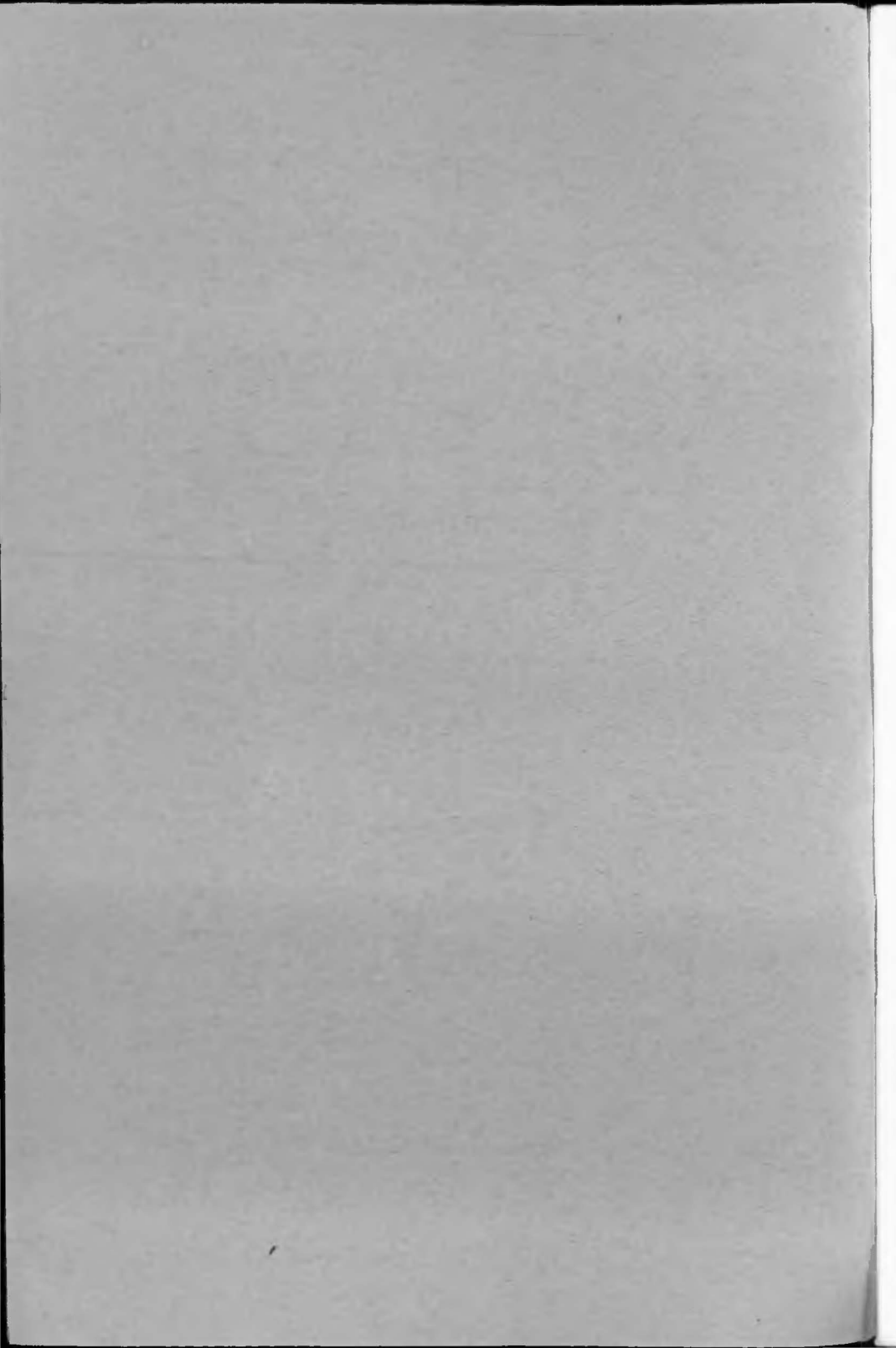


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EDITORIAL

In spite of the difficulties presented by the late finish of the G.C.E. Examination upon which the Editors have recently been engaged, in the quiet which ensued when the remainder of the School began their terminals, we have succeeded in moulding the articles into a presentable form. We have a number of poems in this issue, but we notice with regret that there seems to be a lack of short stories. Whether this is due to the materialism of our contributors or to the shyness of any would-be authors we cannot tell, but we do encourage boys from all parts of the School to submit contributions for the next issue of the Magazine, when a new Editorial Board will be handed the task which we have now completed.

SCHOOL NOTES

Our first duty, and it is one that gives us considerable pleasure, is to welcome our new headmaster, Mr. Glan Powell, who took over the post, vacated by Mr. Thomas, on the first day of the Summer Term. Mr. Powell who is an old pupil of the "Higher Grade" joined the staff in 1914, having previously been engaged at the West Suffolk

County School, and after three years of war service, returned to resume his duties in the French department. Following the outbreak of the Second World War, Mr. Powell was second master at the Swansea Secondary Schools evacuated to the Gwendraeth Valley, and when Mr. Thomas returned to take over the headship of Dynevor, Mr. Powell was for three years in charge of the evacuated school. Now that he has entered into the full responsibilities of headmastership we wish him every success and happiness.

We are glad to record that Mr. Mainwaring Hughes, the present Mayor of the town, is an old boy of the School and as such we extend to him our warmest congratulations on his accession to his high office and wish him every success in the year that lies before him. Mr. Hughes has always shown the keenest interest in his old school. He was the donor, some years ago, of the inter-schools cup, a trophy competed for each year by relay teams from various county and grammar schools in the district. He is a past president of the Old Dyvorians, which is adequate testimony to the interest he takes in Dynevor, past and present.

We are grateful to the Old Dyvorians Association for their gift to the School Library of a set of Everyman's Encyclopaedia and three volumes of Trevellyan's History. John Protheroe received these books, on behalf of the School, at the annual dinner of the Old Dyvorians, and thanked the Association for this token of their regard and affection for the old School.

Mr. Myrddin Williams, another old Dyvorian, presented to Mr. Powell the same evening, a drawing of the new Dynevor School by Mr. Ernest Morgan, formerly Borough Architect. The drawing shows the "new" school, extended after the first World War, to house De-la-Beche Girls and Dynevor Boys, and gives those of us who have forgotten, or who never knew, a clear picture of what the School looked like before the devastating "blitz" of 1941.

Another old Dyvorian present at the same function gave the Head five guineas to be used as a reward to the most deserving pupil of the year. The gift was subsequently awarded to Phillip Croot IIa to enable him to attend a short summer school in music at Bournemouth. We are glad to know that he made full use of his opportunity, and

have since had excellent reports from his tutors. He has had an audition at the B.B.C. and has taken part in the Children's Hour programme.

We congratulate Denis Lloyd (L.VI Arts) on gaining the second prize in the St. David's Day Essay Competition. His essay on the subject "What St. David would think of Wales in 1952" appears in this issue. Denis has also been selected to take part in the Welsh Quiz by the B.B.C.

We are extremely gratified to learn that Howell Williams is to captain the Swansea Varsity fifteen next season. We extend to him our warmest congratulations and wish him, and the team he will lead, every success.

We heartily congratulate Graham Dadds, another old Dyvorian on gaining his 36th "cap" for Wales, and are proud to learn that he will keep goal for Wales in the hockey olympics at Helsinki.

The swimming bath at the new Bishop Gore School, Sketty, was officially opened on February 19th, form captains being invited to attend the ceremony. The VI forms paid their first visit on March 5th, since when the whole school has made fortnightly trips. The only complaint we hear is that the time spent in the bath is not long enough.

Our School puppets came out of their retirement last term to entertain visitors to the Rotary Hobbies Exhibition at the Patti Pavilion. We have reason to believe that they acquitted themselves well; at any rate they raised an appreciable sum for the charities to which the whole takings were being devoted.

We welcome to our staff, though temporarily, owing to the rearrangement following Mr. Powell's promotion, Mrs. Morys Williams, as assistant in the French department. She has been heard to observe that she likes working in a boys' school, for the atmosphere is so calm, placid and unruffled.

Senior boys representing the School were present at the proclamation ceremony at the Guildhall of Her Majesty Elizabeth II.

About 400 boys attended the gymnastic display at the Brangwyn Hall given by students of the Danish Folk High

Schools, and were much impressed by a remarkable exhibition of physical culture.

This term the first and second years visited the Regal Cinema, Morriston, by invitation of Mr. Walter Hyman and much enjoyed the film "Tom Brown's Schooldays."

All present University students who are old boys of the School met at an informal reunion at the Mackworth Hotel on April 1st. The pleasant evening that was spent encouraged the hope that this function is to be at least an annual event.

On May 1st the town was visited by the Duke of Edinburgh and to celebrate the occasion, the School was granted a full day's holiday in honour of the royal visitor.

On May 29th Cardiff University Instrumental Trio entertained the lower school to a programme representative of the National Group. The cellist was Miss Gwyneth George, a native of Swansea.

Monday, June 30th, was a memorable day for the School's soccer team who won no less than three trophies in the past season. The Martin Shield was presented to the Senior A team, captained by Peter Olsen, Rd, and the Swans' Supporters Shield and the Leonard Cup to the Intermediate A team, captained by Peter McGlyn, 2c.

The third year forms visited the Fish Market at the unearthly hour of 8 a.m. on certain mornings last term to see a trawler unloading and to watch the fish auction. Regret was expressed that some of our pupils were not auctioned with the fish. There was certainly an ancient and fish-like smell pervading the precincts of form-rooms 3B and 3D for some days afterwards.

The visit to the Duffryn Steel and Tinplate Works at Morriston was enjoyed by all, particularly the cakes, pop, and ice-cream in the canteen.

Ken Walters played for the Glamorgan Secondary Schools against Monmouth and was top scorer with 41 runs. He has been chosen to play for Wales against the Rest at Cardiff and we all hope that he will find a place in the team to oppose England at St. Helen's in August.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. Grafton Maggs, an old boy of the School, who has been awarded the Newland-Pedley Prize in operative dental surgery at Guy's Hospital, London.

We would also like to congratulate Edwin S. Jones, a State Scholar last year, on winning the Principal's Essay Prize awarded to freshmen at Swansea University College.

The photographs to be found in this issue are published by courtesy of the Editor of the "Evening Post," Mr. D. H. I. Powell.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

"Unheard, unhonoured . . ." but nevertheless a most active organisation of which the membership is rapidly increasing.

On Thursday evenings at rehearsals, most ambitious works have been essayed. At present the orchestra is rehearsing a Concerto Grosso by Arcangelo Corelli, an Italian composer of the XVIIth century. This is quite a difficult work, written for two solo violins, a solo 'cello and string orchestra. Wind parts have been discreetly (?) added, so that all members of the orchestra might be employed. This concerto is popularly known as the Christmas Concerto, since it was written for performance on Christmas Eve, and in it, especially in the two slow movements, and in the final Pastorale, an attempt has been made to depict in music the scenes usually associated with the Nativity. The shepherds in the field is one picture of which the last movement evokes the mood.

Other works in the repertoire include: The "Surprise" Symphony (Haydn), Fugue in G Minor (Bach), The Occasional Overture (Handel), Minuet and Trio from Symphony in G Minor (Mozart).

A new venture this term has been the appearance of a small body of strings, with a clarinet and trumpet reigning supreme in the wind section, accompanying the singing of Form I in a rather exclusive assembly on Monday mornings in the gym, and latterly in the canteen. This has yielded a two-fold benefit in that, not only has the orchestra made its existence known, and acquired a greater degree of confidence, but the hymn-singing has considerably improved in quality. There have been a number of questions about the new setting of the Lord's Prayer used at this assembly. It is an old setting by an English composer of the Tudor Period. John Merbecke, and the arrangement by Sir Frederick Bridge was for the Coronation of King George V.

We have the nucleus of a fine school orchestra. There are, however, other competent instrumentalists in the upper school, who have not yet descended from their olympian heights to join us. A place for them can be found and it is hoped that this will be considered not only an invitation, but the first and last complaint about their indifference.

RETIREMENT OF MR. W. BRYN THOMAS

On the morning of Friday, April 4th, the last day of the Spring Term, the School assembled to pay tribute to Mr. W. Bryn Thomas who was retiring after spending the last ten years of his career as headmaster of Dynevor.

It was obviously a memorable and moving occasion for one whose whole life had been so intimately connected with the School as pupil, assistant master and head, and no doubt as Mr. Thomas sat before his assembled pupils, his thoughts went back to the far-off days at the turn of the century when he first entered the school, known in these days as the Higher Grade, as a scholarship boy.

Thence, after a period of pupil-teaching, he entered King's College, London, graduating with honours in French and being awarded his M.A. in 1912. From London he returned to the old school as assistant master, leaving just before the outbreak of the war for Sutton, Surrey; thence after a period of war service he went to Sir Walter John's School, Battersea, where he remained until 1930, returning in that year to Swansea as Head of Glanmor Boys when it was recognised as a secondary grammar school. Following the evacuation of Swansea Schools in 1941, he served for about fifteen months as head of the mixed Swansea evacuated secondary school at Gwendraeth Valley and returned on the retirement of Mr. Llewelyn John to the headship of Dynevor in 1942.

Mr. Glan Powell who has now succeeded Mr. Thomas as headmaster, paid tribute in the name of the staff and boys to Mr. Thomas's long years of service to Glanmor and Dynevor and to the cause of education in Swansea generally.

In the absence of John Protheroe, the School Captain, who was sitting a scholarship examination at Swansea University, Ken Walters presented Mr. Thomas with a three-fold gift—an easy-chair, an angle-poise lamp and a



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The retiring Head, Mr. W. Bryn Thomas, greets the new Head, Mr. Glan Powell.

brief case. In a happy speech, Ken thanked Mr. Thomas for the consideration he had shown to all his pupils through the years, and said that he would think of him in his retirement enjoying a well-earned rest—seated in his cable-sprung chair, with the rays of his Terry lamp shedding a glow upon his benign head, and, by his side, his brief-case, filled with his hard-earned money. Mr. Thomas responded in happy vein, and confessed that while retirement was something to look forward to, when the time of parting came, it was not without its pangs and regrets. He would always have happy memories of his old school and boys and would make full use of the gifts presented that morning.

Later, in the staff-room, Mr. Thomas took leave of the assembled staff, who had, the previous evening, presented him with a gold wrist-watch as a token of their esteem. Tributes were freely paid to Mr. Thomas for the courtesy and consideration he had always shown to his colleagues, and many good wishes were extended to him for long years of happy retirement.

A photograph showing Mr. Thomas and Mr. Glan Powell surrounded by pupils in the yard on the last day of term appears in this issue.

TIGER

Dark night, hot breath,
Cold is his heart;
Growling loudly, leaping death
A living dart.

Fighting fiercely, cowering slowly,
Slinking in the shadows,
Running swiftly, thinking slowly,
A flashing terror.

Freezing terror, barking guns,
Maddening in his pain;
Old and cunning, very sly,
Long will he reign.

Peter Vaughan, Ib.

EASTER VISIT TO SPAIN

On April 2nd, the day before the end of term, 26 Swansea schoolchildren made the first school journey to Spain from Swansea. The party, including 10 Dynevor boys, was led by Mr. P. J. Darr of Dynevor and Miss E. E. Nobbs of the Girls' High School, and left for Madrid and Salamanca, after being seen off at High Street Station by Mr. Bryn Thomas, our late headmaster and by our parents.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. John Beale, an Old Dyvorian, who has recently completed a course of study in Salamanca. Through Mr. Beale, Mr. Darr was able to make contact with a member of the famous and ancient University of Salamanca, and so our visit to Spain was planned.

In London, after an overnight journey from Swansea, we were joined by a master and fourteen pupils of Haberdashers Askes' School, Hampstead. We crossed from Newhaven to Dieppe, and many of us felt very excited as we left the shores of Britain for the first time. On our arrival in Paris, we spent the night at the Bureau des Voyages de la Jeunesse, a kind of youth hostel.

We stayed only a day in Paris, and so we had little time for sight-seeing. However, we were fortunate enough to see many of the famous buildings, such as the Louvre Museum, Notre Dame, the Sacré-Coeur, and some boys even went up the Eiffel Tower.

Before us lay an arduous journey through France and Spain. We travelled all night, and at 12 o'clock on the following day we reached Hendaye, the last town in France, and after passing through the customs, we crossed the River Bidasoa and set foot on Spanish soil at Irun. We stayed at Irun a few hours, and had time to visit the shrine and the pretty little fishing port at Fuenterrabia.

We left in the Spanish train for Madrid at six in the evening, and were soon passing through the foothills of the Pyrenees, whose snow-capped peaks could be seen on either side. At night the moon shining on the silvery peaks provided a beautiful scene.

We found it extremely difficult to sleep in the train, and we were all awake early in the morning, when we looked out on a very different scene. We were travelling over a barren rocky plateau, covered with cactus and other desert

plants, and with scrubby clusters of "encinas" or evergreen Spanish oaks—and in the distance the peaks of Guadarrama, still snow-covered. We arrived at Madrid early in the morning, but after breakfast we went to bed, glad to rest in comfort after two nights in the train. We spent an evening seeing Madrid, and the neon signs on the Gran Via, but we went to bed early, and the next morning we were travelling on to Salamanca.

At Salamanca we stayed in the Colegio Mayor de San Bartolomé, one of the halls of residence of the university. The girls stayed in a Convent School. Our "colegio" was a beautiful building, built around a "patio," a little square courtyard. Inside, the corridors were of marble, and the bedrooms beautifully furnished. We had excellent meals in the refectory, and there was a fine games room where we played billiards and table tennis.

Salamanca is a beautiful old town on the banks of the River Tormes. There are two cathedrals, one being a 16th century Renaissance church, and the older, not now used, a magnificent example of 13th century Gothic. The University itself is a magnificent 15th century building, famous for the "plateresque" carving on the main doorway.

In the centre of the town is its magnificent Plaza Mayor, or Main Square—said to be the largest and finest in Spain.

We also made a visit to Alba de Tormes, some 30 kilometres from Salamanca, and saw the shrine of Santa Teresa.

In Salamanca we were introduced to a group of Spanish boys and girls, who acted as guides and hosts during our stay. Those of us who knew a little Spanish had plenty of practice trying to speak it. On Easter Sunday we went to see a bull fight. Although we were told it was not first-class, we were excited by the movement and colour, and by the courage of the "matadors," even if some of us didn't enjoy the death of the bulls.

At the end of the week we returned to Madrid, and visited the Escorial, and the magnificent Prado Museum.

We all enjoyed our stay in Spain, and formed many new impressions of the Spaniards and their country. We felt

tired on the return journey, but everyone arrived home safely after a round journey of about 3,000 miles.

We are all grateful to Mr. Darr for organising the trip, and we hope that he can arrange another one next year.

Hugh Davies, 3a.

OLD DYVORIANS' ASSOCIATION

During the past Winter session, members of the Old Dyvorians' Association have continued their efforts to restore the Association to its pre-war status. Apart from the annual dinner, regular monthly "smokers" have been held, and an Old Boys v. School cricket match has been arranged to take place before the end of term. We would like to record here our appreciation of the Old Glamorians' kindness in placing at our disposal their room at the Metropole Hotel for our periodical meetings.

At the annual general meeting held in February, Mr. W. Bryn Thomas was elected president of the Association for the ensuing year, Mr. Glan Powell, chairman, Mr. Howell Mendus, secretary, Mr. G. G. Andrewartha, treasurer, and Messrs. E. Glick, W. Higgs, W. Thomas, W. Jarrett, A. Sullivan, H. Joseph, H. Howells, H. Richards, L. D. Matthews, R. Farmer, D. Smith, W. B. Penhale, G. E. Hughes, Myrddin Williams and Dr. Elwyn James, members of the committee.

The annual dinner, held in March at the Mackworth Hotel, was perhaps the most successful function of its kind ever held by the Association, one hundred and ten members being present. Speeches were made by Alderman Percy Morris, M.P., Alderman Fred Shail, Chairman of the Education Committee, Councillor W. Mainwaring Hughes, mayor-elect., Mr. L. J. Drew, Director of Education, Mr. Lucey, a London barrister and chief guest of the evening, as well as by Mr. W. Bryn Thomas, retiring headmaster, and Mr. Glan Powell, headmaster-elect.

John Protheroe, the present school captain received on behalf of the School a gift from the Association of a set of Everyman's Encyclopaedia, while Mr. Myrddin Williams presented Mr. Glan Powell with a drawing by Mr. Ernest Morgan of the reconstructed Dynevor as it was before the blitz.

The final meeting of the Association for the winter session was one in which we were joined by members of the Old Glanmorians in paying tribute to Mr. Bryn Thomas on the occasion of his retirement. The Rev. Leslie Norman, immediate past-president of the Old Dyvorians, presented Mr. Thomas with a coffee percolator and travelling rug. This was followed by speeches by both Old Dyvorians and Old Glanmorians in which tribute was paid to Mr. Thomas' qualities and to the service he had rendered in fostering the activities of both Associations. Members were in a reminiscent mood and the happy gathering formed a fitting end to an active season.

THE STRATFORD TRIP 1952

The bus left Swansea about 7.15 a.m., picking up some passengers at Morriston; as we passed over the Brecon Beacons into Brecon, where we arrived about 9 o'clock, we had the misfortune to run into bad weather. At Brecon we stopped for light refreshment and continued on our way to Stratford.

Contrary to my expectation, Stratford-on-Avon turned out to be a fairly large sized town, where we arrived at 1 p.m. and proceeded to lunch at the Civic Restaurant. Afterwards we were allowed to make a few sundry purchases in the pouring rain.

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The sun appeared as we made our way to Holy Trinity Church, and here we were interested to see the entry of Shakespeares' birth and death in the Register. We also saw his tomb situated in the chancel of the church.

From here we came to the house of Doctor John Hall—Shakespeares' son-in-law—where we saw a number of the medicine bottles and pill boxes of his period. Unfortunately we were behind time and had to pass quickly on to the remains of Shakespeare's house. The actual house had been pulled down by a later occupant so we had to be content with viewing a similar house next door preserved by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. We passed by a wishing well containing a number of silver coins, through a very attractive garden of flowers and so back to the coach.

This took us to Anne Hathaway's cottage at Shottery. This presented little of novel interest so we came to Mary Arden's cottage at Wilmcote. Here, although the house itself was quite uninteresting, the outhouses presented

some unusual items. Among these, there were two horse-drawn fire-engines, one or two bicycles and tricycles and a variety of pistols, man traps and similar items. There was also a dove cote for the purpose of supplying fresh meat in winter to the inhabitants of that period.

We were forced to miss Shakespeare's birthplace because we were much behind time, and we went back through Stratford to the Youth Hostel at Alveston. Tea over, and our various duties completed, we were taken by coach to the Stratford Memorial Theatre where we saw an excellent production of "The Tempest." During the interval the audience was able to partake of refreshments on balconies overlooking the Avon from where we had an excellent view of the surrounding countryside. We returned to the Hostel about eleven o'clock.

When we had had breakfast the next morning and had exercised our limbs a little, we awaited the bus, which, although half an hour late, soon took us to Charlecote Hall where Shakespeare is said to have been caught poaching. In the main building very fine canvasses decorated the walls and there was a beautiful marble table of different colours in one of the rooms. The ceiling of this room appeared to be of well carved oak but we were informed that it all consisted of plaster. The most interesting thing of all, however, was an exquisitely carved, huge sideboard which took its carpenter five years to make. A carriage which we were informed had twice crossed the Alps occupied one of the outhouses and a cider press occupied another.

Arriving at Birmingham about one o'clock in the rain we lunched at Lewis's, a large multiple store and afterwards proceeded to Fort Dunlop. Here we were split up into three groups and were shown how a tyre is made: from the raw rubber stage to the finished article.

We were entertained to tea at the Dunlop works and left Birmingham about six in glorious sunshine, enjoying a delightful journey back. Stopping at Winforton for supper, we came through Brecon in the rain and arrived at Moriston about 11 p.m. and were taken to our respective abodes.

Thanks are due to the masters who once again this year gave much of their valuable time to the arrangements and made this year's Stratford Trip a great success.

R. Bryant. Vc.

Beth a feddylliai Dewi Sant pe dychwelai

i Gymru yn 1952.

Yr oedd Dewi Sant yn byw yn nechrau'r Oesoedd Tywyll yn yr oes a ddilynodd cwmp yr Ymerodraeth Rufeinig. Cyfnod o chwalfeydd oedd ei gyfnod ef, cyfnod a welodd ddadfeilio ac ymddatod o hen wareiddiad Eurob. Er mai oes o baganiaeth oedd hi, aeth Dewi ati'n dawel i adeiladu sefydliad arhosol yn ein gwlad ar sylfeini crefydd ac addysg, eglwys a chlas. Gwasanaeth a gostyngeiddrwydd oedd egwyddorion ei ysgol. Yr oedd ganddo sêl "santaidd" i gysegru ei holl adnoddau dros un pwrpas llosg: "Er mwyn Cymru."

Pe dychwelai ef i Gymru heddiw fe welai ddrwg a da yn gymysg fel ymhob oes. Fe welai ddigon o bethau i'w syfrdanu, sef y pethau a ddaeth yn sgil gwyddoniaeth yn y blynyddoedd diweddar. Ymddangosai rhai o'r pethau hyn yn wyrthiol iddo ef, ac ni ddeuai yn gyfarwydd â hwy am amser hir.

Fe fyddai'n dda ganddo weld ein cyfundrefn addysg a gweld cymaint o ysgolion a cholegau o bob math yn britho'r wlad. Fe fyddai'n dda ganddo glywed hefyd bod yr un cyfle i bawb yn y cyfeiriad hwn heddiw, ac efallai, y byddai yn ystyried mor wahanol oedd cyflwr addysg yn y chweched ganrif.

Fe fyddai ein Nawdd Sant yn sicr o gymeradwyo ein Gwasanaethau Cenedlaethol, megis gofal am ieched pobl a gofal am yr hen.

Er mor gymeradwy y byddai'r cyfryw bethau yn ei olwg ef, fe fyddai ganddo ddigon o le i feirniadu. Dyn ysbrydol oedde f ac fe fyddai'n edrych arnom o safbwynt ysbrydol. Edrychai ef am y berthynas rhwng dyn a'i gyd-ddyn mewn cymdeithas ac hefyd am y berthynas rhwng cenedl a chenedl.

Yna, fe welai fod ein gwareiddiad yn yr un perygl ag yr oedd yn ei amser ef. Fel yn y chweched ganrif pan oedd Dewi'n byw, gwendid mwyaf y byd heddiw yw rhyfela a sôn am ryfel.

Fe welai Dewi ddigon o baganiaid heddiw, fel yn ei gyfnod ef, yn afradu eu bywydau rhwng negeseuau lawer. Prin fyddai'r nifer a welai mewn sêl "Santaid" i gysegru eu bywydau dros ddelfrydau.

D. R. LLOYD. L.VI Arts.

TRIP I STRATFORD-ON-AFON.

Ymhlith bryniau Sir Warwick fe saif tref Stratford-on-Avon. Trwyddi rhed yr afon fwyn a'r coed helyg yn plygu dros ei glannau. Ar wyneb llyn dwr yr afon nofia cychod ac elyrch yn hamddenol, ac o amgylch ei glannau mae'r caeau gwyrddlas yn disgleirio yn yr heulwen.

Cyfyd arwyddion henaint y dref i'r meddwl wrth edrych ar rai o'r tai sydd yn null swynol yr unfed ganrif ar bymtheg â'u gwaliau gwyngalchog a'u trawstiau derw. Ac i goroni'r cwbl saif Theatr Goffa Shakespeare uwchlaw'r dawl Afon na newidiodd nemor ddim er pan rodiai Shakespeare ei glannau.

A phan ddaw cysgodion di-groeso'r nos ar hirddydd haf i dywyllu'r fan gwelir goleuadau'r Theatr yn adlewyrchu'n ddisglair yn y dwr odditani ac yn sefyll fel sêr yn eu hunfan. Dyna gefndir y Theatr ryfedd hon â'u hadeilad gwyh, er gwaethaf ei newydd wedd, yn cydfynd â chefnid hynafol y dref.

Pau oeddem ni yno, yn barti o'r ysgol, yr oedd yr hen dref yn diuno o'i gaeafol hedd i dderbyn y miloedd ymwelwyr a ddaw flwyddyn ar ôl blwyddyn i fwynhau'r dramâu.

Beth am y Theatr o'r tu mewn? Ceir golwg berffaith ar y llwyfan hyd yn oed o'r sedd olaf ym mhen pellaf y balconi. A dyna lwyfan campus yw ef. Y mae ei oleuadau yn berffaith ac yn medru creu i'r dim yr effaith a fynnr o dywyllwch y daear-dy i oleuni hudol. Y mae hyn yn ddefnyddiol dros ben wrth charae dramâu Shakespeare lle newidir y golygfedd yn sydyn ac yn aml o le i le.

Y mae'r saerniaeth o fewn y theatr yn cynnwys coed o bob gwlad o'r Ymerodraeth Brydeinig ac y mae'r platiau metal ar y drysau yn ddiddorol iawn hefyd. Gwnaed hwy fel hen fygydau chwarae, un yn cynrychioli Hiwmor a'r llall 'Trasiedi'

Am y ddrama a welsom yno, sef, "The Tempest," pennod arall fyddai hanes y perfformiad. Profiad hyfryd oedd bod dan gyfaredd Prospero ar ei ynys hud yn theatr Goffa Shakespeare y prynhawn hwnnw, ac yr ydym yn ddiolchgar i Mr. Cox a Mr. Morris am drefnu popeth inor hwylus.

I.B. (5b)

YEARNINGS

O Muse! Bring me the Golden-Gloried comet
To flash these sombre shadows from my will;
Reach up and pluck star-clusters so to fill
My horn, in Golden Script my words to set;
Leap out and sound the depths of my eternity
That I may rightly lead my fellow souls;
Suspend me o'er the vistas of the poles
That I may soar and see this world correctly;
And yet a prize more difficult I pray.
The most insistent of my deep desires;
Show me myself in all the light of day.
Whereon these wishes granted, fill me then
With all the energy of flaring fires
That verse, like chastened gold, may leave my pen.

D. Crook, U.VI Arts.

THE PARIS TRIP

Once again a party of Dynevor boys were privileged to pay an Easter visit to France, and one April morning during the last vacation we assembled at High Street Station on the first stage of our journey. From Newhaven we had an excellent crossing on the S.S. Worthing and were soon en route for Paris. Outside the Gare St. Lazare we found ourselves among some hundreds of British schoolchildren, visitors like ourselves to France, confronted by a long line of motor coaches, all equally luxurious and inviting except the one at the end which was an absolute wreck. Which one did we get? There's no need to ask. You've guessed it—we had the wreck, and as passengers in it we caught the attention of the whole of Paris. On every boulevard through which we rattled the people stood petrified for a moment, and then burst out laughing—our arrival had certainly not passed without notice.

On Easter Monday we visited Notre Dame and attended an impressive service in the cathedral. The afternoon saw us on a sight-seeing tour of the capital—to Montmartre, to the Church of the Sacré-Coeur, up the Champs Elysées to l'Arc de Triomphe, where it was discovered we had left two of our party behind—apparently among the worshippers at Sacré-Coeur.

Tuesday morning found us at the Eiffel Tower where we were grateful to the "ascenseurs" for taking us to the top where we had so marvellous a panorama of the city. In the afternoon we were received by Monsieur Lolliée at the Hôtel de Ville in a room somewhat resembling the Brangwyn Hall.

On Wednesday we visited the Palais de Justice with its beautiful stained glass windows, the Conciergerie where prisoners were kept before going to the guillotine, and the Louvre where the "Mona Lisa" was the picture of interest. A visit to the cinema, where "Pandora and the Flying Dutchman" in French was a new experience, brought to an end a most enjoyable day.

Next day we visited the Palais de la Découverte, more ancient than the previous ones we had visited, Les Invalides, where we saw Napoleon's Tomb and his battle-flags, and Versailles where the Palace set in the midst of luxuriant gardens was most impressive. In the evening we

went to the theatre to see Paul Burkhard's opera "Feu d'Artifice," which certainly lived up to its name for it was a most lively entertainment.

Our last two days were spent in visiting the Zoo de Vincennes and les Jardins du Luxembourg. On most of our trips we travelled by underground and once I had the pleasure of having a very petite mamselle seated on my knee. Alas! she was not yet four years old, but already très chic.

All good things come to an end and reluctantly we packed our bags on Saturday evening and made our way to St. Lazare early the following morning. Another journey to the coast, an excellent crossing of the Channel and soon we were Swansea bound, arriving safely after yet another successful and enjoyable holiday in "La Belle France."

Einar Day.

THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF PRIAM

Inside, the house, replete with piteous tumult groan'd
 Confused; the echoing vaults resounded distant wailed
 Laments of women sad; yet peaceful were the stars
 The tumult struck; the panic-stricken matrons wander
 through
 Th' imposing chambers, clasping pillars — kissing them.
 With force ancestral Pyrrhus makes his way, nor can
 The barriers nor the guards themselves resist his arm.
 The tott'ring palisade, attacked by ceaseless rams
 Fast-plied, and torn asunder from its socket, falls.
 A path is made by might alone — an entrance forced.
 And now the Grecian hordes rush in and slay
 The first defenders as they flood the place with arms,
 More mightily than e'er did turbid waters surge
 O'er dams, and rush o'erwhelming into meadow-lands.

(Vergil — Aeneid II)

J. V. D., LVI Arts.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The 1951-1952 Soccer season was one in which our teams distinguished themselves and brought further honour to the School, by winning two League Championships and one Cup Competition.

The Senior "A" team, captained by Peter Olsen, Rd, played exceptionally well throughout the season and emerged worthy winners of the Martin Shield.

The Intermediate "A" team, under the leadership of Peter McGlynn, 2c, also played football of a very high standard and completed "a double," winning their League Championship and Cup Competition, thereby ensuring once more the inscription of the name of Dynevor on the "Swans Supporters Shield" and the "Leonard Cup."

The Second Elevens of both these teams, if not quite so successful, had many enjoyable games in which they derived much pleasure and gained valuable experience which will no doubt prove most helpful when the selection of the Elevens for the 1952-1953 season is undertaken.

In the Inter-Town and International representative matches this season, Dynevor maintained its high tradition by providing a number of stalwart defenders who, on all occasions gave excellent displays and deservedly brought honour to Dynevor, Swansea and Wales.

In this connection our warm congratulations go to Murray Crook, capped for Wales against Scotland and Tom Arnold, 3a, who represented his country against Ireland in the "under 15 team." Also, both these players along with Peter Olsen, Rd, made up the entire defence of the Town team which again had such a successful season in both the Welsh and English competitions.

Others who almost gained International honours were Peter Olsen and Ronnie White who both appeared in Welsh trials while G. Rees was reserve for the Town team.

From the foregoing it is abundantly clear that Dynevor continues to be a great force in the Schoolboy Soccer of our town and to all those who helped to keep the school on the crest of the wave this season, we tender our generous thanks. We also hope that they derived much enjoyment,

and made new friendships. If they have gained a better conception of "playing the game," the their Saturday mornings at Townhill and the local parks have been amply rewarded.



By Courtesy of the 'Evening Post.'

Members of the School Soccer Teams with the three Trophies won in the Season 1951-1952.

For record purposes the details of our League performances are given below.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Senior "A"	18	15	2	1	55	10
Senior "B"	17	10	1	6	48	32
Intermediate "A"	18	15	2	1	72	21
Intermediate "B"	17	8	4	5	33	29

JUNIOR RUGBY

The School, as usual, entered four teams in the Swansea Schools' Rugby Union League — the A and B teams in the under 15 division and the C and D teams in the under 13½.

"A" Team: The season was again a successful one for the "A" Team, the record being: Played 8, won 6, lost 1, drawn 1, pts. for 100, pts. against 20.

Our fixture list, however, was severely interfered with, and torrential rain stopped many pre-arranged games. I. Bevan, J. Bennett and R. Williams played for the Swansea Schoolboys XV, and the last named had the distinction to play in a Welsh Trial.

Many thanks are due to Mr. D. John who managed the team, and often gave much of his time to practise with us.

"B" Team: The season was marked by a considerable improvement in the team work, particularly in the forward line. Though matches were lost, and our difficulties were further increased by the absence of G. Morgan, the captain, owing to a knee injury, the season as a whole, may be considered successful.

"C" Team: The season proved a success, and the team earned a reputation for playing sound rugby. The backs, though small in some cases, played cleverly and were usually well supported by a hard working pack of forwards.

The team just failed to win the championship of its division by losing the last match of the season—the only defeat—by eight points to six. The captaincy was shared by R. Matthews (3B) and W. Court (3D). Both trained with the town team, and R. Matthews was a reserve for the town team in its last matches.

"D" Team: The team had a more successful season than in previous years, and it is very encouraging that no First Year boys had to be included.

SENIOR RUGBY

The Senior Rugby team has experienced a disastrous season. Every match has been lost, some by narrow margins, some by heavy margins and in one instance, against Ystradgynlais, the School lost by 71 points to nil. No account therefore is given of individual matches since this would make sorry reading for those interested in the School and might afford amusement to those who are not. Rather is it necessary to seek reasons for such a poor record.

In fairness to the team, it must be recorded that more than the usual hard luck was experienced. Only four players were available from last year's team and of these three missed a large proportion of matches. Thus Bryn Rees, the Secretary, suffered with ill-health throughout the season, Ceri Thomas left at Xmas after giving worthy service at scrum-half, while captain D. T. Williams in an early match, suffered a broken collar bone which kept him out for most of the season. Only a few players were available from the Junior Rugby teams and of these, fewer still elected to support the School. Most of the team therefore consisted of players new to the game and they are to be congratulated on their spirit even though success eluded them.

Never therefore at any period was there that nucleus of experienced players necessary to lead a team and keep it together on the field. As a result defence lacked cohesion whilst tackling was lamentably weak. In the early matches it was evident that many players were not fit enough to last a match and even when this was rectified, with certain exceptions, the side lacked the necessary speed, thrust and above all determination. Quite reasonable enthusiasm was shown for weekly practices, so that a definite improvement was noticeable towards the end of the season. This would have led to scores but for over-eagerness and lack of experience at the critical moments. The players picked as reserves are to be congratulated on their faithful attendance.

The team was well served by a committee consisting of D. T. Williams (captain), R. G. Williams (vice-captain), B. Rees (secretary), and C. Lewis, all from the U.VIth, C. Thomas, L.VIth, M. Gibbs, Vc.

An annual fixture was commenced with Llandovery G.S. where Mr. D. I. Williams, our physics master, is now

headmaster. This was an enjoyable trip and game. The School lost by 9-3 in a match witnessed by a large proportion of the home School.

Lack of support for the Senior team has been most marked. The number of players available for selection was frequently just sufficient for team and reserves. This is quite unworthy of the School and reflects poor School spirit. A further indication is the almost complete absence of touch-line supporters for any games, Junior or Senior, Soccer or Rugby, a fact not the less deplorable because it is so long-standing as to pass almost unnoticed. Attention is drawn to these matters since the School cannot afford another such season and further poor performances must mean the discontinuing of outside fixtures.

G.G.

FIRST XV FIXTURES

1952

Sept. 6—Trial	A
„ 13—Carmarthen	H
„ 20—Maesteg	A
„ 27—Bible College of Wales	H
Oct. 4—Ystalyfera	A
„ 11—St. Mary's College, Tregeyb	H
„ 18—Llanelly	A
„ 25—Half Term.	
Nov. 1—Half Term.	
„ 8—Swansea Grammar School	H
„ 15—Ystradgylais	A
„ 22—Port Talbot County	H
„ 29—Gwenraeth	A
Dec. 6—Llandovery	H
„ 13—Port Talbot Secondary	A

1953

Jan. 10—Maesteg	H
„ 17—Bible College of Wales	A
„ 24—Ystalyfera	H
„ 31—Pontardawe	A
Feb. 7—Neath Technical at Neath	A
„ 14—Swansea Grammar School	A
„ 21—Llanelly	H
„ 28—Llandilo	A
Mar. 7—Ystradgynlais	H
„ 14—(Wales v. Ireland at Swansea.)	
„ 21—Pontardawe	H
„ 28—St. Mary's College, Tregeyb	A

TO G.M.H.

We borrow beauty from the eye,
 And concord thrills us through the ear;
 But for our despised nose, say I,
 Let God be thanked.

The haysel smell of June:
 Old timber sweetly resinous:
 The hot nitric smell of thunder rain:
 And violets banked.

The damp perfume of the mown lawn
 The lactic mother smell of buttermilk:
 The pungency of burnt high octane:
 And gilly-flowers ranked.

The heavy foreign smell of Dutch cheese:
 For sour, pungent, acrid, sweet and must,
 For all and every one of these
 Let God be thanked.

Old Dyvorian.

PANTHER

Snarling tail and yellow mouth;
 Black and lashing, very sleek,
 Bark, and trees and spitting blood,
 When it's tamed, it's very meek.

Rending claws, and eyes and nose.
 Guns, and darting pistol men,
 Slashing, wriggling—and a pose—
 Killed, by one of nine or ten.

Making sleek. Teeth of silver,
 Glory, shining eyes, yet dead.
 Nights lie quiet, but in Time's sliver,
 Killed by whining streaks of lead.

Colin Langley, 2c.

A CAT AMONG THE PIGEONS

On looking back, I feel now that I accepted the Swansea Education Authority's invitation to teach French at Dynevor with a degree of sang-froid that was quite misplaced. It was not until the door of the school had closed with a bang behind me as I came in on the morning of April 29th, 1952 that I was shaken from this attitude of nonchalance.

I found myself in a milling crowd of boys surging up and down stairs and corridors and had they been man-eating tigers or cannibal savages, I could not have felt more panic-stricken or had a greater urge to turn tail and hasten back to my household duties. Regretting vainly that I did not turn the scale at ten stone, measure at least five foot seven inches and had not taken an advanced course in all-in-wrestling, I glanced wildly round looking for some hero, preferably someone of the stamp of Dick Barton, to rescue me from my dilemma. And then appeared no less a person than the Head Master himself. I felt instantly reassured and was conducted safely to the secretary's room—a room which I have since come to look upon as a sort of 'home from home.'

I was duly introduced to the forms I would teach by the Head Master and his very presence seemed to have a miraculous effect on my pupils, for they sat like choirs of angels singing absolutely correct answers to every question I put to them. In my wildest dreams I could never have imagined that boys could be so good or so clever. Happily this unnatural state of affairs did not last for long. Gradually the hypnotic state gave way to a more carefree attitude and I think everyone soon felt quite at home. I lost my original title of "Sir—Miss" and was soon brought down to a mere "Miss" though I am glad to say that Form II, showing more respect, insist that I am really "Madame Williams."

I have thoroughly enjoyed my term at your school. I feel very grateful to everyone for the kindness I have received, to Mr. Powell and all the staff for help and consideration at all times, to Miss Davies for making me welcome and happy in her room (not to mention the life-saving cups of tea which she has made me) and especially to the boys who have accepted my teaching with no demur and who have shown towards me a natural, cheerful courtesy. I taught here for one term a long time ago when it was a girls' school and I think the nicest compliment I can pay you all is that I have enjoyed this one far more.

N. C. Williams.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL SPORTS, 1952.

The School Sports Day was once again held at St. Helen's Ground this term. We were fortunate to have fine weather after the storms of the previous week-end which made the track rather heavy. In spite of this, however, some good times were returned, and Roberts House again recorded an outstanding victory over the other Houses. Indeed, it is to be regretted that better opposition was not fielded against this House whose energies seem to enable them to lead in the Sports year after year.

The outstanding athlete proved to be Perris of L.VI Science who won the Senior 100 yards, the 220 yards, Throwing the Cricket Ball, and putting the Shot. Hannen was also excellent on the track and won the 440 yards and the 880 yards Senior. The Junior Three-legged Race was won in fine style by Harris and Foote, whilst the Junior Sack Race was won by A. Thomas who dived over the line in front of George. J. V. Davies and Holbrook did well in the Senior Mile, keeping up in front until the last few yards when Davies went ahead.

The House Relay Race was won by Roberts, the final points were as follows :—

Roberts House	... 173 points.
Dillwyn House	... 76 points.
Grove House	... 68 points.
Llewellyn House	... 64 points.

LORD OF THE DEEP

Threshing coils, black and sombre,
A snake-like, writhing beast out to slay,
Twisting length, sinews of steel,
A conger, hunting its feeble prey.

Elegant, flowing, multi-hued angel,
Transparently veiled 'neath dark dorsal fins,
Denizen of tranquil Pacific lagoons
Through wild waving weeds, past pink coral pins,

Hunted from hunter, fleeing in vain.
Then a slashing of water, a crushing of weeds,
As the conger seizes his victim, now slain,
And glides, content, 'neath a curtain of reeds.

B. A. Moore, 3c.

