successful, he would certainly have been friendly with the Bourbons, who had aided him in his adversities. If this had happened we should not now be reading of England's military glory of the eighteenth century; of the addition of India and Canada to our great Empire; and of the greatness of our navy and so forth. Nor should we have read of Walpole as prime minister, and of the way he kept England at peace and enriched her treasury, for Walpole was a staunch Hanoverian. It is more than probable that we should have had to fight useless wars with nations which, during the Hanoverian period helped us in our wars, and which would only have ended in favour of Charles Edward Stuart's allies, the French.

England was certainly coarse and immoral during the reign of George I and George II, but if the Young Pretender was anything like his ancestors Charles II and James II, the country might have been far worse.

Had the Pretender been successful, we of the present generation would be struggling hard to gain our rights owing to the useless wars which must have resulted if the Hanoverian dynasty had been overthrown. Napoleon was

able to dictate his own terms to all the nations of Europe, and England was his only stumbling block. Surely he would have done likewise to discontented England under a Stuart. Perhaps instead of being the chief nation of the world we would be the vassals of Germany, the servant of France, even the laughing stock of Europe.

The whole Stuart Period was a real tragedy, having the world as the stage upon which it was played. Comparing our condition under such circumstances with our present one, it is quite reasonable to conclude that the restoration of the Stuarts in 1745 would have done us no good. D.T.J., IVcl.

## A HISTORY OF THE INDUSTRIES OF SWANSEA.

Swansea with its numerous factories of to-day was little more than a village two hundred years ago. No ugly looking stacks vomited sulphurous clouds. In those days one could hear the rippling of the brook instead of the deafening clang of machinery. However one must not suppose that the transition was sudden. It took many years before the prejudices of the people of Swansea could be overcome. Thus Neath became the first site of the first great Copper Works in South Wales. These works were built about the year 1564. However the industry soon spread to Swansea, owing to the greater facilities of Swansea as a port. Hence the year 1720 marks the beginning of the commercial prosperity of Swansea. The first works were erected on "Thomas Evans' Coale Bank." in 1720 by Dr. Lane, for the purpose of smelting Copper ore from Cornwall. In 1727 these works were removed to Landore owing to the people of Swansea complaining of the smoke. The Copper trade now began to develop very rapidly. In 1800 there were no fewer than eight large Copper works in Swansea. Thus in 1810 the great works at the Hafod were built by Mr. Vivian, and throughout the nineteenth century the forest of chimneys in the lower end of the valley continued to multiply until at last the beauty of Swansea Valley had disappeared like the grass on the surrounding hills. Hence the origin of the Copper trade in Swansea. Another great industry closely connected with Swansea is the tin-plate trade. Tin-plates were first manufactured in Germany during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. The manufacture of tin-plates in Great Britain was first carried on in Pontypool. However, in 1720 the works moved to Neath. Thus Neath had the precedence



over Swansea both in the copper and tin-plate trade. Soon Swansea began to manufacture tin-plates, and was so successful that it was able to survive the depression caused by the McKinley tariff. Nowadays there are about 7,000 people in Swansea engaged in the manufacture of tin-plates.

Another industry which provides employment for many thousands of men is the manufacture of Siemen's steel, the raw material for the manufacture of tin-plates. This industry was introduced into Swansea by a German. Many persons have no doubt seen the disused buildings near Landore Viaduct. Unromantic as the sight may seem, yet within those smouldering walls Dr. Siemens brought to perfection the conversion of pig iron into the finest steel. Probably no ruin in the world can boast of a past history of greater value to the present generation. Towards the end of the eighteenth century and the beginning of the nineteenth century many furnaces for the manufacture of iron began to spring up in the Swansea Valley.

Unfortunately, Swansea has to record the loss of a once famous pottery trade.

The Cambrian Pottery was not an extensive undertaking at first. It was founded about the year 1750 and was situated on the west bank of the River Tawe, a quarter of a mile north of the mouth of the river. In 1783 the works were sold, and by all accounts they were very extensive. It is interesting to notice that at this period, coal was only five shillings per ton! In 1790 the pottery works were sold to George Haynes whose name may be seen on several old prints of Swansea and district. The works were enlarged and the celebrated opaque china was manufactured. However in 1814 the real porcelain was first manufactured and its value has greatly increased. Indeed, at one time this porcelain china was very unprofitable to make.

The works were sold by Mr. Dillwyn in 1817 but were purchased and re-started again in 1820, as a pottery and not a porcelain works.

In 1870 the Cambrian pottery finally closed down.

Swansea should be very grateful to the German people because it was Germans who largely originated its great industries.

It may be true that Swansea can boast of no great inventors but it can be proud of its capacity to turn the inventions of others to a successful end.

H.J.E. (V.).

## REMINISCENCES OF AN ENJOYABLE CYCLE TOUR.

Yes, the appointed hour of departure had arrived, and as the five members who participated in the tour set off on their journey towards Caerphilly, at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15th, they could not help agreeing with one accord that nature had smiled on them, by the dawning of the most enjoyable and pleasant cycling day imaginable.

We were off, and no mistake, and as our two-wheeled steeds raced nobly down the white tract, our eyes beheld right ahead the glorious sun rising higher in the heavens. As the mist over the land rolled away before the ruddy rays of the rising Phœbus, the beauty of the surrounding country was revealed. During this time we had been moving forward uphill and down dale, and without mishap we arrived at Bridgend at about 10.30 a.m., after having passed through Morriston, Neath, Aberavon and Pyle. A halt was now made, and you can guess what establishment we all made for, which, by the way, we were not long in reaching. After about an hour's rest in which time ample justice was done to the tempting viands set before us, we again resumed our journey. Passing through Cowbridge we came to Ely, a place on the outskirts of Cardiff, where we branched off for Caerphilly. Having travelled well over forty miles, we did not feel what one might call energetic.

We had not gone far on the Caerphilly road when the route became so hilly, that despite our weariness, we had to get off and push. If the first part of the journey had been easy, we were making up for it by the last portion, for, we had to contend with seven miles of uphill on a badly cut-up road, which distance took us an hour and a half to cover. Weary and dust-laden we arrived at Caerphilly about 4 p.m. We were however amply rewarded for our exertions, for the ruins of the castle were most instructive and interesting.

It is much more extensive than Kidwelly Castle, which we visited last Summer, but it is not in such a good state of preservation. It covered 30 acres, was built in 1272 on the concentric system by Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester, and when it was completed with its threefold defence, the last word in castle-building had been spoken. It sheltered Edward II for a short time during his flight in 1326. One of the curious features of the castle is that one of the towers stands nine feet out of the perpendicular. After making a survey of the castle and grounds we walked to a somewhat pre-historic railway station. Bundling our machines into the

luggage van we all crammed into a compartment which forcibly reminded one of a cattle truck, feeling much relieved at the thought of reaching Cardiff where we had decided to stop the night. One of the members of the party spent the night with friends at Caerphilly, another travelled by train to Barry for the purpose of putting up for the night, a third stayed with relations in the city, and our worthy principal and your humble recorder found a resting place in one of the numerous hotels. The next day, Thursday, was spent in sight seeing. We went round the city in general, visiting the Law Courts, the City Hall, the docks, the market, and other places of interest. In the afternoon we all set out for Roath Park and spent a most enjoyable hour rowing on the lake. Tea was afterwards partaken of in a tea establishment in the Park. We next boarded a tranicar, and after about twenty minutes' ride we found ourselves back in the town. The four juvenile members of the party next went to a cinema, where a most pleasant evening was spent. Afterwards we all departed for our respective lodgings. The recorder and one of the party shared a double room on this occasion. About 11.30 p.m. we somewhat rudely cooled the ardour of two individuals who were engaged in a heated argument in the street below. Our timely interference changed the trend of affairs, for they both began to give vent to the most horrible yelling and vituperation which went on intermittently for a good half hour. By the next morning, however, they had decamped, and they are as near now, as they ever will be, to knowing who were the cause, the *fons et origo*, of their midnight cold bath.

After breakfast we all met outside Cardiff Castle, the residence of the Bute family, and commenced our homeward journey.

We took the same road back, with the exception that we visited an old castle at Coity, the ancient home of the Turbervilles, a few miles outside Bridgend.

There was a very strong wind blowing, and fortunately this was dead astern and materially helped our progress, except when we turned aside to visit Coity and were made to realize what might have been our fate for the whole fifty miles. Several riders opened their coats and tried to believe they rode flying machines. Suddenly when spinning down a brambly lane, one tyre collapsed. A halt was called round what promised to be a shady corner, but the shade proved to be merely that of a five-barred gate. The bike was quickly inverted and many hands, (and tongues) set to work. Though no water was available, T's quick eye and sensitive cheek quickly

located the puncture, and a strong patch was soon applied. This patch had formerly done duty as the label of a rubber water-bottle, and opinions differed as to the efficacy of such a patch, especially when applied without the previous use of sandpaper. But it played its new role admirably and D—is thinking of patenting the invention, of which, as usual, necessity was the maternal relative.

At Bridgend a further halt was called—in the town of course, not at the large building on the hill. Again at Port Talbot there was a “half-time” interval during which the bikes were left propped against the kerb, but several of them piqued at being thus neglected in the matter of refreshments, and aided and abetted by the gale, fell over into the road and did themselves grievous bodily harm; one lost its pedal and another bent its crank. This necessitated a visit to a garage and half-an-hour's delay, during which time some members of the party found cushioned rest and peaceful retirement in a luxurious motor car.

After this all went well. We passed through Neath, sailed gaily down Skewen Hill and less gaily over the cobbly road in the Morriston District, and reached Swansea about 6.30 on Friday evening. Thus ended a most enjoyable holiday.

The success of our expedition is due to the kind supervision of Mr. Beanland, to whom, on behalf of the other members of the party and myself, I beg to offer our sincere thanks.

V.A.M. (IV CL.).

## SCHOOLS' LEAGUE NOTES.

### RUGBY.

Phew!! As these notes are being written the very thought of a Rugger Scrum causes cold shivers—perhaps the reading of them will assist in keeping one's temperature somewhere near normal!!

Late though they be, these notes have had no previous opportunity of appearing, and as the work of the Rugger lads is deemed worthy of record, the Editors have consented to find a corner for their insertion.

Season 1913-14 found the team return once more to its run of successes—only the lads from Bonymaen being able to secure points at its expense.

Of the 12 league games played, 10 were won, the remaining two resulted in the loss of 4 points. At the end of both rounds the team finished second in the 1st Division.

Thirty-five tries (nearly double 1912-13 total) were recorded, only four of which were converted, whilst C. G. Jones kicked one good penalty goal. Industrial scored four tries against us, Brynmill being the only team to cross our line. Summary of scores being—For: 5 goals, 31 tries, (116 pts.)—Against:—5 tries, (15 pts.).

Scorers were Chislett and L. Jones 8 each, Davies 4, G. Bevan 3, W. Jones, Tyrell and Walters 2 each, C. Jones, Crawford, Bevan, Tucker, Gordon and B. Roberts 1 each—35 tries.

Some 24 lads took part in the games and most of these are unavailable for next season owing to having passed the age limit.

T. H. DAVIES, the captain, played in his usual whole hearted style and figured in the Town v. International Trial Games, being reserve for the National Team.

W. JONES, vice-captain, upheld the unbroken reputation of the School by winning a place in the Welsh pack. As a forward, he was the town's first choice and led the School pack capably through the season.

L. JONES and C. G. JONES, also Town-teamers, were forwards of excellent type, and but for the plentiful supply of good talent would have won a place in the Scarlet pack.

F. CHISLETT and G. BEVAN developed later and won places in the Town Team before the end of the season. The last named should go "one better" next season, all being well.

E. S. REES, J. GORDON and F. BEVAN usually completed the pack and the above 8 took some stopping when under weigh. These three players should go into the Town Team next season, with ordinary luck.

R. H. VOYZEY and G. S. TUCKER behind the scrum were generally good enough for their opponents and often made effective links with the three-quarter line.

W. A. WALTERS and E. J. TYRELL on the wings were fleet and safe. The strength of the pack was often a means of keeping the ball in front, otherwise more tries would have fallen to their lot. Both should do well next season.

S. J. JONES, A. CRAWFORD, and E. L. DAVIES, also figured in the back division on occasions, the first named acting as last line of defence for the greater part of the season.

Others who played were P. J. Llewelyn, T. Rowe, C. Wilson, W. Ross, B. McInerny, B. Roberts, whilst V. Gwynne and C. Roberts who played a couple of games towards the end of the season are available for next year.

### ATHLETIC SPORTS.

On July 2nd, 1914, the 15th Annual Athletic Sports of the Schools' League were held and for the first time two Shields were offered for competition—one each to the Champion Girls' and Champion Boys' Schools. This new arrangement reduced our handicap—owing to age limits—considerably. In former years most schools had a maximum of 107 while ours was only 61. Now the boys in all schools except this have a maximum of 69 to aim for, ours being 41.

In spite of this lack of opportunity in Classes C and D it is gratifying to be able to record the fact that the Boys' Shield comes to the "None Sec." Boys for this year.

The competition was exceptionally keen, as may easily be seen from the following figures. The shield was won on a score of 12 points. Immediately following were schools having 11, 10, 9, and 9 points. The very even character of the different schools enabled our stalwarts to forge their way right to the front in the very last race of the day—the Despatch A.B.C. It is of interest to note that this race has been won some five consecutive years by the lads from this school.

Point winners were Baden Roberts,  $4\frac{3}{4}$ ; G. Jenkins (1b) 3; W. A. Walters,  $2\frac{3}{4}$ ; H. Harman,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; and Cliff. Roberts,  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Total 12. (The fractions are accounted for by the fact that the four lads won three points in the Despatch Race). B. Roberts also carried off the 1st prize in 100 yds. A and 3rd prize in 220 yds. A, while Jenkins took 1st place in the 220 yds. A, and Walters 2nd in the 100 yds. A. To these—and also to the unsuccessful competitors, who did well—congratulations must be extended. Two of our team of 15 were unable to run owing to accidents which occurred on the morning of the Sports.

The new Girls' Shield—kindly presented by Lady Mond—has been won for its first year by Plasmarl, while the Champion School (Total of Boys' and Girls' points) is Danygraig. This school will receive an enlarged photograph of their competitors, suitably inscribed and framed.

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## GIRLS' SCHOOL NOTES.

## FORM I.

Why did we hear nothing of Form I in the last issue of the Magazine? It is said we are not always so silent, though it is sometimes wished that . . .

Can it be that we cannot find a suitable topic, for when asked for contributions, the invariable answer is, "Please Teacher, we've no cat in our room" to which might be given the answer "No, but you have mice in your desks."

A certain member of Form I is very concerned about the welfare of the boys at the Boys' School, for if one of the doors leading into the gymnasium is left open, she immediately pounces upon it exclaiming "Close that door, or the boys will be suffocated."

In these days of observant persons, who knows the shop which offers for sale :—"Sweet desert apples, 5d. a lb."

"Rubub, 1½d. a bundle" afterwards changed into "Rubarb, 1½d. a bundle?"

Who has seen the man hovering round De-la-Beche Street armed with poles and inch tape? Does this conjure up visions of a new Girls' School?

Who was the Form-Oner who, wishing to look realistic in the Tableau, rubbed her face first with baked flour; 2nd, burnt cork; 3rd, brown crayon? The result can be imagined.

X.Y.

## FORM II.

On Empire Day some of the Forms did tableaux, Form 2 representing Africa. The negresses did look funny with arms, legs, and faces browned, and beads round their necks and arms. One girl especially, appeared as a fine Egyptian woman with her rings and beads, bearing a pitcher on her shoulder.

Some time ago a strange black and white cat came into our class-room, and as we were reciting a piece of Welsh poetry about Alun Mabon when he came in, we called him "Alun Mabon." He made a tableau all by himself, called "A famous Welshman." Lately he has not been coming for his dinner, and we are wondering what has become of him. Should this notice meet his eye, let him learn that he is implored to return to his sorrowing Form—Form 2. Let us whisper—mice come out when he is absent. After the tableaux were over we had our photographs taken.

We play Cricket now instead of Hockey, and at last, all of us are wearing the School colours. One Wednesday a pig and her little ones came to the pavilion evidently to watch us play.

We went for a Botany walk on June 25th to Blackpill, and got specimens. We went into a wood where we were enjoying ourselves immensely, when up came an old lady who told us that if her ladyship came, there would be a row, for "our lady don't allow no one to run about in the woods."

Our classroom is looking quite bright now for there are flowers on the mantelpiece.

Mary Tucker and Lucy Whitford had the honour of having some of their paintings exhibited in the Bath and West Nature Exhibition.

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#### FORM IIIA.

On Empire Day we had tableaux representing British Colonies, but Form 3A was out of the common in representing "Past at our Doors." Edith Austin took the part of "Britannia," Beatrice Lacy of "St. George," Doris Richards of "Queen Elizabeth," Maimie Richards of "Elizabeth Fry," Gwyneth Jones of "Florence Nightingale" with a soldier, Violet Sampson of "Agnes Weston" getting a sailor (Margaret Meredith) to sign the pledge, Violet Charles of "Margaret Beaufort," Doris Matthews of "Boadicea," Gwyneth M. Williams of "Grace Darling," Mary Leonard as "Queen Philippa" and Gwyneth Williams, Gladys Morgan and Gertrude Dickman of the "Welsh women of Pembrokeshire" who frightened away the French. B.L. and G.W.

Last Wednesday we had a botany walk. We went by train to Blackpill and then walked along Mill Lane to Clyne Castle. We should like to have inspected the Castle but we were not allowed as the owner was then in residence. Every girl enjoyed herself thoroughly, and we are all convinced that we learn more about nature during these walks than is possible in school.

We have two invalids in our class—one with a sprained wrist and another with an almost broken leg.

Another of our school mates is in the fever hospital where she has been for the last month. We are all looking forward to her return.

G.M.

III A contains some very fine specimens of Geniuses. There are poets, mathematicians, and discoverers, the latter having discovered among many other things that:—

1. Belgium is densely populated because it is the capital of Germany.
2. The Danube is a tributary of the Rhine.
3. An iceberg is a river of ice.

We hope that the news will soon come that we shall be allowed to have swimming lessons.

We are exceedingly sorry to hear that Mlle. Gamblin has left us to return to France, but we hope that we shall soon be able to welcome her return.

Lately we have had the pleasure of the company of the prefects, in our fortnightly visits to the school field. We should like to know why we are thus honoured.

— D.R. and G.W.

#### FORM III B.

We all had a shock last Tuesday, when, at 4 p.m., we heard that one of our mistresses is leaving the school. We all enjoyed her lesson because it was French conversation. We hope she will soon come back to Swansea quite restored in health, and visit the "New Municipal Secondary School" if it is possible, or the "Old M.S.S."—which is more likely.

G.L.L.B.

We are very pleased to think that no one in our Form is now in any danger of breaking her arms or legs—or maybe flatten her nose—the staircase has been repaired. There are no longer any holes in which our heels can be caught, while life and limb are in peril as we are precipitated head foremost. But alas! Our lives are still endangered in another direction. Like the boys of Dynevor Place we are in danger of suffocation. The window here was not made to open, and alas! there is no fan (which may sometimes go wrong, with the result—?). The sun shines brightly, the atmosphere is stifling, we breathe in deeply before ascending, then march straight forward in fear and trembling lest we shall not reach our room in safety.

We enjoy our cricket very much. It is a pleasant change from hockey now that we are hardened to blows received from not catching the ball correctly.

Our girls are very proud of those of their number who helped to form a tableau on Empire Day. I.J.D.

## FORM IVa.

One afternoon our Form went to Langland. It was extremely hot, and the sun poured its rays upon us mercilessly. After reaching Langland, we sat down to rest.

The water looked so cool and inviting that many of us wished we had taken our bathing costumes. After a short time, we had our photographs taken. Some of us looked very comical, because the sun was in our eyes. We had tea in the "pavilion" and after this meal, of which we partook heartily, went down to the sands again. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves that afternoon and turned our steps homeward reluctantly.

We shall never thank our Form Mistress enough for devoting her holiday to us, and so kindly providing refreshments for us.

M.M.

We were too busy working for the Junior Oxford Examination to have a tableau, like the other Forms on Empire Day, but we had our photograph taken as a class. In the afternoon of that day, Miss Williams took us for a pleasant picnic to the Mumbles, where one of the girls from our school took photographs of us. We hope that picnic will not be the last one, and that after the Examination we shall go for another one.

We are sorry to lose Martha Phillips, one of our girls who is leaving this term.

B.W.

## FORM IVc.

Some girls in our form, especially the girls who stay to dinner, have formed a society, made rules for themselves and adopted as their device a scarlet pimperl, a rose or a violet sometimes painted on their hands or worn in their dresses.

They talk in strong language substituting letters for words. Is it worth the trouble?

R.D.

We, the members of Form 4 commercial have many little grievances and there are many things we want to know, among them :—

1. Why we cannot have swimming lessons during these warm afternoons.

2. Why the weather-clerk cannot change the Welsh climate so as to allow our French mistress to remain with us a little longer.

M.J.

We are now looking forward to the N.U.T. examination which is to be held in July, and the question that is put to us is "Are you going to take English or French?"

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I expect a great many of us will be disappointed when we are told that we cannot try for the examination.

D.H.

### FORM VA.

#### THE MUSIC EXAMINATION.

We girls of VA have never realised how true is the saying "‘Tis distance lends enchantment to the sound" until the Form VI girls began practising for their Music Exam., which has just taken place.

Unfortunately, Form VI room adjoins ours, so that we had the privilege of hearing them go through their exercises, scales, etc. It being only a few weeks before our Exam., we were all working (or supposed to be) as hard as we could: and when, for example, we were trying to solve a most difficult problem, lo! melodious strains from the adjoining room floated in upon us and disturbed the silence of the class—we groaned inwardly. We were overjoyed at hearing that all the girls had passed, but more that our trials were over.

When we remember that we hope to be one day in Form VI, we are loud in our expressions of sympathy for the future VA girls.

### FORM VI.

A very sad event at the beginning of this term cast a great gloom over the whole school. Little did we think a few months back that we should have to write about the death of one of our school fellows—Katie Todd—who was in school at the end of last term. Katie was one of the most brilliant pupils of this school and during her career she made herself known by her excellent results in examinations. She gained honours in both Senior and Junior Oxford, and she was always at the top of her Form. In the last distribution she received first prize in the Form, an honours certificate for senior, and also a prize for spelling.

A broken harp of white and mauve flowers was given by the girls of the Upper School, while a beautiful floral tribute was also sent by the staff. We girls of Form VI have missed her greatly and we feel that her place can never be filled. The whole school sympathises most sincerely with her family in their great loss.

F.P.E.

CRICKET NOTES.—There is a saying which runs—"Truth is stranger than fiction." Had anyone told the Form VI girls of a year or so ago that the time would come when the girls of that Form would enjoy the pleasures of cricket, most probably their reply would have been a mocking and

incredulous laugh. Nevertheless, this has actually come to pass. Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock we go up to the School Field with one of the lower Forms. One of the most enjoyable parts of the afternoon is the ride on the top of the car. During the warm afternoons we have had lately we often wish we were on top of the car with the cool breeze blowing around.

We have hit upon a convenient plan as to which side shall go in first. The Morriston girls go in first on Monday afternoon and the Swansea girls on Wednesday.

Of late, playing has proved rather warm work. The sun at times pours down in a blinding glare, and the colour of some of the girls is rather alarming when returning home, and it is some little time before they regain their natural hue. We are sure we shall all miss this pleasure very much next year, but we also hope that the privilege will be extended to the girls of the top Form next year. R.S.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new." The powers that be are beginning to see the truth of this statement and have decreed that "there be swimming and there was swimming." Our first trip was not a success as we were refused admittance on account of the baths being painted, but we wouldn't be done out of it, so some of us had a "dip in the briny."

On our second visit, screams and squeals issued from the baths as some poor unfortunates made their first plunge. But now we are beginning to experience the delights we had anticipated, so we hope this "new order" of things will continue for many years to come. E.F.P.

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### EMPIRE DAY AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A very interesting programme was arranged for May 24th, in Trinity Place School. Amongst other things, the Lower School girls had prepared tableaux, Upper School had been learning a series of patriotic songs, and last but not least an address suiting the occasion was to be delivered by Mr. Councillor Milbourne Williams. After one or two tableaux, Mr. Williams arrived and delivered a short but extremely interesting address on "Loyalty." The tableaux proceeded, various portions of the Empire being represented, while a novel touch was given in one tableau of the Saxon children in the slave market at Rome. Opinions were divided as to the prettiest tableau, the favourites being 4c and 3b. A Welsh lullaby was beautifully rendered by Margaret



Jones, 4b, while Bessie Joseph, 4a, sang an Irish song, Recitations were also given, while the patriotic songs aforementioned were also rendered. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Williams by Florence Evans, as head girl, and seconded by Frances Jelly. The meeting was concluded by singing the two National Anthems. This was not all. Photographs of each Form, irrespective of tableau, were taken to celebrate the occasion. School then dismissed to spend the remainder of the day as a holiday.

"CNEUEN."

### FIVES TOURNAMENT.

The Fives Tournament is steadily gaining in interest. This year there were more junior entries, the play was better, and the crowd of enthusiastic spectators greater than before. All understood the game and appreciated good points in the play. There was keep competition throughout, as will be seen from the evenness of the scores given below.

#### JUNIORS.

|                     |   |    |                            |
|---------------------|---|----|----------------------------|
| (a)—D. Young, 2b    | } | v. | { R. Voysey, 2a. ... 9—15  |
| Os. Owen, 1b        |   |    | { G. James, 1a ... 15—4    |
|                     |   |    | 15—5                       |
| (b)—T. Rowe, 2r     | } | v. | { C. Jones, 2r ... 15—12   |
| G. Gibbs, 1a        |   |    | { Cl. Rees, 2r ... 15—10   |
| (c)—S. J. Jones, 2a | } | v. | { L. Morgan, 2a ... 15—12  |
| V. Gwynne, 1b       |   |    | { R. Hurn, 1b ... 15—10    |
| (d)—B. McInerny, 2r | } | v. | { G. Tucker, 2b ... 11—15  |
| W. R. Williams 1b   |   |    | { A. Bromham, 1b ... 15—11 |
|                     |   |    | 15—2                       |

#### *Semi-Final—*

|                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|
| Winners: A v. B ... 15—4 ... 15—1         |
| C v. D ... 15—15 (5—2) ... 13—15 ... 3—15 |

#### *Final—*

|                |   |    |                      |
|----------------|---|----|----------------------|
| B. McInerny    | } | v. | { D. Young ... 15—5  |
| W. R. Williams |   |    | { Os. Owen ... 10—15 |
|                |   |    | 15—10                |

#### SENIORS.

|                |   |    |                            |
|----------------|---|----|----------------------------|
| S. John, 4     | } | v. | { F. Dowdall, 4 ... 15—8   |
| L. Barrett, 3r |   |    | { J. Evans, 3m ... 15—9    |
| J. Williams, 4 | } | v. | { Stan Davies, 4 ... 15—10 |
| T. William, 3m |   |    | { J. Evans, 3m ... 15—8    |

*Final—* Won by S. John and Barrett after a very keen contest, the scores being 15—11, 10—15, 15—10.

## PERTH.

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This fair city is situated on the banks of the Tay, about twenty miles from the sea coast. Its name is stated to have been originally Aber-Tay, *i.e.*, the town on the Tay. At a somewhat later period this became "Bertha" and the name ultimately assumed its present form of "Perth."

Its distance from the mouth of the Tay prevents Perth from being of any importance as a sea-port. It appears to have been a sea-port of some consequence in the olden days ; in fact wooden ships were at one time built at Perth, but at the present day its "harbour"—a single quay wall—is visited only by occasional river steamers from Dundee. But, although Perth has now lost its old prestige as a port, it has developed in another direction. It is on the direct line of communication between the south and the highlands—in fact it might be termed the gateway to the Eastern Highlands. All the principal Scotch railways converge on Perth, and it is of considerable importance as a junction town. During the busy holiday season its central station is continually crowded with tourists, and a whole army of porters has to be employed to cope with the tremendous traffic. To one who visits Perth for the first time its station seems strangely out of proportion to the city itself, in size. Indeed one would imagine that one was entering some huge manufacturing town instead of a city of a mere 30,000 inhabitants.

Industrially, Perth is not of much consequence ; in fact it might be said to have only two industries—dyeing, and the distilling of whisky. The principal dye-works are owned by the famous Pullar Co., and it has been said that if there were no "Pullar's" there would be no Perth, as this great factory employs the major part of its working population.

Its railway facilities have helped to make Perth an important market centre. Once a week the farmers of the country throng its streets and bargain with the merchants for their grain and cattle. On a market-day the crowd is sometimes so great as to render the main street almost impassable. To remedy this the Burgh Council created a sort of open space in one of the side streets, and it was thought that the market might be conveniently held there. But the farmers would not by any means be persuaded to utilise this market place, and still retain possession of their old haunts in the main street.

But although Perth cannot boast great industrial activity, it contains many places of interest to the visitor. Some of its most interesting features are its historical associations. Its citizens point with pride to a house which is stated to have once been the home of the famous "Fair Maid" who figures so prominently in one of Scott's novels, but it is doubtful if this particular house was really the home of the "Fair Maid." About two miles away are the village and palace of Scone, famous in history as the place where the old Scotch Kings were crowned, but Scone is now a mere farming village.

At one time Perth possessed a good many monasteries, and even to-day one still remains perched on the side of a hill dominating the whole city. Relics of the city's ancient monastic connexions are to be seen in the names of its streets, Friarton, Blackfriars, Whitefriars, Pomarium Street, the latter stated to be built on the site of an orchard belonging to one of the old monasteries. The Fair City has a lovely situation on the banks of the Tay. It is surrounded on all sides by the Perthshire Hills, or rather mountains, some of them being covered with snow for the greater part of the year. Amongst the beauty spots in the neighbourhood of Perth might be mentioned Birnam Hill, Dunsinnan Hill, and Kinnoull Hill—the two former famous from their connexion with Shakespeare's "Macbeth." To see the hills of Dunsinnan and Birnam facing one another, on opposite sides of the valley, renders Shakespeare's description of the "marching wood" more vivid and better understood. Kinnoull Hill overlooks the whole Tay Valley and the view from its summit is magnificent—indeed it is held by some to be the finest view in the British Isles. The ascent from the Perth side of the hill is fairly easy, and on walking through the woods at its summit one hardly expects to come across a precipice rising sheer from the river side to a height of about seven hundred feet! A tower, the remains of an old fort, stands right on the edge of the cliff, commanding the whole valley, and the scene from its top is indescribably beautiful. It reminds one forcibly of Byron's famous lines:—

"The castled crag of Drachenfels  
Frowns o'er the wide and winding Rhine,  
Whose breast of waters broadly swells  
Between the banks which bear the vine."

At the foot of the cliff is a cave in which Wallace is said to have hidden at one time from his foes.

Perth is justly proud of its river. One of its citizens who had visited Italy and had seen the Tiber was very much

disappointed in that river. He described it as the "puny Tiber" and contrasted it with the "majestic Tay"! and the Tay is truly majestic. In the early spring, when the mountain snow begins to melt, it becomes a roaring torrent, spreading over the fields and sweeping all before it, it carries off stacks of corn and sometimes even cattle. The city is in some parts below the level of the river. Banks have been erected to keep back the water, and so flood time (or "spate" time, as Scotch people call it) is a time of great anxiety to some of its inhabitants.

The surrounding district contains many other places of interest—the Pass of Killiecrankie, famous as the scene of a great fight, described in Scott's "Old Mortality"; the Falls of Tummel, the Gardens of Crieff, and many others whose beauty has to be seen before it can be realized.

An autumn sunset at Perth is a never-to-be-forgotten sight. The sun gradually sinks behind the hills; the Tay is tinged with golden light—it seems a mass of liquid gold—and the whole valley becomes flooded with colour.

A whole book might be written on the beauties of Perthshire, and the Fair City is, indeed, well worth a visit.

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### THE SOCCER SHIELD.

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A meeting for the presentation of shield, cup, and inter-town medals was held at the Grosvenor Hotel on July 13th. Mr. T. J. Rees, B.A., Director of Education, took the chair. Others present were Mrs. Roberts (member of the Education Committee), Mr. Beanland, Mr. Councillor Bassett.

Our School having gained the top position in the league tourney were presented with the shield.

The playing members present at the function were D. Stonehouse (Capt.), W. G. West, C. J. Winston, E. Williams, D. T. Young, C. S. Jones, C. Rees, T. Rowe, B. C. McInerny, D. H. Jones, G. E. Davies, N. Neale and J. C. Duggan.

The runners-up in the League Competition, St. Helen's, were presented with the Cup.

Amongst the boys who received medals for playing in Inter-town matches were the following Municipal Secondary boys:—Stonehouse, West, McInerny, Rowe, C. Rees and Young.