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### EDITORIAL.

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This term we have experienced the unique phenomenon of receiving sufficient contributions. Despite the fact that the public examinations have interfered with the compositions of some intending contributors, others have come to the rescue with the result that we have not been obliged to send out continual appeals in Hall.

It is too late to wish the entrants to the said examinations the best of luck, but we trust that the School will obtain as many successes as usual.

Prize Day will be very late this year; we understand that it is to take place on the 29th July.

Owing to lack of space, we are unable to print the list of successes of Old Boys at the University College. They will appear in our next issue.

The Editors are about to lay down their pens for the last time. There has doubtless been much to criticise in their work, but, thanks to the words of approbation they have received from various quarters, they feel that they have not entirely failed. They would like to express their sincere wishes for the future welfare of the School.

“Farewell! a word that must be, and hath been,—  
A sound which makes us linger; yet—farewell.”

## SCHOOL NOTES.

### RECENT SUCCESSES OF OLD BOYS.

- T. E. Thomas—Final, Institute of Chartered Accountants.  
 B. Thomas—Inter., Institute of Chartered Accountants.  
 M. Bates—Final, Society of Incorporated Accountants.  
 (Winner of Scholarship, and Articled Pupil to the Borough Treasurer).  
 G. B. Jones—Inter., Society of Incorporated Accountants.  
 E. E. Porter—Inter., Society of Incorporated Accountants.  
 E. Honbrook—Inter., Chartered Institute of Secretaries.  
 Emlyn Morgans—Examination for Student Membership of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

### CIVIL SERVICE.

- Horace Richards—Customs and Excise.  
 A. S. Chandler—County Court.  
 R. L. Rees—County Court.  
 B. Rees, on completing his Scholarship, has been appointed as Assistant to the Borough Engineer.  
 D. Hubert Thomas has been elected President of the Students' Union at the Swansea University College.

### SCHOOL SUCCESSES.

- Noel Williams (V)—London Matriculation.  
 Edgar Thomas (V)—Welsh Matriculation.  
 J. M. Rees (8c)—Associate College of Violinists.  
 S. Ivor Buse (VI)—Entrance Examination of the South Wales Baptist College, Cardiff.

Our School Literary and Debating Society deserves to have more support than was given to it last winter. We hope that the enthusiastic 'send off' will be repeated next Session.

The Swimming Club, has been very successful and a report of its progress is included in our pages. It has appointed the following House Captains: Dillwyn—J. M. Thomas, Grove—A. O. Grove, Roberts—R. G. Jones, Llewelyn—H. Williams.

H. Williams (3a) is Captain of the Club and T. H. B. Martin (VI) is Vice-Captain.

T. H. B. Martin (VI) has been appointed Prefect since the publication of the last Magazine.

On Wednesday, June 25th, a few Forms were allowed some lessons off in order to visit the Warships which were in the South Dock. An article describing the visit was to be included in this issue, but is omitted through lack of space.

The new traffic arrangements do not seem to have greatly diminished the noise in Dynevor Place. Would that we might transfer the School to the heart of the country!

The number of Houses has been reduced from six to four. The Heads and Captains are :—

Dillwyn—J. M. Thomas (Head). T. F. Minney (Captain).

Grove—A. D. Matthews (Head). A. R. Walter (Captain).

Llewelyn—P. Roberts (Head). D. Thomas (Captain).

Roberts—D. I. Hughes (Head). W. Higgs (Captain).

We have had a visit from Mr. Glyn Jones, who left in 1923. He is a geologist with the Anglo Persian Oil Company in Persia, and is spending his holiday at home.

We have also had a visit from two old boys, now resident in Hull, who were passing through Swansea on a walking-tour.

Some old boys reach strange places! Few, however, have had an experience similar to that of Mr. John Gordge, who has sailed to Madagascar as a Missionary, under the Society of Friends. After spending some months in Tananarive, the capital, he will go to one of the stations in the interior. He intends sending a contribution to the Magazine and this should appear in our next issue.

## OBITUARY.

In this number it is our sad duty to record the deaths of two former Prefects of the School, and of two boys who were members of the School at the time of their decease.

ERNEST HORACE FURSMAN entered the School in September, 1922. At the July, 1927 Examination, he obtained his Oxford School Certificate and left at the end of that year to become apprenticed to the Mercantile Marine. He was drowned while bathing near Buenos Aires, in the Argentine Republic, early this year. His death is all the more lamentable as he appeared to be a very capable lad. We have very pleasant recollections of his admirable performance as "Lady Hardcastle" when the School produced Goldsmith's play "She Stoops to Conquer." Fursman, who was 19 years of age, paid a visit to the School just before he left on what turned out to be his last voyage.

CHARLES ARNOLD BOWEN came to the School in September, 1923, and left in May, 1928, after having obtained his Oxford School Certificate in the previous July. He was a sturdy well-built lad, and played forward for the School Rugby Team, captaining our first XV in his last season. His death at Chepstow, where he had gone to take up a position as a bank clerk, came as a great shock to us all, for he was not quite 20 years of age. He also paid us a visit shortly prior to his untimely decease, and he then appeared to be in perfect health.

FURSMAN and BOWEN died last February, and the same month we lost WILFRED THOMAS HOLLAND, age 14, a member of form 3B. He showed great promise, but had been ailing for a long time.

Still more recently, GLANFRWDD WILLIAMS, of form 2B, died on the 4th July, age 14 years. He displayed a keen desire to make progress and took great interest in his work.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy with the relatives and friends of the above boys in the bereavement they have sustained.

## HEAD PREFECT'S FAREWELL LETTER.

I have come to the end of my seventh year at the School and now, as I am about to break the ties which have bound me to the institution which has been my '*alma mater*' for so long, I experience very mixed feelings. Naturally, with the optimism of youth, I look forward with enthusiasm to the wider life which lies before me outside the walls that have sheltered me; but, I also feel a pang of sorrow as I realise that, my school-days being at an end, the years of care-free happiness of my youth have fled.

As I look back over these seven years, I am astounded at the many changes which have taken place. I am pleased to think that the School I am leaving is so much better than the one I entered—not so very long ago, after all—as a nervous first-year. These changes which have taken place have not been brought about by the waving of a magician's wand, but by a gradual evolution. Our "new" School has reached its present state after years of demolition and rebuilding, the discomforts of which I and my contemporaries have borne in patience for so long, knowing that one day that which has happened would come about; that a "thing of beauty" would arise, Phoenix-like, from the ashes of the past, to be a "joy for ever."

I earnestly hope that these improvements in the outward form of the School will be reflected in and enhanced by an even greater improvement in our attainments in the fields of academics and of sport. There should now remain no obstacle in our path to becoming the premier Secondary School in Wales and I look forward to seeing this accomplished in the near future.

A headmaster always finds the commencement of his "régime" its hardest part, but Mr. John has early exerted his authority over the School. By his forceful personality, he has compelled all the boys to submit to the kindly influence of the rules of the School. He has delegated a great part of his authority to me and my fellow-prefects and I am glad to say that, despite the fact that we have had more power than our prefects formerly possessed, there has been more camaraderie displayed between the boys and the prefects than ever.

There is only one piece of advice, I should like to proffer to the Prefects who will follow me: they should use what authority is given them by the Headmaster for the good of the School. If they keep this end in view it is certain that they will exercise their duty with the utmost firmness and that the School will find no reason to complain of their rule.

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Phrenologist and Human Scientist, he is as much above the ordinary  
lecturer and examiner of heads, as is the skilled medical practitioner  
above the quack.”—*The Press*.



Finally, I should like to say a few words to all pupils. Let me exhort you to spend your time in the School in a way calculated to better both the institution and yourselves. Endeavour to live up to the noblest traditions of the School and above all, try to do your duty while you are here. I can assure you that, if you fail, your bitterest thought when you come to say "Farewell," will be one of regret for a wasted opportunity. It is for you to see that your retrospection will give you nothing but satisfaction.

With this I leave you, and in the hope that nothing but good will come to you and the School.

I remain, Yours very sincerely, R. G. BELL.

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### GLANMOR BOYS ADMITTED SEPT., 1929.

2357 Barnes, J. E.	2365 Isaac, I.	2373 Samuel, D.
8 Court, A. E.	6 John, G. T.	4 Smitham, W.
9 Croot, H. B.	7 Johnson, T. P.	5 Thomas, L.
2360 Davies, G. W.	8 Jones, C. L.	6 Treharne, D.
1 Duncan, P. R.	9 Kennedy, K. J.	7 Webster, G. W.
2 Edmonds, F.	2370 Mathias, J. A.	8 Williams, G. L.
3 Elias, P. G.	1 Rees, H. L.	9 Williams, H. G.
4 Fitzgerald, D. G.	2 Richards, A. L.	2380 Rees, T. R.

New Boy from Port Talbot—2381 Dann, J. G.

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### INNOVATIONS (II).

Marcus Aurelius has told us to "Observe always that everything is the result of a change, and get used to thinking that there is nothing Nature loves so well as to change existing forms and to make new ones like them." It appears to me that, in this matter of 'changing existing forms,' we at the Municipal Secondary School are very much in harmony with Nature. When I contemplated writing an article for the Christmas issue of the Magazine on the changes which have taken place in the School since the advent of our new headmaster, I did not expect that this subject would be fruitful enough to provide me with material for a contribution to the July issue. Yet, since I last dealt with these "novae res," so much has happened that seems to be worthy of record that I have once more decided to treat of this matter.

An Old Boy, casually revisiting the School, would probably be most struck by the alterations in the 3A form room. This room was last term converted into the official French Room. The names of great Frenchmen adorn the frieze; French railway posters, tastefully executed, have been hung on the walls. Postcard views, fixed on sheets of brown paper,

also display the glories of "La Belle France," while there are many pictures of great French historical personages. I am sure we may all feel extremely proud of our French room.

The inclusion of the Inter-House Rugby Matches in our sporting calendar should be a great satisfaction to everyone, with the possible exception of our correspondent "W.E.J." I think the majority of us look forward to the day when "Rugger" will be the accepted winter game in the School, and will be played by every form during its games periods. Our School XV has never had a real chance when our boys have always indulged in "Soccer" from the time they entered the School. The endeavour to wean the School from the old code may be painful to some, but I think that in the end we shall all agree that Rugby is the more satisfactory game.

The School has very wisely invested in a portable gramophone on which Mr. Beynon has occasionally placed records instead of playing a voluntary himself at end of Prayers. The French records we have heard have been very good and provide a welcome change from the ordinary French lesson. They are especially useful at present during the absence of our "assistant francais." We are really getting very up-to-date now that we have a gramophone in addition to our wireless set—which latter, by the way, "rose to the occasion" in a splendid fashion at the opening of the Naval Conference, and we were all delighted (many of us, who had experience of the same set in the past, were astonished) to hear the King's speech so clearly.

Finally, I must deal with an innovation which has not taken place in the School itself, but which concerns the School very closely—I refer to the formation of the Old Boys' Association. Slips were distributed with our last issue announcing a forthcoming meeting of old pupils, and when this took place, it was decided to form a society. Our old headmaster, Mr. Beanland, was unanimously elected president, and at a subsequent meeting vice-presidents, including Mr. John, were elected. At this second meeting it was decided to call the society the "Old Dy'vorians," this shortened form of "Dynevorians" being considered a much more suitable title than the unwieldy "Higher Grade and Municipal Secondary School Old Boys' Association." Since their meeting the "Old Dy'vorians" have held social evenings which, we believe, have been very successful. It is to be hoped that all our present pupils will join the association when they leave.

I lay down my pen (for never again shall I be in a position to describe changes in this School—other and, perhaps, abler hands must do that in future) in the knowledge that innovations are not at an end. They cannot end, for our most modern equipments soon become effete. Nothing can be worse than a School which is “stale” and out-of-date. So changes must continue. Let those who follow after make certain that they appreciate and take full advantage of these changes.

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### SNIPPETS.

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“What is the first thing that strikes the visitor to London?” was asked in a First Year Form. A taxi in all probability.

We read that a Spanish official has been sentenced to 300 year's imprisonment. That ought to be a lesson to him.

“Trams to go” reads a headline. That certainly is the usual idea.

Give a First Year too much rope and he'll skip.

The School Canteen does not throw away its stale bread. The proof of that is in the pudding.

An elephant never forgets, they say. It's too bad you can't tie one round your finger.

In the old days barbers used to practise both shaving and surgery. Now they confine themselves to surgery.

For the speechmaker of the School Parliament. Stand up. Speak up. Shut up.

The great advantage of a stamp machine is that it sells stamps without frowning.

There was once a Scotsman who was a free-thinker.

We suggest this slogan for shaving soap manufacturer: “Hair to-day, gone to-morrow.”

“A man is knocked down in the streets of London every fifteen minutes” says a statistician. How very monotonous he must find it.

We read of a Scotsman who has the springs of his car removed each night. We presume that he entertains fears that they will give.

T. H. MARTIN, Form VI.

## AN OLD ENGLISH NEWSPAPER.

A few weeks ago I was presented with a copy of an old English Newspaper. It was the *Times* of Nov. 9th, 1796. Examining it and finding it very interesting, I decided to keep it for future reference. Perhaps the following extracts will interest readers :—

### “EXTRAORDINARY LARGE REPTILE.

The curious are hereby informed that there is now to be seen the largest and most beautiful RATTLE-SNAKE ever imported to this Kingdom. Its length is between nine and ten feet, and it is one foot in circumference. Its bite is attended with immediate dissolution, and notwithstanding the length of time since it was caught, (May 8th last), it is in full vigour as when first taken. It receives no kind of nutriment except water. . . . indeed, it has been pronounced by all who have seen it, to be one of the greatest rarities ever exposed to public curiosity. The Nobility and Gentry are informed, that the Snake is so well secured that he may be closely inspected with the greatest pleasure.

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The following extract seems to refer to the European War which followed the French Revolution :—

“ Having yesterday had more leisure to review the last Paris Papers, we are now enabled to trace the march of the different armies. The army of Italy offers no remark, as it

continues in its former position, and no important event has taken place in that quarter. But the case is widely different with respect to the armies on the Rhine. The Austrians have made two unsuccessful attacks on the bridge head, near Neuwied, and appear to have sustained considerable losses on both occasions. This unfortunate circumstance renders General Werneck's position on the Sieg extremely critical, as the French remaining Masters of the tête-du-pont near Nuewied, renders it easy for them to march considerable corps of troops across the river, and to harass Werneck's army, which will be probably obliged to fall back to the Lahn.

The Austrian troops under the orders of Generals Hotze and Neu, continue to over-run the Palatinate and the Hundfruck, and have been more successful, as the French are making preparations to retreat to the left Banks of the Moselle, by which retrograde movement they abandon the whole extent of country situated between the right banks of that river and the Rhine, and leave it to the discretion of their enemy to invade the Electorate of Trèves.

The army of the Rhine and Moselle, after several engagements, the issue of which Moreau states to be in favour of the French, has been forced to fall back to Huninguen, where it crossed the Rhine on the 26th of last month, notwithstanding the Directory had ordered it, in the most pressing terms, to remain in the Brisgau, and to establish a communication with Strasburg by the fort."

I must add that this paper could be procured for the small sum of fourpence half-penny and consisted of four pages.

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### LOOSE THOUGHTS.

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J. DRYDEN

" Arise ye more than dead !  
Then cold, and hot, and moist, and dry.  
In order to their stations leap  
And Music's (whistle's) power obey."  
—" Pack tight forwards ! "

C. MARLOWE

" The silver dishes for the meat.  
As precious as the gods do eat,  
Shall on an ivory table be  
Prepared each day for thee and me."  
—" Any boys for hot lunch ? "

W. SHAKESPEARE

"..... where are you roaming ?

O stay and hear !.....

That can sing both high and low."

—The Fourth Year forms now take music in the  
hall i.e. not out of earshot.

(I) W. SHAKESPEARE & (II) SIR T. WYATT

(I) "When in the chronicle of wasted time "

(II) "Forget not yet the tired intent  
Of such a truth as I have meant.  
My great travail so gladly spent  
Forget not yet !"

—Do they refer to the School Magazine ?

"Nay I have done, you get no more of me

And I am glad, yea, glad with all my heart

That thus so cleanly I myself can free." A.D.M., 5b.

### THE FRENCH ORAL CANDIDATES.

When the last short speech has been spoken

And throats are husky and dried ;

When the final appeal has been uttered

And the last formality plied :

We receive—and, in faith, we need it—

A truce for our wearied brain,

Till the call of the House of "fagging "

Will set us to work once again.

Then those who have won will be happy

And will sit on a Fifth Form seat ;

They will struggle with Vergil and Horace

And a Caesar who will not retreat.

The juniors will quake when they see them

And the masses they'll hold in a thrall,

They will "fag " for an age at a sitting,

And dare not grow tired at all.

And only their friends will praise them

And only opponents blame ;

And no one will speak with logic

And no one stop for shame

But each for the thrill of winning,

And each on his separate spot,

Will speak of the things that are so,

To the losers who say they are not.

"MERRY ANDREW " 4A.

## MY TRIP TO SCOTLAND.

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When I was informed that I had been awarded my Welsh International "Soccer" Cap, I was delighted to learn that I was to play at Edinburgh. With a few other boys, I left Swansea at five o'clock on the Thursday evening before the match, and our train reached Edinburgh on Friday morning.

As soon as we arrived, we were taken to the hotel where we were to stay and, having satisfied our hunger, were allowed to wander around the city in order to make any purchases we might desire. We had a busy morning and returned to our hotel laden with 'presents.' We were served with a very good dinner, and a char-a-banc arrived later to take us sight-seeing around Edinburgh. The first place we visited was St. Giles' Cathedral, but we were very unfortunate in timing our visit as the doors were locked. From the Cathedral we were conducted to John Knox's house and we saw a number of Edinburgh's beautiful monuments, most noteworthy among which were those of Burns and Scott. The day was crowned by a visit to the Theatre.

On Saturday morning, three char-a-bancs arrived to take us to the Forth Bridge. When we arrived at the Firth of Forth, we were surprised to see the width of the river: it was about threequarters of a mile across. The bridge, a magnificent structure, took seven years to build and cost three and half million pounds. The many trains which cross it every day, travel very slowly. From here we were taken to see one of the finest golf courses in the world.

The great match took place on Saturday afternoon, being played on the ground of the well-known team, the "Hearts of Midlothian." There were not as many spectators present as one would have expected to see at an international match; for the crowd did not greatly exceed six thousand in number. The game was contested in a clean fashion, and Scotland—the better side—scored two goals in the opening half. Soon after the resumption of play, our centre-forward scored a fine goal. This half went in our favour until about five minutes from the end, when the Scotch lads were again successful in scoring. Although we lost, I think we may view with satisfaction our exhibition against boys who were much bigger than ourselves.

We all slept soundly on Saturday night and woke up quite refreshed on the following morning to find that the day promised to be fine. We first paid a visit to Edinburgh Castle,

but, on our arrival there, we were disappointed to learn that the Castle was not open to visitors until the afternoon, when we would have to start for home. On the way back to our hotel, we were shown the Houses of Parliament, and the place where the Waverley Novels were originally printed. In the afternoon we went to the local Zoo at Murrayfield, where we saw many interesting animals and birds. The antics of the laughing hyena caused us considerable amusement. We were very sorry to leave the Zoo, but there was no more time to our disposal. After partaking of an early tea, we left Edinburgh by the 4.30 p.m. train, bound for home.

The most tiring part of the journey was the delay at Crewe, where we had to wait for three hours on our return journey. When we arrived at Cardiff, we found that we had to wait an hour, and we did not arrive in Swansea till nine o'clock on Monday morning.

M. ARNOLD, 2B.

### AN UNPLEASANT ADVENTURE IN GOWER.

One day, a friend and I decided to visit the Gower cave known as "Bacon Hole." We set out, and arrived at Pwlldu. After crossing Pwlldu Head, we found ourselves in regions unknown and eerie. The sun shone brightly, but still, there was an uncomfortable feeling about the place. We were in a valley bounded by cliffs on one side, and a large mound hiding the sea on the other. Over all, there brooded an ominous silence—a silence similar to that which generally precedes a thunderstorm.

As we walked along my companion drew my attention to the numerous carcasses of birds to be seen, only feathers and bleached bones remaining. We might have been in the midst of a desert instead of in peaceful Gower. "There seems to be birds of prey around here," remarked my friend. There were certainly swarms of birds about, I now noticed for the first time. Seagulls, blackbirds and many other kinds of birds were circling around and flying to and from innumerable crevices high up in the cliffs, some uttering shrill, others raucous cries. I was impressed by the unreality of it all—the awful tension which seemed to lurk in the air, the screeching birds and the clean-picked bones.

We picked our way over rocks and gorse, striving in vain in some places to keep to the faint and steep footpath that runs above the shore. Soon we came to a mighty eminence of rock towering high above us, whence flocks of birds were



constantly issuing, and whither they were as continually returning. The time-worn rocks, unscaleable by reason of their dizzy height, showed many nooks and crannies where these birds might build their nests.

On the very summit of this cliff was perched a large black bird which conveyed a feeling of immense age. Indeed, he seemed to be the sentinel of the cliff—my companion remarked that he appeared to be a leader of the birds. As we neared this creature, he issued very deep "Caws" and a flock of birds immediately flew from all parts of the cliff to wheel above us, uttering shrill and varied cries. We could now see the old black bird more clearly, and he seemed even more ancient and evil. Suddenly he flew ahead of us and disappeared. "What a wicked-looking old bird!" exclaimed my chum, and I laughingly agreed with him, whereupon we made our way along the treacherous path.

A short time afterwards we arrived at a vast inlet where the encroaching sea had worn away much of the land. I was leading the way along the path which ran around this, skirting it in many places. Suddenly, without any warning, the undermined path gave way at my feet.

I experienced an awful feeling in the pit of my stomach, and I could see the ground far beneath rushing up to meet me. Was this my end? I wondered vaguely, the end of all my hopes and fears, my joys and sorrows. Once more I experienced that over-whelming feeling of unreality. A desperate wish to live surged within me and, terror-stricken, I felt two dull thuds which appeared far away.

As yet, I felt no pain. Then, as I lay there dazed and bruised, I became aware of the fact that my friend was shouting to me. Only then did I realise that my face, arms and legs were bleeding profusely where they had been scraped by the loose rocks in my downward career. When I had first come to a standstill in my course, I had been standing upright, but now I lay "spread-eagled," head foremost on the sloping debris which had been washed away from the side of the cliff.

By a round about way, I regained the top of the cliffs, and with my companion, set out for the nearest farm house where I might bathe my injuries. The last thing I remember as I quitted the scene of my accident was that hateful blackbird, which had reappeared, uttering its hateful "Caw, caw." I felt an unreasonable anger rise against that bird.

"MERRY," 5B.

## THE HOUSE RUGBY FINAL.

GROVE v. ROBERTS.

GROVE

J. Thomas.

Williams, Challis, T. H. Martin, W. Thomas.

A. Walter, A. D. Matthews.

V. Grove, W. John, Ridd, D. Jones, Mendus, Miles, Matthias.

○

M. Davies, Robinson, D. Osman, Hodges, R. Bowen, Dunn, Fairs, I. Hughes.

L. Richards, B. Thomas.

Solomon, Norris, G. Jones, Higgs.

G. Davies.

ROBERTS

Rugby has gained so much in status throughout the School during the last year or two that it was decided to hold, for the first time, an Inter-House Rugby Tournament, and the finalists, Grove and Roberts, met at the Town Hill Field on Friday, 2nd May. The whole School was dismissed at 2.55 in order to witness the game and, needless to say, this was appreciated.

Soon after the start Mr. Mendus awarded a free-kick to Grove just on the "twenty-five" line. A. Matthews took this, but failed to score. Roberts pressed, and were awarded a free-kick well inside the Grove half. Richards attempted to score, but the ball failed to carry and the Grove three-quarters, gaining possession of it, took the play into the opponent's half. Walters followed a fine burst by scoring a well-deserved try. A. Matthews failed to convert from a fairly easy position owing to faulty placing. The game was now being keenly contested and was, as a result, rather scrappy.

At the interval Grove were leading by the only try scored as yet. Soon after the resumption Walters gave a fine pass to Matthews who crossed the line with several players hanging on to him. They were unable to bring him down, and he managed to touch the ball down in spite of their efforts. This was an example of the great failing of Roberts—that of possessing only one or two players who could tackle properly. Matthews was unable to convert.

The Grove three-quarters were now in their element, and their delightful combination and movements were a pleasure to watch. Many brilliant runs were made only to end in a "knock-on" or some equally petty fault. From one of these splendid movements H. Martin made a pretty run and scored Grove's third try. V. Grove converted.

Grove gained the ball soon after the restart and carried the attack back again into the Roberts half. The play was now almost confined to this part of the field, and the ball was rarely in the Grove half. The whole Grove team were now working superbly, and Roberts "had all their work cut out" to prevent their opponents from scoring oftener. Walters, gaining possession of the ball, made one of his characteristic headlong rushes and was rewarded with a try. Matthews took the kick and succeeded in converting from a difficult position, bringing the final score up to 16 pts.—0.

In the Roberts team Richards, G. Jones and Fairs were the only players who showed any inclination to tackle. The first two mentioned were also the most outstanding of the Roberts backs, while Fairs played a good game in the "close." The team included many good individual players, but did not once combine as well as Grove. Every one of the Grove backs played well and their combination had the Roberts men beaten every time.

LEON, VB.

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### SENIOR RUGBY.

The Rugby Season of 1929-30, although not very successful from the point of view of victories, proved very enjoyable to those who took part in an appreciable number of its twenty-five matches. Until the Christmas Vacation things were not too bright; but, whether the team was affected by its intellectual freedom and physical reaction during the period or whether its resolution for the New Year took this form, the fact remains that there was a marked improvement in 1930.

I think I can safely say that the School was on no occasion during the remainder of the season completely outplayed by an opposing team. Even Gowerton who had previously defeated us by 35 points to 3 points, barely managed their victory of three converted goals to nil, and this score was due to the efforts of a few individual players. Of the twelve matches played in 1930, four were won and two were drawn.

The School forwards commenced the season by playing well and retained this form throughout, improving if anything with the introduction of new blood. The backs were the weaker division at the beginning, but later showed great progress, and by the end of the season reached a standard in both attack and defence which made a vast difference in the team, D. Thomas meriting mention as a scoring wing, and G. Rees as a clever, elusive full-back. V. Grove captained well, and as a "hooker" provided good service from the scrum.

Both visiting and home teams were satisfied with the impartial refereeing of Mr. Mendus, and we are especially grateful to him for his interest which has been constant through defeat and victory. We also greatly appreciate the support of our Headmaster which on a number of occasions took the form of a personal appearance.

The following received their "Colours"—a blazer badge—at the close of the season, having played in half the matches: G. Rees, D. Thomas, R. James, R. Beynon, L. Richards, T. H. Martin, A. Walter, A. Matthews, V. Grove, T. Thomas, J. Evans, G. Jones, D. Jones, E. Prater, R. Fairs, T. Minney.

We are glad to state that T. Minney, although still in hospital, is now making good progress, and we hope soon to have him with us again. It will be remembered that he received an injury to his thigh near the end of the season.

We trust that the interest in Rugby which was aroused in our School last season will continue and increase during the next season, to which we eagerly look forward.

A. D. MATTHEWS (Hon. Sec.).

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### JUNIOR RUGBY.

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The Junior Rugby Football Club ended the season brilliantly by winning six matches out of eight and drawing the remaining two.

May we offer our heartiest congratulations to the three members of our team who have obtained their Inter-Town Cap, namely A. Evans, A. Hodges and R. Downing. The first-named had the honour to captain the Town Team.

After a moderate display given in the first half of the season, the team improved to a great extent, scoring ninety-one points in eight matches with only ten points scored against them. In the last three matches the School played like an inspired team, beating Hafod 14—0, National 23—0, and St. Thomas 21—0.

It was rather unfortunate that several of our best players were unable to play in the cup matches, but we fought our way to the semi-final, when we were beaten by Townhill. A. Evans (our Captain), has scored 53 points during the season, and Hodges has scored 41 points, two very creditable performances.

L. MORGAN (Sec.)

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## THE SWIMMING CLUB.

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During this period of reviving the School spirit, perhaps the most flourishing of the new institutions is the School Swimming Club. The idea of forming such a club originated, I believe, with Mr. Jones, and, with the ready assistance of Messrs. Phillips, Burgess, Beynon, Yates and Powell, the scheme quickly materialised.

At the first School meeting about a 100 boys were present, these being all swimmers. Mr. Phillips was elected President of the club, and he gave the meeting an idea of the proposed programme of the Club. He told us that the Swansea Swimming Club had agreed to our becoming affiliated to them, while we would be given separate attention in such matters as instruction. The Club would meet at the Baths on Friday evenings, when free instruction would be given by Professor Coates. The meeting closed with these announcements. Their effect was shown by the number of entries which poured in during the following week: more than 100 boys were enrolled as members.

The weekly meetings at the Baths have been very well attended by boys and masters. We were all pleased on one occasion to see Mr. John there—as spectator—ready, as usual, to support a new School venture.

House championships—junior and senior—are now being organised, and we hope to hold the competition in the near future. The Swansea Swimming Club has offered two medals for competition among juniors and seniors, and these will probably be competed for at a gala on July 31st. Mr. Burgess is now organising life-saving classes and has already put us through a few tests at the Baths. Land-drill is to be held in the Gym. We have hopes that some of our members will reach a sufficient standard to procure the Proficiency Certificate of the National Life-Saving Society.

So it may be seen that the Swimming Club is, perhaps, the most flourishing of the School's outside activities, and I should like to add that its success is largely due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Jones.

Unfortunately I am leaving school when the Club is still in its infancy, but I am sure that if it maintains its present standard, I shall hear of many of its achievements in future.

R. G. BELL (Secretary).

## A MATHEMATICS MONODY.

I love to delve in Latin  
 And read the tales of old,  
 Of Jupiter and Juno  
 And swift Achilles bold;  
 But when I seize my Euclid  
 I feel a fearful pain,  
 And angles, tangents, lines and graphs  
 Go whirling through my brain.

Now Greek to me is easy:  
 I love my ho and he;  
 My Odyssey and Iliad  
 I read without a key;  
 But when I see cos over sine  
 I heave a doleful sigh,  
 And wish Pythagoras hadn't lived  
 And no one thought of Pi.

The Bard of Avon tempts me  
 Into his works to pry;  
 I love great Milton's thunder  
 Though others deem it dry;  
 But Salmon's Conics bore me  
 As much as Hebrew might,  
 And 'midst the dark of Algebra  
 I never see the light.

I do not care for Science  
 Though I'm quite up to par;  
 In French and English History  
 I'm described as "pretty fair."  
 But when I sit me down to solve  
 Those vile quadratics dry  
 I soon am in a proper knot,  
 Tied up in  $x$  and  $y$ .

I don't think that I'm quite a fool  
 (But others say 'tis true),  
 Yet of one thing I'm certain—  
 My Maths. I'll never do;  
 I'll never solve those puzzles  
 Involving  $x$  and  $y$ ,  
 And Euclid I shall never learn  
 Until the day I die.

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## SPORTS, May 20th, 1930.

(1) 100 Yards, over 16.—1 D. Thomas, L. 5. (11.6 secs.). 2 J. M. Thomas, D. 3. 3 F. G. Ridd, G. 2. 4 T. J. Evans, R. 1. Heat Winners—D. Humphreys, I Evans.

(2) 100 Yards, 14—16 (5ft. 2ins. and over).—1 R. Beynon, D. 5. (12.2 secs.). 2 M. M. Davies, R. 3. 3 D. S. Jones, G. 2. 4 J. Solomon, R. 1. Heat Winner—A. L. Richards.

(3) 100 Yards, 14—16 (under 5ft. 2ins.).—1 M. Arnold, G. 5. (12.6 secs.). 2 N. Fursman, L. 3. 3 D. Treharne, R. 2. 4 H. E. Ridd, R. 1.

(4) 100 Yards, 13½—14.—1 K. Aubrey, R. 5. (13.0 secs.). 2 J. Parker, D. 3. 3 I. James, R. 2. 4 R. Downing, L. 1. Heat Winner—K. Lewis.

(5) 100 Yards, under 13½.—1 F. Phillips, D. 5. (13.0 secs.). 2 L. Kettle, G. 3. 3 L. Gerran, L. 2. 4 K. Jones, L. 1. Heat Winners—T. Goslett, L. Morgan.

(6) Throwing Cricket Ball, 14½ and over.—1 W. Higgs, R. 3. (72 yds. 1ft.). 2 T. C. Thomas, D. 2.

(7) Throwing Cricket Ball, under 14½.—1 A. Cuff, L. 3. (64 yds. 2½ ft.). 2 E. Chapman, R. 2.

(8) High Jump, 14½ and over.—Tie : H. R. Penhale, L. 2½. (4 ft. 8 ins.). H. C. Thomas, D. 2½.

(9) High Jump, under 14½.—1 A. Cuff, L. 3. (4 ft. 4 ins.). 2 Tie : N. Fursman, L. 1. E. Chapman, R. 1.

(10) 220 Yards, under 14.—1 K. Aubrey, R. 5. (29.6 secs.). 2 J. Parker, D. 3. 3 F. Phillips, D. 2. 4 L. Kettle, G. 1. Heat Winner—L. Ridd.

(11) 220 Yards, 14—15.—1 D. S. Jones, G. 5. (27.8 secs.). 2 J. R. Davies, R. 3. 3 M. Arnold, G. 2. 4 R. A. Evans, D. 1.

(12) 440 Yards, 15—16.—1 R. Beynon, D. 5. (1 min. 2.3 secs.). 2 M. M. Davies, R. 3. 3 J. Solomon, R. 2. 4 L. Webb, D. 1.

(13) 440 Yards, over 16.—1 D. Thomas, L. 5. (59.4 secs.). 2 J. M. Thomas, D. 3. 3 T. J. Evans, R. 2. 4 T. C. Thomas, D. 1.

(14) Long Jump, over 14½.—1 N. Williams, L. 3. (15 ft. 8 ins.). 2 T. J. Evans, R. 2.

(15) Long Jump, under 14½.—1 I. James, R. 3. (13 ft. 7½ ins.). 2 K. Aubrey, R. 2.

(16) Wheelbarrow, over 15.—1 A. Walter & H. Martin, G. 2. (14.2 secs.). 2 A. Richards & D. Treharne, R. 1.

(17) Peg Gathering, under 13½.—1 I. James, R. 2. (38.2 secs.). 2 M. Ace, D. 1. 3 L. Kettle, G. 4 R. Crook, R.

(18) 120 Yards Hurdles, under 14½.—1 K. Aubrey, R. 5. (15.3 secs.). 2 S. L. Jones, L. 3. 3 M. Arnold, G. 2. 4 H. Minney, R. 1. Heat Winner—A. Cuff.

(19) 120 Yards Hurdles, over 14½.—1 H. Martin, G. 5. (14 secs.). 2 D. Thomas, L. 3. 3 J. M. Thomas, D. 2. 4 N. Williams, L. 1. Heat Winner—J. B. Edwards.

(20) Three Legged, 13½—15.—1 S. Darracott & D. Lewis, G. 2. (14.2 secs.). 2 D. Dooley & J. Masters, L. 1.

(21) Obstacle, 15 and over.—1 R. Fairs, R. 5. (40 secs.). 2 H. Martin, G. 3. 3 D. Treharne, R. 2. 4 I. Evans, D. 1. Heat Winners—E. Prater, R. Beynon, R. G. Jones.

(22) Obstacle, 14—15.—1 J. R. Davies, R. 5. (43.6 secs.). 2 D. S. Jones, G. 3. 3 J. Cartwright, D. 2. 4 H. F. Ridd, R. 1. Heat Winners—H. M. Davies, W. L. Davies.

(23) Obstacle, 13½—14.—1 K. Aubrey, R. 5. (46.5 secs.). 2 M. Knoyle, D. 3. 3 D. Edmunds, D. 2. 4 I. James, R. 1. Heat Winner—W. Rees.

(24) Obstacle, under 13½.—1 R. Pugh, D. 5. (47 secs.). 2 J. Latham, L. 3. 3 D. G. Richards, G. 2. 4 L. Bennett, G. 1. Heat Winner—R. Crook.

(25) Sack Race, over 15.—1 H. Jones, D. 5. 2 R. Bater, R. 3. 3 D. Jones, G. 2. 4 A. Walters, G. 1. Heat Winner—R. G. Jones.

(26) Sack Race, 14—15. 1 W. M. Williams, L. 5. 2 H. Minney, R. 3. 3 I. Davies, L. 2. 4 E. John, L. 1. Heat Winner—G. Jones.

(27) Sack Race, 13½—14.—1 C. McCarthy, G. 5. 2 W. Greaves, G. 3. 3 I. James, R. 2. 4 E. Chapman, R. 1. Heat Winner—W. Rees.

(28) Sack Race, under 13½.—1 T. Coslett, R. 5. 2 D. G. Richards, G. 3. 3 G. Morgan, D. 2. 4 R. Crook, R. 1. Heat Winners—H. Smale, H. Lacy.

(29) 80 Yards Special, under 4 ft. 7 ins.—1 D. Hopkins, R. (11.3 secs.). 2 W. Rees, L. 3 E. Hillman, L.

(30) Old Boys' Race (220 yds).—1 H. C. Williams (27.6 secs.). 2 Harold Richards. 3 B. Telfer.

(31) Tug-of-War.—1 Llewelyn 2. 2 Dillwyn 1.

(32) Boat Race.—1 Llewelyn (S. G. Evans, Cox) 2. (34.2 secs.). 2 Roberts (K. Aubrey, Cox) 1.

(33) Despatch.—1 H. Martin (Senior) Grove 2. (57.2 secs.). 2 T. C. Thomas (Senior) Dillwyn 1.

(34) Chariot Race.—1 Llewelyn (W. M. Williams, Rider) 2. (16.5 secs.). 2 Roberts (D. Hopkins, Rider) 1.

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1—Roberts, 88. 2—Dillwyn, 61. 3—Grove, 56. 4—Llewelyn, 54.

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### MUSICAL FEASTS.

We have been treated to a number of delightful musical items since our last issue. Members of the School have entertained us during assembly, and Mr. Beynon has made very successful experiments in playing voluntaries on the gramophone. At 11.45 a.m. on Feb. 21st, the Seniors of both our and the Girls' School were given a concert under the auspices of the Swansea Chamber Music Society. Misses Monique Poole and Ethel Bankart played us Boccharini's "Duet in "G" and Spohr's "Duet for Two Violins." Miss Poole also gave us an example of Rimsky-Karsakof's descriptive music : "The Flight of the Bumble Bee." W. Morgan (4a) composed a tune set to the words of the Welsh hymn "Marchog Iesu." This, Mr. Beynon played in Hall.

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