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EDITORIAL.

This issue is probably unique in the history of the School Magazine. We have been so overwhelmed with contributions that it has proved extremely difficult to choose what to print. Many contributions, of an excellent standard, have had to be held over until the next number is published. This is the first number to contain cartoons, and it has a larger number of pages than any previous magazine. We hope that it will become even better in the near future. An effort is being made to include sections for the Welsh Society and the Old Boys' Association.

We have much pleasure in publishing in this number of the magazine an article by Mr John Gordge, who is an old boy of this School.

During the Summer Vacation we were shocked to hear the tragic news that Mr. John Mendus had been drowned. His death was a great blow to every one of us. He lives on, however, in the hearts of all who knew him. A photo of him and a short tribute are included in this number. We offer our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his family.

We welcome Messrs. Rees and T. Jones to the School Staff, and are pleased to have with us, as students doing teaching practice, Messrs. M. Harris, C. Davies, W. Sing,

and B. Thomas. Monsieur Poirel, of Epernay (Marne), is the successor to Monsieur Cauderc, and we sincerely hope that his year at Swansea will be a very happy one

On Prize Day, held July 29th, Mr. W. J. Davies (Chairman, Education Committee) presided, and the Mayoress (Mrs. T. A. Lovell) presented the prizes.

Armistice Day Service was held, as usual, and we were pleased to see the Old Dy'vorians represented there. One of them, Mr. Geo. Gent (1907-11), who saw a good deal of active service, addressed the School on the evils of war, and made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the League of Nations.

During the term the Cardiff Trio paid us a visit. Their programme, excellent selections from Haydn, Beethoven, De Fesch, Dvorak and Schubert, was very much enjoyed by the School, and we would appreciate further visits by them.

In conclusion, we wish everyone, old boys and present pupils, masters and students, a very happy Xmas.

SCHOOL NOTES.

SCHOOL SUCCESSES, 1930.

School Leaving Scholarships—

£50 per annum—S. Dunn.

£25 per annum—J. E. L. Bennett, G. J. Thomas.

L.E.A. Scholarship—

£50 per annum—W. H. E. Gullick.

Chamber of Commerce Scholarship—

£50 per annum—G. J. Thomas.

Welsh Church Scholarship—

£40 per annum—S. Dunn, G. H. James.

C.W.B. Higher Certificate—

S. Dunn (English, Latin, French), J. E. L. Bennett (English, French, History), and G. J. Thomas (Physics, Chemistry).

C.W.B. Senior Certificate—

R. C. Arnold, R. C. Bater, B. P. Bayton, W. Blackmore, F. G. Challis, T. H. Chandler, E. H. Clement, R. G. M. David, D. A. Davies, E. I. Davies, K. W. Devonald, A. H. Emanuel, T. J. Evans, B. R. Fisher, H. Goldberg, A. V. Grove, T. R. Henson, F. G. Hibbert, W. W. Higgs, D. N. Hopkins, D. M. Hughson, A. G. B. Hullin, D. Humphries,

C. K. James, W. E. James, A. Johnson, G. L. Jones, J. H. Jones, M. H. Jones, R. G. Jones, T. D. Jones, H. Joseph, E. V. Jungblut, T. R. R. Lewis, A. D. Leyshon, O. D. Maguire, P. W. Manning, D. H. Mason, P. L. Mason, J. E. McLeod, W. P. Morgan, H. J. Morris, B. Norris, W. J. Northcott, M. W. Northway, C. H. Payne, J. J. G. Powell, J. J. Pressdee, I. A. Radmore, F. G. Ridd, T. J. Rogers, R. C. Stuttle, R. J. C. Tarr, W. J. Tasker, L. G. Taylor, G. L. Thomas, G. E. Thomas, H. C. Thomas, K. B. Thomas, T. C. Thomas, W. M. Thomas, W. J. Thomas, E. L. Vagg, J. R. Walters, I. Williams, T. L. Williams.

Distinctions—R. C. Bater (Geography, Art), T. H. Chandler (History), E. H. Clement (Geography, Maths.), R. G. M. David (Geography), D. A. Davies (History, French), H. Goldberg (Bookkeeping), W. W. Higgs (Bookkeeping), D. M. Hughson (History), T. R. R. Lewis (Shorthand), H. J. Morris (History), M. W. Northcott (Shorthand), J. J. Pressdee (Chemistry), G. L. Thomas (Chemistry), H. C. Thomas (Geography, French, Maths., Chemistry, Art), T. L. Williams (Maths.).

LONDON MATRICULATION.

First Division—W. J. Evans.

Second Division—R. C. Arnold, R. A. Bowen, D. A. Davies, M. Francis, A. D. Matthews, H. R. Penhale, L. Rees, G. G. G. Rees, A. R. Walter.

Day Scholarships to the Technical College--

D. I. Hughes (Engineering Course).

Evening Scholarships to the Technical College—

J. H. Jones	T. D. Jones	A. Johnson
W. H. James	F. E. Drewett	R. Beynon

The Heads and Captains of Houses are—

Dillwyn—T. F. Minney (Head)	E. H. Prater (Captain)
Grove—T. H. Martin (Head)	A. R. Walter (Captain)
Llewelyn—D. Walter (Head)	D. Thomas (Captain)
Roberts—M. M. Davies (Head)	W. Higgs (Captain)

Form Captains for this Year are:—1a F. Williams, 1b J. Jones, 1c B. Harwood, 2a T. Coslett, 2b J. Smith, 2c A. Evans, 3a A. Searle, 3b J. Parker, 3c I. Price, 4a R. A. Evans, 4b R. Longhurst, 4c D. Humphreys, 4d K. Kennedy, V, D. Thomas, L. VI, A. D. Matthews, VI, J. M. Thomas.

Prefects for the year are:—Joint Head Prefects, J. M. Thomas and P. Roberts; Llewellyn House, D. A. Davies and D. Thomas; Roberts House, J. Solomon and M. M. Davies; Grove House, T. H. B. Martin and A. D. Matthews; Dillwyn House, T. F. Minney, and P. G. Morris.

The Dramatic Society is presenting "A Night at an Inn," on Dec. 18th and 19th. A French play, "Maître Pathelin," will also help to entertain what is hoped to be a very large audience.

The new School caps are a distinct improvement on the old ones.

There will be no more time wasted in "lines," for the new rule is to go into the School as soon as the bell is rung. This system is also better for checking "late" boys.

The two Senior Rugby Teams have been granted "free" afternoons for training. Consequently, there has been a rush to join the teams. The Inter-House Rugby League has certainly helped to raise the standard of rugby in the School.

The School is now engaged in a number of activities:—the Literary and Debating Society, the Swimming Club, the Choir, the Orchestra, Welsh Society, Rugby and Soccer teams, Dramatic Society, Life-Saving Society, etc.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The Debating and Literary Society.

On October 21st, a meeting was called by Messrs. D. H. Morgan and D. Davies for those interested in the formation of a Debating Society. It was decided to continue the Debating and Literary Society for the winter session. A committee was chosen, consisting of H. R. Forman, VIa (Chairman), E. James VIa, K. B. Thomas VIa, G. David VIa, and H. Goldberg VIa. D. A. Davies VIa and E. H. Clement VIa were elected joint secretaries. The committee set to work immediately, and the first debate was held on Thursday, Oct. 30th. The subject of the debate, a very appropriate one, was 'Should the construction of airships be continued?' The affirmative side was taken by L. G. Taylor VIa and H. M. Davies IVa, and the negative by A. D. Matthews VIa and L. Webb IVa. The affirmative side won by a narrow margin. The Chairman was Mr. John, the Headmaster, who

is also the President of the Society. The debate was a great success, and over 120 were present.

The next debate was held on Nov. 7th, the subject being "Is it to be regretted that Columbus discovered America?" The affirmative side was taken by J. M. Thomas VIa and Dennis IIIc, and the negative by P. Roberts VIa and R. Bater V. H. R. Forman was the chairman.

Congratulations were extended from all sides to the first year boy who so pluckily expressed his views. Slowly, but surely, the Society is succeeding in its primary object. The negative side won by 72 votes to 58.

As the first debate had been so successful, the committee decided to hold an Inter-House Debate on Nov. 14th. The opposing houses were Llewelyn and Roberts. The motion of the debate, "That Armistice Celebrations be discontinued" was supported by Llewelyn, represented by D. A. Davies VIa and S. N. Meredith VIa, and opposed by Roberts, represented by R. Bater V and W. Higgs V. The voting was left to the members of Dillwyn and Grove Houses, and Roberts won by 58 votes to 31. The chairman was E. James VIa. We are grateful to Mr. John for allowing the last lessson free to seniors to attend this debate.

The next debate was held on Nov. 28th. The motion, "That Science has done more for man's welfare than any other human activity," was supported by P. G. Morris VIs and E. H. Clement VIa of Dillwyn House, and was opposed by H. R. Forman VIs and Dennis IIIc of Grove House. Dillwyn won by two votes only—37—35. H. Goldberg VIa was the chairman. The final Inter-House Debate, between Roberts and Dillwyn, will probably be held this term.

We intend holding a Mock Trial at the commencement of next term, and perhaps a Mock Election also. Perhaps the only fault which has attended the debates, so far, is that too much of the speaking has been done from the platform. Supporters of the Society generally prefer listening to others than speaking for themselves; this is to be regretted.

Nevertheless, the Debating Society has been more successful this winter than it has ever been in the history of the School. This success is largely due to an energetic committee and the support of Mr. Ll. John and many masters.

D. A. DAVIES (VIa), E. H. CLEMENT (VIa),
Hon. Secs.

CYFARFOD CYNTAF Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG.

Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod cyntaf y Gymdeithas Nos Wener, Tachwedd 21. Llwyddodd y Pwyllgor i gael yr Athro Ernest Hughes, M.A. i, draddodi darlith i'r bechgyn. Ni wyddai yr Athro yn iawn, ar beth i siarad pan ymwelsom agef, a phender fynodd adael y testun yn agored.

Cherwydd, absenoldeb Llywydd y Gymdeithas sef Mr. Llewelyn John, ein prif athro, penodwyd Mr. J. T. Jones yn Gadeirydd y cyfarfod. Rhoddwyd croeso cynnes i'r Athro Ernest Hughes pan ddaeth i mewn i neuadd yr ysgol. Heb wastraffu dim amser dywedodd y Cadeirydd fod yr Athro yn barod i siarad ar unrhyw destun, ac yna galwyd arno i draddodi ei ddar lith.

Dywedodd yr Athro fod yn hoff ganddo glywed ieuencid yr oes yn siarad Cymraeg pa le Gynnag yr elent, ac nid siarad iaith arall er mwyn bodloni pobl ereill. Gan ein bod yn aelodau o Gymdeithas Gymraeg, dywedodd y dylem ymdrechu siarad yr iaith cyn rhugled byth ag y medrwn. Dywedodd mai Cymru yw'r unig wlad sydd wedi cadw'r iaith yn fyw, er ymweliad y Rhufeiniaid a'n gwlad, ac ar y llinellau hyn yr oedd am siarad am weddill y cyfar fod. Ei destun oedd "Perthynas y Cymry a'r Normaniaid yn y cyfnod 407-1066."

Yn ol hanes, y Normaniaid a adeiladodd y trefydd cyntaf yng Nghymru. Disgrifiodd y Norman fel "creadur athrylith gar anghyffredin a chanddo lygad craff." Gwyddai y Norman yn gywir beth oedd arno eisiau, a'r manau gorau i adeiladau cestyll. Am hynny y Normaniaid oedd yn gyfrifol am y castell cyntaf yng Nghymru. Craidd gallu y Norman oedd ei gastell; yn ei gastell y trigai, ac ni fentrai fyned allan ohono rhag ofn y Cymry. Diogelai'r castell fy wyd y Normaniaid ac yn y cestyll yr oedd yr unig ddiogelwch iddynt. Yn raddol sylweddolodd y Norman ei fod yn amhosibl iddo fyw ar ei ben ei hun ac felly denasant "blant Alis," o boegr i Gymru. Yna adeiladasant y Fwrdeistref (Borough). Anghyfarwydd oedd y Cymry a byw mewn trefydd. Peth cymharol ddiweddar gan y Cymry yw'r syniad hyn. Felly, mae'r trefydd, fel y cestyll yn Anghymreig. Nid oedd y Normaniaid yn ddigrefydd, ac yr oeddynt yn awyddus i adeiladu adeilad crefyddol, ac o ganlyniad sylfaenwyd y Priordai. Nid oedd y Norman byth yn fodlon. Yr oedd beunydd yn ymestyn am bethau newydd.

Ar ol i'r Norman faeddu a gyrru y Cymry o'r gwastadedd toréithiog i anialwch y mynyddoedd sefydlai Arglwyddiaeth. Cawn felly ym mhob hen dref yng Nghymru gastell a phriordy, er enghraifft—Aberhonddu, Abertawe. Caernarfon a Chydweili. Terfynodd ei ddarlith gan bwysleiso ei ddymuniad ar y dechrau, sef ar iuni siarad yr iaith cyu amled byth ag y medrwn ni ac wrth wneud hynny yr ydym yn dangos fod yr iaith Gymraeg yn fyw.

Dangosodd y bechgyn eu gwerthfawrogiad trwy guro dwylo a gwranddo'n astud yn ystod y ddarlith er bod rhai o'r "hen Normaniaid," sef yr Heddeidwaid, yn fawr eu trwst y tu allan i'r ysgol.

Cynigiwyd pleidlais o ddiolchgarwch i'r Athro gan Gadeirydd y Gymdeithas—D. A. Davies, ac eiliwyd y cyunig gan W. Higgs. Siaradodd G. L. Jones ychydig eiriau gan ddiolch i'r Athro am ei anerchiad diddorol, ac ategwyd yr ychydig sylwadau gan Mr. Rees, un o'r athrawon. Diolchodd yr Athro Ernest Hughes am y geiriau caredig, a dywedodd ei fod yn barod i gynnorthwyo'r Gymdeithas bob amser, a'i fod yn dymuno llwyddiant iddi.

B. E. JAMES (Ysgrifennydd).

MADAGASCAR.

Coming as a sequel to a fifteen hour journey, Tananarive proves somewhat upsetting to a newcomer's expectations of a tropical country, which has only seen a comparatively short time of European influence. Built on a number of hills, on the central plateau of Madagascar, it covers a wide area, and commands a view of the countryside for a radius of at least fifty kms. The palaces of the one-time rulers of the land are situated in the town, on a hill some 1,300 feet high. One hill, which is quite near to the town, caused an early King of Madagascar a great deal of perturbation, for it afforded excellent cover for his enemies, who often camped on the far side before raiding the town. So he called his councillors and said, "Remove it." Thousands of slaves were set to work, and it was only after they discovered that the hill was practically solid rock, and hundreds of slaves had perished in the attempt, that the venture was given up. Now, the hillside, scarred with deeply-cut trenches, stands as a permanent memorial to the enterprising monarch's initiative.

An adequate description of Tananarive calls for greater imagination and faculty than I possess, and I can only liken

it to a collection of gigantic church steeples. I have not seen sufficient level ground for a cricket-pitch, since leaving the coast. Sporting activities, in School-life, is therefore a negative quantity.

The streets, generally speaking, are very narrow, and a large number of the old palanquin tracks are still in everyday use, even in the town (Palanquins are covered-in conveyances borne on long poles, by four or six natives. A Palanquin track would therefore be a wide footpath.—Ed.) Transport is consequently very difficult, and while there are a fair number of European-owned motor cars, "pousse-pousse" (a kind of single-seater rickshaw), drawn and pushed by two men, are the usual means of travel, excepting in the country, where "filananza"—a primitive seat on two poles, carried by four men—are the only means of transport. Bullock-carts are used for heavy burdens, and naturally, "express delivery" is a feature very much absent from life in Madagascar.

The natives' shopping centres leave much to be desired, though the market place invites one to linger and absorb "local colour," to a very great degree. Electric light is practically universal in the European-owned houses, and when inside them, it is very difficult to imagine oneself in Lat. 18 degrees S., particularly as it is extremely cold in the morning and during the night. After experiencing temperatures of nearly 140 degrees in the Red Sea, the necessity for wearing overcoats is soon apparent. This is the cold season, but in a few months one is forced to wear the lightest clothes possible; but even now it is necessary to wear a helmet during the day time, and even during meals, because of the sunshine pouring in through the windows.

On my second night at the Capitol, a friend took me in his car to see a near district church at Ambohibelo, and on our return we encountered a procession, headed by a French tricolour. The participants were singing and dancing with great vigour, and I was surprised to see in the centre of the throng four bearers carrying a coffin slung on a bambo. They appeared to enjoying themselves, and occasionally the procession would halt while the bearers executed a backwards-forwards dance step. It was a "Fanadiana." The Malagasy are still to a great extent, ancestor worshippers, and pay periodical visits to their tombs, for the purpose of taking the remains of their predecessors for an "airing" and rewrapping them in the "lamba mena" (burial garment). The government have forbidden the opening of tombs within

four years, but, on the expiration of the limit, and at the appropriate time, the whole village assembles for the ceremony. So with beating of tom-toms and playing of music (!) the procession wended its way on a tour of the village. (To be continued). Mr. JOHN GORDGE, O.B.

THINGS WE'D LIKE TO KNOW.

- What happened to the School Parliament ?
- Who are the "skilled" tin-whistle players we hear so often ?
- Why is the "Terrace" never used ?
- Why aren't some coat hangers and a mirror provided in the lavatories ?
- What Sixth-Formers use scent ?
- Why not lessons in the yard on sunny days ?
- Who is the First-Year that believes in Father Xmas ?
- What Senior tried to "pass off" a poem, by a famous Welsh Bard, as being his own work ?
- Will there be House Socials this Term ? If not, why not ?
- What would past Six-Formers say if they saw the boys with "shorts" in the Sixth ?
- Who waves a certain Senior's hair ?

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

- "Dear Sir, I never wear a hat." (*Pro Publico*).
Then what do you talk through ?
- "Sir, I am short of money. Can you do something ?"
Come and join us, and *do* somebody.
- "What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object ?" (Einstein Junior).
The masters have passed this one on to the School Rugby forwards.
- "Mr. Editor, when is a man 'soft' ?" (Plus Four).
That's a "hard" one. Don't you know ?
- "Sir, does Mathematics make brains ?"
No, fish are usually blamed for that. Anyway, you need not worry.

"SPARK," L. VI ARTS.

FRENCH CORRESPONDENCE.

Thanks to the activities of M. Raymond Berthier, in Paris, and M. Raoul Ruault, at Avesnes-sur-Helpe, we have continued to receive interesting letters from our correspondents. This term we have been fortunate enough to secure sixteen new correspondents at Beauvais (Lycée Felix Faure), where M. Paul Laget, a former assistant-français at this School, is now the English master. We would like to record our very sincere thanks to our correspondents in Beauvais for the very interesting Guide they have presented to our Library.

An extract from one letter received by W. P. Morgan V this term is worthy of insertion in this number, as it deals with the tragic loss of the R 101.

"En allant à Mèru au marché, nous avons découvert l'épouvantable vision du R 101—spectacle horrible à voir, dont on voudrait se cacher les yeux, mais qu'on ne peut quitter—quelle carcasse! En allant, nous n'avons pas eu le temps de nous arrêter, mais, à midi en rentrant nous nous sommes allés sur les lieux!

Ils cherchaient encore deux corps—les autres étaient en route à mettre en bière—nous avons vu encore trois à nu—tout noirs, dans des positions bizarres, mais tous, sans exception, les mains sur les yeux.

Plusieurs petits avions anglais et français venaient atterrir à côté après avoir fait plusieurs tours—trois goliaths sont passés, faisant chacun deux tours presque audessus de nos têtes. D'un des petits est descendu l'attaché militaire, le drapeau a été détaché du dirigeable, et tenu par deux Anglais, salué, photographié—c'est touchant—d'après un berger qui couchait à côté avec ses moutons. Après la chute, pendant un temps—presque un quart d'heure—il a entendu des cris déchirants. Il ne pouvait s'approcher, les explosions se succédant—l'après—midi, quelle foule de gens de voitures, inimaginable.

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SOME ODDS AND ENDS.

A blizzard is the inside of a duck.

A snore is a report from headquarters.

Cæsar's last words were . . . "Eh, you brute."

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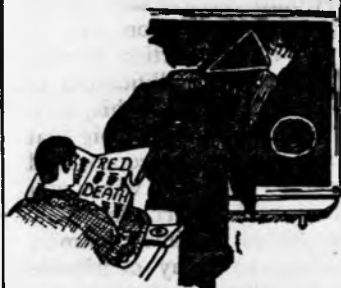
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above the quack."—*The Press.*

SUGGESTIONS.

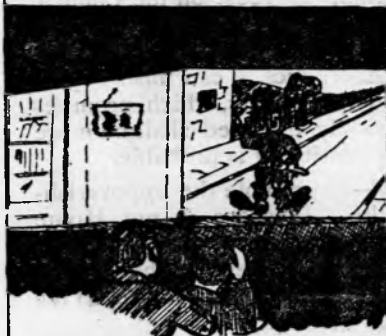
A vicar recently provided his choir-boys with "killers", to be read during boring sermons.



Why not introduce the idea into uninteresting geometry lessons?



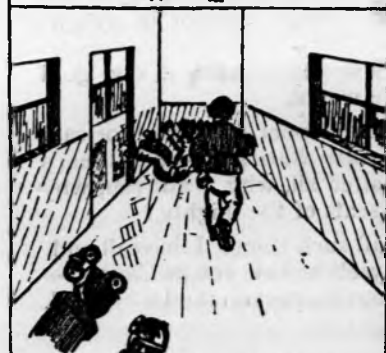
"Bad boys" might be consoled with toffee-apples.



"Film-fans" could be given programs in the Geography Room.



Wholes for those not fascinated by the Atomic Theory



Or skating in the corridors might even be allowed.

This space is for people with suggestions of their own to draw them.

N.B.

No prizes for the best ideas, but tell them to your form-master.

Robt. C. Butler. Vite

TO THE ELECTORS OF TANYWOMP.

Last night (or the night before the last one), deputations from the Cwmawt and the Tanywomp Association waited upon me to prevail on me with tears and kisses from two till stop tap, to stand up (on my cork leg) in this election as your blessed candidate, and I have the greatest jollification to announce to all and sundries that I *will* (mark this) condescension to offer my whole ability to win over this big seat from the Energetic Party, which can easily be accompanied if the working unemployees of this ward and their wives will but jot down their crosses where their real and true love lies. The Energetic Party ave been able always to shove up men who ave been able to dish out money to many charitable institutes. But, my boys, this will not solve any of the multitudinous Tanywompian problems, nor should this seemful benevolence entitle even a tramp to roost on the Council. Tanywomp and its suburbians to-day are tollerating from the result of over-work in industries. These things cannot be betterised by voting for the Energetics, I can insure you. Your fire-guard is the Calathumpian Party, which promises to see that what has been so goodly provided shall be more equally shared (by them) if the possibility is probable.

My foreign policy is—briefly—to promote the impoverishment of Heducation and Ealth. Likewise is my Home Insurance Policy.

Circumstances (for instance my cork leg) in the last 99 years ave andicapped me in trying to stand up (Straight) for the Calathumpian proportion of opinion.

I think to myself that it's about time anyhow for you, good and kind people that you are, to have a heducated person to sit for you alone, for I have the honour and blessing, as you are well observant, to be the managing director of Swigit, Pluggim, Diddlim & Co.

I am a heavy ratepayer (19 stone 10 without my gold chain) and I know all your little wants.

My election motto is, as the Latin poet once said (or said once)—*Mihi Ten Quid est Bonum Summum*—and them's my sentiments as well. For, after all, why, I ask you, why put a huneducated man on the seats of the mighty?

Irrespectively of beliefs and all such things I haveall and every conference in pushing myself before you as Canned—idate and asking for your strenuous support on the 1st of April.

Yours sobfully,

"SPARK," Lower VI.

I. M. STANDING, Esq., O.K.

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG.

Y mae'n hysbys i mi nad oedd unrhyw fyfyrwr wedi mentro ysgrifennu daru o Gymraeg i'r "Magazine" yn y gorffennol hyd llynedd. Camsyniad mawr yw hyn, pan gofiwn mai yng "ngwlad yr eisteddfodau a'r cymanfaoedd" yr ydym yn byw. Yn y dyddiau a fu, yr oedd Cymdeithas Ddadlau Saesneg yn yr Ysgol, ac weithiau chwaraeid Drama Ffrangeg gan y bechgyn, ond nid oedd son am gyflawni pethau tebyg yn Gymraeg.

O'r diwedd, mae dymuniad rhai o wlatgarwyr Cymraeg yr ysgol, wedi ei sylweddoli, ac yr ydym ni yn falch iawn fod ein hathro newydd wedi ymgymryd a'r gwaith o sefydlu Cymdeithas Gymraeg yn yr Ysgol, ac yr ydym yn ei groesawu i'w ysgol newydd.

Er mwyn llwyddiant y Gymdeithas yma, y mae'r Pwyllgor yn deisyf, ar i bob Cymro yn yr ysgol ei chefnogi, trwy fod yn bresennol yn y cyfarfodydd o'r dechreu hyd y diwedd. Nid cy far fodydd dadlau yn unig a gynhelir o wythnos i wythnos, ond cawn ddarlithiau, a chyngherddau er mwyn amrywio ychydig ar ein difyrrwch. Ni bydd ein rhaglen yn gyflawn heb berfformio Drama yn ystod y flwyddyn, a phan ddaw'r Cylchgrawn allan o'r wasg, bydd y gwaith wedi hir ddechrau.

Penodwyd y canlynol yn aelodau o'r Pwyllgor:—

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Cadeirydd—D. Andrew Davies, VI.

Trysorydd—Kenneth Thomas, VI.

Tŷ Roberts—Wilfrid Higgs, V ; Gwyn Davies, IVd.

Tŷ Llewelyn—David Walters, V ; G. L. Jones, VI.

Tŷ'r Grove—L. John, IVb ; H. J. Morris, V.

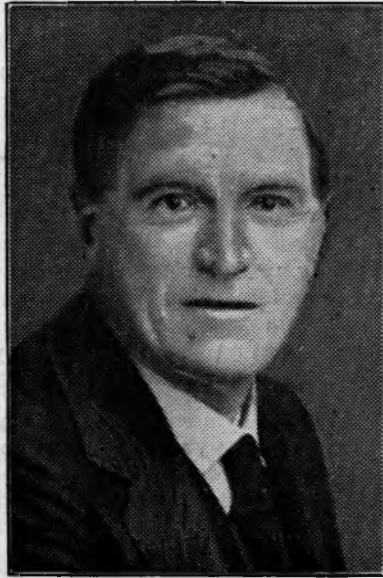
Tŷ Dilwyn—Trevor Phillips, IVc ; Emlyn James, VI ; E. H. Clement, VI.

Cyfarwyddwr Cerddoriaeth—Mr. G. W. Beynon.

Llyfrgellydd—Mr. J. T. Jones.

Rhodder pob awgrym yn glyn a gwella trefniadau'r Gymdeithas i'r Ysgrifennydd neu unrhyw aelod o'r Pwyllgor

B. E. JAMES (Ysgrifennydd).



In Memoriam.

Mr. JOHN MENDUS.

A few days after breaking up for the summer holidays we were all shocked to hear that our friend and colleague, Mr. Mendus, had been the victim of a drowning accident at Fall Bay, Rhosilly.

The news was received with a sense of acute personal loss by all. We at School, who knew him so intimately and who were able to realize and envy his strong physique, his boundless energy and his sterling qualities, felt that we had been deprived of a strong influence for good, which it would be difficult to replace. The town, too, has lost in him one who touched its life at many points. He had for many years been Secretary of the Sunday School Union. His enthusiasm, energy and organising abilities combined to make his work in this connection something which will always be remembered with gratitude. Always ready to help, but hating publicity, he "did good by stealth and blushed to find it fame."

He was an Old Boy of the School and was appointed a member of the staff on leaving the Borough Road Training College, London, in 1905. He always took a great interest in all matters associated with the School, and had for many years done his best to foster Rugby Football among the Juniors and Seniors.

A Memorial Service was held in the Hall of the School on Tuesday, 16th September. The Headmaster, Mr. John, referred to the great loss we have sustained, to the good work Mr. Mendus has done in the School and town, and to his exemplary character and tireless industry. A vote of sympathy with Mrs. Mendus and the family was passed.

SIDELIGHTS ON CAMP LIFE.

Bell and I had always been pals, so, this year we went camping together. Tuesday saw us in School, Saturday evening saw the tent pitched in Mewslade Valley, the stores stored and two weary but happy boys sitting down to a well-earned supper.

The following day, as we were coming "home" after a "dip" in Mewslade, we noticed a poor old Cormorant tied with a length of string to a rock. My friend was very indignant at this outrage on a harmless wild bird, but, since the felon who had perpetrated the crime was not to be seen, we had to content ourselves with releasing the bird. It was too weak to fly, and it looked really ill, so we called it Herbert. Well, now we had the bird, so to speak, we knew not what to do with it. Eventually, we carried Herbert to Base Rock, a lonely rock between Cathedral Rock and Devil's Chain Rock, and one surrounded by the sea at high water. You see, to-morrow would be Bank Holiday Monday, so Herbert, we thought, had better beware of the trippers. For two days we fed that bird on sardines at ninepence a tin, and after all that, it flew away in the night, without giving us the satisfaction of seeing it soar into its native air. Ingratitude, I call it.

Then there was that affair of the "walking drinking-mug." Our crockeries, mostly enamel-ware, were always found hanging on the floor outside the tent. Now one moonlight night I could not go to sleep, so I lay wake listening to my partner's gentle snores and wondering which of my "Higher"

papers had been marked that day (French, I thought . . . just my luck . . .) . . . when I suddenly became aware of a rattling and rummaging outside. So, feeling brave, I pushed up the flap of the tent, and, to my great bewilderment, saw an enamel mug, slowly bobbing away from the tent at about twenty-five yards distance. Therefore I awoke Bell and told him many things of ghosts, etc., and also that either his mug or my mug was leaving us without saying "goodbye." He mumbled that he was much too tired to fight just then, and that *his* face was staying where it was. Well, I explained that I meant an enamel mug, so, on that, he arose, picking up a handy hatchet, and followed me. Sure enough, there was the old mug bobbing away at about fifty yards distance, and in no particular hurry. Slowly, and with sundry melodramatic motions, we surrounded it in our pyjamas, I mean, we, clothed only in our pyjamas, surrounded it. (Funny language English, you know !), and what do you think the mystery was,—a hedgehog. Yes, one of those spikey things you see dead on the main road sometimes. Evidently, this hedgehog had "nosed" in after the sugar at the bottom of the mug, and now his prickles prevented him backing out by catching in the rim. Unlike a parable, this was a "heavenly" mystery solved with a very earthly (or earthy) meaning.

Then there was the time we were lost on the Downs. Yes, one can get really lost in Gower. I remember in 1924 . . . "but that" as Kipling says "is another story." This year, at any rate, we were completely and absolutely lost. You see, we had been to Llangennith, and as dusk was deepening into night, visions of camp and hot coffee floated before our eyes, and eagerly we set out. It began to rain hard. My word ! You could not see two yards ahead. We wandered from nine till twelve o'clock, in a bog, sometimes up to our knees in water, and sometimes up to our waists in gorse.

Well, at the end of those three hours, Milton's "Serbonian Bog" had become a mere puddle in my opinion. . . .

Small wonder that we felt the effects of that night for weeks and weeks.

Yet these things will happen. They are more pleasant to look back upon, than to experience.

J. E. L. BENNETT, (O.B.).

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

I turn back once again—to the School Mags.,
And wonder why on earth such trash
Was e'er inflicted on the suffering youth
Who, somehow, found the necessary cash.

The Editorial—bless the word
T'were better designated "utter tripe,"
And Form Notes, sacrosanct in form
Deserve what blackboards get—a wipe.

Pray reader think me not—a staunch
Iconoclast—unheeding of tradition
T'were better for that we—should brighter be
Cast gloomy rubbish to perdition
And hail the dawn of happier things
The joyous birth of Merry Mirth
And worthy effort—which transcend
The fleeting hours and pass
Into that which can be ours for all Eternity.

"SPARK," LOWER VI.

THE ORDEAL OF THE MATRIC.

When I had fears that, 'fore my work was done,
The bell would ring, the clock's hands indicate
Yet one more minute ere the voice of one,
Whose painful task t'was to invigilate,
Would summon all the candidates to release
Themselves from toil, thus ent'ring in that state
Of great suspense, when all hearts nearly cease,
As in the Hall they listen to their fate:
Thus t'was that in my last endeavour vain,
Racking my wretched brain to find some way
Aptly to turn some Latin phrase unbane,
I thought I'd found life's uttermost dismay;
But, as I felt I'd drown in deepest seas
Of misery, the Voice cried, "Stop now, please!"

A.R.W. LOWER VI, Arts.

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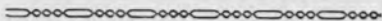
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SENIOR RUGBY.

Before mentioning this season's rugby, we, of the Senior Rugby Team, must express our deep sorrow and terrible loss by the death of Mr. Mendus. He acted ably, at once, as trainer, adviser, referee, doctor, and everything desirable in a sportsmaster, to the rugby team. Only after his death did we realize what he had done for us. All that was possible was done to show our sorrow and appreciation, in the sending of a wreath from the team, and the wearing of armlets on our first match of the season, but, like these few words, they were but paltry tokens of our indebtedness to him.

However, his position could not possibly be filled by a worthier successor than Mr. Abraham. Already, approximately two months after the commencement of the season, he has effected a reformation, which, I think we can claim to say, is unprecedented in the history of the School Senior Rugby; for on Friday, 21st November there appeared astounding lists on the notice board. There were seven teams, representing Senior Rugby, to play on Saturday morning. The First XV were not playing, and so were not one of the seven sides, but were scattered amongst them. Unfortunately, the characteristic Swansea weather intervened with our arrangements, and not one of the matches was played although a number of the selected ones turned up, and, naturally loath to change in the open, in pouring rain and stormy blast, they were forced to return home, damp in body and spirit.

In the First Team, also, a great improvement has been made, for a type of open, handling game has been established, and has proved effective when we obtained possession, which must lead to good football.

A promising start was made, at home, against Ystradgynlais, when the School won by 32 pts.—0 pts. This was followed by an equally good win against Pontardawe by 20 pts.—3 pts. Then the School met their superiors, in terrible weather at Llanelly where we were defeated by 20 pts.—3 pts.

Next came the Grammar School match at St. Helen's, when we had the unusual experience of being supported by a large number of Mun. Sec. boys and Masters. The score was 38 pts.—Nil, in the Grammar School's favour, and all witnesses of the game, who are acquainted with this sport, agreed upon the brilliancy of our opponents rather than the weakness of our side.

The last game was played at and against Gowerton. We came away undeserved losers by 9 pts.—3 pts.

At the General Meeting at the commencement of the Season, the following officials were elected :—Captain, I. Evans ; Vice-Captain, A. D. Matthews ; Hon. Secretary, A. D. Matthews ; Hon. Sec. of "A" Team, S. N. Meredith ; Committee Members : T. Minney, R. G. Jones and T. C. Thomas.

Owing to some officials leaving, or being indisposed, new members we elected on Nov. 10th, and the following Committee now sits :—Mr. L. Abraham, R. Fairs (Captain), A. D. Matthews (Vice-Capt. and Hon. Sec.), S. Meredith (Hon. Sec. of "A" Team), T. Minney, E. S. Miles and E. Prater.

We must congratulate D. S. Jones, our forward, who represented the School in the Mid-Glamorgan Secondary Schools Final, at Neath, and who may be the means of procuring a "cap" for the School.

May I close with an appeal to the School—Strengthen your team by trying your own hand at the game, for you may be a potential international.

A. D. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.

THE SENIOR RUGBY "A" TEAM.

At the beginning of the Term, it was proposed to have a Seconds Team, as last year, and S. N. Meredith was elected as Secretary. After a meeting, however, it was decided to drop this project, so that a weekly, House League series of matches could be carried on, but that an "A" Team should be chosen to play off the Seconds' Fixture List. The first match, against Glanmor, resulted in a win for the School by 11 pts.—Nil. This promising start was maintained when the "A" Team won at Ystradgynlais by 8 pts.—3 pts. Against the Grammar School Seconds, however, we were undeserved losers by 3 pts.—Nil, the School having most of the play throughout the game.

The return game with Glanmor resulted in a win by 5 pts.—3 pts., and in the home game with Ystradgynlais, the "A" Team again won by 16 pts.—8pts.

Record to date—	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.
	5	4	1	40	17

S.N.M. (Hon. Sec.).

JUNIOR RUGBY.

In the first real match of the Season, we beat Hafod by 9 pts.—Nil. This good start, however, was not maintained, and the School lost to Dyfatty 9 pts.—Nil, Danygraig 12 pts.—Nil, and Brynmill 8 pts.—3 pts. In the next match, against Pentrepoeth, we were unlucky to lose by a try, which was scored in the last minute of the game. Two matches, with Townhill and Glanmor, have not been played, owing to adverse weather conditions.

Four boys have received a Town Trial, namely : Mendus (3a) and R. Evans (2c) from the forwards, and Latham (2c) and Dann (2c) from the backs. The last-mentioned has proved a very successful back, and A. Mendus a most able leader. The scorers were : Latham and Greaves, try each (v. Hafod), and Jenkins, a try (v. Brynmill). T.J.W.

FIVES.

A successful Fives Championship was held last Term. The Senior Champion was E. Miles, and W. Higgs was the runner-up. In the Junior Section, W. J. Williams was the Champion, and E. Cox, runner-up. It is hoped that an official tournament will be held this year.

MUN. SEC. SWIMMING CLUB.

1st Class Swimmers (two lengths Breast Stroke, two lengths Free Style, and one length Back Stroke without arms. Time limit, 140 secs.).—H. G. Williams, 120 secs. ; S. Hutchinson, 139 secs. ; A. Broadbent, 132 secs.

2nd Class Swimmers (two lengths Back Stroke, and two lengths Free Style) —J. H. Moore, D. Treharne, D. Mitchell, C. Meech, J. Latham, G. Webster, R. Crook, J. Court, K. Crabbe, E. Humphries, J. G. Treharne, Trevor Lewis, C. Earrey, A. D. Thomas, S. G. Evans, D. Hopkins, M. Northway, B. Harwood, G. Morgan, Len. Davies.

3rd Class Swimmers (two lengths Free Style)—A. Dadds, B. Hilles, H. Paton, A. L. Davies, J. F. Thomas, F. Wilding, K. Marsh.

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THE SWIMMING CLUB.

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and G. Powell.

Captain—H. G. Williams, (4d).

Hon. Secretary—A. R. Walter, L. VI (Arts).

This Club, although still in its infancy, is perhaps the most flourishing of the School's outside activities. This, I venture to say, is, to a great extent, due to the unceasing efforts of Mr. A. Jones.

The weekly meetings of this institution at the Baths are well attended, more especially by the Juniors. As Mr. John said in assembly a short time ago "We should like every boy in the School to be a good swimmer." The Club is now going strongly, and if the boys give their best support in the future, this should not be at all difficult. The present membership is 170.

Last Term, Junior and Senior House Championships were held. These were keenly contested, the former being won by Grove House, and the latter by Dillwyn. Grove was the runner-up.

The Junior School Championship, held at the Baths, on July 31st, was won by J. H. Moore (Grove), and the Senior won by H. G. Williams (Llewelyn). These two were presented with medals, which were kindly given by the Swansea Swimming Club. J.G. Treharne was entered for the 100 yards Breast Stroke Championship of Wales, but was not successful. In the Schools' Squadron Race, we were beaten by the Grammar School. Mr. Burgess' Life Saving Classes have now finished for the winter. It is to be hoped that next Term, they will recommence with greater vigour, and there is no reason why some of the members should not gain the Proficiency Certificate of the National Life-Saving Society.

We must express our great indebtedness to Professor Coates, for the wonderful work he has done in the teaching of so many of our boys, to swim and to dive.

So it must be seen that the Swimming Club is progressing in good style under the valuable guidance of Professor Coates, and I hope that in the future our achievements will be many.

ARTHUR WALTER (VI), Hon. Sec.

JUNIOR SOCCER.

Congratulations to Islwyn James (4a) on being appointed Captain for the ensuing Season, which holds brighter prospects than the last.

The first match at Victoria Park, against Plasmarl, the newcomers to the League, resulted in a rather easy win for the School by 4—0. The high wind spoiled the game as a spectacle. The scorers were I. James (2), L. Morgan (1), and T. Coslett (1).

In the following "away" match at Singleton, the School deservedly defeated Rutland Street by a margin of 4—1, which would have been larger if the forwards had not been "shooting-shy." T. Coslett (1), T. S. Evans (2), and L. Morgan (1) were the scorers.

The only happening of note in the next match with St. David's, at Singleton, was the "hat-trick" performed by L. Morgan. The School won by 3—1.

Against St. Helen's, at Singleton, the stiffest obstacle encountered as yet, the School again won by 2—0. This was a good performance considering the very heavy state of the ground. T. S. Evans and S. Coslett scored a goal each.

St. Joseph's broke the winning sequence of the School in a hard game which ended in a draw 1—1. For the School, a splendid goal was scored by G. Smith (1b).

Several boys have received trials with the Town School-boys, but we must especially congratulate Parker (3b) on being selected to play against Mountain Ash and Barry.

News has just come to hand also, of Is. James (4a) being selected in the English Shield match with Barry.

"Heartiest congrats." to our Junior Soccer Captain !

The School record to date (Nov. 10th) is as follows :—

Goals					
P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.
5	4	0	1	14	3
R.L. (4b).					

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Before enumerating the various activities of the Old Boys' Association during the year, a short history of the movement, from its inception, will be of interest.

It was in December, 1929 that there was formed a small committee consisting of the late Mr. Mendus and Mr. S. C. Hopkins, of the School Staff, and Messrs. Hubert Thomas and E. H. Evans, representing the University Students. As a result of their combined action, a General Meeting of all Old Boys' was held in the School Hall on the 3rd Jan., 1930, when the following officials were elected :—President, Mr. W. A. Beanland ; Committee Members, Messrs. Llewelyn John (Chairman), D. H. Thomas (Vice-Chairman), David Davies (Treasurer), E. H. Evans (Secretary), S. Leyshon, G. Powell, B. Cox and R. L. Wilson.

The first smoking concert was held in the School Hall on Feb. 8th, when the new building was thrown open, for inspection, to the Old Boys. Over 80 members attended, and a very enjoyable evening was spent singing Community Songs. The meeting decided that the name of the Association should be "The Old Dy'vorians," an abbreviated form of "The Old Dynevorians," and the following gentlemen were elected Vice-Presidents :—Mr. Llewelyn John, B.Sc., Mr. T. J. Rees, B.A., Director of Education, Mr. J. D. Williams, Editor of "Daily Post," Alderman M. E. Rees, Councillor Percy Morris, and the Rev. J. S. Crole.

The next function was a Whist Drive and Supper, held at the Baltic Lounge on Thursday, March 27th, when the School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. George Beynon, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.O., helped considerably in the making of a successful evening. Between 70 and 80 Old Boys participated in a very enjoyable game of whist, Messrs. A. B. Jones and T. E. Rees kindly acted as M.C's. The prize offered by Mr. A. B. Jones was won by Mr. D. T. Francis, of Cwmbwrla.

Early in August, the Association sustained a great loss in the tragic death of one of its founders—Mr. John Mendus, who showed such enthusiasm in the initial stages, when the constitution and membership of the Old Dy'vorians were being considered. Many Old Boys showed their respect by attending the funeral, and at the next meeting of the Association it was unanimously decided to place on record the very valuable services rendered by Mr. Mendus.

In October, the Old Dy'vorians lost the much appreciated services of Mr E. H. Evans, who left to take up a teaching post in Hereford. The best wishes and sincere thanks of the Association are tendered to its first Secretary. Mr. Arthur Jones, of the School Staff, and Mr. E. D. Parkhouse, of the University Students, very kindly consented to act temporarily as joint Secretaries. These gentlemen are assured of our sincerest thanks and confidence in the ultimate result of their enthusiasm and untiring efforts

The second Smoking Concert and General Meeting was held in the School Hall on Thursday, 30th Oct., Mr. W. A. Beanland in the chair. Over 80 Old Boys attended, and many new members were enrolled. Under the direction of Mr. George Beynon, the School Orchestra again provided a musical programme, from 7 to 7.30 p.m., and justly merited the very appreciative comments made by the members. Mr. Elwyn Rees (pianist) conducted very hearty Community Singing, and arranged items by Messrs. Trev. Morgan, and John Lewis. We congratulate Mr. Rees on being accompanist to such an excellent body of singers as the Morriston Male Choir, and thank him for his readiness, at all times, to assist our Association. Mr. W. Bryn Thomas, M.A., (Headmaster of Glanmor Secondary School), an Old Dy'vorian, and a late member of the staff at this School, acknowledged the congratulations and good wishes of the Association, and spent quite a happy evening renewing old acquaintances. Mr. T. C. Rees was again kind enough to conduct the Whist Drive, in which Messrs. F. H. Daniel and R. Goatman were top scorers. The Chairman reported that splendid progress had been made, and that the Association had been represented in the various School functions:—Annual School Sports at St. Helen's, Prize Distribution, and Armistice Service.

COMING EVENTS.

Friday, Dec. 5th—Smoking Concert in School Hall.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18th and 19th—Dramatic Performance by present pupils of the School.

Past v Present Rugby Match—Arrangements being made by Messrs. Leslie Abraham and E. Parkhouse.

Any correspondence, suggestions, contributions to School Magazine, etc. will be welcomed by the Secretary at the School.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES.

Congratulations to Old Boys:

T. R. Williams—First in 1st Class Hons., LL.B. (Lond.), First in Final Examination of Law Society, and awarded the John Macknell Prize. Scholarship of £50, and University Gold Medal.

P. L. Jones—Final Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.

Horace J. Richards and Leonard Hearne—Placed 9th and 62nd respectively, out of 543 candidates for appointment to the Customs and Excise Dept.

T. Elwyn Jones—Clerkship in Borough Treasurer's Dept.

A. Llewellyn—Clerkship in County Court.

R. Gully—Clerkship in County Court.

Cecil G. Jones—B.Sc. (Econ.) Lond.

R. W. Norman—Diploma of Royal Sanitary Institute (Appointment at Derby).

We congratulate D. H. Thomas on being elected President of the Students Union Council (Univ. College, Swansea) for the year 1930-31.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. F. Rees, an Old Boy, is the President of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce for this year. We wish him a very pleasant year of office.

THE STORM.

The sky is dark, the sun is hidden,
The distant thunder rumbles near;
The child beholds the heavens with fear,
Seagulls cry out like children chidden.

With majesty the tempest breaks,
The leaden clouds blaze forth anon;
The rain descends, its battle won,
Changing big pools to little lakes.

The foam-tipped waves crash on the shore,
Churning and seething as they break;
O'er hanging cliffs loom up before,
Tempestuous seas swell in their wake.

Once more the threatening clouds recede,
The sun beams forth upon the world;
Cattle graze peaceful in the mead.
The storm its battle flag has furl'd.

D. A. DAVIES, L. VIa.

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5l Brace V. G. J.	9420r Jones D. H. R.	5l Smallldon A.C.
6l Bromham T. J.	1g Jones E. W.	6g Smith G. E.
7g Bromham L.H.	2l Jones J. E.	7d Stacey G. C.
8g Clement T. J.	3d Jones K. M.	8l Standish W.H.
9g Collins R.A.T.	4r Joseph E. W.	9l Tasker D. N.
2390l Cooper C. C.	5d Latham S. R.	2460r Thissen H.
1g Court J. H.	6r Lewis, I. J.	1r Thomas A. G.
2l Davies, D. S.	7l Lewis K. J.	2d Thomas D. M.
3r Daniel H. A.	8r Macleod C. N.	3g Thomas D. B.
4r Davies H. G.	9g Magoon J.	4r Thomas F.
5d Davies H.	2430d Marsh K. H.	5g Thomas, Eric
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7d Davies W. G.	2r Mitchell C.	7l Thomas, J. E.
8g Donnelly S.P.	3r Molloy R. P.	8d Thomas, R. H.
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