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### EDITORIAL.

For some time past, the editorials of the Magazines have been chiefly concerned with the various changes taking place in the School and the School buildings. After all the various upheavals, we are now definitely settled down, and have adapted ourselves to the new conditions. There is one thing, however, which is still gradually changing for the better, and that is the School Magazine. In the first place we have adopted a more artistic cover, which we trust will please all our readers. The last issue contained a greater number of pages than any previous number, and the present issue includes a supplement of photographs of the Rugby Team, the Cast of the Welsh Play, and the Opera "Maritana." The introduction of cartoons is another popular feature. Our "advertising campaign" has worked wonders, and no future editors need worry about contributions, if they adopt the same plan.

The Old Dy'vorians' Association has very kindly offered two prizes for the best junior and the best senior contribution, and we take this opportunity of conveying our grateful appreciation of their thoughtfulness in offering these prizes, and for their keen interest in all matters of the "old school." The winner of the junior prize is J. S. Tranter, 1c, the "runners up" being E. W. Jones, 1c, and T. J. Wells, 3a. Two contributors share the senior prize, viz.—S. Puleston, 4c, and S. N. Meredith. Owing to lack of space we are able to print only one junior contribution—that of the winner. Some of the others may be included in the future.

The new cricket nets are proving a great success, and are helping to encourage the sport in the school. By helping to produce an invincible team, they should repay the initial outlay. The School is doing exceedingly well, not only in examinations, but also in out-of-school activities.

After the wonderful success of the dramatic performances came the achievement of the Swimming Club 'A' team, which won the Swansea Schools' Squadron Handicap Race. Trevor Lewis won the 50 yards Championship of Swansea (under 13) and the George Williams' Shield, with Ben Harwood, a very close second. Still more recently J. Jones, 1B, has distinguished himself by winning a Cup and Medal, and being declared the Junior Champion Gymnast of Wales. Despite this increasing efficiency in sport, the academic side of School life is not suffering. It is, if anything, improving.

We look forward to seeing a record number of boys pass the C.W.B. and Matriculation Examinations, this year. To all those who are entrants we extend our best wishes and the "Best of Luck."

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### SCHOOL NOTES.

We have had the pleasure of two visits from the Cardiff Trio. The Seniors, unfortunately, were unable to attend.

There are no Junior Soccer Notes this time. This is the fault of the boy to whom the task was allotted. Despite repeated requests we have not received a report.

The Lower VI Sc., in company with a few Masters, were enabled by the generosity and kindness of an Old Dy'vorian—Mr. G. R. Goldsworthy to visit the Mannesman Tube Works where, after an enjoyable tour of the various departments, they were royally entertained. Great was the envy of their less fortunate schoolmates when a charabanc arrived to convey the party to the Works. This kind of trip is greatly enjoyed, and is also very educative. Once again we thank the Old Dy'vorians and Mr. Goldsworthy for what they are doing for the School.

Many new books have been added to the School Library, and these will soon be available for borrowers.

One of the contributors suggests that we should have a "School Tuckshop." It would be a welcome innovation to those who feel they need sustenance during the interval and the dinner hour.

The change in the holidays has meant that many have had to forego their usual Whitsun Camp.

The most progressive Junior Form—1b has many institutions which might, with benefit, be emulated by other forms. It has a form council to deal with wrongdoers, a secretary, a desk steward, and a good motto—"It shall be done." The Form Master tells us that they have another motto—"Deeds not words." Judging from the results we think that these innovations are proving advantageous to all, and conducive both to the form spirit and to smooth working.

We were pleased to see representatives of the Old Boys present at the School Sports, the Dramatics, and at the Gala.

The cricket and rugby teams declare that they would like the girls from "over yonder" to serve the food, after matches.

Apparently this is quite regular in all other schools visited.

May we remind some of the tired ones that the cricket nets are not hammocks, neither were they meant to lean against.

No mention of Form Picnics has been made yet. This is due probably to the deplorable weather we have lately experienced.

A policeman—one of the mobile type—visited one of the Masters at the School. We feared that we were going to lose him but fortunately (who said alas?) it was only a friendly visit.

The Juniors almost monopolise the Fives Courts nowadays. There has been no tournament, as was hoped, this term.

1C Form Room is still flooded on occasions by the leakage in the waste system of the "Chem. Lab."

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO :—

K. W. Devonald, L. J. Griffiths, H. J. Morris, and J. J. Press  
 who passed the Welsh Matriculation last January.

J. Jones, the Junior Champion Gymnast of Wales.

F. T. Williams, who won second prize in the solo contest of  
 the Eisteddfod of the "Urdd Gobaith Cymru."

The School Squadron "A" Team who won the Swansea  
 Schools Squadron Handicap Race.

Trevor Lewis, 50 Yards Champion of Swansea (under 13).

B. Harwood, who was a very close second to him.

Mr. J. T. Jones, on the success of the Welsh Play in the Urdd  
 contest.

Mr. Beynon, on the magnificent performance of the players  
 in "Maritana."

Mr. T. Morgan, on the success of the scenery, costumes, and  
 effects.

Mr. A. Jones, on his initiative on behalf of the Swimming  
 Club, and on the splendid results gained by it.

A. D. Matthews (Hon. Sec. of Rugby Team) on his "Supreme  
 Optimism."

Is. James on being awarded his International Cap on 3 occasions

## URDD GOBAITH CYMRU FACH—ADRAN DINEFWR.

Unwaith eto gelwir arnaf i ysgrifennu i GYLCHGRAWN yr Ysgol ar ran aelodau'r Urdd sydd yn perthyn i Adran Dinefwr.

Sefydlwyd yr Urdd yng Nghymru gan Mr. Ifan ab Owen Edwards, ac erbyn heddiw y mae ei ymdrechion wedi dwyn ffrwyth. Ar gais ein hathro Cymraeg, ymunasom a'r Urdd, ac erbyn heddiw rhif ein haelodau bron drigain.

Yn ystod tymor y gaeaf, er ein bod yn ddiweddar yn sefydlu'r Gymdeithas, cynhaliwyd Cymanfa Ganu, Noson Lawen, a chawsom ddarlith gan yr Athro Ernest Hughes. Bu'r holl gyfarfodydd yn llwyddiannus dros ben, ac erbyn y gaeaf nesaf, fe fydd rhaglen lawn wedi ei pharatoi, ac edrychir ymlaen am gyfarfodydd difyr.

Y peth mwyaf pwysig ynglyn a'r Adran, oedd perfformiad o'r "Potsier," gan aelodau o'r Urdd. Perfformiwyd y ddrama yr un noson a "Maritana," ym mis Mawrth diwethaf. Yr oedd y perfformiad hwn yn un pwysig nid yn unig am mai dyma'r tro cyntaf y perfformiwyd Drama Gymraeg yn yr Ysgol, ond hefyd, am ein bod yn cystadlu yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd a gynhaliwyd yn Abertawe ym mis Mai. Bu paratoi mawr er mwyn sicrhau llwyddiant y cyngerdd, a diolchwn o galon i Mr. T. Morgan, ein hathro celf am ein cynnorthwyo, gyda threfnu'r olygfa; i Mr. J. T. Jones am ofalu am y Ddrama Gymraeg; i Mr. Llewelyn John ein Prifathro, am drefnu a hwylusu'r ffordd ymhob rhyw fodd â'i garedigrwydd, ac yn olaf ond nid yn lleiaf, i Mr. J. P. Walters,—un o actorion enwocaf Cymdeithas Ddrama Abertawe,—am ddod yma i osod graen yn ei ffordd ddihafal ei hun, ar ein hymdrechion digon amrwd ni. Diolchwn o galon iddo, a'i lonyfarch ar ei ddewis yn Feirniad Drama yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Aberafon y flwyddyn nesaf.

Yn y Gystadleuaeth gwnaethom yn rhagorol er na ddaethom allan o'r prawf i chwarae ar lwyfan y Grand Theatre—yn y gystadleuaeth yr oeddem yn bedwerydd allan o ddeunaw o gwmnïoedd. Na ddigalonwn, ond cystadlu eto hyd nes ennill y cwpan.

Ni fu'r adran yn hollol segur wedi perfformio'r ddrama, ac yr ydym newydd sefydlu "tîm criced" aelodau'r Urdd.

Bu'r bechgyn o dan ofal y capten, Tudor Grey, yn llwyddiannus i faeddu tîm o fechgyn y Brif Ysgol yn chwarae cyntaf yr Adran, ac edrychir ymlaen at lawer goruchafiaeth arall cyn diwedd mis Gorffennaf.

Derbynied F. T. Williams, Dosbarth 1c longyfarchiadau aelodau'r Urdd am wneud crystal yn yr Eisteddfod, a dymunwn bob llwyddiant iddo yn y dyfodol. Efe yw eos melyslais yr Adran.

B. E. JAMES, Ysgrifennydd.

### THE SCHOOL IN ENGLISH LITERATURE.

- J. X. Xhxmxs—"The mildest mannered man,  
That ever scuttled ship or cut a throat." *Byron.*
- P. Xoxexts—"A little learning is a dangerous thing." *Pope.*
- P. G. Xoxris—"With truly tragic stalk  
He creeps, he flies—a hero should not walk." *Churchill.*
- H. Mxrtxn—"Mention me, methinks it shall suffice."  
*Shakespeare.*
- D. Txoxas—"Life is a jest, and all things show it;  
I thought so once, and now I know it." *Gay.*
- A. D. Xaxhxws—"His lordships brow is far from wide,  
But there's plenty of room for the brains inside." *Brough.*
- Our Rugger Forwards—  
"Spurr'd boldly on, and dashed through thick and thin,  
Through sense and nonsense, never out nor in." *Dryden.*
- The School Monitor—  
"Prompt to assail, and careless of defence,  
Invulnerable in his impudence  
He dares the world." *Dryden.*
- X. X. Mxrxdxth—"A poet should be fear'd,  
When angry, like a comet's flaming beard." *Cleveland.*
- W. X. Jxmxs—"Around his tomb let Art and Genius weep."  
*Johnson.*
- E. X. Cxemxnt—"His study! with what authors is it stor'd?  
In books, not authors, curious is my lord;  
To all their dated backs he turns you round." *Pope.*
- R. X. Bxtxr—"How expert he's; with what attentive care  
Doth he in method place each straggling hair." *Hutton.*
- D. X. Dxvxes—"Passions too fierce to be in fetters bound;  
And Nature flies him like enchanted ground." *Dryden.*
- G. X. Jxnxs—"In a tobacco shop . . . . .  
He sits, you cannot see his face for vapour,  
Offering to Pluto with a tallow taper." *Rowlands.*
- W. X. Exaxs—"Not oft to smile descendeth he,  
And when he doth 'tis sad to see  
That he but mocks at misery." *Byron.*

- X. Chxnkler—"How very weak the very wise  
And very small the very great are." *Swift.*
- H. X. Txoxas—"And pause awhile from letters, to be wise;  
These mark what ills the scholar's life assail,  
Toil, envy, want, the patron, and the jail." *Johnson.*
- The Orchestra—"The languid strings do scarcely move,  
The sound is forced, the notes are few." *Blake.*
- The Lower Sixth (Arts)—  
"In skill to want and wanting seek for more;  
In weal, nor want nor wish for greater store.  
Envy, ye monarchs, with your proud excess,  
At our low sail, and our high happiness." *Hall.*
- The Perspiring Contributors to the Mag—  
"What is the end of Fame? 'tis but to fill  
A certain portion of uncertain paper,  
Some liken it to climbing up a hill  
Whose summit, like all hills, is lost in vapour;  
For this men write, speak, preach, and heroes kill,  
And bards burn what they call the "midnight taper,"  
To have, when the original is dust,  
A name, a wretched picture, and worse bust." *Byron.*

"SPARK," Lower VIa.

#### OBITUARY.

It is with great sorrow that we have to report the death of a popular school-mate, William Bryndon Williams, "Springfield," Morriston, of Form 4B.

A quiet reserved boy, he won for himself the esteem of those with whom he came in contact, and though not an enthusiast in every sphere of school sport, was a keen, interested critic of all games.

In the academic side of the school life, he was known by all the masters and boys as an energetic, studious worker, and as one who never discontinued his studies, even in the last term at school.

We extend to his parents our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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## SENIOR PRIZE COMPETITION.

## A TRUE STORY—From Distant Egypt.

I paused fearfully. Should I enter this gloomy, forbidding place? I looked up at those high columns—those dark portals, wrapt in shadow. The whole building was clearly of ancient origin. My hazy knowledge of architecture told me that in shape it was something like an ancient temple.

It had been a scorching hot day—the kind of day we very rarely get in Britain. I had set off for a walk across the burning sands upon which the sun blazed down pitilessly. Suddenly I had come across some old roads—deserted and apparently totally neglected, for they were full of potholes. On following one for some distance I had come across this mysterious place. As I stood thus before it, wondering whether to enter this unknown building or not, my curiosity overcame my vague fears, and summoning up my courage, I climbed the steps and entered the dark interior.

I became immediately aware of a musty and depressing atmosphere. Far from being a welcome change from the glare of the sun, the shadow of the place pressed upon my brain, giving me a nauseous headache. Immediately in front of the door was a massive staircase. Before I could perceive anything further, a sallow youth glided up from nowhere, and stared questioningly at me. Taking a small silver coin from my purse, I pressed it into the palm of his hand, and muttering some unintelligible sounds he waved his hand towards the staircase and disappeared as silently and mysteriously as he had appeared. I ascended the staircase and began to look around. The place was distinctly dreary and dismal. As I was wandering around I saw a doorway which was curtained off with heavy drapings. Curiosity again prompted my more timid misgivings and I drew aside the curtains and entered. Then I saw it! It was a mummy. It was lying in a sarcophagus (i.e. a coffin in the shape of a swathed mummy), and that itself was in a kind of case which allowed one to see what was within. The top half of the sarcophagus was held up from the bottom portion and the mummy in its wrappings was open to inspection. The sarcophagus was covered with queer markings and small paintings—hieroglyphics. A thick layer of dust was over all, and the whole thing seemed to be well advanced in decay. "How many centuries had this mummy seen? How long had it been in this queer place," I wondered, Suddenly something creaked. I wheeled round, my breath coming in short gasps. I could see nothing moving

and I nervously glanced once more at the last resting place of an Egyptian of 3000 years ago. There was a calm serenity on the gilded face of the sarcophagus. The mark of the centuries had not laid its hand very strongly upon it, although there were evidences of decay about parts of this uncanny coffin.

What was this queer place that I had stumbled upon? I glanced around and on the sides of the room I saw other ghastly things—there were mummified hands, hair, and a horrible wrinkled face—a mummified head, and its expression was as though the burden of ages of pain and suffering lay heavily upon it—oh, it was weird, awful, repellant. I longed to tear my eyes away from this grisly object, but an uncanny fascination drew my gaze. At last I conquered this fearsome attraction, and turned my attention to the rest of the objects. Arranged about were the trifles, which I had read were generally found in Egyptian tombs—pottery, small figures of gods, necklaces, small paintings, and even a piece of rope.

In another corner, almost hidden out of sight, was yet another sarcophagus. It had almost fallen to pieces—so rotten and decayed was it. Here, as elsewhere dust was well in evidence, and it seemed as though I was the only visitor for centuries. A forboding of evil filled me, and I shivered. I glanced back once again at that horrible face with its puckered and nerve-racking expression, and I hurriedly quitted this place of the dead, this sanctuary which I had dared to profane by my unhallowed presence. Thoughts of mummies' curses and their supposed consequent results thrust themselves upon me, and I longed once more for the open air—to see the blue skies above me. The dark mustiness, 'the ancient smell' of the whole dark edifice filled me with such a fearful horror that I wished to find myself outside again, away from the heavy silence of the place. I cannot remember descending that staircase. I do not remember passing those thick doors. I only know that I found myself outside, standing on the top of the steps, gazing around me as though in a dream. The pure fresh air soon brought me back to myself. What was this strange place I had visited? a tomb? an ancient temple? some unique resting place of the dead?

Alas! as I was contemplating thus, a snorting iron chariot of fire passed by and destroyed all my illusions. Thus ended my first visit to Swansea Museum. If you do not believe this story, go and see for yourself.

S.N.M. VI.



Mr. L. Abraham,

**RUGBY FIFTEEN 1930-31.**

Mr. Bruce Barter.

E. Prater, T. Thomas, G. L. Jones, D. Mason, D. S. Jones, W. J. Thomas, T. H. Martin, A. Walter,  
 W. Tasker, A. D. Matthews, R. Fairs, T. F. Minney, R. Downing, D. G. Thomas,  
 B. Norris, G. Hibbert.



**“ Y POTSIER.”**

Tomos Sion (D. A. Davies), Dici Bach Dwl (W. E. James), Dalydd Hughes y Shop (B. E. James)  
and Marged (T. Phillips).

### SENIOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTION.

"Have Swansea and Gower many relics of historical interest?" Many people have been asked that question and have answered "Yes," without knowing where Swansea's old buildings and Gower's historical features are to be found.

Now supposing that I were asked to form a little exploration party to show the places of interest that I knew in Swansea and Gower, I should start at Singleton Park. As most people know, Singleton was originally the grounds of a monastery, and Sketty Park (further north) was Church property, but there are many facts that are not known to the majority of Swansea's population.

On entering Singleton Park one sees a large building behind which there is, or rather was an old water-mill. This probably was the "lodge" or gate-house of the monastery. This shows that Singleton monastery was evidently a very large and properous one.

A few hundred yards away there is what is known as the "College Gardens," and these provide many interesting relics. To the north there are the ruins of an old building which possesses a few subterranean passages which are well known to the boys of the neighbourhood. To the south there is the present University, and the presence of the sundial and the large building stones shows that it is a very ancient structure. A few yards away there is also what is known as "The Soldier's Grave." An old story states that here a soldier was buried with his dog; at any rate, a large tombstone is still to be seen.

Now the most interesting part of Singleton Park is, I think, the old chapel and the "Temple of the Winds."

The whole chapel or minor monastery consists mainly of two-story buildings. The first thing one sees on entering is a high building with a large ornamental arch of the Gothic type, from which a bell is suspended. There are several outhouses attached to this main building, including one which contains a large structure resembling a tower. Further inspection proves it to be a large chimney. The whole monastery is surrounded by a wall about sixty feet high.

Enclosed in the wall there is a little chapel. It is about eleven yards long and seven yards wide. At the western end there is a large window, and built in the stone around this window there are three interesting relics of Henry VIII's reign. On the left there is Henry's initial stone. This depicts a crown on a shield on which Henry's initials are

inscribed. Above the window there is an ornamental cross, and to the right of this window there is a statuette of a veiled woman suggesting that there is a shrine there. Underneath this in faint letters is written:—"Fili ne obliviscat gemitus matris tui." Within this ruined chapel there is an uncanny atmosphere and visitors always talk in whispers there.

Leaving the chapel, we come now to the back of the monastery where the high wall is situated. Here, one is surprised to see two tablets built into the wall. On one is inscribed the poem "The Unknown Shrine" by R. Glyn Vivian, Oct. 1st, 1901. On the other tablet there are the following words:—"Sketty Hall was Church property given by Henry VIII to Sir William Herbert, who married Queen Catherine Parr's sister, Miss Herbert married Sir Wm. Doddington, their daughter Mary Ann, heiress married Lord Warwick. Morris's bought the property from Warwick's and sold it to Baring-Dillwyn Nichol, R. C. Vivian from Sir Robt. Morris title deeds and papers. 1901." This in brief is the history of the monastery and Sketty Hall.

We continue our ramble to a few yards farther south of the monastery, and there an amazing spectacle meets the eye. Are we in Egypt or Persia? Is this a building from 'Arabian Nights' or is it a mosque? This is no foreign building but it is the Temple of the Winds. It consists of a type of altar above which is a dome shaped roof supported on four ornamented pillars of marble. Around the altar there are little shelves on which rests the busts of various gods, such as the god of Music, and the god of Art. This Temple derives its name from the fact that it is open to the four winds. As you may expect, it is also decorated with the pencilled initials of various vandals.

I am afraid that we have lingered too long in Singleton Park and as I am confined to a small space I must continue my further ramblings.

The next point of interest is Oystermouth. The first thing that a visitor will say when he visits Oystermouth is "What a funny name, why did they call it that?" Well, the original name was Ystum-llwyn-arth: "Ystum" means a bending such as in Oystermouth coastline; "llwyn" means a grove and I believe that "arth" means a bardic seat. Then the Normans altered the spelling to Ystumarth (or in their own language Ostremuwe) and so on until it became known as Oystermouth. Of course the castle is of Norman origin.

I will hurry over the next points of interest in a brief manner. Our next stop is Caswell Valley. There is situated



here an old chapel of very ancient origin. The foundations are of the Thirteenth Century design, and some people say that it is an old Roman Catholic Church. The next place of interest is that wonderful old backbone of Gower, Cefn Bryn. Here one can see Arthur's Stone. Sometimes known as Maen Ketti, this was one of the three wonders of Britain before the Christian Era. Our last journey is to the Pavilland Caves in Porteynon. These caves are famed for their age, and also for the fact that "the Red Lady of Pavilland" was found there. The latter was a skeleton of a woman of enormous stature embalmed in red ochre. A red ochre mine was found near by. Remains of foxes, hyaenas, elephants and a rhinoceros were also found there.

There are also many other things of interest in Gower, such as Bacon Hole, Minchin Hole, Excise-man's Gallop, Brandy Cove, Caesar's Gutter, The Swine Houses, and Jack Shoe's Land, that will interest the traveller very much, and if there is any very ancient relic or building that I have not visited known by any boy in this School, I shall be glad to see it.

STAN. H. PULESTON, IVC.

### **THE OLD DY'VORIANS' ASSOCIATION.**

The Association has made good progress during the year, and the membership shows a substantial increase over the figures for last year. Nevertheless, there is room for improvement and the energetic Secretaries are not ceasing in their efforts to obtain new members. So, if you know of an "Old Boy" who is not yet a member, please give his name to Mr. A. Jones. The year has been a very happy and successful one, and splendid comradeship and interest in the aims of the Association has been displayed.

On Friday, Dec. 5th, 1930, a Smoking Concert and Whist Drive was held in the School Hall, and there was a record attendance of Old Dy'vorians of all ages. A very enjoyable evening was spent, playing whist, and Messrs. W. A. Beanland, B.A., D. O. Thomas, B.A., Noel Williams, Elwyn Rees and D. E. Powell contributed to the musical programme, which included very hearty community singing. Whist was kindly arranged by Mr. T. E. Rees, and Messrs. F. Hawkins and B. Punchard tied as winners. Greetings were announced from Principal Ivor John, M.A. (Caerleon), Professor J. Morgan Rees, M.A. (Bangor), Dr. G. I. Davies (London), Mr. H. C. Thomas and Mr. H. V. Edwards Jones. The Association was very glad to have present Mr. E. H. Evans, B.Sc. (now of Hereford), the first Secretary of the Association.

The Annual Meeting was held on Jan. 2nd. 1931, when a very large number attended, many of whom came along although they were only spending a few days in the town. In addition, messages were read from many who wished that they had been able to attend. After an informal gathering, the business of choosing the officials for the present year was proceeded with. Mr. Llewelyn John, B.Sc., was elected President, and the following were appointed as new members of the Committee: Messrs. G. R. Goldsworthy. T. E. Rees, T. R. Williams and J. S. H. Bevan. Messrs. W. R. Francis, Mainwaring Hughes and Archie Mayne, B.A. were elected new Vice-Presidents. Mr. W. A. Beanland, retiring President, was elected Hon. Vice-President.

On Friday, Feb. 6th, 1931, an excellent entertainment in the form of singing of choruses and community songs, in which the audience joined with "gusto," was kindly provided by Scoutmaster G. R. Goldsworthy and his famous Wesley Scouts.

Following a short "get together," this troop of Boy Scouts entertained the Old Dy'vorians during the evening, and a really enjoyable time was spent by all. The colours of the Association, which consist of the School colours, with a narrow blue band added, had now been on sale, and on this evening for the first time, they were much in evidence. A fairly large number of Old Boys were present.

The Annual Supper and Reunion was held at Thomas' Café, on Friday, Feb. 27th, and 140 Old Boys spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr. T. E. Rees kindly acted as M.C. to a very successful Whist Drive, held before the supper. Winners in whist were Mr. E. D. Fair, and Messrs. D. J. and T. R. Williams. Mr. W. Piper kindly gave a prize of 100 cigarettes, and these he presented to the winners.

The guest of the evening was Mr. T. J. Rees, B.A., Director of Education. After the supper he made a delightfully witty and clever speech, in which he stated that everything depended upon the way in which one approached a subject, and he illustrated this by declaring that he could address the meeting as an Old Boy, an old master of the School, or as the Director of Education. Mentioning his proposed visit to America, he said that there was something wrong with a system of society which allowed huge granaries in America to be full to overflowing, whilst many people in all parts of the world were starving. He suggested that the only cure for such affairs was universal co-operation, and was not in the hands of single

nations. A vote of thanks to Mr. Rees was moved from the chair and seconded by Vice-President, Councillor Percy Morris.

On Friday, Mar. 27th, a well attended meeting was held in the School Hall. An excellent programme was contributed by Mr. Archie Simpson, who sang some well known ditties, Mr. Elwyn Rees (Accompanist), Mr. D. Peacock and Mr. J. Johns. Mr. T. E. Rees again kindly consented to act as M.C. for whist, the winners being Mr. Elwyn Rees (playing as lady) and Mr. W. D. Thomas. Greetings were received from Mr. Gerald Phillips, B.Sc., Bideford, and Mr. Clifford Lewis, Uganda. Councillor Mainwaring Hughes, Vice-President, gave a short address, expressing his delight at the progress made by the Association, and his deep interest in its work.

This highly successful evening was a fitting conclusion to such a happy session, and it is to be hoped that the Association will continue to do as well in the future, as it has done in the past.

On Easter Tuesday a Fifteen representing the Old Boys, played the School team. After a keenly contested match, the School was beaten by two tries to one. We hope that this match will take place annually. By the kindness of Old Dy'vorian Walter Hyman, members were allowed to enter the Landore Cinema on certain days, free of charge.

During the second term, a party of boys and masters were conducted round the Mannesman Works. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. G. R. Goldsworthy, they were conveyed there by char-a-banc, showed all the interesting features, and were finally led to a fine 'spread.' The same gentleman invited Form 1b to the Scout Pageant. He gave them each an entrance ticket and programme, reserved seats for the boys, and finally 'treated' them to a splendid tea. We cannot thank Mr. Goldsworthy enough for his great interest in the School.

The Committee of the Old Dy'vorians decided to award prizes for the best junior and the best senior contribution to the School Magazine. Thus it can be seen that the Association is doing really valuable work for the School, and the School is indeed extremely grateful for the kindness of the Old Boys.

We sincerely regret to announce that during the year we have lost one of our old friends in the person of Mr. T. D. Evans, an Old Dy'vorian who was also an old master of the School. Before his retirement he was Headmaster of Hafod School. We extend our sincere sympathy and condolences to his relatives.

## JUNIOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTION.

### SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE.

Last summer, my parents and I paid a visit to Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace. I may assure the reader that a trip to this place is a most interesting and educative holiday.

At Stratford everything centres around Shakespeare; one cannot get away from the signs of the intense veneration paid to his memory, from the quaint old house in which the immortal bard was born, to the majestic church in which he was laid to rest. Almost every shop is filled with Shakespearean souvenirs and relics, and almost every hotel claims, directly or indirectly, to have been associated with either the poet himself or the host of authors who have paid homage to his genius in this, his birthplace. Shakespeare's town has attracted many great minds;—Sir Walter Scott, Longfellow, Washington Irving to mention only a few. It has been said that Stratford is to the English what Florence is to the Italians.

After arriving at Stratford we went to Henley Street, where Shakespeare's birthplace stands. The detached building in Henley Street known as Shakespeare's birthplace is formed of two houses, communicating with each other. Of these two houses, that to the West is the house in which Shakespeare was born, on the 23rd April, 1564, in the large room on the upper floor.

Next door to his birthplace is the Museum. In this may be seen some of his actual works, such as "The Merchant of Venice," a school desk of 16th century workmanship, known as Shakespeare's Desk; a signet ring known as Shakespeare's Ring, and some very old books which Shakespeare once possessed and read.

The garden of the house contains trees, plants and flowers mentioned in Shakespeare's plays and poems.

The next visit we paid was to the famous "Anne Hathaway's Cottage." When we arrived there we were amazed at its beauty. The hamlet of Shottery is exceedingly pretty in itself, and Ann Hathaway's Cottage is but one of the many old thatched houses of similar character. It is said that "No place in Europe is more famous than this humble cottage," and there is much truth in this assertion, for a never ending stream of tourists and visitors is attracted to this, the most easily realized scene of Shakespeare's life, for little has

changed here. The old cottage, the garden, the thatched roof—even some of the furniture—remain as Shakespeare must have seen them, and the cottage remained in the occupation of the Hathaway family and their descendants continually from the time of Henry VIII to the 19th century.

In the kitchen is the famous "courting settle," and many other pieces of furniture which Shakespeare is said to have used. In the room above is Anne Hathaway's bed on which there is a very old linen coverlet which Shakespeare mentions in one of his plays.

We then visited Shakespeare's burial place which is the spot which attracts most visitors. Its position, on one of the most beautiful reaches of the Avon, and its fine interior, would excite admiration, even if it was not the shrine of Shakespeare's mortal remains.

The transepts and tower were erected early in the 13th century, while the chancel was rebuilt at the close of the 15th century. A glance at the noble proportions of the interior will show that this is an exceptionally large Parish Church, and that the chancel and nave are not in a straight line. The Parish Register can be seen near the entrance, with the entries of Shakespeare's baptism and burial; the font in which he was baptised can also be seen, but the great point of interest is the chancel within the rail of the Sanctuary, where a quaint inscription runs thus:

" Good friend for Jesvs sake forebear,  
To digg the dvst enclosed heare;  
Bleste be ye man yt spares thes stones,  
And cvrst be he yt moves my bones,"

This marks the spot where Shakespeare lies buried. On the North wall is the well known monument, a bust of Shakespeare. There are also several tombs and memorial stones of other members of the Shakespeare family in this church.

The beautiful old churchyard and the walk under the elms on the river bank are unsurpassed for quiet beauty and picturesqueness.

If I were to explain every detail in this historic town, I would undoubtedly be able to write a book. However, I must close by advising every boy of the School, if he can make it possible, to visit the birthplace of the world's greatest poet and playwright, William Shakespeare.

JOHN S. TRANTER, Ic.

## SCHOOL DRAMATICS.

On Dec. 18th & 19th, 1930, the School witnessed the first dramatic performances that have been made in the Hall of the School. "La farce de Maitre Pathelin" was successfully rendered by the following cast: Arnold Matthews (Maitre Pathelin), R. Harvey (Guillemette, his wife), D. A. Davies (Guillaume, the draper), A. Devonald (Agnelet, the shepherd) and P. Roberts as the Judge. This was performed remarkably well, the accents of all the players being very good. Agnelet, the Shepherd, delighted a part of the large audience with his serious drollery. The other play "A Night at an Inn" (Dunsany) was indeed grotesque. The parts were excellently played by B. Norris (The Toff), P. Johnson ("Bill"), E. James ("Albert Thomas"), D. Osman ("Sniggers"), Alfred Court (The first Priest of Klesh), T. Phillips (Second Priest), J. Osman (Third Priest) and by W. Smitham (Klesh). The following also contributed towards the Musical Interludes: The School Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Beynon; Victor Brace, Gerallt Evans, Bryn Harris and Cuthbert Vanderpump, Elvet Lewis, Clifford Thomas, Bechgyn 2c, and Glyn Jones. The scenery which was painted by the boys of the School, under the direction of Mr. T. Morgan, added towards the success of the entertainment.

On Mar. 12th & 15th, a second Dramatic Entertainment was held in the Hall. The Welsh Play "Y Potsier," provided a first class performance, and was the "runner-up" for the final in the Urdd Eisteddfod, a very creditable achievement for all concerned when it is remembered that they were competing against competitors from all over Wales. All four players:—A. Davies (Tomos Sion), T. Phillips (Marged), W. E. Jones (Dici Bach Dwl), and B. E. James (Dafydd Hughes y Shop) must be congratulated on their efforts, as also must be the producer, Mr. J. Tyssul Jones.

The English opera "Maritana" was equally successful. "Maritana" was played by F. T. Williams (Thursday), and E. W. Jones, "Don Caesar" by A. Charles, "Lazarillo" by C. Vanderpump, "the Old Man" by H. Price, "the Boatman" by T. Dennis, "Don Juan" by J. Moore, "Corregidor" by C. Thomas, "Jailors" by D. Huntley and K. Absalom. Soldiers, Citizens, Warders Gipsy Girls and Gipsy Men completed the cast. The singing of the junior boys was really delightful, and the two leading actors (or is it actresses?) sang particularly well. The whole production reflects much credit upon Mr. Beynon. The orchestra must not be forgotten. After so little preparation its playing was



**A SCENE FROM "MARITANA,"**

which was performed in the School Hall on March 18th and 19th, by Junior Boys.  
The Photo includes F. T. Williams, E. W. Jones and A. Charles.



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Harold Thomas VI



excellent. Mr. T. Morgan who supervised the painting of the scenery for both plays, deserves the highest of praise for the amount of work he did.

Another feature worthy of note was the construction of an extension to the platform, and the School badges on the new curtains—all this being done by the boys of the School, and unlucky indeed is he who did not contribute in any way to making the productions successful.

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### RUGBY—FIRST FIFTEEN.

Last season's football programme was not a succession of glorious victories; on the other hand it could not be termed a succession of miserable failures. The actual table of results might not reflect great credit on the School Team, but every player will testify that the games, one and all were hard fought and enjoyable. Space will not permit a detailed account of each game, but there were certain matches which merit special mention.

Our return match with the Grammar School at St. Helen's was anticipated with a great amount of eagerness, and remembered with a greater amount of regret. Hopes of victory had been raised, and they were not dashed to the ground—but disappointed. At last, I think I may say, we had them in our power. Our forwards outplayed them, but we threw away our chances and lost by 14 pts. to 3 pts.

In the Gowerton match at home we should again have won. We bombarded their goal line, to say nothing of the scrum-half and wing-forward. Victory was snatched from our grasp by their three-quarter brilliancy and our deplorable luck. Again and again we should have scored, only to fail by inches. We lost by 8 pts. to 3 pts.

Another game of interest was the match with the Old Dy'vorian Fifteen on Easter Tuesday. It was the first match in which the School has played the "Old Boys," and we hope it will be a regular feature of future seasons. The School was defeated by two tries to one, but were undoubtedly superior in skill, although at a disadvantage in weight.

In closing, I might add that we who are not likely to turn out again in the "wasp" jersey, look back with real enjoyment upon past seasons, and wish future players as much enjoyment and much more success. The former will be guaranteed if they put their hearts into the game, and we are confident of the latter under the training and instruction of Mr. Abraham. Remember everybody, "UP SCHOOL !!!"

A. D. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.

## JUNIOR RUGBY.

The Junior team ended the season in better form than they displayed at the beginning. After the Pentrepoeth match we succeeded in defeating St. Joseph's by 17 pts. to nil. Against Manselton, the first match following the Xmas vacation we lost by 6 pts. to 3. We gained an overwhelming victory over Llansamlet, defeating them by 35 pts. to nil, but then suffered undeserved defeat at the hands of Glanmor. The remaining two matches against Townhill and St. Thomas were drawn at nil to nil, and 3pts. to 3pts. respectively. During the season as many as seven matches were abandoned.

In the Cup Competition we were without the services of several of our best players. After having had a bye in the first round, we were defeated by Townhill by 6 pts. to 3 pts., after an even game. This team eventually won the Cup.

Mendus, our Captain, has had the honour of appearing for the Town Team as a forward. Dann (full-back) and Bewen (forward) were also chosen. Record for Season :—

PTS.					
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
11	3	6	2	67	52

TREVOR WELLS, (3a), Hon. Sec.

## SCHOOL CRICKET XI.

At the commencement of the Term, the following were chosen as Cricket Officials for the coming season :—D. Thomas (Capt.), W. J. Evans (Vice-Capt.), Committee :—Messrs. J. M. Thomas, D. A. Davies, W. Higgs and A. D. Matthews.

The Master in charge of all Cricket activities is Mr. E. Yates, who is ably supported by Messrs. L. L. Abraham and W. T. Davies.

The fixtures for the Season had already been arranged the previous term, and all cricket enthusiasts returned from the Easter vacation with the determination to "get down to business" immediately. Great was their delight when, on going into the yard on the first morning, they saw before them the framework for the Cricket Nets. Volunteers to put the nets into position were plentiful, and under the supervision of Mr. E. Yates, the task was soon accomplished.

A time-table has been arranged by which every Form will have practice at the nets during the dinner hour or after School. We hope that this will bring to light such hidden talent which can be steadily cultivated until in a few years we will have an invincible cricket team.

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The first match of the season was at Ystradgynlais, whom we dismissed for 27 runs, D. Thomas taking seven wickets for 16 runs. After lunch we resumed with easy hearts, but our satisfaction was short lived. We found ourselves nine wickets down with only 24 runs to our credit. The three runs needed to draw the game were made amidst tremendous cheering, and then our hopes were dashed to the ground when, with the next ball the last man was caught out. Thus the match resulted in a draw.

The next match was at home against Port Talbot. They were dismissed for 83 runs, but we were all out for 40 runs. The following Friday afternoon we played the Carmarthen Grammar School whom we dismissed for 47 runs, chiefly through the excellent bowling of D. A. Davies, who bowled three batsmen with consecutive balls. The School was out for 34.

On the Saturday following, the School played Pontardawe away, where they compiled their first good score, scoring altogether 67 runs, of which 31 was contributed by W. J. Evans.

The next game was at Gowerton, which resulted in the dismissal of the School for 17 runs, while the Gowertonians, after being one wicket down for three runs hit three consecutive sixes, thus beating us by nine wickets.

These are the results up to the time of going to Press, and it can be seen that this season has, so far, not been one of unqualified success, but nevertheless the enthusiasm of the team has been in no way impaired.

M. M. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

### SPORTS, 1931.

On Tuesday, June 2nd the School Sports were held on St. Helen's Ground. There was excellent competition in every event. Owing to the treacherous nature of the ground, caused by a slight drizzle, the Hurdle Race, the Tug-of-War, the High Jump, and the Chariot Race were postponed to a later date. We extend our thanks to the Swansea Cricket and Rugby Football Clubs for the use of their ground.

Event 1—100 yds. (over 16)—1 D. Thomas (5), 2 J. M. Thomas (3), 3 G. David (2), 4 T. C. Thomas (1).

Event 2—100 yds. (14-16) 5ft. 2ins and over—1 D. S. Jones (5), 2 M. Arnold (3), 3 I. R. Davies (2), 4 R. Downing (1).

Event 3—100 yds., under 5ft. 2ins. (14-16)—1 H. M. Davies (5), 2 F. Phillips (3), 3 N. Furseman (2), 4 L. Bennett (1).

Event 4—130 yds. ( $13\frac{1}{4}$ -14)—1 L. Kettle (5), 2 A. Evans (3), 3 K. Jones (2), 4 T. Coslett (1).

Event 5—100 yds. ( $13\frac{1}{4}$ )—1 L. Ridd (5), 2 L. Bennett (3), 3 R. Thomas (2), 4 R. Roberts (1).

Event 6—Throwing Cricket Ball ( $14\frac{1}{2}$  and over)—1 M. M. Davies (3), 2 W. J. Evans (2).

Event 7—Throwing Cricket Ball (under  $14\frac{1}{2}$ )—1 L. Kettle (3), 2 F. Wheatley (2).

Event 8—High Jump ( $14\frac{1}{2}$  and over)—1 (3), 2 (2).

Event 9—High Jump (under  $14\frac{1}{2}$ )—1 (3), 2 (3).

Event 10—220 yds. (under 14)—1 A. Evans (5), 2 F. Wheatley (3), 3 L. Ridd (2), 4 J. Latham (1).

Event 11—220 yds. (14-15)—1 R. Downing (5), 2 F. Phillips (3), 3 I. James (2), 4 C. McCarthy (1).

Event 12—440 yds. (15-16)—1 M. Arnold (5), 2 D. S. Jones (3), 3 I. R. Davies (2), 4 R. Hopkins (1).

Event 13—440 yds (over 16)—1 D. Thomas (5), 2 J. M. Thomas (3), 3 T. Davies (2), 4 M. M. Davies (1).

Event 14—Long Jump (over  $14\frac{1}{2}$ )—1 D. Thomas (3), 2 T. Martin (2).

Event 15—Long Jump (under  $14\frac{1}{2}$ )—1 T. Wells (3), 2 I. James (2).

Event 16—Wheelbarrow (over 16)—1 R. Bater and W. Higgs (2), 2 T. Martin and A. R. Walter (1).

Event 17—Peg Gathering (under  $13\frac{1}{2}$ )—1 R. Pugh (2), 2 G. Pridmore (1), 3 D. L. Davies, 3 H. Daniel.

Event 18—100 yds. Hurdles (under  $14\frac{1}{2}$ )—1 (5), 2 (3), 3 (2), 4 (1).

Event 19—100 yds. Hurdles (over  $14\frac{1}{2}$ )—1 (5), 2 (3), 3 (2), 4 (1).

Event 20—Three-legged Race ( $13\frac{1}{2}$ -15)—1 J. Rees and G. Richards (2), 2 E. Chapman and M. Cohen (1).

Event 21—Obstacle (under  $13\frac{1}{4}$ )—1 L. Bennett (3), 2 S. Whittington (2), 3 L. Ridd (1), 4 J. Hawes.

Event 22—Obstacle ( $13\frac{1}{4}$ -14)—1 L. Thomas (3), 2 F. Thomas (2), 3 L. Kettle (1), 4 R. Crook.

Event 23—Obstacle (14-15)—1 E. Chapman (3), 2 C. McCarthy (2), 3 M. Knoyle (1), 4 D. Edmunds.

Event 24—Obstacle (over 15)—1 Wyn. Thomas (3), 2 B. James (2), 3 L. Webb and J. Solomon (1).

Event 25—Sack Race (under  $13\frac{1}{4}$ )—1 L. Bennett (3), 2 L. Ridd (2), 3 E. Griffin (1), 4 R. Pugh.

Event 26—Sack Race ( $13\frac{1}{2}$ -14)—1 H. John (3), 2 L. Thomas (2), 3 F. Thomas (1), 4 R. Crook.

Event 27—Sack Race (14-15)—1 E. Chapman (3), 2 G. Richards (2), 3 C. McCarthy (1), 4 W. Rees.

Event 28—Sack Race (over 15)—1 K. B. Thomas (3), 2 R. Bater (2), 3 H. M. Davies (1), 4 A. R. Walter.

Event 29—80 yds. Special (under 4ft. 7ins)—1 C. Cooper, 2 P. Dooley, 3 K. N. Edwards.

Event 30—Old Boys' Race—H. C. Williams.

Event 32—Boat Race—1 L. Morgan, Cox (2), 2 L. Kettle. Cox (1).

Event 33—Despatch Race—1 J. M. Thomas, Senr. (4), 2 D. Thomas, Senr. (2).

### THE SWIMMING CLUB.

Officers—Captain, H. G. Williams. Vice-Captain, A. R. Walter. Hon. Secretary, A. Broadbent. Recorder, I. G. Treharne.

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We desire to express our thanks to the Swansea Swimming Club, and to Mr. Ivor ("Doc") Morgan for presentation of cups ; to Mr. T. Morgans for designing the Club Badge ; to the Headmaster for his interest in the Club, and his readiness to forward the sport ; to the Swansea Club for obtaining special rates for admission to the Baths, and to Mr. C. Carpenter and Professor Coates for kind and expert assistance.

Several members are joining in the Water Polo ; they will do well to follow Old Dy'vorians E. Waetzel, Alwyn Jones and Ben Davies, who play for the Club. The Secretary of the Swansea Club, Mr. B. C. Millard, who is himself an Old Dy'vorian, is also one of a large number who are keenly interested in our Club.

We congratulate Trevor Lewis, who won the 50 yards Championship of Swansea (under 13) and the George Williams Shield, and Ben Harwood, who was a very close second. The School "A" Squadron Team : H. G. Williams, (Capt.), M. Northway, S. Hutchinson and I. G. Treharne, won the Swansea Schools Squadron Handicap. These events took place at the Swansea Club Gala on June 11th, and our competitors were glad to receive the support of Mr. Llewellyn John and Messrs. Yates and T. Morgan.

We thank the Swansea Club for the presentation of Club Medals to Trevor Lewis (Silver) and Ben Harwood (Bronze), and for award of badges to the "A" Team. Mr. Campbell

Connor (Chairman) kindly visited the School at Morning Assembly, for the purpose of making the presentation, and he also handed over a handsome Cup on behalf of "Doc" Morgan.

Our Championships and other events will take place at the Gala of the Swansea Club on 30th July. We thank the Club for their generous help in all swimming matters.

The Life-Saving Class is continuing successfully under the enthusiastic direction of Mr. Burgess, A. R. WALTER.

#### LIST OF ADDITIONAL "TEST" SUCCESSSES.

First Class : M. Northway.

Second Class : J. B. Davies, W. Owen, L. G. Morgan, K. C. Jenkins, A. R. Walter, J. L. Williams, A. Court, H. Perkins, F. Edmonds, E. Prater, J. Dadds, D. Smitham, R. Stuttle, W. Higgs, A. Cuff, J. W. Rees, A. H. Evans.

Third Class : H. Phillips, H. Thissen, A. Evans, T. Jones.

Latest Membership Figures : Dillwyn—44 ; Grove—37 ; Llewellyn—32 ; Roberts—35.

#### HYMN TO THE NIGHTINGALE.

(Translation of "Cathl I'r Eos"—Alun.)

When the night descends upon us,  
And the forest songsters sleep,  
Thy sweet melodies are ringing  
O'er the wings of darkness deep ;  
Even though thy breast is saddened,  
Ev'n though thy heart beats fast,  
Thou wilt sing 'till dawning day  
Will end thy song at last.

Like to thee the gentle maiden,  
Better friend than gems or gold,  
Though the sun low down descendeth  
And the clouds rise hundredfold ;  
When the day to thee brings solace  
She is e'er thy faithful friend,  
In the night of pain and anguish  
Thy afflictions does she tend.

Even though her heart is weak and laden  
By the burden of her care,  
She betrays no trace of languor  
And a smile her features wear ;  
Her song outlives the long dark night,  
'Till hope at length is born  
And glistens just like eyes of gold  
Through pure eyelids of the morn. D.A.D., VI.



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H. Penhale—Scholarship. Articled to Borough Treasurer.

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We congratulate Mr. Clifford Davies, who has been awarded "The Silver Wolf" for his services to the Scout Movement of which he is the Commissioner for Swansea. "The Silver Wolf" is one of the highest awards in the Scout world, and is a much coveted honour.

We are pleased to hear that Old Dy'vorian, Councillor Mainwaring Hughes has been elected Vice-President of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce. We wish him a pleasant term of office.

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