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EDITORIAL.

The issue of this number has been much delayed. Many boys make no attempt to write contributions until after the last day for sending in, and then, after a further reminder, take a week or ten days to think over the matter. This is not business—and not cricket.

Eventually, at long last, more matter was received than could be included, and certain Form Notes had been crowded out and an article by an Old Boy on "War Experiences in the Near East" has been held over.

Happy is the Editor who has in his box a supply of short brightly written articles, that he may select from when the Printer sends an urgent S.O.S. message that he requires at once, one-and-a-half more pages to fill up the Magazine. Present and Old Boys kindly note that the Editor's box, at present, contains only one such article, and that a further supply would be very welcome.

The School Photographer has recently paid one of his biennial visits and taken photographs of the Forms, the Houses and the Football Teams.

Last Xmas the School Entertainment, although the programme was quite excellent, did not receive from the School the support that it deserved. It has not yet been decided whether to hold one again this year or merely to be satisfied with allowing each House to arrange its own Social Evening.

The School offers a very cordial welcome to Monsieur Ruault, our Assistant Francais for the present School year.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The idea of establishing School Houses has been in the air for several years, as can be seen by reference to copies of the School Mag. as far back as 1917, when the boys who formed the first School Harvest Camp, came back from Barnstaple full of enthusiasm for the idea ; for in the Barnstaple Grammar School they had seen the House Lists and had heard something of the working of the House System. There were, however, difficulties in the way, and those in authority were not sure that it would work so easily in our case, and they did not wish to begin a system, foredoomed to failure.

As each new generation of boys reached the Upper Forms, they still voiced their wishes in the Form notes until all the "Four Years" had gradually become accustomed to the idea and wished for its realization. Then at last in April, 1921, the staff felt the time had arrived for the inauguration of the system in the School.

It was decided to divide the School into six Houses. Two Houses were named after the first Head Master and the first Science Master of the School, two after two eminent Scientists of Swansea (their names have been given to two streets close to the School), and two after two old-established local families, both of which have represented Swansea in Parliament, and have done much for Swansea's welfare. The chief living representatives of these families are Sir John Llewelyn and his cousin, Miss Dillwyn.

Boys were assigned to Houses according to the Forms they occupied in their first year at School. 1a, De la Beche and Burns. 1b, Dillwyn and Grove. 1c, Roberts and Llewelyn.

Points are awarded to Houses under three heads :—

1.—Games and Sports : Football, Cricket, Sports Day and possibly Basket Ball and Fives.

2.—School Work : Position in Term Reports.

Fifty per cent of the total marks is considered to be a Pass with credit (C), which every boy should endeavour to obtain. A boy who obtains 50 to 60 of the total marks wins one mark for his House, 60 to 70 (B) wins two marks, 70 to 80 (A) wins three marks, 80 to 90 (A plus) wins four marks. In addition to this the first boy in the Form gets 3 marks, the second 2, and the third 1. Boys between 50 and 40 (D) are border-line and neither win nor lose, but those below 40 (D —) lose one mark.

3.—Punctuality: 50 marks are given to each House at the beginning of the Term, and each time any boy is late, he loses a mark for his House. Each House will hold a Social Evening during the Winter Term and a picnic during the Summer. Ordinarily boys know all boys in their own year and very few others. It is hoped that the House System will bring seniors and juniors together and create a feeling of camaraderie, of helpfulness and responsibility.

HOUSE NOTES

DE LA BECHE HOUSE.

The name was suggested by the fact that Sir Henry De la Beche, an eminent English Geologist, was for several years associated with Swansea and district by his geological researches in Gower, during the time he was engaged on the Government survey. Miss Dillwyn, his granddaughter, is still in Swansea but the family name has died out, De la Beche Street still remains as a reminder.

The three house masters:—Mr. Mendus, Mr. Price and Mr. Poolespared no efforts in making it a success. Mr. Mendus acted as chairman at the first meeting, when after many suggestions and much discussion and debate with the kind help of the chairman the House colours were at last chosen. They are purple and gold, a combination declared by the juniors to be without compare. Nothing could be more strikingly effective than the vision of a purple football jersey with gold sleeves, giving undoubted proof of Mr. Mendus' artistic mind in blending two noble colours, the royal colours of the House of Assyria!

But to proceed to other matters:—E. P. H. V. Cutcliffe was almost unanimously elected as Captain, and J. H. Johns as vice, supported by a very capable committee, including representatives of both seniors and juniors.

In cricket De la Beche succumbed to Grove by a beggarly six runs, while we ran out easy winners against Roberts. Although these were only inauguration games, juniors and seniors alike showed much enthusiasm and De la Beche as a whole tenders its thanks to Mr. Mendus for the encouragement he gave us in turning up on Saturday mornings: to Mr. Davies, of Chem. Lab. for acting as umpire in the match v Grove. On Sports Day De La Beche started well, Francis won the 100 yds, but failed to win the high jump. The other chief representative of the House sprained his wrist in the high jump

and was thus lost for the Tug-of-War and three other events. We finished bottom on Sports Day but to make up for this we came out top in the intellectual department and also proved ourselves to be the most punctual House. It behoves us all to maintain this position in the present Term and Year.

BEECHITE AND COMMITTEE MAN.

BURNS HOUSE.

Burns House is in memory of the late Mr. James Burns, who served as First Science Master from the opening on 10th Sept., 1883 until 1907, and continued on the Staff until his death in April. 1917. He was a man of distinct ability, and a scientist of no mean order. He took a keen interest in Nature Study and his collection of marine and other specimens, gathered mainly in Swansea District, adorns the School Museum to-day and will remain to future generations a token, of his patient industry and his enthusiasm for science. As but few of the present members of the House remembered Mr. Burns, those who had a tinge of Scottish blood in their veins attributed the name to the memory of the well-known Scottish poet, but whether this was done to show their patriotism or their literary knowledge, I cannot say.

Having elected officers and committee, we held two cricket practices, one for seniors and one for the juniors, and then we tackled Grove House, whom we (or should I say Leonard Cole) beat in fine style. I must mention "fine style" because I think we hold a cricket record among the Houses, having won 100% of the games played, this match being our only one. But our athletic successes went no further, for we came down with a bump to the last but one place at the School Sports, which were headed by our former cricket opponents. In School we did exceptionally well, again creating a record by heading two lists—that of marks gained for Form Positions, and also for punctuality. In public Exams. we did well, several members of the House passing the Senior Oxford, whilst three of the five distinctions gained by the School fell to our lot.

This term we are patiently awaiting the placing of the new boys in their Houses in order to arrange our committee and teams for the new year, which, it is hoped, will be even more successful than last year. However, we hope to see many boys wearing the silver and royal blue button of Burns House ere long.

C.S.M. Sec.

DILLWYN HOUSE.

The recent formation of the various Houses has aroused much interest and enthusiasm.

Dillwyn House is named after the Dillwyn family who were the founders of the Swansea potteries, and of the Steelworks at Landore, and pioneers of the Zinc and Spelter Industries of Swansea, and who have played a great part in building Swansea's commercial and industrial importance. Their name is woven in the annals of Swansea's growth as a family who have sacrificed personal interests for those of the town. They are well-known in social and commercial circles and are esteemed by all, while their munificence towards charitable Institutions is well-known. The chief representative of the family now living is Miss Dillwyn, Sir John Llewellyn being a member of the family also.

The House Masters are Mr. Evan Thomas, Mr. D. D. Phillips and Mr. B. C. George, and the House colours are yellow and dark blue.

Dillwyn House has done well during the past year both in school work and in sports. Its late captain, D. J. Stephens, has gained a scholarship to Swansea University, where all Dillwynites wish him every success, while H. Schneidin gained First Class Honours in the Oxford Local Senior. In the School Sports Dillwyn House occupied a very creditable position, being second and narrowly failing to gain the Shield.

An addition to the Prefects of the House was recently made by the selection of Harry Schneidin as one of the "noble company" and undoubtedly his addition will add to its lustre. This year it behoves all Dillwynites to work hard to ensure that Dillwyn shall be "cock-house;" it should be borne in mind that every boy has the power to help his House, and that every effort counts. As judge Pain has said—

"Do what you can, being what you are,
Shine like a glow-worm, if you cannot be a star;
Work like a pulley if you cannot as a crane;
Be a wheel-greaser if you cannot drive a train."

GROVE HOUSE.

Mr. Justice Grove (1811-1896) was a Swansea boy, who lived in the house opposite the School, at the corner of Grove Place, which was originally the garden of his house. He was

not only a distinguished judge but also an eminent scientist, whose name will live as the inventor of Grove's Battery.

The Masters selected for the House were : Mr. D. Davies, Mr. W. T. Davies and Mr. B. C. George. At the first House meeting the following officers were unanimously elected :—

D. G. Jones VI, Head of House ; W. S. Davies IV, Sports Captain ; D. Hood-Williams V, Secretary. A committee consisting of representatives of each year was also chosen. The House colours selected were light blue and red.

We had a very successful cricket season losing but one match. By the way, other Houses could do worse than follow Grove's example in the way of turning up at matches. At one match only six opponents arrived—we won !

Following upon our cricket successes, and chiefly through the agency of A. W. Morgan V and G. Copus Hr, we were enabled to win the shield at the annual sports. Dillwyn were our most dangerous rivals but they were beaten by a few points.

We were less successful in the Terminals gaining bottom place in the Houses, but no doubt the position will be reversed this year by the new additions to the House.

A very successful football season is anticipated and we take the opportunity of warning other Houses to *look out !*

A.J.C.

LLEWELYN HOUSE.

After six months' existence it is with very great pleasure we recount the origin, progress, and success of Llewelyn House. The above House owes its name to the family of Sir John Dillwyn Llewelyn, a well known local gentleman renowned for his generosity and kindness who, it may be added, is also a member of the Dillwyn family. Its origin has also been attributed to our prince patriot Llewelyn, "Llewelyn ein Llyw olaf." This is a moot point and boys of this House have the double advantage of attributing the origin of their House to either source.

Our House Masters are Mr. Morgan, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Lewis. The House colours are red and green.

Now let us turn to what will interest everybody, viz: sports. Unfortunately this year we have lost our able senior captain, David Beynon (late of the Vth form), a well known personality

in both football and cricket; on the other hand, W. Davies (IIIr), our junior captain has fortunately remained to help us this year. Owing to the late formation and adoption of the House system last year we were able to play only a few cricket matches, in which we did quite satisfactorily, beating Roberts House and being beaten by Grove. In the School sports, held at the Training College grounds last July, we did quite well, our juniors winning many first, second or third places, while the seniors although they did not do quite so well, nevertheless did their bit, and as a result we obtained third position on the results of the whole sports. But not only on the sports side have we "kept our colours flying," but also on the scholastic side we have had good results, D. Beynon being successful at the Matric. Examination held last June, while at the Oxford Senior held last July we obtained many successes.

At the election of the prefects held on Monday, Oct. 2nd, Llewelyn House was further represented amongst the prefects by the addition of H. Ede (VI), whom we heartily congratulate on his election. Before ending this brief report I should like to urge all boys of Llewelyn House to do their utmost to be always punctual, since last term we lost a large number of marks through boys being late.

G.E.H.M.

ROBERTS HOUSE.

Roberts House was originated in May, 1921, when the House System was introduced to the School after much careful debate and discussion. That it has been a great success cannot be denied, for it has brought about friendly rivalry in work and play to the general benefit of the School.

Named after the late Mr. Samuel Roberts, who was Head Master from 1884 to 1910, our House finished second on the position list at the end of the term. Messrs. Abraham, Williams and Lewis were chosen House Masters with Harry Simons as Captain, and W. Aubrey as Vice-Captain. The two latter positions are now vacant owing to Simons and Aubrey leaving the School. The football and basket ball teams have not yet tried conclusions with the other Houses, but we may feel sure that the wearers of the gold and green will do justice to their House.

A. E. SWEET (VI).

The way not to begin learning to ride a Bike.

(By "A. Y. Z." 3 REMOVE).

During the "hols" having nothing better to do, I accepted, in an ill-guarded moment, the offer of a friend, to teach me to ride a "Bike." "First" he said, "You should learn to ride on the "Step." We began.

He got on the bike, and, as I was preparing to get on to the step, he started. Before I could get my foot there, the step was gone!—I thought I was too—and I sat down—hard! Meanwhile, he persisted in grinning like a chimpanzee. I quite failed to see the humour of the situation. However, I got up, and heroically persevered. I mounted safely this time, and we started. We got on finely for about a yard, when the the giddy thing started wobbling, and the following dialogue ensued:—

I! "Stop wobbling, you ass!"

He! "How the dickens can I, when you're trying to throttle me"? (Silence for about two seconds)

He! "Wotcher trying to do, kill me?"

I! "Strikes me we'll both be killed in a minute if you don't watch where you're going."

He! "Shurrup"

I proved a true prophet, for the next minute we were almost! Someone yelled out, "Your back tyres flat." I turned to see, and the bally thing capsized. My hat! What a mix up. We sorted ourselves out, and, having recovered from the shock, we essayed to do it. I did it well now, having learnt a lesson—several in fact. But alas! "Pride goeth before a fall." So did I!

First, the bike wobbled a bit more than it had been doing, tried to describe a circle of about ten yards in a roadway of about ten feet, darted off at a tangent, and finished up on top of us—in the gutter.

No words of mine can effectively describe that memorable scene.

A group of idiotic fatheads, forming a grinning circle about a bent and battered bike; a number of waving arms and legs; dozens of angular joints and corners sticking in my ribs; lots of dust; a little blood; and an entire lack of appreciation of the joke. Those were my impressions

My advice to those about to learn to ride a bike is—Don't.
P.S. I'm glad it was'nt my bike.

BASKET BALL COMPETITION.

As in former years, great enthusiasm has been aroused by the above competition, and if we can believe what the juniors tell us, they are going to create record scores against the Upper School. The rule regarding the number of players in each team is as follows:—

1st years to play 7 men always.

2nd years to play 7 men against Upper School and 6 against other 2nd years and 1st years.

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th to play 5 men in all games.

Several games have been played already, in each of which the higher Forms have won, although their opponents indeed showed fine form and good knowledge of the tricks of the game.

One notable difference between the matches of this year and those of last year is the absence of spectators. This enables the games to be carried on without interruption and without the uproar associated with last year's tournament. At present, no first years have played. In former years, their ardour surpassing their knowledge of the rules they gave the referees a considerable amount of trouble.

Later it is hoped to hold an inter-house tournament in both basket ball and football, but as yet nothing definite has been decided upon.

THE IVth.

VI FORM NOTES.

We began the year a select few, comprising four arts students and two aspirants to science. Since then we have increased to the number of nine, still two less than a "Soccer" team. We now occupy the room formerly held by 3m. Ours is an ideal room with its two dusters (one, however, seems to have taken a holiday already), its two boards, its electric light and non-electric clock. One fact renders it uncomfortable—its proximity to the regions where our scientists are too fond of operating with H₂s.

Now we are old-established members of the School, we begin to wonder where are the institutions of our youth *e.g.* School Swimming Club, Fives Tournaments, Senior Football Team, Debating Societies, and last (but not least) an electric fan, guaranteed to break down at irregular intervals and give us a welcome holiday.

A hearty welcome is extended to Monsieur Ruault, our new Assistant Francais, who has gained a high place in our esteem by his enthusiasm and readiness to help us in our endeavours to learn "la belle langue."

SCHOOL NOTES.

The School had eight successes at the London Matriculation Examination in June, D. J. Stephens obtained a First Division. In the Senior Oxford Local six boys obtained First Class Honours: H. Schneidin, C. S. Morgan and S. Walters, being in the First Section and E. W. Charles, J. P. Davies and W. S. Davies, in the second section. There were four Second Class Honours: W. H. Ede, H. G. Wilding, F. X. Ratcliffe and P. E. Thomas. Four Third Class Honours: D. B. Francis, H. E. James, H. Jones and S. H. Lubner, and 21 Passes.

Five distinctions—a record number for the School—were gained by C. S. Morgan (Latin and French), D. J. Stephens (Physics), L. Watkins (Geography) and D. B. Francis (History).

Last year's Prefects who are still in School are S. Morris, E. J. Jones and C. S. Morgan. The new Prefects are A. J. Chislett, W. H. Ede, H. Schneidin and S. Walters.

Leonard Cole, on leaving the School, has given the following books to the School Library:—DICKENS: *Dombey & Son*, THACKERAY: *Vanity Fair*, GOLDSMITH: *Vicar of Wakefield*. The new School Librarian is Stanley Morris.

The Four Open Scholarships at Swansea University College, tenable for three years and awarded this year for the first time, were all won by the School:—

King George Scholarship (£50),	Griffith John.
Queen Mary „ (£50),	W. D. Minty.
Princess Mary „ (£50),	Harry Simons.
Lloyd's Bank „ (£50),	Lawrence Thomas.

Of the four Close Scholarships awarded by the Education Committee to Swansea Pupils, the School had its due share; a Senior Scholarship (£50) to D. J. Stephens and a Junior Scholarship (£25) to S. Hood-Williams. These four scholarships are not open to intending teachers. The School Leaving Scholarship (£50—£60)—not open to intending teachers—has been awarded to Jack P. Davies and the two £25 scholarships—open to intending teachers only—have been awarded to S. Morris and E. J. Jones. These two scholarships can be won only in the Bursar or pre-bursar year and must be taken up a year after the award, at a University or Training College.

Allan Ross, an old pupil, has recently won a £70 Scholarship at King's College, London.

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A VISIT TO THE DOCKS.

On the invitation of Mr. Watson, manager of the Cambrian Dry Docks, Swansea, we, the engineering boys of 4M spent an afternoon in viewing practical engineering on a large scale. Having obtained the Headmaster's permission through the help of Mr. D. L. Harris, our manual instructor, we set out escorted by Mr. Johns, the assistant instructor.

Mr. Watson had timed our visit so that we should see some moulding. We first visited the blacksmiths' shop and learnt how different machines were worked. We then viewed the molten iron in the furnace. It was a dazzling sight and the heat was intense. We were then escorted to the room where moulds had been set. Great care has to be exercised in the setting as they are very brittle. When the molten iron in the furnace was ready, it was run into large cauldrons, the impurities were skimmed from the surface, and then the iron was carefully poured into the moulds. It was allowed to set and cool, and the mouldings were then extracted.

Next we were shown how large steel plates were cut to any required size, by oxy-acetylene process. The gas was stored in large cylinders, and was conveyed by tubing to a large burner. There the gas was burned and it gave out tremendous heat. The operator had to wear glasses to protect his eyes. The heat supplied by this gas was so intense that it cut the steel plate right through.

We were then shown how a ship's propeller is taken out and the propeller shaft cleaned. This operation was being carried out on a steamboat in dock at the time and it supplied an excellent illustration.

We were shown many other things, too numerous to mention, and when we left the docks our knowledge of engineering had been greatly increased. We all agreed that we had spent an interesting and enjoyable afternoon and we feel grateful to Mr. Watson for having arranged the visit. G. MESSER (4M.)

NON-SCHOLARSHIP ANSWERS.

The following are some of the answers given at the Entrance Scholarship Examination—presumably by unsuccessful candidates:—

British bird—a sea girl.

British tree—ewe.

Charlemagne. belonged to France and fought in the French Revolution.

Nero. (a) a clever dog, owned by monks.

(b) Africa, he is black.

Dido. (a) U.S.A. America, a swell or swank.

(b) Lapland, a deer hunter.

Galileo. Palestine, a town.

Alexander. America, a very large town with fine buildings.

Homer. (a) situated in India.

(b) born in Germany, one of the greatest musicians the world has ever seen.

(c) is from Britain and is a pigeon.

Mahomet. untrue god of Palestine

Archimedes. Africa, supposed to be a monkey.

Rameses (a) places in a desert where water is found.

(b) a name given to underwear from Egypt.

(c) Greece, noted for his clothes.

Euclid belonged to Greece and made new arithmetic dealing with lines

Dante was a French explorer to the North Pole.

THE LAY OF A FORM LIBRARIAN.

I am the warden of the shelves,
The guardian of the books,
I search for volumes that are hid
In corners and in nooks.

On every Friday afternoon,
I start my tuneful lay,
And shout, "All boys who want a book,
At once please come this way."

Yet after all my work is o'er,
And I sit down to rest
The boys complain, "The books are dry,
In new you must invest,"

W.T.2R.

VISIT TO THE COPPER PIT COLLIERY.

In accordance with arrangement, previously made, a band of some 17 boys met on Wednesday, December 8th, outside the Duke Hotel, Morriston, thence we proceeded to the colliery, which was close at hand. Soon we completed our preparation for the journey and passed on to the lamp-room receiving there, to our surprise electric safety-lamps. When all were supplied we made our way to the pit-head preparatory for our descent. In parties of five and six we took our places in the cage; soon the descent began and with it the weirdest and most horrible minute that the party had ever experienced; the sensations defy description.

At last we were in the mine, having descended to the three foot seam. Here the party reassembled and without delay the guides led us on. Through a tunnel about 16 feet long and lined with brick we picked our way amongst the tram lines.

Soon however we branched off into another narrower tunnel and commenced an ascent into the two foot seam. Arrived there we proceeded more carefully, for now we had to watch for unevenness both in floor and roof. Now the interest really began; we were shown the work in its many different aspects; we were initiated into the mysteries of tunnelling and rock drilling; the blasting and gallery systems were explained to us. Then to show us a little of the joy of mining we were conducted through a gallery about three feet high, in which the men were at work on their backs, and, after a back-breaking journey of some hundred yards we emerged once again into a place where we could stretch our backs. Once again we returned to the three-foot seam and examined carefully the tram power house and were shown the simple signal system, by which the movement of the trams is governed.

One more object remained for our inspection, the latest development of the Colliery, known as the "Drift." Here a long tunnel has been cut sloping sharply at an angle of about 30 degrees. We were however unable to go down the tunnel as there was a constant dripping of water throughout its length.

When all had visited these places we returned to the bottom of the shaft, and ascended in parties as we had descended, feeling rather sorry to leave so much interesting matter behind, or rather below. Arrived at the top we gave in our lamps and

after washing ourselves reassumed our more civilised garb. Then having thanked our guides, (in particular the under manager) for their courtsey, we quickly left the mine and returned home having spent a most interesting and educative evening.

S. HOOD WILLIAMS. VI.

SCIENCE CLUB NOTES.

On December 8th and 9th 1920 parties of members visited the Copper Pit Collieries, Morrision, many probably seeing for the first time the conditions under which coal is obtained.

On December 17th an exceedingly interesting lecture on "Coal Gas" was delivered by Mr. G. Gardiner, a member of the staff of the Swansea Gaslight Company and, also, on old boy of the School. Mr. Beanland was Chairman on this occasion.

The lecture was followed by a visit to the Local Gas Works on December 20th.

The Science Club opened its Second Term's work with an illustrated lecture by Mr. T. N. George on "The Geology of Swansea and District," Mr W. H. Price occupying the Chair.

On Febuary 1st, C. S. Morgan (IV Cl.) gave an illustrated lecture on "The Chemistry of the Home," Mr. B. C. George being Chairman.

On March 11th, the occasion of the next meeting, the Club was honoured by a lecture on "Shells and their Makers," by such an authority as Mr. Wakefield. This lecture was illustrated by a remarkably fine collection of specimens. Mr. B. C. George again occupied the Chair.

A Lantern Lecture on "Castles," by the Headmaster on March 18th, concluded the Lecture Work of the Session. The chairman on this occasion was Mr. C. E. Poole.

A visit was paid to to the Hafod Copper Works (by the kind permission of Chas. Eden, Esq.,) on February 26th, but perhaps the most popular function of the year was the ramble to Pwlldu and Bacon Hole, via Bishopston Valley, held on Saturday, April 30th, the party being led by Mr. B. C. George.

D. GLYN JONES, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL SERVICE, 1918.—COASTWATCHING.

During the Great War all classes of the community performed National Service of some kind or other, and, in this respect the Sea Scouts helped, thereby releasing men for duties elsewhere.

I was stationed at Portland, Dorset, together with fifteen other boys drawn from all parts of the Country. Our duties consisted of patrolling a certain distance of shore and hillside—about two miles or so in length—and also of keeping an eye on some oil storage tanks. Of these there were three groups, one group at each end of the beat and one in the centre, about a dozen tanks in all. These tanks are similar to those which we have in Swansea at the present day.

We were under the direct supervision of a Yeoman of Signals who was responsible to a Lieut. R.N., and we were divided into four groups.

All our meals we had to prepare ourselves, and being the senior, I had to purchase all the victuals and arrange the menu. The food was good but plain and plenty of it.

At 6 a.m. we were roused by the Corporal who came round shouting "Wakey, Wakey," "Lash up and Stir." "Show a leg," "Show a leg," etc.; and those not quick enough in obeying were unceremoniously tipped out of their hammocks. Watches were taken just as in the Navy. After breakfast (jam) all had to set to and clean the room as well as prepare dinner. After inspection at 9 a.m., instruction was indulged in. This consisted mainly of signalling together with seamanship and boatwork, and was compulsory except of course for those on watch. All washing and mending had to be done by ourselves and we soon became proper "Handymen."

The only spell we had was from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day and during this time we could do as we pleased. The life was very healthy and enjoyable except when it was wet, and then patrolling for four hours in the rain put a damper on one's spirits.

Various sports were indulged in when there was any time to spare, swimming playing a large part in this category, as well as the upkeep of an Allotment. The experience gained from these duties was considerable and of great use. After a few

months many of the boys who had had no idea of cooking and mending, etc., were able to look after themselves very well, and they left considerably richer in experience of domestic affairs. Duties were brought to a close by the Armistice but some of us spent the last fortnight in the Naval Hospital with bad attacks of influenza.

Though we were not sorry to come home, we were pleased to have done a small bit for the Country in its time of greatest need.

AN OLD BOY—K.R.

BOYS ADMITTED SEPT., 1921.

1439d Anthony, L. M.	1469r Goodrem, A. M.	1499g Quick, I. L.
1440d Arnold, A. L.	1470r Gormon, T.	1500d Ratcliffe, B. G.
1g Badcock, G. H.	1b Grey, J. H.	1b Rees, A.
2r Beer, T. P. G.	2d Griffiths, R. H.	2r Rees, E. A.
3b Benallick, L.	3a Griffiths, W. A.	3g Rice, G. S.
4a Bennett, B. J.	4a Hinsley, P. J.	4g Richards, H.
5l Berry, W. J.	5b Hole, W. R.	5a Roberts, W. I.
6d Bromham, W.	6d Hughes, G. E.	6l Samuel, S. E.
7d Bloomberg, S.	7b James, F. J.	7d Schneidin, R.
8a Charles, D. R.	8r Jenkins, S. G.	8g Segelov, R.
9b Cornelius, P. T.	9d Jenkins, S. J.	9r Sinnett, H.
1450r Crocker, G.	1480a John, D. C.	1510d Solomon, D.
1g Crocker, T.	1b Johns, C.	1g Sullivan, A. H.
2b Crook, F. W.	2a Jones, D. E.	2g Taylor, H. G.
3l Davies, B. L.	3r Jones, C. L.	3b Thomas, C.
4g Davies, H.	4g Jones, P. L.	4b Thomas, W. A.
5d Davies, J. T.	5l Kempster, R. T.	5l Treseder, N. H.
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