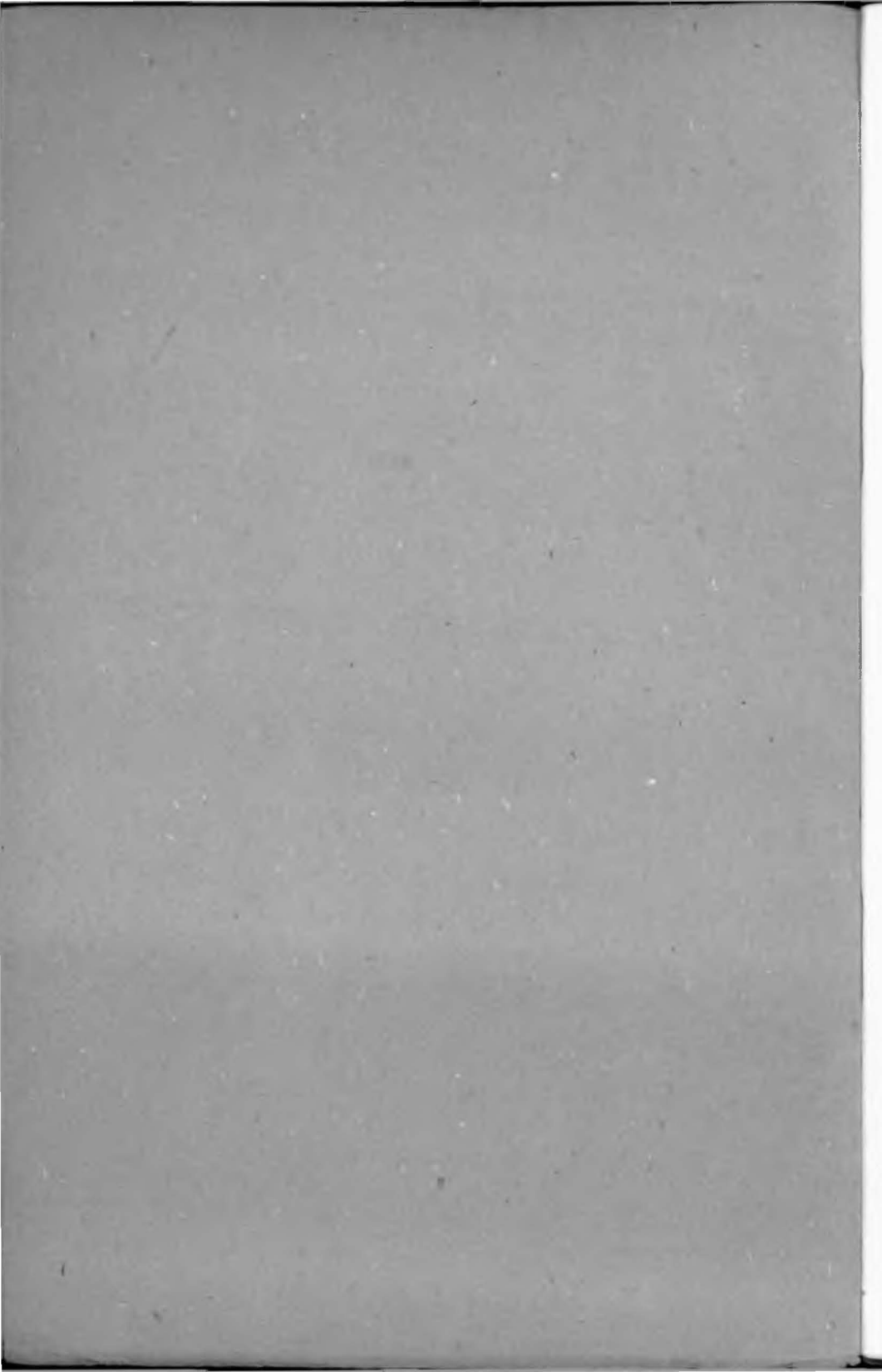


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EDITORIAL.

THIS term's issue of the School Magazine is a triumph over two obstacles; lack of contributions and the fuel crisis. The former has affected the compilation and the latter the production of the Magazine, but at last these obstacles have been surmounted. Contributions, as usual, came in a very belated last-minute rush and to all those who have devoted time and effort in this cause we are greatly indebted.

Here then is the School Magazine and we hope that it includes something to suit all tastes. In conclusion we should like to remind our readers that we shall always welcome any suggestions for the improvement of the Magazine, but please let it be constructive criticism.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

One by one the various school societies and organisations are functioning again, after an enforced lapse of some years owing to war conditions. The Welsh Society has, like the Phoenix of old, risen from the ashes, Libraries are once again open and are being fairly well patronised, though some boys seem to unfortunately have the habit of translating the old Latin tag "Ex Libris" a little too freely. Speaking of the school libraries prompts us to enquire

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whether here is any truth in the rumour that some one borrowed 'Alice in Wonderland' from the Science Library.

The Prefects for this year are as follows: T. G. J. Glinn, Head Prefect; A. Balch, Deputy Head Prefect; J. N. Howard; S. Jenkins; C. W. Lewis; B. Preedy; R. M. Price; M. Seacombe; G. Usher; C. C. Waghorn; H. Walters; A. I. Williams and T. A. Williams.

It is always very pleasing to hear of the success of an old boy of the School and therefore we should like to congratulate most heartily Jack Nicholas on his successful captaincy of last season's F.A. Cup winning team, Derby County. He was, of course, a pupil at Dynevor in the 'twenties and we hope that his success will encourage the School Soccer Team to even greater successes.

Sport generally continues to thrive in Dynevor and it is rapidly becoming a highly dangerous matter to cross the yard in break. Indeed with so much football going on we marvel that the School's windows have escaped with such little damage as they have sustained. With all this enthusiasm raging in the School it is no wonder that there are so many school teams playing the two codes of football. Naturally not all these teams are always successful (did somebody mention those stalwarts of the Senior Rugby XV?), but we can only hope that School is showing as much enthusiasm for its work as for its sport. One sport which has most decidedly flourished this year, at least among the Senior Forms, is Scrimmage Ball (for rules see Mr. Burgess). So great has been the enthusiasm for the inter-form clashes in this sport that it was proposed to form a Scrimmage Ball League, but so far no more has been heard about this.

Certain Seniors have again this year availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the regular Student Christian Movement Meetings at the Girls' High School. Six of them, we understand, are to attend the Annual S.C.M. Camp at Llangennith from March 29th—April 2nd.

Other Seniors, members of the Sixth Science, have been taken on tour of various local works or factories and details of these visits will be found in the Scientific Society Notes. Other forms had the good fortune to be taken on a visit to an exhibition of paintings at the Art Gallery.

St. David's Day was commemorated in the usual way this year. A concert was held in Mt. Pleasant in the morning and the afternoon was a holiday. We must confess we awaited March 1st with some interest, wondering whether there would be a repetition of an incident which

occurred a year or two ago and caused quite a stir in the School. Then — on March 1st of all days — some impertinent boy arrived at School wearing — a thistle! But this year the tranquility of Dynevor remained unbroken.

Speaking of tranquility naturally calls to mind that race of men of lofty deals, who are largely responsible for the fore-mentioned state of bliss (did we hear "ignorance" mentioned?) — the Prefects. We shall close these notes with a memory of the only time we ever saw them flustered or disturbed. They are still wondering what happened to that infallible system, that brilliant device, that glorious invention, the rota for Chapel reading one Tuesday morning this term, when at five past nine nobody knew who was to read the lesson. With this pleasant picture of anxious gentlemen rushing about in a state of chaos we will close these notes.

Since the last issue of the Magazine, there have been many Staff changes. Mr. Ivan Freeman left us after a very brief stay of two terms to take up an appointment in Kenya. Maybe, he found the School too cold for him; certain it is that he has gone to a much warmer clime. A letter came from him, when we were shivering in the recent cold spell, which spoke of temperatures approaching the hundred and tropical fruits that were to be had for merely stretching up the hand.

Mr. J. R. Randall left shortly after for Northampton. At Christmas there was a dual leave-taking: Mr. Wyndham Lewis, of cross-word fame, left to return to the Technical College, where he is now head of the Physics Department; and Mr. John Hill was seconded to Redlands, Bristol, to take up an appointment there as tutor in the English Department under the Government Emergency Training Scheme for Teachers.

To fill up the gaps Mr. Islwyn Williams has rejoined the Physics Staff after a short period at the Grammar School; Mr. John Bennett, an old boy of the school, has joined the Staff as second English master, after a short period at Salt's High School, Bradford, and a longer one in the R.A.F.; and Mr. O. A. Morris has also joined the English Staff from Romford County Technical School.

We should also like to refer, belately perhaps, to the coming of Mr. Myrddin Harris in place of Mr. J. M. Williams who has returned to his former love, the Grammar School.

Mrs. Fred Williams, the Headmaster's secretary, since the reorganization of the School, was the recipient of a suitably inscribed chiming-clock on the occasion of her recent retirement. She left us, so she said, to devote herself fully to her household duties. In one part of such duties she had ample practice, and that is in mothering the boys--and the Staff, so someone adds. We have no doubt that the chiming-clock, if she keeps it wound, brings back recurring memories of the old school, and an understandable yearning for the blue-eyed, flaxen-haired first (or sixth) former so beloved by her tender heart. As Matthew Arnold would so feelingly have said:

And anon there breaks a sigh,
And anon there drops a tear,
For the trusting eyes of a naive first-former,
And the glint of his brillcreamed hair.

In her place, we have pleasure in welcoming Miss Kathleen Davies, and trust that she will find as much joy and pleasure in carrying out her manifold duties and in her necessary contacts with Staff and boys as did her predecessor.

Mr. W. H. Lewis, who went into happy retirement twelve months ago after a long period of service in the English Department is not an infrequent visitor to the Staff-room. We wonder what the attraction is? Is it the old familiar faces of his former colleagues, or is it the pleasure of feeling that he can spend an hour in the Staff-room and remain blissfully unperturbed when the summoning bell calls his less fortunate companions to their duties in the form-rooms.

A pert first-former was recently heard to refer in the presence of a master to the current fashion of cuts in the form of fuel-cuts, power-cuts, etc., and naively suggested a 'cut' in homework. We need hardly add that the master's remarks in answer to this suggestion were decidedly cutting.

There seems to be a certain faintness and depression prevailing among the Staff; at any rate, large quantities of tea seem necessary to keep up their morale. At any moment after ten, Mrs. Thomas may be seen hurrying with the cup that cheers but does not inebriate to some member apparently at his last gasp. Well, as long as its only tea...

And now we have mentioned Mrs. Thomas, we should like to pay tribute to her unfailing service and courtesy in the School Canteen. No one could be more assiduous

in the discharge of her duties, and we are especially grateful for the many voluntary duties on Saturday mornings in catering for the rugby team. She is the first to arrive and the last to leave of the Canteen Staff, and has a ready smile and a cheery word for all.

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LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY NOTES.

Under the guidance of Mr. Chandler, the Society has had an interesting if not well attended session. During the Christmas term there were five meetings. The first in October was a Brains Trust with Mr. Chandler as Question Master, Urien Wiliam and Charles Waghorn U.VI Arts, representing the Arts Side and Mr. W. S. Evans and George Usher representing the Science Side. Towards the end of the month, James of the 5th, supported by Sweeny of the 4th, gave his opinion, followed by a general discussion on "Dynevor Reformed." Some interesting points arose from this debate. All the delegates and the audience were in favour of a School Social Club, a School Hobbies Centre where you could carry on your hobby and have your difficulties explained by someone who knows! It was then suggested that there should be common rooms for each section of the school. Peculiarly enough, certain members of the audience (no names) supported a suggestion that prefects should be allowed to administer corporal punishment!

In November we had two debates on quite controversial subjects. At the beginning of the month the subject "That films are trash and persons under 16 should be debarred" was debated. Phillips of the Seconds spoke for the motion and Ellery of the Fourth opposed it. The motion was defeated by a narrow margin and as a contrast a topical subject was next debated. It was "That Science is not helping us sufficiently in our daily life," Derek Johns of L.VI Arts proposed the motion while George Usher of the U.VI Sc. opposed it. The motion was carried.

In December the Quiz between Dillwyn and Grove took place. Under the good-natured and unbiased leadership of Mr. W. S. Evans, this meeting ended in a victory for Dillwyn by 16-13½.

This term the Second Quiz (between Roberts and Llewellyn) was held after being postponed twice owing to weather and other circumstances. Mr. Chandler was Question Master and after a tight fight, Roberts beat Llewellyn by 3 points. The scores were Roberts 14½ points to Llewellyn's 11½. The final battle will take place soon between Roberts and Dillwyn.

Unfortunately, there is one black spot. the attendances of the Society are not very high. The Lower Sixth should be supporting the Society but they are not! The Sixth Science support the Society very well but the Arts side, with the exception of very few people. is not supporting this organization. These are the very few people who should be the back bone of the Society, as they have the "free year" in between the School Certificate and the Higher.

Finally, sincerest thanks are due to the speakers and the committee and particularly Mr. Chandler and Mr. W. S. Evans for making the Society a success.

GEORGE USHER, U.VI Sc.



WITH THE UPPER SIXTH AT THEIR LESSONS.

First of all I shall tell you that this article was compiled with the greatest risk of personal danger.

Wandering into the French lesson one day, I observed the French master trying to persuade the form that "il fit volte-face" does not mean "he made a horrid face" and "chevaux de frise" was not "fried horse flesh." He nearly tore his hair when someone suggested that "hors d'oeuvre" meant "out of work" and gave it up in disgust when someone said that "Un Espagnol de forte taille" was "a spaniel with forty tails.

Going from there I came across the Latin Class with the master telling someone that "Ave Domine" does not mean "Lord I am a bird" nor does "Pax in bello" mean "free from indigestion."

When I encountered the history form I could see that it was taking all the master's time to dissuade them from their firm conviction that "Guy's Hospital" was built to commemorate the Gunpowder Plot.

On arriving at the Music Class I learned to my surprise that an "oboe" was "an American tramp" and that "contralto" was "a low sort of music which only ladies sing."

Then came the English form. Here someone would insist that "Pope wrote principally in heroic cutlets."

After that I wandered over to the Geography room and heard that a "fissure" is "a man who sells fish" and "a blizzard" was "the inside of a fowl." Also 'the tributaries of the Nile' are "juveniles."

Well now you know what the Upper Sixth are like at their various lessons.

ALAN JONES, U.VI ARTS.

PER ARDUA AD CASTRA.

The War had been over some twelve months as we entered the Summer of 1946; but food was short, labour was shorter, and before Easter the call had come from War Ags. to Dynevor to muster forces for work on the land. The call did not go unheeded; plans were made, crocks made ready, kit-bags de-mothed, trains booked, and as soon as the tedious business of C. W. B. was disposed of, it was heigh-ho for the green pastures, golden sheaves and juicy orchards.

Mr. Richard Evans and party got away to a flying start to Portskewett on the banks of the silvern Severn almost before School had closed for the Summer Recess; Messrs. Hill & Yates were hot on his heels bound for Stratford on the amorous Avon; and, not to be out-done, Mr. Darr, with a party drawn from Dynevor and the Grammar School, travelled by the same train for Ross-on-Wye. And if you wish to know how our schoolboy farmers fared on the the land. here are the accounts of their work and adventures

PORTSKEWETT.

The village of Portskewett was the site, for the second successive year of a Dynevor Camp under the direction of Mr. Richard Evans, assisted by Messrs. Evans and Lewis. Camp headquarters was at the Church Hall, which was extremely modern, and struck a vivid contrast with other buildings in the district. For the loan of the building we tender our warmest thanks to the Rector, who proved a real friend of the Campers on many occasions.

As far as work was concerned. things were simplified owing to the previous year's visit, wherein we had made many contacts, and to the industry of Mr. Evans; consequently, every boy was employed.

The places of employment were interesting because of the home connections provided by the employers who, it turned out, were often Welshmen and ex-miners (for example. the Welsh settlement at Llanfairdiscoed).

Our work varied but the most common tasks were weeding, hoeing, pea-picking, greenhouse work, and transplanting.

While at the village, we arranged several sporting encounters with the village lads — at football, cricket and table-tennis. To the credit of the camp it may be said that at no time were relations strained with the local people, who proved friendly at all times; indeed we feel that Dynevor strengthened their friendship with the district in general.

The Camp spent a happy five weeks, despite the weather, and this was largely due to the domestic staff who worked at great pressure and always succeeded in the formidable task of filling the tummies of ever-hungry "workmen." No praise is too great for them, and we pay especial tribute to Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Lewis for their all-out efforts in this respect. For the latter three weeks, the camp had the assistance of young ladies from the Cardiff S.C.D.A., with Gwyneth and Eirys performing wonders in the culinary department.

On behalf of the campers I would like to thank all who helped us in this direction, not forgetting Evelyn, Jean and Vivian who had the tedious and thankless task of cutting sandwiches for the whole camp. Once again our thanks to all concerned.

The local farmers and smallholders were pleased with the work done, and bespoke our services for August 1947, which will mean, if the invitation is accepted, our third visit to Portskewett.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

A large party of boys, consisting for the first time of Juniors as well as Seniors, attended the School Harvest Camp at Stratford-on-Avon last summer. Unfortunately adverse weather conditions were experienced and the boys could find no work for the first week. During the remaining three weeks, work was obtained for all the Seniors, much of which was plum-stalking in the camp grounds.

The weather, too, restricted the social activities of the campers, yet the theatre and the river remained unfailing attractions. The sporting activities of the boys were also curtailed but the annual cricket match with Stratford Grammar School was played. The result which was a win for the Stratford team by 40 runs, was the reverse of last year's result. T. Clarke played well for the School capturing five wickets and scoring 30 runs.

During the few fine evenings, Soccer was the favourite game amongst the boys and many keen inter-tent games took place. The highlight of the social activities of the camp was however, the trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The weather that day was the best we had, and the trip was enjoyed by all, especially the Juniors to whom the Zoo was a revelation.

We would like to express our heartiest thanks to the cooks and also to the masters, amongst whom Mr. Hill and

Mr. Yates worked untiringly, and to Mr. Cavenagh, our French guest, whose good humoured help everyone appreciated. We were also very glad to welcome the Headmaster who paid the camp a visit and prolonged his stay for a fortnight which we hope means that he was pleased with the camp.

Although, owing to the bad weather, the camp did not attain the success of previous camps, a happy time was had by all and, I am sure that all this year's campers will join with us in wishing future Stratford campers as good a time, and better weather, than we had.

A. B. & D.C.E., U.VIA.

ROSS-ON-WYE.

The party left for Ross on Saturday, 27th of July, under the charge of Messrs. Darr, Ede and Jewell. Thanks to the strenuous efforts of the advance party, under Mr. Iolo Davies—to whom the whole camp extends its deepest thanks for his valuable assistance—the tents were already pitched and the camp was soon settled in at Phode Farm.

Unfortunately work was not plentiful in the first two weeks of camp, but during the last fortnight there was enough, and more than enough, for all.

On the second Saturday the camp went to Gloucester, Cheltenham, and Stroud, and on the third Sunday to Monmouth, Chilton and Chepstow. Three socials were held, and other social activities included a cricket match which the camp won, and two football matches, the camp losing in both. On the last Sunday of camp some twenty-five boys went to a harvest camp parade in Hereford, and afterwards to Hereford Cathedral for a service.

Some outstanding points of the camp were: (a) the ability of the centre forward of the camp's football team to dodge the ball, (b) the efficiency and zeal with which the camp orderly performed his duties and (c) the bath-house, which was next to the stall of the farm's bull; this animal was extremely meek and mild, so much so, in fact, that it is rumoured that some of the bolder spirits actually used his tongue as a loofah.

Finally the whole camp offers its most sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Darr, Mr. and Mrs. Ede, and indeed the whole staff for the work they put in to make the camp such a success. We also thank the girls for their help in making the camp so greatly enjoyed by all.

J. M. HACCHE, L.VI ARTS.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

The programme of our annual School Concert is as ambitious as ever, and we are confident that the choir with its wealth of experience in big works will maintain its usual high standard.

A few remarks in the magazine concerning the nature of the works to be performed will not be out of place.

The programme consists of Coleridge-Taylor's *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast* and *The Death of Minnehaha* and Rossini's *Stabat Mater*.

The first is a setting of Longfellow's well-known legendary poem, and the other of a very solemn medieval poem, as the title suggests. Thus the programme shows a remarkable contrast in style and spirit.

Space being short, and the music so rich, varied and abundant, one cannot hope to do much more than make a few general observations.

In the first place it is interesting to note that Longfellow took the metre for this famous Red Indian legend from a translation of the national epic of Finland known as *The Kalevala*. These lines, taken from this great epic may sound familiar to you:—

Sang the aged Vainamoinen,
Lakes swelled up and earth was shaken . . .
Then he sang of Toukahainen,
Changed his runners into saplings,
And to willows changed the collar,
And the reins he turned to alder,
And he sang the sledge, all gilded,
To the lake among the rushes,
And the whip, with beads embellished,
To a reed upon the water,
And the horse, with front white-spotted,
To a stone beside the torrent.

This will suffice to show that the language of *Hiawatha*, the style, the very metaphors, are those of this national Finnish epic.

Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912), half African and half English was born and brought up in England, and trained at an English Musical College.

The spirit of the poem appealed to him intensely, and the rhythm of the lines, and the curious names of the characters such as Chibiabos, Iagoo, Pau-Puk-Keewis and Nokomis. The metre of the poem with its inevitable weak-

endings or "spray-endings" to the lines, and endless repetition, promises an effect of monotony which would appear fatal if translated into music. But the remarkable thing about Coleridge-Taylor's work is the strangeness and wonderful variety of the rhythms he uses. The opening bars of the first chorus to the words:—

You shall hear how Pau-Puk-Keewis,
How the handsome Yenadizze,
Danced at Hiawatha's wedding.

give one example of a musical rhythm which is arresting and which perfectly fits the word rhythm. The weak-ending of each line carries with it a different ending in the musical setting—the first ends on the regular beat, the second abruptly and the third on a sustained note. Examples could be multiplied to illustrate the extraordinary rhythmic variety in the music to counteract the monotonous rhythm of the metre.

Another characteristic which seems to give the work a peculiar tonal flavour is the composer's frequent use of incomplete downward scales—scales like ladders with one rung missing. The striking effect gained by repeating a bit of melody with an altered rhythm recurs again and again, and is a favourite device used by the composer with wonderful effect.

Unusual charm and a kind of fresh and unfamiliar beauty are given to certain parts of the work by his strange handling of chords that are quite familiar to us with nothing startling about them. Of barbaric splendour, too, in keeping with the primitive spirit of the work, there is plenty in the rhythmic vigour and wealth of colour in the orchestration.

The next work is by that lively, flippant, satirical Italian composer Rossini (1792-1868) who devoted his genius principally to opera. The text of the work is the famous Latin hymn—*Stabat Mater*. This hymn on the sorrows of the Virgin Mary has always been a favourite for musical settings. It is sung during Holy Week in the Roman Catholic Church, but some composers have done more than write simple settings for church use, and some of the grandest music in existence is allied to the words of this beautiful Medieval hymn.

These settings, are, however, much too big and elaborate for use in the Church. Rossini's setting is one of the most celebrated, and has made the words, perhaps, more familiar to thousands of people who would otherwise have never heard of them.

Although the text is a very solemn one, as the title suggests, there is the melodic grace and charm that characterize Rossini's operatic work in this setting. Despite this, there are parts sufficient to show that Rossini, sceptic as he was, was not without religious feeling, this is particularly noticable in the opening chorus. Yet the solo that follows—'Lord, vouchsafe Thy Loving Kindness'—with its gay, light-hearted spirit immediately imports the strains of the theatre into the Church. This curious blend of the secular and the religious spirit pervades the whole work.

It is in the nature of things that the religious music of a man devoting himself exclusively to the composition of operas should have something dramatic and colourful about it. Whereas one composer is content to sing redeemed man's triumph over death, another makes death reel and stagger before the miracle of the Resurrection.

Rossini's *Stabat Mater* is an established favourite and will maintain its place in our noble Welsh Choral tradition which is so gloriously upheld in Dynevor.

Our music master is to be complimented on his choice of works and in his very capable hands Coleridge-Taylor and Rossini can rest assured that their works will receive the fullest justice.



THE LEPER BOY.

The leper boy with lute and crook,
In the early morning sun,
While dew from grass and leaves doth run,
Found a little Psalmster's book
With psalms of them who love the Lord,
Of them who sheathe the shining sword.

The leper boy, with lute and crook,
Played upon his lute the psalm
That he did read from Psalmster's book.
He sang till everything was calm
The Psalms of them who loved the Lord,
Of them who sheathe the shining sword.

The leper boy with lute and crook
Doth roam the rocky mountain side
Singing from his little book,
Which he doth keep with all his pride,
The psalms of them who love the Lord,
Of them who sheathe the shining sword.

G.P., IIb.

WHAT PRICE VARIETY.

Can you sing, dance or play a musical instrument? If the answer is in the affirmative, there's a chance for you to do something worth while. I wonder if you have ever thought of yourself as a variety artist? Perhaps you haven't but the suggestion isn't as impossible as it may seem, for in our locality there are quite a number of amateur variety companies operating. Many of these companies will be quite willing to give you a chance to show your worth. One of the best ways of commencing your stage career is to attempt one of the "Talent Contests" held frequently in the Garrison Theatre, (St. Gabriel's Hall). There you compete with other artists and who knows, if you are lucky enough someone may see you who will be able to give a chance in one of the local companies.

Peforming with a variety company affords a great deal of enjoyment and experience, and great satisfaction is derived from entertaining audiences for charitable causes.

The concert party of which I am fortunate enough to be a member, has performed a great many shows during the winter months. We have recently been as far afield as Maesteg, Porthcawl, Tylorstown and Ammandford besides very many local shows.

On our visit to Maesteg we were honoured to have as guest artists two famous radio comedians and it was a great delight to our company to watch their technique and personality from the wings of the theatre.

An added enjoyment is the travelling in company with the rest of the party who are a very sociable and happy crowd, holding many impromptu sing-songs en route. Our most recent show was a trip to Tylorstown in the Rhondda Valley which was quite an experience owing to the bad travelling conditions prevailing. We were forced to take a much longer route through the valleys instead of the shorter route over the mountains which were impassable through heavy snow. However, the trip had its compensations for on arrival at Tylorstown we had a grand reception from the packed theatre, who were also entertained by the Tylorstown Boys Silver Band, who are due to appear at Swansea Empire in March. After the final curtain we were entertained to supper by the organizing committee.

I hope, this article has shown you the benefits to be derived from being a member of a Concert Party which from my own experience I highly recommend.

S.G.R., L.VI ARTS.

SINGLETON LETTER.

University College of Swansea.
 Singleton Park, Swansea.
 25/2/47.

To the Editor of the Dynevor School Magazine.

Sir,

I write this letter with a certain feeling of uneasiness. For there are so many old Dyvorians at present attending courses at Swansea, some of whom I only know to be old Dyvorians by their "old school ties," many who belong to an entirely different generation from mine, some of my own generation whose studies are in entirely different spheres from mine and whom I meet, consequently, but very infrequently — so many, in fact, that it seems almost impertinent that I should take it upon myself to act as their correspondent and representative by writing this "Singleton Letter." I can only hope to mention by name a very small proportion of the old Dyvorians at Singleton Park: I hope my omissions will be forgiven.

As many of you know, quite a considerable proportion of the Upper Sixth Arts form of which it was my privilege to be a member was transferred intact to College. No fewer than four of this form are at present in their first year of Honours English School. Clive Gammon, W. H. Nathan and Edwin Bowles together with your humble scribe make up a compact little island of old Dyvorians in Honours English Classes surrounded by a sea of people who come from all parts of the country and even from the continent. One tutorial group consists of Old Dyvorians exclusively, and the Middle English special course has two old Dyvorians namely Mr. Bowles and myself as its members. I am almost in daily contact with Waldo James, who has decided to specialize in History. Waldo has recently recovered from an illness which, he tells me, made his Christmas Vac. far from pleasant. Len Jenkins may be seen walking through the grounds of College most days carrying frightening books on Kantian philosophy, which, I am assured, is the right and proper thing for an Honours German student to do.

Last September we had another influx of old Dyvorians from the Sixth Forms. They seem to have settled down remarkably well and quickly, and to have quickly forgotten the fact that they are "freshers." And, this, I assure you is the most sensible thing to do. I expect that most of you have heard lurid stories about the fate of "freshers" at College. I can assure you that this is mostly complete

nonsense. Naturally old students are curious about the new-comers, but there is remarkable little "horse-play" and the student-body is usually most anxious that the new-comers be absorbed into the social life of the College as quickly as possible. To return to the subject of last September's new-comers — Gordon Richards, as one might expect, has already become prominent in the College Socialist Society and I believe that he was delegate from Swansea to the Student Labour Federation Congress in the Christmas Vac. Curig Davies, too, seems to have made a large circle of friends in the flourishing Department of Welsh.

Among the older Dyvorians it has been my privilege to make the acquaintance of Geoffrey Pitchford and Ken Jones, whom some of the Staff will no doubt remember. Both have had a very considerable war experience. Mr. Pitchford, you will no doubt be interested to hear, was the Chairman of the Stunts Committee for Rag Week, although he hastens to assure me that at least one of the "stunts" was as much a surprise to him as it was to the general public. A suitable point here, I think, to add a word of re-assurance to the School Rugby Team that as far as I am aware our kidnapping activities are strictly limited to professional Soccer players, and that ugly rumours about our intentions towards the School Team have no foundation in fact.

When I edited the School Magazine, one of my particular "betes noires" was the patronizing tone in which the writers of College letters used to conclude. Most of them were as insufferable as the words of Polonius to Laertes. But before I end this letter, I should like to do a little more than merely give you a list of the whereabouts and the doings of old Dyvorians at College. It has become a commonplace to say that Civilization is at the Crossroads. But however often the phrase is repeated, it is none the less true. And ours is the generation which has much more to do than merely accept the fact that this is so. We are the future and we must mould the future to the shape we wish it to be. There is cynicism; there is disillusion. Moving around College one is perhaps, better able to sympathize with and understand whence comes this disillusion and cynicism especially amongst those who, unlike myself, have had actual war experience. But you who are still at school, you especially who are hoping to enter the Sixth form next September, it is to you that the next twenty or thirty years will look for its new hopes, a new freshness of spirit. However dull the process of equipping one's mind to meet

the future might seem at times, a realization that the need for your judgement and intellect is urgent and vital if our civilization is to survive will make that process seem a little more real than — "Oh! just another class."

And now I climb down with what grace I can from the soap-box.

With an anxious assesment of the valuable space this letter will take in your Magazine. Mr. Editor, only pausing to add that should I ever lack employment I hope that I will at least be allowed my old job back in the School Canteen as in days of yore, I close.

Yours most sincerely,

John D. Walrond.

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THE WELSH SOCIETY.

The Easter term has seen the reopening of one of the School's Societies—Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg.

At the first meeting a strong committee was formed consisting of the following members: J. R. Morgan (6a), W. W. Overt (6b), H. Phillips (5c), W. J. Thomas (4a), W. Rosser (3a) and U. Williams (6a) as Secretary.

An attractive and varied programme has been arranged of this term.

Up to the time of writing two meetings have been held. The first was on Friday, February 7th. Two well-balanced teams were selected for a Quiz which covered a wide range of topics of attractive interest. Members of the Staff present commended both teams for their performance.

The second meeting took the form of a Brains Trust, better known to Welsh listeners as Seiat Holi. This gave us an opportunity to retaliate.

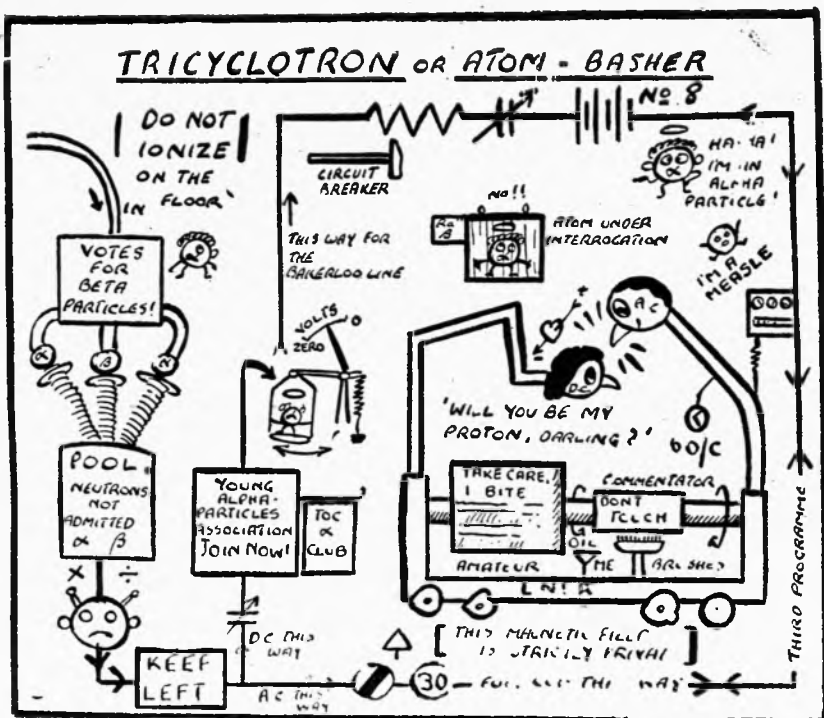
Long-standing questions of a controversial nature were admirably and satisfactorily answered by the following members of the Seiat: Mr. Islywn Williams, Mr. Bryn Davies, Ken Morgan and in the unavoidable absence of Mr. T. G. Davies, Mr. Harries.

In the future we hope to exchange visits with the Welsh Societies of other schools in the town.

We can promise all boys an enjoyable time at our meetings, and to those who have not hitherto joined we extend a hearty invitation.

Ymunwch a'r Gymdeithas, chwi fechgyn yn yr ysgol isaf. Cofiwch fod yma le i chwi hefyd. I bob un sydd yn caru ei wlad a'i iaith rhoddwn wahoddiad cynnes.

U.W., VIa, Secretary.



INSTRUCTIONS.

Starting can only be effected when the machine is running and fully excited. The atom to be smashed is placed in the spark gap, and if the machine refuses to go it must be stopped at once and the field switches smartly dispersed. This usually causes excessive sparking and the efficiency of the plant rises to 110%, and when fully excited there's no telling what may happen.

When up to speed, the rotor starts to go round and will run quite normally when switched off. Thus the starting apparatus may be scrapped except during periods of stopping.

Torque is variable at constant speed, but if over-excited, the machine shuts down and the torque shuts up. The speedometer and tachometer are of the hot-iron type with soft-iron chorus and having a range of nought to zero.

The power factor also varies between these limits and has a value of unity when running light and 1.4 in the black-out. It is thus economical to work in the dark. Maximum output never occurs and the loss in energy may be found in the armature when dismantled.

To stop the three-face current, the main field switch must be broken and thrown away, and the machine runs away and saves you the trouble. Complaints should be forwarded to the Physics Laboratory.

C. W. LEWIS, U.VI Sc.

JOHNNIE FORTNIGHT.

Johnnie Fortnight is the Local Packman, and his name is derived from his regular fortnightly calls to the poorer people of the neighbourhood. His real name we did not learn till later. On his calls we followed him around and taunted him with many gibes; often he chased and threatened us, but we always escaped him. Later we were to learn how he used to enjoy this fun as much we did, and what a diamond he would have been if only he were polished.

His place of abode was our woods, in which he had built himself a shack and storehouse for his goods, which were many and varied. How he got these we never learned. His face was always covered with a thick stubble of red hair; yet he was clean bodily and mentally, and not one uncouth word did we hear pass his lips.

This, then, was our Johnnie Fortnight. Later we learned that his real name was Ivan Kharlof, born in Russia in eighteen-eighty-six. We first got to know him really well one Saturday afternoon on the football field just before a match, when we invited Johnnie to try his hand at a "pot-shot" for goal. As he was about to kick, one of the lads kicked the ball hard and followed it up. To our amazement Johnnie simply sprang into life, and careered after both, passing the young man, and with a hefty kick set the ball bounding up the field. This sprinting act brought him many challenges for a race and eventually he agreed to run against the team for a distance of fifty yards; if he lost, he was to give one pound towards our funds; if, however, he won, our forfeit was to go to his shack for a lecture on athletics. We had our pound and the lecture, all because he won and thought us to be good kids. After this we went regularly to his home and oftentimes, perched in a tree, used to learn many good points about running. His French and German held the boys, who were learning either or both, in tense bewilderment. Many were the lessons he taught us, and he gave the backward boys some lessons on Mathematics, Languages and Physics, and encouraged them in their lessons. In Physical Culture he gave us many wrinkles and improved our physique and stamina.

One day he told us his story. Once he had been the hundred and two hundred-metre champion of the Russian Universities, when he was a student at the Kiev University learning languages. Johnnie had become engulfed in World War I and its following revolutions. Being of the rich class, he had been compelled to leave Kiev and wander, eventually coming to England.

In vain we begged Johnnie to re-enter his proper sphere of life, but his only reply was that he had been too long an outcast and that he could never lead an ordered life again. He had pledged us never to tell his life story to anyone, so that the youngsters still taunt him, and older people still give him stiff glances, turn up their noses and give him plenty of room while passing him. How little do they know that he is the superior of many, equal to most, and inferior to none of them. Had events not moved as they did, he may have been world famous, a name respected in culture.

One day when the last rites are performed over Johnnie, a bunch of schoolboys or young men will attend to him and our parents will wonder why.

On Johnnie's behalf I ask the reader not to tell them of his good points.

On the whole, while local characters were well known in past years, they are now dying out, but many like Johnnie still exist.



MEMPHIS.

(With apologies to George Russel).

Memphis, city of my dreams
 Where my soul finds rest ;
 Town of peace, war, culture, sin,
 Temples, palaces, filth within,
 By Nile without caressed.

Countless feet have trod thy streets,
 You've countless voices heard :
 Alexander here did plan,
 As also that proud Corsican,
 And Turks their swords did gird.

And without thy massive walls
 By Osiris blessed.
 Fertile and productive lies,
 Shimmering 'neath azure skies,
 To thee thy God's bequest.

But now thou art what once thou wert—
 A shadow, a plan, levelled, inert :
 Your glories gone, your sins forgot ;
 But so it falls to each man's lot,
 Whilst fleeting time unheeding rolls
 Like ocean tide or ponderous falls.

ROUND THE HOUSES.

DILLWYN.

HOUSE MASTER: Mr. C. C. Davies.

HOUSE CAPTAIN: A. Balch. SPORTS CAPTAIN: D. Williams.

I think that Dillwyn House members can safely claim to have taken their full share in all the social and sporting activities of the School this year.

In Soccer we reached the House Final, beating Llewellyn House 3—2 in the semi-final (scorers for the House being Jackson, Hope and F. H. Williams). This match was played on a quagmire and we only managed to win after extra-time. We lost to Roberts in the final 2—1 (Jackson scoring the only goal). on a pitch that was the other extreme, the ground being bone hard; and consequently our smaller and younger team did not stand up to the conditions as well as did the hefty Roberts team. Roberts seem to be our bogey team as they knocked us out of the Scrumage Ball Competition in the first round. However, we hope to prove that they are not invincible by beating them in the Rugby Competition if it is our fate to encounter them. We have rather a good chance of winning the Rugby Competition again this year, since we have five of the first XV, several of the 2nd XV and some very good Juniors, including the Captain of the School Junior XV.

On the intellectual side too we have had a fairly busy time. We won the right to meet (and beat?) Roberts in the final of the House Quiz by beating Grove. By the time this issue of the Magazine has been published at least four of the Senior Members of the House will have entered for scholarships for the various universities. I am sure that all Dillwyn members will join me in wishing them the best of good fortune in their endeavours to bring honour to the School and to our House in particular.

A.B.

GROVE.

This year an all out effort is being made to re-establish Grove House, as the leading House in the School, a position which, unfortunately, it has not held for some years. To further this aim a House Meeting was called early in the Christmas Term at which our House Master, Mr. T. G. Davies presided, assisted by Mr. W. Davies, H. Walters (U.VI Arts) was elected House Captain and M. Seacombe (U.VI Sc.) Sports Captain.

Up to the present, however, the House teams have enjoyed varying fortunes. The House Scrimmage Ball Team

has been by far the most successful of any of our teams and has succeeded in winning this Inter-House Competition, defeating Llewellyn in the semi-final and Roberts in the final. This team proved itself to be a formidable scoring machine scoring twenty-four goals in the two matches. Unfortunately the same can not be said of the House Soccer XI, which lost to Roberts by four goals to nil, after a very keen game. In the Inter-House Quiz Championship the Grove Team was drawn against Dillwyn. Here again there was every hope that victory would be gained. It was, however, not to be, and, after another close contest, Dillwyn emerged victors.

Especially commendable were the performances of the Junior members of this team, and we should like to take this opportunity of welcoming all the new members of Grove House. Perhaps one of them will prove to be a future 80 yards sprint champion at the School Sports this year and thus help restore the prestige of the House in this annual event. Last year we finished bottom in the Sports and also disappointed in the House Rugby Matches. It is up to everyone to see this does not happen this year.

We should here like to congratulate our House Sports Captain, M. Seacombe, on being chosen for the West Glamorgan Area Rugby Trial. He is also vice-captain of the Senior School Rugby XV, and is now in his fourth season with the team.

The House also provides the School with no fewer than six of its thirteen prefects. Is any further comment needed?

We should like, in conclusion, to wish all members of the House, past and present, all the best of luck in whatever sphere they have entered.

C. C. WAGHORN, U.VI ARTS.

ROBERTS.

We are very pleased to welcome all the new boys to Roberts House and hope they will maintain as good a standard as their predecessors. Once again we are in the capable hands of Mr. C. Meyrick, who has taken a special interest in the House aided by Mr. T. Burgess and Mr. R. Evans. The officers elected this year are: B. Preedy, House Captain; I. Williams, Vice-Captain; S. Jenkins, Sports Captain; and D. Goldstone.

So far this year in Inter-House activities we have made ourselves soccer champions by defeating Grove 4-0 and Dillwyn 2-1. We also defeated Dillwyn in a scrimmage ball match but failed to win against Grove. Having beaten

Llewellyn in the Inter-House Quiz, we are looking forward to the final contest against Dillwyn, which is being held later in the term.

We are well represented in the Junior Soccer Team and the Junior, Middle and Senior Rugby Teams. We congratulate T. P. Williams, a member of Roberts House, on being Captain of the Senior Rugby Team and another member D. Thomas, who was chosen from the Junior Rugby Team for the West Wales Rugby Trial.

We were unfortunate this Christmas, owing to food restrictions, in not being able to hold a House Party but we hope to have better luck next Christmas.

Last year we were runners up in the Sports and in the Rugby House Matches, having been champions during the last few years, and given the support from all the boys of the House we can regain that championship which we lost last year.

In conclusion, we would like to wish all the boys of the House the best of luck in their attempt to maintain a high standard on the field and at any forthcoming examinations.

B. PREEDY, House Captain.

LLEWELLYN.

Now that conditions generally in school activities are once more resuming the normal qualities of peace time, although many handicaps still exist, Llewellyn House is ably playing its part in lending the utmost support to all concerned in making Dynevor a school worthy of its high character.

With reference to some of the House activities, which have already taken place, we were extremely unfortunate in losing the scrimmage ball game played against Grove House last term. However, the numbers of the team played with great persistency and stubbornness, only to lose by one goal. The Quiz, which was held this term, was a success and the House representatives put up a hard fight against Roberts House.

I do not think there is any need to emphasize the necessity for boys to put all they possibly can into the Sports, which will be held this summer term. In the past the House has done extremely well and there is no reason whatsoever why Llewellyn should not do well again.

I am sure that everyone appreciates the good work of Mr. W. S. Evans and Mr. E. Yates in managing the House and we extend our hearty praise to them for their efforts.

"Good hunting — Llewellyn."

W. J. THOMAS, U.VI Sc., House Captain.

SPRING.

The tuneful Spring has come at last,
 The growing season's here,
 And Winter's weather now has passed
 For Spring to start the year.

The birds begin to build their nest,
 And the twittering swallows
 Come from countries far, in best
 Clothes, for Summer follows.

The Tree that hails the perfect sky
 Now doth boast its leaves,
 While dancing martins fly on high
 Among the sweeping eaves.

G.P., IIb.

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TO R.W.

I see with open eyes
 Where no troubles are ;
 Beyond the vale, beyond the pass
 The sighing and the sobbing dies,
 Where always the sun is never far
 From the warm earth or the gentle grass,
 And perhaps, I too, one day
 May pass on to the land, wherein you stay.

C.C.W., U.VI ARTS.

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THE PASSING AUTUMN.

Birds are calling,
 Leaves are falling,
 In the sad Autumnal air
 It won't be long
 Before the trees are bare.

Days grow colder,
 Winds grow bolder,
 Autumn yields — another dawn
 And then I fear
 Grey Winter will be born.

D.H.F., IVr.

DYNEVOR SENIOR RUGBY TEAM 1946-47.

The School Rugby Team started this season with high hopes of a successful season, having retained twelve members of last year's team. Unfortunately we soon lost six of these players and the team has not had a successful season. This season has been one of the worst on record owing to the number of matches which have been cancelled through the bad weather. We have cancelled nine matches, seven of them consecutively, and this, I believe is unprecedented in the annals of the School Team. The team's misfortunes were increased by the unfortunate accident to W. J. Thomas. We are glad to say, however, that this has not incapacitated him too much and that he has now resumed normal school work.

By the time these notes are read our Captain, T. P. Williams, will have joined G. Walters in the army and I am sure that all the boys of the team will join with me in wishing them the best of luck.

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	P.F.	P.A.
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WHO'S WHO.

- A. Hickman—Full Back ; during a game is the coolest member of the team. Insists that when (and if) the School gets a new set of jerseys, they be purchased at the Co-op.
- D. Collins—Right Wing ; a new member of the team, who was procured from the ranks of the 2nd XV for quite a considerable transfer fee.
- D. Williams—Right Centre ; the school's goal kicker whose playing talents have been recognised by a Welsh Trial. Has a peculiar habit of dropping goals, just when the points are most needed.
- R. Hopkins—Left Wing ; has a habit of stopping his opponents dead in their tracks. Rumour has it that he has been seen outside the Vetch trying to obtain the autographs of certain members of the Swans' Team.



SCHOOL 1st XV.—1946-47.

Back Row (left-right)—S. Jenkins. W. Webborn. H. Williams. Mr. C. Jones. Mr. W. Bryn Thomas (Headmaster).
T. P. Williams (Captain). Mr. D. J. Williams. B. Coffey. B. Keane. C. Richards.

Middle Row—J. Thomas. A. Hickman. D. Collins. D. Williams. R. Hopkins. M. Seacombe (Vice-Captain).

Front Row—A. Balch (Hon. Sec.). D. C. Evans. D. Yerbury. P. Le Bars.

- D. Yerbury—Inside Half; not on very friendly terms with any pack of forwards and has threatened to develop a cold next time the team meets Carmarthen, whose pack averages 13 stone.
- J. Thomas—Front Rank; the front rank forwards of all rival schools will learn with great relief that John has received a shaving kit for Xmas.
- A. Balch—Hooker; also acting, unpaid Hon. Secretary of the team. Denies that the exceptional number of postage stamps he uses are used in writing fan mail to a well-known film star.
- S. Jenkins—Front Rank; insists after we have lost a game that the only remedy is to nationalise the team! Boasts he is the only member of the team with false teeth.
- Le Bars—Front Rank; nearly landed himself in court for frightening the life out of a Maesteg player with a blood curdling yell, said to have been acquired on a trip in the South of France.
- H. Williams—Second Rank; always anxious to keep pace with the fashions, has a passion for sleeveless and backless jerseys. Weighs 13 stone, and has a secret ambition to play ice-hockey.
- B. Keane—Second Rank; can be seen five minutes before the kick-off charging down High Street with his kit wrapped in the previous night's edition of the "Evening Post."
- M. Seacombe—Wing Forward, Vice-Captain; the dread of all fly halves. This is his fourth season with the team, and he received due recognition by being selected for a Welsh Trial. Next to the Captain, is the best looking member of the team.
- C. Richards—Lock Forward; claims to be the only member of the team who can insult the referee in four languages.
- T. P. Williams—Left Centre, Captain; the "blonde bomb-shell" of the team. His greatest pride is that he was once mistaken for Norman Sparrow.

D. C. Evans—Outside Half ; the Willie Davies of Dynevor. Just before the kick-off can be found in the opposing team's dressing room trying to persuade the wing-forwards that he is really not a bad chap.

Thank are also due to B. Coffey and Webbhorn, who have supported the team faithfully as reserves, though it often meant being a touchline spectator.

And last, but by no means least, we should like to say a special "Thank You" to Mr. C. Jones, who took over the task of training the team at the beginning of the season. His encouragement and advice have, at all times, been invaluable and a source of inspiration to the team.

A. BALCH, Hon. Sec.

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JUNIOR RUGBY.

This season, in addition to the 'A' and 'B' Teams, a First Year Team has been entered in the "Junior" Section of the League. The number of matches played has been seriously curtailed owing to poor weather conditions.

Results are given below:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.
'A' Team ...	4	2	1	1
'B' Team ...	7	2	1	4
First Year ...	8	5	2	1

The 'A' Team (Capt. M. Bancroft) has done reasonably well and is improving. The forwards maintain that the backs are not too good!

The 'B' Team (Capt. M. Thomas) started badly but has improved steadily. Latterly they challenged the 'A' Team, quite unsuccessfully of course.

The First Year Team (Capt. A. Mitchell) has done very well and will provide good material next season.

2c and 2b are practising secretly in the gym. Coaches (anonymous) have been acquired from the Senior XV and their first match should attract much publicity.

M. Bancroft, D. Thomas, C. Latham, and K. Williams have all played for the Swanea Schoolboys while K. James M. Thomas, J. Williams, D. Harris and V. Hopping also had trials. D. Thomas had also had a trial for West Wales as hooker.

M.B.

JUNIOR SOCCER.

The Junior Soccer Team has had a very successful season. In its section of the League it has won all its matches scoring 34 goals with only 5 against.

The Semi-Final of the Championship against Plasmarl has had to be postponed owing to the weather conditions, but the team has shown itself to be without a weakness, and has a good chance of success. D. Hewitt (IVR), Captain, has played throughout the season for the town team, and B. Darby (IIIb) and R. Jones (IVA) have acted as reserves.

The School Team's success is all the more gratifying in that a large number of boys are young enough to play again next season.

E.Y.



BADMINTON.

Throughout the War Years it was very difficult to carry on the playing of Badminton owing to the scarcity of shuttlecocks. This year Mr. D. J. Williams mysteriously obtained a limited supply, but, unfortunately, only enough to enable the Upper Sixth to play. When the supply increases it is hoped that other Senior Forms will be able to participate.

The revival of Badminton has been received most enthusiastically, particularly by the Upper Sixth Science, and it has almost replaced 'shove-halfpenny' as the chief sporting activity.

All the Badminton enthusiasts extend their hearty thanks to the members of the Staff who have so generously and patiently endeavoured to pass on their expert knowledge of the finer points of the game. In order to demonstrate their skill, the Boys issued a challenge to the Staff. Unfortunately this challenge was accepted and a match was subsequently played. The teams were: Boys (1st Doubles) D. Goldstone and I. Williams; Staff (1st Doubles) Mr. Yates and Mr. Bennett; Boys (2nd Doubles) B. Preedy and L. Jenkins; Staff (2nd Doubles) Mr. G. Gregory and Mr. W. S. Evans. The first doubles pairs provided a thrilling game in which D. Goldstone and I. Williams held a five points lead for most of the time. However, the energy of the youthful masters proved too much for the skill of the boys and Mr. Bennett and Mr. Yates provided a storming finish to win 21—8.

B. Preedy and S. Jenkins were undaunted and were confident of a runaway victory. Their confidence was justified for they narrowly lost 21—7, 21—8 and 21—10. This game was notable for the mathematical exactitude with which Mr. W. S. Evans and Mr. Gregory directed their 'smashes,' the boys also directed their 'smashes'!!

It fervently hoped that these defeats will be revenged before the end of the year, otherwise a 'Tiddely-Winks' Team will be formed.

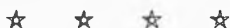
T.G.J.G.



THE SCHOOL 30 YEARS AGO.

In part issues of the Magazine contributors have, not infrequently, tried their hand at forecasting what life would be like at the Dynevor of 1970 or thereabouts, and we have had vivid impressions of aircraft coming to and from the school, television in every form room and so forth. It is, however, of interest, to recall briefly some aspects of life at Dynevor thirty years ago and what better way is there than to peruse some old School Magazines of the time?

Thirty years ago! In those distant days the country was in the throes of the first World War and not unnaturally this is reflected in some of the articles of the magazines of 1916 or 1917. In the issue for April 1916, for example, we find an article headed:—



"THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST WEAPON"

and the author contributes a great deal of very learned technicalities about this weapon, which he complains has one very bad fault and that is its noise! The weapon? An aeroplane perhaps, you will say or at least a submarine, but no; it is—the Maxim Gun! What would have been the writer's reactions to flying bombs and atomic warfare, I wonder? Other contributions, including a poem "Roll on Peace," also reflect the influence of war.

March 1917 found the School seeking its own allotment, in order to dig for victory. This wish seems to have been gratified, but it is surprising (?) to note the following remark in the July issue of the Magazine concerning the allotment. "Many boys," says the article, "were more

enthusiastic in theory than in practice." In recent years through the medium of harvest camps, the School has rallied to the National cause to a much greater extent than was possible 30 years ago.

Many things have changed since then, but phrases in those old Magazines ring strangely true. One form, for instance, bemoans the continual disappearance of its dusters—an event which seems to have changed but little in the passing of years! In those days there was considerable interest in two sports which have now largely died out in the school, namely basket-ball and fives. Of the former there is now no trace and the latter seems to survive as the sport of the very few.

Truly "the old order changeth, giving place to new," but the school spirit prevails through the years, though other things change, so "Floreat Dynevor."

C.C.W., U.VI ARTS.

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SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

This society has been very active this term and up to the present its members have spent several enjoyable and profitable evenings.

EASTER TERM.—The first meeting was held on Feb. 19th, when Mr. Gregory, who has returned to Dynevor after being in the Pembrey Ordnance factory during the war, addressed a large gathering on "The Making of a Chemical." A very interesting lecture was well appreciated by the audience and was an excellent beginning for the term's programme.

The next two lectures were closely connected with each other. The first was given on March 5th by John Morris who spoke on "The Steam Engine" and this was followed a fortnight later by C. W. Lewis's address on "Modern Steam Locomotives."

SUMMER TERM.—On May 14th, the first meeting of the Easter Term took place and K. H. Thomas gave a detailed description of "The Internal Combustion Engine" in his lecture.

The next lecture on which was on May 28th was given by G. Usher who spoke on "Dream Analysis."

The last meeting of the term was held on June 18th, when Mr. Gregory delivered a lecture on "Acoustics." In his lecture Mr. Gregory dealt mainly with the study of sound emitted from musical instruments and especially the string instruments.

During the term members of the Lower Sixth Science visited the National Oil Refineries at Llandarcy and the Worcester and Upper Forest Steel and Tinplate Works at Morriston. These visits went off exceedingly well with the same smoothness as such school excursions usually do. Each member who availed himself of visiting these industrial concerns was perfectly delighted with the excellent manner in which the tours were carried out.

XMAS TERM.—On the afternoon of October 8th, fifteen members made a visit to the Mond Nickel Works at Clydach and a most enjoyable and instructive afternoon was spent in seeing this works which is one of the largest of its kind.

The first lecture of the term was given by Mr. S. T. Isaacs and was on "Modern Explosives." This also "went off" very well and the large number of boys present thoroughly enjoyed the talk.

On Nov. 25th, Mr. W. S. Evans gave a talk on "The Calendar." In his lecture Mr. Evans gave an outline of the history and formation of the calendar.

The last lecture was given by G. Usher who spoke on "Hypnotism."

Towards the end of the term the senior half of the members went to Tir John Power station and again a very interesting tour took place. The rest of the members are going at a later date as it was impossible to take too large a party. In the near future a visit is hoped to be made to the Mannesman Tube Works at Landore.

The Scientific Society Library has been reopened and most members are making good use of it.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. T. G. Davies, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Isaacs and Mr. W. S. Evans for their interest in the activities of the society and also to all the boys who have given their time to the preparation and delivering of lectures.

SPENCER JENKINS, U.VI Sc., Secretary.

SEMAINE DE CULTURE FRANCAISE.

During the last week of the Easter holidays arrangements have been made for the holding of "Une Semaine de Culture Française" at University College, Swansea. It will be held from the 14th to the 19th of April and forty senior Dynevor pupils are going to attend.

The programme will include lectures by distinguished French Scholars and members of the French Embassy, Cinema Shows, Musical Entertainment and Exhibitions of French Art. There will also be a variety of competitions which have been arranged for the pupils attending the course. The three pupils obtaining the highest aggregate of marks will be awarded the Prix Louis Thémoin, which consists of a week's holiday in France, all fares and expenses being paid by the French Government; about fifty other prizes will also be awarded.

Fifty French boys and girls are to visit Swansea during this week and it is hoped that both French and English scholars will mingle freely with each other and form strong bonds of friendship. Most of the visitors are being entertained in the homes of those pupils attending the course.



DYNEVOR AND RENNES.

The Ministry of Education is of opinion that one of the most successful means of promoting Franco-British relations in the schools is by the linking of individual schools. The advantage of such a liaison lies in the fact that friendly relations begun and fostered in the school atmosphere are most likely to continue after the school years, either through youth clubs, "old boys" associations or adult groups if they can continue to draw their impetus from common interests arising from the common background of the two linked schools and towns.

Until circumstances are favourable to the exchange of pupils which may be expected to arise from this intimate contact between the two schools each school can, by means of correspondence, collections of photographs, exchange of newspapers and other material affecting them and their region prepare the way for holiday exchanges. These in turn may lead to term time exchanges of individuals and groups.

Dynevor School is one of several hundred British Schools that have been linked up with a French School and we are happy to find that we have been linked with the Lycée de Garçons at Rennes. The "proviseur" has already sent a warm letter of welcome to Dynevor School

and has promised to give the scheme every encouragement among his French pupils. At the time of writing we have sent across some three hundred names but as the Lycée at Rennes has 1,000 pupils more correspondents would be welcome. Perhaps a few more of our Higher Science pupils would like to correspond with a French Student of similar interests.

The scheme is one of great possibilities though much of its early success will depend upon the enthusiasm and the regularity of correspondence on both sides of the Channel. We may look forward, perhaps in our next issue, to an article in our Magazine from a pupil at Rennes and, when circumstances permit, to visits — both individual and group exchanges.

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THE STUDENT MASTER.

Sitting, watching, as they work,
 Mindful of sluggard and diligent, both,
 It seems to me not fifteen years
 Since I too sat behind the small wood desk,
 And strained my mind to find the sense
 Of some deep problem or unknown tense.

In some corner of this self-same room,
 I cut the letters that reveal my name —
 E'en beneath the master's watchful eye —
 On the inside edge of an old brown desk,
 One lazy summer afternoon,
 When winter's breath did seem a boon.

I little thought those sober sages, then,
 Who led my mind through many a mazy path,
 And lived to me in a world removed
 Beyond the reach of us more moral beings,
 Would one day shake my hand and laugh,
 And say 'Old Chap!' and joke and chaff.

So reveries move across the mind . . .
 But soon, upon the screen of vision flashes
 A clear cut image now, on mischief bent.
 I know these tricks — I learnt them so long since.
 A look, a gesture — the die is cast,
 And the malefactor's hopes are past.

Harmony, and I survey,
 Britain's future hard at work.
 What lies before them — War perhaps?
 I wish them Peace, but not an easier task
 Than I have had in six long years
 Of blood and sweat and toil and tears.

REX.

