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### SCHOOL NOTES.

The new Prefects are Edwin Jones, S. Hood-Williams, H. Simons, S. Morris (VI), D. Beynon, E. P. Cutcliffe (V), C. S. Morgan (IV). Prefects in their second year are L. Cole, Glyn Jones, D. J. Lewis.

The Library Monitor is Harry Simons.

BOOKS PRESENTED to the School Library :—

Monsieur Berthier : Daudet's *Lettres de mon Moulin*.  
Maupassant's *Contes Choisis*.

T. Iwan Edwards : *Goldsmith's Works*.

Glyn Evans : *Borrow's Wild Wales*.  
*Sheridan's Plays*.

Monsieur Laget is unfortunately compelled to leave us at the end of this Term. His place will be taken by Monsieur Ouvry, to whom we shall offer a warm welcome.

Leslie Abraham, at Aber., obtained First Classes in all his subjects at the Christmas Terminals.

Idris Jones is at Cardiff University College, and in the recent Term Examination was placed first in the list in French.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of Westminster City School Magazine and Port Talbot County School Magazine.

## FORM NOTES.

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FORM IIB.—During the last Term we have managed to prove our superiority in Association Football.

Our Basket Ball Team has held its own against each of our Second Year opponents.

We are represented in both football "Codes." In the Rugby XV we have G. Hopton, who is Captain of the Form and of the Rugby Team ; also C. Parry and V. Hayes.

In the "Soccer" Team we have W. Davies, C. Evans and T. Williams. G.H. & G.T.

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FORM IIIA.—For the usual introductory remarks bearing on our pride in becoming Seniors, our happy blending of last year's 2a and 2b, our present new division into "Latin" and "Commercial" sections, etc, we would respectfully refer our readers to any issue of the School Magazine for the end of the First Term for the last x years.

We heartily endorse all of them!! "For Forms may come and Forms may go, but these go on for ever"—to misquote Tennyson.

The honours of the year have gone to T. Coker, (Captain), W. R. Davies (Vice-Captain), and H. Elias and A. Hansen (Librarians). Coker, besides his class-burden, has to carry the responsibility of the Captaincy of the School and Town Boys' Association Teams. We consider he must be one of those who are "born to greatness!"

The increased quantity of homework we get is tackled with fresh heart, now that we are informed by one of the Masters, that "It's all for our own good."

No doubt the other Forms will note the fact that the clocks have been on stop—they never were on "strike"—for about a fortnight and will express a regret that the fan is not similarly affected. If they don't—we do here—while if they do, we feel sure we can add nothing to the sincerity and fervour of their regrets.

Our only hope is that next time "The man with a pick" will make a better job of it—and give us half-a-day's stoppage not half-an-hour! Even the coal strike came a few weeks too soon!!

Heartiest welcome we extend to Rice who is berthed alongside us (in an odd desk) for most of the Term, owing to the

School at Snaresbrook being in "dry dock" undergoing internal alterations. He is due to return after Christmas and we wish him all success.

Football and Basket Ball find us keen participants in the various games. On the field, we have defeated 3r (2—0), 2a (2—1) and lost to 3r (1—3). Have you ever known a team to lose and make no excuse for losing? There are reasons why we lost—the chief one being that the other side scored more goals.

In the Gym, 4m has taken both points from us, while with a short-handed team, we were only able to draw with 2r.

THE SCRIBES.

FORM IIIr.

MATHS.

We've entered 3r, at last, you see,  
And commenced to solve the mystery  
Of that horrible thing "Trigonometry."

It forms a part of our morning's work,  
And thus it of course we would not shirk, (?)  
Although in our minds hatred would lurk.

The ordeal is over when Easter comes,  
For then we'll go back to Arithmetic sums,  
As for Trig. ! Good-bye to the last few crumbs.

When Easter exams. are over.

Now in Geometry we all make a hit,  
Except when the riders don't seem to fit  
In with our ideas what ought to be it,

And that occurs very often.

But have pity on us, we are poor victims  
Of Mr. Hughes' Mathematical whims,  
For lately he introduced logarithms,

When he took us in Algebra.

Taking the Maths. subjects all in all,  
Their rise, I think, compensates their fall  
In our estimation, if at all,  
When we consider the Master.

CLASSICS.

We are twelve, we are twelve,  
We twelve into Classics delve,  
We learn Latin (also French),  
And do Cæsar. So, don't mench !

ITUM.

FORM IVCL. We are now Fourth Years, wear green caps, are expected to be more sedate (?) and have the Oxford Senior on the horizon. We are a motley crew. A few of 3R fellows went into 4M whilst about a dozen 3A-ites have come to 4cl. So far, we do not know who will come out top of the Form, but there are eight of last year's Fourth among us all trying to shine amongst us lesser luminaries.

Now, to turn to the more interesting subject, viz : Sports. We have a fine Soccer team captained by an able footballer, J. H. Johns, whilst Winston Davies is vice-captain. We have beaten our formidable (?) rivals 4M twice by 3—0 and 6—0. We were not so fortunate against the tricky 3R team, being beaten twice, but we drew with them the third time. The team is playing quite good football at present ("Swans" Directors please note). At Basket Ball we have triumphed over 3M, drawn with 2A and lost to the V and VI—the two biggest teams in the School.

It is evident that we have a budding poet amongst us. For some days there appeared on the board after the play-time every morning little doggerels like this :—

Little Dog	Boy bike
Took Stroll	Hill Steep
Butcher's shop	No brakes
Sausage roll	Eternal sleep

We are looking forward eagerly to the Chrisimas Vacation after the dreaded Exams.

T. RATCLIFFE.

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NANTES LE 24/9/20,

5 PLACE LECHAT.

Cher Monsieur Beanland,

Après un voyage agréable et un court séjour en Brétagne je suis arrivé à Nantes la semaine dernière. Je compte m'y reposer pendant quelque temps avant de poursuivre mes études comme j'en avais l'intention, puisque le nouveau congé d'un an que j'avais sollicité vient de m'être accordé.

Dans le calme et la tranquillité que je recherche actuellement, mon esprit ne cesse de se reporter vers le Pays de Galles, vers la ville de Swansea où je viens de laisser de si bons souvenirs. Il m'est particulièrement agréable de revivre par la pensée tous les bons moments que j'ai passés là-bas, et la joie de revoir après un an d'absence tout ce que j'avais quitté, n'altère en rien les impressions que j'ai conservées.

Je ne veux donc pas vous répéter ce que j'ai eu l'occasion de vous dire déjà ; je vous renouvellerai seulement l'expression de mon dévouement, celle de ma profonde gratitude. Je tiens à vous remercier à nouveau de l'accueil extrêmement cordial que je n'ai cessé de recevoir dans l'établissement que vous dirigez avec tant d'autorité.

La conduite toujours irréprochable de vos élèves, le zèle et l'assiduité qu'ils ont montrés dans leurs études, la bienveillance et la cordialité que m'ont témoignées vos Professeurs, la confiance que vous m'avez vous-même accordée, ont été pour moi de précieux auxiliaires. C'est à la fois une joie et un honneur d'avoir pu travailler parmi vous.

Avec les meilleurs vœux que je forme pour vous et vos collègues et que je vous demande d'accepter, je vous prie de croire, Cher Monsieur Beanland, à l'expression de mes sentiments les plus reconnaissants et les plus dévoués.

R. BERTHIER.

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### EXAMINATION HUMOUR (FORM I).

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Sir Walter Raleigh was the founder of tobacco. He lived in the reign of Queen Victoria.

Rome was founded on Palatinum (Palatine Hill) in 753 B.C. by Romulus and Remus.—Ib.

In 48 B.C. Julius Caesar came to Bala (to power).—Ia.

The noun from slow is slug.—2a.

Anzac is the head of the intelligence department for scouting.

A caterpillar becomes a crocus and then a butterfly.

An elephant lumbers along but a camel has a stately stride.

A chameleon is a creature that sucks blood and is used in hospitals.

A labyrinth is (a) a place for bull-fights in Spain.

(b) a ship sunk in the Battle off Jutland.

R.S.V.P. means (a) Royal Society for Vocal Pianists.

(b) Royal Service Veterinary Platoon.

S.O.S. means (a) South of South.

(b) Songs of Society.

(c) Society of Old Soldiers.

Give the name of the Director of Education for Swansea ?  
 Answer : Mr. Walden, Mr. Williams, Lord Haldane, Mr. Skirrel, Mr. Jenkins, Councillor Ivor Gwynne.

### TOMKIN'S MOTOR CYCLE.

Great was the excitement in the Lower Fourth at Winborough College, when it was known that Tomkins had received a motor-bike. Every boy in the Form wanted to examine it and see how it worked. Maxwell, who knew something about bikes and motors, even had the audacity to offer to take it to pieces, but the offer was naturally declined. Every spare moment of Tomkin's leisure time was devoted to his motor-bike. On half-holidays he could be seen riding along country roads, scaring fowls, geese, turkeys and other denizens of the farmyard. However, one day it rained incessantly, and Tomkins had no other alternative but to remain indoors. The next day he went down to his Garage to clean his motor-bike and found that a piece of metal belonging to the petrol-tank was missing. He didn't know the name of it, and was at a loss as to how to recover it. Nevertheless, the following appeared on the notice board in due course:—

#### NOTICE.

Lost a piece of metal near the Gym.  
Finder rewarded. Apply—Tompkins.

Tompkins now settled down in his study, thinking it would soon arrive. Then there came a loud bang at the door. He jumped up and ran to the door, and Smithkins staggered in with a 56 lb. weight. He remained still for a moment, wiping the perspiration off his face, and then asked if that was the lost piece of metal. Tomkins told him to clear out, and he cleared, giving the door a good slam. Our ruffled hero then picked up a book and again sat down. Next there came a loud kick at the door and Smithers entered with about six feet of stove piping. Tomkins picked up an ebony ruler. The piping was dropped on the carpet and Smithers fled. Tomkins' patience was exhausted; he filled a tin with treacle and placed it on top of the door which itself was just ajar (!), and then waited for the next enquirer. Presently the door opened; the tin moved and then fell on Browne, the Senior Prefect. He started to splutter and cough while the treacle trickled down his face and on to his coat. The stuff was rubbed from his eyes and he grabbed at Tomkins and took him to the Doctor. Amid much surprise and amazement the whole story was repeated by Tomkins "more sinned against than sinning," and the Doctor's help in the matter was promised. It was put before the whole School and it appeared that a brainy youth named Gibbum had found the missing piece, and being in want of metal had used it for a chemical experiment.

L. WHITLOCK (late 4m).

## WELSH UNIVERSITY.

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The Welsh University Colleges have now more individual freedom and can plan their own separate courses of study. Swansea insists on Geology as compulsory for Science students. Cardiff no longer insists on Latin at the Inter. Stage for Arts students, but allows a general course of English reading to take its place. There are several sections with nine or ten books in each. The following is one list:—

Stewart White: The Forest.  
 R. L. Stevenson: Across the Plains.  
 G. B. Shaw: Plays for Puritans.  
 Frank Norris: The Octopus.  
 L. Stephen: English Utilitarians (Vol. 3).  
 Hume Brown: Life of Goethe.  
 Galsworthy: Man of Property.  
 Francis Thompson: Hound of Heaven.  
 Hilaire Belloc: Hills and the Sea.  
 Conrad: Youth.

These books are to be read in private study and a reasonable knowledge of the subject matter shown at the end of the year.

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## THE R.M.S.O.

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The Royal Merchant Seamen's Orphanage is situated at Snaresbrook in Essex, and has many acres of ground belonging to it which lie around it. There are many children there, consisting of 200 boys and 80 girls. Some of them come from Wales, some from Scotland, and a few from Ireland, many more from London and the suburbs. The children are not necessarily all orphans but are the children of Ships' Officers, who have for the most part lost their lives at sea. The grounds consist of football and cricket fields, also vegetable grounds and a fruit orchard and a nice stretch of grounds with shady trees situated behind the schools. We have a swimming bath where we enjoy ourselves in the summer and also a fine gymnasium. We are called up in the morning by a bugler at 7 o'clock, when having dressed we go downstairs and clean our boots by 7.15 a.m., when we have breakfast. Breakfast is generally over by 8.30, and from then until 9.0, we get ready for school. The first part of morning school is from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. when we have a play-time of 15 minutes, then School again from 11.15 till 12.45. Dinner is at 1.15, and, having finished that, we play any games we like

until 2.15, when afternoon School commences which ends at 3.30, then games again until tea time. After tea we have Preparation until 7.30. In the summer we are allowed to play in the grounds till 8.30, and in the winter we play indoors till 8.15. We sleep in dormitories, each containing about 20 beds. We have a half-holiday every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, when we play games in our own grounds. On Sunday we go to Church from 11.0 till 12.0 in the morning, and in the afternoon from 4.0 till 5.0 p.m. The rest of the day is spent in reading, or writing our letters. The weeks go by with the same routine until the summer holidays when we leave for eight weeks' holiday.

A. PRICE (3A).

### BASKET BALL.

The whole School has shown great enthusiasm in this competition again this year. The Fifth, who were successful last year, are likely to prove the winners the second time.

Up to the present, the First Years have only played one match, but in it they proved that they have quite a good idea of the game, and are fairly excellent shots. Our Senior Basket Ball team played the Grammar School in a game of Pin Ball at the latter's Gym and lost, the score being 4 goals to 2. When, however, the return game in Basket Ball was played, at the School Gym, we were successful by 11 goals to 2.

We hope to finish this competition before the middle of next term, when it is quite possible there will be an Inter-Form Tournament in Football.

Below the positions of the respective Forms, on the table, are given up to date:—

Form.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Points.
Vn	3	3	0	0	17	0	6
VI	2	2	0	0	12	1	4
IVm	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
IIr	3	0	2	0	2	2	2
IVcl	3	1	0	2	4	11	2
III m	2	1	0	2	3	12	2
Ila	2	0	1	1	4	3	1
Ia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Ib	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
IIIa	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
IIr	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
I Ib	2	0	0	1	1	8	1
Ic	1	0	0	1	2	3	0

L.C. (VI).



### BOY-ACTRESS.

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The school concert came off extremely well, so did my skirt. In fact it seemed to do nothing else but come off! Even now I don't quite see the use of all the buttons, strings, hooks, eyes, pipings and what-nots that adorned it. They seemed to be crowded in everywhere. That's why I had a difficulty in getting into it. Every place that seemed a likely opening was merely adorned with buttons that wouldn't unfasten, as there were no button-holes. (It wouldn't have been a dress if there had been). I really was puzzled at first, the sight of it made me giddy, and at the same time I became panic stricken lest I should be called on to the stage with it half on and half off! At last I made an effective entry (into the dress, not on to the stage). I placed the dress on the ground in a ring, stepped into the pool thus formed, and then gradually drew the wave-lengths up around me. Then began a Titanic struggle. The waist was the real difficulty, it wouldn't enclose me! An epoch-making idea struck me, I took a deep breath and then exhaled to the utmost, and succeeded at last in fastening the dress. But the reaction set in, and when I breathed normally, the rotten thing gave way again. However, I managed it at last, but even then I had a horrid presentiment that it would come off on the stage. However, it did not, and I took care not to have Sweet's experience of allowing a trouser leg to slip down and show itself below the skirt.

H. TREGASKES.

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### SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

At the close of Christmas Term, a very successful dramatic entertainment was held at Christ Church Hall, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. H. Watkins Jones. The programme was contributed by members of the School, aided by two "Old Boys," Messrs. F. Dowdall and B. Cox. The items rendered were:

- (a) Scene from King John.
- (b) Everyman—an old morality play.
- (c) Ici parle français—a sketch in English.
- (d) A scene from Molière's Bourgeois Gentilhomme.

In the first, Glyn Pepper showed great dramatic power and carried his onerous task excellently. He was ably supported by his partners.

In the Morality Play, rendered by the Sixth Form, we were particularly struck by the intensity of Harry Simons' declamation. His *new*, deep voice contributed in no small measure to this effort. The whole play was rendered in such a manner as to produce the right effect on the audience.

In the Sketch, all played well and everything went with great liveliness but Cox as the Frenchman and Tregaskes as Anna Maria were conspicuous for their excellence.

In the Scene from Molière, all the players did surprisingly well, and after a few moments entered into the spirit of the Scene. The enunciation was particularly good, and the funny "business" very well done. Messer left his smile at home for this occasion only, and did well as the grave philosopher, while E. V. Rees gave us a splendid idea of M. Jourdain. Well done! 4m.

The performance in general reached a high level of excellence and it is greatly to be desired that, in future, all boys take a deeper interest in this form of Education and recreation, and support this social side of School life, not only by coming themselves but also by getting their parents and friends to come.

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### SCIENCE CLUB NOTES.

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This term has seen the inauguration of a new society in the history of the School, viz :—"The Science Club."

As is well known, the object is to cultivate a liking in the minds of the boys for Scientific Processes, and other phenomena interesting from a scientific point of view. To this end, a series of visits has been arranged to the various Works in the locality, the first having taken place on Saturday, Dec. 4, when a visit was paid to the Mannesmann Tube Works and a most enjoyable morning was spent, the Headmaster accompanying the party.

The following are the other meetings that have already been held:—Friday, Nov. 5, Mr. George gave an exceedingly interesting lecture on the "Rocks of Gower," the chairman being Mr. Poole.

Friday, Nov. 19, an illustrated lecture on the "Chemistry of Photography" was given by D. G. Jones (VI), the chair being occupied by Mr. Davies.

On Friday, Dec. 3, the last lecture up to date, was given by E. Bodycombe on "Steel." On this occasion the chair was taken by Mr. Beanland. Judging from the success of these meetings and the enthusiasm displayed by the members, I think we may look forward to highly interesting meetings and excursions in the New Year.

D. G. JONES, Hon. Sec.

### SCHOOLBOY HUMOUR.

"A Soviet is a small cloth one uses at dinner."

"Cæsar was a man of great strength; he threw a bridge across the Rhine."

"Dr. ——— was for several years Professor of Monotony at the College."

"The giraffe is the highest form of animal life."

"In tropical storms the raindrops vary in size from a shilling to eighteenth pence."

"The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles."

"The interior of Africa is chiefly used for purposes of exploration."

"The Nile is the only remarkable river in the world, it was discovered by Dr. Livingstone, and it rises in Mungo Park."

"Moses was an Egyptian; he lived in an Ark made of bullrushers, and he kept a golden calf, and worshipped brazen snakes; and ate nothing but kwales and nanna for forty years."

"The difference between man and an animal is that an animal is an imperfect beast, and man is a perfect beast."

"We breathe with our lungs, our kidneys, and our livers. Boys who stay in a room all day should not breathe; they should wait till they got into the fresh air. Boys who stay in a room make Carbonic air, which is as poison as mad dogs. Some soldiers went to a Black Hole in Calcutta, and Carbonic came in and killed them."

"Cortes with a handful of flowers (*followers*) went to Mexico."

"Queen Elizabeth stopped the Spanish Armada with her feet."

"The Council of Mice (*Nice*) was held in 325 A.D."

"The first dummy (*mummy*) to be found was Sety I'.

A.Y.Z.

## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

There have, as yet, been no debates held by the School Literary and Debating Society, and in this respect the Science Club has us beaten, but, by the time this Magazine has been published, we hope to have met at least once.

This year "the old order changeth and giveth place to new." Hitherto we have commenced our debates early in the term, and generally by Xmas, all enthusiasm has fizzed out. However during this session, we intend to carry on until the end of the second term, if possible.

Our programme has been drawn up, and there has been an innovation, namely, that boys are now permitted to give papers on certain subjects.

You can expect next term the usual Mock Trial or an Inquiry into the Sudden Death of Miss Angelina Felina Thompkins. L.C. (VI).

## NEW BOYS ADMITTED, SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1348 Thomas, L. W.	2a	1378 Guard, T. G.	1a	1408 Morse, F.	1c
1349 Adams, J.	1a	1379 Hadley, R. D.	1b	1409 Nelson, G. D.	1a
1350 Balch, R. D.	1b	1380 Hamlin, A. E.	1b	1410 Norman, A. L.	1b
1351 Ball, C. F.	1a	1381 Hardwick, W.	1a	1411 Northway, C.	1b
1352 Blaydon, D.	1a	1382 Hendy, F. G.	1c	1412 Orchard, W. E.	1b
1352 Bowen, C.	1a	1383 Hilliar, L. R.	1c	1413 Owen, T. W.	1a
1354 Boyd, C. H.	1a	1384 Hinsley, A. C.	1b	1414 Pepper, J. B.	1a
1355 Bradley, H.	1a	1385 Hughes, W. R.	1b	1415 Pickard, K. E.	1a
1356 Chapman, W.	1b	1386 Jackett, F. D.	1b	1416 Pike, T.	1c
1357 Coates, H. T.	1b	1387 John, W. G.	1c	1417 Read, G. S.	1a
1358 Cole, W. O.	1c	1388 Jones, E.	1c	1418 Richards, C.	1a
1359 Cox, H. G.	1c	1389 Jones, F. R.	1b	1419 Richards, H.	1b
1360 Crocker, D.	1c	1390 Kirby, R. G.	1b	1420 Ross, D.	1c
1361 Davies, W. H.	1b	1391 Le Bars, G.	1c	1421 Rowland, W. J.	1b
1362 Davies, W. J.	1c	1392 Lewis, D. J.	1b	1422 Slee, J.	1a
1363 Denton, J. E.	1a	1393 Lewis, E. J.	1c	1423 Snelling, H. F.	1a
1364 Dobbs, F. G.	1c	1394 Lewis, W. A.	1b	1424 Squire, A. H.	1c
1365 Dudwle, R.	1c	1395 Lipman, M.	1a	1425 Stephens, E.	1b
1366 Dudbridge, A.	1b	1396 Lloyd, D. G.	1b	1426 Symons, J. H.	1c
1367 Eaton, J. H.	1a	1397 Lyden, J. J.	1a	1427 Thomas, C. H.	1c
1368 Eaton, T. P.	1b	1398 Lynam, J. F.	1c	1428 Thomas, D. E.	1a
1369 Evans, E.	1b	1399 Marcus, P.	1c	1429 Thomas, E. G.	1c
1370 Evans, J. H.	1a	1400 McIntyre, H.	1c	1430 Thomas, G. R.	1b
1371 Francis, D.	1b	1401 Mellor, S. G.	1a	1431 Thomas, T. J.	1a
1372 Gabriel, Ivor	1b	1402 Miles, S. T.	1a	1432 Treloar, G. V.	1c
1373 Gammon, J. L.	1c	1403 Morgan, B. G.	1b	1433 Walters, T. H.	1a
1374 Gard, H. J.	1b	1404 Morgan, L. C.	1a	1434 Walters, W. H.	1b
1375 Gibson, H. B.	1a	1405 Morgan, R. B.	1c	1435 Williams, H. N.	1c
1376 Griffiths, E.	1c	1406 Morris, R. A.	1b	1436 Williams, J. R.	1c
1377 Griffiths, H.	1a	1407 Morris, T. R.	1a	1437 Williams, M.	1a