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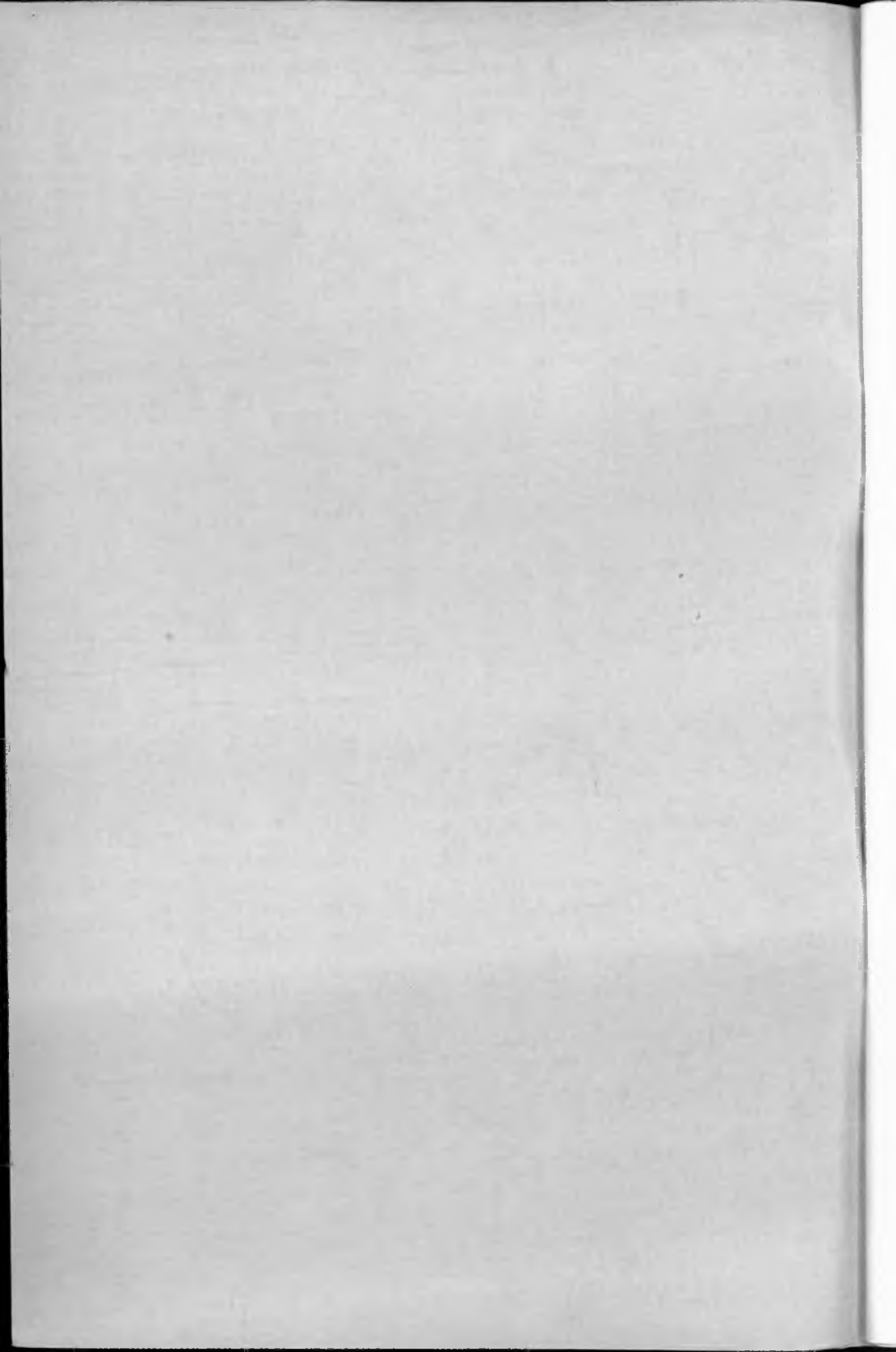
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### EDITORIAL.

Once again the approach of the Higher Examinations has interfered with editorial activities. This, together with difficulties and uncertainties caused by the War, and a general lack of enthusiasm on the part of the usual contributors has presented obstacles which are not easily surmountable. Encouragement has been provided, however, by a last minute spate of contributions, and by reports of School activities from Secretaries and Committee-men, who have, as usual, been very helpful.

This year has seen the introduction of two new aspects of our School Life, namely the establishment of the National Savings Fund, and the Film Club. It is gratifying to find the majority of the School responding generously to the Government's Appeal to help to provide funds for the prosecution of the War.

Presuming upon the fact that this may be our last Term at School, we wish to thank all those who have been of assistance to us in our Editorial tasks during the last two years. In this respect we should like to mention Mr. Llewelyn John, B.Sc., A.R.C.S. and Mr. D. D. Phillips, M.A., who have helped us considerably with invaluable suggestions and ready advice.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. Abraham is still in hospital in Sully. Several of his colleagues have visited him from time to time. The last report of his progress was encouraging. We hope that the fine weather which we can now anticipate will help him to regain his health.

Mr. Way has been absent from School during the last few weeks owing to illness. We hear good reports of his progress, and we hope to see him at his work again in the near future.

The Dorian Trio honoured us with one of their rare visits on February 26th. We assembled in the Hall and enjoyed an excellent recital, the items rendered so beautifully being preceded by the usual much appreciated explanatory remarks. On this occasion, too, we had the pleasure of hearing the recorder, the wind instrument of which the Elizabethans were so fond, played by a member of the Trio.

The second Term was rich in musical treats. Miss Hooton, the celebrated 'cellist, gave us an excellent recital on Mar. 4th. We hope that her visits will be a regular feature of School life in the future, like those of the Dorian Trio. Miss Hooton played a varied selection, details of which are given elsewhere in the Magazine.

A large number of boys have decided to take advantage of the official scheme for working on the land, during the summer holidays. This provides an unexpected opportunity for rendering valuable national service. The holiday will be spent in the East Glamorgan district, and it may be that opportunities for bathing and fishing during leisure hours will occur. Masters will accompany the boys. Join us, you who are still hesitating, before the list is closed.

We have had several 'rehearsals' in connection with A.R.P. and are becoming accustomed to the signal to "take cover." Indeed, it is to be suspected that some work shy individuals regard the ringing of the bell as a welcome release from the work in hand at the time, and an opportunity for social intercourse under ideal conditions. The rehearsals are not intended for that purpose.

We are sorry to learn that an Old Boy of the School, John Mahoney, who left to join the Royal Air Force about two year ago, has been reported missing. He was a Wireless Operator and Air Gunner, serving with a Bomber Squadron, and had flown over Norway, Germany, France, and Belgium since the War began.

Good news have been heard of many Old Boys who have been safely evacuated from Dunkirk.

T. G. V. Radford, Upper VI Sc. has anticipated the date of his service and has left to join the Fleet Air Arm. We wish him the best of luck and a safe return.

Mr. Edward Phillips, a former member of the Staff a few years ago, was among the visitors this Term. We were glad to note that he looked quite well.

W. G. Martin, 4b, has now joined the instrumentalists who have favoured us with solos. He played Rachmaninoff's Prelude for us.

Vivian Gwynn, Upper Va, has also favoured us with a 'cello solo, Nocturne, by Arnold Trowell, while Howell Hughes, of Vc, has also obliged with a violin solo, Mozart's Minuet and Trio. We thank all for the pleasure they have given us.

The War has broken the sequence of the addresses which prominent business men and members of the profession have so kindly given to Seniors in the past in order to help them in choosing their future careers. We hope that these talks so much appreciated will be continued when peace once more reigns.

Plays and School Concerts have become only a memory owing to the War. But we hear that the Marionette Guild are working quietly in the hope that a chance to show us what they can do will come soon.

A wedding of twofold interest to the School took place on Friday, June 14th, when Miss Nansi John, B.A., the daughter of our esteemed Headmaster and Mrs. John, and Lieut. Jean Poirel, of Epernay, France, were married.

Monsieur Poirel was French liason officer with the B.E.F. and was among those evacuated from Dunkirk.

Eight or nine years ago he spent a year at the School in the capacity of "assistant francais;" and, although he may not be known to any boys at present attending the School, he will be remembered by many Old Boys, and by many Masters.

We offer Lieut. and Madame Poirel our congratulations and best wishes for a happy matrimonial career.

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### OUR EVACUEES.

A few of our evacuees left before Christmas, a few more shortly after. Some are still with us, and, we hope, feeling at home in surroundings which are now no longer strange to them.

Our young French evacuee, Pierre Oiselet, from Paris, who had been with us since the early days of the War, returned to France towards the end of May. We all regretted his

departure, and, assembling in the playground, showed by hearty applause that we endorsed Mr. John's expression of good wishes for a safe return to his family, and the hope that he would in happier times, pay us another visit.

He had taken part in many School activities, was a member of the School Choir, and had contributed to the Magazine. During his stay in Swansea he had mastered the English language and had earned the right to say as Owen Glendower said to Hotspur "I can speak English, Lord, as well as you." But Welsh was beyond him, although he made a good attempt to sing Welsh hymns.

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### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

The following Old Boys now serving in the various services have visited the School lately :—

Sergeant W. S. Rowcliffe, R.A.F.  
 Aircraftsman R. Furman, R.A.F.  
 Aircraftsman G. Morgans, R.A.F.  
 Aircraftsman I. Evans, R.A.F.  
 Aircraftsman W. Latham, R.A.F.  
 Aircraftsman J. Leonard, R.A.F.  
 T. Merchant, Coastal Patrol.  
 Delme Richards, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.  
 Second Lieut. C. Vanderpump.  
 Second Lieut. R. D. Burnie.  
 Corporal Douglas Drew, S.W.B.  
 Signaller Ronald West, R.W.F.  
 Sergeant Leslie Budge, R.W.F.  
 J. Jeffers, Fleet Air Arm.  
 T. Page, Fleet Air Arm.  
 Pte. Kenneth Jenkins.  
 Bernard Battle, C.I. Dept., Chelsea.  
 Ivor R. Davies, R.A.F., Volunteer Reserve.

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### SUCSESSES OF OLD BOYS.

H. M. Davies, M A. Degree.  
 Ivor R. Davies, M.Sc.  
 J. H. Hanney, Final German.  
 J. Leyshon Hopkins, who has been awarded a Kitchener Scholarship of £60 per annum. Earlier in the year he was awarded a L.E.A. Scholarship of £36 per annum.



**PREFECTS 1939 - 40.**

R.P. Hullin, C. P. Morris, T. F.I. Morgan, W. H. T. John, D. G. Riches, T. A. Bowen, H. Hughson, P. J. Watkins,  
A.W.Godsall, M.C.Parkes, K.R.Williams (Hd.Pre.) Mr.Ll. John, T.G.V.Radford (Dep.Hd.Pre.) G.G.Allen, J. Walters.

**FORM NOTES—2A.**

The boys of 2a have shewn great interest in the Swimming Club. Every Friday a large number of boys attend the Swimming Baths. Mr. McGivan or Mr. Yates is there to coach beginners.

We had many competitors in our Annual Sports, the losers taking their disappointment in good part. Several of them, however, had good positions. Samuels, for instance threw his weight about and had a First in Putting the Shot with a distance over 21 feet 1 inch; Davies came First in the 80 Yards and Watkins came Second; Billington and Thomas gained Second and Third positions in the Obstacle; and Murphy, our Sports Captain, had the distinction of being Fourth in the Peg Gathering—which rather ‘brought him down a peg.’

The boys have also shewn great interest in the War Savings movement and we have now twenty-seven members in our class; so far our contribution is £7/10/0.

There has been a great response to the appeal made by the Mayor for tinfoil, leadfoil, etc. Some boys have also saved books and magazines for the crews of minesweepers.

Altogether we have had a very good Term.

AUFWIEDERSEHEN.

**FORM NOTES—2C.**

We are pleased to say that D. Kirkhouse is a Reserve for the Junior Soccer Team, and that five of our members of 2c are in the Choir. They are as follows:—H. Martin, K. Howells, J. Soderman, R. Owen, and E. West.

We are very sorry to say that A. Edge, our late Form Captain, was absent from School during the whole of last Term owing to illness.

J. Soderman has been Top Boy twice, a very good record.

Our Form Master, Mr. F. S. Way has been away from School owing to illness. We wish him a very speedy recovery and hope to see him at School again in the near future.

We have a number of boys in the Junior Orchestra, and several more boys belong to the Swimming Club.

We are glad to say that W. Evans came Second in the Sack Race, and J. Thomas came Third in the Final of the Obstacle Race.

In 2c we have a new boy who comes from Gowerton. He is modest and does not wish to be named.

D. WEST, Form Captain.



**FORM NOTES—3A.**

Throughout the past year the Form has done very well. It has been well represented in many spheres of activity.

The Junior Soccer Team has had its quota of 3a-ites. W. Gard and G. Kiley have helped the team to many victories, and I. Lewis has saved many a goal, when standing between the goal-posts.

D. Poole, K. Winston, A. Tobin, and H. Richards have played well for the Junior Rugby Team.

There are some second fiddles from 3a playing in the School Orchestra. They are D. Luce, P. Williams, J. Thomas, and H. Richards.

The only boy in the Form who is helping Mr. Morgan with the "Puppets" is R. Gammon, who is making someone from "Toy-Town."

Not many boys entered for the Annual Sports this year, but those who did ran very well. W. Gard won the final of the 75 yards Hurdles. The Peg-gathering race was won by I. Lewis. D. Poole was second in the event "Putting the Shot." H. Richards won the 80 Yards and the 220 Yards (under 13½). He came third in the Long Jump, and tied for second place in the High Jump.

**FORM NOTES—3B.**

We welcome to our Form an evacuee, P. J. Frankis. This is his third Term in 3b. The Form is represented in the Cricket Team by six members: G. Loosemore, G. Craven, K. Rees, D. Evans, J. Myles, G. Bolch. We have two representatives, H. Williams and R. Lewis in the Orchestra, while K. Rees, D. Thomas, J. Beer, P. Wooley, are in the Choir. We have 21 members of the Form in the National Savings Club and the number is slowly increasing.

W. FALVEY.

**FORM NOTES—VA.**

We have kept up our reputation in Sporting Circles this Term. Sidney West, a member of the Form, has been chosen to Captain the Swansea Schooboy's Soccer Team. He was also chosen for the Welsh Team which defeated England at Cardiff not long ago.

There are also two members of the Form in the Senior Cricket Team, Ronald Dahlgren and Tom Kiley.

Three boys are members of the School Orchestra, Ronald Dahlgren, Ken Davies, and David McLennan. All three play the violin.

A. Thomas is Captain of the School Swimming Club and we congratulate him on being chosen to fill this important position,

D. Wray, a former member of the Form, has now left School and is now a clerk at the L.M.S. Station at St. Thomas. We wish him luck in his new sphere of activity.

### FORM NOTES—LOWER VI (Arts).

We returned to School this Term with the shadow of examinations hanging over us. However, we have managed to survive and are ourselves again.

We extend our most hearty congratulations to B. Nicholson and T. O'Connel, who have obtained positions at Bristol and Gloucester.

Although the Form did not excel in the recent School Sports, yet with a true sense of loyalty everyone turned up to encourage the competitors with their hearty cheers.

Although a very small Form, we are fully represented in numerous School activities. H. Jones is an efficient sports captain, while R. Davies is the School's Fives Captain. H. J. Williams, a member of the Welsh Society, is an authority on this old and beautiful language. Two remaining members of the "arts" are left for comment, and these are none other than C. Ponsford, the orator of the form, who is seen at his best in the Literary and Debating Society, and K. Lewis, who is our representative in the Orchestra, which I am sure deserves our thanks for the pleasure we receive from its playing each morning.

K.L.L.

### THINK ON THIS!

In the Cemetery at Mentone is a grave, on the headstone of which are the following words :

' Here lies  
John Richard Green,  
Historian of the English people.  
He died learning.

May not old as well as young take this simple epitaph to heart? Life is School-time, and we should all be learning.

K.L.L.

## FORM NOTES—UPPER VI ARTS.

Hard and unceasing have been the efforts of the Upper VI Arts to maintain the traditions of their predecessors, and it cannot be denied that they have risen to the occasion. Indeed the versatility and accomplishments of some of these scholars compel one to express the view that never before have such talents been discovered. And what of the individuals who possess these talents?

Aubrey Bowen. Has inherited the national love of singing, and, unfortunately for the others, likes to express that love in his unique manner. By some means or other he was elected Vice-Captain of the School Cricket Team. He has not been very successful this season, but it does not matter—he's a member of the Selection Committee. Since being chaired as School Bard, he has been living in a wonderland of his own, and it takes a great effort on the part of his more prosaic colleagues to reconcile him, very often to the material demands of History Homework. He is the hard-working Secretary of the Welsh Society. Claimed by many as the Shove-halfpenny Champion of the School, and is responsible for the welfare of Dillwyn House.

Hubert Hughson. Threatens to blossom forth as a composer—at least has the hirsute adornments and financial embarrassments of the artist. His good looks and breezy personality bring him a host of feminine admirers who, truth to say, are not wholly unwelcome. Has a mania for writing his name on odd scraps of paper. As Secretary of the Cricket Team, is often seen in consultation with the Chancellor of the School Exchequer. Tells a good story. Renowned far and wide for his piano-playing. Studying to be a Conductor—but has not quite decided whether it shall be of a bus or orchestra.

Irfon Morgan. Accepts one of Robert Owen's ideas implicitly. Believes that he has a mission in life—to reform his colleagues. There is much speculation as to his movements on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (in the evenings of course!) Lately has frequented the practice nets—a dangerous bowler. The "chips" off the posts may be traced to his extraordinary length, and sense of direction. Pro-Government. Often expresses a desire to sit on the Bench.

Ellis Thomas. The only member of the Form who does not speak Welsh; often finds this a handicap when the other four relapse into the vernacular. The most conscientious member of the Form—does all the worrying for the rest as



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"Seer," U.VI. Sc.

well as for himself. Delights in working out French exercises in front of his admiring colleagues. One of the joys of his life is the School Magazine—goes into the Seventh Heaven of delight when an article is submitted to him, as Editor, for his approval. Looks forward to his English lessons. He is one who does not believe in putting off till tomorrow what can be done to-day.

Philip Watkins. The best example in School of "dual personality." No greater contrast could be found between the person who attends so closely in School and the same person outside of School. His chief delights—asking long, involved questions of the History Master, and repeating quotations learned in History, Destined for the Church. Editor of the Magazine, and as such is often seen chasing around the School after some elusive Junior who has promised an article. Has lost a great number of his already-few pounds (avoirdupois) during term of office as Secretary of Literary and Debating Society.

The Formroom—

"A palace, void of envy, cares and strife,  
Where gentle hours delude so much of life."

### FORM NOTES—UPPER VI SCIENCE.

This year as in previous years the Upper VI Science has distinguished itself in many spheres of School life. Before recounting some of our successes, however, let us take this chance of recording our regret that V. Radford has left us for service in the Fleet Air Arm. He was the Deputy Head Prefect and a great Rugby enthusiast.

Two members of this Form, namely, P. Morris and H. Rees are members of the Local Defence Volunteers.

Amongst those who distinguished themselves in the Sports this year were J. Hopkins, M. Parkes, G. Allen and A. Godsall.

We congratulate H. John, the Captain of Grove House, which won most points at the Sports. The Form is well represented in the Scientific Society, K. R. Williams being the Chairman, and R. Hullin, Secretary.

At the beginning of this Term, the School Team was invited to Neath. The team was the same as before with the exception that W. A. Godsall deputised for P. R. Hullin. The School this time, however, was played to a draw of six games each after a very thrilling contest.

The individual scores were, first pair (as before) P. Morris and G. Allen won two out of four games ; the second pair, M. Parkes and J. Walters won one out of four games ; and our last pair D. Riches and A. Godsall won three out of four games.

This year also, a great deal of attention and help has been given to the Club by Messrs. D. I. Williams, G. Gregory, and E. Yates, who together with Mr. Chandler played a team of boys from both U. VI Arts and Science. The School team only won two matches, both singles (R. Hullin beating Mr. Chandler, and G. Allen winning against Mr. D. I. Williams) whereas the Masters won seven games.

G. ALLEN, U. VI Sc.

### CINEMA NOTES.

This, the youngest of the School's Societies, is now almost three Terms old. In this time, much progress has been made. Thanks to the Caretaker, who designed and supervised the making of the very efficient projector stand, the preparations necessary before a performance can be given have now been reduced to a minimum. In the early days 'rigging' up tables as a projector stand, the darkening of the hall by an assortment of curtains borrowed from various sources, and the 'slinging' of the screen, entailed long preparation. Now such work can be accomplished in a few minutes.

The quality of the films shown has varied greatly. Some have been very good, notably "The Transfer of Power," kindly lent to us by "The Petroleum Films Bureau," but others have been very poor. Our readers must bear in mind that everything, including our choice of films has been in the experimental stage, and that too much of a diet of "Cartoons" or "Charlie Chaplin" films would soon cloy the appetite.

We are also keeping in mind for future programmes the pathetic pleas of certain First Year boys who demand plaintively to know when we shall see films with a story.

Some potential film stars were also discovered during the filming of the School Sports. We hope to repeat this experiment in future School events and feel that there can be no doubt that the value of such films will increase as the years pass.

## CURIOUS ROCKS.

Many curious legends are told concerning rocks and boulders. A large number of these are to be met with along the indented coastline of Devon and Cornwall, and upon the wide moors where strange tales are told concerning the oddly-shaped "tors" and the great isolated boulders so frequently seen in the moorland.

Near St. Levan, in Cornwall, there is a stone which is supposed to foretell the end of the world. St. Levan, who lived here centuries ago, wished to leave some record of his powers behind him, so one day he struck a large block of granite near his cell with his clenched fist, and split it right down the middle. He declared that when this cleft widens sufficiently to let a loaded mule pass by, the last day will be at hand.

Not far away there is a table-shaped stone, where it is said that seven kings once dined, and the wizard Merlin declared that one day a still greater number of monarchs would assemble around it, and then either the Judgment Day or some dire catastrophe would be at hand. Perhaps the most famous of Cornish rocks is the "Logan," or "Rocking Stone," so called because it rocks. Its huge bulk of over ninety tons is so balanced on the top of a steep point of the granite cliffs that a slight touch causes it to move to and fro. Popularly supposed to be "The Rocking-chair of the Witch of the West," a certain Modgy Figgs, it is associated with many queer tales and beliefs. Modgy was said to sit here on stormy nights, in order to lure ships to destruction on the cruel rocks below.

There are several similar rocking stones in Wales, where there are endless legends about rocks and stones. "The Lake of Three Grains," in Merioneth, owes its name to three large rocks which the Giant Idris, when sitting enthroned in his high seat above ('Cader Idris,' or the 'Chair of Idris), found in his shoe and flung down in a passion. The Maen Lin, huge stones in the Vale of Clwyd, are said to be dangerous to meddle with, as each is supposed to hold an imprisoned spirit. They are believed to have come down from Snowdon in the Ice Age.

At St. John's Well, near Corrigaline in Cork, there is a great stone slightly resembling a human head in shape. The peasants there believe this to be the head of St. John the Baptist turned into stone. In ancient times it was one of the famous "swearing-stones," over which oaths and compacts

were made by persons standing with their hands on the stone, after which they each scratched a rude cross on the surface with a piece of slate.

K.L.L.

### THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Owing to the War, it has been impossible this year to arrange visits to works. In order to compensate to some extent for this, many films of a scientific nature have been shewn in the School Hall to all who were sufficiently interested to attend. Many juniors, we were glad to note, came to see the films.

The first meeting of the Easter Term was held on Jan. 12, when three films were shewn to the Society. They were: 'Magic,' 'Oxidation and Reduction,' and 'Crystals.'

Mr. George gave introductory talks on 'Crystals' and 'Oxidation and Reduction.'

The second meeting of the Society was held on Feb. 1st, when Mr. Fisher of the British Oxygen Company, lectured on 'Liquid Oxygen.' The lecturer explained the method of manufacturing Liquid Oxygen at Swansea, and also performed many interesting experiments. There was a very large attendance, and we had a very interesting and enjoyable evening. A vote of thanks to Mr. Fisher was proposed by Haydn John and seconded by P. Morris.

On Feb. 5th, films entitled 'Elections' and 'Molecular Theory of Matter' were shewn. Mr. George gave some introductory talks. A large number of boys were present.

The last meeting of the Easter Term was held on Feb. 16, when films dealing with 'The Transformation of Energy' and 'Vision' were shewn. Mr. D. I. Williams gave an introductory talk.

Summer Term. During April and May the following films have been shown to the Society: 'Progress' 'How the Sun's Rays reach the Earth,' 'Static Electricity,' 'Glass Making,' 'Soap Making,' 'The Making of Lime,' 'How Talkies Talk.' The meetings at which these films were shown were all attended by large and interested audiences.

Members are grateful to the following Masters who have interested themselves in the Society: Mr. John, Mr. George, Mr. D. I. Williams, Mr. Gregory, and Mr. W. J. Lewis. Thanks are due also to the boys who, as members, have helped to make the activities of the Society known and successful during the two Terms.

ROY P. HULLIN, Secretary.



## THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

The School Orchestra continues to flourish and is now as strong as ever, in spite of the fact that many of the senior members have left. Young aspirants, keen on mastering an instrument, are always ready to take their places. We have some additions from the Staff again this Term in the persons of Mr. Yates and Mr. McGivan, who play the clarionet and oboe respectively. We have also acquired a set of tympani which are played by our talented young evacuee, R. Wellman (2b), who is also a good trumpeter. Owing to the abnormal conditions brought about by the War, the external activities of the Orchestra have had to be curtailed. Consequently they have fulfilled one engagement only. For the third consecutive year some members of the Orchestra took part in the Singing Festival held at Saron Chapel, Gendros, on Whitsunday. They accompanied the choir and acquitted themselves well.

The School once again had the pleasure of listening to a Concert given by the Dorian Trio. The visit of the Trio is always looked forward to by the whole School, and the Concert was, as usual, very much appreciated. The programme included Schubert's Trio in B flat, Sibelius's Valse Triste, and Bach's 'Air in G' for the violin. We also heard some items played on the Recorder.

We also had the privilege of listening to Miss Florence Hooton, one of the best known 'cellists of the day. She delighted all with her playing, and enabled us to realise what wonderful effects and tone can be obtained from the 'cello. Miss Hooton played a varied selection. This included Samartine's Sonata in G, Lullaby by Cyril Scott, The Piper by Sir John McEwin, Sarabandi and Courant by Bach, Flight of the Bumble-Bee by Rimsky-Korsakov, and Tarantelle by Ropper. Mrs. Wells was the accompanist.

For such opportunities of listening to the best music we must heartily thank Mr. John.

In connection with the proposal that a party of boys from the School shall spend their holidays on farms in order to assist the farmers, Mr. Roberts is endeavouring to form a choir to sing Students' Songs. This I am sure will be a welcome innovation, and the efforts of the choir will be much appreciated in the evenings after working hours.

On behalf of the Orchestra I must thank Mr. Roberts for his untiring work, and also Mr. John for taking such a keen interest in our work, and for giving us all opportunities for listening to well known artistes and to the best music.

H.H.H.

## JUNIOR SOCCER.



The Junior Soccer Team, captained by Sidney West, has had an exceptionally good Season. Finishing top of its section, the team dropped only 4 points and scored 61 goals to 4 in the process. Two of the four points were lost in the first match of the season against Llansamlet, and in the second half of the season the School drew with Danygraig and Oxford Street at home

In the Championship Final against Townhill (unbeaten leaders of the other Section of the League), the School Team failed to equal the team-work of Townhill, and though they had their chances, were finally beaten 3—1 after a hard game.

The School earned further honours in having four boys chosen to play for the Town Team, with C. Lockett, 4c, as Reserve. Sidney West, 5a, and Gerald Kiley, 3a, played for the Town throughout, Sidney West acting as Captain. He was already Captain of the School Team. Graham Jones, 5c, and subsequently W. Gard, 3a, also played for the Town Team. These five boys are to be congratulated on their success. Further honours were bestowed on Sidney West and Graham Jones when they were chosen to play for Wales at Cardiff.

A unique feature of Sidney West's selection is that he thus emulates his father, Mr. W. G. West, who was the first Schoolboy International from this School, and who, we should like to add, has taken a great interest in and rendered invaluable service to the School's Junior Soccer Teams over many years.

The disappointment felt at our failure to gain the Championship is more than outweighed by the sportsmanship displayed by the team throughout the season, which must be destined to have a permanent influence upon them and Schoolboy Soccer.

The School, and more particularly all boys who have passed through his hands, were sorry to hear of Mr. Way's illness, and wish him a speedy recovery. We are glad to hear he is already much better, and hope to have him back with us soon.

**SENIOR RUGBY XV.**

President : Mr. Llewelyn John.

Captain : Vivian Radford.

Committee :

Graham Clement, Irfon Morgan.

Record :

Matches played 17. Won 10. Lost 7.

Points for 122. Points against 113.



Colours were awarded to :—A. Davies, D. W. John, W. A. Jenkins, H. James, W. Hodges.

Dates were awarded to V. Radford, G. Clements, I. Morgan, J. Richards, D. Wales, W. E. Harris.

After a satisfactory start to the season in the Winter Term, the School Team looked forward with confidence to further victories in the New Year. Unfortunately the weather prevented any play for the first three weeks, and the matches against Ystradgynlais Secondary, Neath County, and Carmarthen Grammar Schools had to be cancelled. Later in the season our match against Aberdare was cancelled because the ground was covered with snow.

The first two matches played were against strong teams at Carmarthen and Llanelly, and the School Team were defeated by 11 points in each case. A recovery during the last four matches resulted in wins against Pontardawe Secondary, Glanmor and Ystalyfera Secondary Schools. All the matches were played in the best spirit and were very evenly contested.

In view of the inclement weather and our special difficulties of training, the record of the team for the season can be considered as extremely satisfactory. That the record is a great improvement on previous years may be due to the number of new players who fitted very well into the team. It is to be hoped that they will be available for next season.

Several of the veterans of the team have either left or will be leaving at the end of this Term. Special mention must be made of Vivian Radford, Graham Clement and Irfon Morgan, all of whom have secured Colours for three successive seasons. It is also worthy of note that W. M. Watkins scored 51 points during the season. This is a remarkably good individual record.

## THE ANNUAL SPORTS.



The Annual Sports were held on May 23rd, at the St. Helen's Field. This year 'Standards' were introduced for the first time, each competitor attaining "Standard" performance being awarded one point. Five teams competed in the Inter School Relay Race, the winners being Ystradgynlais County School. The following records were broken :—

100 yds. 15-16, by D. Wales (L), in 11.2 secs.

80 yds. under 13½, by H. Richards (D) in 10 secs.

Cricket Ball under 15 by E. Williams (R), 75 yds 2ft.

Junior Hop, Step and Jump, by E. Lloyd (D) 32 ft. 11 in.

W. M. Watkins also equalled the record for 100 yds over 16 in 11 secs.

Detailed results were as follows :

100 yds. over 16—1 W. M. Watkins G, 2 J. Hopkins G.  
3 W. Hodges R, 4, C. Kissock R (11 secs.).

100 yds. 15-16—1 D. Wales L, 2 A. Thomas D, 3 D. John G,  
4 P. Rogers R (11.2 secs.).

80 yds. 13½-15—1 E. Davies G, 2 H. Thomas D, 3 C.  
Thomas L, 4 J. Mockridge R (9.6 secs.).

80 yds. under 13½—1 H. Richards D, 2, K. Thomas G,  
3 W. H. Rosser D (10 secs.).

Senior Cricket Ball—1 H. James G, 2 W. Watkins G,  
3 D. John G (75 yds. 7 in.).

Junior Cricket Ball—1 E. Williams R, 2 T. Lloyd, L,  
3 E. Lloyd D (75 yds. 2 ft.).

Senior High Jump—1 W. Parkes R, 2 H. James G, 3 J.  
Walters R (4 ft. 10 in.).

Junior High Jump—1 E. Davies G, 2 J. Mockridge R,  
F. H. Richards (4 ft. 3½ in.).

Senior Long Jump—1 J. Hopkins G, 2 A. Godsall G, 3 W,  
A. Jenkins R, 4 H. Rees G (17ft. 1 in.).

Junior Long Jump—1 E. Davies G, 2 B. Lloyd G, 3 H.  
Richards D, 4 B. Pearce (16ft. 2½ in.).

Senior Hop, Step and Jump—1 C. Kissock R, 2 G. Allen G,  
3 A. Godsall G, 4 D. Riches R (34ft 3½ in.).



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Junior Hop, Step and Jump—1 E. Lloyd D, 2 E. Davies G,  
3 B. Lloyd L, 4 D. Thomas K (32 ft. 11 in.).

220 yds. over 16—1 W. Watkins G, 2 W. Hodges R, 3 J.  
Hopkins G.

220 yds. 15-16—1 D. Wales L, 2 B. Whelan D, D. John G,  
(28 secs.).

220 yds. 13½-15—1 E. Davies G, 2 H. Thomas D, 3 C.  
Edwards L, 4 T Lloyd L (29.2 secs.).

220 yds. under 13½—1 H. Richards D, 2 J. Aldron R, 3 K.  
Thomas G, 4 P. Gibbs R (30.8 secs.).

440 yds. over 15—1 W. Watkins G, 2 D. Wales L, 3 C.  
Kissock R (60.2 secs.).

Senior Hurdles, 110 yds.—1 W. Hodges R, 2 J. Hopkins G.  
14.6 secs.

Junior Hurdles, 75 yds.—1 C. Edwards L. and B. Gard R.  
3 E. Beresford D, 4 K. Jones G (12.2 secs.).

Senior Shot, 12lb.—1 H. James G, 2 D. John G (29ft. 6ins.).

Junior Shot, 6lb.—1 P. Samuel L, 2 D. Poole G (25ft lin.).

½-Mile Walk, over 15—1 J. Budge L, 2 D. Abraham R,  
3 P. Morris L, 4 V. Gwynne (4 mins. 41 secs.).

Inter School Relay—1 Ystradgynlais, 2, Swansea Grammar  
and Bridgend.

Peg Gathering under 13½—1 P. Lewis R, 2 R. Owen L,  
3 J. Phillips G, 4 G. Daniels D.

Three-Legged—1 S. Huxtable and C. Lockett R, 2 R.  
Cornelius and A. Thomas R.

Obstacle over 15—1 D. Abraham R, 2 D. Allen R, 3 K.  
Evans L.

Obstacle under 13½—1 J. Aldron R, 2 P. Gibbs L, 3 H.  
Billington, R.

Junior Championship—Winner—E. Davies G (27 pts.),  
Runners Up—H. Richards D (16½ pts.).

Placings for House Shield—Ist Grove 137½ pts., 2nd Roberts  
93 pts., 3rd Llewelyn 76 pts., 4th Dillwyn 62½ pts.

Obstacle 13½-15—1 C. Zaggerman G, 2 R. Taylor D, 3 B.  
Gard R.

Sack Race under 13½—1 G. Griffiths R, 2 N. Evans L,  
3 J. Thomas R.

**Sack Race** 13½-15—1 R. Taylor D, 2 D. Scott L, 3 P. Loiselet R.

**Senior Relay**—1 Grove, 2 Roberts, 3 Dillwyn. (1m. 54'4s).

**Junior Relay**—1 Llewelyn, 2 Dillwyn, 3 Grove. (56'2 secs.).

**Tug of War**—1 Grove, 2 Llewelyn.

**Senior Championship**—Winner—W. Watkins G (19 pts.),  
Runners Up—J. Hopkins G (16 pts.), D. Wales L (15 pts.).

### ATHLETICS.

Members of the Athletic Team have shown a keen interest this year in Sports, and have put in some regular training during the term. The results have been very encouraging. On May 30th, the School Relay Team (W. M. Watkins, J. Hopkins, W. Hodges, and D. Wales) competed in the Inter School Relay Race at Aberdare County School Sports, and although there were five other very strong teams competing the School succeeded in winning the race, and hence for the first time, bringing back the Cup. On June 8th, the Athletic Team travelled to Mountain Ash to compete at the Glamorgan Secondary Schools Championship Sports.

The School Team was : (Senior) W. Watkins, Capt., and J. Hopkins. (Middle) D. Wales, W. Hodges, W. A. Jenkins, H. James, and E. Davies. (Junior) H. Richards.

Out of 30 Schools we were successful in the following events : W. Hodges—1st in the Hurdles and Standard. H. James—6th in the High Jump and Standard, and 6th in the Putting the Shot and Standard.

In addition the following boys attained 'Standard' in their events : W. Watkins in Senior 440, D. Wales in Middle 440, W. A. Jenkins in Middle 220, E. Davies in Middle Long Jump, H. Richards in Junior 220 and High Jump.

The Middle School Relay Team gained 5th place out of 20 teams. Total number of points won by School—19.

We hope to continue training during the remainder of the Term and during the next winter season. All boys interested are invited to join by giving their names to Mr. D. I. Williams.

## BREAK IN THE LOWER VI.

One morning, walking along the second floor corridor at about a quarter to eleven, I saw some small boys, presumably First Years, rushing past me to take up positions outside the door of the Lower VIth. More arrived and began pushing the first comers in order to obtain better positions. After a few minutes of pushing and gesturing, the door was suddenly flung open and the crowd rushed in, pushing aside the desks in their path. Order was restored, however, and they were lined up in front of the room. Suddenly, chaos again descended on the room upon the entry of a well-known member of the Form, and the crowd rushed to meet him, waving small pieces of paper and pencils and uttering queer cries sounding like "fusrozy! secorozyl" then took the papers and inscribed queer hieroglyphics on them after which they departed, gesticulating wildly, and leaving the Lower VI room in peace. What does it all mean?

D.C.P. (L.VI Arts).

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## OBITUARY.

On the last day of January we heard with great regret that Mr. Hopkins had passed away with tragic suddenness. He had been in indifferent health for a few months, but having decided to take a long rest, had made very good progress towards complete recovery. Friends and colleagues who had spoken to him during his convalescence were convinced that he would soon be able to return to his duties. But it was not to be, and we mourn his passing away in the prime of life, and in the midst of his numerous activities.

He came to the School from Glanmor School eleven years ago. During these years he had taught French to Juniors and Seniors, and had succeeded in imparting some of his own enthusiasm for the language to a large number of boys. He had also arranged for some boys to go to France for holiday courses, and had organised School excursions to Denmark and France.

He was an Officer in the Welsh Regiment during the last War, and had served in the Territorial Army since. At the beginning of the present War he offered his services to the authorities.

Endowed with a keen sense of humour and blessed with a kindly disposition, he had endeared himself to all who knew him, and will be missed very much. We offer Mrs. Hopkins our sincere sympathy.

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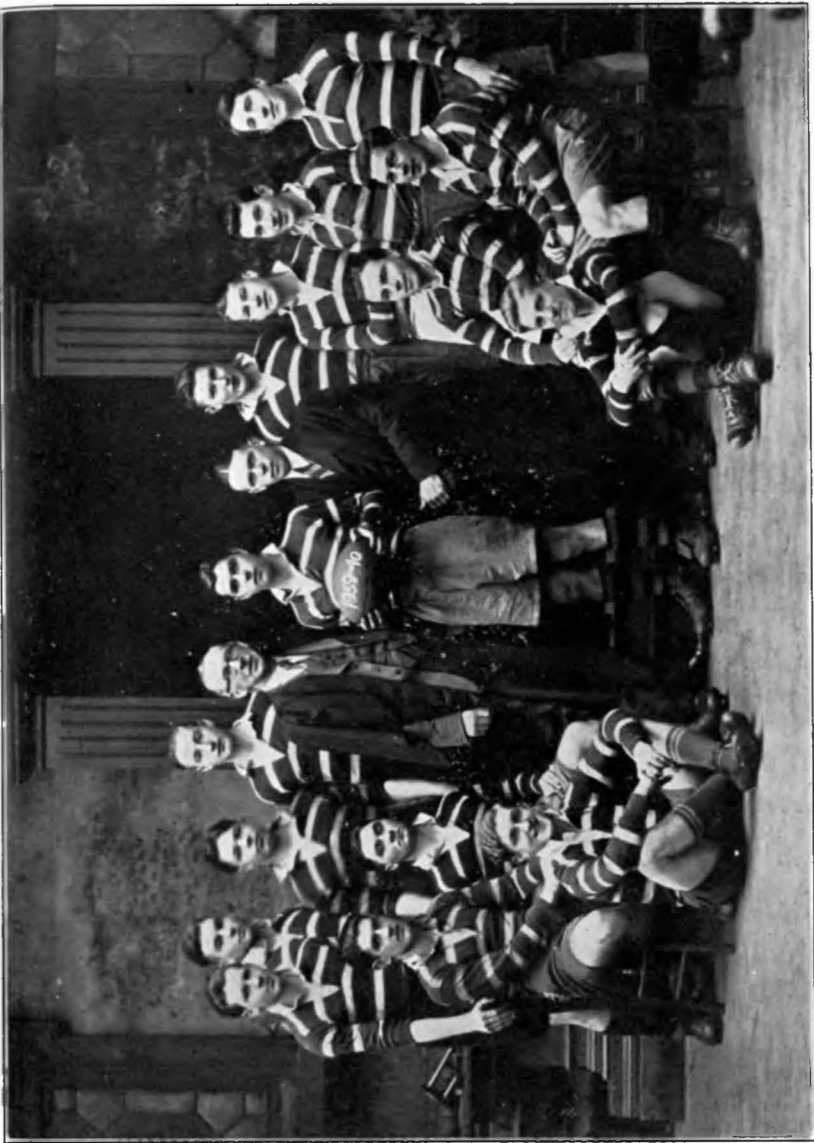
### OLD DY'VORIANS' ASSOCIATION.

Undismayed by the possible difficulties of mustering a good gathering, the more virile spirits of the Association determined to risk at least one function this year. It was decided therefore to hold a Re-union Dinner at the Hotel Metropole, on Friday, April 26th, with the President, Mr. D. O. Thomas in the chair, and Capt. H. K. Morgan, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.N., and Major H. Leslie Hyett, M.C., R.A., as chief Guests.

After an enjoyable meal, followed by lusty community singing, the toast of the Association was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor J. R. Martin, who spoke to us of his early boyhood days. The President, Mr. D. O. Thomas, responding, instanced the notable contribution made by Old Boys of the School to the various professions and high posts held in the town. 'H.M. Forces' was proposed by Mr. D. H. I. Powell, Editor of the 'Evening Post,' who said that the War had brought a new importance to West Wales ports. He paid tribute to the work of the Navy in their glorious episodes, and in the successful organization of transports. The sentimentalists, he went on, regret that County and Town Battalions were not being formed as in the last War, but the introduction of Conscription had assured the Country that there would be no repetition of Mametz Wood, when whole towns and villages were thrown into mourning. Captain H. L. Morgan responding, mentioning with pride that he was a Welshman, pleaded that such a great commercial centre as Swansea should not allow men of the Mercantile Marine, hailed to-day as heroes, to stand idle at the street corners when the War was over, while foreigners took their places on the sea. Major Leslie Hyett, who also responded for the Forces, said he was proud to be an Old Dy'vorian, and recalled memories and episodes of his school-days. When the trouble in Norway started, he said, he called for volunteers in his battery and there was a 100 per cent response.

The Chairman conveyed the Association's congratulations to Mr. Graham Goldsworthy, a very active vice-president, on his acquiring the Order of the Silver Acorn, the highest award available in the Boy Scout Movement. The Toast of the visitors was proposed by Vice-President and Councillor S. C. Jenkins, and Alderman W. J. Davies, Chairman of the Swansea Education Committee, responded.

Mr. D. E. Powell provided an excellent programme of entertainment. The artistes were Madame Brenda Llewelyn



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H. James, M. Parkes, D. John, D. W. Rees, J. Catley, S. T. Griffiths, W. Watkins, W. A. Jenkins,  
 Mr. W. Ll. John, V. Radford, Mr. W. Lewis,  
 D. Wales, J. Richards, W. G. Hodges, I. Morgan, J. Hopkins, N. Blythe.

and Mr. Haydn Llewelyn, Mr. Garfield Phillips (Violinist), Mr. George Isaac ('Cellist), Cartoni (lightning-cartoon artist), and Mr. Powell himself. Their valuable contribution to the success of the evening was eloquently acknowledged by Mr. Arthur Jones.

There was a unanimous feeling that it had been a most enjoyable evening. About 130 attended the gathering and among those present were : Messrs. D. J. Williams, B. C. George, W. H. Lewis, G. Powell, T. Morgan, W. S. Evans, D. O. Bowen, F. J. Randall, and D. E. Thomas, members of the Staff ; the Revs. William Francis, A. Leslie Norman, Garfield James, Alan Evans, and Sidney Dunn. Mr. D. E. Powell, Secretary ; Messrs. T. J. S. Morgan, T. W. Richards, Arthur Jones, W. B. Thomas, A. Mayne, Les Anthony, Geo. Gibbs, Bruce Barter, Bernard MacInerny, Horace Boyle, Brian Davies, B. Baddiel, Dr. Elwyn James ; Messrs. E. T. Jones, R.N.R., Wilf Thomas, Allan Sullivan, J. S. Nener, Wilfred Higgs, S. H. Buckland, D. T. Jeremy, S. B. Coates, Ron Jenkins, G. L. Margetts, Ron Evans, Bert Howells, Ron John, S. Leyshon, B. Matthews, W. J. Cox, Orllwyn Rees, G. G. Rees, E. V. Harries, B. T. Rees, E. V. Bevan, D. O. Howells, Tom Morris, G. Richards, Ron Evans, Haydn Jones, Jack Adams, B. Griffiths, and E. H. Evans.

The Committee wish to record their very sincere thanks to the following members who spontaneously offered to defray the incidental expenses ; the Rev. Wm. Francis, Mr. Llewelyn John, Mr. D. O. Thomas, Mr. B. McInerny, Major Hyett, Mr. G. Goldsworthy, and Mr. W. Hyman.

### WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

1. Why there are always so many boys clustered round the Master's desk in the Lower Class room ?
2. Why the L. VI boys are so often seen gazing out of the windows overlooking Dynevor Place ?
3. Who is the hero who defended the School cook from an attack by two mice ?
4. Who bent the key of the drawers in the Electricity Laboratory ?
5. A certain Master says our life is shortened by a day every time we lose our temper ; then why isn't he dead yet ?
6. Who turned the  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution in the Physics Laboratory blue.
7. Who wants us to practice wave motion in our baths (if any) ?

ITMA (L. VI Sc.).

## THE METALWORK & ENGINEERING CLUB.



The activities of the Metal Work and Engineering Club have been very much restricted during this Term and the previous one by the War. It has to mention only one difficulty which rendered visits to works and factories impossible. We live in hopes that it may be possible to overcome some of the difficulties and arrange one or two visits in the near future.

Meanwhile we have been shown some instructional films which have made up to some extent for what we have lost. Among the films which we have seen are: The 'Development of wheels,' 'Tinplates' 'Power,' all of which have been most instructive.

The Club has been very successful this year in spite of the War, and we hope that it will continue to encourage all of us who are interested in engineering. We should like to thank Mr. Randall for his untiring efforts in supervising the practical activities of the Club.

K. SCOTT.

## THE WIND AND THE WAVES.

It was a gloriously fine morning, when our small craft, provisioned for the day, sailed out between the Swansea Piers. I shall not divulge the name of the boat lest I bring down the wrath of my shipmates, one especially, upon my head; but I shall refer to her as the "W.S.." Her complement was a patrol of Sea Scouts accompanied by their Scoutmaster. We were venturing out despite the warnings of a company of "old salts" that ere the day was over our craft would be running before an angry sea. Not to be deprived of a day's pleasure, we laughed at this dismal forecast and criticised them for their pessimistic forebodings. Then we put to sea.

For the next hour or so we were pre-occupied, particularly the stronger members of the crew, with vain attempts to start our outboard motor. Several times it gave a heartening "chug" but invariably followed the "splutter-splutter" whereupon the crew gave vent to their feelings in a disappointing sigh and many sarcastic comments. Having had some experience of the wilful nature of the motor on previous occasions we had taken the precaution of equipping

the "W.S." with oars and sail, and to these more conventional and auxiliary means of propulsion we had finally to resort.

Resigned to our misfortune, but determined to make the best of our holiday we pulled at the oars with renewed vigour and eventually beached at a densely crowded part of the foreshore. A few of the scouts then went ashore to procure much-needed refreshments. While they were gone one of our number, much to the delight of gazing holiday makers took unusual pleasure in precipitating himself from the boat into the swirling water. After his sudden immersion, all his exhilaration being lost in the process, he climbed dejectedly back into the "W.S.," to sit in the stern greatly embarrassed by the obvious amusement of the spectators. Meanwhile the shore party rejoined us and bravely we set our course seaward.

To the rhythmic strokes of the oarsmen, the crew occasionally burst forth into song with the most popular choruses of the day. Our course now lay sou' sou' west towards the Mumbles Lighthouse and after much toiling as well as occasional changing of the rowers, we eventually arrived in the neighbourhood of the Head. We were now able to see down Channel, and much to our horror we saw approaching inky black thunder clouds. Gradually the somewhat choppy sea had calmed and we found ourselves on a sea, the only movement of which was a gentle swell. It was the lull before the storm.

Immediately the helmsman swung over the tiller, and the boat was soon heading towards our haven, the Swansea Piers. Hoisting our big sail we ran before the ever increasing gale. She heeled, and the water spoke beneath her bows as she seethed forward on the angry waves. Nearer and nearer approached the storm until at last its fury was upon us. The waves were whipped up into a tempest as the "W.S." rolled and plunged through the surging seas. For a seemingly infinite period she roared and lifted through it, riding the larger waves proudly, and with disdain, as she had ridden the smaller ones.

While the cordage and sail trembled with the vigour of the charge, on and on she sailed. The mere six inches of free board was not a very reassuring sight as wave after wave broke over the sides and the pump worked at its maximum rate. I was weary of the seas ahead, for everyone seemed to strike my soul as they came, even more strongly than they struck the bows, steep curling, unintermittent, rank upon rank

upon rank, an innumerable array of white horses. I fancied the elements of nature were bent to give chase, like demons eager to destroy the infinitely weak. By this time we were satisfied with the brine of the Mumbles Roads, but, despite this physical discomfort our spirits were high. Then suddenly, so suddenly that I gave a cry, I saw right before us the piers, perhaps some five hundred yards distant.

Soon the "W.S." was cruising up the river mouth on an ebb tide. We gazed absently at the towering jetties, for they were high at this state of tide. We had gone to sea and had experienced fear and joy, danger and relief, depression and exultation, repose not as mere words, but as realities of life.

"MARINER" L. VI.

The Headmaster—

A man severe he was, and stern to view.  
I knew him well, and every truant knew.

In the Canteen—

The hungry sheep look up and are not fed.

Singing in the Hall—

How they seemed to fill the sea and air  
With their sweet jargoning.

C.W.B. Candidates—

If at first you don't succeed—try, try again.

The Staff Room—

And the woodbine spices are wafted abroad.

First Year Forms (Minus Master)—

Wild mingling with the howling gale  
Loud bursts of hearty laughter rise.

The Upper Sixth—

This bottle's the sun of our table,  
His beams are rosy white.

The Day before Games—

There was a roaring in the wind all night  
The rain came heavily and fell in floods.

The Cricket Treasurer—

He views his coffers with suspicious eyes,  
Unlocks his gold, and counts it till he dies.

Sports Fees—

Ah, take the cash in hand, and waive the rest.

Prefects (at late door)—

They also serve who only stand and wait..

HARRY JONES, L. VI Arts.

